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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

THE HANSARD

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

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Anthony Theuri) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Salim?

Hon. Salim Edung: Hon. Speaker, we have quorum.

Deputy Speaker: Clerk confirm if we have quorum.

(Clerk confirmed achievement of quorum)

PAPERS LAID

DMSP & CFSP 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I have the following papers to lay;

a. Report on the Laikipia County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

b. Report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

Hon. Speaker, I am doing this on behalf of Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

(Hon. Stephen Ndiritu laid the Papers on the Table)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE DMSP 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Once again, on behalf of Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, I have a notice of motion to give, on the adoption of Debt Management Strategy Paper (2025);

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CFSP 2025

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I have another notice of motion on the adoption of the report on the CFSP 2025;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on budget and appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

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Once again, Hon. Speaker, I am doing this on behalf of the Chairperson who has just entered, that is, Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki, the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE DMSP 2025

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion on… There was a bit of mix-up on the reports because I have two of them.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Debt Management Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

Preface

Mr. Speaker on behalf of the members of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations, it is my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this Honourable Assembly the Report of the Committee on the Laikipia County Debt Management Paper 2025

Background

Mr. Speaker, the preparation of county debt instruments is guided by article 212 of the Constitution of Kenya which stipulates that a County Government may borrow only if the National Government guarantees the loan; and with the approval of the County Assembly. Section 123 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 provides the requirement on the preparation of the Debt Management Strategy Paper.

Laikipia County DMSP 2025 objectives

Mr. Speaker, the 2025/26 Debt Management Strategy main objective is essential for prudent debt management, it informs the optimal strategy for funding fiscal deficit while considering the cost and the risk of borrowing. It's also important to ensure that the county government's financing needs and its payments obligation are met at lower costs over the short, medium and long term. In addition, debt levels are sustainable and borrowed funds are used to improve the wellbeing of Laikipia County residents.

In this regards, Mr. Speaker, the county treasury has indicated that it has no immediate plans of incurring any debt. However, the same will be considered when market conditions and county fiscal position is favourable for such intervention.

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker, Standing Order 186 establishes the Budget and Appropriations Committee with specific mandate to discharge the following responsibilities-

- Investigate enquire, into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget
- Discuss and revisit the estimate and make recommendations to the County Assembly
- Examine the County Fiscal Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly
- Examine Bills related to the county budget including Appropriations Bills

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- Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budget policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

Committee's Methodology and Sittings

Mr. Speaker, in the consideration of the Debt Management Strategic Paper 2025, the Committee held meetings to deliberate on this report and other reports that were committed to the committee in line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 and the County Assembly of Laikipia Standing Orders.

Committee's Composition

Mr. Speaker, the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations is comprised of the following members:

1. Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki Muturi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira - Member
5. Hon. Mwangi Benson Kuria - Member
6. Hon. Irene Wachuka John - Member

Acknowledgements

Mr. Speaker, the Committee wishes to sincerely thank your Office and that of the Clerk for the support extended to this committee in the execution of its mandate. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee who sacrificed valuable time from their families and constituents to participate in the activities of the Committee including attending meetings at extended hours. Their effort and dedication made the work of the Committee and production of this Report possible.

I now request the Honourable House to adopt this report.

Mr. Speaker, this is a report that details how debt incurred by this County has been managed and also stipulates how payments have been done and the balance. It also guides on how we should pay our periodical debts. We have a breakdown of how periodical payment of debts must be done in this County.

Mr. Speaker, in the last financial year there were pending bills that were incurred by the other county governments and it is our mandate to pay the tenderpreneurs who have done jobs or supplied their products to this County. Having that on board indicates that all debts incurred by this County must be paid timely and promptly so that we do not disadvantage our business people.

This document is an indicator of how we have been able to manage to pay our debt. It also indicates on how, if the County Government wants to borrow, do we have our indicator on revenue collection? Does it allow for us to acquire debts through external financing?

Mr. Speaker, this is a good report. As a committee, we have gone through it and given guidance on how we should manage our debt. I urge the House to support the motion and adopt this report because this is where we start our next year's budget making process. We must be

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able to analyse how we have been able to absorb our budget and pay our debts to each and every person that we owe. I would request Hon. Shuel to second this motion.

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the motion which is about the DMSP report. The purpose of this document is to give guidelines on how we pay the pending bills as well as to give us guidelines on whether or not our County Government has the capacity to borrow. This document will give us guidelines on paying our pending bills in a very smooth way.

As we all know, Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of pending bills that have been incurred since 2013. This document will give us guidelines on whether we are able to pay all the pending bills depending on the available documents, because all pending bills must be paid depending on available documents.

So, Mr. Speaker, this paper is very important. It is very important for us to see the proposals from the Executive so that we can give recommendations on the way forward. This is a very important document, which is why it always comes before the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, so that we can be able to give guidelines and recommendations. I stand to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate. Hon. Samuel Gatati?

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My name is Mugambi Gatati. I dropped the name Samuel and I have said that regularly, so I wish that you withdraw.

Deputy Speaker: Noted, Hon. Mugambi Gatati.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for allowing me to give my input on the report on the Laikipia County Debt Management Strategy Paper, 2025. I remember that one day we gave a suggestion in this House on how we keep doing some of these things in the same way over and over again, and the results will be the same. I remember the transition of each government from 2013 to 2017 and from 2017 to 2022; we had a huge debt. It is now high time for us as an Assembly to make our stand so that we can avoid recurring debt.

My suggestion has always been that sometimes it is always good that we gen an external professional consultancy to help us with a strategy. Every year, we make a strategy on how we shall manage the debts but we transit to the next government with a very huge debt which affects development. As all of you know, and the Budget Committee can inform us, nowadays the Controller of Budget has some regulations that if we request for money, we must use some of the money to repay debts.

There are so many other things that require professional consultancy. Even if it is outside of the agenda, even if it is the issue of health workers, we need a consultancy to advise the government on how we shall be treating our doctors on their payments, terms and so on. If we shall not put a strategy there, even us seated here shall have some questions to answer to our voters even if not in the capacity of our wards.

If you look at this Debt Management Strategy Paper, it is the very same methods. I do not know whether they do copy pasting of it. Even the one for next year, 2026, will be the same. After this one, Hon. Speaker, you will face a very big challenge hearing that when you were in service you left a debt of three or four billion. It has been this DMSP, which is supposed to help us cater for the debt.

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There is a Kikuyu saying that if a fly comes into a poor person's eye, he can only use his fly whisk; you do not have any other method. So, I am just talking as a small person in this County. Maybe my voice is very small but let it be recorded somewhere that we need some consultancy in handling of these debts and healthcare issues. If we do not do that, even God in Heaven will judge us harshly. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mugambi Gatati, would you mind switching off your mic. I now give this chance to Hon. Salim. I hope that you have not changed your name as well and that you are still Salim.

Hon. Salim Edung: Nashukuru, Bwana Spika. Kitu cha kwanza ni pongezi kwa Kamati ya Bajeti kwa sababu wamefanya kazi. Wamedurusu sana bajeti na kuelewa iwapo kuna kazi ilikuwa inafanyika. Nikirejelea kipindi cha 2013 – 2017, tunashangaa sana kupata kuwa deni ya miaka mitano au saba iko kwenye hii Kaunti. Hata hivyo, nashukuru Bunge la kipindi hiki cha 2022 – 2027 kwa sababu limepunguza madeni nyingi sana.

Tusipoangalia ulipaji wa madeni katika hii Kaunti ya Laikipia, bado madeni yataendelea kuwa. Sisi tunaweka bajeti na pesa na tunajua kuwa kila kazi iliyopangwa; ikiwa ni hospitali, barabara, maji; pesa ya kufanya hiyo kazi imetengwa. Nashangaa inapofika wakati wa kufunga bajeti ya serikali. Tunashangaa kuwa kuna madeni yanayobaki. Wanakandarasi hawalipwi ilhali tulikuwa tumetenga pesa.

Sisi tunasema kwamba kazi ifanywe katika Laikipia kulingana na pesa iliyotengwa. Kuna kazi ambayo imefanywa na Kaunti ya Laikipia kwa asilimia themanini. Sisi tunasema kwamba hiyo kazi iendelee kufanyika hivyo na makandarasi waliofanya kazi wanafaa kulipwa. Sisi vilevile tunao madaktari na ni lazima washughulikiwe kwa sababu bila hao hakuna kazi inayoweza kuendelea katika Kaunti yetu.

Mimi naangalia Kamati ya Bajeti ambayo ilifanya kazi hata mwaka uliopita ndiposa tukafika mahali ambapo tumefika. Tunashukuru sana kwa sababu pesa nyingi ambayo walilipa ni ya Bunge iliyopita. Sisi tunang'ang'ana kuweka angalau asilimia sabini au sabini na tano ili tukiangalia hii bajeti tunajua kwamba kuna kazi iliyofanyika katika idara mbalimbali.

Sisi katika Bunge hili tunashukuru kwa sababu ya kazi ambayo ilifanyika. Nawaambia Wabunge wenzangu kwamba ni vizuri tushikilie kazi ambayo wananchi walitupa, tusipendelee upande wowote. Ni vizuri tuendelee na huo moyo, tuangalie bajeti kwa makini sana, tupendekeze yale yanayohitajika ili kusaidia watu wa Laikipia ndiposa Laikipia yetu iende mbele. Kusiwe na mgogoro hapa na pale. Namshukuru Mwenyekiti wa Bajeti kwa sababu tumejaribu kudurusu na kuangalia, na tumeona iko sawa. Kwa hayo machache, nashukuru.

Deputy Speaker: I will now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: I do thank the Members who have contributed towards this motion, but I want to urge Hon. Samuel Gatati that he is not a small person. There is no one in this House who is small, Hon. Samuel Gatati. You are a very senior person in this House, and that is why your voice should be heard. As a committee, there was a recommendation that we made. Last week we had a meeting with heads of departments

We forwarded a request that if at all the BQs will be prepared, then by the end of every quarter so that the tenders and structural work be awarded by the end of December so that by January each and every person embarks on his work on supply or construction. By the end of the third quarter, each and every contractor will have completed his work and be awarded the completion certificate and so that by the fourth quarter every contractor will be claiming his payment. This is something we should push as a House.

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I will urge the Members of this House to propose the projects they want to do in their particular wards so that BQs be prepared on time and projects be rolled out by the end of December so that January everyone contractor will be on the ground doing his work and so that we don't accumulate pending bills because by the end of this financial year every contractor will get their benefits. As of now, some projects have not been rolled out and the process of tendering is ongoing and that ensures that every contractor will be paid through a pending bill.

As a House, it is in our position to stand firm and push things because if at all we don't push, then our contractors and the progress of works on the ground will be futile. No work will be done or completion of projects. It will be a disadvantage to the Members of this House. I thank all Members who supported this motion. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CFSP 2025

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Honourable Speaker, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT, this Assembly adopts the report on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2025 by the Select Committee on budget and appropriations dated 8th April, 2025.

Mr. Speaker Sir, a county's fiscal strategy paper focuses on the past, the present and the future of the County Budget. It therefore means that the paper should inform readers on the implementation of the past financial year's budget and this includes information on both revenue collection and expenditure.

The CFSP additionally seeks to answer fiscal questions such as: has the County met its revenue targets, were they realistic or too ambitious, are all government departments' spending as planned, has there been challenges in meeting targets? This information is required as part of the fiscal strategy to inform the County's thinking on revenue and spending estimates for the coming year.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the CFSP also sets out the broad priorities for the County in the forthcoming financial year and acts to encourage public debate about these broad priorities. This essentially entails decision on how much of the budget to allocate to each sector of the County's economy. It thus follows that the approved CFSP will guide the overall distribution of funds to sectors and Departments in the preparation of the annual budget estimates.

Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker Sir, in giving effect to Section 117 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, Standing Order No. 206 (4) establishes the mandate of the Committee as being to consider the CFSP by undertaking consultations with the relevant Sectoral Committees of the Assembly, and to Table a report, containing its recommendation on the CFSP to the Assembly for consideration. The Committee's mandate was thus established with the following terms of reference:

1. To analyse and consider the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2025;
2. To consider the recommendations of the various Sectoral Committees on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2025; and
3. To compile and lay a Report on the Table of this Honourable Assembly on the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2025 for the Assembly's consideration.

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Committee's Methodology and Sittings

In the consideration of the Laikipia County Fiscal Strategy Paper, 2025 the Committee adopted a multifaceted approach that included holding various consultative forums with the officers from the Executive, considering report of public participation on CFSP 2025, DMSP 2025/2026 and 1st supplementary estimates for FY 2024/2025, consultation with public through memoranda, Sectoral Committees of the County Assembly and the various representatives of the Departments within the Executive Arm of the County Government of Laikipia in line with the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Public Finance Management (County Governments) Regulations, 2015 and the County Assembly of Laikipia Standing Orders.

Recommendations

Mr. Speaker, from the findings, observations and considerations, the committee draws the following recommendations:

Recommended changes in departmental ceilings

County Administration, Public Services and Office of the Governor.

That, the department of County Administration ceiling be **Kshs. 3,729,230,594** with County Public Service Board recurrent ceiling being **Kshs. 15.0 M.**

Finance, Economic Planning and the County Treasury.

That, Finance and Economic Planning total ceiling be **Kshs. 652, 631,400** with pending bills ceilings of **Kshs. 320.0 M** and Laikipia County Development Authority recurrent ceiling of **Kshs. 7.0 M.**

1. **Health and Sanitation**

That, the Health and Sanitation total ceiling of **Kshs. 1, 061, 010,000** with Nanyuki and Nyahururu Referrals ceilings at **Kshs. 345.0 M** and **Kshs. 240.0 M** respectively.

2. **Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.**

That, Agriculture and Livestock ceiling be maintained at **Kshs. 117,390,000.**

3. **Infrastructure and Publics Works**

That, the department of Infrastructure ceilings be **Kshs. 511,300,000** with roads network improvement taking a lion share of **Kshs. 431.3M**

4. **Education, Youth and Library Services**

That, Education and Youth ceilings be **Kshs. 171.0 M**

5. **Gender, Culture and Social Services**

That, Gender, Culture and ceilings be **Kshs. 14.5M**

6. **Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Enterprise Development**

That, Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Enterprise Development department ceilings be **Kshs. 54.3 M.**

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7. **Water, Natural Resources and Environment**

That, **Water** and Environment ceiling be **Kshs. 119, 600,165**

That, Rumuruti Municipality total ceiling be **Kshs. 7.5 M.**

That, Nyahururu Municipality total ceiling be **Kshs. 6.0 M.**

That, Nanyuki Municipality total ceiling be **Kshs. 13.5 M.**

The **County Assembly** total ceiling be **Kshs. 534.0 M** with recurrent being **Kshs. 504.0 M** and development at **Kshs. 30.0M**

Mr. Speaker, the percentages of recurrent to development is 68.5% to 32.5% respectively.

Committee's Composition

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations is comprised of the following members:

1. Hon. Mwaniki Muturi - Chairperson
2. Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Paul Leshuel - Member
4. Hon. Nicholas Lempaira - Member
5. Hon. Mwangi Benson Kuria - Member
6. Hon. Irene Wachuka John - Member
7. Hon. Maina John Gichuki - Member

Acknowledgements

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Committee wishes to sincerely thank the Offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of this Assembly for the support extended to it in the execution of its mandate. The Committee also wishes to extend its appreciation to the Chairpersons of the respective Sectoral Committees of the Assembly who took time to review the CFSP, and who made time to appear before the Committee with their respective line Departments for purposes of submitting their recommendations on the CFSP.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the Honourable Members of the Committee who sacrificed valuable time from their families and constituents to participate in the activities of the Committee including attending meetings at extended hours. Their effort and dedication made the work of the Committee and production of this Report possible.

Mr. Speaker, as Members peruse on the annexture they can be able to analyse the recommended ceilings from the treasury and see we made various changes on the ceiling. On the Annexure there is the treasury ceilings and the assembly's recommendation. If Members can go through the annextures they can be able to understand the various movement of funds that was done across all departments.

Having ceilings, these are the figures that will guide on the expenditures per department. If at all we do not have a good ceilings per particular department that will mean the service delivery in that particular department will be curtailed. That is why there was

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changes because as members that recommended that some funds should be moved in various departments so that they can be able to render services they promised their electorates.

I will urge the Members to go through the annexure as we debate on this CFSP so that they can be able to understand the various change we made in various departments. I will urge Hon. Stephen to second this.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono ripoti hii ya CFSP ambayo inaweka mgao kwa kila wizara. Kama vile mwenyekiti ameeleza ni kwamba CFSP ndio hudhibiti mgao kwa kila wizara. Kama wajumbe wamesikiza mwenyekiti ameeleza zile wizara zimepata pesa na zile zimekosa. Kulingana na sheria ya PFM Bunge ina nguvu ya kuitisha ripoti hii ikiwa na ama bila marekebisho. Nafikiria ndio maana tumefanya marekebisho kwa sababu kuna sheria ambayo inatuongoza.

Bwana spika, jambo lingine nataka kusema kwa Mheshimiwa Gatati, amesema yeye ni mtu mdogo na hana nguvu na ni mnyonge. Amesema maneno mengi ambayo imenitia kiwewe kwa sababu wakati tulipo chaguliwa, tulipewa nguvu kama Bunge, sio peke yako. Tukipitisha kitu hapa ni sisi wote. Nafikiri Bunge lina nguvu zote. Tunaweza futa ama kupitisha ama kuajiri waziri. Tunaweza pia tuma nyumbani Gavana wa Kaunti hii. Tunayo nguvu.

Ninafikiri sitaweza kusema yale yamesemwa huku upande, nataka kulenga mahali inastahili. Tuna, nguvu ya kurekebisha na kihakikisha mambo inaendelea vizuri. Vile tumekaa hapa ni ile nguvu tulipewa na mwananchi kwa sababu hawezi kuja hapa kufanya kazi hii. Tuko na uwezo na nguvu. Leo tukipitisha CFSP na wizara tuwe tumeipa shilingi bilioni moja, lazima wawajibike kwa zile pesa.

Jambo ambalo Mheshimiwa Gatati amezungumzia kuhusu sekta ya Afya ni wizara ambayo tumekuwa tukipatia pesa mingi zaidi. Ukiangalia CFSP ndiyo wizara iliyoko na fedha mingi. Imepata zaidi ya bilioni moja kwa jumla. Leo hii ukienda kwa ile hospitali, utapata kuna shida. Wajumbe lazima tujue vile tutapambana na wizara ya Afya.

Kama kuna ulegevu, tuwe macho. Hatuwezi pitisha pesa kama hizi kisha ukienda zahanati zetu hazina madawa ama vifaa muhimu. Unashindwa, bilioni moja imeenda na nani ama iko kwa nyumba ya nani? Hizi madawa zinakosa, ni nani anakunywa? Tumetenga pesa na lazima tuangalie. Kama hatutafanya hivyo, wananchi wa Laikipia wataendelea kuteseka. Itabidi wakubwa walioko kwa hiyo wizara ya Afya tujue jinsi ya kujua mtu amekunywa dawa hata kama ni kufinya tumbo. Hiyo pesa tumetenga kwa hio wizara haitapotea.

Ukiangalia wizara zote zito na mgao wa maendeleo na fedha za kulipia wafanyakazi ambazo katika hii ripoti imeelezea vizuri ni fedha za nini. Jambo ambalo nauliza, tukiletewa bajeti ambayo inakuja tarehe 8 mwezi wa Aprili, itaambatana na hii ripoti. Lazima Waheshimiwa wawe makini na waelewe yale tumefanya hapa itatugharimu siku mbili ama tatu tupitishe.

Bwana Spika, wakati tumeita hawa wakubwa wa hizi wizara tumeona wako na ulegevu na wengine kulegea kazini. Tunapitisha bajeti tarehe 30 Juni. Unakuta ununuzi unafanyika Aprili na Machi. Mwenye kandarasi akija unapata ni Juni. Kumalizia kazi ni Julai. Pesa inafungwa tunakuwa na Madai *(Pending Bills).* Ndio maana tumepitisha hii *Strategy paper* ndio wajumbe wajue vile mambo ilivyo. Nauliza wajumbe tukiwa pamoja tuungane ili tuwe na nguvu ya kutosha.

Bwana Spika, zile wizara ambazo hazitakuwa zimefanya ununuzi mwezi wa kumi, hao Afisa Wakuu wote tupendekeze waende nyumbani. Tumekaa hapa na kupitisha bajeti kwa

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mwezi wa Mei, kwa hivyo Juni hadi Disemba ni nini mtu anafanya? Lazima tuwe macho kuhakikisha kazi imefanyika. Tukipitisha bajeti lazima tuone miradi ikiendelea.

Bwana Spika, jambo ambalo lilitushangaza ni ya kwamba wakati tuliita Afisa Wakuu na mawaziri, katika *vote* ya *recurrent* wametumia kutoka asilimia 60 hadi asilimia 103. Wanatumia yote lakini kwa maendeleo, wametumia kutoka asilimia 0 hadi asilimia 25%.

Hiyo ni kumaanisha ya kwamba wanakimbizana na fedha za *recurrent* na hawana shughuli na maendeleo. Bwana Spika, hapa ndio unapata mwananchi hawezi kuona maendeleo katika Kaunti yake. Wakati lawama kama hiyo inakuja, haziendi kwa wale ambao wako kwenye maofisi kubwa. Lawama inakuja kwako hadi kwa Gavana na yule mwingine ambaye alienda kwa debe kuchaguliwa.

Bwana Spika, kama leo tunaweza kuunda Katiba mpya nitasema ya kwamba kila mtu aajiriwe kwa mkataba ili ukishindwa kufanya kazi, miaka ikifika unaenda nyumbani na tunaweka mwingine. Hii ndio shida ambayo inatukumba. Bwana Spika, utampata mhandisi akizunguka na kiti kwa sababu ameajiriwa kudumu hadi kustaafu. Hana shughuli kama kazi itafanyika ama haitafanyika.

Bwana Spika, barabara ya Likii na Nturukuma isipofanyika, wakati utaenda kuomba kura watakukumbusha ya kwamba haujajenga barabara fulani. Ni nani atauliza mhandisi na Afisa Mkuu ambaye ameketi kwenye ofisi miaka tano itaisha. Ni sawa yuko na mkataba wa miaka mitano na Gavana akienda baada ya miaka tano pia yeye ataenda lakini wale wengine wote ambao wamekaa pale, wanafanya nini?

Bwana Spika, ni lazima tujue vile kazi inafanyika katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Bwana Spika, tusipofanya hivyo, mbele kutakuwa na giza. Juzi mwingine alienda kanisani na kusema kwamba pale mbele kuna giza alipokuwa upande wa Kirinyaga. Bwana Spika, mwaka mmoja haukumaliza na giza ilionekana. Hiyo giza ilikuwa yake. Hayo ndio mambo ambayo tunafaa kuangalia. Bwana Spika, ni lazima tuone mbele. Tunaitwa viongozi kwa sababu tunafaa kuona mbele ya mwananchi kwa sababu sisi ndio tunamwakilisha hapa.

Ninauliza Waheshimiwa tufanye kazi pamoja. Kama kuna shida mahali tunajua Bunge imegawanywa kwa sababu kila mtu yuko na msimamo wake katika siasa. Ikifika mahali, tunaweka chini tofauti zetu. Bwana Spika, sasa tunajua ni kulenga na kusaidia mwananchi ambaye alitupigia kura. Kuna wale ambao waliteuliwa ili waweze kuwakilisha wananchi wote wa Laikipia. Sisi zote tuko na jukumu moja la kuhakikisha ya kwamba tumefanya kazi ya Kaunti inavyostahili.

Ningeuliza waheshimiwa wapitishe CFSP kwa kauli moja ili tukimaliza hili tuende kwa bajeti na tukimalizia bajeti tutaenda kwa miradi na tutakuwa tumesaidia wananchi. Jambo la mwisho ambalo ningetaka kusema, wakati *County Treasury* iliweza kutengeneza CFSP, kuna mapendekezo yao ambayo ililetwa. Sisi kama Kamati ya Bajeti, tuliweza kuangalia mambo ambayo yanaguza wananchi.

Bwana Spika, wananchi hana maji na barabara nzuri. Kodi inaokotwa lakini hapati huduma ambazo zinastahili. Wakati tulienda katika hizo idara na tukachambua mambo yote, tulizipanga kulingana na vile inastahili. Katika Idara ya Miundombinu Serikali ilipendekeza milioni 182. Hiyo pesa ikigawa katika wadi kumi na tano, si pesa ambayo mwananchi atahisi. Kamati ya Bajeti iliweza kuongeza hizo pesa mpaka milioni 431 ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba barabara zimefanyika inavyostahili.

Tuliangalia *bursaries* na *feeding programme* na afya ambayo tuliwapatia zaidi ya bilioni moja. Bwana Spika kwa ajili ya kurekodi tuliwapatia bilioni 1.06 ambayo ni pesa mingi.

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Bwana Spika, hiyo pesa inafaa ukiingia hospitali unatibiwa na kutoka bila kulipa. Ninafaa kupata Daktari akicheka kwa sababu amelipwa vizuri. Ninafaa kuingia hospitali na kukuta Daktari yuko na vifaa vyote, ambulensi inafanya kazi na wafanyikazi wamehamasishwa.

Mimi hata nikikaa hapa kwa miaka ishirini, siwezi kufikisha bilioni moja. Bwana Spika, hizo ni pesa mingi ambazo tunafaa kuangalia kama Bunge ili tuhakikishe ya kwamba kazi inafanyika. Kwa hayo mengi na machache ninaunga mkono na kumpongeza mwenyekiti kwa ukakamavu na kuonyesha uongozi bora wakati unakaa katika Kamati ya Bajeti. Asante, Bwana Spika. Ninaunga mkono.

(Question proposed)

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the floor is open for debate. Hon. Daniel Mugweru.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity. By the way, you have seen me cool in this House, I am just wondering what exactly I am supposed to say. Hon. Speaker, it is very unfortunate when we are discussing such an important document the Chair and the Vice Chair are assuming that we in the House are just here like zombies or as if we do not have the human qualities.

Today, you assume that I can record every figure that you are saying here. I do not have any document. These are ceilings that are not in the gadget then the Hon. Member is saying that we are together in this yet he has a document on the Table. The Chair also has the document. Where is mine? Where is that of Hon. Gatati and any other Honourable Member? Hon. Speaker…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, what Standing Order are you standing with?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, I am standing on a point of clarification. Hon. Speaker, if you go to your gadgets, you will find that document there. I think Hon. Mugweru should go to his gadget or I can give him way to sit on this seat. Thank you, Hon. Speaker…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, last time I checked, Hon. Mugweru is well conversant with the rules of this House. He knows how to operate the gadget. I want to believe him that if he says that the CFSP is not in the gadget and he does not have the hard copy, you should not be the devil's advocate.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Hon. Speaker, let me deliver one to him because I have one here.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen, it is not in your power to give what you are reading. I will have to let Hon. Daniel Mugweru continue with the submissions. Hon. Mugweru, the floor is still yours.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, you should not allow some Members to misbehave in this House. We are not supposed to queue behind him to get the document. Hon. Speaker, for your information and clarity the honourable Member has a hard copy and another in the gadget. Why did he choose to have one in the gadget and a hard copy? This is a very serious document.

He is repeating it again and again how serious it is then he is assuming that the Hon. Members who are here are robots and they are supposed to keep everything in their minds waiting to approve something they do not know. It is very necessary and I kindly seek for your indulgence that the Budget present the hard copies to Hon. Members so that we may discuss this document in the afternoon or they bring them in a few minutes for us to discuss.

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Otherwise, Hon. Speaker, we cannot sit here and allow few Members who sat down and discussed and printed something for us to rubberstamp. Hon. Speaker, it is very embarrassing for an honourable House. I am sure everybody looking at us is looking at silly people seated. They are asking themselves; does it mean that these people are recording all these things in their minds?

It is very embarrassing and we urge the Members of the Budget Committee to please make us have the documents so that we may be able to discuss. It is a matter of county importance and it affects the whole county and every ward. It directly or indirectly affects every citizen in Laikipia. We need to take it with a lot of seriousness. Hon. Speaker, with your indulgence, I plead that when the Budget Committee is able to give us the document, then we can be able to discuss and air our views.

Hon. Speaker, now there is nothing I can say. The seconder has just said that he doesn't want guess work. He has referred to the document. Why do you want me to do guess work yet you do not want to do guess work? Hon. Speaker…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Daniel, I can see the Chair wants to contribute. I hope Hon. Nicholas you have something different from what Hon. Stephen has said. The floor is yours so tell us the Standing Order you are standing with.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of clarification.

Deputy Speaker: What do you want to clarify Hon. Nicholas?

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: When I noted the report was done half way on the gadget, I exited the plenary because I had to consult with Committee Clerk. I requested him to bring in hard copies for the section that has figures so that the Members can be able to have a document that they can refer to as they discuss the motion in this House. That was done yet he has not forwarded the relevant documents. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Daniel, the floor is yours and I hope that you will give Hon. Daniel Mugweru time to finish his submission? I will get back you Hon. Mugambi Gatati. Hon. Daniel Mugweru, there will be no more interruption because you are protected.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Hon. Speaker, I am still wondering what Hon. Member is clarifying whether we already have the documents or not because I still do not have one. My request is very clear that we need the documents so that we may be able to make our contributions from a point of knowledge. It is as simple as that. There is nothing much I am requesting.

I want to make my contribution from a point of knowledge. I do not want to guess and I want to be accurate like Hon. Stephen who has referred to the document. Thank you.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Nitaongea kwa Kiswahili ili Mheshimiwa Ndiritu aelewe vizuri kwa sababu Mheshimiwa…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mugambi, you are conversant with the Standing Orders that once you start debating with one language, you finish with it. I know you better, kindly switch to English. You should apologise to Hon. Stephen Kamau. He is competent, eloquent and well conversant with the three languages that are allowed here which are Kiswahili, English and Sign Language. I would like you continue with English.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: I apologise Hon. Speaker. I didn't mean anything bad for him but I wanted to speak in Kiswahili so that he could understand what we are saying. Hon. Ndiritu

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is thinking that we are watching Citizen News where we watch and note in our memories. Hon. Speaker, this is an important document and I have said repeatedly that sometimes we usually joke with many things. There is a Meru proverb that says "a child can play with the mother's titties, but cannot play with the father's testicles". These guys are joking with us…

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mugambi, is the proverb parliamentarian?

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: That is a Meru proverb.

Deputy Speaker: You should withdraw it because it is not allowed in this Honourable House. Kindly withdraw their proverb or you verse it better.

Hon. Mugambi Gatati: I withdraw the proverb but the proverb still stands. What I am saying is that Hon. Ndiritu is referring from a document. Hon. Speaker, somethings are like joking with your life. We are talking about ceilings and we pass this document. There is no other time we shall increase the ceilings or decrease. Notably, the Honourable Member was stating some sectors. He is just mentioning three sectors.

He has mentioned Health and Infrastructure. What about the other sectors? What about Agriculture where our people are awaiting us to desilt their dams yet we are just passing a document where you do not even see the ceilings in irrigation, drainage and others. Hon. Speaker, my suggestion is that we adjourn this House until afternoon so that we be served with all those documents with your guidance.

We cannot stay here and watch headlines like the way we watch News Headlines at 7.00 p.m. Hon. Stephen, has a habit of thinking that because he has document, he takes us like Baba's followers who say that if Baba has read the document, the document is okay. We need to see the document and we do not need to pass everything in hallucinations. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: I hope Hon. Stephen you are not only standing as a county representative of Thingithu Ward but also as the Vice Chairperson of the Budget Committee.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. I would like to reply to Hon. Gatati. He is saying he does not have that document. It is true they do not have that document but yesterday, we called all the Members to appear and look at these documents. Hon. Shuel, you rarely interrupt. What is the interjection?

Hon. Paul Leshuel: Hon. Speaker, I request the Members not to go that direction. It is very important for the Members to have a copy. I apologise as a Committee Member to the Members who do not have the copies. It is very important for us. I asked the Chair from beginning whether the document is in the gadget. We couldn't discuss the document without Members having the document. I just want to apologise and request that we have two minutes for every Member to have a copy.

Let us not defer the document in the afternoon but I want to apologise for that as the elderly person. Members should give us two minutes to get the copies. It is very important for the Members not only to discuss here but to carry that document for future reference. Mr. Speaker, those are weaknesses of the department and not of the Chair. We thought that all the documents are in the gadget. Members, let us have the hardcopies so that we can be able to debate wisely. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, as I stand in for the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, a Member of this House and MCA representing Nanyuki Ward, I take this opportunity to direct that we suspend this House for thirty minutes until every Hon. Member gets the hard copy.

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(The House suspended for 42 minutes)

(The House resumed)

Deputy Speaker: I now call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Nicholas Mwaniki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have had a very robust discussion. I still apologise on behalf of the Clerk of the committee and staff because we had the hard copies prepared but they did not do it timely. Having Members in the boardroom and that discussion of thirty minutes, the Members are well conversant with the CFSP. I had requested for the annexures to be presented to the Members but timely handing over of the annexures was not done.

That is why there is that cooperation. Mr. Speaker, this was healthy because there is no way we can pass as item in this House without Members having not understood what it entails. Hon. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members because they stood firm and they fixed the Budget Committee well. They are well conversant with the content of the CFSP. That is the way to go because this CFSP dictates the rolling out of projects in the next financial year per ward.

If at all we fail in this phase, that states that Members fail in their particulars if at all we shall not have substantial funds allocated to their wards on development. I thank the Members for their robust engagement and I urge them to continue that so that we become truthful men in this Assembly as the saying goes, we need truthful men. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INVITATION FOR UN WOMEN CAUCUS MEETING AT PEAKS HOTEL

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, before we adjourn the House, I wish to inform this House that they are invited for a meeting at Peaks Hotel by the UN Women Caucus. They need this House which they had courteously invited us. They are necessitating the logistics. We are late by thirty minutes. Kindly, Members avail yourself for they have good plans for our women in Laikipia County.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Speaker: This House stand adjourned until later today Wednesday, 9th April, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.58 a.m.

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