COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 18th July, 2013

House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker, Hon. Kimondo is the chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATON FROM THE CHAIR

[Deputy Speaker]

Hon. Members we will be having a training of all the Committees tomorrow and the venue will be at the common room starting at 9.00 am. Members, next week from 23rd to 25th July we will be having a workshop training on access to justice and the venue will be at Nyeri and our facilitators are the ICJ. So this one was for you to plan so that we will be moving here from Monday and come back on 25th and the venue will be Outspan in Nyeri. Hon. Members, Hon. Jacob from Sosian has lost his cousin and he will not be with us today and tomorrow, so I wanted to convey the message since he will be attending the funeral tomorrow.

STATEMENTS

[Hon. Kabaci]

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a statement to make that the Assembly appointed an Ad Hoc Committeesome 2 weeks back that was on 28th of June. We had been assigned a certain duty by this Assembly and it was not yet completes Mr. Speaker. It was supposed to be tabled in this House this week but it is very unfortunate that we have not yet completed the investigation that we have been doing. So I urge this House to give that Committee more time so that we can give a concrete report possibly in two weeks' time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members we are going to grant them two weeks' time but make sure that you come with the report within that time frame.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, we will do that.

MOTION

[Mr. Wilson Wakahiu]

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

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Appreciating *that the Executive has or is going to apply for devolution of this function; noting that the County Assembly has already budgeted for these functions and that there are already on-going discussions between the various Government organs and agencies and more specifically the Transition Authority, Council of Governors, Senate, National Assembly, Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) among others on the process of transferring these functions; Noting further that Agriculture is one of the function to be devolved and that the County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*

Appreciating *that Agriculture which includes livestock is the backbone of our County and this function as per the constitution includes crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abettors, plant and animals disease control and fisheries. Aware that County Assembly will finally make a decision on this transfer of function as per the law; this Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law*.

Mr. Speaker Sir, as per the Budget of this year, Agriculture was budgeted for Kshs.153, 285,000 in which it was counted as part of the devolved function. So the reason of us requesting from the Executive their preparedness is that this amount is too much and we need to know the exact areas that the Executive have planned as per the devolved function of Agriculture.

As we can see there so many areas, I do not know whether the Executive have negotiated with the parties that are already in the Agricultural Departments like the Extensions whereby they are included in the devolved functions like the extension services, the issue of cattle dips and all that and the issue of sale yards.

We need to know how they are prepared so that our farmers or those people who are in Laikipia, as we know Agriculture is the backbone of our County and many are the things that the Executive is supposed to prepare itself so that once it is devolved we may be able to move forward. As the issue of extension services, cattle dips, fertilizer and seedlings, agro-chemicals, agro-veterinary services and there many other agents like KEFFIs that are part of agricultural sector in which as a County the Executive is supposed to be in contact and even to borrow the consultation from this people so that once the function is devolved we be able to move forward.

There is an issue of Artificial Insemination (AI) services. In Laikipia as a livestock keeping County we see it in some areas such as Nyandarua County and even Nyeri County play a role in breeding our cattle. So I will request and urge this County Government in the mean time before the function is devolved they may come up with a way or a method the AI and agriculture services are put in place so that once it is devolved for the betterment of our people of Laikipia County. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will request Hon. Peter to second the Motion.

Hon. Thomi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second the Motion.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members I now wish to propose the question;

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Hon. Members you are now free to contribute. Hon. Mukuria.

Hon. Mukuria: I want to contribute on the issue of Agriculture as the back bone of this County. As we urge the Government to prepare to receive this docket, it's a very crucial docket for us to be able to collect taxes from agriculture. As we can see in this County, we are pleased to have a lot of livestock. In our sales yards we must come up with formula whereby we will make sure we are able to collect taxes in those yards. That's why we want the Government of this County to prepare to receive the way to collect taxes in those sales yards. That's why I am supporting that the Government may come up with ways to improve those sales yards in Rumuruti and other areas like in Sipili so that we are able not to lose those taxes in those areas.

Also we have come to realize that in those sales yards we have auctioneers who have been stealing our money, so it's my proposal that we move those auctioneers and we will be able to employ or engage our people without involving brokers. That's why we are asking this County Government to come with a better way to be collecting tax in those yards.

Also we have to realize there are a lot of animals that are dying from diseases and the County Government should take over very quickly and see how we are going to

control the diseases in our County. We have East Coast fever in those areas and we need to know that our farmers in those areas have a problem in spraying those animals and in fact we are losing a lot of cattle particularly in those areas where we have animals. In Marmanet we have so many idle cattle dips and it's up to the Government to see that we are able to control this diseases.

Also this Government should take over and see how fisheries are done in our homes. I have come to know very many farmers have come up with ponds that are able to fetch fisheries in our schools and in our homes and that's why we are asking our Government to take this business serious so that we can be able to take our schools in those areas.

Also I was of the opinion that the County Government should come up with good formula on plants where those agricultural officers are idle, they are not working for us, they should come to the farmers and try to educate them. You see that Mr. Speaker Sir, that those officers that are on the ground should be utilized fully so that they are able to see that they advise our Farmers accordingly. When we say about the crops, sometimes the farmers are just planting the crops that are not well suited in those areas so I urge the County Government to make sure that those Agricultural officers have come with a formulae and not just being seen there as mirrors, they should engage with farmers in coming up with better crops, come with better breeds for animals so that we make sure that we have the AI. I have come noted that our AI, farmers they do not know which breeds are better for their cattle, others are giving wrong breeds and others are using natural ways and we have our AI's officers at our places. Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to urge the County Government to make sure our farmers receive better AIs in our areas and ensure those Agricultural officers are able to note the diseases earlier before attacking our animals. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I support this Motion.

Deputy Speaker: member for Olmoran.

Hon. Dann: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support this Motion; it's the high that this County Government takes the stock of what it inherited from the previous Government. Mr. Speaker several issue must be tackled in this ministry to enable the County to earn Money and improve its services. In this Sector tackle livestock sales yard. Mr. Speaker we talk of collecting money from the sales yards yet we have yet built the sales yards. If you go in various places they sell animals in open fields, no fencing no nothing and therefore Mr. Speaker we lose a lot of money and it is the high time that the County Government went round our County distinguishing where we can money through the sales yards. We have abattoirs like the slaughter House. We have run down slaughter) Houses, our sales yards and private developer are taking advantage of our negligence. If you go to my place Mr. Speaker, our Sipili slaughter House has not been operating for the last three years and therefore we have been overtaken by events and private developer has built his own and therefore he has been earning money that would be going to the County.

On the same issue we should establish cereal boards to ensure it buys cereals from the farmers after it harvest and it supplies to the fertilizer on a reasonable price Mr. Speaker and if we allow farmer to get fertilizers from far and take their cereals to far places we lose a lot of money and most of them end up planting their farms without fertilizers thus giving them poor yield. We have the case of private

veterinary officers, Mr. Speaker we have cases where they inject our animals using water or may be coloured water so Mr. Speaker, measures should be put to curtain them from depriving money from our farmers Mr. Speaker, because if they use sub-standard medicines to treat our animals I think we will get some losses and we end up losing our animals therefore Mr. Speaker our field officers Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: A point of Order.

Hon. Maruga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Dann is trying to accuse somebody who is not here and he is accusing some people saying that they normally inject cows using coloured water and I don't think that is a fact and according to the Standing Orders you cannot accuse somebody who is not in the House. Is he in order to continue accusing Members of the public or Members of professionals that they are quarks in their work?

Hon. Dann: Mr. Speaker if I may understand the English properly I said it is alleged. Hon. Member get your dictionary and look for the word 'alleged'. If I may continue, Mr. Speaker we should tackle the AI sector. To improve this sector we need good breeds that will give us milk, good breeds that will give us meat and enough money and therefore I propose that the County Government encourages the farmers that they may use the AI. Mr. Speaker the AI has become very costly and we should try and give at a fair price Mr. Speaker. We should also put measure to curb the introduction of fake seeds. It has affected our farmers Mr. Speaker, I being one of them. I once bought a packet of Maize seeds Mr. Speaker and was white and fresh from the store and therefore Mr. Speaker we need to be protected.

There is this movement of the animals, we have some people who come to our County to sell animals we should control the movements because of the diseases and to avoid them infecting our animal with diseases we should curtain their movement of animals and by that we shall build a free disease zone in Laikipia County.

Mr. Speaker we should introduce new cash crops. If you move around Laikipia County in most places we have the black cotton soil. Agricultural officers should try and introduce cotton in those places which requires very minimal rainfall and I think if we can try on cotton we can get at least a cash crop in Laikipia County and that will earn us a lot of money.

Mr. Speaker, I also repeat, we employ a lot of personnel i.e. veterinary officer and Agricultural officers. As a young boy I used to see Agricultural officers using their bicycles and visiting farmer and showing them ways to do their farming, nowadays we don't have anything of sort and I beg we employ a lot of them so that we can improve our crops Mr. Speaker.

There is also this thing of County Agricultural shows. Mr. Speaker we should encourage our farmers to be visiting these shows because if you visit them they are normally for children therefore we need the farmers to visit those places so that they can learn new ways and they can improve this sector and with this I support this motion. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Thomi

Hon. Thomi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support the motion on agriculture. Mr. Speaker other than each and every one of us standing here and saying that Agriculture is the backbone of economy. This word is used all over but Mr. Speaker from my understanding and my observation, Agriculture as it is known

is not taken seriously and I will beg this House to insist and ensure that Agriculture is seen to be the backbone of this economy.

Mr. Speaker in the last planting season I have seen farmers complain of using and buying fertilizer that is fake, that has been made somewhere in the stores in our County, that is half fertilizer what is called fertilizer and something else that is sand from somewhere and farmers are complaining. There is evidence that something was done. To see that you can see some farms whereby there is very good maize, very good wheat and yet you find there are some people's plants there they look funny. So Mr. Speaker I want to say that there is fake fertilizer circulating during every planting season in our County, so this one should be taken seriously so that we get the concerned businessmen.

I think the ministry of Agriculture should ensure that there is fertilizer and a fertilizer depot near the farmers. Also there are fake maize seeds Mr. Speaker and fake wheat seeds. If this is not taken care of then there is no time our farmers are going to enjoy their harvest and this will be wasting a lot of time and people will become poorer and poorer.

Mr. Speaker I have also come to understand that this issue of fence for example my Ward where I neighbour Laikipia Nature Conservancy, so long as that fence is not well installed the farmer neighbouring that area will never harvest. As we talk today elephant, buffalos and monkeys are always moving to the people's farm and destroying their crops and so without this fence being put properly then there is no harvest for those people yet this farmers keep on planting.

Mr. Speaker, we have a Dams, Dams that are just called Dams they need to be rehabilitated so that they can hold a lot of water for people to grow tomatoes, to use that water, for that water to be clean for domestic use. Mr. Speaker, all this are problems but we will have to talk and talk until something has to be done.

Mr. Speaker, Olmoran has a lot of unused land, I will request this House and the ministry concerned and to check who these farms belongs to we have some areas Dams can be done there. People can grow tomatoes; we have a lot of land that is not utilized. This land if irrigation was done there, then we will create employments and a lot of food will come from that side.

Mr. Speaker, also this issue of Agriculture livestock falls in it. I wish to contribute and say, this Agricultural officers and livestock officers really they are not awake, they are not doing their work as they should do because I feel that when we are farming or growing our maize they should be able to detect this fake seeds, they should be able to detect that we are using the wrong fertilizer.

But unless you approach them they will never come to your farm and yet they are their offices waiting for a pay. So I will ask this Assembly to take action and the ministry concerned to take action to see that these people are not just paid to sit in offices but to stand and work like any other Kenyan so that our farmers and those who are raring animals may make profit from what they are keeping.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here to support the Motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: the Majority Leader, Member for Ngobit.

Hon. Wachira: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand here to support the

Motion that reads as it is reading, the County Government takes it preparedness to receive the devolved function of this ministry and start operational as soon as possible. When I say this Mr. Speaker Sir when we voted for this budget, over Kshs.150 million was allocate for Agricultural use.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we don't have good infrastructure, in our County, Agricultural development will just remain retarded. When you have so many poor roads in our Wards especially in Northern Constituency, we have so many poor roads. We have so good breed of cattle where we can build abattoirs and research centers for our own animal husbandly. When we don't have this Agriculture in our County will still hindered.

Mr. Speaker Sir, when we don't have adequate Agricultural extension officers, this means we are not going to perform. The money which has been voted for this docket will at the end of the day go back to the treasury and when it goes back there it means we shall be blamed as Assembly. We shall not be forcing the implementation of what we have done. We have just passed the budget and when we have passed the budget, we are not following this people to implement what they have brought here to put in order.

The other item Mr. Speaker Sir is the veterinary department. When we don't have research in our area for breeding of cattle, thus the meat and milk industry will die. Am asking Members we bring one motion that will enable us to have one research Centre in our County which is concerned with seeds. Our area is a dry area, if we may have a research Centre in our own area that favours our own climate we are going to have very high yields.

The other thing Mr. Speaker, Sir is labelling of our products. When we label our own products like Maize from Laikipia, Meat, mutton from Laikipia, and anything from Laikipia, you know Laikipia is very high yielding and products here are in a high demand. When we label our own products we are going to encourage our own farmers to put more and more yields in to our own productivity system.

The other thing is abattoir areas; we are not encouraging farmers especially the northern part of the County to research more and more especially on the cattle. When we have abattoirs and label our own products farmers will feel encouraged and we as the County we shall feel encouraged and so Mr. Speaker I stand here to support this Motion. Thank you very much.

Speaker: Member for Umande.

Hon. Maruga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support this motion. As much as we are talking about this issue of devolving Agriculture to the County budget, we should also consider our budget. We have talked about many things that are likely to happen here in the county including branding and doing commercial farming famous known as commercial Biashara. Yes we can, but are we prepared of this function. I will urge the House to take this from me it's necessary to refer this matter to the relevant Committeeso that they can assess our readiness.

How ready are we to take this devolved function? Because we might take it as simple thing then all our crops are destroyed by wild animals and the little yield remaining is now taken by brokers until we have nothing to sustain this docket. Again we have Agricultural officers who formerly belong to National Government if we bring them to our

budget are we able to cater for their salaries? Are we able to reinforce them until they work properly as possible? Those are question that we should ask and I will urge the Committee and the Chair of Committee through you Mr. Speaker, to look on that matter. Mr. Speaker, I support the Motion.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, considering the importance of this Motion and the areas that are affecting the Crops, The livestock, animal husbandly, the fisheries, I now refer this motion to the Committee of Agriculture so that they can work on all those issue and bring the report to this House within a time frame of two months that is by September you ought to have completed and bring a report to this Assembly. Thank you Hon. Members.

MOTION

[Hon. Beth W. Muchiri]

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:-

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> ***Appreciating*** *that health services is a very sensitive function and that this needs thorough preparedness and execution. Aware that this function includes County health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, veterinary services, refuse removal, refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; noting further that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this of this function as per the law;*
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> *This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and take all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law.*

Mr. Speaker Sir, as we know that poor health lowers the productivity. Since the health sector is having a lot of challenges, I beg to move this Motion because our people in Laikipia County are having a lot of Challenges in the health sector. E.g. Health Centre in the County they are inadequate to serve our people. Also we are having a lot of challenges because they are not having enough drugs and

medicines in those health Centre and hospitals we have in this County.

On the other hand, veterinary services are poorly rendered to our people. As we know well, livestock keeping also depends on these services, the time we were discussing about the budget we said about upgrading the health centers that we are having and also dispensary.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I urge the minister concerned to come up with something to do with these challenges. For example, Olmoran ward, patients are sharing beds; you can see a man and a woman are sharing one bed. So we have to visit this area. This Committee that I am sharing we have to visit those dispensaries, health centers and those small hospital.

Deputy Speaker: What is the Point of Order?

Hon. Kabaci: Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like Hon. Member to clarify whether that is true that in Olmoran Man and a woman are sharing one bed in the hospital. Mr. Speaker, I would like the Hon. Member to tell this House whether this is true, otherwise that can be very unfair Mr. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: That is quiet critical.

Hon. Beth: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have said that I am not sure but I have quoted Hon. Dann. He will clarify that for us.

Hon. Kabaci: Is it a man and a woman in one bed or two women in one bed?

Hon. Beth: Thank you Mr. Hon. Kabaci.

Deputy Speaker: What is the point of Order?

Hon. Maruga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Is it in order for Hon. Members to keep on addressing each other and instead of addressing the Chair? Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Beth Continue.

Hon. Beth: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir; Hon. Dann will clarify that because that thing is in his Ward which he is representing. Mr. Speaker, this House should know that we are facing a lot of challenges in those Wards that we have. Noting that the health is very important we have to look in to this matter because with poor health even agriculture will go down, education will go down, and so we have to look this matter on health. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg Mr. Dann to second the Motion.

Hon. Dann: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second the Motion and to add on what Hon. Beth has said, we must be very careful with this sector of health. We must build dispensaries and health centers that will match with the population that we have in this County. Of late we have people who walk over 10 km to access treatment. We should also formulate policies to look at our pharmacies Mr. Speaker because most of the time you just hear that we don’t have drugs in our hospitals.

We lack ambulance services to know and come with formula that will ensure that we have enough ambulances in our County, for example we have an ambulance in Nyahururu hospital that caters for a patients in Nagum more than 160 km away. Mr. Speaker, it is a challenge and I will beg as a matter of urgency it be addressed. If you go to the ground we have community health workers. In the other Government before devolution they were being paid regularly to cater for health services in the villages especially in Olmoran we have more than a hundred health workers and therefore I urge the

County Government to absorb the workers because we have a lot of challenges in the villages since we don't have doctor and nurses, they are very few.

Sipili dispensary has only three nurses and they cater for over thirty thousand people and therefore, Mr. Speaker these health workers come in hand to help and support severe cases in the villages. Mr. Speaker as Hon. Beth has said, Olmoran Hospital is there and we have only one ward. We were there on Friday with H. E the Governor and the Ministers and I counted the beds, they were eleven or ten and that one room is the maternity room, it is the ward for men, it is the ward for women, ward for children, those ten beds and Mr. Speaker, it is not a wonder if you are admitted in Olmoran and the Beds are full and you are kept in any bed.

It doesn't matter whether we have a woman or a man because you can find in this hospital nine beds have been occupied by women and three men are here and they want to be admitted therefore Mr. Speaker, you will be placed anywhere. It doesn't matter. It is very true Hon. Member for Igwamiti and therefore I call Hon. Members, I call the Health Committee to visit Olmoran with immediate effect and see how we can tackle that health problem Mr. Speaker. There is this issue of refusal removal, refuse dumps and solid disposal. Mr. Speaker, we should come with ways of removing refuse from a latrine, we must know where they are going to refuse that waste. We do not have sewerages in Laikipia West, in Olmoran we don't have sewerage, we do not have a sewerage system in Githiga ward, we do not have sewerage in Sosian ward and therefore these people after removing this waste they throw it along the roads.

It is very critical Mr. Speaker and therefore we should know where we are dumping our wastes, solid wastes disposals. If they remove it from collection areas, they throw it anywhere. In Olmoran ward they throw it near a forest which is there and the polythene bags usually are blown back to town and towns are covered by polythene bags. I second the Motion, Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, are you on a point of order Hon., you can't contribute before I put the question. I now wish *to propose the question;*

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This Assembly urges the County Government to speed up its preparedness to receive and execute this function and takes all measures to ensure that the function is finally devolved in the immediate term and as per the law. Hon. Members, you are now free to contribute Hon. Wakahiu.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to support this motion by Hon. Beth. As we can see, as we know, health is touching the life of man. Where there is no health there can be population and if health is neglected being one of the devolved functions I believe we won't have the four hundred or five hundred thousand population of Laikipia. So being a very sensitive institution, this government needs to come up with measures of how it will address this issue. You see in the current or the previous government many of the areas that were neglected since all the matters were done by the national government in Nairobi and having given this opportunity as the County Government to manage our resources and our institutions it is very important if the County Government starts to address the issue of health as soon as possible.

You see the department that are concerned Mr. Speaker sir; I will urge this House that they may pull our socks so that the issue of health may not be left behind. Many other things Mr. Speaker sir in the health sector may need to be addressed. If I can mention the place I come from in Salama ward, many of the things have been neglected. The population in Salama is comprised of people who walk more than 15 or 20 kilometers to look for these essential facilities and in some times due to poor roads or infrastructure, many of them usually die along the way. The issue of staff Mr. Speaker sir needs to be addressed with immediate effect as per the law.

You see if I can mention three dispensaries in my ward Salama, there is Muruku dispensary, Malpesi dispensary and Laya dispensary Where you see the issue of staff is a problem, in those places the staff employed are women and there comes a problem when they leave for their homes on Fridays and coming back on Monday because the nurses who operate in those hospitals do not have any other support, they are alone whereby you find they only operate three days in a week.

So the issue of staff needs to be addressed, I believe and think as soon as possible as this is a function for the devolved government. The other thing is immunization whereby you may see some minor issues in our health facilities, people usually travel from the villages up to the sub-County hospitals or district hospitals whereby they get services that can be done in those dispensaries. So I urge this government that the minor cases such as immunization and all that may be brought to our dispensaries so that our people can access those services. The other thing is the upgrading of dispensaries me.

Mr. Speaker, having budgeted for the upgrading of dispensaries, I urge the minister concerned that we may speed up this process of upgrading this dispensary so that those services that may be needed in those facilities are provided so that people may not be travelling far distances to look for those services and even the construction of more dispensaries. So I will urge the government so that our people may be catered for health wise.

The other thing is that veterinary services being in the department of health as I can see it is part of the devolved functions of health there is this issue of handling of drugs whereby you see nonprofessionals operating agro vets and chemists where they sell drugs. The previous government was reluctant to this and many other cases where we find our people and even he livestock which die because of the unskilled people who operate those businesses. So I urge even the ministry concerned that the law must be followed to the letter to ensure that our people, our livestock are well catered for when it comes to health. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I support hits motion 100 percent.

Speaker: Member for Thingithu.

Hon. Michael: Asante sana bwana spika, bwana spika yangu ni kuchangia hili jambo. Kwanza ningetaka kuanzia hili bunge letu kusema ya kwamba sio jambo la afya kutumia hizi 'micropHon.e' zikiwa chache na sisi tukiwa wengi. Inafaa wakati tunapoongea, tumeambiwa mara mingi ya kwamba ni hatari kwa afya wakati unapoongea ukiweka 'micropHon.e' kwa mdomo kwa sababu unatupa mate yote kwenye kifaa. Inaonekana wakati mmoja wetu atapatwa na TB, sisi sote tutapatwa na TB.

Kwa hivyo sio jambo la afya kuwa tunatumia 'micropHon.e' chache, inafaa kila mtu awe na yake tukizungumzia hili jambo la afya ili kuboresha afya. Jambo hilo lingine bwana spika ningetaka hata sisi tutembezwe huko Sipili kwa Mhsw. Dann mahali nyumba ni moja, ndio chumba cha kujifungua, ndio chumba cha kina mama, na ndio chumba ya wanaume... hapana sio ng'ombe...

Speaker: Address the chair.

Hon. Michael: Ningetaka tutembezwe hapo ili tupate kuona hilo jambo na ni jambo la kuumiza sana ikiwa inafanyika katika kaunti yetu. Hilo lingine ni jambo la tatu katika zahanati zetu. Zinafaa ziwe na mashini za kupima magonjwa kidogo kidogo kama vile malaria. Mtu akiwa mirera ama Sweet Waters ama huko Marura ama Matanya, unakuta mtu anatumwa mpaka Nanyuki hospitali ili aweze kupimwa malaria ama typhoid. Vitu kama hizo kidogo kidogo, nafikiri hili wizara liangalie hilo iwe jambo la kwanza. La pili ni chumba cha kujifungua cha akina mama katika zahanati zetu ziinuliwe kuwa hospitali ili ziweze kuwa hizo chumba sababu mama akiwa mahali kama Ngobit na ameshikwa na uchungu, itakuwa ni jambo la hatari sana kumsafirisha kutoka Ngobit mpaka Nanyuki hospitali ili apewe huduma na unajua kwamba wakati mwingine mama akishikwa na uchungu hakuna kungojea, ni mtoto tu kuja kwa hivyo itakuwa ni jambo la aibu na ni jambo la hatari kwa barabara.

Kwa hivyo ni vizuri zahanati na chumba hizi zijengwe kwa kila hospitali. Jambo la mwisho, sio jambo la kawaida kama haya magonjwa madogo za kupewa 'asprin' ama 'paracetamol' ukute ya kwamba mtu anaenda kwa dispensary kutafuta hizi dawa na anakuta hakuna na anaandikiwa anaambiwa aende akanunue. Katika Sweet Waters, Matanya na Ngobit, utakuta huko hakuna 'chemist' na sio jambo la kawaida kama mtu kupanda gari na kutumia

shilingi mia mbili kuja Nanyuki town kununua 'panadol' halafu arudi. Hilo jambo liangaliwe sana katika upande wa afya, nimeunga huu mswada na nimesema ya kwamba iendelee.

Speaker: The Hon. Ephraim, Majority Leader.

Hon. Wachira: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir, I stand here to speak about this motion and to say that the primary duty of every government and this of Laikipia is to provide security, healthcare, education and many others. These are the basic principles and basic needs of any citizen and this is the primary duty of any government. We now have a government in Laikipia, this is the County Assembly of Laikipia, we have a budget as we said here before which caters for the health facilities plus the staffing of our County clinics, dispensaries, health centres and referral hospital.

Members, it will be a challenge to us as I said when our own people don't get the best facilities, the best treatment from our own institutions, when I say this, I mean for instance where I come from in Ngobit, there is only two or three health centres and these health centres are only institutions, when one health centre has only two nurses and a clinical officer who does not attend to duties, he has two other health centres to attend to. Today he is here and tomorrow somewhere else, you notice it is very hard for our people to be treated in the best manner possible. We Members can suggest that and we say Mr. Speaker sir that in these dispensaries, we have at least three clinical officers and staff who are clinically educated. These are the only nurses so that when our people attend these dispensaries for treatment, you get every facility there.

Mr. Speaker sir, I would also suggest that we have a central area where medical drugs in our own County will be centralised. By so doing we shall be able to know which drugs are in store and which are not in store other than when the people are buying drugs from other places, for instance Nyahururu buys drugs from another place, Nanyuki buys drugs from other areas, these is a confusion. When we have one centralised area being manned by our own staff, we shall be able to control our own drugs and our people will be treated more efficiently and we will know where the drugs have gone.

The other side of this ministry is the veterinary department which is in both sides of agriculture and health facilities; I would also suggest Mr. Speaker that we provide dip chemicals to our own areas. We provide this freely to our own farmers, Members you know your own areas and we have farmers who clean their own animals at home and it has become so ridiculers that when you visit these homes you get some animals don't have eyes because those who spray them don't know the technique of doing that. When cattle's are driven to cattle dips and the 'Dawa' is there, I hope Mr. Maruga is not going to rise up and...

Speaker: Order Hon., address the chair

Hon. Wachira: We are going to make our cattle dips efficient and our animals will survive to the last one, we shall even minimise the diseases. I rise to support this motion Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Member for Marmanet.

Hon. Mukuria: Thank Mr. Speaker sir, I have come to realise this is a very serious docket as the County Assembly waits to transfer this function to the County Government. I have come across serious challenges in my ward whereby I have

seen the problem or IDP's, I think this County Government need s to know that we have a very serious problem when it comes to IDP's in these areas. The problem is these IDP's don't have toilets; they don't have access to water and health facilities. When you go to these camps, you realise that this area is a bomb waiting to happen whereby help will be a problem. That area has the challenge of Aids whereby they are all congested in one area; you meet women who have a big challenge. So I urge this County Government to come up with a good away to manage those IDP camps because I have come to realise that many people die in those areas. They die from malaria and disease outbreak such as cholera, so I urge this government to be careful because knowing that without health we are going to have a big problem in those areas even to the surrounding areas.

The other issue is I am very much surprised and I have informed the minister of health whereby you see health centres being closed down reason being lack of health workers. You meet one health worker or health nursed for instance in my ward, the Sunday before last a health centre in Oljabet was closed down because that lady was going for a maternity leave.

You see we have a very big problem because a health centre was closed down due to lack of a health worker. I have also come to realise that in those health centres we have a managerial problem whereby the nurse in charge has gone on leave, the person in charge has gone one leave so we to be able to manage those health centres to make sure that they are not closed down and surely that's the only area that has a health facility. The other problem in those areas with health centres is medicine, when you go to these areas with those dispensaries you only get Panadol and painkillers.

The County Government needs to come with a formula knowing that they are being devolved to their areas, they have to know that dispensaries is a very important area and we should equip those dispensaries to ensure that our areas are equipped with doctors, medicine and to make sure we don't have this problem. Another big problem in those areas as we have said we have set money aside to make sure that our dispensaries are upgraded to health centres. When we go to maternity wards, we don't have even a c-section especially when women have to be operated on, we are losing many women in those areas.

Those dispensaries have no modern maternity wards and mostly the patients are referred to Nyahururu, Rumuruti or Nanyuki. So Mr. Speaker sir, I will urge the County Government to know that they are taking a big burden in making the maternity wards to be a better place for our women to go to. The other big challenge I have come to realise is that the County Government only knows Nanyuki and Rumuruti or Nyahururu. But they have not come to realise that other than those towns we have other areas that need drainage systems. Towns like Jefi, Karandi, you see that they are draining their refuse to the rivers. So I don't know what to do about this because in future we will have people suffering from diseases from our own refuse and also affect other people downstream. If you go to Nyahururu and Kerurumo, they are draining all the refuse into the Thompsons falls and people are consuming the water downstream. By the end of the day we are putting our health in danger, so I would urge this government to come up with a better formula on how to dispose such refuse.

The other big issue is about communication between one hospital to the other, if you have a big problem for instance in Nyahururu we have one ambulance and mostly it's not working, it's broken down. If there is an emergency there will be a big problem, so the government should come with a formula on how to be able to have good ambulances in all the health centers. The other big problem is our damping places, in our small town such as Oljabet and Karandi, you go there and you find they are dumping papers all over in one damping place. In that damp, the papers are flying all over, that's now a big challenge.

The only place they collect garbage is only in Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti but they forget those small town, so the government should come up with a good formula to know how to set up pit damping areas. So I want the government to know they have a big role to play to make sure that those damping areas are done and they need to do something about it. The other thing is we have those materials that come from our hospitals that are not able to be disposed off.

I urge the government to come up with a formula on how to build a disposal machine to burn those things that are not disposable so that we do not have a big problem when it comes to disposing in those areas. Mr. Speaker, the County Government should learn that fast and know that they don't have time because health does not wait for tomorrow. We have those street children that we see here, those small girls and small boys in Nanyuki. The government should know they have become a big problem, you see a boy carrying something in his mouth and that one has become a problem. Some are disturbing our ladies here and hitting our women with refuse.

They should come with a formula to know how we are going to be able to control our street children in the towns. The other big issue I have come to realise in our health centres is generators and electricity. If you go in those towns like Nanyuki or Nyahururu, you get that when there is a power failure, when an operation is going on and there's I a power failure they don't have a backup generator. Like in Nyahururu, I recall the Hon. Kabaci saying that a whole big town like Nyahururu does not have a generator for backup. So I realised the government has a lot to note and make sure that big hospitals like Nyahururu, Nanyuki and Rumuruti are provided with generators that are able to provide backup. Mr. Speaker I stand here to support this motion that the government should be careful to know that they have a big elephant waiting for them. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

Speaker: Member for Igwamiti.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand in support of the motion that this government of Laikipia speeds up its preparedness to cease and execute the function of healthcare. Mr. Speaker, it is well noted that we have very many challenges in our hospitals but I will also like to put it clear that the Hon. Member for Marmanet has said that the sewerage system has been diverted into the river. It should be noted that it is being diverted there after undergoing through the process of cleaning the refuse Mr. Speaker so he should not scare the people living downstream that the water they take is not being treated Mr. Speaker. So it should be noted that they dump the refuse into the river after going through the process of cleaning Mr. Speaker so he should not scare the people living in Rumuruti and...

Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Mukuria?

Hon. Mukuria: Point of order, is he in order to tell the House that he is very sure that the refuse that is dropped into the river is properly treated? Can he expect the House and is he aware that there are other things that are not well treated.

Speaker: Hon. Kabaci.

Hon. Kabaci: thank you Mr. Speaker, it is very clear that we have the ministry of water and sanitation in place in Nyahururu Mr. Speaker and the ministry have very qualified people Mr. Speaker who definitely also have laboratories to test the refuse. Is now the right time to damp the refuse into the river Mr. Speaker? So I am very sure that that...

Speaker: What is the point of order Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Wachira: Mr. Speaker, can I remind that I also support the member who spoke before that Nyahururu River is a damping area for refuse. This Manguo village, this village overlooks the...

Speaker: what is the point of order Hon. Ephraim?

Hon. Wachira: It overlooks the Enkare Narok River; the refuse goes back to the water.

Speaker: Continue Hon. Kabaci

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, but it is good to note that Hon. Members for Ngobit did not have any point of order Mr. Speaker. What was the point of order from him Mr. Speaker?

Speaker: You are in order, continue Hon. Kabaci.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you sir, what the member has said Mr. Speaker about Manguo village is that we are now in the process of constructing that sewerage system Mr. Speaker which will rejoin with the ne that we have in Nyahururu town Mr. Speaker, so in coming days he will have nothing to say about Manguo village Mr. Speaker. Another thing Mr. Speaker is that I will also react on what the Hon. Member from Marmanet said Mr. Speaker, it is not that we don't have a standby generator in Nyahururu. We have one and it is only that it has broken down Mr. Speaker and the mechanics are working on it and soon it will be in place Mr. Speaker.

So the hospital is well organised and it has the entire facilities Mr. Speaker only that we need the resources to have a modern one Mr. Speaker and also to have that hospital being constructed well. It is true that we also lack the facilities like the beds, the women share the beds and also the men do the same during the outbreak of a certain disease. But we are better off than Olmoran ward where a bed is being shared by a man and a woman Mr. Speaker and I therefore suggest that the minister concerned should put a lot of effort in Olmoran dispensary so that the case of a man and a woman sharing a one bed does not occur once and for all Mr. Speaker.

I also suggest that the minister concerned to have a mechanism of curbing the corruption that we have in pharmacies and hospitals. It is true that you come across many hospitals where the doctor there or the wife has a pharmacy out there within the town. So we would like the minister concerned to have a mechanism to deal with those kind of corruption Mr. Speaker for our people to have sustainable drugs in our hospitals. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion that the County Government prepares itself to execute and receive the devolution of healthcare, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Yes the Hon. for Mukongodo

west.

Hon. Lebeneiyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the mover of this motion, Hon. Beth from Tigithi ward because health is the key to life. If you want to have other generations behind us, we have to be very clear of our health. When I talk from the side of Laikipia north where I come from, sometimes we actually have the facilities but we lack the personnel. Was it in other places around, we have the personnel and we lack the facilities and that ends up being mismanagement.

I would like to give you an example like when I went to my previous weekend, I heard a mother delivering in my land cruiser as I was trying to take her to the nearest hospital. So I would like the minister in charge to find out or to know the number of health facilities that is around. At least the few we have to ensure that we have enough facilities and personnel around. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support this motion by 100 percent.

Speaker: Member for Rumuruti.

Hon. Suge: Asante sana bwana spika, ninasimama kuunga mkono mjadala kutoka kwa mwenyekiti wa kamati ya afya. Kwa ukweli kabisa bwana spika ni kwamba ni haki ya kila mkenya na kila binadamu kupata huduma unaofaa kiafya. Jambo la kushangaza sana bwana spika ni kwamba ili mtu aweze kupata huduma unaofaa ni lazima atoke nje ya kaunti yetu ya Laikipia kama kupata huduma kutoka sehemu za Nyeri, Embu ama kuelekea Nakuru. Kwa hivyo ningeomba bunge iweze kuweka mikakati ili zile hospitali tuko nazo, haswa hospitali ya Rumuruti, ya Nyahururu na Nanyuki referral.

Zote ziwekwe vifaa zinazofaa ili wananchi wetu waweze kupata huduma zinazofaa. Ni aibu sana bwana spika kuingia hospitali ukitafuta matibabu na ile dawa utapata pale ni ‘Panadol’ na pengine ‘Asprin’. Ni aibu sana kwa hivyo ningependa bunge hili liweze kuweka mikakati kuhakikisha ya kwamba dawa ziko na watu waweze kutibiwa kwa njia inayofaa. Ingine bwana spika ni kwamba serikali yetu ya kaunti ya Laikipia pia iweze kuweka mikakati, katika kilomita kadhaa kama tano iwe na zahanati. Hii ni kwa sababu usafiri pia ni shida kama vile unavyoelewa kuna sehemu zingine hazina barabara na unashangaa bwana spika kupata mgonjwa akiwa amesafirishwa juu ya punda, kuna sehemu hazipitiki.

Kwa hivyo ningeomba bunge hili iweze kutia mikakati kuona ya kwamba kila hospitali iwe na magari ya kusafirisha wagonjwa kwa sababu ni uchungu kupata mama anayetaka kujifungua akibebwa juu ya punda bwana spika. Lingine bwana spika ningependa kuhimiza kupitia kwa mwenyekiti wa afya kuwe na kamati ambayo inaweza kutembelea kila sehemu kwa muda mfupi ili kuwahimiza wakaaji ama jamii kulingana na utaratibu za kuepuka na magonjwa mengine. Wengi hawakui jinsi ya kuchemsha maji, wengine hawana vyoo na wengine hawana habari kulingana na mambo inayoendelea. Unashangaa bwana spika ya kwamba kuna zile madawa zinazosaidia wale wauguzi wa ukimwi lakini wakaaji wengi hawana ufahamu ule.

Tungeomba ile ufahamu iweze kufikia kila mmoja, wajue kwamba kuna zile madawa zinasaidia wale wagonjwa ambao wanaumia na hizo maradhi na vile vile jinsi ya kujikinga na zile maradhi. Unashangaa bwana spika ukienda sehemu zingine, Yule afisa anayesimamia sehemu hizo amepeleka mipira kula mashinani lakini unashangaa bwana spika watu wanaenda kupatia watoto. Ni aibu kubwa sana na tungependa kwamba kupitia

wizara ya afya kuwe na 'Civic Education' ambaye itawapa watu ufahamu na kufahamu jinsi ya kujikinga na maradhi mengine. Asante bwana spika na kwa haya machache ninaunga mkono mjadala huu.

Speaker: The Hon. Thomi.

Hon. Thomi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also stand to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, I would like to be very categorical and in particular talk of one health centre that is in Githiga ward, the area that I represent. Mr. Speaker, health issues Honestly should be taken seriously because when one of the Hon. Members talked of a health centre where a woman and a man are sharing one bed, it is not a laughing or a joking matter. Well, that is not what has made me stand, Mr. Speaker in my ward there is Githiga health centre.

This health centre is in the category of level three if I am not wrong. In the year 2002, the government through a CDF funded project was allocated four million to construct a maternity wing and a year later the maternity wing was complete. Up to date Mr. Speaker it is a white elephant with padlocks, Mr. Speaker I fail to understand and fail to know how the ministry of health or the health officers concerned could... how four million could be spent for something to remain unused for seven years? I request that the ministry or the minister concerned to take action and know why that maternity wing is not in use.

Mr. Speaker, during the regime of our former MP there was this '**Economic Stimulus Programme'** where a lot of money was given to health centres and they have very nice and big buildings, corridors, a very good health centre has been brought up but for the last two years it has been a white elephant with padlocks. In case those rooms are opened is when the facility or the people concerned are holding a meeting.

Mr. Speaker I would beg for someone to inquire why these health centres have remained spending government money and there is no money for the facility and people to use. Mr. Speaker, the other issue I feel I have observed in that facility where I have been a chairman for at least three years is the attendance of the persons on duty. Mr. Speaker I received a pHon.e call when I was in this Assembly where a patient was complaining of having arrived in the facility at eight in the morning, received treatment after 11 o'clock but was to get the drug at 6 in the evening.

Mr. Speaker that is true because we called the relevant authority but I believe no action has been taken. There is a lot of joking around with a patient's life, Mr. Speaker I feel that the devolved government is close to the people. I feel that the concerned people take action and clearly come and visit Kitheka Health Centre do that this facility that has spent a lot of taxpayers money is open and doctors sent there to help the people. Mr. Speaker it is good for this House to know that this health centre serves Olmoran, Sipili, Mwenje and even people at Karandi. So it is there to serve over 50 thousand people and yet in a whole day you can find one clinical officer on duty for a whole day so you feel that a lot of concern has to be put there to ensure that Kithika Health Centre helps patients, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Member for Umande

Hon. Maruga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion from the Hon. Beth and looking at the figures that were put in that docket, I really admire the figures of almost half a billion. Then again, the figure itself is a challenge and I repeat that it's a challenge and how are we

going to manage it. The County Government needs to put administrative structures to make sure there is no corruption. We have heard some cases of medicine being sold to the private clinics instead of them being given to the patients in the hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I feel scared to hear that there is a hospital where a man and a woman can share one bed when they are sick, it's very sad. I get concerned; we should know how many dispensaries do we have in Laikipia? How many hospitals do we have in Laikipia? So that we can understand the problem that is there because maybe that's just a single case whereby the member happened to know such a thing is going on. How about those dispensaries or hospitals which we don't know, it's a challenge. We need to know or to visit every corner and asses the ground to make sure that this figure is used or how it's supposed to be used.

I also feel sad to see that we don't have allocation for community health workers. I am going to give you a case which happened in my ward of Umande. A boy of 6 months was taken to hospital by his mother and he was injected and after that injection the boy was not only paralysed but later he was forced to remove or to have both legs amputated and he is still surviving but with no legs. Simply because of an injection by the health worker; what does that say? We need to have professionals and we also need to motivate them to avoid such cases and I think it's high time we support this motion and we assess the ground. Thank you and I support the motion.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, I can see the sensitivity and the seriousness of this motion. I now refer this motion to the Committee of health and particularly the chair of that Committee to do something on this issue of Olmoran. It's a sensitive matter; it is unheard of and bring a report in this House in the next two months. A man and a woman sleeping in one bed when they are sick is unheard of but make sure you bring that report in two months time. Next order

Clerk: Motion by the leader of majority.

Hon. Wachira: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, I now move the motion that this House approves exemption of application of Standing Order number 27(1) to allow the House to adjourn on the 23rd,24th and 25th July 2013 so that the Members can attend a retreat...

Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Kinyua?

Hon. Michael: Nafikiri Spika ulitutangazia ya kwamba tutakuwa na workshop tarehe hii ya 23rd, 24th tutakuwa Nyeri katika workshop.

Speaker: What is the point of order?

Hon. Michael: Point of order ni leader of majority alisema ya kwamba tutakuwa hapa katika bunge.

Speaker: Nafikiri haujaelewa vile alikuwa akisema.

Hon. Wachira: Mr. Speaker sir...

Speaker: What is the point of order Hon. Mwangi?

Hon. Maruga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the point of order is that the dates that are quoted here are not the actual dates for the workshop. They are the 23rd, 24th, and the 26th in the motion.

Speaker: The Hon...

Hon. Wachira: Mr. Speaker sir, can the Members amend date 23rd, 24th, the date 26th is 25th. It was a typing error Mr. Speaker; I am doing this Mr. Speaker so

the Members can attend the retreat in Nyeri for an educational tour. Thank you Mr. Speaker

Speaker: Who is seconding the motion?

Hon. Wachira: Mr. Paul Lebeneiyo is seconding this motion Mr. Speaker sir. Sorry

Hon. Lebeneiyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to second the motion.

Speaker: I now propose the question that this House approves application of Standing Orders number 27(1) to allow the House to adjourn on the 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2013. Members you can contribute.

(Silence)

Speaker: I you are contented I would now put the question.

(Motion agreed)

Speaker: Next order.

Clerk: Mr. Speaker sir, no other order.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, the House is adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 4.14 p.m.