COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 7th August, 2013

House met at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker, Mr. Mariru is the chair]

PRAYERS

MOTION

[Leader of Minority]

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

> ***THAT****, aware that schedule [4] of the constitution clearly outlines the functions to be devolved from the National Government to County Government; noting that the Transition to Devolved Government Acts contemplates a process of transferring these functions from the National Government to County Government and recognizing that this transfer shall be guided by statutory process;*
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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 this functions and that there are already on-going discussion between the various Governments Organs and agencies and more specifically the Transitional 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 Cultural activities, Public entertainment and Public Amenities is one set of function to be devolved and that County Government has budgeted for this function for the financial year 2013/2014;*
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> ***Appreciating*** *that these set of functions includes betting, Casinos and other set of gabbling, racing, liquor legalising Cinemas, Videos show and hiring, libraries, museums, sports and Cultural facilities , County parks and recreation facilities; noting that the County Assembly will finally make a decision on the transfer of this function as per the law; 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*.

Mr. Speaker we normally say that work without play makes a Jack a dull boy and as per our County or the way we work, we actually want to have entertainment at the end of the day. When we look at these functions like Casinos, Libraries they also

attract tourist from different destination to our County. As we talk about Kenya, historically, that is where we find the remains of early man and you find that when you come in to our County now we don't have any kind of museum other than the one we have in Mukogondo forest where Hon. Jennifer comes from. We are proud of it because we have people coming from different parts of the word to come and see it.

When it comes to places like Stadium, many Counties don't have like the one we have. If we improve the one we have now, people will come from their places to come and do their functions and that is income generating activity and also increases some of the work we have around here. In this case, if we put this things in our consideration you will find that its one of the thing that will go forward as the County. So I urge the County Government of Laikipia plus the Members of this House to take this seriously and let us all put our efforts in it so that our County will be one of the destination where people will be visiting so in this I support this Motion and I ask Hon. Maruga to second this Motion.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Maruga.

(Hon. Mwangi stood and bowed)

Speaker: Hon. Members I will like to propose the question;

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Yes, Hon. Mukuria.

Hon. Mukuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. John you are the next, Hon. Mukuria is on the floor.

Hon. Mukuria: Mr. Speaker Sir, this morning I want to support this motion involving entertainment and cultural activities in this County. I have come to realize that there is a lot of challenges facing us when it becomes to liquor licencing and therefore I ask the Government to prepare to come up with a better ways of licencing those liquors in our areas. I have realized that due to this function done by the previous Government we need to come up with a better way of licencing liquors to our bars. Nowadays they are putting bars even in to our homestead, therefore, to prepare to come up with a better ways, where to locate this liquor licencing in those areas.

There also those bars where I realized that there are those illegal brews that are being taken there and therefore, this County Government needs to come up with a better way of knowing how to do it. Knowing that, Cultural activities we need also to know is a way of education. In our childhood we used to see cinemas in our home areas as a way of education children back at home. Like maybe we can use this as an entertainment and also create awareness on different things affecting our society like Aids particularly in IDPs areas where we have a lot of problems of health facilities, so we can use this entertainment as a way of creating awareness on the challenges we have in our home areas.

In supporting this Motion I realized our County Government has a lot of work to do in our libraries in fact I have come to realize that we have very few libraries in this County. This Government should come up with a way of ensuring we have libraries particularly in the major towns like Nanyuki, Nyahururu and Rumuruti so that our people from Secondary schools can be able to get information from these libraries.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have come to realize that Sports can be used to bring communities together. In this County we have different communities, cultures we need to come up with a lot of finances to be able to sponsor those sports. Maybe we will be having rallies like now we have good talents in this County and we cannot nurture those talents by making it as a competition in this County. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, public entertainment, there those young people who are coming with taekwondo, indoor games we need to come up with a better ways of making sure that our people in our Counties are able to come and do something in this Cultural entertainment. Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, I urge this Government to come up with a better ways of bringing our youths together.

Our National Government is fighting about drugs and alcohol and those youths are staying idle at home after working in their gardens we need to come up with a better way to make sure that young men and women are not idle. As we know the English man said that idle mind is the devils workshop so let us utilize these men who are not taking drugs and instead of taking alcohol, make sure they are utilizing that time with sports activities.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we also need to be aware on the Video shows in this County. I have come to realize that this Video shows are being used in a very bad ways by people. We should come up with a better ways to control our video shows in our Wards and those which are not allowed in this County. We should know what kind of videos shooting that are being shot in those areas. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir I ask this Government to come up with a better ways to make sure that they are able to

give these video showing areas. I thank the mover of the Motion because this is a very important area that we can utilize also as source of finances for this County.

We can lease our Cultural centre to make sure that our tourism maybe encouraged in this County by making sure that we have a way of opening doors of our tourism outside this Country or this County by making sure that we are able to advertise all our cultural centres in our County and that can be only be realized by making sure that we are well exposed, all these Cultural activities including the Maasai's, Samburu's, Kikuyu's and their dances that are there so that we can be able to entertain our people for this County. So I support this Motion and the Government has to set out some funds to make sure that this County is well rich with Cultural and public entertainment. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Speaker: Hon. John you have a chance to speak now.

Hon. John: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, as we understand and we know that the issue of cultural centres has been one of the challenges that has been affecting our people not to have jobs because we usually have foreigners in Laikipia but as these cultural centres have been privatised, to individual people who always get earnings but Laikipia people do not earn anything. It is my wish that this House can deal with issues like this that those people who have privatised this Tourism centres to individual Members to be a benefit for our community but not to individual Members. As I call upon the Government, to allocate funds to have cultural centres which will benefit the community of Laikipia. As I stand to support the agenda, is that this construction as they will be constructed (recreation facilities) it is my wish they will be accessible to everybody in Laikipia including the disabled. Thank you.

Speaker: Hon. Jennifer and then Hon. Maitai. Yes Hon. Maitai, is it a point of order?

Hon. Maitai: Yes, Sir, Hon. Wakahiu here has been reading the Newspaper since we came and he is not concentrating in the debate.

Speaker: Hon. Wakahiu are you saying really that what we are saying here is not important? It is important that we concentrate. You don't need to respond Hon. Wakahiu it is noted. Hon. Jennifer.

Hon. Jennifer: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the motion and I am just going to speak on one issue because the rest the Hon. Members have already said the importance of cultural events including having the museum so that they can preserve, revive our culture our identity and to know where we came from because if we are moving as we look what is ahead then we must also know where we came from.

My contribution towards this motion is on the issue of racing and sports. We have sub-international taking place in this County; we have the Lewa Down maratHon. that comes in the middle of every year. It is a very big event a lot of people know it, they come from different parts of this world and they participate a lot of money is collected. There was a time I was there and we had a lot of Members from the National parliament and also we also have some other activities like Rhino charge organised locally in this County but also attract people from outside in the country and also outside Africa those who are brought up in Laikipia they know such events.

Speaker: Is it a point of Order?

Hon. Catherine: Mr. Speaker, Sir is it in order for Hon. Jacob not to bow to the Chair?

Speaker: I am not pleased by lack of following very basic rules. Hon. Jacob, please proceed to the door and bow because we must maintain now some basic rules. I am going strict now moving ahead on basic rules so please keep a watch and thank you for those who are noting. Hon. Jennifer please proceed.

Hon. Jennifer: my concern here is that I do not know if there is anything that has been done so that this County and this House gets to know how it is done, who benefits from the money collected for all the people who come for race. I am aware that some funds go to the surrounding community but I tend to think on where and the amount is between the ranchers and few people and I think there is a role that this House must play so that those taxing and all the funds that are collected from these activities can benefit the Laikipia County and also promote the cultural, peace and cohesion within communities, I think this is our role. I suggest that the Committee working on that to try and come up with findings of what happens there and formulate a method of taxing and getting involved in that activity and also put our input as a County and support the event and even more. So I support the Motion, Thank you.

Speaker: Yes, Hon. Maruga.

Hon. Mwangi: thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the Motion and thank the mover of this Motion. When we look at our County it is highly privileged to have tourism attraction sites. As we talk of cultural activities we have very good dance from Maasai and Samburu plus Turkana Community and if we can just build this to become tourist attraction we are going to tap a lot of money and this is a very good opportunity to generate a lot of revenue in our County.

As we sit here, 400 km from here there is somewhere called Ukumbusho. This is where Mau mau soldiers were killed from Mt. Kenya, that's why it is called Ukumbusho but our people does not understand where this name originated or whether it can be preserved to be Tourist attraction, Cultural centre or site that can act as a reminder of any visitor who comes to our County. Ukumbusho swallowed 40 soldiers and two generals and you can bear me witness by asking my friend Major Mwangi.

There is also this Upcoming Maasai cricket team. Everybody in this world is watching that Maasai cricket team that is also a tourist attraction thing. When you also go to casinos, betting and liquor licencing we should come up with another way of taxing these people because we might end up losing a lot of revenue instead of accumulating that revenue to improve our livelihood and promote other areas like education.

In Ol daiga farm after every 6 month there is a Video shooting which is being done there. The only thing we benefit with is little money and being an actor or actress. When the video goes to Britain and it is sold or used by NGOs to raise funds which are never seen here in Laikipia. We need to review our laws and policies to make sure that we benefit from the same as the County and with that I stand to support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Kabaci.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I also rise to support the Motion, saying that it was very timely saying that it has come at the time we highly need this function be thought of. Mr. Speaker, my concern lies

in the side of liquor licencing whereby in our Country Kenya our president has clearly stated that he must fight the drunkards in this Country. The youth have adopted to drinking from the morning to evening Mr. Speaker. I also want this House to urge Laikipia Government also to do the same to think of how they can fight that habit of being drunk from morning to evening Mr. Speaker, and it is the high time that this Government thinks of how to cooperate with the administration and fight the drunkenness in our County otherwise we must put some measures and know whom to licence Mr. Speaker when it comes to licencing.

Mr. Speaker I am concerned because of these small kiosks. In my town, Nyahururu those small Houses of Wines and Spirits are now coming to a point of alarming whereby at your door post you must find one, they are extending to estates Mr. Speaker, otherwise they are very small others are wooden constructed dealing with that wine and Spirits.

It is the high time Mr. Speaker, this House thinks of how who to licence these Wines and Spirits because we cannot fight illegal brew and then we adapt this Wines and Spirits Mr. Speaker. Otherwise am concerned about those who are still heading to a point of dividing that 200 millilitres to various quantities so as to accommodate even those who have Kshs. 20 or Kshs. 30 in their pockets, Mr. Speaker. So it's high time this House urges the County Government to come clearly on who to license those wines and spirits Mr. Speaker.

Am also concerned about the budget allocation when we come the library Mr. Speaker I would urge the Committee chairman and come next year to think of how to allocate more money when it comes to education and that part of the library so that we can be able to have a library in each and every ward so that we can promote that culture of reading.

Speaker: Yes Hon. Wakahiu, is it a point of order, you must have been touched?

Hon. Wakahiu: Yes it is a point of order Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether the Hon. member for Igwamiti is in order to tell me to budget for the library next year whereas I am not the person who usually budget but it is the public that gives priorities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Why don't you give him information that looks like information to inform him how the budget process is? Hon. Kabaci, would you like that information? Yes proceed as a point of information rather than a point off order; you are the chair of the budget why don't you do a bit of education there.

Hon. Wakahiu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Members need an induction workshop so that at least they may know the work of every Committee and every procedure.

Speaker: So what is the point of information to Hon. Kabaci on the budget?

Hon. Wakahiu: Mr. Speaker I will invite him on one of our Committees so that...

(Laughter)

Speaker: Okay, Hon. Kabaci you have been invited for education.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker but he has not given me any information.

Speaker: I haven't heard any but he has invited you.

Hon. Kabaci: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think I will try to consult him so that he can give me that information of how to allocate those funds but in my opinion, he must think of how to allocate more money

when we come to those libraries Mr. Speaker. Otherwise, my home area has the land for the library but it has never been developed due to the lack of funds. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I also rise in support of that side of the library. I would also like this House to think of how to promote sports when it comes to the youth Mr. Speaker.

It is high time this House urges the County Government to think of how to promote sporting activities Mr. Speaker. It is clear that sport has turned to be a business nowadays where people are earning a lot of money. it is high time this House urges the government of Laikipia think of how to hire the trainers who will be training our youth when it comes to athletics or football so that we can have qualified or professional teams which will be competing with other teams from other counties, so I rise in support of this motion. Thank you, Sir.

Speaker: Yes Hon. Suge.

Hon. Suge: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I also rise to support the motion that this County should come up with proper procedure to ensure that all the devolved functions in schedule 4 should be fulfilled. My. Concern Mr. Speaker Sir is about the recreational facilities that we have in our County like in my ward of Rumuruti town, we have a place, which was set aside for the recreational facilities, and right now Mr. Speaker Sir I request that we should come up with a procedure of protecting it from being grabbed. Previously Mr. Speaker Sir, Rumuruti stadium had already been demarcated by individuals and had to fight back to see that the former council took over from the grabbers and yet right now the stadium is still temporary Mr. Speaker, so I request that we should come up with a proper procedure to ensure that it is fenced so that it will be secure Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we usually talk of getting employment to our youths and we know that sports nowadays, our youth can invest well in sports and they can earn a better living Mr. Speaker. Recently I had a volunteer who came all the way from Uasin Gishu County and they conducted a maratHon. in my ward Mr. Speaker is. I was surprised to get that we have a lot of talent that are being wasted in our villages Mr. Speaker Sir. Some of the youth who volunteer to participate in that function really impressed us Mr. Speaker. Therefore, we should come up with proper procedures to ensure that we really support this young youth to get sports equipments like balls and we can even conduct tournaments in our wards.

Last Mr. Speaker Sir is about the tourist attraction centres that we have, we know that we have a challenge in collecting revenues and right now in our budget, we had estimated that we are going to collect more than a billion and we have the facilities that we need to equip as the Nyahururu Thompson falls. We can even start a museum there and they are going to earn a lot of money in this County, so I urge this House to continue looking for the sources that we have. Sources of revenue and we maximise the youth of the natural resources that we have Mr. Speaker Sir and with those few remarks I beg to support the motion. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay, yes Hon. Maitai.

Hon. Maitai: thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise to support this motion for two or three reasons. Mr. Speaker Sir, liquor licensing is a very important think. This country is in a mess trying to manage the drinking habits of many people and especially young people; we have gone to an extent

of losing young people. It happened just a while ago, I think about two years ago somewhere in a slum called Maina village where young people perished for having taken some illicit brew that was poisonous. In many other case, we have heard cases of blindness, we have heard cases of broken families and many other issues that are associated with let's call it drug abuse In this case illicit brew Mr. Speaker Sir.

I think it is paramount that this County takes a position in managing that area so that we are sure that any person who is selling liquor are doing it within the provided law and are doing it keeping in mind that the lives of our people especially the youth are protected. I think that is one area that the County must look into as we get this function devolved. Mr. Speaker Sir, there are other issues that closely relate to young people, the issue of cinema, video shows and hiring, sports and cultural activities. Mr. Speaker Sir, every time I get a visitor away from Laikipia coming to Rumuruti, I always encourage them to come on Thursdays when we have the market day in Rumuruti. That is the day that you will see the beauty of Laikipia in Rumuruti when the Maasai and Samburu come with their traditional regalia, very beautiful people you know it just goes.

It comes and goes as though it is a usual thing, whereas I think this is a real treasure that we can make use of as a County positively to appreciate our culture, to appreciate our communities that are still holding on to their beautiful traditions. I think we can create and identity as a County from these issues, not only to make money but just to feel as a County we are holding on to what God and nature have given to us. I wouldn't want to go much into sports because we all know what sports means. We have had great sportsmen and women coming from Laikipia and unfortunately, we lost one of our own, the late Samuel Wanjiru but there are many others. You go to Nyahururu, there are many sports men and women who come from Nyahururu, and it's even a training ground. I am told that the office of the Governor is preparing for an avenue maybe in partnership with Laikipia University to look for a place where that can be enhanced.

Somewhere in Sipili, a great girl came from there and got into sports where she blossomed Mr. Speaker Sir. Therefore, I think that is one area that we can really get into, supporting young people to get into talents for their own good so that they exploit their potential fully and they realise their goals to fulfil their life dreams. Museums Mr. Speaker Sir, my colleague here has highlighted a few but I know Laikipia has a lot of rich history that we can actually create a museum of our own history Mr. Speaker Sir ranging from the time of colonialists and before that and am sure we can afford to sustain the museum and call it Laikipia and portray the image of Laikipia Mr. Speaker Sir. I am not a fan of casinos, betting and gabbling because I would rather have a saved life but then those who are interested in that and they can give us some good money out of it, I would suggest that we go that way. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support the motion.

Speaker: Yes Hon. Catherine.

Hon. Catherine: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. in the House. Is stand to support this motion partly. There are some thing I don't agree with here and I think I should start with the strength of the motion is that it is very...

Speaker: Hon. Member you also have an option to amend the motion but you must

have given a notice, at least. Anyway, you are at liberty to continue.

Hon. Catherine: I am learning, thank you.

Speaker: Yes, that's fine.

Hon. Catherine: So I agree with the fact that Laikipia County is rich and I concur with all the Hon. Members who have suggested we need to come up with a cultural information centre or a museum. That way when we talk of Laikipia, we have a specific place where we can refer our visitors to. I think it would be very wise if any visitor is coming in, let alone foreigners even local tourists, when they are coming to Laikipia they have a key place we can direct them to go. That way they can get information on the many tribes, we have in our County, the diversity, and the beauty of our cultures. We can even come up with recreational facilities that are put into place in that cultural information centre. That way we are in a position to get some revenue and employ some youths. I get to what I think is the weak point of this motion is I don't really agree on gambling and betting. Why I am saying that is that not unless we come up with a clear guideline Mr. Speaker Sir where we are going to really control what really happens inside these places...

Speaker: Is it a point of order Hon. Jennifer? Yes please proceed.

Hon. Jennifer: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it's a point of correction. My. Colleague the Hon...

Speaker: It must be a point of information, you want to inform...

Hon. Jennifer: Information yes.

Speaker: Yes, but she must accept. Do you want that information Hon. Catherine?

Hon. Catherine: Yes

Speaker: Okay it might help.

Hon. Jennifer: I think the issue of gambling is being misunderstood. I just want to give and example, one time I was in New York where we went to a village where the Latin Americans live. They call themselves the indigenous people or the first nation, the US government made a very big casino as a way of getting revenue. Therefore, many very rich and famous people go to that land of the indigenous people and do the gambling. It's a very nice place, it's like heaven if you go there and it's very well furnished with a lot of games and it takes a very big...

Speaker: Hon. Maitai, she is giving information so let her proceed and finish giving that information. It may save Hon. Catherine.

Hon. Jennifer: So that was an actual casino, it's educating the Latin Americans, the Latino children. Its giving a very big revenue and it's done very well and the people I met there are very old people. So there is nothing like what we may fear if we take it form that direction, not the gambling, which we see in the street and people, are cheated and it's very legal, so the information I want is we understand it in two ways so we go with the one that will earn us revenue. It will also market us because when they go there they see the museum and they have something like entertainment, so it is part of entertainment. Thank you.

Speaker: Okay I am sure Hon. Maitai's point of order has been dispensed to it. We need to know that there is also a law that is existing in Kenya. I think it's called the betting control act that then regulates the issues of gambling and casinos. It's not an illegal business in Kenya but it's a business that is licensed. There is a betting

and control board that regulates the whole process, it is more or less of these issues that we see on TV people committing money to win a certain price. It is all put together but there is a law that regulates that. Hon. Catherine, that is enough information, you may proceed now...it is now you to see on behalf of the Speaker, I have seen her wanting to speak...

Hon. Catherine: Thank you.

Speaker: She knows what to do when she wants to speak.

Hon. Catherine: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you the Hon. Koinante for the point of information. I think am not yet very much convinced about the issue of gambling and betting, if I put it in connection with cinemas. I am okay with cinemas, videos, and trying to look at the level of maturity of our society. When I look at our youths and I compare them with what the Hon. Koinante is telling us in New York, we are still very far behind. If the Hon. Members in this House feel, it is the right thing for us to allow our youths and our children to get into gambling and betting.

I don't know if we are promoting our youth to work towards the prosperity and the advancement of our lives or we are encouraging them, after all if you don't get a job you don't have to hustle so much, there are other activities that you can get yourself into and get much money. Looking at Kenya as a whole and the way society takes betting and gambling, to my understanding I feel it's a bit misused. If the Hon. Members of this House pass this motion in terms of agreeing that our youth get into betting and gambling, we are trying to tell them that they have all the time to be in these casinos because Mr. Speaker most of the youth are ones sided.

There are some people who don't think in diverse ways, if you are like in an area where you earn your living, maybe you sell miraa God forbid because it's actually classified as a drug nowadays. However, if that's your area of trade you find that most of our youth don't want to think otherwise, other means of livelihood that they can maintain themselves. My worry is one, I have no problem if it's a legal business in Kenya, I have no problem if all the Hon. Members other than Hon. Waruguru have no problem in allowing us to allow gambling and betting in Laikipia but my problem is one. Are our youths mature enough handle this thing in the right way?

Speaker: Is it a point of order Majority Leader?

Hon. Wachira: Point of information Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Catherine do you want that point of information?

Hon. Catherine: Yes.

Speaker: Okay, please proceed.

Hon. Wachira: I want to remind the member who is already speaking that casinos and gambling will never be near our children. These belong to people who have a lot of cash to go and gamble my dear Hon. Member.

Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader are you presuming our children have no money.

(Laughter)

They could have the money but anyway that is good information Hon. Catherine, please proceed.

Hon. Catherine: Thank you leader of majority, I must concur with him that he is one of the richest guys around so he must be like I need some people in my class to be participating in the casinos.

(Laughter)

Therefore, I wish to rest my case and say that the motion is good and we must agree that there is a lot that Laikipia can do and now that we are serving the County Government to make sure that, we get more revenue and a centre for information about Laikipia County. I would beseech the Hon. Members to please mind about the level we are in as Laikipia, let us not be too fast. Let us not take our people where they don't belong. I beg to rest my case.

Speaker: Yes Hon. Wangu.

Hon. Wangu: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I think most of the motions have been exhausted by our Hon. Member but there is one area I want to talk about, it's about the sports. In fact there's something bothering my head so much when you were discussing about this motion, it was really about sports and our youth. The Hon. Members can bear witness that when we were doing our campaigns, it was sad for us to use our youth just to popularise us by organising matches and after the campaigns were over I don't think there is any Hon. member who has gone to those youth to say thank you or to organise a match to say thank you to popularise them when they were voted in. So it's high time I urge you as I urge the County Government to fund our youth on sport, I also urge our Hon. Members if there is a way they can came with a way to organise matches in their wards and to consolidate them to be big matches for the youth to realise their talents.

It is very sad for our Hon. Members to stay here and say that they are supporting the motion while they are not doing much for the talented youth and are not even giving back or thinking of how they can realise their talent. So it's high time as we urge the government to also think about ourselves and how we as the Hon. Members can support the youth. There was also the issue of the Eldoret people and the famous athletes coming to our area to practice in athletics and in fact most of them come here to practice in our area and I don't think apart from Wanjiru we have never come up with another athlete who has really benefitted by being born here.

We have all it takes, the climate is good, we have never had a single athlete, and I stand to be corrected if there is. So it is high time as we urge the County Government to support our youth and our sport. we also need to embrace that and take it into practice by maybe encouraging our youth coming up with organized matches in our respective wards and maybe even organising big matches that we can help these youth so is stand to support the motion, thank you.

Speaker: Okay, I think we can call the mover to reply, where is Hon... He took the liberty to be away. I don't think we will wait and because I am not putting the question, I think Hon. Members you have seen the heated debate that this matter has raised. I these two issues that are affecting our people, I don't want to put the question on this motion but I want to direct the concerned Committee picks up this matter and does the study and considers what has been raised by the Hon. Members and takes the liberty to meet different people and do different things so that we can see how we can progress as a County on this matter. This is because this function is one of that that is said to be devolved as per the law. So I will direct the Committee to pick up the matter and bring a report on or before the 31st of October this year. Thank you. Minority leader, you were left by the bus when you went out, you were meant to reply, Hon. Kinyua because he was stuck

somewhere, you need an extra push.... there is no member who has the ability to lie, Members don't lie, they only speak the truth but that is noted. Next order.

Clerk: Mr. Speaker Sir, no other order.

Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members, we adjourn and meet at exactly 2.30 this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

The House rose at 9.57 a.m.