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

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

PRAYERS

PAPER

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONGST FOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Hon. George Meshami: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to lay the Paper on the County Cohesion Justice and Legal Matters Committee report on Memorandum of Understanding by and amongst the County Governments of Baringo, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu on cooperation for peace and development dated 3rd June, 2020.

(Paper laid)

NOTICE OF MOTION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONGST FOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Hon. George Meshami: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT this House adopts the County Cohesion Justice and Legal Matters Committee's report on Memorandum of Understanding by and amongst the County Governments of Baringo, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu on cooperation for peace and development dated 3rd June, 2020.

MOTION

BENCHMARKING VISIT TO LAMU CULTURAL FESTIVAL BY TRADE COMMITTEE

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following motion;

> THAT this House adopts the Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development Committee report on benchmarking to Lamu Cultural Festival dated 21st May, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, on the floor of this House today we have the report of the Committee of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development and I believe that all the Members have got this report on their tables. Before I read the report, I noted that when Hon. Meshami was laying the paper he was struggling to use the microphone. When we came into this Assembly we were well informed that the clerks and the Serjeant at Arms are here to help us whenever there is need. Next time maybe somebody can hold the microphone for him because it is not like the other microphones. Thank you.

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Speaker: Hon. Ndiritu, during this period of COVID-19 we would really wish to discourage something which might have been touched by another person. It is not the best way to utilize the measures and the guidelines which have been given by the Ministry of Health. As you speak while somebody else is holding the microphone for you, there is a possibility of saliva to fall on the other person.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that information. First and foremost, I want to read this report starting on page 3. The Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development Committee deals with all matters related to Trade development and regulation including the markets, trade licences excluding regulation of professionals fair trading practices, local tourism and cooperative societies. The membership of the committee is derived from Standing Order 191 (1) and it comprises of the following;

- Hon. Stephen Ndiritu - Chairman
- Hon. Irene Wachuka - Vice Chairperson.
- Hon. Simon Kanyutu - Member
- Hon. Christopher Mark - Member
- Hon. Joseph Kiguru - Member

Mr. Speaker, Sir, between 11th and 17nd December, 2019 the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives headed by the Hon. Stephen Ndiritu embarked on a benchmarking visit to Lamu County on Lamu Cultural festival.

Lamu Island is a place like no other where life is lived at its own relaxed rhythm, a peaceful tropical island rich in cultural heritage. Lamu Island comes to life during the annual Lamu cultural festival held annually. The purpose of the festival is to promote the Swahili heritage and preserve the islands local culture. During the long week festival several competitions and races are staged. These events are designed to encourage local skills or practices that are central to Lamu life.

The donkey race is majorly done by the youth, this has been a major mitigation measure on a drug abuse and insecurity since youths have been engaged on preparation of this major event that take place every year.

The cultural festival is a platform where the Government of Lamu utilize in maximum to market Lamu as a tourist hub, the festival being held in Lamu town gives the visitors a chance to discover other tourist sites such as museums and exhibits which are well worth a visit and the archipelago which contains several historical sites of great significance, such as Takwa and Manda Town both on Manda Island and Shanga on Pate Island. Some have been partially excavated in later years, shedding important new light on Swahili history and culture.

Mr. Speaker, on page six you can see on the photo Hon. Kiguru and other Members. We also met the area MCA. The County Government of Lamu through the department of Trade and Tourism has been in the forefront in promoting the youth like Hon. Chris Mark, women and people living with disability through tender awarding as recommended by the public

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procurement and disposal Act, 2015 as clearly displayed by the flag art done by a group of youth.

Mr. Speaker, you can see the Members on the photo posing with one of the donkeys that was racing. The Members can see me as well on that photo, Hon. Chris and Hon. Kiguru where the donkey race starts. That is when we were waiting for them to start. Below there is another photo of the Members and the CECM Trade of Lamu County Government. On the photo there is also Kirega and Mirriam who are clerk assistants and Dan who is our Serjeant.

Mr. Speaker, the photo on page 8 you can see me and Hon. Chris Mark who was chatting with the area MCA and also Hon. Kiguru enjoying what they were discussing. On page 9 there is another photo of the Members with one of the donkeys which were used for racing. The Donkey Sanctuary Kenya through Lamu provides sanctuary to donkeys that have been mistreated or badly injured until such a time that they can be returned to their owners or taken to new homes. The donkeys that are taken to the donkey sanctuary are given full treatment free of charge until they fully recover.

On page 10 you can see the Serjeant at Arms in the photo where we were well received by the area MCA and the officials and the staff of the Lamu County Assembly. If you compare our Assembly and theirs you will notice that we are far much ahead. On page 10 you can see that the Members are ready to ride the donkeys. These were the committee's observations;

1. The members noted that besides the County of Lamu holding the annual cultural festivals, there are also many sub –activities which by the end of the day boost the economy of the County.
2. The annual cultural festival promotes talents and cultural activities whereby different ethnic communities exhibit their traditions and individuals show case their talents.
3. The County Government of Lamu promotes foreign exchange earnings as several tourists from different Countries in the world participate in the fair.
4. Through the cultural festival Lamu County create awareness within the communities on peace and traditional mechanisms for law enforcement.
5. Lamu County Government has been complying with the public procurement and disposal act, 2015 that stipulates that 30% tenders should be awarded to women, youth and persons living with disabilities as shown in the County Government logo which was done by a youth.

Mr. Speaker, on recommendations;

1. Uplifting the economy of the County enhance living standard of the residence this can as well be achieved by establishing a high standard tourist attraction hub.
2. Laikipia County being a cosmopolitan County, the County Government should consider having a cultural day where different ethnic communities can exhibit their different cultural activities which other counties can learn from and bring some income.

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3. Peaceful County is a conducive ground for investors and tourist. Laikipia County government should thrive at achieving peaceful co-existence by promoting such events like camel or donkey racing.

4. Laikipia County Government should come up with the event that will promote tourism and cultural program to promote peace coexistence within and outside the county.

5. County Government of Laikipia should adhere to the 30% provision of tender awarding as provided in public procurement Act, 2015.

Mr. Speaker. On behalf of Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development Committee, may I take this opportunity to thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the necessary support provided for the execution of the committees mandate. I also wish to thank and appreciate the firm support of the committee members for the successful compilation of this report. I also wish to acknowledge the support of the members of staff led by Kirega who were also involved in the compilation of this report.

Bwana Spika, hiyo ndiyo ile ripoti ambayo tuliweza kuleta ambapo tuliweza kutembelea Kaunti ya Lamu. Ukiangalia ile mambo yote iliyoko katika hii ripoti utapata ya kwamba Kaunti ya Lamu wamepiga hatua mbele ambapo wanaitangaza Lamu kwa sababu ya ule utalii ilioko.

Katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia tuko na mambo mengi ambayo tunaweza kufanya kwa kuwavutia watalii haswa katika sehemu za Kaskazini katika zile hoteli ambazo ziko huko. Nafikiri hiyo ni sehemu moja ambapo Kaunti ya Laikipia tunaweza kutumia kwa kujiuza na pia kuokota pesa nyingi ambazo zitaweza kusaidia wananchi wetu katika Laikipia.

Bwana Spika, kama vile watu wa Lamu wanatumia punda ambaye ni mnyama ambaye hutumika vibaya katika hii Kaunti yetu, serikali yetu inaweza kuchukua jukumu na kuwa na mbio kama hizo za Lamu ambapo vijana hutumika kuziendesha. Katika hiyo ripoti utapata ya kwamba hawa vijana badala ya kuwa na tabia mbaya za dawa za kulevya wanafanyiwa mpango kama huu wa kuwasaidia na pia kusaidia Kaunti yao ya Lamu.

Hata hapa tunaweza kuanzisha jambo kama lile na tuweze kuvutia watalii kutoka hata nje ya nchi. Wakati hiyo hafla inafanyika jimbo la Lamu huwa na wageni wengi sana. Tukiwa huko tuliona ya kwamba maisha katika Lamu huanza saa nne ya usiku ambapo siku ijayo kazi inaanza kutoka saa nne asubuhi. Hii ni kuonyesha ya kwamba wana Lamu wamejua kutumia ile nafasi na kuweza kutangaza mji wao na ndio maana hata watalii wengi hupenda kuingia katika hiyo sehemu. Serikali ya Lamu na wananchi pamoja wameweza kukaa pamoja na kuwa na mbinu kama hii.

Bwana Spika, hata kama sisi hatutaweza kutumia punda kama Lamu, tunaweza kutumia mnyama mwingine yeyote bora tu tusiwe tunamuumiza. Juzi tulikuwa katika Maralal ambapo tuliona ngamia wakikimbia na kuvutia na pia hapa tunaweza kutumia hata kama ni mbuzi na tuwe na mashindano ya mbuzi ambayo itavutia watalii. Tunaweza hata kutumia kondoo ambayo inajulikana sana na ni mnyama ambaye huchukulia ovyo wakati mwingine na tunaweza kutumia njia hiyo kuvutia watalii na kuuza Laikipia.

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Watu wataweza kutoka nje na kuja kuona wanyama kama hao. Bwana Spika, ninajua ya kwamba kuna wananchi wengi ambao hufuga kondoo na pia tunaweza kutafuta soko kwa hao watu. Kwa hivyo kondoo zinaweza kununuliwa kwa wingi na kuinua maisha ya wale wauzaji pia kwa sababu tuko na wafugaji shujaa kama Mheshimiwa Kaparo ambaye hufuga kondoo za kipekee. Mtu yeyote Laikipia ambaye angetaka kununua kondoo wa dhamana anaweza tu kwenda kwa Mheshimiwa Kaparo.

Mimi ningeomba Wajumbe watembee huko waweze kujionea na kuona vile Mheshimiwa anafanya. Ninajua pia tuko na wengine ambao ni wafugaji kama Mheshimiwa Matunge ambaye pia amejitolea katika hiyo kazi, Mheshimiwa Nyausi, Meshami na pia mimi maanake siwezi kosa hata kondoo tano ambazo nafuga na kwa hivyo najivunia kuwa mfugaji na zote tunatoshea kwa hicho kikapu. Hili ni jambo ambalo tunaweza fanya kwa kuvutia watalii katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia ili tuweze kuinua maisha ya wananchi na kuona ya kwamba vijana wetu wanajihusisha na haya mambo ya faida kwa Kaunti yetu.

Kwa hayo machache ninaomba Mheshimiwa Chris Mark aunge mkono ambaye pia ni kijana na aliweza kusafiri Lamu na kuona. Mheshimiwa Chris Mark huwa kwa mstari wa mbele kwa kuomba Serikali ya Laikipia kupatia vijana wetu nafasi ya kufanya kazi na nafasi ya kuingia katika shughuli za serikali.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second this motion and commend the Committee led by the Hon. Chairperson, Ndiritu. As we saw in Lamu, culture brings togetherness because if you visit Lamu you will be surprised. There are five dominant tribes; the Gunya, Bajun, Oromo which spread from Tana River, and the Kikuyu community. During the culture all of them live harmoniously. The Kikuyu community are mostly on the main land which is Mpeketoni but they are still the ones running businesses on the island. The Gunya and the Bajun are the ones in the islands. During the culture festival we saw that they were together.

We discovered that everything to the people of Lamu is culture; from the way they eat, to dressing and even the mode of transportation where they don't allow cars, in fact the only car was an ambulance which is supposed to get people from the interior parts to the King Fahad Hospital which I think is on the side of Shela. We saw that even when the Governor comes to look at what is happening, he has no security. That tells you Lamu is very safe and politics is kept aside during the festival, as well it means people can appreciate each other's culture.

Here in Laikipia, I saw a report that we have about thirty tribes but we do not embrace them. If every tribe and culture is embraced there will be more tolerance because there have always been hostilities among communities. If you look at the issues, most of the time they are issues that can be sorted if people come and display their culture there. We also saw that in Lamu, as much as it is small there are many buildings that are almost 200 years. The most significant one is 250 years built; it is still intact and well preserved, this is why Lamu is a UNESCO heritage site.

They are financed every year to preserve and maintain those buildings that is why you will find they are passing legislations to make sure those buildings are intact. The moment they lose the culture and intactness of those buildings they lose the funding from UNESCO. One fascinating thing that we saw as a Committee when we went there with Hon. Ndiritu is

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that, Lamu has around six islands; Kizingitini, Pata, Kiunga, Faza, Mkomani (the headquarter also known as Shela or Lamu), the mainland Mpeketoni and Manda where the airport is.

We had a chance to go via road and sorry to say, my Chairman has never seen a lot of water like that. We were very worried before he boarded the speedboat so we gave him time, he said a prayer and put on the life jacket and we got to the island safely. When we were leaving, we left via plane so that we could at least understand the modes of transport there. That was a good cultural experience. Comparing Lamu to Laikipia, I think Laikipia is way bigger than the islands Lamu and Mpeketoni combined.

Mr. Speaker, the number of tourism traffic in Lamu surpasses that of Laikipia by far. If you look at what they are selling there, it is food mostly because they have the herbs and they are not selling anything else. Laikipia is diverse in culture and tribes because we have more than they have in Lamu. In Lamu, they are selling those foods made there; Biryani, Pilau, and all the herbs. As Honourable Ndiritu has said, during the day Lamu is funny because you do not see people.

I do not know if we should embrace that because it is one of the counties that have a 24-hour economy. From 10.00 p.m. at night it is when people get active. One of the Members asked if the town had no women but it was funny because from 10.00 p.m. until morning it is when the women were going shopping. They were going to get food and it is the time when *Samosas* were being prepared everywhere. In fact, if you are new in Lamu when it gets to around 7.00 p.m. you will go to sleep saying it is boring only for you to start hearing music at 10 p.m.

We would walk around the streets with colleagues and they were very safe and we would see the on-going businesses. One of the Members said that it was tourism incorporated in a 24-hour economy; the county makes revenue during the day and during the night. I want to tell Hon. Matunge, since he was asking about the pictures, that if he goes there he will come out with a third and fourth wife. Not that there are no beautiful women here, but just know it will happen there because the culture is preserved.

I do not want to sound like a chauvinist but the women are taught to treat a man respectfully. Everywhere we went; from hands being washed, being served, and Lamu in the hotels and where we slept you do not get in with shoes. The donkeys have soiled everywhere so there is a lot of donkey faeces outside you cannot get in with shoes. The women are taught but I do not know if it is a strategy to keep the visitors; initially as a Committee we had decided to stay for five days but I think we stayed for ten days. We almost ran out of per diem so we kept calling Mr. Kimondo to see if he could do something because we wanted to learn what was happening in Lamu so that we could come and see if it can be incorporated here.

The other thing Mr. Speaker, this culture if practised well brings religious tolerance. Lamu's population is about 90% Muslim but what surprised us is that there was a mosque there which was close to 250 years old and then there was a catholic church there. The worshippers there go to their respective places in peace without looking at each other from a religious perspective. They view themselves as *wakaaji wa Lamu.* One thing that made us feel at home

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is our son from Laikipia, is the Senator of Lamu, Senator Anwar Loitiptip whose father is from Laikipia North and the mother is from there. You can see how culture bridges such gaps.

We felt at home because the Senator we would say is from our county, and he is also a youth; he has not even reached 35 years. The area MCA who was organizing the donkey races was a youth. This cultural aspect is left to the youth and it is a good thing because it means they will have to learn their culture. The old were there sitting around guiding but the youth were the ones taking charge of the; dhow races (where they had boats), the cooking festival, the dancing at night. It was the youth who organized everything.

It was fascinating to see the youths upholding culture. A society or nation without their culture or whose culture has been eroded is a dangerous society. There is that respect and there is the empowerment of the youth. I ask the Committee plus the Honourable Members to pass this report.

(Question proposed)

Hon. George Meshami: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama nikitoa hoja langu pia kuhusu ripoti iliyoletwa na kamati husika. Nikiangalia katika ukurasa wa kumi naona sisi kama Bunge la Laikipia tuko mbele kwani nikiangalia lile la Lamu naona ni kama ghala la mahindi. Naona pale chini, kama binadamu tunatesa wanyama ambao wanafaa kutubebea mizigo na kuwageuza farasi. Ukiwaangalia wale wanyama utaona waheshimiwa ndio wanaokaa kuwa wamekula kuliko wanyama wale. Sisi kama jamii ya Wamasai tunalaani jambo hili kwa sababu wanyama wale tunawatumia kubeba mizigo. Nitaungana na Wamasai wenzangu walio hapa tukiendelea kulaani jambo hilo ili Laikipia kusionekane jambo kama hili. Kama Laikipia tuna jukumu...

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of clarification from the Honourable Member. When he says that donkeys are meant to carry luggage, I don't know whether he says since Jesus rode on a donkey, he is one of the luggage he is talking about.

Hon. George Meshami: Bwana Spika, Sisi kama jamii ya Wamasai ambao ni wafugaji, hatupendi kupanda punda. Iwapo ningekuwa mmoja wa walioenda, singepanda punda.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Mheshimiwa Spika. Naomba kidogo kukosoa matamshi ya Mheshimiwa George kwani anasema kupanda. Ukitumia Kiswahili sanifu, nieleze wazi kupitia Bunge lako kupanda ni kujamiiana kingono kati ya wanyama. Akisema Wamasai hawapandi punda wanatumia punda kwa njia ya usafiri. Hicho ndicho Kiswahili sanifu, lakini akisema kupanda itakuwa ni lugha chafu.

Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mutahi nitakupa ruhusa umpe taarifa hata ikiwa hajaomba, angetumia neno gani.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Naomba kumpa taarifa kuwa tunamtumia mnyama aina ya punda kwa usafiri wa mizigo lakini siyo kumpanda. Ukisema kupanda itakuwa kuwaibisha Wamasai kusema kuwa wanajamiiana na wanyama.

Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mutahi, kuruka kwenye mgongo wa punda utaitaje?

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Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Kuruka ni kushuka kwenye punda.

Speaker: Huko ni kushuka, je kwenda juu ya punda utaitaje?

Mutahi Muritu: Utaendaje juu ya punda ukiwa binadamu? Tusitumie lugha chafu, punda anaenda juu ya punda na mwanadamu juu ya mwanadamu.

Speaker: Mheshimiwa Mutahi, tunauliza kutoka kwenye picha iliyo ukurasa wa kumi.

Mutahi Muritu: Hapo wamejitwika, binadamu anajitwika juu ya mgongo wa mnyama.

Speaker: Hiyo ni sawa. Mheshimiwa Meshami.

Hon. George Meshami: Asante, Bwana Spika. Nataka nimshukuru mwalimu wa Kiswahili kwa hayo marekebisho. Nilikuwa nachangia nikisema, kama Laikipia tuko na nafasi nzuri sana ya utalii. Ningeomba kamati husika wakuje na mapendekezo ambayo tunaweza kuleta kwenye Bunge hili na tupitishe sheria kwa sababu ya watalii wanaotoka Nairobi kuelekea Samburu. Tumeona magari mengi yakiingia kwenye mashamba ya Wazungu walio na hoteli za kulala na vile vile wako na wanyama wao kule.

Wangeleta pendekezo ambalo lingeomba Kaunti ya Laikipia watenge mahali maalum ambapo Wanalaikipia wanaweza enda na kuonyeshana tamaduni zao. Tamaduni la Kimasai, Kikikuyu, Wakalenjin na pia Turkana. Hapa Laikipia jamii nyingi zinaishi na kwa hivyo pia mimi naungana na wenzangu na kuunga ripoti mkono.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kutoa mchango wangu kwenye ripoti hii lakini Pwani ya Kenya huwa na mtindo mmoja, ile ni miji ya starehe. Ukiangalia picha zilizo hapa na uzingatie mapendekezo, naunga mkono ripoti lakini niko na maswali mengi. Tumesifiwa hapa, tukaambiwa kuhusu visiwa na tukaona watu wamejitwika juu ya mnyama ambaye ni punda.

Kuna tatizo katika nchi hii, nieleze wazi leo na ijulikane. Uwezo wetu sisi Kaunti zilizoundwa mwaka wa elfu mbili na kumi na katiba iliyopita ni Kaunti 47 Lamu na Laikipia zikiwa mojawapo. Ukiangalia miundombinu waliyo nayo hata wakiwa na uchumi wa aina gani, hilo ndilo swali la muhimu. Ndipo inapofika sisi kama Wabunge, kunapoletwa mapendekezo ya mabadiliko ya katiba wakati mwingine sisi tunakuwa na umoja na kuiunga mkono. Ukiangalia mgao ambao Kaunti hii inapata na zile rasilimali na kodi inayookotwa kule kwa kuwa tunajua Lamu ni mji wa kitalii, na umetangazwa rasmi kuwa ni makavazi ya kimataifa, kupitia UNESCO.

Hapa kwetu Laikipia tunaona vilevile. Mabunge mengi tukiwemo tulirithi majumba na majengo kutoka kwa baraza na manispaa za zamani. Ukiangalia ripoti utamaduni wao, hawajatueleza unaleta kiasi gani cha fedha ili uwe mfano wa kuigwa kwetu. Tumeona wanatumia punda kwa usafiri. Wakati mwingine, kamati inaporudi kama kuna hafla ya mwaka, wangetueleza wanaingiza kiasi fulani cha fedha. Serikali zetu zinaendeshwa kulingana na kodi na mapato yetu. Yaweza ikawa ni tamasha la kitamaduni lakini wanawafurahisha Waitaliano.

Tungetaka kujua iwapo tutaiga mfano wa Lamu kwani tuko na punda wengi sana haswa ndugu zetu Wamasai wanaowatumia kwenye usafiri. Mwenyekiti yuko hapa na naona

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anawashwa washwa, juzi tulitumia asilimia kubwa sana ya fedha kule Rumuruti ambayo tunataka kujua matokeo yake. Sisi ndio tuliojukumiwa kutunga sheria na kuwa waangalizi wa sheria na pesa za wananchi. Hapa tunaelezana tu, iwe ni fedha katika wizara kama hii na itafanya mambo ya maana; wameona kwamba siku ya kitamaduni itakuwa na faida. Tumeiga mfano kama Rumuruti sasa tunaenda mwaka wa tatu ilikuwa miaka miwili. Baada ya kufanya hiyo shughuli na kuwaleta makabila na utamaduni wao pamoja tujue ni kitu gani tumeongeza kwenye kodi yetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, Jambo la pili ni kuwa utalii kwa sasa kutokana na janga la Korona ni hatari sana. Sekta nzima ya utalii imeumizwa na kama kuna wale wanaotegemea utalii sana kama sisi Laikipia tujue tumeathirika. Hata tutakapoenda kwenye safari na tuko kwenye wiki ya Bajeti tutataka kujua hizi fedha zote tunazotumia huku; tunaenda tunasema tumeunda viwanda. Kamati yenyewe inahusika na Biashara, Utalii na Mashirika. Viwanda viko katika wizara hii.

Kamati ni vyema wametembelea ndugu zao lakini tunapo toa ripoti kama hii tujue Lamu hupata shilingi ngapi kwenye hiyo hafla. Tusije tukatumia pesa kama kwetu hapa; pengine twatumia milioni ishirini lakini mapato tunayopata yako chini. Hili ni jambo tunalopiga kelele kulihusu, kwa mfano ukiangalia sekta yetu ya utalii Laikipia tuko na asilimia kubwa sana za uwanda za wawekezaji. Tuko na wawekezaji wengi sana katika utalii lakini mapato yake, na najua tuko na vijana wataalamu hapa walio na uwezo wa kutafiti na kuja kutueleza. Kama wakati huu tunapokusanya kodi, uwanda huu wa utalii unaingiza shilingi ngapi kando na mfuko wa ndani tofauti na wawekezaji wetu wadogo wadogo tunaokata leseni kwao.

Tunafaa tujue ili tunapokuja kusukuma utalii wetu utakapofufuka, tujue kuwa sisi hatuna bahari tusiwaige wenzetu. Tuko na uwanda na sekta nzuri ya utalii kuanzia Nyandarua hadi Isiolo mipakani. Jamii zetu hapa zina utamaduni wao kwa mfano Wamasai; kwenye ripoti niliona ushanga tu, kwenye bajeti pia ni ushanga tu. Kwa sana ushanga hutumika na Wamasai lakini pia ni kitu cha zamani sana ambacho hutumika na kina mama wa jamii zingine kuweka ndani kwa sababu ni urembo. Kwa hivyo tuelezane ukweli tunapoleta mapendekezo.

Naunga mkono kuwa tumesoma kutoka Lamu, ni Kaunti ndogo yenye visiwa na makabila tofauti kama Laikipia. Tujue kuwa tukienda kwenye bajeti na kuweka pesa kwa miradi tofauti tuone zitasaidia nini. Juzi tumefanya makongamano mengi; tulianza na ya maji na tukafanya ya madini. Tutaendelea tu kuweka fedha na siku zinaenda ilhali hakuna matokeo wala wawekezaji waliokuja. Iwapo wawekezaji wamekuja na wameona punda ni biashara na ana bei ghali, kama tulivyoona Ethiopia tukiwa Ethiopia na Mwenyekiti ni shahidi wangu, punda ni bei ghali kuliko farasi. Iwapo tuna kitu ambacho ni cha zamani sana tukitumie inavyostahili.

Kamati inafanya vizuri lakini nina shida kidogo na wizara husika. Huu ndio wakati mwafaka niliopewa Uhuru huo na nisiutumie visivyo. Wizara inasuasua kidogo lakini naipongeza kamati na naipa changamoto moja, tunapoamua kuenda Lamu ama Kaunti nyingine, tuone faida inayotokana na ile biashara na hata hapa kwetu pia sisi tujiangalie. Kwa hayo mengi au machache naunga mkono ripoti, asante.

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Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to rise and support the motion. It is a report brought to the floor of this House by the Committee on Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Development. I congratulate the members of this committee. We are going out for the sake of improving what this great County of Laikipia is doing. I am saying this because this committee had travelled to Lamu sometimes back. If am not wrong and stand to be corrected, Laikipia has actually hosted its cultural day when this committee is still holding this report. We encouraged committees to go to Lamu.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kumfahamisha Mheshimiwa ya kwamba Lamu…

Speaker: Hon. Nyausi do you want to be informed?

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Ningetaka kumfahamisha ya kwamba sisi kama kamati hatujawahi tembea Lamu. Tulikokuwa tumetembea ni Kaunti ya Kwale na hii sasa ni Kaunti ya Lamu. Hizo ni Kaunti mbili tofauti. Namkumbusha ya kwamba tulikuwa na sherehe za kijamii Rumuruti. Hatukuwa tumeenda Lamu. Tumeenda Lamu Disemba hii na hiyo ilikuwa ya kitambo. Nilikuwa nataka aelewe hivyo. Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Hon. Member for that information. I do not know why I could not be able to read Lamu and my eyesight is just good. I know that is the case from where I sit. We have several committees that have been sitting on several reports. Those reports will be very useful when they bring on time. This is so that we go through it and see the recommendation. We then send that to the Executive to put practise on so that we move forward as expected.

This is a fair report. It is a nice place according to the report. We wish to get there and see how the Lamu people are doing with their cultural festival day. We have one in Laikipia. It is not a must that we do what the Lamu people are doing including riding a donkey. I see a picture of the Hon. Member riding a donkey. I think that donkey is experiencing some heavy weight. I am very sure that we will not have any case from the cultural place claiming that their donkeys have been hurt by this weight.

I have been in this sector of tourism. It is not everyone who rides on a horse with less than 200 Pounds. A donkey is a relatively small animal compared to a horse and I can see some men on top of it. We thank God that we have not got any case so far. They should do that because they have been told. That is the way the Lamu people are doing. I do not buy the idea of the Hon. Chair of using a sheep or a goat. That is quite different from a cultural activity. That is farming. It is humiliating to some of us when we start thinking of riding a sheep or a goat. I think that will not happen here. We owe a lot respect to those animals.

I will honestly encourage other committees that once we go out we bring the report on time. We also put some recommendations that will improve on what Laikipians are doing. Laikipia is quite a rich county. We are not putting into practice most of these things. We have everything. Once we put into practice, the revenue of this county will be high. The life will be very nice. I thank the committee for the report that they have brought. I ask the other

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committees to bring the report that they have with good recommendations. We will see this county going ahead. I support the committee's report. Thank you.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this report. It is one of the most entertaining reports. It is so funny on so many aspects. I wish to congratulate the committee for having gone there and brought us this report. My Grandfather who is a senior youth, told me that as one grows old he dislikes being taken pictures of. According to this report, I confirm what he has been telling me. I can see Hon. Kanyutu and Hon. Wachuka are not interested in photos. They are peeping from behind. I want to assume they are the ones behind peeping.

The young people and Hon. Kagondu are being are in the photo. It makes me confirm that when you grow old you become allergic to photos. The reason I am saying that this report is so funny is that the way Hon. Members are describing Lamu is that they took a lot of time observing women. One of them has just proposed that if Hon. Matunge goes there will not come without one. It is to an extent of even calling the Director Finance to send them per deim. I do not how they used their money by observing.

This report has a lot of things that we as Laikipia should learn from Lamu. When we move around we see donkeys being harassed. Donkeys are wounded all over. This committee should work very hard to start the same and protect our donkeys in this county. Sometimes back we had an old European who used to drive along Nanyuki - Meru road and would shoot any donkey that is wounded. If she found you carrying the luggage that Hon. Meshami was saying and your donkey is wounded, she would stop and shoot the donkey then takes you to court. I think the Lamu people have a very good way of protecting animals.

I have also observed from the Lamu people about the issue of awarding of tenders. Putting it in their forefront for young people to benefit and not the senior youths. The young people getting their 30% share as guaranteed in the constitution is a great achievement in Lamu. We should also practice it in this county. I do not want to talk much about the youth and women because I want to talk much about the youth. When you are a woman you remain a woman forever.

Giving an example of today whereby an old woman who is 80 years and may be a wife to a former President, you see her competing with the youth and another young woman who is 20 years. That is why I want to concentrate on the young people being considered in tenders just like the people of Lamu are doing.

I do not know how the Members are enjoying. On page 10, Committee Members enjoying the donkey racing. They were supposed to write that they were posing for a photo. The way Hon. Chris Mark has posed does not show as if they are in this. They are only posing for a photo. Some of them seem to be fearing to be on top of the donkey. It was a good observation and movement in Lamu.

This cultural festival looks as if it can bring people together. It can bring joy in counties and cohesion within different ethnic groups. I would also support that we start the same in Laikipia. As the Hon. Member has just said that if we start this cultural festival, how much are

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we using against the returns. We might find ourselves using a lot of money only to get zero returns. We will only find ourselves we are looking money for a few. We need to compare the much we can use and the return of the same.

I support the report. It was good. I wish that other committees could have time to visit this place. I get the joy that the Committee on Labour Members got. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: It is the Committee on Trade.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity to put my voice on this. I wish to thank the Committee on Trade and Tourism for the report that they have finally tabled in this House. It is a good topic and report. Laikipia is very much strategic in terms of tourism. This is one of the committees that can build the economy of Laikipia. It can make Laikipia to go beyond the Kshs. 1 billion collection in terms of revenue. We will then not continue oppressing the *mama mboga* and giving them bonds in court because of failing to pay a few coins. We are a sleeping giant. We can generate a lot of income in this one.

I have been keenly following what has been presented. This report needs to have some flesh. In it is a lot of skeleton but it is good. Tourism is something that we all need to look into keenly. I know that Members have concentrated on the issue of animal welfare. The donkey has been serving man since biblical times. I expected the committee to raise the issue of the Chinese eating donkeys in Kenya through the Baringo slaughterhouse. I saw the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture burning the selling points for donkeys. Very soon we will not have enough donkeys in this county. That is one of the issues that should come out strongly from Lamu that we should not slaughter donkeys for meat.

The theme of the report is tourism. I said that Laikipia is a sleeping giant in terms of tourism. We are second after Mara in terms of wildlife attraction and any other attractions that we know in this country. Lamu is a UNESCO site heritage. The same thing we know that Mount Kenya which is adjacent to us, is a UNESCO site. If a place has been gazetted as a UNESCO site then it is a very important site for tourism. For a long time Laikipia has been concentrating in private deployment in terms of tourism and leaving the government to participate on this.

One of the Hon. Member said that we build a complete circuit in terms of tourism which is very true. We connect all the way from Nakuru, Nyandarua and Samburu. We have not utilised this circuit. The committee should look in to what is the mandate of the tourism department in this county. The activities that we are doing are not adding any value to this county. We are busy going to Samburu to benchmark on the issues of camel derby. We are now in Lamu on the issues of donkey ride. We leave our county which should be a giant and a model in terms of tourism.

We have the cultural attractions with more tribes than Lamu as stated by the Hon. Member. We have the unique Maasai, Samburu and Turkana culture in Laikipia. The Kikuyu culture is still unique if we are able to brand it. This is one of the sleeping giant department in this county. We connect…

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Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I need clarification from The Hon. Member. I do not know what he has said, when he says that the culture of Maasai and Samburu is…

Speaker: Unique.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Unique. It is because they have branded. I do not know how he describes that of Kikuyu that it is not branded and how he expects it to be branded. He is not one of them. We believe that it is branded. He believes that it is not branded, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker, I think that the Hon. Member is just sleeping. What I said is that we have a unique culture of the Turkana, Maasai and even the Kikuyu. Only if we can brand it and practice it. I have not said the Maasai culture are branded.

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, he is still worsening the situation. What I Said is that he clarifies on how he knows that the Kikuyu culture is not branded. He has also added that it is not implemented. I do not know how he feels that it is not implemented.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Mr. Speaker. That is a point of debate. I do not know what the Hon. Member is seeking for clarification for. Is the Kikuyu culture still vibrant and practised compared to Maasai and Turkana culture? I do not know the wrong thing that I am saying. We need to bring the communities to practice their culture.

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, I am just concerned. When we got into the Plenary you read us the House code and decorum. As much as Hon. Mugweru is raising a very valid issue he is not in proper attire. I saw him sneaking in wearing jeans. I saw him with an official attire but and now he must be in some jeans. I do not know whether he is very youthful as he supports the youth. I do not think the jeans are allowed here.

Speaker: Hon. Mugweru are you in jeans?

Hon. Daniel Mugweru: Mr. Speaker, I am not in jeans. If he is given permission he can come and touch and feel the material. It is unfortunate as so many people think that jeans are described by the colour. It is a blue colour but it is not jeans. He should tell us what jeans is. Mr. Speaker, you can send anyone to come and see the trouser I am wearing. It is 65 % cotton and 35% tensile which is not even related to jeans. It is not even close to jeans only that is has the jeans colours.

Speaker: Hon. Chris, would you kindly then withdraw that statement.

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker, if you would only allow me to go and touch it and assure me that if I say it is a jeans he shall be told to go and wear a non-jeans. It would be okay because he has asked for your permission for me to do so. If it is jeans you must allow him to go and wear jeans.

Speaker: Serjeant at Arms, you can confirm. We do not allow another Member. It is the work of the Serjeant at Arms.

(The Sergeant At Arms confirmed that the Hon. Member was not wearing jeans)

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Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Mr. Speaker. I do not think that is an official attire in this House. The Serjeant at Arms might be correct that it is not jeans but it is not an official attire to be put on in this House. That trouser is not supposed to be in the floor of this House. Once we start to encourage such you will see Hon. Members wearing funny attires that do not fit to be in this House. Yes she might be correct that it is not a jeans but it is not an official attire to be in this House.

Speaker: Hon. Serjeant at Arms, I hope you understand the Speaker's rules and the kind of an attire. If it is not a jeans, then is it an official kind of dressing allowed in this House. It looks like a khaki trouser.

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Mr. Speaker, I stand on a point of clarification from the Hon. Deputy Speaker. If the colour of a trouser will make me not to be allowed in this house we should be told. I recently purchased a yellow trouser and am intending to come within it. If it is not worth coming with it we should then be told. I may be having a yellow trouser but is not a jeans material. If the Hon. Member has a blue trouser that it is not a jeans material then we continue with the business of the House.

Hon. Chris Mark Said: *(Off record)*

Speaker: It is the Serjeant at Arms who can clarify whether it is an official kind of dressing in this House so that we do not bring Members forward for embarrassment. It is not in the spirit of this House. Maybe Serjeant at arms, Dan, you can confirm whether it is the official dressing for this House or not.

(Serjeant at Arms confirmed that the Member was officially dressed)

Speaker: According to the Serjeant at Arms the dressing is official. Hon. Matunge, kindly continue.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know my contribution has been disrupted but I was saying Laikipia, we have a very strong capacity to improve in terms of tourism because I believe we are richer compared to any other county especially these counties of Lamu and any other smaller counties. This is because Laikipia, as I have said, has very diverse cultures and we are so close to Mount Kenya which is a UNESCO site. In terms of wildlife which we know is a major tourist attraction Laikipia is second to Mara especially wildlife outside protected areas. We are failing as a government to tap in to this resource and we need to do a lot so that the resources do not continue to be in the hands of the private sector as is today.

There is a day we went to Samburu with the Committee of Trade and I am so happy because the Chairperson for trade and the Agriculture Committee were there to see the kind of conservational work and tourism being done in there especially by the communities supported by their government. I think we had a discussion with the Chair that when we come back to this House we should work on a bill on tourism because when we went to two community lodges in Kalama next to Archer's post we saw a community that is able to generate more than Kshs. 15 million and employ more than one hundred persons from the local communities. We again proceeded to Wamba where we visited Namunyak Reteti Sanctuary and it was one of the

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facilities based in Namunyak. We heard that the facility is able to generate more than Kshs. 21 million and is employing more than one hundred members of the local communities.

Those are just two of the community conservancies we visited in Samburu and I know there are more than eight community conservancies established by the County Government of Samburu and putting money to support the same. There are more than eight conservancies run by non-governmental organizations in partnership with the communities making a total of sixteen community conservancies operating in Samburu. The amount of money generated from those community conservancies is a lot. The small budget that is generated in this county is being complemented by these conservancies and tourism in the local communities.

In this House, we have been struggling to say we all have Kirimon as one of the potential facilities that we can keep up as a County Government of Laikipia for us to go to the next level. Any time their budget comes to this House we always slash the budget allocated to the Department of Agriculture and Environment. I think it is the last bit of the budget. From the first budget we allocated less than six million. We then gave them two million and I wondered what six or two million can do to plough the whole land of Kirimon which is has a potential to build the Samburu Reserve. We have the potential to build the Buffalo Spring Reserve in Isiolo and the Mara in Laikipia if we can only develop the Kirimon Reserve. Those are the things we need to go and learn from other counties and be ahead of them.

I think we have a very big deficit in terms of implementation in Laikipia in tourism. We have all the big five, all the elephants that are disturbing the Hon Member from Marmanet. We also have all the lions that are disturbing the people Mukogodo East, all the buffaloes, the black and white rhinos, the Sudan rhino here in Ol Pejeta but we are not tapping that opportunity as the government of Laikipia that would generate all the income that we need to support the people. We have a critically endangered species that we are the largest in this county, the Gravy Zebra, and Samburu is tapping on the same critical endangered species. The largest holding County is Laikipia but we are not putting that opportunity to use.

The kind of accommodation that is available in Laikipia we cannot compare to any other county. You go to Ol Pejeta, Borana, Loisaba and all these ranches you can be able to get all high end hotels that you need in this country but we are not tapping as a county. I will urge the Committee to work on the Department. Let us all Hon Members work on what we say. When we say we want tourism to work for Laikipia let us allocate and we can be able to generate money. I believe we can allocate money to the tourism sector and generate more money from that department but we are not doing that. What are we doing? We are focusing on spending money on things that cannot help this County for the next generation to come.

Leadership is looking for prosperity and more than the generation to come. I think what we lack in this County and Country is planning beyond five years. We need to plan for a hundred years to come, how will Laikipia look like then? How will the tourism sector look like in Laikipia? I think those are the things we need to see happening in Laikipia. In the next one hundred years we want to have Mara, Tsavo, and Samburu Buffalo Spring in Laikipia. Those are the things we need to focus on in Laikipia so that we can be able to say tourism is working in Laikipia and better the lives of today's generation and the generations to come.

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One of the good things in this report was the issue of culture and harmony. We believe in Laikipia we are a cosmopolitan County and we need to use culture to promote harmony so that we can live in this peaceful County. Through peace we can be able to do a lot as a county. With those few remarks, I support the report of the Committee and I would wish they bring another report with some flesh on it. Thank you.

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to contribute on this report because I am a Member of the Committee and that is why the Hon. Member for Umande is asking whether we are allergic to photos as we grow old. I am not allergic but travelling to Lamu is not that simple. I was happy to travel but not in the same vehicle with our Chairman. I am sure each and every person is aware of what has been happening on the route to that place so I was ready. If I was the one who would not come back they would give a report. If they are the ones who would miss I would give the report so I was very prepared because that route is one of the hectic routes that we always dare visit.

There is something that even bothered me most because when I reached Lamu mainland I have never afforded to cross the section that we crossed. I tried but by the time I got to the island I had already developed stomach upsets. That is why even posing for a photo was a challenge. I am never used to more water than in a basin but crisscrossing that island was so tedious. Imagine I was sweating in the sea breeze and it was unfortunate I started thinking I ought to have been in the same boat with Hon. Ndiritu because he would have encouraged me. The place was a bit hectic but I learnt much although to some extent, I being an elder I would not be carried by a donkey since in our culture it is not possible so I avoided that.

I agree I could not take a photo on top of a donkey because I am Kikuyu elder and could not afford to sit on that donkey. My Chairman stated that even in their culture they do not allow that and I am sure even as Hon. Ndiritu grows old there is a time he will come and learn more about the culture. By then he will never sit on top of a donkey. He might have felt that it is okay but you are not supposed to when you have done all the rituals that we do to become an elder. The report is good and although I could not appear in the photo I am in the background. You can see me on the front page if you are very keen, between Hon. Ndiritu and Kirega, I am behind them there. We really benchmarked and I would wish that whatever we learnt in Lamu we try although we cannot do donkey racing.

What shocked me most in the mainland I found Kamau and Njuguna and they are farmers in that region. I was shocked because I never thought we could find such people in that region. I support the report and I am sure we will be able to implement in our County. Thank you.

Speaker: Let the mover reply.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza ninataka kuwapongeza Wanachama ambao wametoa maoni yao na kuchangia ripoti hii ambayo ni ya kipekee hapa Bungeni inayotoa ufafanuzi zaidi kuhusu utamaduni wa Waswahili kule Lamu. Kwanza ningetaka kusema ya kwamba wakati tulikuwa Lamu, kile ni kisiwa ambacho ni kizuri zaidi. Kama vile Mheshimiwa Kanyutu alivyosema wakati unavuka kutoka nchi kavu kunayo maji

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mengi ambayo huenda yakaleta mambo mengine hapo mbele. Ilibidi niwaombee walipokuwa wakiondoka na jahazi hilo.

Jambo ambalo ningetaka kusema ni kwamba katika mji wa Lamu, na nimesikia wanachama wakisema, punda ni mnyama anayefaa kutunzwa na ningetaka kuwahakikishia ya kwamba wakaazi wa Lamu wanawatunza punda kwa njia ya kipekee ambapo punda mwenyewe anawekwa mahali ambapo panastahili. Punda walioko maeneo yale sio wale wanaoumizwa ila wanachukuliwa kama binadamu. Katika mji huo wa Lamu hakuna gari hata moja linalokanyaga huko. Hata kama Mheshimiwa Nyausi angekuwa huko na wale wengine wangebebwa na wale punda kwa sababu hakuna njia nyingine ila lazima wangempanda punda. Ningependa kusema ya kwamba labda akatae na aseme sibebwi ama atembee kwa miguu…

Speaker: Hon Deputy Speaker, do you have an issue?

Hon Daniel Nyausi: Thank you, Hon Speaker. I would like clarification from the Hon Chair because he said Hon Nyausi *angempanda punda.* It is just that we have got the correct term to use but not *kumpanda punda.* I really do not know what he meant by saying Hon. Nyausi *kumpanda punda* therefore I would like some clarification.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, ninafikiri hiyo ni vile Kiswahili ni kigumu. Ninafikiria Mheshimiwa Nyausi anajua vile ambavyo angefanya na tumeambiwa na Mswahili…

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: Mr. Speaker, allow me to use Swahili phrase that says, *kukosa siyo kosa, kurudia ndio kosa.* The Hon. Mutahi has informed us that it is not right that we use *kumpanda punda* especially now that you are using the name of a Hon. Member of this House. I would like the Hon Member to withdraw that statement and use the correct one, that is, *kutwiga punda…*

Speaker: Kutwika

Hon. Daniel Nyausi: *Kutwika* but not *kumpanda punda.*

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mheshimiwa Spika, ninayaondoa hayo matamshi na ni kwa vile nilikuwa nimesahau…

Speaker: Mheshimiwa ondoa hayo matamshi na uweke kutwika

Hon. Stephan Ndiritu: Ni vile nilikuwa ninayasahau hayo. Yeye pia amesema kutwiga, ni kutwika. Yeye pia angejitwika kwa punda na aweze kutembea. Jambo lingine ningetaka kusema ni kwamba katika huo mji wa Lamu ni kwamba wale wanaoshiriki katika hafla hiyo wanajisajili na hapo ndipo Kaunti inapata pesa. Ninafikiri sisi pia tukiwa na hafla kama hiyo tutaweza kuwa na usajili na tuwe na pesa nyingi. Katika huo mji wa Lamu sisi tumesoma mengi na katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia kwa kamati yetu yale mambo tunayoyafanya ni mengi. Wakati mwingi huwa tunamuunga mkono Mheshimiwa Gavana kwa yale anayoyafanya.

Kwa leo sisi kama kamati ninaweza kusema ya kwamba Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia tumepiga hatua mbele mpaka tunaweza kutengeneza gari ambalo ni BJ 50 linalonunuliwa hata

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na kaunti za nje. Juzi mliona Mwenyekiti wa Royal Media akilinunua lake. Pia juzi tukiwa na mkutano Wizara ya Biashara iliahidi Kaunti ya Laikipia tukiwa na Gavana ya kwamba itawanunulia magari hayo mia mbili. Hilo ni jambo tunalojivunia na hilo BJ 50 lilitokana na wakati tulikuwa na hafla ya kitamaduni iliyooneshwa na kutoka hapo tukaendelea. Tutakapoanza kuyafanya mambo haya ninafikiri tutakuwa mbele.

Pia, ningependa kusema ya kwamba punda ni mnyama anayeheshimiwa na anabeba mizigo lakini unaweza kuwa na mnyama na hujui faida yake kama vile Mheshimiwa Meshami amesema hangelifanya hilo. Mnyama huyo anaweza kuwa faida kwa wale wanaomwelewa zaidi na alete faida zaidi kwa jamii kama hiyo ya Mheshimiwa Meshami. Ninamshukuru hata kama ameona ni jambo mbaya kwa kabila lao lakini akasema anaunga mkono kwa kuwa itasaidia wananchi wa Laikipia.

Kwa upande wa amani tunaweza kuchangia tunapofanya mambo kama hayo. Ningependa kusema pia ya kwamba tulipokuwa na hafla pale Rumuruti ilikuwa hafla tu wala siyo ya kitamaduni. Kama ingekuwa na jambo lingine linalotia kilele tungekuwa tumepata pesa nyingi.

Ningetaka pia kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Matunge ambaye ameeleza kwa undani vile ripoti hii ingekuwa. Hua ninampenda Mheshimiwa Matunge kwa sababu huwa ni makini na kijana chipukizi. Kama Kaunti tungekuwa tukichagua viongozi wanaowajibika tungemchukua Mheshimiwa Matunge awe Gavana wa Laikipia kwa kuwa ni kijana anayewatetea na kuangalia mambo kwa umbali na siku zijazo. Wakati amechangia umemsikia akisema vile tulivyokuwa kule Laikipia Kaskazini tukaona hoteli nyingi zinazoleta faida. Ameongea pia kuhusu mambo ya Kirimon kwa hivyo unaona ni kijana anayeangalia mbele na tunafaa kumwangalia. Siku zijazo huenda akawa kiongozi mkubwa katika Kaunti hii yetu ya Laikipia.

Jambo lingine ni kulingana na vile tunavyofanya kama kamati. Kamati inafanya kazi na tunatafuta kila namna kuhakikisha ya kwamba Idara ya Biashara inafanya kazi vilivyo. Vilevile ningetaka kuliomba Bunge hili likiongozwa na wewe vile sisi kama kamati tumetembea Lamu na kuona yale tuliyoyaona hata kama wengine wanasema kumekuwa na mambo mengine. Tulikuwa tumepewa siku tano huko Lamu lakini ilibidi tukae zaidi ya siku hizo na tukagharamika kwa sababu ya ule utamu na yale mambo mazuri tuliyapata huko. Tulikaribishwa vizuri sana na Mheshimiwa Chris Mark amefafanua zaidi. Ningependa kama kutakuwa na nafasi nyingine tuwapeleke wafanyakazi na wanachama wa Bunge hili wafike huko Lamu na wajionee. Nitataka kukuhakikishia ya kwamba ikiwa utatupa siku tano kunao wengine watakaowachwa huko wakijivinjari.

Kwa hayo machache ninashukuru na kuomba ripoti hii itakapopitishwa kama kamati tutaketi chini na kuifuatilia idara ile ili ifanye mambo yanavyostahili na tuweze kuinua utamaduni, jamii na utalii. Kabla sijasahau ningetaka kumwelezea Mheshimiwa Matunge ya kwamba jamii ya Wakikuyu bado wako katika utamaduni na kila mwaka, na ninafikiri yeye ni shahidi, tarehe ishirini na saba sisi sote tunaomba tukiangalia Mlima Kenya. Hilo ni jambo linalofanywa na jamii ya Wakikuyu. Ninashukuru na tuko pamoja, ripoti hii tuipitishe. Asanteni.

(Question put and agreed to)

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CONSIDERED RULING

Speaker: Of course just like many have said, this is a very interesting report. I am also wishing that I would have accompanied this Committee. Lamu seems to be a very interesting place and another interesting thing with this report is that it has taken me back to the year 2004 when I was the chairperson for Magutheru Parish youth because in the church set up you have to be in official clothes and tie, whether it is marching or not.

Therefore, I had only one tie that I could put on all the time. Another day one of the friends that we used to be in the same committee of the church asked me, now that you are a Speaker, do you still put on only one tie? This is because many times he sees me in a red tie. He could see some pictures on Facebook and he would tell me, you still do not have to buy new ties or you do not like. I realized I am not alone, I am a lover of one colour and when I put on red ties I do it all the time.

I have realized even this team that went to Lamu also had many clothes for the many days but that look alike because anywhere I see Miriam and Dan they are in the same clothing for those many days. Whenever I see Hon. Stephen Ndiritu he is in a striped kind of a shirt for the ten days they were there. I believe these pictures are spread for if not ten days let us assume that it is for those days they were on official duty, and these pictures capture all the days and they were all in the same attire. Interestingly where Hon. Chris Mark is when he is with Dan and Miriam, in those pictures he and Hon. Kiguru have different kind of attire but elsewhere they are only the three of them and are in the same attire.

Anyway, I believe that people have their own cladding, there is a kind of attire that we like and we are free to do that. That was reminding me the difference between 2004 and now when I have many ties but which look similar. Therefore, when I put on one today and another tomorrow someone will see just like we see Hon. Ndiritu in Lamu in a blue and white stripped T-shirt today and tomorrow. He has around five or ten and that is really interesting.

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon. Members, you may rise. This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday, 10th June, 2020 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4:17 p.m.

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