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THE HANSARD

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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LABELING OF SEATS

Speaker: Hon. Members for those who were not present when I was giving an instruction for the labeling of the seats, I believe it was a concern and the seats have been labeled. It will be very important for us to adhere to the labeling that has been done. That is where you will be sitting during this time. Whoever did this labeling considered that human beings are territorial beings. I see many of us have been reserved where they usually sit. I think we are quite in order so let us adhere and make sure that where your seat is let us be seated there. Hon. Thomi, do you have an issue?

Hon. Peter Thomi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Kindly, on what you have said on labeling of the seats, I will also request you that this kind of gadgets should also be put on that side because these Members are trying to raise some points of order and make some statements which are not gotten. This should also be done on that other side because we do not know for how long we are going to be seated this way. It is a concern, thank you.

Speaker: That is okay. I think what is important for us is that we had given instruction of making some pathways in between two Members. This time round we need to consider that given this situation gives us a new experience we need to expand the sitting arrangement to even go to the other side so that we have some specious walkways in between. Therefore I believe the Clerk will take the instructions as I will give to Him. Thank you, Hon Leader of Majority Party.

PAPERS

REPORT ON WATER COMPANIES' RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay a paper on the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Report on water companies response to Covid-19 pandemic dated 28th May, 2020.

BENCHMARKING TRIP REPORT BY TRADE COMMITTEE TO LAMU CULTURAL FESTIVAL

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Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to lay the Trade, Tourism and Cooperative Develoment Committee report on bencmarking to Lamu Cultural Festival dated 21st May, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I think there is a mistake.

Speaker: Do you have the order paper?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, I have the order paper but it is talking about 21st May, 2020. So this report is for today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Then I wish to lay the report dated 21st May, 2020.

Speaker: You are saying it is for today and today is not the 21st May, 2020.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: But Hon Ndiritu the report is dated 21st May, 2020. It is correct.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, you know we visited Lamu last year so I was thinking that the report should read last year. That is why I am getting it now.

Speaker: That is a challenge to that particular committee because as per what you are reporting now you did that work long time ago but you have just come up with the report when it is too late. If you came directly and did a report then it could have been dated that time. The report has a date of when you wrote it.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker I want to put it clear. I think it is because of this Corona virus which came this year. We are now in line and on the right direction.

Hon. Mary Samken: Mheshimiwa Spika, ninaomba Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu afafanue kwa sababu ziara waliyofanya mwaka uliopita na maneno ya virusi vya Corona yalianza mwaka jana mwezi wa Disemba. Lakini kusema ya kwamba imecheleweshwa na maneno ya Corona ni kutudanganya na kulipotosha Bunge hili.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, I am saying this because we were supposed to lay this report in March. I think the Corona Virus came here in March and that is why we could not make it. Thank you.

Speaker: When did you exactly visit Lamu?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Mr. Speaker, we visisted Lamu in December

Speaker: Last Year?

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Yes, 2019 Mr. Speaker and from there we headed for Christmas. From there we went on recess, came back and then Corona Virus found us here. That is why we are bringing the report today.

(Laughter)

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Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndiritu. I think the reasons you have given that you wanted to lay the report in March but the issues of COVID-19 came. Anyway, we thank you that you have finally tabled the report.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

REPORT ON WATER COMPANIES' RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hon Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

> THAT, this Assembly adopts the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee Report on water companies' response to COVID-19 pandemic dated 28th May, 2020.

BENCHMARKING TRIP REPORT BY TRADE COMMITTEE TO LAMU CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I give the notice I want to give thanks for the arrangement that has been done in this Assembly because now I know when I get in there is no one I will find here. Like Hon Wakahiu said these are important things and we should all see our seats. Even if it is tomorrow I will not find Hon. Mary, Chris Mark or any other person here. For that I want to congratulate you for this arrangement. I have seen that this arrangement has been done by someone who knows how this Assembly stays. I have seen. Hon Kanyutu is disturbing me. The way he has put us is the way it is supposed to be because he did not touch the senior ones since when I see Hon. Nyausi, the Hon. Majority Leader, and Hon. Kaparo are there. The only person I pity is Hon. Chris Mark who is seated there but it is okay and we are grateful. Thank you…

Hon. Chris Mark: Mr. Speaker. I first want to thank you for this arrangement. I want to assure the Chairperson for Trade not to pity me because when I complained I was told when you look there it is the Deputy Speaker, Leader of Majority, and the Chief Whip. When I continued I was told now I belong to the government's side so now I am safe. Thank you.

Speaker: In fact, by the sitting arrangement you are ahead of Hon. Ndiritu. You can continue and give notice

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hayo mambo. Ninafikiri sasa tuko kitu kimoja. Pia wale wako upande ule tuko pamoja hata kama Mheshimiwa Chris Mark yuko upande huu wa serikali. Nyinyi pia hamko nje, bado mko kwa serikali. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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

STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT IN COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following motion;

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THAT, NOTING THAT the Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) was declared by the World Health Organization to be a public health emergency of international concern;

FURTHER NOTING THAT there is significant negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on key sectors of the economy including trade, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and other related sectors due to lock down, curfews, loss of jobs and closure of businesses;

AWARE THAT on the Fourth Presidential Address on the Corona Virus Pandemic of 16th April, 2020, the President directed that the National Government will support the counties response to the Corona Virus crisis with Kshs. 5 billion shillings that will supplement the savings that the counties have generated in order to cushion the most vulnerable people and protect our healthcare workers;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the National Treasury is yet to release the said funds to counties with the requisite framework;

This House URGES the County Government while establishing the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund Committee and utilization of the said funds to consider involving the county leadership and all the stakeholders like the Faith Based Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations and other relevant agencies in the execution of the interventions to be undertaken in order to ensure proper, equitable and effective utilization of the fund.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: Hon. Nyokabi Kibue, it is as if you were raising an issue. Anything? Members who do not have the already fixed kind of microphone have a right to show that you want to say something. I believe you also have to raise your microphone so that you give me clarity for me to give you a chance to speak.

STATEMENTS

STALEMATE OF WAMURA DISPENSARY

Hon. Robert Maina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 45(2)c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson Health Services regarding the above mentioned subject matter.

In the financial year 2018/2019, the County Executive through the Department of Health and Medical Services allocated Kshs. 2 million for completion of equipment of Wamura dispensary in which to date nothing has happened on the ground. I request the Chairperson Health Committee to inform this House on the following;

1. Why Wamura dispensary was not constructed even after being allocated two million
2. The plans the County Government has on Wamura Dispensary.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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Speaker: Hon. Chairperson for Health, do you want to respond directly or what time do you want for you to be able to respond?

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: I do not want to answer directly. Because of this pandemic, I will request for one month to respond.

Speaker: I want to kindly request because it is not an issue of many things. It is just the reason why it was not constructed and the plans ahead. That is a short kind of response. I would really wish to give you two weeks because what would happen is that if we give you a month it will be past this financial year. Therefore, that statement will be overtaken by events. You can also intervene as the Clerk writes through a call and get what happened with the two million and also what the plan the government has as far as that dispensary is concerned. Two weeks will be enough for that response. There is another statement.

ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE LAIKIPIA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 42(2)c, I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson for Finance and County Planning Committee regarding the above mentioned subject matter.

The Laikipia County Development Act of 2014 was considered in this Assembly during the first Assembly. The Chairperson Laikipia County Development Authority Board was vetted by the Finance and County Planning Committee and a Report adopted in this Assembly on 27th September, 2018. Section 16(1) of the Laikipia County Development Authority Act stipulates that the Authority shall within three months after the end of each financial year prepare and submit to the Executive Member a report of the operations of the Authority for the immediate proceeding here.

Section 16(4) further stipulates that the Executive Member shall within fourteen days of receiving the report shall submit it to the Executive and thereafter within 21 days transit it to the Clerk of the County Assembly for tabling before the County Assembly for consideration. The County Development Authority Board is funded each year through the annual budget with an aim of ensuring that;

a) There is equitable distribution of development projects in all subcounties and wards
b) Development programs, plans and projects fall within the stipulated plans and framework developed under the Urban Areas City Act, Public Finace Management Act and County Government Act or any other relevant writen law.

The above are among various principles of development as stipulated in Section 6 of Laikipia County Development Authortity Act. I therefore wish to request the Chairperson for Finance amd County Planning Committee to inform this Assembly on the following issues;

1) Why there have been no annual reports submitted to this County Assembly as stipulated in Section 16 of the Laikipia County Development Authority Act.

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2) The Committee to submit to this Assembly the development programs that the Authority Board has undertaken so far.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The Chairperson for finance, on this statement, how much time do you wish to spend before you respond?

Hon. Joseph Kiguru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think as a Committee we require a month because we have other reports next week. I think we have a report on procurement, and others from Municipality Chatter. I have three reports next week so I need a month so that I go through with the current one and then follow that matter. Thank you.

Speaker: Kindly respond within that time

MOTION

STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT IN COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE

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

THAT, NOTING THAT the Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) was declared by the World Health Organization to be a public health emergency of international concern;

FURTHER NOTING THAT there is significant negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on key sectors of the economy including trade, tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and other related sectors due to lock down, curfews, loss of jobs and closure of businesses;

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Mheshimiwa Spika, ninataka kuchukua fursa hii kuungane na Waheshimiwa wenzangu ambao wamekushukuru hapo awali kwa sababu ya venye tumeketi kwa sasa katika Bunge hili kwa sababu sasa tuko katika mipango ya kupigana na hili janga la Corona. Tunashukuru kwa wale ambao ulipotoa mwongozo walifanya hivyo na kwa sasa kila mmoja wetu anaketi bila kuogopa.

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Ninachukua nafasi hii pia kuchangia katika mswada huu na niwashukuru Wabunge hawa kwa sababu tulipokuwa tumejifungia nyumbani tulikuwa tumekimbia kazi yetu. Tulikuwa mashinani na kwa kweli wamekuwa wakilalamika ya kwamba kuna mengi tulikuwa tunatakiwa tufanye tukija hapa Bungeni.

Tangu tuliporejea Bungeni nimewaona Waheshimiwa wakijikakamua kwa kweli kuleta miswada ambayo ni ya kupigana na janga hili la COVID-19. Jana na leo tumekuwa na mijadala kuhusu mikakati ya kupigana na janga la Corona. Asubuhi ya leo ninamshukuru Mheshimiwa Matunge kwa sababu aliweza kuuleta mswada kuhusu jinsi ya kufufua uchumi na pia katika maelezo yake alitoa mipango ambayo tungefanya kama Kaunti kwa kweli kabisa uchumi wetu utafufuka na tutarudi mahali ambapo tulikuwa kabla ya janga hili kuingia hapa nchini.

Mheshimiwa Veronica pia aliuleta mswada kusema ya kwamba tuelimishe watu wetu kwa wale ambao wameweza kupatikana na huu ugonjwa ama wale watakaopatikana kwa sababu bado tuko na hili janga pamoja na sisi. Tunaomba ya kwamba usienee kwa haraka na akasema kwamba tuelimishe watu wetu ya kwamba mtu akiupata ugonjwa huu asionekane kama amefika mwisho ama kudharauliwa bali tuweze kuonesha upendo na kuwakubali, kuwasaidia na kuwapokea wanaporudi kutoka hospitalini.

Ukweli ni kwamba yale yote ambayo tumeyajadili jana na leo hapa Bungeni yatawezekana kama Serikali ya Kaunti italeta wahusika wote pamoja. Asiachwe mtu hata mmoja kwa sababu hata kwa sasa kuna mipangilio inayoendeshwa na Serikali ya Kaunti na tunawashukuru. Waswahili wanasema, *'mghala muue na haki yake mpe'* na wamejaribu kupigana na janga hili. Tunawaona wakizunguka na wengine tunawaona mitandaoni wakigawa vyakula. Kuna siku moja nililiona gari lilikuja maeneo ya Laikipia Kazkazini likielezea watu kuhusu ugonjwa huu wa Corona na jinsi ambavyo mtu anaweza kujikinga ili asije akapatikana na ugonjwa huu.

Tunasema ya kwamba ni lazima kila mmoja wetu ahusishwe kwa sababu katika ile mipango ya Lisha Jamii inayoendeshwa na Serikali ya Kaunti kunayo malalamishi yanayotolewa na watu wengi. Ukiangalia wale ambao kwa mfano wamesaidika na vile vyakula vinavyopeanwa nimewasikia Waheshimiwa hawa wakiteta ya kwamba watu wasiostahili kupata ndio walipewa na wale waliostahili wakawachwa nje. Tunasema ya kwamba kila mtu ahusishwe katika mipango hii ya kupigana na janga hili kwa maana mtu mmoja hawezi kupigana na janga hili peke yake. Gavana anaweza kuona kama yeye pamoja na timu yake wanaweza kupigana na janga hili lakini wamefanya hivyo. Tumeona timu zinazotembea na ndiposa kuna malalamishi ya kwamba kunayo mahali palistahili sana kufikiwa na hapajafikiwa. Kunazo sehemu ambazo wale wanaopata vile vyakula sio wale wanaostahili na mahali.

Ninataka kumshukuru Mheshimiwa Veronica kwa sababu kuna siku ametupeleka kama kina mama hapa Bungeni katika kijiji fulani hapa Nanyuki kilichokuwa kimetengwa kwa sababu kinasemekana ya kwamba kiko katika Kaunti ya Nyeri. Kwa sababu yeye ni kiongozi anayeelewa Wadi yake na watu wa Wadi yake alijitolea na tukamuunga mkono kama kina mama katika Bunge hili na tukaenda pale kukutana na watu wa kile kijiji ili wasione kama wamewachwa nje. Kwa

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kweli ukiwaona wale watu walio katika Kaunti ya Nyeri ile huduma wanayotoa wanaitoa katika Kaunti ya Laikipia. Tunasema ya kwamba watu wote wahusishwe wakati tunafanya mipango hii.

Kunazo pesa nyingi ambazo zimetengwa katika Bunge hili za kupigana na janga hili. Kunao watu wengi ambao wanatoa pesa zao kupigana na janga hili. Serikali yetu kuu na Mheshimiwa Rais wetu pia amesema ya kwamba kunazo pesa fulani za kupigana na janga hili zitakazokuja kati Kaunti. Inaweza kuwa kuna pesa nyingi sana zilizotumwa kupigana na hili janga na kama hakuna mikakati ambayo imewekwa vizuri pesa hizo hata kama ni nyingi zinawezakosa kufikia kila mtu. Ndipo tunasema kuwa kila mmoja ahusishwe, mzee wa kijiji, viongozi wa kina mama na vijana, wale wanaosimamamia watu kama Waheshimiwa, na chifu ili tunapofanya ile mipango ifikie kila mtu na kila mahali kwa maana kunayo pia malalamishi kwamba kunao watu wanaowachwa.

Tunapaswa pia kuhusisha makanisa kwa sababu kuna wachungaji ambao kwa sasa wako na wakati mgumu kwa sababu washirika wao wanalala njaa na wataenda pale kwa mchungaji wake kutafuta chakula. Ndipo tunasema pia hao wachungaji wanapaswa kuwekwa katika mipango ile maana hao pia wanawaelewa washirika wao. Tunasema ya kwamba tumshirikishe kila mmoja ili tusiwe tukipata malalamishi haya ya kusema kuna watu fulani wamewachwa. Hakuna mtu ataona amewachwa nje na tutaonekana ya kwamba hakuna mshindano tunayoshiriki.

Sasa hivi kunao wengine wamechukua wakati huu kujipigia debe kwa sababu unataka kuonekana wewe peke yako ndiye unatembea, unaenda sana na kuwafikia watu. Tukionekana tukiungana pamoja mashindano ya kisiasa yataisha na watu wetu watasaidika wakati huu mgumu. Tunamshukuru Gavana wetu kwa sababu kwa kweli wanang'ang'ana na tunaona hiyo kazi wanayoifanya ila tunasema kila mmoja ahusishwe ili kila mmoja afikiwe katika wakati huu mgumu. Ningetaka kumwita rafiki yangu Mheshimiwa Stephen Ndiritu aweze kuafiki mswada huu. Asante Msheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Stephen Ndiritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Ninachukua nafasi hii kuunga mkono mswada ambao umeletwa na Mheshimiwa Mary Samken ambaye ni mama wa nguvu na anayejali watu wote hata kama wanaonekana kama wanyonge. Yeye ni mjumbe anayetaka kuwe na uwiano na tuwe kitu kimoja katika Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia. Huu ni mswada utakaosaidia kaunti hii tukizingatia ya kwamba wakati huu kunalo janga la Korona. Huu ugonjwa umenakiliwa na shirika la afya duniani (W.H.O.) ya kwamba ni ugonjwa hatari kwa binadamu. Kwa hivyo wakati mswada huu unapoletwa hapa Bungeni tunafaa kama wajumbe tuuangalie kwa makini na tuchangie na kuunga mkono kwa sababu hii Korona haiwezi kuisha mtu mmoja anapopigana nayo. Tunapaswa kupigana na janga hili sote kwa pamoja.

Nikuangalia mswada huu anasema ni vizuri wale wote ambao wanaowakilisha wananchi, uwe umechaguliwa ama la, uwe kiongozi mahali popote hata wananchi, wahusishwe. Hilo ni jambo muhimu sana kwa sababu juzi wakati janga hili lilipoanza sisi kama Bunge tulifunga na kwenda nyumbani. Tukamwacha Mheshimiwa Ndiritu Mureithi na mawaziri wake wakiendelea kufanya kazi ya serikali bila uwepo wetu. Wakati haya mambo tulipoyaona tulirejea Bungeni na kuleta miswada kama hii. Mswada huu ni muhimu sana kwa sababu wakati tulimwona waziri

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anayeshikilia mipangilio ya serikali akigawa chakula mara ya kwanza nilikuwa wa kwanza kupiga kelele kwa sababu niliona mitandaoni akigawa chakula hivi na vile. Nilishindwa yeye alichaguliwa na nani anaenda kugawa chakula peke yake. Ninaunga mkono mswada huu kwa sababu utashikanisha viongozi wote.

Hapa katika Bunge hili tuna wakilishi wa Wadi kumi na watano. Pia tuna wale Wabunge maalum wanaowakilisha vikundi fulani. Wakati tunafanya kazi hii tutataka kumwona kiongozi ambaye anawawakilisha vijana hapa akihusishwa katika kupigana na Korona. Tunataka kumwona kiongozi ambaye amechaguliwa kuwakilisha kina mama pia akiwa na nafasi katika kamati ambayo inaletwa hapa ya kupambana na hili janga la Korona. Mheshimiwa Rais wa Kenya Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta ambaye ninampenda sana alitangaza ya kwamba ametoa bilioni tano kupigana na Korona. Bilioni hizo tano hatutaki wakati Kaunti yetu ya Laikipia itapokea tupate sasa yule mtu ambaye yuko katika serikali ama atakayekuwa katika nafasi fulani iwe ni shughuli ya mtu mmoja. Hatutaki kitu kama hicho, tunataka viongozi wa kanisa kama vile mwenye mswada alivyosema, wahusishwe. Tunataka wajumbe, kina mama, na wazee wa kijiji wahusishwe ndipo tuweze kupigana na hili janga na tuwe na usawa wakati tunapofanya hivo.

Jambo lingine ambalo ningetaka kusema ni kwamba huu ni mswada ambao umekuja wakati ufaao. Ninawaomba Waheshimiwa wote walioko hapa waweze kuungana na Mheshimiwa Samken kuupitisha mswada huu kwa maana ukipita serikali ya Kaunti ya Laikipia inayoongozwa na Mheshimiwa Mureithi itakuwa na jambo la kusoma kwa karatasi, mitandaoni na mahali popote watakaposoma kujua ya kwamba tunataka watu wote wahusishwe. Hilo ndilo jambo ambalo ninasimama kuunga mkono na kuchangia kwa kusema ni lazima tuwe na umoja wakati wowote tunapopigana na Corona.

Hata sio Korona tu, leo hii tumekuwa na mkutano wa chama cha Jubilee hapa, nikimalizia mswada huu, ambapo sisi sote tumekubaliana ya kwamba tutaungana na kukiweka chama chetu laini ili tuweze kwenda safari moja kwa sababu tunajua kunayo safari iliyoko mbele yetu. Vile vile, wakati tulipokuwa hapa ni vizuri nikwambie niliuliza jambo moja, na labda Kiongozi wa walio wengi atakupa habari, ninamjua Spika wa Kaunti ya Laikipia ni mwanajubilee. Sikumwona yeye hapo ila Kiongozi wa walio wengi alisema ya kwamba umeomba radhi na kwamba wewe ni mwanachama wa Jubilee namba moja. Tutafuatilia pia ndipo tuone mienendo na mambo yote ambayo unayafanya kama unayafanya kwa mikakati ya Jubilee. Tunakupenda sana na utuongoze hivyo utupeleke njia nzuri tuweze kuungana pamoja. Tumuunge Rais Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta mkono na tupitishe miswada kama hii ambayo ni muhimu. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika na Mungu akubariki. Asante, nakutakia maisha marefu.

Speaker: It is my hope, Hon. Ndiritu, that you will not be offended when I will be reminding you here. If you do not put money in the big four agenda I will be reminding you. If something comes here about housing where we support the president as a big four agenda for Jubilee Party, I will remind this House. If you do not put money during the budget for food security, because that is the way to support the president, we will remind ourselves here. If you do not put enough money in the universal health when that time comes, when the Chair Health will be

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pleading here that let us put money for universal health because that is the way we can support Hon Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of this country, to see that Laikipia is working behind him to boost the agenda of the government, I will also remind you.

Hon Members, let me take this chance to thank the Members for having met because it is good for us to move with times. We only have two years to go and we want to help His Excellency to achieve his agenda and leave a lasting legacy that we shall all remember. Therefore, I hope you have also discussed that in that meeting.

(*Question proposed*)

Hon. Simon Kanyutu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion by Hon. Samken. Involving all the stakeholders is a nobel idea so that we see to it that the money is properly utilized and ensure it reaches the required destination. I am very grateful at this moment because as I was seated here I have just received a clip of elephants in my area. They are on the other side of the forest and the community is watching from the other side. I want to talk about this issue of involving each and every person. The money that has done the fence was donated by the National Government. When it came to the ground the County Government was invoved in implementation. The County Government recruited scouts to be managing the fence and now the celebration is on the ground because the community can benefit. I am sure each and every person is aware we have been having that as a menace in my area. This time having been given the opportunity to work everybody is there to celebrate.

I am sure we will work as a team and ensure each and every person is involved and the Hon Member has clearly stated all stakeholders, Faith Based Organizations, County Leadership and even local communities who have their leaders. If they are involved we can be able to fight this pandemic to the end so that even if we will be touched it will not be as severe as in other countries we read in the papers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Mutahi Muritu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nitamshukuru Mungu kwa kuniwezesha kufika hapa na pia Wajumbe wote. Nitamshukuru pia dada yangu kwa wazo nzuri kwamba washikadau wote wahusishwe katika swala hili. Ni vizuri tukumbushane hapa juzi tu tulipitisha sheria ambayo iliongea kuhusu kamati ile. Sheria ya COVID-19 *Emergency Fund Act.* Pili, ninafikiri Mheshimiwa dada yangu Mary Samken ameliona hili na haswa limesambazwa kwa mitandao kwa sababu hata kabla kamati hii kuunda kunayo nyingine iliyoundwa kabla hatujaipitisha ambayo ilijkumiwa kutafuta mali na asili mali zitakazosaidia wananchi wetu.

Nitaungana na wazungumzaji waliotangulia kwamba sisi kama Bunge kazi yetu ni uangalizi dhidi ya mali ya umma. Kunayo picha nyingine inayojitokeza zaidi inayomwonesha mtu mmoja, hata Mheshimiwa Gavana haonekani kabisa. Ninamwona afisa mwingine wa cheo cha juu akitwika kina mama mizigo. Hii inaleta mushkil kidogo kwa sababu waziri mwenyewe yuko kwenye kamati na haswa tunapochunguza waziri huyo ni katibu katika ile kamati ya Kaunti iliyoundwa. Hata sisi wakati tunachunguza ningetaka mwongozo, itakuwaje wewe ndiwe

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umekusanya fedha, umenunua mali na ndiwe kuwatwika kina mama huko? Kwani hakuna watekelezaji wengine? Jukumu letu litakuwa ni nini sisi wabunge? Hilo ni swali la kujiuliza.

Pili, juzi tulienda kwenye kikao katika afisi ya Gavana, na sote tulikuwa. Orodha tayari walikuwa na orodha kabla hata ya sisi kuhusishwa kama wajumbe, isipokuwa niliona busara kwa Mheshimiwa Gavana kutuita. Ilikuwa imetolewa orodha nyingine tayari, na chakula kilikuwa kimegawiwa. Wale watakaopata habari wawafikishie kwa sababu zitawafikia na inafaa kueleweka kwa sababu hata Wajumbe wengi walikataa kufika kwenye ile hafla. Hii ni kwa kuwa nitatoka hapa niende Wathituga nikute akina mama na kumbe wale walengwa sio wale. Tulipoangalia hio orodha nilimpata Mheshimiwa mmoja kutoka Umande akisema hata jina lake limo ndani.

Lilikuwa ni wazo nzuri kwa dada yetu kwamba sisi washikadau wote tuhusishwe kwa sababu hili silo jambo la kufurahia. Isiwe kwamba inageuzwa methali ya kwamba vita vya panzi ni furaha ya kunguru, na kunguru ndio wamepata nafasi wakati huu. Lazima tuelezane kabisa kwa sababu sisi kama binadamu wakati wa kulia kunao wale wanacheka na hilo ni swala nyeti sana. Leo Asubuhi nilimpata Mjumbe mmoja akauliza, shilingi milioni mia moja thelathini na nane na zile zingine zilizochangwa na watu wa nia njema ziko wapi? Ukiangalia kwenye hiyo sheria tuliyopitisha hapa Bungeni, inasema baada ya miezi mitatu ndipo kamati hiyo husika itawasilisha ripoti Bungeni.

Hili sasa ni janga na ni la dharura na sisi tulipewa ridhaa ya kuzisimamia pesa hizi. Kama ulienda ukanunua mahindi na kufanya mambo mengine mimi ninashindwa sana. Sasa huu ni mswada umeletwa na dada yetu na wiki mbili zilizopita tulipitisha sheria ya kuunda kamati. Sioni kama watu hao watakuwa na nia njema ya kwenda kuunda kamati na hatua ya kwanza tayari wamemaliza. Vyakula vimepeanwa Mukogodo, Nanyuki na kwingineko lakini mhusika mwenyewe hakushirikishwa. La pili ni kwamba swala la dharura la COVID-19 ninaona Laikipia palipatikana hitilafu kwa sababu walienda wakamchukua chifu na naibu wake. Mimi ambaye ni Mjumbe niliyechaguliwa na wao na kusimami zaidi ya kata saba sikuhusishwa wala kuitwa isipokuwa ni msukumu huo wa kutaka kujua orodha ya walengwa.

Nilikuwa nikipitia hapa na ukiangalia unapata ya kwamba katika yale maeneo madogo chifu na watu wa nyumba kumi ndio wako kwenye zile orodha. Ninayo hapa na nilimwonesha hata Naibu wa Gavana kwa sababu chifu anachukua kama vile tulifanya wakati watu walilipiwa NHIF. Hii ni kazi gani? Pengine kwangu kutapeanwa na nitajaribu kukwepa lile swala sana kwa sababu penye riziki ndipo kunatokea unafiki mwingi sana na hapo ndipo watu watakoseana. Kamati hii ikiwezekana, hatusemi watu wa dini, wazee, na chifu wasihusishwe ila tunasema ingetakikana Gavana aliye na uwezo angeongea na DCC na Kamishna wa Kaunti kwa kuwa hata chakula kingine kimetolea na Serikali Kuu kwa ajili ya walengwa wala sio wale watu walio na mishahara na kadhalika.

Hili ni wazo nzuri sana na nitamshukuru dada yangu kwa kupiga firimbi mapema ili ionekane kwamba hata baada ya kupitia sheria tuliona kwamba ingekuwa ni busara zaidi kama kungewekwa kamati kutoka mashinani kama kweli hii ni riziki. Bajeti nyingi sana zitakazopitia hapa bungeni kwa siku zilizobaki utaona zikizingatia sana mfuko wa dharura na janga la COVID-

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19. Ukiangalia ugonjwa vile ulivyo duniani, wacha tuelezane ukweli, umekuwa sasa sio janga kubwa. Inavyodhihirika ni kama utakuwa ugonjwa tu na nchi hii kunayo mambo yaliyosimama. Angalia kama shule na vyuo, nilikuwa nikimwomba Mungu nikisema, sijui kama mtanielewa namna gani, sasa hakuna haja ya kuogopa ugonjwa huo sana. Kaunti hii tutasema tutapima watu wote lini? Milango ifunguliwe na kama ni huo ugonjwa uingie tuweze kupambana nao kwa sababu tusipofanya hizo hatua zilizoko nchi yetu itaanguka na uchumi wetu utaporomoka.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hebu mfikirie yule mtoto mdogo uliyekuwa umempeleka kwa shule ya chekechea na sasa yuko nyumbani, watoto wetu hawakufanya mitihani. Ninamshukuru Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya alinionesha picha moja kama mfano kwenye mtandao wetu akiona nchi ambazo zinafikiria jinsi ya kufanya. Unakuta mtoto amekuja na mfuko wake akiwa ametakaswa mguu kisha ile barakoa kunayo mahali anatumbukiza. Wananchi wetu sasa hivi, ukienda kwa yule mama aliyeipata ile barakoa hajabadilisha. Ndipo nikasema hakuna haja ya kuambia watu lazima anunue, mtu akate hata kama ni shuka yake kidogo awe anaiosha ili ajifunike.

Ninamsihi sana Rais wetu Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, na ni maoni yangu, kwa kuwa siye daktari ninaamini hata wale washauri waliomshauri kwa mara ya kwanza ni binadamu na huenda walimshauri visivyo. Walitangulia sana kumshauri kufunga nchi na kufanya hivyo ni kufunga uchumi. Janga hili linataka maombi na kuhusu mswada huu kama serikali inayo masikio isikie kwamba kilio kutoka kwa Bunge letu watuhusishwe hata kama sio moja kwa moja. Ninayo uwezo wa kuambiwa sasa tutakuwa kwako siku fulani na tunataka kamati fulani vile tunagawa *bursary.* Tunataka mtu mmoja wa kanisa, mlemavu, kijana, kiongozi wa kina mama na nyie serikali kwa sababu mmejipanga huko mumlete mwakilishi mmoja ili iwe ni mgao tunaogawa hapa kupambana na janga hili na iwe ya haki na ukweli.

Angalia wale wanaopewaa chakula, utakuta Nanyuki, Nyahururu, na huko Kazkazini watu wanapewa elfu moja mia tano. Ukifika Ngobit wanagawa elfu moja mia saba. Ni kigezo gani wanachokitumia kupima umaskini? Hapa tunayo miji ya mabanda, enda Likii, Majengo, Kanyoni, na kwangu Lamuria kwa wale watu waliofukuzwa kwenye shamba kubwa za wazungu uangalie. Ni kigezo gani kilichotumika kwamba idadi hii ndiyo inatosheleza? Ninamuunga mkono dada yangu na nitaiweka ikiwa kumbukumbu kwamba swali hili liliulizwa kabla hata fedha zenyewe hazijawekwa kwenye mpangilio ili ieleweke kwamba kunayo utaratibu kwa sababu sisi ni chombo cha kutunga sheria. Tujue kuna utaratibu gani wala hatuhitaji kupewa na hatutafuti mashabiki wetu wapewe chakula ila taratibu zinazostahili zifuatwe. Kwa hayo mengi ninakushukuru na ninaunga mkono mswada. Asante.

Hon. Chris Mark: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to support this motion and give my contribution. Even as we give this motion and my colleageu has just spoken there is always this gazettement that was circulated and until now I want to know and get clarity. If this committee is already set up and we are discussing the composition, maybe we should now be discussing how we can nullify the one that was set up and reset it. The gazettement was of 17th April, 2020 and it is the Laikipia County Government COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund Committee. It says in

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Exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 30 and 31 of the County Government's Act and more specifically Section 31(d) of the same, I Nderitu Muriithi Governor of Laikipia County appoint;

James Mworia-Private sector chairperson

Michale Deya- Ranchers' Members Assosiation

Margaret Lesuuda. It goes on to say

Irene Wamiti- Lawers professionals

Wangari Wachira- Hospitality

Wilfred Kimotho- 4NTE Member

George Beret- Chamber of Commerce

Father John Munene- Religious representatives

Bishop Joel Waiguru

CECM Njenga Kahiro- Secretary

Jessy Mugo- Laikipia Development Authority.

It was gazetted then and it is called the same emergency fund. It has always been an issue because as an Assembly this came even before we could pass the regulations which even brought a lot of contradictions. How was such a committee already in place before our time? As we debate on this it is good you as the Speaker to find out the clarity on what this team is doing because it might be working already and no one is accounting for them and we are not aware. We are here to ensure the Hon. Governor sets up a better initiative which has everybody involved including the youth and the hospitality industry so that at the end of the day they do not tell us that you brought us a good motion but we had already started working from April.

In fact, it is so that we can re-adjust and even say we need more inclusion of leaders in this committee that is already set up and gazetted on April 18th, 2020 a gazette number 67 of the Kenya Gazette. I look at this composition which is set already and the proposals the Hon Member has given and I see a lot of things lacking. There is no representative of the Members of the County Assembly. I cannot even see other stakeholders but I am just seeing hospitality, water industry and others. We have people living with disability in the county and they are big stakeholders. We have the marginalized communities who have the ranches in their community conservancies and are also affected because some of their trade is made through the sale of livestock. I support this motion wholly and ask the Speaker to give direction that more research is done so that if this thing was done illegally, the Gazettement, without involving the Assembly it can be rectified. I support this motion by the Hon Member a hundred percent. Thank you.

Hon. Veronica Ikunyua: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama pia kuunga mkono mswada huu ulioletwa na Mheshimiwa Mary Samken na kumpa hungore kwa sababu ya

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mawazo mazuri. Kusema ukweli janga la Korona limetupa utata na bado litaendelea kwa sababu sasa hivi tumeanza kuwapa watu vyakula na hakuna Wadi isiyokuwa na malalamishi. Bado njaa haijaingia. Umeendelea kusikia ya kwamba kunayo kamati iliyotengwa ya kuangalia maswala haya. Kamati hiyo ukiangalia hata kama imetumia *County Government Act* bado haijawekwa kulingana na matakwa ya katiba yetu ya Kenya. Kunayo shida hapa na pale kwa sababu chakula kikitolewa hapa kwetu kunao watu waliokuwa wanabiashara na biashara zao zinaendelea kudhoofika. Kunao kina mama waliokuwa wakifua nguo kwa jirani na jirani sasa yuko nyumbani akijifulia kwa hivyo hata huyo mama atakuwa mtu wa kuhitaji usaidizi.

Mswada huu ni mzuri na Kaunti ikigawa chakula hiki lazima ihusishe kila mmoja. Ukihusisha chifu usikose kuwashirikisha Wajumbe waliochaguliwa na wananchi na wanaojua shida zile ziko katika kile kijiji. Kama Wadi yako iko na vijiji vitano unavielewa vyema kama vile mkono wako. Kumtenga Mheshimiwa ni kama kuutenga ujumbe ule unaotakikana katika kamati hiyo ndipo unasikia kilio hapa na pale. Wakati mwingine bahati ya kuwa mama ni kuwa ukiongea kwa sauti anaonekana kana kwamba unapiga kelele. Kelele hiyo imenisaidia kwa sababu kwangu mimi hata kama haijaenda asili mia kwa mia nimepigana sana mpaka niko karibu kuingia ndani ya mpangilio. Hata kama haijafika asili mia kwa mia ninahusishwa kwa kiwango kidogo.

Ninahuzunika kwa wale ambao hawajahusishwa kwa sababu shida iko. Wale watu walio na mahitaji wamefungiwa nje na wale wasiokuwa na mahitaji wakapewa. Wengine wanapewa kulingana na vile wanaenda mikutano ya chifu ama la. Kama huwa unakuja mikutano hiyo na kunayo orodha ya wale huenda mikutano hiyo uanapewa na wale wengine wanasalia pale. Ukiangalia kama Wadi hii yangu ya Nanyuki kunao vijana waliokuwa wakienda kwa mlima kuwapeleka wazungu. Siku hii ya leo hakuna wazungu wanatembelea nchi hii yetu. Vijana hao wamekuwa maskini siku ya leo kwa hivyo sijui utatumia mbinu gani ikiwa hutahusisha vikundi hivyo mbalimbali. Yule alikuwa akiwapeleka wazungu mlimani, mwingine alikuwa akiuza michongo na mwingine wa kufua nguo, hata wale waliokuwa na kazi tusipowahushi watu wengi sana watawachwa nje wakiwa na njaa hata kama wafadhili wema wamejitolea kugawa chakula.

Hapa kwangu ninayo Daiga Millers na Likii Millers waliopeana unga na wengine wengi ambao sitawataja lakini wakija kusikia bado haijawafikia wale waliolengwa ni huzuni kubwa kwa huyo mfadhili kwa sababu ataona kama alifanya kazi ya bure. Ni lazima tufanye kazi hii kwa pamoja ili kama ulikuwa umemwona Mheshimiwa Matunge hana chakula mwingine naye atakuwa amemwona Mheshimiwa Kibue amekosa kula. Hao wote tukiwaleta pamoja tutaweza kujumuisha na kutatua matatizo yote ya eneo hilo lote. Tunamshukuru Mheshimiwa Mary kwa sababu tunajua maneno haya yatafikia wahusika wale wanaopanga maneno haya. Ninaunga mkono mswada.

Hon. Peter Matunge: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be very brief because since yesterday we have been talking about issues of COVID-19. I also wish to thank the Hon. Mary for bringing this motion for us to discuss today the issues of including every stakeholder in this county. I wish to also observe what Hon. Members are doing all of this week, they are bringing statements, motions and asking serious questions pertaining the people of Laikipia. That is the reason we were

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making noise that we are not supposed to be at home while the government is running and issues are happening. Let me thank Hon. Members because we are doing what we are supposed to do.

I have said I will be so brief and Hon. Members have spoken a lot specifically on the committee that has already been established without the involvement of this House and the leadership of Laikipia and these Members. The committee was established even before we passed the County Emergency Regulations and the COVID-19 Emergency Regulation which we passed last week. The Committee was there as early as April. This only shows where we lack seriousness and that people do not respect the role that this Assembly plays on the issues of asking for accountability and the utilization of funds and resources in this county.

My only humble request that we need to put across through your leadership as the legal team of this Assembly to advise these Members how this committee was established, gazetted and if it did follow the right and legal framework of this country and county. If it did not follow this framework then we need to revoke the committee and establish the one that can be accepted by all Members and the leadership of this House.

To restrict myself to the motion, we are talking of five billion, money that had allocated to counties to cushion them against COVID-19. What we are asking and what the Hon Member is asking through this motion is that we need this money to be proper, equitably and effectively used so that it can reach and be used for the purpose the National Government intended to do. This is not the only money that we need to look into. We know that recently the President through his national addresses released another Kshs. 53.7 billion for economic stimulus. This money will come to counties through various departments. All of us need to open our eyes and do a follow on the same and ask for accountability.

What we have seen is county activities being run by one man. I remember when we were at the Governor's place, Members asked questions and were told we are not angels and we make mistakes. Members responded that we are asking questions because one person has acted as an angel. That is why we have all the questions on this specific issue of food distribution. There is a lot on COVID-19 that we need to address and this Emergency Response Fund Committee should not only look on food distribution because it is not even sustainable. If you give me five kilograms of flour or rice I will only use for one week then I need it again the following week. You remember this thing cuts across the county so ity is not sustainable.

What we need to say is that the little we are getting from our partners, the National Government and what we collect a s a county let us utilize to ensure that there is inclusivity and sustainability of what we are doing. I believe most of what we are doing is for personal relations. As much as we appreciate the little they are doing giving out food after three days or one week the same person will need food yet we have not done much about it. This is why we are saying let us involve all stakeholders because when we bring our heads together we can come with a very good response strategy to cushion our people properly in the long term. We need to address this issue on the long term because it has been said COVID-19 is here to stay. It will be part of the pandemic

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and diseases we will be addressing in the whole world and we can only do it as all of us prepare ourselves to repond in the long term.

As I finish I wish to remind you, I have requested for the guidance on the issue of the legal framework that this committee was appointed and gazetted on. If it did not follow the legal framework then we need to respond and revoke this thing. With those few remarks I support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Catherine Kibue: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga hoja hii mkono na kwanza nimshukuru Mheshimiwa Mary kwa kuona umuhimu wa kuleta hoja hii wakati unaofaa. Kwanza mengi yamesemwa na Waheshimiwa wenzangu lakini ningependa kuongeza kidogo. Kile ningetaka sana ni washikadau na viongozi wapewe kipaumbele na wawe macho ya kufuata misaada hiyo. Pia ningeomba viongozi wanaopewa jukumu hilo ya kukaa hapo mbele ama kuwa waanzilishi na kuongoza kugawa msaada huo hata kama ni wanasiasa wasitumie siasa wakati kama huu wakati kuna janga. Wawe na heshima kidogo kwa Wanjiku ambao wanamtumia kila wakati wanapotaka kura. Wao pia wawe na macho ya utu na wafikishe misaada mahali panapohitajika. Ninasimama kuunga.

Speaker: May I now call upon the mover to give a reply.

Hon. Mary Samken: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank the Hon Members who have contributed at length to the motion. This motion is timely because the regulation fo the COVID-19 Fund was passed in this House just last week. I thought that the Executive is now busy trying to come up with the Committee. It is to sad to learn that the committee was already set up before the regulations were passed. If that is the reason I think the committee is there illegally and this House has powers to recall that it. Our work is to oversight. To have a committee in place before even the regulations are passed I think is not in order. I believe that these Hon Members will agree with me that this is a timely motion and that we all need to be involved and all the stakeholders should be there.

We may not all be in that committee but involving people in the process is very important. We can have a meeting where all the stakeholders can sit down and agree on what to do so that when the fund is being used we are all sure that everyone is going to benefit. The National Government money is not yet here which I believe will be over Kshs. 100 million. That is why I am saying the motion is timely because we are still waiting for that money even if we have already passed the Emergency Fund Act in this House.

The reason I am saying it is important to involve everybody is because there is a vaccination going on yesterday and today by the County Government of Laikipia, the PPR vaccination of cows, goats and sheep. You find that there was a whole group ranch made up of more than three locations that was left out and if you call the people concerned, they say we involved all the leaders. There was a question I was asking them because they were saying that they involved the chiefs and Members of County Assembly. I asked them how can a chief sit in a meeting and his loction cannot get the vaccination? That tells you that these people like using short cuts. That is why we are saying

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that it is now time we wake up as Members in this House and make sure that what we pass here is followed to the letter.

The Executive should be reminded that we are in the budget process which I am very sure they are going to include more money for fighting this COVID-19. They should be told that we are watching to see what they have done with the funds that we have already passed so that even if we are going to put more funds, we would want to know that the funds already used have been used properly. Once again I want to thank Hon. Members and ask them to support so that we pass this motion and all other things will follow later. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Speaker: Hon members, you may rise. This House now stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday 4th June, 2020, at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.56 p.m.

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