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The House met at 2.45 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. (Mrs.) Mwangangi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Get seated. Thank you. It is a little hot in the afternoon but we have to manage somehow. So, I welcome you back members to this sitting.

STATEMENTS SOUGHT

REPEAT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON FINANCE BILL 2017

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this order we do have statements as listed and the first statement is by Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the County Executive conducted public participation on Finance Bill on 29th September, 2017 across the County and the Members of the public did not attend the said forum. Members of the County Assembly who availed themselves during the event urged the County Executive to repeat the exercise.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 41(1), I wish to seek a statement on when the County Executive is planning to repeat the public participation on Financial Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u. Hon. Members, noting that the people hold the sovereign power and our Constitution, Article 1 of the Constitution, noting that it is a mandatory requirement that there be public participation in every matter that affects the public and noting the importance of the Finance Bill, Hon. Members, I do commit this statement to the Committee on Finance and Revenue Collection and I do request the Chairman to ensure that this House has a report on what the Committee will have done. It has the powers to seek for whatever information that it requires from the relevant department of the County Executive and to bring the report before this House.

Mr. Clerk, on what date? When is the recess? We are coming back on 7th of November. Yes, I am seeking that we have it on 8th, the day after we finalize the recess. This is because of the urgency of the matter and Members note that, the Finance Bill which was brought to this House through my office is already committed to that committee. Thank you.

The next statement, I call upon Hon. Paul Museku.

SECOND COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41, I wish to seek a statement on whether the County Government of Machakos has come up with the second County Integrated Development Plan as provided by section 125 (1) of the County Governments Act and if so, has there been public participation in the process? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, a little consultation on the timing of an issue I want presented. Alright, thank you, Hon. Members. Hon. Museku has brought the statement on the second County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and Hon. Members the CIDP is the bedrock of every development in the County and I believe this House has a lot of interest in what goes into the CIDP and it is for this reason that, I commit this statement to the Chairman on the Committee, Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization, so that the Committee can work together with the relevant department of the County Executive and so that this House can have a report on the position of the Second County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) on the 9th of November, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

MOTIONS

POLICY ON COUNTY ANNUAL CLEANING PROGRAM

(Hon. Katumo on 17.10.2017)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 17.10.2017)

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker;
Aware that the (08.24) for the Department of Environment, Sanitation and Solid Waste Management of County Government of Machakos is to provide a clean and safe environment to the people of Machakos County;
Aware that the Waste Management is proving to be a hard nut to crack for most County Governments;
Informed that according to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, safe disposal of solid and sewer waste management rest entirely with the County Governments;
Aware that the solid waste matters have been aggravated by the ever growing population in the urban and peri-urban areas which continue to generate huge amounts of waste;
Aware that the crisis is slowly getting out of hand and the County risks falling short of the environmental sustainability and sanitation target and the sustainable development goals
Acknowledging that solid waste is an emerging health threat emanating from dumping of solid waste in undesignated areas like roadsides, water catchment areas and residential areas;
Aware that haphazard disposal waste in towns reduces value of land, scares investors away, detracts aesthetic value of all towns and pollutes our water resources;

Madam Speaker, having also bench marked with Rwanda which is being called as the cleanest City, Kigali in Africa and number five in the World where they have monthly cleaning up program;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos draws a policy to set up a County annual cleaning program to tap the efforts of residents in Machakos County in Environmental cleaning.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to call upon Hon. Margaret Mwikali to second this motion. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Madam Speaker, I second this motion owing to the fact that, a very clean environment, sanitation is very important to our health and to the health of any community. Therefore, it is very paramount, it is very important that this policy is well made and it is very key and actually I think it is a bit late, it should have been done by yesterday.

When we look at the reverse of any place, the reverse of the sanitation that we are talking about, we are talking about communities having health problems, diseases and serious diseases like amoeba, name them, Madam Speaker, it is very, very important and timely. Therefore, I second it very strongly and I hope the other Members will do the same. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Katumo and Hon. Margaret.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, as I call upon you to debate on this Motion, again I just want to remind you that under Article 42 of the Constitution of Kenya, it is the right of every Citizen of this Nation to have a clean and healthy environment and the State, and remember Hon. Members, you are part of the State mechanism, has a duty to ensure that, that right is enjoyed by every citizen and at that point Hon. Members, I welcome debate on the Motion. Thank you. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Now that I see my colleagues are still..... Okay, Madam Speaker, I wish to---

Hon. Speaker: Have you withdrawn the opening remarks?

Hon. Museku: Yes, I have.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Museku: I did not complete it, Madam. I wish to support the motion by the Hon. Justus Katumo on the provision of a policy by the County Government of Machakos to set up an Annual Cleaning Program so that we can be able to involve everybody in this County in cleaning our Environment. I think the saying is normally is that, cleanliness is next to Godliness and as he

has cited for those of you who have been able to visit Kigali, that is one of the cleanest towns you are going to be able to come across in this area.

What have they done? Kigali have set up specific days when everybody, everybody and I mean everybody, from the President to the Minister to everybody who is in that town on that day goes out and cleans environment. If you walk in that town, you cannot see, believe you me, a nylon paper, these waste papers you have been seeing here, you will drive through Kigali from one end of Kigali to the other end and you will not get these papers.

We need to come up with a policy for our Town. Machakos is a beautiful town, our County is a beautiful County but we are not taking care of the waste products which we are producing. Cleaning up does not involve collection of papers and stuff like that alone, we are talking about sewerage system, we are talking about disposal of garbage, all that is incorporated in the environmental cleanup.

I think if you go around the estates in town, in Eastleigh and these other areas, you will see piles of garbage which has not yet been collected, and what kind of a picture do we show as a people when people come visiting us and they find piles and piles, heaps and heaps of garbage uncollected. I think as Members, it is important as our duty to ensure that our Environment is clean, both for ourselves and also for our children.

Our children are playing outside there, bottles are all over the place; garbage is lying all over the place. Sometimes even hazardous, I have seen hazardous hospitals disposal material dumped in a normal dumping site. So, I think it is order and I agree with Hon. Member, that it is important to draw up an annual cleaning exercise to sensitize people and also to make sure that we maintain our Environment as clean as possible for ourselves and also for the future generations. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. First, I would like to say to the mover of the motion that this was a timely motion that actually I anticipated when we are supposed to discuss it. Number two, I would like to support the motion because when you look at our environment in Machakos County, this being our town, for so saying, actually our upcoming city.

I would like to say this, it is very important to keep our environment clean but due to negligence, if I may say, our people have made our town very dirty and for that matter, it is so bad to find even those people who have hotels actually dumping the garbage just along the road and for that matter I am requesting this House to support this motion so that we may go out there and show other people how we should keep our environment clean, owing to the fact that, our health is of paramount importance.

I have come to realize that many of our people who are lying in the hospitals others on their beds is due to poor disposal of our waste and therefore, I call upon the Members to support this motion so that we may make our town clean.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Mbevi.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sorry for my voice, I have an infection. Madam Speaker, I stand to support the motion which Hon. Katumo has just stated out just with two reasons.

Aware that, better health than wealth, this is a very important motion and I would like to support it reason being in Machakos, garbage collection has been neglected and I thought it is my ward alone but unfortunately it is like every ward.

I want to say this; one, I think there has never been proper arrangements with the County on how to collect garbage and to me, I would think, if we can have the County getting trucks for every ward, it would work better and make it easier and achievable to make sure that our environment is clean. I think that is one of the failure of the County because you find in a ward, one truck is being shared by almost three or four wards and with the population that is growing, it becomes very difficult to effectively collect the garbage at the right time.

So I would request if the county can come up with such a policy whereby each ward has its own truck based on the population as per the ward because you find that like in my area, Mlolongo one truck or two trucks can't even make to carry the garbage. So it is important and I support the motion.

The other issue is that most of the garbage in most of the areas especially in Mlolongo, my area, this has been contributed by the undeveloped plots. You find that some plots, once they are not developed they become a disposal area for the residents. So, if the county can also come up with a policy in which if your plot is not developed and there is dumping in it, you are in charge and tasked to carry away the garbage that is there because that is one of the things that are making our towns and encourage garbage dumping.

So, I would request if this Hon. House, Madam Speaker, since we have already constituted the committees, we plan committee of roads, committee of health and committee of environment, if we can have a joint visit to all the most affected areas especially in towns, we do a one day visit with the three committees so that it can be effective and bearing in mind that we are towards the rains. I think it is very important to have those committees.

Let us see how we can plan, the three of them and visit the most affected areas. So, I still stand to support the motion and I further more support what Mheshimiwa Katumo is doing because he is articulating all my issues in my area and I thank you for that. Thank you, so much. So, I support the motion. Thank you, so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mbevi. Hon. Constance. I am looking for that name thank you, Hon. Constance Mbula.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Mbula: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the member who has brought up this motion because I think it is actually overdue and I should say it is because we were not here to debate it. Madam Speaker, the motion is very important considering that we have a city which is so polluted and this is because the city of Machakos is not as clean as it would have been.

There is also another thing I do not know maybe we add it on top of that or it is the same. The county could have a dumpsite for human waste which would be transformed into fertilizer because human waste is also littered in most of the slum areas.

The other thing apart from pollution we have a lot of garbage lying allover and if the county is able to do that, we will not even see these polythene papers. The bags everyone is talking about. We are giving ourselves an example of other countries and I think we should start to be giving examples as ourselves. We also have a lot of cars which pollute the air and our

children have gone to sniffing because they sniff this pollution from very un-roadworthy vehicles.

I do not know what the county can do about that. I would think that pollution would also go away by the county efforts to clean up the areas which would stop our children from sniffing the glue. Madam Speaker, I support the motion and I want to ask the members to support it too so that we can move and be an example of ourselves. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Constance Mbula. Hon. Nicholas.

Hon. Muia: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I fully support Hon. Katumo's motion because I have seen most of Machakos County is much littered. For example, in my ward Katangi when you go to the market, you will find that solid waste has just been dumped next to those *mama mbogas* who sell vegetables to the people. When it rains, you will see that some waste trickling from the solid waste going to where those *mama mbogas* are selling their vegetables and stuff and this is a very serious health hazard because they will sell to the people some contaminated vegetables because of poor solid waste management. So, I fully support the motion.

I would also like to ask the county and especially the county assembly to enact and try to increase the number of employees who do the cleaning in the markets and those trading centers because I think what we have is not enough. So, I fully support the motion and I think we should as well and the people who clean the markets. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Nick. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion. I think the member who has brought the motion is doing what is supposed to be done by this House. So, Hon. Katumo I want to say thank you very much. I have two issues to raise on this motion. Madam Speaker, as you are aware most of the town are big towns and I do not want to cite any town, I want to cite from where I come from that is Matuu, Matuu is number two or three capital city after Machakos.

I want to say there is a tractor which used to collect or to transport that garbage which is collected. When that garbage is collected, wherever they go to dump that garbage they do not dump it in a safe place. You will find that these young kids or children, they would just go to where the garbage is dumped and in that garbage you will find that there are used condoms, used syringes and so on. The young kids do not know the difference between a condom and a balloon. They would start trying to blow those condoms.

So, Madam Speaker, and the entire House, I kindly request this Hon. House to move with speed to ensure at least we have a policy which will ensure that the garbage which is collected is disposed in a safe area. The wise men say when solving one problem we are likely to cause another one. They collect the garbage from the markets, wherever they dump it becomes a danger to the people of that particular area. So, I think it is good we have this policy in place as soon as possible.

The other issue is that in my sub-county, that is Yatta we have five wards and we only have one tractor which carries that garbage. So, I do not know which day, in Matuu we have a market day on Wednesday and Saturday, in Ndalani they have theirs, Ikombe and Katangi and Kithimani also. So, it would be good if this House can ensure at least every market we have a

tractor which can be assigned to that particular market instead of sharing one tractor. If it works in my area today it disappears for another four days so that garbage would accumulate.

The other issue is about sewer. In a town like Matuu which is a very big town but we do not have any sewerage. Everything which comes out it just rolls out without proper means of transporting that liquid waste to somewhere. So, I would request at least county government or the assembly to ensure that, at least, we come up with a plan to ensure at least that both the solid and liquid waste are managed properly so as to ensure that our people are safe. Thank you, very much Madam Speaker. I support the motion.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kaloki, I think I talked to you when I was off air so I have just come on air so can I now talk to you. I ask you to submit that for purposes of recording. My gadget was off so I have put it on now.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am here to support the motion. I think it is timely, it is long overdue and to me this sounds like a very good motion. Not only for the county government of Machakos but for the entire country but now that we are in Machakos County, let us deal with Machakos County issues. An unhealthy environment, unsafe environment an unclean environment is an environment which is very unattractive to even visitors and investors. For a county or a country to attract foreign investors, to attract visitors, to attract dignitaries from other parts of the world, we must have a clean environment.

What we normally say is that your outer appearance is a reflection of your inner self. If a foreigner walks into this county and the first thing they spot instead of seeing an environment which is friendly, an environment which is attractive for investment, they see a heap of garbage, mountains of garbage, the first thing they will say is that this is not an environment, this is not a county, this is not a country where I can invest, this is not a country where I can come and waste my millions and billions, it is not a country where I can come and settle down with my family.

So, for us to enjoy and be able to attract serious investors for ourselves to also be able to live a healthy and enjoy living in our county, it is important to have this kind of a policy on environmental cleaning, Madam Speaker. That is not enough. We need also to go a step further and come up with serious implementation strategies to implement this policy otherwise it will gather dust in the shelves without being implemented for the next 10 years or so.

This should also not be the responsibility of the county government alone. It should be the responsibility of every mwananchi, every citizen in this county and in this republic. If you go to the western world like what my friend, Hon. Museku said if you go to Rwanda, go to countries like Singapore, it is the responsibility of every resident every citizen to ensure that the environment is clean.

If you are caught, say for example, throwing an empty bottle of water through your cars window as you drive, the car behind you will call the police within the next few seconds and report car registration ABCD has done ABCD. If you walk to other parts of the world, you find the residents they normally carry what we call the backpacks. Here in our country, it is very surprising we are that careless that we do not care about other residents.

We see people walking the streets peeling their bananas trying to enjoy their beautiful nice sweet fruits, they end up throwing the peelings on the streets all over without caring at all. If you do that in other parts of the world you will be taken to court. We need a serious way of

implementing this policy and I think as I said earlier it should be the responsibility of the county government and the citizens of this county if you want to live in an attractive environment.

If we are to attract people from other counties people from other parts of the world to come and live with us. To respect us even in your own home Madam Speaker, most of us every morning it is routine we have to clean our compound. We have toilets which we clean almost on daily basis we clean our houses and our rooms. As we do say we must also make sure that our county is safe and clean.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, we need to come up with other implementation strategy which touches on the way these garbage would be disposed of. As I grew up, I used to see those old trucks from the county councils and municipal councils, I really do not know where they went to and I would imagine those days the former councils never used to have as much money as what we have in the current system.

Can we kindly also have something inserted in the policy that every ward must have at least or every market center must have at least one truck and one loader to load the garbage and we come up with a central place where this garbage would be dumped on a daily basis? Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion and thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kaloki. Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me this time. I want to stand here and support the motion and say to it that it is very important we have that policy so as to secure a good environment in our county. I want to state that I do come from Athi River whereby I would request if we are to launch that environmental day as we also mark the other areas, I would request it comes to my place because I think I am the worst affected person whereby my ward has so many slums.

My ward have so many slums whereby people do not go to the sewage they use *kasukus* to put off that waste disposal.

Hon. Speaker: What is *kasukus* Hon. Member?

(Laughter)

Hon. Kisini: *Kasukus* are those small, what do we call them? Containers, those small containers plastic containers they use them and then they throw them to the dumping sites. So I want to say it is very important we come up with that policy so that it can give guidelines on how to manage waste disposal.

On the side of sewage it is also good we have sewerage system to go with water and it is good for every sub-county to have sewage dams because this sewage has to go somewhere. So, I am saying that without water, that sewage will not go somewhere or anywhere.

At my place, it contaminates river Athi, which is the main source of water to Athi River people and other areas because waste goes in to the river and it is used by other areas posing the threat of cholera and other water-borne diseases. So, I am saying that I also have to face that environmental challenge because of the pollution resulting from the industries there. So, I think this policy is going to take care of all those departments and areas which are mostly affected and I would say it is needed as much as yesterday. Thank you. I support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kisini. Hon. Alice, your hand was up unless you don't want to debate now.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Alright go ahead.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bi. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nataka kusema kongole kwa mheshimiwa Katumo kwa mswada mzuri ambao ameleta. Katika katiba yetu ya Kenya, afya ni sehemu moja muhimu kwa wananchi wa Kenya. Tunataka kuwa na mpango maalum kwa ajili ya ukusanyaji wa taka kuona kwamba kaunti yetu inaweza kuwa mwelekeo wa Kaunti zingine.

Bi. Spika, sisi kama wabunge tutafanya kazi nzuri lakini pia tuone wananchi tumewaangalia kwa njia zote ambazo ni nzuri. Nchi kama Botswana, nilitembea huko, na wametenga siku tatu kila wiki kutokea rais, naibu na wengine wote wanatoka kuangalia kwamba usafi unadumishwa. Sisi kama viongozi tunapaswa kuwa kielelezo kuonyesha kwamba tunahitaji kuwa na usafi.

Bunge lililopita, tulipitisha sheria kuhusu ukusanyaji wa taka. Ningeuliza mwenyekiti wa kamati tekelezi afuatilie aone hio sheria ilichukua mpaka sehemu gani; ilipitisha kusema kama Kaunti ama wabunge tufanye nini ndio tushikanishe sheria ambayo walichukua na hii mpya ambayo tunataka kuleta ili tuone Kaunti imekuwa safi sehemu zote, iwe ni mjini ama nyumbani nyumbani, tuone kila mahali kuna usafi. Kwa sababu sisi kama wabunge ni lazima tuwe tumetawala watu ambao wana afya.

Taka inaweza kuleta magonjwa mengi kwa mfano kipindupindu, homa ya manjano inaletwa na uchafu. Sehemu kama Mlolongo, Bi Spika, ukitembea utapata takataka zimerundikwa kila mahali na huko kuna watu, watoto na ni hatari sana kwa afya ya watu ambao tumewatawala ama tumewakilisha katika bunge.

Nimesimama kuunga mkono kusema kwamba tuje na sheria mpya na kama itawezekana, sisi kama Kaunti tupitishie kwamba masaa ishirini na nne tufanye kazi ya ukusanyaji wa taka na pia wafanyi kazi wanaofanya hio kazi waongezeke hili town zetu na Kaunti iwe kielelezo. Asante sana.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Alice.

Hon. Nyanzi: Asante sana, Madam Spika. Nampongeza sana Mheshimiwa Katumo kwa kuleta hii mswada. Nilikuwa nafikiria ni mimi nitauleta kwa sababu natoka Kalama. Kalama, mto unatoka Katoloni na unapitisha takataka yote inayotoka Machakos, sewage ni moja na inafunguliwa kila wiki na inapitia kwa hio mto mpaka baharini. Na huko itakuwa safi lakini ikiwa hapa katikati inakuwa ni sewage na ndio watu wa sehemu yangu wanakunywa maji, ngombe zinakunywa pale na hata kutoka Mutituni hio maji yote ambayo inapitia hapo na hata ile choo sisi tunafanya hapa inapitia kwa hio mto; hata hii waswahili wako hapa wote---

(Laughter)

Inapitia hapo.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nyanzi, when you say waswahili, what do you mean? A section of the population of this nation called that?

Hon. Nyanzi: Sewage ambayo hata sisi ile inaenda hapo inafunguliwa kila wiki na inapitia kwa hio mto na watu wa area yangu hio maji ndio wanakunywa. Na hata nyinyi mko ndani ya hatari kwa sababu hio maji. hata leo nimepitia hapo nikaona cabbages zimepandwa, zimenona na zimepandwa kila pahali yote na ndio inaletwa hapa mnakula hapa T-Tot na kila mahali hapa.

(Laughter)

So, hata sisi iko ndani ya hatari. Kwa hivyo ninaonelea Kaunti ifanye mpango vile inaweza itafuta vile sewage ya hapa town itachomwa na nini isingie ndani ya hiyo mto. Pesa sijui itatafutwa na National government au ni nini hiyo sewage iwe inatupwa wapi, sijui. Asante.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Asante Mheshimiwa Nyanzi. Mheshimiwa Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support this Motion. As we all know, cleanliness is next to Godliness. I am happy to hear that some of our Hon Members have travelled abroad and people like me have never been privileged, Madam Speaker. This calls for urgent travel for the Hon. Members to travel to countries like Rwanda, Botswana to learn from the experts so that when we come back we do something on what we are doing.

Madam Speaker, this also calls for drainage systems; in my place Tala market, there was a time this county government came up with drainage systems. They dug very big furrows and they were left just like that. I am wondering what happened and if there any plans of completing the same drainage systems.

Again we need to come up with policies of waste; we have waste from the clinics and pharmacies. It is unhealthy to mix such wastes with the ones for *mama mbogas* in the market places. So, in the meantime, I just urge as we draw the recommendations on the same, we urge Mwananchi to up on their waste like those from chemists. We cannot just combine with things in the lorries that will ferry them from different places in the towns.

Let me say that I want to support the motion and draw good policies on the different ways of doing away with waste. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Masesi Cosmus. Hon. Members we shall have the last two contributions to this motion before I call the mover to respond. Hon. Kituku.

Hon. Kituku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to support the motion brought before this House on waste management. Actually, our health is very important and we need to come up with this program on how to manage this solid waste. For instance, most of our rivers, we usually see garbage around them and if we could come up with a program on how to address this, it will be good.

I remember at time during Michuki's time, Nairobi river was almost very clean and this how the waste was handled. So, if we can come up with a program to carry out cleaning and also sensitize people on the same we could find River Athi being one of the cleanest rivers around.

Again, I have also witnessed the wines and spirits vendors; after the bottles are empty, they are disposed anywhere and this is usually very risky. I don't know why the bottles are not recyclable and we should come up with a way of how we can address that issue so that this bottles are not just dumped around the markets so that our people don't risk of being injured.

Again, these places that are full of this waste look ugly and they produce bad odors so if we can come up with this cleaning program, we can find our county looking good. Otherwise i support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Agatha.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this chance. I strongly support this motion and passionately because I love cleanliness. I support this motion because of one thing; as I said cleanliness and as others have said is next to Godliness, I have seen most of the East African countries made it and South African countries, as Hon. Alice has said, Rwanda and Tanzania too has made it in the last two weeks. I lived in Zimbabwe for almost six years and surprisingly I have never seen a dumping site, so I am sure we can make it in Machakos.

On that, when you walk around Machakos town and most of the wards, it is so disappointing and it comes to my mind if honestly Machakos County is number one, I need somebody to explain to me what number one means. On that case, the last one is, if honestly miracles were requested we would request a miracle on this particular issue. Unfortunately, they just happen. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Agatha. At this point, I will call the mover of this Motion to reply.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, for your positive contributions towards this motion. Two things; that this motion has a long history because previously we were doing benchmarking and the like and we were really challenged as we moved around to see what we think or what we perceive as cleanliness and we have not reached there. We have been hearing that as my colleague Hon. Agatha has said that Machakos is number one; we want to make Machakos number one for real in terms of cleanliness and in terms of how things are done.

Yesterday I said moving around Machakos especially during campaigns there were a lot of lessons to be learnt; most of our urban and peri-urban areas need a lot of effort to make them clean. There are so many sites where you find heaps of garbage and people are not bothered. I pity Hon. Kisini of that that experience of flying toilets which is becoming even in Mlolongo. I think this has become a lifestyle.

Three weeks ago, I went to Rwanda and that was my third time and this time I engaged one of the minister of sports and she told me something; to make it work, we have to enforce it. In Rwanda they have done something; they have set a day monthly and it is compulsory and you must be seen to be doing cleanliness even if not very far, within your area. No shop is open, businesses like matatus don't operate and you find with that kind of a directive especially from the Presidency and the government, people have taken to it to make sure that their surroundings are clean.

Also, the enforcement of the law is so strict. When you chew your PK gum, you don't throw it out but you are allowed to put it in your pocket or keep it in your car. The same as this plastic bottles of water; don't throw them, keep them in your car. These are the parts of the policies that I learned in Rwanda and I think we can do better because Machakos has to be a good place to attract tourists, visitors and other counties will come benchmarking in Machakos and we want to be known to be the cleanest town in Kenya like we used to hear of Nakuru.

Therefore, Members, I am glad to move this motion and for your support. I also thought a member will amend this motion that we do it monthly instead of annually but I still maintain annually. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Katumo.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, for purposes of actualizing this debate and the motion which this House has approved I do have the matter committed under Standing order 192(1) to the Committee on Environment, Land, Energy and National Resources to deliberate on the matter and the committee would be better advised if it also considers the debate on this motion from his House as it has been done a few minutes ago.

You will be able to get it from the HANSARD. Hon. Members, I wish to confirm that the matters you have deliberated on and approved is a matter of a devolved function for county governments under Fourth Schedule of the constitution and for avoidance of doubt, paragraph 2(g) of the Fourth Schedule, Part 2 gives the county government the functions and powers to handle matters of refuse removal and refuse dumps and solid waste disposal.

And paragraph 3, it is also a function and power of county government to control air pollution, noise pollution and other nuisances.

So the mater you are debating upon is a matter that is within the jurisdiction of a devolved government. Hon. Members, I have been enquiring and I am informed and one of the Hon. Members, Hon. Alice submitted that the First Assembly passed some laws on waste management and it is also important that that committee on Environment, Land Energy and Natural Resources considers the existing law of this House so that if the law is not sufficient that committee under Standing Order 190(g) is also given the powers to report to this House and to recommend on proposed legislation. That is in the event it is found that the existing legislation is not sufficient to deal with the matter as members have just debated.

Finally, members allow me to remind you or to notify you that the Machakos town, in the early 2000s was leading this nation in cleanliness. I happened to be working closely with the municipal council of Machakos at that particular times and Hon. Mutiso will confirm that Machakos town that time led twice in national cleanliness as the cleanest town, it can be done again.

(Applause)

With that Hon. Members we shall move to the next business, and I call upon Hon. Justus Kiteng'u to address the House on the second Motion.

SHORT RECESS FROM 23RD OCTOBER, 2017 TO 7TH NOVEMBER, 2017

Hon Kiteng'u: Thank you Madam Speaker, On behalf of Majority Leader, Madam Speaker, I am going to move the motion on his behalf. Madam Speaker;

That aware that this Second Assembly commenced its business on 7th September, 2017;

Madam Speaker, aware that from that time the House has transacted crucial businesses including taking oath of office by Hon Members, election of the Speaker, Chairperson of the committees and approval of the Members nominated to various committees;

Madam Speaker, noting that the House approved an Assembly calendar which guides the house when to have a break and when to resume sitting;

Madam Speaker, aware that the assembly calendar indicates that the House should adjourn for short recess from Monday, 23rd October, 2017 to 6th November, 2017, Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that pursuant to Standing Order 25(3), this Hon. House adjourns its sittings from Monday, 23rd October, 2017 and resumes on Tuesday, 7th November, 2017.

Thank you Madam Speaker. I take this opportunity to request Hon. Mwanthi to second the motion.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand here to second that motion, that because of the elections that are expected to be held on 26th October, 2017 and yet some of the Members of this Hon. House need to go to their respective wards, and some tell their people not to go for voting other tell them to vote, I second the motion that the house adjourns. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u and Hon. Mwanthi. Hon. Members, before I give you directions on this particular motion, allow me to recognize the presence of Master Junior Senator Brian Nyaga, he is in the plenary.

(Applause)

Junior Senator Brian Nyaga, is the shadow National Senator in the Senate and he represents Embu County, he is a student in Kanyuambora Boys High School in Embu County and today he expressed the wish to come and watch you, Hon. Members, debate. He has a lot of interests in matters of Assemblies and that is how he managed to become the junior senator in the senate from Embu County. Can we applaud him?

(Applause)

This Assembly wishes you very well Brian Nyaga and it sees a young man that is heading far. We wish you very well.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, back on the motion by Hon. Kitengu, Which was seconded by Hon. Mwanthi, you noticed that you approved a calendar and the calendar provides that from today we take a short recess and open again on the 7th November, 2017 at 2.30 p.m. and it is so directed. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members. At this point, this house adjourns to resume on the 7th November, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.54 p.m.