

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 10th April, 2018

The House met at 10.11 a.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Museku) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CASB BUDGET

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I would like to make a communication that this morning I received a statement which was supposed to be brought before the House: a statement seeking for some information on the County Assembly Service Board to provide some budget line items to the committee on budget and I understand this matter is before the Budget committee and the committee has already been furnished with a detailed analysis of the line items of the CASB budget, a copy of which they have already been furnished with and therefore I direct that since this information has already been given to the committee on budget to interrogate the County Assembly Supplementary Budget estimates, we will handle it through the committee and there might be no need of us asking for it through the statement if it has already been provided. So I direct that the Budget and Appropriations committee looks at that list, analyze it properly and make its recommendations in their part of the report.

NOTICE OF MOTION

CIVIC EDUCATION AND CREATION OF REVOLVING FUND TO FINANCE SACCOs

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this order we have one notice of motion which is going to be done by Hon. Ikusya Kaloki.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have this notice of motion to bring to this House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware THAT Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs), much like a credit unions are now one of the leading sources of credit for socio-economic development;

Further aware THAT the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 mandates County Governments with all matters related to cooperative societies; Cognizant of the fact THAT unemployment in Kenya which now stands at 40 percent according to the latest statistics has been one of the greatest challenges in the country with 80 percent of unemployed Kenyans being below 35 years;

Aware THAT bringing together the youth, especially bodaboda riders, sand harvesters and women groups with a view of forming SACCOs, will enable them to apply for tenders and loans from financial institutions;

Acknowledging THAT this will create opportunities of economic growth and therefore help in eradicating poverty, Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to give notice of the motion that the County Government of Machakos:-

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- c) Creates a revolving fund to finance the SACCOs.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kaloki for that notice of motion.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 10TH TO 11TH APRIL, 2018

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There is one statement under that order number and this statement is supposed to be delivered by the Hon. Francis Ngunga and I request Hon. Mulatya to move this statement please.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand under Standing Order 41(2)(a) where during the statement Hour, a Member of the House Business committee designated by the committee for that purpose shall, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House in the following week. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the House Business committee met on 10th April, 2018 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 as follows:-

- Tuesday Morning, 10th April 2018 at 10.00 a.m.
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 - a) Conducts civic education to the public on the importance of SACCOs
 - b) Assists the residents of Machakos County in formation of such organizations
 - c) Creates a revolving fund to finance the SACCOs by Hon. Ikusya Kaloki
- Tuesday Afternoon, 10th April 2018 at 2.30 p.m. - motion on the County Government of Machakos to put measures to construct gabions and weirs and rehabilitate all areas affected by gullies in the entire county by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.
Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2018 by Chair Budget, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.
- Wednesday Morning, 11th April 2018 at 10.00 a.m. - report of Budget and Appropriation committee on the County Budget and Review Outlook Paper (CBROP) by Chairman Budget, Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.
- Wednesday Afternoon, 11th April, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. - Motion that the County Government of Machakos sets up a coffee miller in Matungulu Sub County to empower farmers hence high productivity of the crop, by Hon. Masesi.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mulatya. Mr. Clerk Proceed.

MOTION

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, before I call for my seconder, I want to say one or two things about this motion. Hon. Members if you look at what is happening now, you find we have so many youths in our county and all over the country that are unemployed. The institutions and organizations we have in this County and this country are not enough to absorb all form four, college and university graduates that we have in our country and in our county. They cannot get enough employment to accommodate the youth we have in our county.

The only way we can empower and when we were campaigning, we promised our youth that we shall get them jobs or support them to start middle level entrepreneurship kind of business and the only way we can do that is by requesting the County Government of Machakos to establish or train and encourage our youth to form SACCOs and also assist them in the registration of the same so that once they are registered, they can create a kind of an employment which will lead to an income-generating activity.

Again, once you put youth together in an organized registered group, it will be easier for them to acquire licenses which can enable them acquire or qualify for a percentage of the tenders of the County Government or any kind of a government. We have youth in some areas where they have been able to access tenders from the county government either to collect garbage, supply food stuffs to the county governments and by so doing, they will be able to earn a living and create employment for the other group of unemployed youth.

If you look at our women, our mothers are mostly the backbones of our family. If you ask a lady today to bring you Kshs. 50,000 within the next 30 minutes, she will walk to a group - a kind of *mwethya* group - where they belong where they have a revolving fund and within the

next thirty or forty minutes, she will be able to raise that kind of money and pay school fees for whoever requires school fees.

What I am trying to say is, if we can assist our women to go a notch higher and have these groups registered as SACCOs, they will be able to acquire a revolving fund from the County Government and also get financial support from financial institutions which will be able to empower them to be more empowered economically and by so doing, our society will not languish in poverty. If you look at places like Central Province, we have cooperative societies for women like the *Witethie* women group. We also have *Nyakinyua Cooperative Societies* for coffee and Kenya Women Finance also started as a SACCO for women and today it is one of the largest banks in this country offering huge sums of credit facilities to our women. If you go to places like Kibera, Kawangware---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order from Hon. King'ang'i.

Hon. Muendo: Mr. Speaker, is the Member in order to start debating on a motion which he is moving.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. Actually my hands are tied. I was wondering why Hon. Members are allowing a Member to contribute before a proposal has been put. Yours was to come and move the motion, get a seconder, and then it is proposed for discussion. You are out of order, Hon. Kaloki.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. This time I would like to call upon a---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a minute, Hon---

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is it a point of order or---

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: It is just information.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Continue.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members of the County Assembly. I think the Hon. Member is in order it's only that his explanation is too long so it is supposed to be short. In fact yesterday we were told a mover can elaborate and give importance of the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Members. What I have said is that, the Hon. Member apart from elaborating, has gone ahead to start giving much more information than elaboration. To elaborate is to give a few, two to three minutes' elaboration of what the issue is but if you now start taking ten minutes, you are no longer elaborating; you are actually debating on the motion before we put a proposal. So the Hon. Member has done a good job, he has elaborated but he has taken the elaboration too far. Thank you. Let the Member finish please.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I thought I was trying to put in practice what we learned yesterday but thank you so much for the correction. Because this motion is about youth SACCOs and so forth, I would like to call one of the youthful Members of this Assembly to support this motion, Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa for seconding the Motion from Hon. Kaloki.

(Question proposed)

Members you may debate on the motion now. Hon. Margaret.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support this motion because I was nominated last time and i used to give women money to start doing something in their wards which is called Miwongoni -Makanda Women Group. I gave them Kshs. 10,000 to start their project---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Can the Hon. Member tell this House where this money was coming from? The source?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House and also the chair this is a House of law and is also a House of procedure and we have to adhere to the laws and procedures of this Hon. House. If any member stands on a point of order, he or she must, and I use the word must, state the Standing Order that he is standing on.

So in this case, I am citing Standing Order 79 and we can go through it and see what it says because all the time members are rising on points of order and no one is citing the Standing Order. So Standing Order 79 is very clear. It says a member might stand at any time when another member is speaking on a point of order but he or she must state the Standing Order which he is citing. Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndawa. I think members you stand guided on that. The honeymoon is over, we have been inducting ourselves on house procedures and stuff like that and therefore I think the Hon. Chair has been allowing members to stand on a point of order before mentioning which Standing Order you are standing on.

I think going forward like the member has said, it will be important for us to be carrying our bible, which is the Standing Orders which we have before us so that when you are standing on a Standing Order, you quote the Standing Order on which you are standing on and then from there, the House will allow you to interrupt the member who will be making their contribution in the House on that specific Standing Order. Stand guided accordingly. You may proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana: Mr. Speaker, I have like 15 groups in Machakos Sub-County which I am supporting with my NGO. I was giving each group Ksh. 10, 000 in every ward in Machakos Sub County. Kalama I have one, Mutituni I have another one. I have like seven groups. So I support this motion which has been brought by Hon. Kaloki.

I was seating with groups and I was suggesting to them to come up with their names and to register the name and they have done that. What they are lacking is just training, so I support

this motion 100 percent because I have been there for women and for the youth. Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Irene.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwende: Thank you Mr. Speaker, and thank you members. I wish to congratulate the Hon. Member, Hon. Kaloki for this motion. Indeed it is timely and I would like to support the motion that says that Machakos County should conduct civic education on importance of SACCOs and doing civic education helps build a strong economy because without being informed, you cannot create a strong economy.

Doing civic education also helps members, especially the bodaboda operators or riders, to manage themselves on how to conduct their businesses. Doing the civic education also creates employment because you may not be able to know what you need to do in future but if you are guided on how to manage yourselves, it is easy to run your business. So I wish to congratulate the member and support the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Musyimi.

Hon. Musyimi: Mr. Speaker, sir, I stand to support the motion but with amendment. The clause which talks about sand harvesting, I suggest that this Hon. House---

Hon. Mulatya: Point of Order. Point of Order, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Which point of order are you standing on in the Standing Orders?

Hon. Mulatya: I was just---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please quote the specific Standing Order.

Hon. Mulatya: 52. I want the Hon. Member to state to the House which Standing Order is supporting the amendment he wants to make.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What the Hon. Member is saying is that according to Standing Order 52 on amendments, the proposer of an amendment to a motion shall before moving it hand the proposed amendment in writing, signed by the proposer, to the Clerk at least two hours before the order is read so Hon. Member you stand guided accordingly.

Hon. Mulatya: Point of information.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think I would like to let the Hon. Member to continue. Hon. Mulatya I will give you time. Just continue, Hon. Musyimi.

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine was just not to contradict this Hon. House because earlier, we had passed a motion in this Hon. House that we should stop sand harvesting so I do not see how we will pass a motion to support the sand harvesters and earlier we had passed a motion that we stop sand harvesting. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: That to me is a point of information to the mover of the motion which needs to be noted that there was a motion in this House but if I am to give guidance on that, I do not think the House moved a motion banning sand harvesting in its entirety in the county but rather, what I can remember being passed here is a motion banning specific areas from harvesting sand within the County so there are still some areas within the county that have been highlighted as sand harvesting areas and therefore sand harvesting is still going on in those places and if that is allowed, then these circles should benefit from that. It is just a guideline.

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand corrected.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand to support this motion simply because SACCOs are sources of business and if you look, one of the biggest banks in Kenya started as a SACCO. Equity Bank started as a SACCO through contributions and savings and then later, it registered as a bank.

Conducting civic education to our people of Machakos will enable our people start saving because not each and every person in this County has an account in a certain bank but with a SACCO within the nearest town or village pulling together resources with the simplest saving agenda will make this county save a lot because building an economy is done on the basis of saving. Once you start a business, the only thing you can do for that business to perform is saving for the business and also saving for the life. So I would support that the County of Machakos conducts civic education to inform people of the benefit of SACCOs.

The other thing is enabling them by giving them information on how they can form the SACCOs because SACCOs have more benefits than banks. A loan being given by a SACCO has little or a lower interest than that one which is given by a bank, so several SACCOs in our county will give a lot of energy and synergy to our people. The revolving fund which is being suggested by this motion is subject to the government of Machakos and something which when done, will support the youth because the youth are here with us and they do not have anything to support them in terms of finance to start their business and to take advantage of all the jobs given by the county.

I would say this motion was part of my campaign when I was campaigning. I was telling youth the only thing to help themselves is by starting to build SACCOs and having coordination within the ward may be like having 10 SACCOs which are strong and an overall one, like when you have insurance, there is another one that will re-insure and that will enable our people to have circulation of money in our villages. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Mr. Speaker, I am from Muthwani where we have sand harvesting and the motion is timely because I was just trying to help my youth to understand the importance of SACCOs in terms of when they are working like in the Sand Act, 2014, there is a clause that requires youth and women groups to have SACCOs in order for them to earn from the sand harvesting.

I am happy this motion has come at the right time and we need to support it because for one, our youth have been misused for a long time by brokers from outside so we need to educate them on how to save and how to use the sand harvesting income in a SACCO so that they can build themselves and grow their income generated from sand.

Mr. Speaker, I would also want to thank the mover who also has sand harvesting in his area so that we can combine efforts and help those young people to get what they need in society. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like first of all to thank the Hon. Member or the mover of the motion for coming up with a very noble motion which is going to assist our people at least to have better lives. Mr. Speaker, the motion before us ought to have come even yesterday or the day before yesterday because it is very important.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of forming SACCOs will assist different classes of people. It will assist youth groups especially the *boda boda* riders, it will also assist our mothers or our women. In fact the women of this nation according to me are more organized than men because in every village you will find an organized group of women and the problem is that they are not registered in SACCOs so the money they contribute ends up being kept either under a mattress or in areas which are not safe.

If we have these SACCOs, these ladies of ours and these *mamas* of ours will be able to keep their money in safe custody in banks and in other secure places, so I would support the motion that we have these SACCOs. The other benefit that is going to be there, these *boda boda* riders make a lot of money every day but because they do not have anywhere to take the money, they end up spending all the money because they will get more the next day and that is why these people are not saving. I would suggest if we can organize our youth groups and these *boda boda* riders and ensure that they are in a SACCO, we will have assisted them.

In my ward, I have done my level best; I have already organized them and we have formed a SACCO by the name YAMA, that is Yatta and Matuu. All the *boda bodas* within Yatta Sub County have a Sacco we have already registered. We have about 250 members and they have already started saving money.

We want to ensure those who do not have licenses can use the money from SACCOs to assist them. The individuals can borrow from the SACCO. The SACCOs can also assist if one is arrested by police because of one reason or another. The other members can be able to borrow money from that SACCO and bail out that particular member and by so doing, our people will have less problems especially with police and the rest.

So, Mr. Speaker, this is a noble motion and I would request Hon. Members who are in this House, kindly let us pass this motion to assist our people. When we have a SACCO, it is going to be known in the eyes of the law as a legal entity. These people can also use the certificate, go to any bank and borrow.

Self-help groups are not legal entities and it is very hard for them to access loans in their respective banks, so if we have these SACCOs in place, I am very sure our people will find it easy to secure loans.

The other issue Mr. Speaker is that when we have these SACCOs in place, I am 100 percent sure we are going to reduce poverty by a big percentage. It is going to be a source of employment to many and it is going to give others an opportunity to interact because they will be meeting in their general meetings and they will exchange ideas so it will assist them to have at least new ideas.

So, Mr. Speaker, I beg to support the motion then finally, I would suggest, the issue of co-operatives is a devolved function and we have co-operative officers in all the sub counties but these co-operative officers are idle in their offices instead of assisting our youth to come together and show them the benefits of staying together and having these SACCOs so I would suggest

Mr. Speaker, if this Hon. House can engage the respective co-operative officers to do their duty. I support the motion and once again I say it is a noble motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Constance.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the mover, this motion is timely. Personally, I am in charge of the women in Machakos through an organization that does not fund and as *Mheshimiwa* Ndalana said, we have always gone into our pockets to support women. We have 1,630 women groups registered under social services. All those groups have certificates and they have been getting help in the banks through my initiative or any other person who is in charge of women groups and so this Motion has really been waited for.

I was personally going to move it but my brother was ahead and I said thank you because he has a mother who is a woman and the women groups are there suffering. You find a woman of 92 years in a women's group but basically she will enjoy nothing because that women group is not funded but now if the Government comes up and funds these women groups, every one of them will benefit.

However, I would wish women groups have their own SACCOs because they are so many especially in Machakos County; we have many women groups, 16,000 of them. I do not know how we shall interact with the young men with those old mothers who are our grandmothers because they will also need to have their own support as far as a woman is concerned and for that matter, I support the Motion and I want this House to find a way of supporting women themselves as mothers and grandmothers and all of us need support as women. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kisila.

Hon. Kisila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a very good Motion. I think the quality of this House and the quality of debate is clearly coming out and some of these Motions touch the core of why we will leave this House as very Hon. Members. This is a very critical Motion in fact because we cannot promise our people employment all the times. Our wage bill in the County is sky rocketing; our youth and women are looking for income to be able to live and have a source of livelihood for their children and I think as a House, this Motion should not just be passed but in our budgeting process, we should ensure that we provide enough money for SACCOs in all the Wards in this County.

Mr. Speaker, one of the biggest reasons why our businessmen are not doing very well in Machakos is because of somebody called shylock. I have a woman in Makutano who is charging 300 percent per month but what worries me is the fact that, if you go to her office you will find people queuing and you know what, Mr. Speaker?

She is auctioning people left, right and centre, taking peoples assets because people have got nowhere to go to borrow. So, I think this Motion is very timely and it will help our youth and especially, our women who are very organized. They are accessing credit through various means but being charged very high interest rates making it very difficult for them to repay and ending up being auctioned.

Mheshimiwa Ndawa has talked about *bodaboda*, one of the best ways we can employ our youth. In my Ward I am trying to put them together. Every market we are forming SACCOs for *bodaboda* and in fact we have started a savings culture whereby every day, a *bodaboda* is saving Kshs. 50. They have organized themselves, they have opened accounts with banks like KCB and I am seeing a very good trend where our youth are becoming more responsible. The only challenge is they cannot access credit and if we can have these SACCOs being formed, our youth

will be able to access credit and will be able to bring up their livelihood and unemployment will be curtailed.

My last point Mr. Speaker is about sand harvest. Ideally sand harvesting is banned in my Ward but we need to come up with a different mechanism of how sand harvesting can help our people. In fact if we form SACCOs for sand harvesting, have it well controlled by the County and the money is remitted back to the people, a lot of people will start seeing why it is important to have well controlled sand harvesting, not scooping but sand harvesting, whereby excess sand can be sold in a very organized way benefiting our people.

I always give examples that I live in River Athi and yesterday, the day before yesterday that is on Sunday, I went to the River and I found a lot of sand in that river. My worry is that, this sand is going to Indian Ocean. We need to come up with a better way of managing sand harvesting as a business whereby even we can start packing the sand in 50kg bags---

(Applause)

---and that money comes to our people. It is a multi-billion business and this County needs to come up with an intelligent way of ensuring this sand becomes the source of livelihood for our people and I will be very happy together with my Sub-County fellow MCAs for Mwala, if we can come up with a very organized factory or a SACCO, where we will be selling sand to Nairobi at Kshs. 250 a bag instead of selling using lorries. We want to form a SACCO called Mwala SACCO whereby we can be selling our sand to our brothers in Nairobi at a very organized fee.

Mr. Speaker, this quality of debates make me very excited that I live in this House and if we continue having these kind of Motions, I can assure our people will be empowered, they will have a source of livelihood and they will live a better life. It is unfortunate in the gallery we only have two journalists when we are debating such a good Motion.

It is not unfortunate, I hope they are going to bring it out, because Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of good Motions which are being debated in this House but when I go outside I am not hearing them being publicized to the *wananchi* and in fact I am requesting this Hon. House to start considering how we are going to have our media, our own media which is going to discuss and bring out issues which are being discussed in this House so that *wananchi* can know that actually we are doing a good job in this second Assembly of Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, I support.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity to contribute to this important and timely Motion by my senior, Hon. Ikusya Kaloki. I wish to state that issues to do with Savings and Credit Cooperatives are very important to our people. As my colleague Hon. Kalumu has said, equity started as a SACCO and it is where it is today because someone had a dream that this SACCO can end up being a big business to this country. I believe our farmers are victims because they lack SACCOs.

Specifically if I can talk about the coffee farming, if our farmers would get a revolving fund established by the County of Machakos whereby they can get cash to buy farm inputs and at the end of it they return without any profit charged, I believe these people who always dupe them that they are giving them loans and at the end of the day they charge high interests would not be an issue to them and at the end of it, our farmers would end up benefiting.

Mr. Speaker, from experience, our farmers get loans which they cannot tell if there is interest and at what rate but when it comes to the time of payments, that is when now the loans they received are charged at high interests hence our farmers end up getting nothing. So, I support this Motion to have the County Government of Machakos assist the residents of Machakos County in formation of such organizations. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute to this debate. I thank the mover of this Motion because I am one of the Members of this Assembly who lies in the bracket of not more than 35 years of age and this is a Motion that is dear to me considering that I am my brother's keeper and my sister's keeper at the Assembly. The Motion clearly states that 80 per cent of the unemployed people in our country are below the age of 35 years.

Mr. Speaker, if we do not act as legislators, then it means that we are glaring at a bleak future as a country. Therefore, it is my plea that as legislators, we shall do something to salvage the situation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is to say that Machakos County needs a lot of SACCOs and also information of knowing which is which because they have not been given the information of having the Civic Education; they even do not know the work of the MCAs, they do not know the work of the Governor, they do not know the work of women representatives and even you can be hearing someone asking you about the work of the Governor. They do not know that an MCA cannot do anything direct for them. Their work is only to ask for things to be done to them.

Women are good because they know how to organize themselves but they do not know what they can do with the money when they are given; they just go and buy clothes. You will know that your wife was having a loan when the money is coming to be taken through the things you have bought from the house.

So, the women also need civic education of knowing what to do with the money when they are given and not to start eating meat of two kilos in the house. If you were not eating, do not eat; do the work you were taking the money for because you will give your husband an extra work of not knowing what to do and bringing shame to him when the things are taken from the house.

When we were in Dubai, we saw that, even the drivers are in SACCOs; they have uniforms, they are employed by the Government but not themselves. Even the cars they use are for the Government. They are organized, everybody is busy. You cannot meet someone borrowing you Ksh. 200 to eat; you cannot meet someone asking you for anything. Everybody is asking you, "Can I take you here? Can I take you here? What can I do for you?" but not borrowing.

Our people have money, even the sand is money. The people there if the sand can be taken by County Government, Machakos can be having a lot of money to do things and can employ people. Not that when they get the money they go to drink *chang'aa* and *bangi* because you are having Ksh. 1,000 and even you cannot go to do anything to your wife. The wives are not having children because of those people; they are dormant.

So, what I ask this Assembly is to do better than what the others were doing by giving your people civic education. Information is power. When you give those people information,

they will know what to do but not what they are not supposed to do. Our people are very active. Even you heard when the people were telling us we will eat donkeys and you can see it has rained; our people are working very hard in the *shambas*.

So, you know God answers all the prayers of the people; our people have prayed very hard to do good in the *shambas*. So, mine is to ask you to know the information and the civic education our people can get. It is very important. The Executive can give our people the information of doing the good but not the bad and *waheshimiwas* when you see the civic education being given, do not say that your work is taken. You know that your people are being given the power of knowing the good and the bad and the things which can help them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Margaret.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It will be very hard for me not to contribute to this wonderful excellent Motion and on that note, I wish to thank my brother *Mheshimiwa* Hon. Kaloki for this noble Motion. It goes without saying that these Hon. Members of this House have gone through very hard situations both from their women on the ground and the youth and when we are talking about the people that brought every Member in this House, we are talking about the most vulnerable in our situation.

Hon. Speaker, I feel very excited as I say and contribute that the women who have talked before me also have that experience that we have been going deep in our pockets and just for information to the Hon. Member who was asking where we get money from, it is not that the money is there, it is because you can see the need and the need is supposed to be met by you because you are a leader of such people. Thank you *Mheshimiwa* for bring this motion because the Bible says, in Hosea Chapter 4 Verse 6, for those who are Christians, “My People perish for lack of knowledge.”

I think the most important thing in this Motion is that civic education. Many times, our women get money from these microfinance institutions and after not being able to pay the high interest rates, the women get auctioned, yet the poor women just went to get the money because there was nothing else they could have done, and our country, especially our County, has very serious great history of women coming together. Women normally come together in those institutions we call *Myethya* Groups, self-help groups, and they have learned to take care of the little coins that they have. When we bring SACCOs to our women and our county, I tell you this House will go down in history as the House that met the best and the most important needs of their vulnerable members, the women, the PWDs and the children of this nation in the youth caliber.

Mr. Speaker, many emotions have been going round because of the people who could not meet their most basic needs and therefore any person, any Hon. Member, every Hon. Member, the mood is that we pass it without much ado and ask our Assembly and our implementation group to make sure that it is implemented as soon as possible and I thank His Excellency because when he was doing his campaigns, this was in the heart of his campaign and that is why he got many, many votes from our vulnerable groups.

It was started long before he came to power and when he came to power, there were some regulations and I thank the First Assembly, you know we should not just see the weaknesses. The First Assembly passed regulations for a fund and therefore we could just use it immediately to make this revolving fund for our SACCOs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support passionately. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion fully under the basis that 80 per cent of the unemployed are Kenyans below 35 years and at the time of our campaigns members you remember very well that we promised a lot of jobs to the *wananchi*, but looking at the wage bill of this county, Mr. Speaker, I doubt whether we will be able to employ any from our wards. In having this motion in place or if we support this motion, Mr. Speaker this will encourage self-employment. We know that Mr. Speaker, the young ones on the ground have good ideas but they lack the knowhow of bringing those ideas into being or into course.

Mr. Speaker, coming up with SACCOs will encourage or will make use of the little resources we have. If we combine them, we will enable them to do something which can yield bigger and see them grow, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker in finishing, the creation of this revolving fund is key which will be the cause of empowering the same. How I wish that the County Government can just have very low interest or none on the revolving fund. We will be able to empower our young ones if we enable them to have these loans or the revolving funds with a very small interest or none. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion. It is a good motion by *Mheshimiwa* Kaloki and I think this the way to go. Our people have already organized themselves. What they are remaining with is just to for the County Government to help them have a SACCO so that they may now start moving forward. I think Mr. Speaker it's important that this House approves this motion and it is for the good of our people.

Our people there have a way of doing business; have a way of whatever they do but the problem they have is finances. They don't have finances, they have not been able to access even the 30 per cent for the preference and reservations which actually in Machakos County alone is over Kshs. 2 Billion because there is the County Government itself and there are all other entities like the secondary schools and other institutions within the county.

It is by law that marginalized groups can access such opportunities so that they may improve themselves economically but much as the organizations might be ready to support them, the people themselves have no access to funds to do such businesses. It's the high time that the House approves this motion and our people start from somewhere so that they may be able to work with the Government. It will also help us because the people have been coming to us for assistance but we cannot manage.

It is the high time the County Government assists them with funds so that they may do business and in fact like people of *bodaboda*, most of them do not own the *bodabodas*; they do not own the motorbikes. They just hire per day so you find somebody hires the motorcycle per day at Ksh. 300, and he makes Ksh. 600 so he shares with the owner. But if they are given money to support themselves, one will be able to buy and maybe borrow and pay the loan. I think that's the way to go and in future we do this with the aim of forming a bank for the county so that everybody can get assisted with these finances. It's the way the great (inaudible) people have improved their economy.

They have used their monies to borrow and I think if we go this way, the problem of unemployment and other issues like alcohol, Muguka and khat controls will be achieved because our people will be very busy, will be able to make incomes and will have activities to do. Mr. speaker, I request members we support and also say that it's a good motion and our people are going to benefit from this. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think I will have two more. Hon Jeremiah and then Hon Mulatya,

Hon. Munguti: Mr. Speaker, I want to actually thank the mover of this motion. It is timely and it has come at the right hour. First, I would like to say this is what I have been waiting for because SACCOs are the way to go. When you look at the rate of unemployment in our country actually which trickles down to our county, then it shows that coming the year 2020, we will have even more than 80 per cent.

For instance, when you look at our organizations and even in the government institutions, it is very queer that every time, there are strikes in the companies; there are strikes in our institutions; people claiming that they have been actually retrenched and they have not been given their monies and therefore I stand to support this motion that we have SACCOs to empower our youths and even our women.

For instance like last week, actually I was called by one of my electorates telling me that the people who shylock actually have come to his homestead and they are carrying away his bulls which he actually uses for ploughing. I had to go there and rescue that person. Actually I parted with my Ksh. 10,000 so that I can rescue that electorate.

It is so shameful when one goes to the market and buys bulls for ploughing and at the same time those animals have been feeding; they have been given medicines and when that bull is at the age of getting almost Kshs. 50,000, someone comes and takes it away because he had borrowed some money from a shylock.

Therefore I want to say this it is the right time we actually go forward and the best way before we give out these monies to the SACCOs, it is good to train our people on how to use these monies immediately they are given because majority of the people when they get these monies, as Hon. Benedette Mueni has commented here, they just go and buy things which cannot actually have a return on what they had borrowed and therefore it is good to train our people. At the same time, it is also good to look for ways to actually help our *bodaboda* people.

Like Hon. Kisila has said, it is like we are moving with the same phase because I have started such SACCOs in my ward. All the *bodaboda* people within my ward, actually are moving ahead and we are saving each day. We are saving Kshs. 30 and at the end of the day, you find these people are getting good money.

They are now able to pay insurance unlike last time when these people could not pay insurances. They could not pay even the taxes which are being done by our county, but now someone is going and getting those monies and buys something for himself or even pays insurance for his *bodaboda* and this is the way to go. Therefore, I stand to support this motion and I wish if it could actually be passed immediately so that we can go on with it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to go direct to paragraph 3 where it talks about the *bodaboda* riders, sand harvesters and women groups and there as you continue reading after the SACCOs then you come to 'enable them to apply for tenders and loans.' Mr. Speaker, Hon. House, I come from Masinga Central where sand harvesting has turned to be hell in that area, citing that they are not sand harvesting anymore; they are scooping sand and causing serious destructions to our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I want to give an example of one women group. I negotiated around 175 cheques for them to continue with their group and now I'm proud to say that they are rotating

with around 500 chicken around the local markets. This is a good and clear indication that when these *bodaboda* (riders), these our mothers in these women groups and these sand harvesters are supported by these SACCOs, especially when it comes to... because Mr. Speaker when I read the mood of the House, I am sure that this motion is going to pass. It's not about the Hon. House again; it's about the Executive to implement what we are passing here. We urge them---

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, we have been passing very good motions as Hon. Member from Mwala said. We are passing very good motions touching the hearts of people of our county, but nothing is being done from the Executive. We urge them, since we said that we are going to work together with them, once we pass good motions like this one, Mr. Speaker, it is our humble request that they go deep into it and make sure that they are implementing this. As we talk, there are some youths, some of them are *bodabodas*, some of them are sand harvesters from Kivaa ward, from Masinga Central, from Ekalakala and also others from Machakos.

Now they have joined agriculture and I think I and Hon. Justus Kiteng'u went to the area where they are taking the education for agriculture about the green houses. I am telling you since morning 8 o'clock, these boys who are all the way from Masinga Central were already in that school to get education.

Why can't we do like the way good wishers are doing as a county and try to challenge the Executive because we are passing very good motions, very good Bills for them but they are not implementing. It is my humble request that they implement this, and this is the best motion so far and I stand to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Members I now put the question, but before I put the question, I request Hon. Ikusya to briefly give a response.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. One I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Members. I think the contributions are very encouraging and as one scholar said, a strategy that is not implemented is just a paper. I hope if this Hon. House passes this motion, it is going to be implemented. We will do whatever it takes; I think it's important as some of the members said that knowledge is power. All we need, our people are already operating informal SACCOs in the name of *Myethyas* and all sorts of names. All they want is someone to assist them with the knowledge on how to establish, how to register, how to manage them and how they will benefit from a registered and an organized registered group, so I hope members will pass this motion without hesitation. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Kaloki Ikusya.

(Question put and agreed on)

This motion is committed to the committee of Agriculture to work jointly with the committee of Education to look at it, interrogate it and bring back a report to this House by 20th June 2018. Members, before I adjourn the House, I just want to make a few comments now that the motion has been passed by this Hon. House which I thank them for. I think it's a noble motion which has been brought by the Hon. Member. Our people require access to financing; our people require to be empowered, they be given the necessary resources to enable them perform their duties.

One, Hon. Member, I think it was Hon. Kisila, talked about the act of shylocking. Shylocking as you are all aware has been the undoing of most families and most businesses in this county. And why is that happening? When you see shylocking increasing or gambling increasing, that should tell you that access to financing is difficult. If they had an avenue to access this financing I am very sure nobody would want to go to be charged 200 per cent interest if they can be able to access funds even at the normal rate of 13.5 per cent currently.

The other thing which has come out is on the issue of sharing. Whatever motions are being passed here, we had been informed of, we had talked about *Bunge Mashinani* where we want to ensure that Bunge goes to *Mashinani* and our people on the grassroots actually do participate and see what we do in this House.

(Applause)

When we are making our budget, it is key for us to ensure that, that provision is paid for so that we can be able to bring our debates closer to the people. There was also a very noble idea which had to been fronted by the Clerk of the Assembly at some point which also needs to be followed up, and this was, he said he wanted to put up a whole sign, a live signboard at the market place so that when the House is in progress, the ladies in Sokoni there are actually seeing live what is happening inside this House on a big screen.

(Applause)

Remember that the market place confines people who come from all over the county to the market place, so if you can have even one screen there which is streaming live what is happening here, then you will be having a better or a greater outreach to the people of Machakos.

The committees on Agriculture and Education which have been given this, it will be important for you to research well into this to ensure that there are very many diverse issues which have come out. Research well on this issue and come out with a robust proposal which will be able to encompass all interested groups in this specific item.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much members. The House now stands adjourned to Tuesday, the 10th day of April, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.34 a.m.