

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 30th April, 2019

The House met at 10.17 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning Hon. members. Does it feel like the first day back to school? That you are almost coming here kicking and screaming the way the kids do when they are going back to school the first day; for you it should be different. I am happy to see you and I know you are also happy to see each other, it has been some break and of course a lot has happened; finally we got rains.

God heard the prayers of his people and we continue to pray that they be long rains and those who are predicting otherwise will have to keep quiet. So, I welcome you back to this sitting and I hope we will be able to transact the business that has brought us in the interest of service to the people of the county of Machakos.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
WELCOMING MEMBERS BACK FROM SHORT RECESS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the communication I made welcoming you is the only communication I have under this order.

PAPER LAID

Hon. Speaker: We have business by Hon. Ndambuki; I can see Hon. Steve Mwanthi is smiling with a lot of knowledge about the whereabouts of Hon. Ndambuki. Are you willing to hold brief for Hon. Ndambuki.

Hon. Mwanthi: I can, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: If you are able.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am holding brief for Hon. Ndambuki who has just walked out that is why I was smiling.

Hon. Speaker: And he has since become Dr. Ndambuki.

Hon. Mwanthi: I am not aware, then am holding brief for Hon. (Dr.) Dominic Ndambuki.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Doctor to be. Let us proceed.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO MURANG'A COUNTY

Hon. Mwanthi: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Tuesday, 30th April, 2019: report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on Educational tour to Murang'a County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mwanthi.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have three notices, one by Hon. Mwanthi, Hon. Mark Muendo and Hon. Ndambuki. For those who are not here, just prepare those who can hold brief because we need to transact the businesses. Hon. Steve Mwanthi, proceed.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is as if we have a problem with the network; our iPads are not opening and I believe Members do not have the same report.

Hon. Speaker: You are sure it's not because you have been away for so long that you forgot? Mine is opening, how come. How many here whose iPads have refused to open? Quite a number? Mr. Clerk, can we resolve the issue briefly; just a moment we resolve the issue. So in the meantime we are organizing for some hard copies in the meanwhile so that we read from the same script. In the meanwhile, the IT people are also trying to make sure that the network is working. Just try and refresh your iPads, I am told the network is available.

Let us do this Hon. Members, we are going to suspend this sitting and we will just lower the mace and remain here so that we can finalize on that for ten minutes.

(The House suspended for 10 minutes)

(The Mace was lowered)

(Hard copies were supplied to Hon. Members)

(The House resumed)

Hon. Members, because of the hitch on the internet connection and the inability to use your iPad effectively, we have now provided some hard copies so that we can proceed with

the business of the House. We had reached Order No. 6 and I had called Hon. Stephen Mwanthi; we continue from there.

SCHEME OF SERVICE FOR ECDE TRAINERS

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Early Childhood Development Education teachers are critical in laying the right foundation of education and that they are good at shaping the child's life in terms of mental understanding, knowledge imparting and physical development;

Cognizant that pre-primary education is a devolved function as per the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;

Further aware that our Early Child Development Education teachers are poorly paid and consequently not properly motivated to bring up the children in the right manner;

Further aware that the County Executive, specifically the Machakos County Public Service Board has failed in its mandate as stipulated in Section 59 of the County Governments Act, 2012;

Aware that the County Public Service Board, during a meeting with the general oversight committee, informed the Assembly that they had conducted a staff audit in the FY 2016/17 but have since adamantly failed to furnish the Assembly with the report;

Recognizing that despite the importance of ECDE Trainers, the department of Education has continued to offer very low remuneration referencing to its budgetary inability to fully meet their salary requirements;

Aware that there is no clear, accurate record of the wage bill hence no justification as to why the County Executive underpays the ECDE trainers;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos prepares a scheme of service that will review upwards the salaries of the ECDE trainers by taking into consideration their level of qualification.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, next is by Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Mulatya, you are standing in?

NAMING OF KIVANGULI ROAD

Hon. Mulatya: Yes, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Madam Speaker; good morning Hon. Members. I am standing in for Hon. Mark Muendo, the Majority Leader of the House.

Hon. Speaker, aware that Article 174(d) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution of Government is to recognize the right of Communities to manage their own affairs;

Further, the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution mandates County Governments on matters of County roads;

Aware that the County Assembly acknowledges the commendable works done by the County Government of Machakos in tarmacking the road connecting Machakos-Kangundo road to Mombasa Road through Mua to Kaloleni;

Aware that the road passes near the home of one the heroes of the Kamba Community;

Hon. Speaker, cognizant of the fact that there is need to name our roads and streets for ease of identifications and in recognition of our heroes and heroines;

Aware that this will help our future generation appreciate the achievements of our heroes and heroines in the society;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that; the County Government of Machakos names the road connecting Machakos-Kangundo road to Mombasa Road through Mua and Kaloleni as Kivanguli road.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mulatya. Next business is by Hon. Ndambuki.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO MURANG'A

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the annual report of the Controller of Budget is prepared in accordance with Article 228(6) of the Constitution, Section 9 of the Controller of Budget (COB) Act, 2016 and Section 39(8) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012;

Aware that the Report of the Controller of Budget for the first quarter of 2018/2019 was received on 9th February, 2019 and committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee;

Recognizing that during the analysis of the report, the Committee on Budget and Appropriation noted that Murang'a and Narok Counties had adhered to the COB regulations in implementation of their development budgets unlike Machakos County and hence resolved to carry out a bench marking exercise with their counterparts in Murang'a County Assembly and further an educational tour to the development projects within the same County;

Aware that the Committee carried out the exercise on 14th and 15th February, 2019;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Educational Tour to Murang'a County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndambuki.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 30TH APRIL, 2019

Hon. Speaker: We have one business by Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam 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.

Madam Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 29th April, 2019 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151 as follows:

Tuesday, 30th April, 2019
Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- Motion that this Honorable House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos prepares a scheme of service that will review upwards the salaries of the ECDE trainers by taking into consideration their level of qualification by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.
- Motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that; the County Government of Machakos names the road connecting Machakos-Kangundo road to Mombasa Road through Mua and Kaloleni as Kivanguli road by Hon. Paul Museku.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

- Report of Budget and Appropriation Committee on Educational Tour to Murang'a by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Members, we will move to order number eight but before I call the clerk to call out, I will just give notice that I have used my discretion to allow the motions to be debated notwithstanding that the notices of motion have been given today in the same sitting. The reason is that the House did not have business because it came from recess yesterday.

MOTIONS

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Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Mwanthi. Who is seconding you?

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Moses Mitaa to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Moses Mitaa.

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

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moses Mitaa

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members the debate is open for your consideration. Hon. Matee

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here with a lot of confidence to congratulate Hon. Mwanthi for this noble motion he has brought. I am one of those who believe in education and I believe that early childhood education is more vital and important than the rest of the education because if the child is not given the best in the beginning, they never make it in their education cycle.

I believe and I strongly recommend that the teachers who are teaching these young ones be properly educated and also properly remunerated so that they can be able to offer the best to these young ones. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Matee. Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me the chance to contribute on this motion. I want to thank the mover of the motion for considering to help the managers of young pupils in nursery schools. Madam Speaker, being the chairman of the labor committee, I want to say that the motion is timely because the economic times have gone up. With Ksh. 10,000 you can purchase nothing nowadays. These people are working like any other person in Kenya and once paid and some deductions; NSSF, NHIF, when that are deducted, they are left with nothing.

Those people pay the same price we pay for *unga*, they meet the same bills the same way we meet so focusing on them is a very good idea because we will at least lift their standards of living because the standards of living is only lifted by income per capita of an individual. So, having the idea of compelling the government of the day to increase the wages and salaries of these managers of young kids will entice and motivate them and also feel that they are also part of the county because some of them go to work and I often meet some of them and they ask me; what is Ksh. 10,000 actually.

Today, some of us if we are given Ksh. 10,000 between now and evening, they will spend all of it yet that is someone's salary for a full month. This government needs to be considerate and also as the employees achieve the goals of the county government they also need to be motivated to achieve their own goals. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also wish to give my input in this motion and I will start by congratulating the Member who has brought it because Madam Speaker, when we were seeking the mandate to come to this House, these ECDE teachers were among those who were electing us and we made promises that we will take care of them and others.

Madam Speaker, if you compare what the ECDE teachers do, in fact, if you can compare them with primary and secondary, they work more than the others because some of the kids who are taken to those schools and others have not reached the age of going to schools but because parents are very busy, they cannot leave the kids alone, they take them to these ECDE schools. So apart from teaching they also take care of them like maids.

Madam Speaker, even labor laws have set fees for workers and the people we call maids are receiving according to that law they are supposed to be getting minimum Ksh. 8,000. That particular maid is eating from the employer, sleeping at the employer's compound, washing using employer's soap, everything employers. If you compare Ksh. 8,000 and Ksh. 10,000 and the maid is not paying tax; these Ksh. 10,000 we are paying the ECDE teachers is going to be taxed. So after deductions, the ECDE teacher goes home with less than Ksh. 9,000.

If you look at how the prices have gone up; now the one kilograms maize flour we were buying at Ksh. 40 now is Ksh. 60; it has gone up. So, Madam Speaker, I humbly request this House because we are in the process of making the budget, we may pass that we increase the salaries and if it is not captured in the budget it may not be attainable. So I am requesting the Chair of Budget and his team, once the motion is passed, to ensure that he liaises with the relevant departments so that we can know what to add in the budget to ensure the ECDE teachers are well paid. That is what I wanted to say, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa, Hon. Kamitu, Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Following the sentiments by the Hon. Members who have spoken it is important we recognize the ECDE teachers who are very important people to the community. For example, if you go to the European countries where some of us have gone, ECDE teachers are the most well paid teachers in those countries because they are the ones who mould the child at the early stages and we normally say the early bird catches the worm.

So, if we motivate the ECDE teachers, they will have that motivation, that strength to model our kids at early stages and we will have future citizens who were moulded while very young. I do not want to waste a lot of time other than to emphasize that this House should emphasize the need of ECDE getting their salaries raised. On the same note, although it has not been noted here, during the budget-making process set aside, although we have the ballooning wage bill but there is a necessity and it is important to have even more teachers because we are short of those trainers in the county.

It is important to see were our future as a county lies; ECDE teachers are very important so in addition to their motivation, we should also increase the number so that every ECDE class in all primary schools because it is a devolved function we see to it that all primary schools have got equally build ECDE classes and have additional teachers. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You will bear me witness with the Hon. House that in the recent past, the performance in Machakos has really gone down and you will agree with me that it is because of poor foundation of our children. I would also wish to congratulate the Machakos Education department because we have witnessed them doing headcount in our wards that means they are going to do away with the ballooning wage bill so that they can at least budget properly for this ECDE trainers.

Madam Speaker, without motivating these trainers, I think they will just do basic work and will never go an extra mile. So I fully support this motion that the budget should be well checked through our able Chair of the Budget committee so that at least we can have a very powerful and strong foundation of our children. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mulatya. Hon. Kiilu, the Chair of education committee.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to first congratulate Hon. Stephen Mwanthi for the motion and thank all the Hon. Members for participating in this important motion. Madam Speaker, I think this is an issue that has always been cropping in our committee and to start with we started by requesting the department to give us the number of ECD teachers because we wanted to know the reason why they are getting such low wages.

At the first time were given a figure of about 1,120 ECD teachers but when we requested them to do the headcount a the Hon. Member has said, they brought us a number totaling to around 880 teachers and when we requested to know where the difference was and why the difference, they told us some teachers rejected the low offer on wages. So they declined and they moved to other departments.

Others rejected the offer because they were moved from their villages to other far areas and considering the salary, they declined the offer. Madam Speaker, one thing I would like to

bring to the attention of the members is that the county has not employed the ECD teachers but has employed the caretakers; that is where now the matter lies. It is not the teachers and that is the reason why, Madam Speaker, those days when I was in the Kenya National Union of Teachers, we were requesting that these ECD teachers should be employed by the government so that their salaries could be aligned with the other teachers but when the issue was taken to the National government actually it was shot down.

Otherwise, I wish to congratulate the members and I want to say that we are still supporting that these ECD teachers should be given a higher salary. Not forgetting also as we plead with the department on finance as they budget, do not forget that in the ECD we have two levels, we have the PP1 and the PP2. Currently, when you go to any school you will realize that we have one ECD teacher who is handling two classes; why? Because they do not have enough teachers.

When you ask why they have not employed an extra teacher, there is this issue of the free primary education; you cannot employ because when you ask the parents to pay, then they raise an alarm then CS Magoha will be on your neck. So you realize that the teacher is handling two levels at one go and that is the reason why the levels are going down. So, I am also pleading that as we look at their salaries, let us also look for more funding to employ an extra teacher per school. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu. Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate the mover of the motion for bringing such a wonderful motion. We all agree that these ECD teachers, somehow, have been neglected even in the society; they are not respected as their colleagues. They are the managers of our children, we take our children to school when they know nothing and you remember at our times we used to start with the clay work, the basics and now I think the society has changed because they are trained. Some of them are even paid by the parents, they are not even considered by the county.

I would request that we harmonize all of them and they be considered because they are doing a basic need to prepare our children. We should also consider training them more especially because now the curriculum is changing. They should also go by the times, we also consider the county to train them and as the mover of the motion was saying that the County Public Service Board had not provided us with the staff audit; we do not know how many they are, we do not know how much they are earning but we know that they are hard pressed.

They cannot even afford to get a Sacco loan so as to advance themselves. So, it is my appeal in the Assembly we pass the motion to see to it that they have their own budget they are respected, they are well remunerated, they are well paid so that they can take care of our children well and for that I think our results will improve. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini. Hon. Kamulu? Hon. Majority Leader, I saw you late but let Hon. Kamulu finish; I am aware and I do practice protocol but I saw your hand later. Hon. Kamulu.

Hon. Kamulu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is in order Madam Speaker, to congratulate the Hon. Member who has brought this motion to this House because the ECD teachers are actually suffering. Madam Speaker, it is evident that there is a shortage of teachers

in our ECDEs in our County but the mover of the motion is actually advocating a scheme of service of the teachers which is actually very necessary.

Madam Speaker, one important thing which actually the county should consider as far as the scheme is concerned is the nature of employment of those teachers. Are they employed permanently or it is contract? Madam Speaker, it is good the teachers are employed in permanent way where they can also get pension after their service. Madam Speaker, it is not good, it is not orderly to pay teachers at a flat rate because I am hearing teachers get Ksh. 10,000.

In fact, the teachers, some of them are holders of certificates others have diplomas and others have degrees in training so Madam Speaker, the scheme of service should include scaled salary as per the education level. Madam Speaker, it is also in order in the scheme we consider the house allowance for those teachers; we should not assume that they are living in their homes. Even the Teacher Advisory Centre (TAC) teachers that live at their homes, so these teachers should also get house allowance. They should also get medical cover because actually they need healthcare.

Madam Speaker, in the same scheme I am also proposing that they be given maternity leave and also paternity leave which is well articulated in the scheme instead of just saying we have teachers or instructors or caretakers who are not well remunerated. We have heard in this House that some of them declined the employment because of low payment. Madam Speaker, to me Ksh. 10,000 for a teacher is exploitation and we should not actually exploit our people.

The county should not hide under the blanket that there is a ballooned wage bill and use that reason to exploit the citizens of our county. Actually, the teachers should be paid well, they should be increased and they should be given their right because that is very necessary. So, Madam Speaker, that is my proposal as per the scheme of service for the teachers of the ECD schools in our County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much, Hon. Kamulu. Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First I appreciate the mover of this motion which actually, Madam Speaker, has been overdue. Let me say Madam Speaker, early childhood education is the basic, it is actually the foundation which should be considered in every education set up. Our teachers, the ECD teachers in Machakos County, in fact, we cannot call it a salary to me it is just pocket change Ksh. 10,000 you cannot buy anything for 30 days. In fact, they just survive.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, in areas where we come from we know them and they normally like in my area I normally top up from my pocket because to give them morale because if you look at the state they live in, it is also actually not good. The employment of our teachers here the ECD teachers, as the mover said to level their qualifications, some of them were employed but others were employed but they do not consider the Machakos County Government has not considered to know the level of education and they are paid a flat salary of Ksh. 10, 000.

Madam Speaker, that is why you see education in Machakos County going down and Madam Speaker, you know the County Government in education sector we only come in on the ECD side; just to build the classroom and employ the teachers and when we consider other things like doing roads we should also consider education. It is paramount and we need to put a lot of efforts and even the coming budget we must allocate money for these ECD teachers.

Madam Speaker, we are talking about a wage bill which is high but that does not mean that we under pay our teachers who train our little kids. In fact, in other countries like Europe, an ECD teacher is paid more than a qualified teacher like Hon. Kiilu because they take care of kids; they are parents, they take care of the kids and they also train them. Just imagine Hon. Speaker, when I went to school, I did not know how to write 'A' then I was taken by that ECD teacher to get me to read and write; it is the most difficult part of education system.

Secondary school teachers are paid well but we go there when we already know what we want. These kids go to class when they do not know what they need; so what I mean Madam Speaker, is that this motion we must take it seriously and make sure that our teachers are paid well because that is where we get the basic education. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Steve Mwathi, the mover, please reply.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I must appreciate the Hon. Members who have supported this motion. Madam Speaker, it is true some of these teachers are degree and diploma holders who get a monthly salary of Ksh. 9,000 to Ksh. 11,000. It is good Madam Speaker, as a County to check on their qualifications because it is like an insult when you pay a degree holder like Ksh. 9,000 or Ksh. 10,000, Madam Speaker. It is true that in our county they are being called caregivers because if we call them ECDE teachers, maybe somebody might end up in court. So, it is good we just do like the other counties and see what best we can do to these people. Some of them come to study during the holidays when the schools are closed and you see them struggling very much, Madam Speaker.

If you check even some of us are educating in these private schools. We have children in our kindergarten and the nursery schools; in fact, those kids we pay the same school fees as the ones in primary schools and you cannot differentiate the difference between the ECD teacher who is teaching those children and the ones in primary schools but in our case you can see the difference between the ECDE teachers and the primary teachers is very different.

So if we can do something on those teachers, it will be good. As at now I understand the Governor has instructed all the heads of departments to do headcount of the County employees. This is the way to go and I want to believe the issue of ghost workers will be something of the past after the headcount and that way will pave way for those ECD teachers to get more salaries, Madam Speaker. So with those few remarks, Madam Speaker, I do appreciate and say thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Steve Mwathi and Hon. Members. I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, you have resolved on the motion and it is committed to the committee on education and the committee on education is to report to this House by the 2nd of July, 2019. The report can come sooner than that, Hon. Kiilu. Hon. Members, you appreciate that ECDE education is a devolved function; it is where the county enters on education in this nation and

that is where the foundation is laid as many of you have said that and you all know if you build a house on the wrong foundation, it will never stand.

So if we build our students on the wrong foundation, they will never stand; we will have ruined their lives, academically and even socially because when you educate a human being you are educating them not only academically but also socially, politically, economically and in all ways of the life. So for this house we need to be in the fore front to ensure that ECDE education is well addressed by way of the trainers as you have debated, by way of the infrastructure, the children must be in well provided institutions or structures, buildings and even their curriculum.

I am happy that we have a number of teachers or former teachers in this House and they are going to shape the future of ECDE even those who are not members in the committee on education please do go there and contribute on this debate so that we can have success on ECDE. Thank you, very much. Hon. Members we are moving to the next motion, Mr. Clerk.

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Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Who is seconding your motion?

Hon. Muendo: Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I do second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, the debate is open for your contributions. Hon. Constance Mbula.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize that Hon. Mark Muendo has done a good job; his motion is wonderful and I want to say I relocated to Mua in 1995 and there was no road so we were using a *panya* route and the road was constructed eventually; now we have a good road by the National Government and when it reads Mua road anybody will know it is going to Mua from Mombasa road to Kangundo road. You tell anyone you are going to Mua to see so and so and you will be taken there.

It is good to change the name for heroes and heroines but Madam Speaker, I would wish us to go slow on some of these. I would wish to request that if it is necessary the road is changed the name we call it Mua/Kivanguli road not forgetting that it was also Mua-Kaloleni road. So, my question is when we call it Kivanguli road, Kivanguli is not well known. It is not like we are saying Ngei Road or Mulu Mutisya road. Those are our long term heroes and they were people, fathers who we knew what they did for this country and so it will be difficult for people on the ground to come to terms with Kivanguli road because what is Kivanguli you know; people will be wondering. Okay, he maybe somebody, he is a hero we know but there is a problem there---

Hon. Speaker: When you ask Hon. Constance Mbula.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: When you ask, Hon. Constance Mbula what is Kivanguli; is it a human being or is it a thing?

Hon. (Ms.) C. Mbula: I understand it is a human being, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: It is a person so the question would be who is not what is.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Mbula: Okay, sorry Madam Speaker. So, who is Kivanguli to people and I think I am the oldest person a Hon. Member to date apart from Larry Wambua to live in Mua. So if we are going by members who have contributed in Mua or Machakos, I will be one of them and it will be called Mbula road---

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mbula, have you finished or you are waiting to be.....okay Hon. Matee proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Yes, Madam Speaker, I just want to find out whether the Hon. Member is right to say that she is the first person to live in Mua. There have been people living in Mua for the last 40, 50 years many people.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mbula, please proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) C. Mbula: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So I was saying if anything for the people of Mua on the ground because they know where they live and they know their road if it is so necessary that the road be named Kivanguli, then I would propose Mua/Kivanguli road or Mua/Mbula road. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mbula. Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Mine is not really quite a contribution but I think some of us are confused when we say Kivanguli; I think Hon. Majority could tell us who is Kivanguli or what is Kivanguli at least when we are discussing we are heading somewhere, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, hold on because we will still have all the questions. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Let me say it is not wrong to name a road and in fact, Hon. Speaker, we must go that way naming roads even in Kalama, Kibauni and even everywhere. This guides people where they are going. It is not wrong to have Mbula road; we can have an avenue a small one going down to the river and call it Mbula road.

(Laughter)

What I am saying, Madam Speaker, why I brought this motion is because I want to recognize Sonko and the work he has done in Mua and Hon. Ngunga is my witness. When you go to primary schools what Mbula has not told you, when you go to primary schools in Mua and my ward, he has done marvelous you know the primary school next to Sonko's home looks like a University.

There is another one going on in Kinanie; so we say to name a road does not give anything it is just to give you direction and also to recognize people who have done something. So, I request Hon. Constance to build a school or to do a borehole like what Sonko has done and then we can consider. We have no problem with that.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker, let me say Sonko is a hero; in our community we must recognize people who have done well. Governors in Kenya---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, there is a point of order from Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Hon. Speaker, is the Hon. Majority Leader in order to put praise to Kivanguli whom we have not seen do anything. Can he change the name of the road to Sonko road whom we know who has done so much everywhere but not Kivanguli. When we talk of heroes Kivanguli is not a hero.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, that is not a point of order you are proposing.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader hold on.

(Laughter)

Hon. Muendo: Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hold on. You are proposing an amendment in the name of point of order so if it is a point of order please let it be a point of order that the Member has breached a certain order and let me know which order on the Standing Orders that is breached. That is what a point of order is and as a matter of fact Hon. Maitha you have been there even in the higher legislative body that is the National Parliament and you need to be guiding others who have not been there.

So, a point of order is when there is a breach of order but if you wanted to amend the motion, let it be and then it will be deliberated on the floor. Hon. Majority Leader, you proceed.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Maitha: Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, you have made your point. Please resume your seat.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me say when we talk of Kivanguli we know it is the father of Sonko and there is no difference between the son of Hon. Moffat Maitha and himself so when we are talking about Kivanguli road we just want to have a name which, after consultations with Sonko, Sonko said if the road is named after his father, he will be happy. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order Hon. Majority Leader, point of order from Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think Hon. Majority Leader is not disorderly but I think he is over stepping his mark because one of the things he should have known before he brought this motion here is that the Mua-Kalolenii road has been in existence from time immemorial; that road has its name and if you know that road was not built by the County Government it was built by the Kenya National Highways Authority and that road is name Mua-Kaloleni road.

Now for us to move ahead and start changing the name to this new name Kivanguli that of course we associate with but partially because so to speak those of us who come from Mua do not know Kivanguli but we know Sonko as Maitha is saying because we know Sonko's father

comes from---

Hon. Speaker: Did you say as Maitha is saying? Who is Maitha.

Hon. Ngunga: Hon. Maitha, is saying Madam Speaker. It is public knowledge that Sonko's father comes from Kangundo that is Mbilini area and I am sure that there have also roads in that direction if the Hon. Majority Leader wanted to pick a road, he could easily pick one from that direction but as for the roads in Mua they are already named. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader Mark Muendo, have you finished?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you. I have not finished, Hon. Speaker. Let me say I do not see why we have problem; I said naming roads is giving directions. Let me say Hon. Speaker, that if we fail to recognize our people and what they are doing nobody is going to recognize us and as I said there will come a time when we will not be living but our kids will know there was somebody who did good in Mua. I wonder Hon. Ngunga when one of the schools is on site and he should be supporting this motion because that school is actually on his site. It is in Mua and he knows that.

Madam Speaker, let me say there is nothing...we want to encourage Sonko to do a lot in Ukambani not even in Kinanie or Mua to go other areas and Hon. Speaker, I had a meeting and Hon. Kisini was there, Hon. Mbevi was there and he said any member from Ukambani, he has some money and he wants to construct in their wards. Naming a road does not mean anything so we want to encourage him to do a lot in Ukambani and Sonko has been doing it. So, Madam Speaker, I think I will say that this is nothing it is just naming a road and we shall move and name roads we can have one Ngunga road but not a major one; these small small ones.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, Order! I know it is a matter that...and again you are just from recess, you are full of energy. So, you want to laugh and laugh as you want but let us just maintain order in the House. Hon. Fred Muthoka.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support this motion fully from our Majority Leader because Madam Speaker, we have here Kenyatta Stadium; is Kenyatta from Ukambani? No.

Hon. Speaker: Kenyatta was the founder of the nation of Kenya.

Hon. Muthoka: Again Kivanguli is the son of the first Kamba Governor in Nairobi so there is no difference of Mbuva and Muthoka; in fact, Mbuva is not known and Muthoka is more known and Muthoka is my father. If you go here you talk about Muthoka, Muthoka will be known more than Mbuva. So, Kivanguli, we know Kivanguli more than Sonko because if it is not Kivanguli we would not have Sonko and Sonko has done a lot here in Machakos and we want to encourage him to do even more. So I fully support, let us call this Kivanguli road. Thank

you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Muthoka. Hon. Johana.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the concept of naming roads or even other projects in the county but Madam Speaker, it is also important as a Hon. House to be able to justify the reasons why we have to take such actions. We agree totally that we have a very hard working Governor, our son from Ukambani and at the mention of Sonko anywhere in this country, even very small kids have a feel of who Sonko is.

When you mention somebody like Wangari Maathai; everybody knows what they did. When we talk of Mzee Jomo Kenyatta we know what he did so you become a hero not by being called a hero by people but from whatever you do to make you a hero and it is important to recognize heroes. I would advise because that road passes through other people who have also contributed. We have a DC Mativo who is also being served by the same road, we have also Ndeti who is a father of a Governor aspirant who is known all over in the country.

We also have other people along the same road so as a Hon. House we must not just...as much as we would wish to recognize what Nairobi Governor is doing, I would request or advise that he come up with either a foundation or very big project and he has all the authority and the power to come up with a project and name it after his father in recognition to his father but just picking a name and we really clearly know that....I was trying to look at whether even through the google I can get his profile whether he contributed anything.

(Laughter)

I was unable so I would request that we maintain Mua-Kaloleni road or if there will be need to rename the road, we make sure that it is done properly and in recognition to people who actually contributed anything in this country. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johana. Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to contribute on the Majority Leader's motion and first, I would like to start by giving my full support on the motion. I would like to request this Hon. House that although this was a request from the Governor of Nairobi and I would like to---

(A Hon. Member spoke off record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u..... Who has asked 'to who' without being given permission; you are not in a market place, Hon. Members, you know that. If you want to raise a point put up your hand please don't heckle a Member their feet and you know we speak in an orderly manner in this House. If you have anything to say put up your hand, I am going to give you a chance if you want to contribute an opportunity to do so but please don't shout from where you are seated.

If you put up your hand it has to be for you tell us if it is a point of information, is it a point of order so you don't just put up your hand quietly. Hon. Kiteng'u, proceed.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I was saying that Governor Mike Sonko, you know his father is deceased and from my point of view and understanding, Governor Mike Sonko feels that his father is still alive and he will wish the road is named after his father, the name of his father will live forever and I will request that if naming a road.... Hon. Speaker, we are doing some projects in our wards and the Governor of Machakos is also doing some projects in Machakos County and some of the projects are named after the Governor.

The Governor will not be the Governor of Machakos in his entire life but the projects will remain. I would like to request that if we have roads which have been named after the heroes, we also have a hero in Governor Sonko's family and I would like to request that Hon. House because I am trying to check in google and found that Hon. Ngunga member of Mua you know that Mua primary school---

Hon. Speaker: Address the Chair, don't address Hon. Ngunga.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kiteng'u: Hon. Chair, Mua primary school has got full support from Mike Sonko. We have Kaiyani primary school as well and we have many other projects which have been done and if is something to ask what has Sonko done or---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wake up to inform the Hon. Member who was on the floor that naming projects has a process and now when Hon. Kiteng'u wakes up and says that Governor Sonko is associated with Mua primary school, I wonder how. Secondly, he has also talked about Kaiyani and that is the area that I represent and I am actually baffled Madam Speaker when Hon. Kiteng'u wakes up and says Hon. Sonko is requesting. I wonder whether we are debating a motion here or we are debating somebody's request.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, point of information you don't have---

Hon. Ngunga: Actually, that is the point of information.

Hon. Speaker: You usually give straight forward answer like 'I want to inform the Hon. Member that Hon. Sonko has nothing to do with Mua primary school.'

Hon. Ngunga: Yes and therefore, Madam Speaker, let me put it clearly---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Ngunga is never long neither explanation.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We have no problem with Governor Sonko's father being named in Kaiyani primary school, we can name that Kivanguli primary school or Mua, we can only pick one of the primary school but the road, the road. my dear. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So, when you come to contribute you will tell us more about the road. Hon. Kiteng'u, you are informed accordingly?

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Yes I am well informed. My contribution was that I don't see any problem because this is a procedural House and I don't see any problem naming a road as long it is within Machakos. Mike Mbuvi Sonko is the Governor of Nairobi and he hails from Machakos and you see Nairobi is the capital city of this country and now he is the President of Nairobi. I request this Hon House, being a Governor of Nairobi is not a joke.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u.

(Laughter)

Hon Kiteng'u, did you say that a President of Nairobi; we don't have a President of Nairobi, we have a Governor for Nairobi.

Hon Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. What I meant is he is the head of Nairobi; he heads Nairobi county so I request this House please do support the motion again we will request also the Governor of Nairobi as the Governor whatever we want we can even get the projects from them.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah. I will come to you Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to contribute on the same motion, Madam Speaker. This issue of naming roads names of our either fathers of our heroes or naming roads on maybe our children because we are heroes, I don't think is a subject which should be discussed in this House, Madam Speaker. Possibly because when we look at the history of this nation, majority of our roads in our country they are either named against the names of our heroes not the fathers or the sons of those who bear the children?

Also Hon. Sonko, we know he is a hero, he has quite commendable job in Nairobi and because we have so many major roads in Nairobi where he belongs, why don't he take one of the roads and name it Kivanguli?

(Applause)

Because in Machakos, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Mulatya, Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform the Hon. Member that Hon. Sonko belongs to Machakos Mua because that is where his home is. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, informed. Proceed.

Hon. Munguti: Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member, I think he is misguided when he says Hon. Sonko belongs to Machakos---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, no member of this House can be misguided; please use proper parliamentary words and for that if you don't retract those words, I will have to address the issue with you.

Hon. Munguti: I withdraw, Madam Speaker, but not to contribute on the same.

Hon. Speaker: Did you say 'but not.' you withdraw but not to what?

Hon. Munguti: To contribute on the motion.

Hon. Speaker: You are not withdrawing from contributing?

Hon. Munguti: I said I am withdrawing from what I have said.

Hon. Speaker: That is okay. Proceed.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I was saying is that Governor Sonko is the Governor of Nairobi and there are so many roads in Nairobi which he can name. We have some major roads like in Umoja, Utawala, Westlands and some of them are not named and he can name those roads under his father. We have so many heroes in Machakos County and those roads can be named---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Kituku.

Hon. Kituku: I would like to inform my fellow colleague Hon. Member for Muthetheni that in this motion it is not Sonko who is requesting to name the roads.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Point of information given. Hon. Jeremiah, proceed.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker but I am also wondering who requested for the road to be named Kivanguli because if we are talking about a request which was done, then Madam Speaker there is no point of..... Madam Speaker I am seeking for your protection.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, I will give you protection you asked a question. I think for the information, let us hear if it is answering your question. Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the Hon. Member that we are discussing a motion in the House; we are not discussing a request.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, proceed.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just say that because Mua road has been named Mua-Kaloleni road, which actually gives us---

Hon. Speaker: What is the point of information, Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Madam Speaker, I want to inform the member that we do not have a road by such a name so it is not gazzetted anywhere so we don't have such a road.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah, please proceed.

Hon Munguti: Well-informed, Madam Speaker. We can as well name the road Mua-Kaloleni road if it has not been gazetted and as this House we can also discuss about it and name it Mua-Kaloleni road because it gives a significant name which shows direction of the people of Mua but when we talk of Kivanguli, as some of the members where asking, Madam Speaker; who is Kivanguli? For sure we don't know him.

May be he might be the father of Nairobi Governor but us as members of this Hon. House we don't know who is Kivanguli and therefore Madam Speaker, it would be prudent for the House in such a times to discuss matters of importance for this House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I have gone through the notes in regard to the road and maybe my advice, if not advice is that my opinion for this matter is that we have been told that the road that we are discussing is a road that was constructed by the national government and again we are not also sure whether---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information, Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't think the on member is in order; we are actually naming road not construction of the road and not who did it. This is Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, please proceed.

Hon. Kamitu: Yes, Madam Speaker, there is no argument about that; I am only contributing so that after my contribution we can have point of information, point of orders, agreed, Madam Speaker. I was only saying, Madam Speaker, it is true that the road has already been constructed but we are not also sure whether the road has been gazetted. My request, Madam Speaker, is that as a House through the MP of the area is the right person who should bring a motion in the National Assembly because we have an MP in that area---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information. Hon. Mutiso.

Hon. PJ. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. What I want to inform members is that there is a body which came up in this town and they are helping us to name roads here because they want them to be connected in electronic system so that you may be able to google and get direction of the place where you want to go. So, I don't think whether there is anything wrong with what they are saying but we have Muindi Mbingu in Nairobi whereby he was not staying there because he was just fighting with the whites in Muindi Mbingu place in Mitaboni, Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Alright. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Yes, Madam Speaker. It is important for the Members of the Assembly just first to listen to me; I have not concluded and we are only contributing so that at the end of everything we may come up with a name. I am not against the naming but, Madam Speaker, I am only standing here to say physically and scientifically, the national government has its own engineers, it has a way of naming roads. So, what I am saying is that we do not know whether the road has been gazetted and again to name roads, the government has a system so if this House has those powers, I have no problem but then we should also stand to be on the preserve of the procedures that are carried out by the national government in regard to naming.

In regard to issues that can be controlled from this House, Madam Speaker, that is what I am saying is let us sit down and see what the House can do and what the national government can do. That is my contribution in this regard. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like therefore to wake up and contribute to this motion. I would like to start by saying that I think there is a lot of confusion in today's motion where Hon. Steve Mwanthi is saying the road has not been named.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members are never confused.

Hon. Ngunga: I am saying there is confusion and I wanted put records straight.

Hon. Speaker: This confusion is among members?

Hon. Ngunga: Yes I am saying so.

Hon. Speaker: They are never confused.

Hon. Ngunga: It is a matter of language, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Which is we need parliamentary language.

Hon. Ngunga: Yes, I am going to adhere to that.

Hon. Speaker: So, if it is about confusion say I would want to inform members.

Hon. Ngunga: Yes, I will start by doing that, Madam Speaker, and one of the things that I want to start by saying is that, that road is called Mua road and it is a road that is existing and if you google now you get it as Mua road. It is a road that is existing and it has been existing..

(Applause)

I want members to google and you get Mua road. One of the things that I wanted to say is that the people of Mua identify with that road; it is actually an historical road and that is where the ward draws its name from Mua.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from, Hon Matee.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: This is just information Mheshimiwa Ngunga. Apparently---

Hon. Speaker: You are not addressing Hon. Ngunga and don't mix the languages, address the chair.

Hon. Ms. Ndeti: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say that I want to tell members that the word Mua, Mua was called MUIR, but when the Kambas came to work for the settlers they changed it to MUA and that road is very much in the google maps.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Matee. Hon. Ngunga, proceed.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. She was only assisting me I wish you had let me to go on because I would have done that exactly.

Hon. Speaker: She should have assisted you and she has informed the House' apparently there were some human beings called a name that we changed as Kambas to Mua and that is bit we needed.

Hon. Ngunga: So, my point was that we the people who come from Mua including herself we identify with that road, one of the things that made us call the ward Mua is the road and the other one were the hills. So now it's like now coming to us in Mua and telling us you want to name our Mua hills another name that we do not know. Again, Madam Speaker, as the residents of Mua, we also wonder why it is that we have not been consulted, there has not been any public participation to feel whether members of the ward have any problem with identifying themselves.... Madam Speaker, some protection please so that I become coherent.

Hon. Speaker: You will, you will; just listen if there is information let us hear it. Some matter of fact, information is not for the member who is contributing; it is for the House.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The information I wanted to give the member is that as a matter of procedure, motions are brought to the House and then committed to committees so certain committee can be committed to go and meet the people maybe for such like request that Hon. Member is making.

Hon. Speaker: So what you are saying is public participation will still be done.

Hon Mwanthi: There will be committee that will be committed possibly to follow up, as he is requesting because a Hon. Member cannot just go to Mua and start investigating.

Hon. Speaker: A point of information is never long; Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, please resume your seat. Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I want to imagine that this debate is going to assist the House to save time because if for example you commit this motion to a committee and the committee goes around the people of Mua, I am sure what the people of Mua will say, I represent them because I have started by saying this is a landmark road, it is the only road that stretches from Mombasa road to Kangundo road and we only identify it as Mua road and I have just told members google the road and you realize the road has a name by Mua.

I have no problem, Madam Speaker, in heroes being named but I have also have a big question about who a hero is because we need to come up with the definition of heroes because everybody coming up, my father is a hero in my own way but he may not be a hero in the context or in a view of Machakos county.

(Applause)

These are things we need to differentiate. Let me tell you, Madam Speaker, before I proceed, Kivanguli the Mzee was my very good friend and so I would not even be standing here to a fact that him his name appearing there. He is a very good friend and Majority Leader knows that but of course when it comes to business, business must be done as if it was business.

Now this is business of naming a road that we identify ourselves with and I have said if for example, the people of Mua were to lose that name Mua, then of course we will be losing our identity. I will say it is the people of Mua to donate their own identity to somebody else that they also identify and by all standards, Madam Speaker, just to ask, if we were also to name these heroes by the physical features that we have around, would it be how a hero identified with a given feature.

So, now here the second question comes in; how has Governor Sonko or even his father associated with Mua highway other than being a neighbor which all of us are neighbors? So, then here comes a context who is going to be named there. We have one of the biggest heroes in Mua and that is the Madam Ndeti's father-in-law, Ndeti himself. Ndeti is the person that donated the farm for Mua Girls now that land where I was a high school teacher then and it is Ndeti who donated all that land which stretches to about 40 acres we have not been able to name him.

(Applause)

in fact even the school is not named after him; maybe a time will come when as Mheshimiwa from Machakos Central has said when that committee is going round and it will see the reason as to why may be Ndeti name should be elevated and Mua Girls bears that name for the purpose of identification. For the time being, those of us who come from Mua are comfortable with the name Mua road and so Majority Leader, I have no problem; this is our friend me and you we share a friend.

Hon. Speaker: Address the Chair, Hon. Ngunga.

Hon Ngunga: But you can get another road. In fact, in Kinanie ward---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, can you address the Chair.

Hon. Ngunga: Sorry, Madam Speaker. So, I am saying, in fact, in Kinanie ward, we have very many roads that are unnamed and also Kinanie roads borders Mua; why don't we pick one of the roads that does not have identification and we give it that name? This will be okay and will serve the same purpose.

(Applause)

Secondly, Madam Speaker, let the House Machakos County Assembly not also be used as a place where requests will be made and they will be brought here and they will become as if they were public needs because I want to say without fear of contradiction, this request, this motion that we are discussing here must have been a request in a social meeting where members felt that they needed to reward a friend---

(Laughter)

There is nothing wrong with that.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, submit otherwise.

Hon. Ngunga: Let me withdraw that Madam Speaker but you didn't chastise Hon Kiteng'u when he said the Hon. Sonko requested.

Hon. Speaker: You don't fault the Chair; the Chair is never wrong.

(Laughter)

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, the point I am trying to drive home we have to---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, you have a point of information?

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, I want to inform the member that what he has said about a request where people were sitting has been mentioned here by members

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, Hon. Ngunga withdrew the comment and you cannot give information on a point which is withdrawn. Hon. Ngunga, can you finalize your submissions.

Hon. Ngunga: Yes, Madam Speaker. I am just about to finalize by saying therefore then we have no objection in what the mover of the motion is suggesting that we start a way, but I believe we should be able to come up with a good, plausible and achievable way of first of all identifying what we are going to be calling our heroes within the county, a process of identifying them and then also see how we are going to associate these heroes with the features that we want to identify them with.

This is why I am saying this, Madam Speaker, because for example if now you go to a place like for example Masinga and you go and name a place there Ngunga and of course I'm a hero in this county, you go and name that place here Ngunga; the people there will not easily identifiable with me but if now you name the Kithini-Vota road that I am assisting in tarmacking, Ngunga road, of course people will feel at home because that is a road that is easily associated with me.

These are the issues, Madam Speaker, therefore we need to clarify. I am not opposed to this motion, I actually I am not opposed to but of course, I would want to be excused from Mua road from being named Kivanguli road because we are.....(inaudible), Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ngunga. Hon. Mwikali.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Members, I would ask that you don't repeat what has already been submitted; I am looking at the time and the business must be completed within the time.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to put my full force behind this motion by my Majority Leader. Madam Speaker, I am a Bible reader and the Book of Proverbs says that a good name is better than wine. I am here by saying if a good name is better than wine and we name that road Kivanguli road, everybody will be up and asking, who is Kivanguli and people around there will be saying Kivanguli is the father of the hero called Sonko and who is Sonko? Sonko is a son of a man who hailed from some place that was not known that would not have been recognized.

A person who brought up a son and brought him well, a person who brought up a hero, a person who has brought up someone, a son and taught him good manners of helping the community and when I read about the motion of my Majority Leader, Madam Speaker, I have seen that he has mentioned that it is important to recognize those people who have done things that would not have actually been recognized.

When we talk about a father from nowhere, a father who has nurtured children and we are not even naming the son we are naming that parent; to me it is very important as a mother to know that I would be bringing up children and if I bring them well and if I teach them how to interrelate with others and if I teach them how to serve the community well, then I will be recognized.

For me it is very important. Let us name this father who has hailed from some unknown place who is not known anywhere but he has brought up some value in our community. Madam Speaker---

(Hon. Mitaa spoke off record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mitaa, hold on. I will not allow interruptions; remember we don't have time, remember the time we are supposed to complete debate in the morning hours. You want to extend time or otherwise? So, please let us..... Hon. Mwikali, please wind up your submissions.

Hon. (Ms.) Mwikali: Therefore, Madam Speaker, for me to pass this motion, positively would really mean recognizing those people in our community for what they do and what they do well. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Steve Mwanthi, briefly.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it's the high time that we named most of our roads not only that road. You will recognize that even some members here were saying we have Kaloleni-Mua road, that is not a name. We have Kithimani-Makutano road; that is not a name of a road. Kindly, I see it good we name our roads and again because the Hon. Member or we have a feeling that we need to have Kivanguli road and it is good we have that name those other roads we will name after those other heroes that we know.

I don't see any harm if we change and not even changing if we call that road Kivanguli road because we know Mua by the hills, Mua has its name that the hill and even we know there is a market known as Mua. So we have Mua market, we will have Mua hills, we have Mua road and that is duplication of names so my opinion is that let us have that roads named after Kivanguli; we will have other roads named after other heroes. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Steve Mwanthi. Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you Madam Speaker for granting me the opportunity. I want to make some clarification, Madam Speaker. First, I want to state that Kivanguli comes from Kangundo Central, Kangundo sub-county and to make it very clear, he is brother to my great grandmother; that must be gotten into this House.

Secondly, I want to support the motion Hon. Majority Leader, Madam Speaker, for the reason that it is good to recognize people who have contributed. As much as this motion is somehow becoming emotional, all matters raised or addressed I think they are valid, maybe we need to see the best way out of it and how I wish those facilities which are being mentioned as have been committed in Mua; how I wish they were committed at Kangundo Central where Sonko comes from.

So, Madam Speaker, with due honor, I support the motion and let us see the best way out of it, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Majority Leader, the mover, please reply.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me start by saying we are actually behind time in naming our roads. Naming roads is very important for our tourists and also for our people who live in Kenya. Naming a road, Madam Speaker, doesn't mean anything; it is just a name and a direction and we cannot name roads on hills, we cannot name roads on animals, we name them in our people. Names like Sonko, Kivanguli; who doesn't know Sonko? Sonko is a hero.

Let me tell you Hon. Members, when Uhuru got votes, the number two was our hero Sonko Kivanguli and if we cannot even honour our people because you want to remain with our names which you cannot even know. But if a *Mzungu* comes and find Kivanguli road, you know this is the father of Sonko and I am saying we must also recognize other areas and name the roads. I am doing one in my place and it is going to be named under my name.

Sonko is doing a lot and Sonko wants to help the Kamba community that is what he told me; he want to help do boreholes. In fact, Hon. Ngunga, you should now be talking to be to be in that line of having two boreholes in your place.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, we have said you don't go that route. None of you should go to the route of addressing the other.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish members should understand what I mean. I mean for good of our community to name a road it is not a big deal; let us pass this motion name it Kivanguli, we know the Mua hills is there, we know other areas which have names but this one we honour our hero who is Nairobi Governor. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, the House having voted and resolved on the motion, the same is committed to the committee on culture and tourism and the committee is directed by the House to report by 2nd July, 2019. Thank you, Hon. Members.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, at this point, the sitting of the House is adjourned to resume on the 30th day of April 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.16 p.m.

