

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 10.14 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Do we have quorum? Could you tell the Serjeant at Arms to ring the bell for ten minutes please?

(Quorum Bell rung)

WELCOME FOR PUPILS FROM KINAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Okay. I think we now have quorum, you can tell the sergeant at arm to stop ringing the bell. Good morning, Members welcome to today's sitting and with us today, I can see the gallery, we do have some young beautiful visitors from Kinaka primary school in Ikombe ward. Good morning, how are you? Karibuni sana. Welcome to the County Assembly of Machakos in chamber where we normally do our proceedings and is our hope that is going to be a good learning process for you.

We want you to look at how your leaders are deliberating on issues before this assembly and may be encourage you to become legislators in the future. Do you want to become legislators in the future? So, if you want to do that then it is a good starting point for you to be with us today here and be able to learn how we do the House proceedings in the chamber and I would like to welcome the Hon. Member for Ikombe to say a word to the students. Hon. Member.

Hon. Ngunga: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order.

Hon. Ngunga: Mr. Speaker, before the Hon. Member for Ikombe proceeds and welcomes these young beautiful kids, I think we have a stranger in the House in the name of the member of Machakos Central who is indecently dressed before these young kids. Thank you,

Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I will request Hon. Peter Mutiso to please go and make sure he is properly attired. Hon. Mutiso.

(Hon. P.J. Mutiso withdrew from the House)

Hon. Nziva.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members present and my visitors from Kinaka primary school. I would like first to thank God for this opportunity that the Lord has made and thank you the fraternity of Kinaka primary for finding time in your busy schedule to come and learn what we do in our Assembly.

Feel much welcome to learn our proceedings what we do and I am sure in future many of you would like to become MCAs even MPs and to venture in this business of politics. So, here is the House of honor where we do business and where we represent you very well so be with us through out until we get to the end. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to notify you that the kids come from Kinaka primary which is in Ikombe zone and do not forget that I have been in the Kenya National Union of Teachers in that zone; I would therefore request that you also allow me to greet the teachers who have accompanied the pupils. They were my voters.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, that Hon. Member wants to be in solidarity with the teachers who have accompanied the students; as I also welcome them to the Assembly, you may say hello to them before we proceed.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The pupils from Kinaka primary, teachers who have been my supporters from Ikombe thank you for coming here and you are most welcome. I do not want to say much more because my colleague and Hon. Member from Ikombe has said it all. Thank you very much and most welcome.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you members.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
WELCOME FROM SHORT BREAK IN SEPTEMBER, 2018

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Morning members again. Hon. Members, I welcome you all back to the House after having taken a break from 25th September, 2018 to undertake the vetting of the County Secretary and the Chief Officers. It is my belief that all the Sectoral Committees vetted the nominees committed before them. I urge the Committees to fast track compilation of reports of vetting and table before the House at the earliest opportunity.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR BUNGE MASHINANI SITTING

The second communication I have is on change of date for Bunge Mashinani Hon. Members. As you may be all aware Hon. Members, the Assembly was scheduled to hold *Bunge Mashinani* on Wednesday, 10th October, 2018 in Kithimani Ward, Yatta Sub-County. However, this date has since been declared a public holiday and therefore *Bunge Mashinani* has been moved to Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 at the same venue. Thank you, Hon. Members.

NOTICES OF MOTION

CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF BUS PARKS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we do have two notices of motions as listed in the appendix; the first one is by Hon. Francis Kalumu and the second one is by the Hon. Angela. Hon. Kalumu.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that aware that pursuant to the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the County Government is mandated to deal with all matters of County planning, parking, public road transport, surveying and mapping; Further aware that the mission for the Department of Economic Planning and Industrialization in Machakos County is to provide leadership in the formulation and management of trade, investment, economic and industrial policies for competitive and sustainable development of the County;

Informed that enabling environment coupled with sound fiscal policies are ingredients of boosting revenue collection;

Mr. Speaker, cognizant that the transport sector in Machakos County is one of the key revenue streams and that in the previous fiscal years the County has been unable to realize its revenue targets;

Aware that Kithimani, Kyumbi, Masii and other towns located along busy highways due to their location handle many business people in addition to large influx of vehicles travelling to major towns and cities like Nairobi, Mombasa, Garissa, Kitui, Machakos among others; Remembering that despite the high turnover of vehicles, there are no bus parks within these towns and that all these vehicles pick and drop passengers along the busy highway;

Informed that frequent cases of accidents have been witnessed in the past, Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of motion that Machakos County Government;

1. Constructs bus parks in Kithimani, Masii, Kyumbi, Mwala and Mlolongo towns which are along busy highways in order to increase revenue collection

and reduce incidents of traders doing business along the busy highways being ran over by vehicles;

2. Renovates and rehabilitates bus parks in Matuu and Tala towns to make them accessible especially during the rainy season and increase revenue collection.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon Angela.

REHABILITATION, STAFFING AND EQUIPPING OF MODERN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES IN EACH WARD

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that aware that the fourth schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 conferred County Governments with powers and functions of running vocational Training Centers;

Aware that the National Government stopped supporting these institutions and the County Governments were required to take over;

Noting that Vocational Training Centers are a key pillar to imparting knowledge and skills to our youth who are unable to proceed with higher Education;

Recognizing that it is the mandate of the County Government to revitalize the Vocational Training Centers to ensure that they provide quality and appropriate training in technical, industrial, vocational, entrepreneurship and life skills;

Aware that challenges such as lack of modern training material, poor infrastructure and inadequate funds has caused a consistent decline in the quality of training offered;

Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos, specifically the Department of Education, ensures that it rehabilitates, staffs and fully equips at least one Vocational Training Centre per Ward to the standards of a modern Operational Vocational Training Centre.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

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

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 9TH OCTOBER, 2018

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one Statement of the House Business Committee which is going to be read by Hon. Peter Mutiso. Let the member finish it was indicated on the Order Paper Hon. Mark Muendo who is away and I have delegated to him; so no problem.

Hon. Ndawa: He is not a member of the House Business Committee.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to inform that member I am a member of the House Business Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to welcome our visitors and Hon. Members and I can proceed. 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.

Mr. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 26th September, 2018 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 151 as follows:

Tuesday, 9th October, 2018
Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion by Hon. Angela Munyasya, MCA, Machakos County Assembly that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the Department of Education selects, equips and staffs one model ECDE Centre in each ward.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.
House Business Committee to convene and ballot business for the afternoon.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. As you have heard on the second item there as part of the HBC; the members are supposed to be going to Kithimani tomorrow so the HBC had only balloted business up to today morning but after this morning sitting, they will ballot business for the afternoon in view of the change in the schedule. Mr. Clerk, proceed

MOTION

SELECTION, EQUIPPING AND STAFFING OF MODEL ECDE CENTERS IN EACH WARD

(Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya on 25.09.2018)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 19.09.2017)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one motion. This motion has already being moved, seconded and question proposed in the last sitting and we therefore request the Hon. Member, Hon. Munyasya to come and start off the motion by just re-reading the motion as put at the back of the Order Paper so that we can be able to just go through it and once she reads it then we shall be open for debate. Hon. Angela

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, that aware that early childhood education plays a critical role in a child's development hence it should be emphasized;
New research is on early childhood programs continue to emerge;
Recent studies demonstrate that the pre-kindergarten programs have had positive effect on children's readiness to learn;

There is evidence of improvement in children's health and safety and there have been increased calls on state policy makers to expand public investment in early childhood education;

Mr. Speaker, aware that the ECDE classes construction projects was initiated in the year 2013 and up to date the projects have stalled despite constant funding in the previous financial years;

Recognizing that the education and social welfare committee conducted field visits in the wards to assess the classes and in its report the committee established that the classes were in deplorable state with cracks, sagging ceilings and broken window panes;

Further aware that model ECDE centers with high operational standards in term of infrastructure and quality of education. Once set up in each ward will serve as a threshold for consequent ECDE centers to be set up in the county;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the department of education selects, equips and staffs one model ECDE center in each ward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. As I had said this motion had already being seconded and question proposed in the last sitting so Hon. Members you may debate on the motion today. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is to support the motion and have one model class in all the wards because it is the starting of the children's education and if the child misses that she or he will not know what to be doing because he has already missed. If you go to standard one without getting the real education in nursery school, you will not make it but if you go to a good school because this time parents are paying a lot of money to the private nurseries because they are the ones which are having the good education.

Mr. Speaker, you see some parents cannot afford that; those who vote for these members who are in this House because they are poor. So, I ask this House to make sure that every ward has a modern class so that we can help our people down there. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute to the motion and I am standing to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, you will recall that we passed this constitution that we are enjoying its benefits in the year 2010. It has been around eight years and with the new constitution came some of the devolved functions that we have in the county government and ECDE education is part of the devolved functions.

Mr. Speaker, it is worrying to say that when you go around our county, you will find that some of these ECDE centers are in deplorable state. Some of the class rooms are having cracks and as we speak, there is one of the centers in my ward where young pupils are studying outside and under a tree.

Mr. Speaker, as legislators we have to make sure that we put in place policies that will ensure that our people are moved away from these challenges that they are having. I would also wish to urge our county government to move with speed to ensure that we uplift the standards of

ECDE centers that we have in all wards. As we talk about the model ECD centers in each ward, my take would also be that we do not leave behind other ECDE centers; we also make sure that the young ones who are going to these centers have a decent place where they can learn.

Just imagine a young one who is studying under a tree and that is where now they are in their formative stages; that person or that young child will grow with some sort of stigma and low self-esteem. Looking around and when they walk to other places, they find that other children of their age are studying in a decent area. So, as I support the motion I would urge the County Government to also move with speed and ensure that we put our young people in conducive learning environment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Betty.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I want to congratulate Hon. Angela for this great motion. She is a mother and I know she feels for the children. Mr. Speaker, the issue of ECDE, I can say that it is touching the whole of Machakos County in every ward. For example, in Masii ward there are like two schools of which the kids normally study under trees. There is Katheka AIC primary school and there is Nguluni Primary School and the population is too big.

Like in Nguluni they have a population of over 60 children and they are studying under the tree since; when the rains came last time, the classes were demolished. I want to urge the County Government of Machakos, it is fair for us to work for the people who elected us. It will be too unfair when our children are waking up in the morning, walking together with other kids going to different schools and the children are studying in different places. Mr. Speaker, we normally pass---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a bit disturbing to hear the member that is on the floor saying that when the rains came the classes were demolished and no action was taken by the people who demolished those classes. I think it is important for this House to be informed who it is that demolished those classes, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, let me just put a correction. I would like us to debate on serious issues in this House, please members. If it is a grammatical error somebody has made, it should not interrupt debate because my understanding is that most Hon. Members do understand what the Hon. Member was saying.

So, let us correct one another internally but not disrupt running of the debate. I think she meant were destroyed by the rains. You may proceed, Hon. Member.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate your order but I meant some of them fell down during the rains and were demolished because they were in bad situation. So, Mr. Speaker, I was requesting the executive and the County Government as a whole, including this Hon. House.; it would be too unfair when we give our children what they are not expecting from us.

Mr. Speaker, we normally pass motions and seriously motions that touch our people but when we pass the motions here they are never implemented and my question is; do we come here

just to pass the motions for the sake of it because some of them they are touching us? They are touching our people, they are touching our relatives and it is good for us if my kid cannot study under a tree, why are we allowing other children to study under trees? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Musau

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, the establishment of everything depends on its foundation and the foundation of our education primary, secondary and the tertiary are the ECDEs so the time they are messed with, the time we play around with the education in our ECDEs, the time we mess with everything in the upper sectors. Mr. Speaker, it is pathetic that the County Governments are mandated with the ECDEs yet we are running away from this mandate. We are abandoning it and we are rushing to other sectors like the university scholarship while we have abandoned our core duty, Mr. Speaker.

We need prayers Mr. Speaker; our mandate first and fore most are the ECDEs and those students we are chasing up there for the university scholarships, passed through the ECDEs. If they failed from the ECDEs we are not expecting them upwards up to university level; actually they will be failures. Mr. Speaker, it is time we advised accordingly; let us have modern well facilitated ECDEs so that we may make good foundations for our young ones.

Mr. Speaker, back to the ground there, the private ECDEs are flourishing very well; why are they flourishing? They are flourishing because the public ones, the ones we the County Government are mandated with have been neglected and they are so pathetic to admit our students hence the very wananchi who pay so heavily on taxes are being denied what actually belongs to them. So it is the time we talk with one voice and we say this is very fundamental, this is very timely and it is calling to have good learning places for our children.

Mr. Speaker, once again, it is pathetic to hear a lot of public money has been used to finance incomplete projects up to now. In my Ward, I know of at least two who have gone up to the roofing level. Those classes have consumed almost three quarters of their budget and they are lying idle. It is the high time we voice and we say let us have these classes completed, facilitated and operationalized, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and before I sit, may I congratulate my sister for this timely Motion; she minds a lot about this County and she might be an elected Member in that Ward very soon. Thank you, my sister. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having been a teacher, I think it would have not sounded well if I missed to debate on this because it touches much on the lives of the future leaders of this Nation. It is true that most of our nursery schools are in deplorable state. As a Chairman of KNUT representing Kathiani Sub-County, Machakos Sub-County and Athi River Sub-County, I had an opportunity to move from one school to another in the schools within the three sub-counties and it is very sad to say that, most of our schools, the nursery school classes have been left at the mercy of God.

Those children study in very bad state and this Motion will assist a lot in coming up with a sample class where the community and even the County itself can benchmark and see what we expect our children to learn in because you know to build self-esteem in our children because they are growing, they need somewhere where they can compare themselves with others and they also need a good start so that we build confidence in them because most of our children

leave school because that self-confidence is lost when they move to the Academies and they compare what is the Academy and what is their school.

In fact, most of the children drop out of school because they lose the most important aspect of life which is attitude. So, in order to cultivate that, it is good that we come up with a sample ECDE as the Hon. Member has stated in the Motion so that the schools in the neighborhoods can see what we expect in order to have future leaders. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Francis.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the entire House for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion and see that I represent the people of Mua in this one. I am one of the greatest educationists in this Country by standards and by practice. One thing I want to appreciate is that, this is a very timely Motion brought by Mheshimiwa Angela; it touches on the core of our society, it touches about the foundation of our young ones because without proper foundation for children, then our society will not be able to thrive as we expect but one thing Mr. Speaker, what I want to point out is, we can have millions and millions of Motions coming to this House but without the particular movers of the Motion showing us the how bit because the most important thing here is the how bit we are going to implement this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, budgets pass in this House, that you are aware and I do not know whether the Mover will be able to point out how much of it was budgeted for the ECDEs so that as a House we will be able to follow up from that point because I am tired because most of the times I have heard time without number Motions coming to this House, we deliberate on them, they are passed but they are put under the table.

(Applause)

It is because these Motions come here, we deliberate them but we do not know the how bit because we need therefore to touch the core. The core of this will be the money bit. For example, how much of it did we allocate in education and how much was allocated for ECDEs so that we would be able to take up from there because Mr. Speaker, I remember you brought in a Motion here about roads and we passed a Motion that we said, that all roads surrounding the bigger towns, I think 10 kilometers, should be brought to motorable levels but then this again touches on money.

We do not now therefore, address the issue of money and I would therefore challenge the House, Mr. Speaker, as we move forward to have Motions that have a bearing on the how bit of it because we will pass this Motion today but then of course when you go to the other side they will ask you, where is the money for this bit here and we must therefore look if the Chairman of budget points to us that we had allocated about Ksh. 80 or Ksh. 20 million, whatever, then we will be able to point out and say---

Hon. Mwanthi: Point of information.

Hon. Ngunga: This much. Mr. Speaker, please give me some protection. I think this is important. Mr. Speaker, therefore I am saying, we might have deliberations that especially will just be semantics but we want therefore to cloth these Motions with the money so that as we

move out of this House here, we will be saying that Mua has been given Ksh. 2 million and that Ksh. 2 million is adequate for two ECDEs or one Vocational Centre. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for listening to me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think the Motion is in order and we need our ECDE classes completed and it is from planning when maybe you can allocate money for some projects. So, even if we did not allocate enough money in our budget, we can supplement because we will be having supplementary budgets then we can supplement when we already know what we want to do but we cannot just allocate money in a budget and we do not have proper planning.

So, to me I think it is in order, let us have the Motion and then from there we can supplement and allocate money where to finish those classes if there isn't enough money for the same projects. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Maybe I just want to give you some little bit of guidance on this. We do have money; just speaking from the point of view of the budget committee. This year we set aside money for construction of two ECDE classes in each Ward. So, the funds are there it is up to us now to determine out of those two whether we are going to make one a model ECDE as she is proposing because the funds have been provided.

I think we provided for about Ksh. 3 million per ECDE class so two of them per Ward. If you look at your budget, you will be able to find that, that money is there. So, just a point of correction but I believe what the Hon. Member is saying is correct, the debate needs to be geared towards a budget for the money. Hon. Kiilu.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. Allow me to start by congratulating Hon. Angela Munyasya who is a Member of my committee for that timely Motion. When we talk about ECDEs, it is very important that we be sober as Members because this is the foundation of everything in a school. For those who have been administrators in schools know and actually when you move to some of these institutions, you will pity the kids just as the Hon. Members are saying.

As we are talking we are conducting some site visits to give full reports on the status of these ECDEs and as we agreed with my committee, we will need to move to every Ward and ascertain the right information because previously, there was a budget that was meant for construction of two classes in 2013, 2016 and some of them were never constructed. A good example from my Ward, there was one ECDE class that was supposed to be constructed in my school. It was constructed but three quarters was not complete.

There is another one at Kikule Primary which was done up to the lintel level. What we cannot tell is whether the projects were paid for or not but when we conducted and we were discussing with the Chief Officer in my committee, we agreed that, instead of giving contracts to these people, it is better to fund the school with money. I think he had suggested about Ksh. 900,000 for each school to have an ECDE class, a toilet for these small kids and a 5,000 litre tank of water set aside for the ECDE pupils and I think if we do that one it will be the right direction to go.

Sometimes three weeks ago, we went for a bench marking in Kericho and we saw wonders; construction of these ECDE classes but when you come to our local primary schools, you pity what the Members are saying. There are two newly started schools in my Ward which are studying under a tree and actually they are doing so because of the rains. Once the rains are on these small kids cannot cross over to the other side. These are the kids that we pity. So, I wish to support this Motion strongly and immediately we finish with a site visit, I believe that my committee will give the right direction to this Hon. House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay. Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful and first I want to appreciate the mover of the Motion and say that, it should have come like yesterday Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, to start with if my memory serves me well, sometimes back when we were vetting the Speakers, we happened to meet one Mr. Kala who happened to be the Chief Officer for education. There were some issues to do with the ECDE classes and Mr. Kala said that there was a time they had a budget of 80 ECDE classes which meant that every Ward was meant to have two ECDE classes.

This House needs to dig and know the previous budgets for the same, for us to have some light on the event. Again Mr. Speaker, I want to believe we have always had a budget for the same---

Hon. Kamitu: Point of information!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information, yes.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My point of information Mr. Speaker is that, I want to inform my dear brother Hon. Cosmus that when he is talking about Kala and the good thing is that, I happen to have been in the First Assembly and that I do not want to accuse Kala and my point of information is that, he is one that CO who was there and he never did those ECDEs.

So, in regard to that question, I am only telling the Hon. Member that he never did because for example, I had two ECDEs when he was the Chief Officer, Education and nothing came out of it. So, we should not even be referring to people who are not here and who cannot even stand to answer the questions that are supposed to be answered by this House. It is very bitter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Cosmus, you are guided accordingly; you may proceed.

Hon. Masesi: Mr. Speaker, I want to believe that I was very clear and I said that this House needs to check on the matter and know how much has been meant for the same in the previous budgets. I just quoted someone. I did not really say that he should be called for the same matter. I said that this House needs to re-look on the previous budgets of the same Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, let me just give guidance. If you mention a name or you mention something before the House, it should be something which should be

substantiated and that is why the Hon. Member is advising that just the important thing there, I think it is to say that we need to look at what happened to those funds but not the source because the source you might not be able to verify it. You may continue please.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well guided. Mr. Speaker, my contribution was that, this Early Childhood Education, I want to believe that it comes across when the child is just in between some years below eight years. This education enables us to maximize and determine the future of this child. Mr. Speaker, this education also is very crucial in children in terms of making them aware of the surroundings. Mr. Speaker, I want to support the Motion fully and encourage this House to always have a budget for the small kids. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Let me now start on this side. Hon. Nziva.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members present. Mr. Speaker, I would like to applaud my sister Angela for coming up with a wonderful Motion. ECDE is a process that is devolved and anything which is devolved, I think as a County Government we need to take it very seriously. I have gone round my Ward and most of the ECDE classes are in deprived situation.

So, Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, I am urging you to adopt the Motion because I am a Member of budget committee, we pass a budget whereby at least we will be able to do at least two ECDE classes per Ward and Mr. Speaker, it is like you had read my mind because when I was supposed to stand up, I was ready to tell the Hon. Members when we are passing budgets, kindly be keen on the budgets because that we pass and you are the Members who passed the budget and I can see most of the Members did not know whether we passed that budget of doing two ECDE classes.

(Applause)

So, kindly be serious in whatever we do in this House. Members and Hon. Speaker, I think we have an able CEC, Education. What I am urging him to do, let us differentiate between--

Hon. Masesi: Point of information Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to inform the Hon. Member that, this House as per today, we do not recognize any CEC in Machakos.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, just continue please. Point of information taken.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: I do not think that information has reached my desk. May I continue? Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I was requesting that we differentiate between Bora Nursery and

Nursery Bora because ECDE is one of the foundation of a child and if they are messed up, I do not think they can grow up being better people in this society if the conditions they are learning in are not in good state, I do not think the kids will enjoy all along.

So, I urge the Members adopt the Motion so that our kids down there can enjoy and also to thank His Excellency the Governor because there are already many ECDE instructors in our County but we might have the ECDE instructors or teachers but the ECDE classes are not in good condition. So, I am urging that we move with speed, the CEC, education moves with speed and does those ECDE classes so that our kids may enjoy all along. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Ngunga: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has sat down; there is nobody to inform. Continue, Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Ngunga: Point of correction generally on the Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What I am trying to say Hon. Francis is this; you wanted to give a point of information on Hon. Member and once she has finished the debate, you cannot inform her. So, let the Minority Leader finish then I will come to you. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, really it is not a tradition but I would say, I need and I stand here to applaud our mover who has brought up this noble Motion regarding the ECDEs. One thing, Hon. Speaker is that we are all aware that ECDE is a devolved function of the County Governments so in the sense we are in the right track in regard to the Motion that has been brought here as far as the ECDEs are concerned. I want to be very brief that it is outright; you cannot run before you crawl. What am I saying?

That one, we have teachers and instructors who are employed by this County in regard to the ECDE classes and as you have heard from Hon. Members is that, in any Country, the basic education and pillar of any Country in regard to education and for any Country to prosper it has to have a pillar. For any house to be built, you have to start with the foundation. So, ECDEs are the basic foundation of education network in the Country and in all the other Countries.

So, what I want to stress on is that we should come up now as Hon. Members the second Assembly, the ECDE classes should be one of the priorities so that our future in this Country should have knowledgeable kids who have met all the requirements in regard to the education curriculum that is starting from the nursery which is the ECDEs. So, as we have said and Hon. Speaker what you have heard from Members is that, the education Committee should come up with the status now on where we are and what the shortfalls are so that as we are requesting for the supplementary budget, we know whether we are going to supplement to have more instructors?

How are we going to supplement so that we may know how many ECDEs do we have in the County? How many do we require in each Ward because as you have heard, Mr. Speaker there are some Wards whereby ECDEs were completed and if they were not completed they were half-done and some were not even started. So, these are the status the education committee should come up with so that as we are going to sit down and come up with a supplementary, we shall know how much we need and what our shortfall is.

So, on that regard, once again, I would request the Chair of education committee and our Mover to look into it so that we may not be talking of things here in the House and they are not being implemented on the ground. Once again, thank you, Mr. Speaker; let us move forward and I applaud the mover of this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Francis, you had a point of information?

Hon. Ngunga: No, thank you. Mr. Speaker, I am seated next to the Mover and so through canvassing, I have been properly guided. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay, thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want also to say that I am also supporting the Motion because it is timely and it is the Motion which is going to lay a foundation for our education sector. Mr. Speaker, when you are building a house, if you do not do the foundation well, it means that the house will not be strong enough. This is the starting point and we should make sure that we give our young ones quality and acceptable education. Mr. Speaker, Article 43 of the Constitution, provides that every child has a right to highest attainable education.

So, I am very sure without a good learning atmosphere the kids may not get the highest attainable education. So, Mr. Speaker, as the wise men say, "if you want to invest for one year, you plant a seed, if you want to invest for 10 years, you plant a tree, if you want to invest for 100 years and above, you educate your people." Mr. Speaker, we must give education the highest allocation so that we can have a future.

Mr. Speaker, the wealth of the Nation or the wealth of the County, will depend on the academic standards of that particular County or Nation. Machakos should be in the fore front to ensure that our kids get quality education. Mr. Speaker, I am not a Member of the budget committee but I remember very well when we were passing the budget, we set aside funds for ECDE classes. Mr. Speaker, the Motion is just proper because we have funds for that particular job.

So, Mr. Speaker, the House should move with speed to approve the Motion and the implementation Committee to ensure that, the Motion is implemented. Mr. Speaker, the only difference between minutes and notes is implementation. If you pass resolutions here and you do not implement, they become notes. If you implement, they become Motions and they become minutes. We should never be making notes here; we left notes in our Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and in our Universities. In this Hon. House we do not make notes we are supposed to make recommendations which are going to be implemented up to the letter.

Mr. Speaker, as a County or as an Assembly, we should also be able to analyze ourselves, there is what we call SWOT analysis, Mr. Speaker, as a House we should know what are our strengths in terms of education, what are our weaknesses in terms of education, what are the opportunities which are there in terms of education and also Mr. Speaker, what are the threats which are there. We should make sure we utilize every aspect, the strength and also the weakness. We can also use the weakness to improve the quality of education in our County.

Mr. Speaker, as I finalize my sentiments, I would also wish to say hey to the visitors here, they happen to be my neighbours; Matuu neighbours Ikombe so, when they are here, they are also my visitors. So, I want to welcome them here, the kids and the teachers and I will request

them also to develop interest in politics so that in future when we are not there, they can also sit in this Hon. House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Hellen.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support the Motion that has been brought by Mheshimiwa Angela Munyasya because I am convinced that this is the best thing a County, a Country can do to the youth. ECDE classes are very important in equipping our young children with the right education that can help them in the future. If they get the right foundation, this will help them in future to be able to fight such things like diseases, hunger, and poverty, among others.

So, it is very important that we encourage the County Government to come up with a good budget for ensuring that these ECDE classes are properly equipped.

The other thing I would want to say is that, as a County, I know every year we have been setting aside some funds for the same construction of the ECDE classes, what I would propose or suggest as the Vice Chair of Education is that, once these funds are allocated, we ensure that at least every Ward has got five or 10 ECDE classrooms so that our young children do not have to walk long distances to get this education. I think that is all that I want to say. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Francis.

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want to first appreciate Hon. Angela for such a good Motion. Each and every person Hon. Member who is on this House knows very well in the Bible there was a parable of a house which was constructed on sand and another on a stone and when the rain came, it swept away the house which was constructed on sand.

I believe that in the beginning of nursery schools most of the classes first to be constructed were nursery schools and if you go around Machakos County to each and every primary school you find that most of the classes are in deplorable state they are sub-standard they can even fall to the pupils. Reason being they have been left without attention yet Machakos County is receiving budgetary allocation from the National Government.

As the Hon. Members, we are giving money to the department of education of Machakos County to do such ECDE classes; you have heard and even it is in good written form that the budgetary allocation for ECDE classes has been given to the department in every consecutive year and no one knows what the problem is. Have heard my brother Hon. Mbili from Matuu trying to ask what the weakness is.

The main weakness of Machakos County is implementation of all what we deliberate in this House. He had said that if minutes are not implemented they become notes; are you telling us whatever we have been deliberating in this House has not been implemented and they are all notes now? Mr. Speaker, deplorable standards means transfer of with the same to the kids or the pupils. If we give a proper and standard classroom ECDE centers, we will create a good picture of seriousness in school to the small kids, we will impart seriousness and get out the casual

nature and notion of life in those pupils. So, they will take education serious and also life serious.

The environment speaks a lot; reading or learning under tree, this is just casual education and that is so serious. So, you might ask yourself who is the Governor of Machakos if pupils, young pupils can learn under the tree while there are budgetary allocations which have been there for all those consecutive years, Mr. Speaker. Are we serious with setting a good foundation and good standard for our own school going children?

So, what is our expectation at the end of it? At the end of it look at what is happening in our primary schools now because the classes are in deplorable state so the results are the same; you don't expect people to learn under a tree and get an A while he or she is competing with another one in a very good environment and conducive place to learn.

So, are we discriminating in a way when we give some of the schools good classes and others are left to learn under the tree? Mr. Speaker, the budgetary allocation of building those classes need to be followed to know where it goes and who consumes that money. Are those budgets which have been passed implemented or if it was not implemented where the money went? That is what we want to know because we might follow the same foot prints if we don't become serious.

So, we want to have the first footprints and say now we will not follow that route because if we follow that route again we are going to get lost somewhere. So, let us be serious by following first the budgetary allocations which has been set by this Hon. House. I believe if we follow those ones and now we get serious with the budget that has been passed in this House, things will start to be seen or those ECDE classes, the model ones will start to be seen in our schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker. Thank you. Hon. Nick.

Hon. Muia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to congratulate Hon. Angela Munyasya for moving such a timely motion because it is good to have a model ECDE. When we talk of model ECDE, I get to understand there are the standard ECDEs that when it comes to a model ECDE, that one has all the facilities; the toys the playground and all those things, all the facilities and even maybe the feeding programmes and everything and this can be used as a benchmark when we are building the other ECDEs because this issue of ECDE is a thorny issue.

For example, in my ward, last year, I build two ECDE classes and this year I am building two from my own money. This is not the trend, they may not meet the standards that of a model ECDE so if we have the budget and education committee, please let us take this issue seriously and I want to ask the implementation committee to make sure that once we pass the money for ECDEs or whichever project where we pass the money, they can be able to follow up and make sure it is implemented.

I also want to thank my neighbors from Ikombe, Kinaka primary school; they also happen to be my neighbors at Katangi ward and I want to tell them to feel welcome and learn word or two and later in future they are welcome to venture in the world of politics. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. I now call upon the Hon. Member to respond.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I feel inspired that Hon. Members have read and understood and supported my motion. I am in the education committee, I am in the budget committee, I am in the implementation committee and I am certain that the recommendation will be fully implemented because the funds are there and as Hon. Members understand, we have heard so many ECDEs that have been funded before.

Hon. Members have noted that some have gone up to the lintel, others have gone to another level and others are still under the tree and that is why Mr. Speaker, I thought if we had one model institution in which all the other ECDE institutions in the ward can benchmark with, at the end of the day come with model ECDE institution in the entire ward instead of having incomplete ECDEs all over the place; we will have one to benchmark with, so thank you Hon. Members for supporting the motion. I look forward to its implementation. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, I just want to, now that the House has adopted the motion just pick three observations; the first one I think is what most Hon. Members have said about children learning under trees in this age and era. I don't believe we should have any children reading under trees especially now that we have actually six years in to devolution when we have the mandate within ourselves on ECDE classes. Children reading under trees should be a thing of the past because we have self-determination in ourselves.

For six years we have had budgets and as a result of that, the committee to which I am going to commit this, I would them to also look at the past budgets which have been approved by the Assembly in as per and as far as ECDE is concerned. How much money has been allocated and implementation committee will need to go and do thorough check on how much money was provided and what is there on the ground based on what was provided previously so that even as we commit funds for the future we should know where we are coming from. Take stock, inventory of the funds which have been allocated and this is what actually has been implemented on the ground.

One Hon. Member here talked about legacy and I think as a Second Assembly can be able to leave a legacy that you left the education of a young ones in safe hands, you left I in comfortable place that our young toddlers are growing in an environment or are coming up in environment which is conducive for education and that will be a good legacy for a Second Assembly to actually be able to go away with and therefore this motion is committed to the committee on education and this committee should report back to this House on or before the 4th December, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The House stands adjourned Hon. Members to Tuesday that is today 9th day of October, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.34 a.m.