

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 18th July, 2018

The House met at 10.25 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members, I welcome you to this sitting.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CHANGE OF MAJORITY LEADERSHIP

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have one communication. As you may recall on the 17th April, 2018, I made a communication to this Hon. House regarding a communication that the office of the Speaker had received from the Hon, Tariq Mulatya, the majority party Whip regarding a change of leadership of the majority party in this House. Thereafter, Hon. Members, the Assembly received a court order in the Machakos High Court, miscellaneous application No. 134 of 2018 namely Republic of Kenya vs the Clerk, County Assembly Machakos and two others. The orders that were given by the court were as follows:

1. That leave is hereby granted to the *ex parte* applicant to apply for orders of *certiorari* and remove to this court for purposes of being quashed the following communications purporting to remove the *ex parte* applicant as the Majority Leader of the County Assembly of Machakos.
2. That the undated communication of the Speaker of the County Assembly of Machakos titled Communication from the Chair as read and issued to the County Assembly of Machakos on the 17th April, 2018 that communication dated 17th April, 2018 titled Majority party leadership as read and issued to the County Assembly of Machakos be and is hereby stayed that leave do operate as a stay pending the filing of the substantive motion which will be filled within 21 days from the date of that order; that the stay be for 21 days pending the filing of the notice of motion; that the mention be on 10th May, 2018, that the respondent be served with the substantive motion.

Hon. Members, the Assembly continued waiting for the outcome of that matter and on 17th July, 2018, the Assembly having honoured the court orders, the court ordered as follows:

- That the *ex parte* applicants application dated 7th May, 2018 lacks merit and the same be and is hereby ordered dismissed.
- That the earlier orders of stay be and are hereby discharged or vacated.
- That each party to bear their own costs.
- That I have attached a copy of the court's ruling to this communication for the Members who may want to peruse it.

So, Hon. Members, what the orders of the court if the 17th July, 2018 means is that the change of Leader of Majority party which had been communicated to this House on the 17th April, 2018 stands.

(Applause)

Therefore, Hon. Members, the Speaker hereby gives orders as per that communication by Hon. Mulatya, dated 17th April, 2018, the Leader of the Majority party in this House is Hon. Mark K. Muendo,

(Applause)

Hon. Members, where are you going and who said you wake when the Speaker is on her feet? Hon. Rozina and Hon. Winnie and Hon. Muendo, what is happening?

(Members rose to escort the Hon. Muendo to the seat reserved for the Majority Leader)

The Chair must give permission and he needs no escorting; so can you take your seat and the other Members remain seated.

(Hon. Muendo took the seat reserved for the Majority Leader)

(Hon. Muendo hugged Hon. Kiteng'u)

(Applause)

I think you saw even in the National Assembly the Speaker said there should be no unnecessary hugging. Was that hugging necessary?

(Laughter)

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Speaker: Under this Order, there are three businesses; Hon. D. Kiilu, Hon. J. Musau and Hon. Brian Kisila.

REPORT ON STATUS OF YOUTH POLYTECHNICS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am delighted to be the first person to address the Assembly when we have a new Majority Leader.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House, today 18th July 2018; report on Education and Social Welfare committee on the status of youth polytechnics in Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MAVOKO WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Madam Speaker, greetings Members. Madam Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the floor of the House, today 18th July, 2018; a report of the Auditor General on the financial statements of Mavoko water and Sewerage Company for the year ended 30th June, 2016. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. Hon. Kisila.

VETTING OF SEVEN NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand on behalf of Hon. Kisila and I beg to lay the following Paper on the floor of the House today 18th July, 2018; the second report of committee on appointment on the vetting of nominees for appointment to the position on County Executive Committee Members. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Winnie Mutua.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members the business under this order is as listed on the appendix and I call upon Hon. Kiilu.

REPORT OF STATUS OF YOUTH POLYTECHNICS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

That aware that the Education and Social Welfare committee is mandated to deal with all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home crafts centers and child care, children and social welfare;

Recognizing that the committee conducted fact-finding missions to ascertain the current status of the youth polytechnics with a view of understanding their respective challenges and give recommendations/way forward from the findings; Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Education and Social Welfare committee report on the status of youth polytechnics in Machakos County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MAVOKO WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2016

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, that aware that Article 229(7) of the Constitution states that audit Reports shall be submitted to Parliament or the relevant County Assembly;

Further aware that pursuant to Article 229(8) of the Constitution, within three months after receiving an audit report, the Parliament or the County Assembly shall debate and consider the report and take appropriate action;

Cognizant that the Committee on Public Accounts and Investments is established pursuant to Standing Order 185 and is mandated to examine reports, accounts and workings of the County Public Investments;

Remembering that in April, 2018, the Committee undertook interrogation exercise of the Audit Report on Financial Statements of Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company for the year ended 30 June 2016;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company for the year ended 30th June, 2016.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Musau. Hon. Winnie Mutua.

VETTING OF SEVEN NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

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

Madam Speaker, that aware that the committee on appointment is mandated by Standing Orders 42(2) and 184(4) to consider for approval by the Assembly appointments under Article 179(2)(b) of the constitution of Kenya, Member of County Executive Committee;

Aware that Standing Order 42(3) provides that before approval hearing, the committee which proposed appointments have been referred shall notify the public of the time and place for the holding of the approval hearings seven days prior to the hearing;

Further aware that section 9(2) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017 provides that at the conclusion of an approval hearing, the committee shall prepare its report on the suitability of the candidate to be appointed to the office to which the candidate has been nominated and shall include in the report such recommendations as the committee may consider necessary;

Noting that Standing Order 42(3) read together with section 9(1) and 2 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act 2017 provides that the committee shall table its report in the House for adoption;

Madam Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this House discusses and approves the second report of the Committee of Appointment of the second Assembly on the vetting of nominees for appointment to the position of County Executive Committee Members.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Winnie.

MOTION

Hon. Speaker: Under this order we have that motion by Hon. Daniel Kiilu.

REPORT OF STATUS OF YOUTH POLYTECHNICS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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Recognizing that the committee conducted fact-finding missions to ascertain the current status of the youth polytechnics with a view of understanding their respective challenges and give recommendations or way forward from the findings;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Education and Social Welfare committee report on the status of youth polytechnics in Machakos County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to request Hon. Musau to support.

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu and Hon. Musau.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker

INTRODUCTION

PREAMBLE

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the sectoral committee on education, it is my pleasure and duty to present the committee's report on the status of youth polytechnics in Machakos County. Madam Speaker, the functions of a sectoral committee shall be to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) Study the programme and policy objectives of the department and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) Study and review all County legislation referred to it;
- d) Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the departments as measured by results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

- e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the Assembly;
- f) To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any Law requires the Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 184 (Committee on Appointment); and
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Education derives its mandate from Standing Order 190 which mandates the committee to handle all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centers and childcare, children and social welfare.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Sectoral Committee on Education comprises of the following Members:

Hon. Daniel Kiilu	-Chairperson
Hon. Hellen Ndeti	-Vice Chairperson
Hon. Jane Nyawira	-Member
Hon. Phoebe Koki	“
Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu	“
Hon. Benedette Musyoka	“
Hon. Joseph Musau	“
Hon. Francis Ngunga	“
Hon. Alice Nzioka	“
Hon. George Kingo'ri	“
Hon. Ikusya Kaloki	“
Hon. Angela Munyasya	“
Hon. Margaret Ndalana	“

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

Madam Speaker, the objectives of this study were as follows:-

- To establish the current status of the youth polytechnics in the County.
- To establish the factors leading to the failure of the youth polytechnic.
- To give recommendations and way forward from the findings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Madam Speaker, the Committee on Education dedicated part of its programs to deliberate on the status and programme offered by the County youth polytechnics after devolution.

Youth polytechnics were initiated by the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK) in 1968 with the objective of finding solutions to youth unemployment in Kenya. The youth polytechnics were to adopt a diversified curriculum that was aimed at matching skills needed in the market with knowledge acquired in classrooms.

Noticing that youth polytechnics were getting into oblivion, the government put in place certain motions that aimed at revitalizing youth polytechnics. This led to the development of Kamunge Report in 1988 which proposed a number of recommendations amongst them,

provision of basic facilities and equipment, capacity building and improved terms of service for the instructors.

The ministry allocated each student in public youth polytechnic Ksh. 15,000 through a program called Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition (SYPT) which was used to purchase training materials and equipment, textbooks, exercise books, co-curricular activities, education trips, repair and maintenance.

The Constitution of Kenya 2010 has in its provision allowed the national government to devolve youth polytechnic functions. The National Government stopped supporting these institutions and the County Governments were supposed to take over. The National Government, through the Chairman, Transition Authority addressed the issue of transfer of youth polytechnic staff to the Counties through letters dated 15th December, 2014 and 27th October, 2015 to all County Secretaries.

METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Madam Speaker, this study used a survey design to gather information on the status of the polytechnics and sought to establish the factors affecting the growth of youth polytechnics across the County. The preferred methods used to carry out the task were:

- Site visits.
- Survey designs.

SITE VISITS

Madam Speaker, the field visits to various youth polytechnics were conducted on varying dates from 10th to 11th November, 2017 and on 19th March, 2018 respectively.

The committee engaged with the managers, deputy managers and the instructors of the polytechnics and made the following observations:

Enrolment

Madam Speaker, despite the rationale for the introduction of youth polytechnics to equip the youth with vocational skills, there are increasing concerns regarding enrolment. Low enrolment in youth polytechnics has continuously persisted despite the fact that the transition rate from primary schools to secondary schools still stands at only about 70 per cent. Most of the polytechnics register low enrolment as witnessed by the committee members in most of the visited youth polytechnics during their fact-finding mission.

Trainees

Madam Speaker, the trainees in Machakos County polytechnics are youths of the County who are expected to be the custodians of the Nation's prosperity. It is a fact that no county will prosper sustainably without investing in the youth according to Kenya Vision 2030. Youth polytechnics should provide an opportunity to mentor the next generation of Kenyan leaders and citizens but due to lack of County support, the trainees in the Youth Polytechnic are very few and the Board of Management staff relies on the little fees paid by the trainees, a situation which has put the board to a very hard time.

This challenge can be solved if the county government can allocate each student in public youth polytechnic Ksh. 15,000 per year through a programme called Subsidized Youth Polytechnic Tuition as it was before devolution.

Training tools and materials

Madam Speaker, the committee observed that the training equipment and materials like text books in most visited youth polytechnics are outdated and in some cases were not there. This leads to a conclusion that inadequate budgets lead to inadequate outcome and therefore a training system cannot be efficient and cost effective if any of its budget components fall below the threshold amount required to make it operational.

Courses offered

Madam Speaker, the course coverage is not successful and many courses offered in most of youth polytechnic in Machakos County are diminishing. The students are trained in vocational skills such as masonry, carpentry and joinery, welding, driving and motor vehicle, plumbing, tailoring, information and communication technology, hair dressing, food and beverage, electrical engineering, special unit and beauty therapy.

On completion of the initial training, the Students are supposed to sit for government grade test which most of the students miss as a result of financial implications. The candidates are supposed to pay Ksh. 7,000 in order to register for their final test, a situation which has been occasioned by lack of finances because Members were informed that most students come from the families living below the poverty line.

Instructors

Madam Speaker, instructors need to be equipped with both instructional knowledge and skills to the students they serve in order to produce versatile trainees. Majority of the instructors training in Machakos County polytechnics have been deployed from the Central government and are qualified professionals who poses relevant qualifications in their respective areas of specialization but one of the greatest handicaps in the improvement of vocational and technical education is human resource planning that has led to the acute shortage of qualified instructors.

Technology on development of youth polytechnics

Madam Speaker, modern technology has developed into the most crucial factor of production. Many organizations are steadily facing out all manual operations and are embracing Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

In Machakos County, a few number of youth polytechnics offer ICT programs to meet the market demand. However, many youth polytechnic lacks the modern ICT equipment including computers and projectors that are necessary for training this program.

Infrastructure

On physical infrastructure, the committee noted that most of the youth polytechnics were in deplorable condition and that since devolution, the County Government has never supported the youth polytechnic as required.

There has been lack of adequate training facilities and tools in preparation for Grade Test examinations as recommended by **National Industrial Training Authority** NITA examining body and the committee noted that there was need to support the polytechnics in the County by equipping the workshops with modern facilities.

FACTORS LEADING TO DIMINISHING OF THE POLYTECHNICS**Financial provision**

Madam Speaker, financial management is one of the important tasks in the realization of the goals of a school as an organization. Despite the rationale for introduction of safety nets such as bursaries and Constituency Development Fund in the education sector, there are increasing concerns over the limited finances in youth polytechnics to provide quality education and training.

Therefore, for youth polytechnics to succeed in the endeavor of education and training, they require a sound financial base to run smoothly.

Inadequate instructors

There were serious understaffing issues in the visited vocational training centers which was the main hindrance to acquisition of vocational skills. The County Government should employ enough tutors in all youth polytechnics to enable skill acquisition by learners.

Inadequacy of learning facilities

Limitation of learning resources such as library, classrooms and workshops that can train learners on contemporary issues was witnessed by the members during the time of visit. It was reported that the available facilities could not cope with the changing trends thus affecting the performance of the students.

The County Government should set aside enough budget to finance all vocational training centers in Machakos County. This would best be done through equipping libraries and learning resource centers, classrooms and workshops in vocational training centers

Committee's Findings and Recommendations

Madam Speaker, during the visits, Members found that the youth polytechnics had been re-branded to vocational training centers as a recommendation by Technical Vocational Education and Training Authority.

Most of the youth polytechnics are in terrible condition and the County Government should address the situation by improving the physical infrastructure in consultation with all stakeholders.

Vocational education requires adequate finances to procure relevant training materials, purchase of training equipment and tools which are suitable, modern and adequate in order to improve student enrolment, carry out research, pay instructors and ensure successful assessment of trainees during industrial attachment.

That the students in youth polytechnics should be equally considered in the awards of bursaries in order to increase the number of enrolments. This shall be achieved once the County Government introduces a Subsidized County Polytechnic Tuition (SCPT) scheme of Ksh. 15,000 to all trainees as it was before devolution.

As society changes, curriculum should be changed to adapt to the needs of the community and individuals. Committee recommends that a policy on youth polytechnic be formulated and forwarded to the County Assembly for approval. The policy will assist in management of the institutions by the relevant department.

The County Government should employ instructors as per the need of a Youth polytechnic.

The department of Education should come up with an electronic database of trainees and graduates from these institutions to enable the government to establish the fields which are worth

to invest in so as to abreast with the current technological needs in the training to avoid over producing or under producing thus meeting the prevailing market trends and need.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Madam Speaker, I wish to record the Committee's gratitude to the House for having entrusted us with the execution of the important duty of contributing to the efforts of restoring the image of youth polytechnics in Machakos County. The Committee is thankful to the entire membership for their dedication and commitment during the fact finding and deliberations that made this report a reality.

The Committee is thankful the office of the Speaker and that of Assembly Clerk for related facilitation and our Clerk Assistant for ably coordinating the investigations and report writing activity.

It is now my pleasant duty on behalf of the Committee on Education to present this report for consideration and adoption by the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu. Hon. Members, allow me now to propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members you are now free to debate the report. Hon. Hellen Matee.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to commend very highly the Members of this committee who have worked very hard to come up with these recommendations and I support the committee's recommendations. If I remember very well, the opening speech or the speech that we were given by the Governor of Machakos County, he stated that he wanted every ward to have a factory and I feel that we cannot have a factory in every ward when we do not have our youths given skills to be able to work in those factories.

We will be forced to employ from outside the Machakos County. That is the reason why there should be more money allocated towards the youth or vocational centers so that our youth can be trained, given skills, entrepreneurial skills so that they can go out into the market and set up businesses and get employment. So, I very highly support this report and I plead and urge the House to adopt it. Thank you, Madam Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Matee. Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the report by.....mentioned that after the change of system of the Government to the people the *Jua Kali* sector which mostly is based on these polytechnics can also prosper and join the University for further education.

So, I think it is the high time we put revenue to boost the polytechnics in our areas so that our youth who are not advantaged that they can pursue their education through vocational training and later on maybe even join the university and even make good leaders of tomorrow. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to first of all congratulate the committee and more so the chairman for bringing this comprehensive report on our institutions. Madam Speaker, the report is self-explanatory; the facilities we have in the County are in the bad state according to the report and we as Members, because we represent the areas where those institutions are, we can confirm the same.

Starting with the one in my area; we have Matuu Youth Polytechnics. By the time the committee visited that area the population was 280 and right now is 527 the numbers doubled. The buildings are the same, the instructors are very few, that institution has only two instructors who are paid by the Government; the rest are paid by the parents. So, Madam Speaker, I concur and I agree with the recommendation that the Government should set aside funds to assist these institutions.

Madam Speaker, education is the best investment that a County or people can invest on. There is one great scholar who said if you want to invest for one year, you plant a seed, if you want to invest for 10 years you plant a tree and if you want to invest for 100 years and above you educate our kids. Madam Speaker, we need to be more serious on this issue of education. If we want to have a future, let us focus on education and let us give it the necessary support so that at least we have a future and we take care of our young ones.

Madam Speaker, the other issue that I might raise is that the courses which are being offered in those institutions like driving; driving is a course is offered by the institutions but they do not have vehicles. So, we should also think of at least providing such vehicles to assist the instructors in that particular subject because we cannot just teach theory as we also need to do practicals. So, it is good we ensure that the facilities have all what they require.

The other issue is that some of the institutions are lacking buildings. The ones which have boarders, the boarders are sleeping in the classrooms like in Matuu; the dining hall was converted to be the dormitory. When it comes to lunch time or supper they take their meals under trees.

So, we also need to ensure that we have all the required buildings in order to have the kids learn in a conducive environment otherwise Madam Speaker, I support this report and request this Hon. House to adopt the report and have these recommendations which have been given by the committee implemented to the letter. I rest my case, Madam Speaker thank you.

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

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like first to thank the committee for a good report. I would like to say first of all that Kenya nowadays is depending on small businesses which most of them are ran through technology acquired from these vocational training and to spur and foster growth of economy in our county, we need to train our kids, to train our students on matters pertaining business technology and other issues concerning life.

The most important one is the lowest training facilities in our villages which are our polytechnics but looking at them according to the report they are in a very deplorable state. Bringing or asking a very good question of who are the policy makers of department of

education in Machakos County showing a very big failure according to the report. If you look at the report you will find that the tools of training of these polytechnics are not there.

The number of instructors is not enough. According to the report, you will find that some of the polytechnics are not having enough trainees to be trained simply because of the policy and approach of the County Government. If you want to lead well without afflicting or oppressing people, you need to transfer knowledge to them or to impart knowledge to them so that when they are asking questions they are questions with value.

To train our kids we need value addition and value addition cannot be achieved through this and through the way the state of vocational training in our county is. So, I am in total support of this report that the recommendations be implemented well so that in future we may start reaping where we planted.

For now, Madam Speaker, it is clear that nothing for the last six years has been done for this particular department of education which is the base of society for the low earning families and groups of the society. If we neglect them through the way they have been done, this County will suffer in the next 20 years to come because we will be leading people who cannot know what is happening around them but if the report is followed and the recommendations are implemented, then all is not lost and we can restart again and even transfer and impart knowledge to our students. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. Hon. Musyimi?

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the report and to support the words or what Mheshimiwa Helen Ndeti had said, in fact, if we do not train our own that is our young ones, we will be forced to hire the skills from outside when we will start or when the factories and companies we are expecting to start in our county start; we will be forced to hire from outside.

So, mine is to say I request the County Government, because the issue of polytechnic is a devolved issue, to start and construct a polytechnic in every ward so that our young ones may find a place where to train. To add on that also, we are so many young people who have just left secondary schools and they are loitering around lacking somewhere to settle or to train to get their skills.

It is my humble request that the County Government may construct a polytechnic in each and every ward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

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

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support this motion. I am in the education committee and I happened to go round several youth polytechnics one of which had very good infrastructure; in fact, it is in Masii Hon. Betty's ward. The students there seemed to be very low in spirits because there are no teach teachers, there were no instructors. There are only two trained instructors; those students when we went round, we saw that they could do things that nobody can imagine.

They have actually constructed a house for a pastor and that was very impressive. They had challenges because they did not have equipment; they had only one very old engine that they

were to use to learn about motor vehicle mechanics. Madam Speaker, the future of a nation, the future of our County highly depends on our youth.

Currently we have very few youth who can qualify to go to university, the majority of who are left without anywhere to go without a source of income. If you go around you will see that it is written all over the faces of the youth 'desperation, lack of a future.' They do not have any hope in the future so if we could invest in the youth polytechnics, Madam Speaker, it will save our youth and we will be able to move our County forward and we will have a future to look forward to. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Nziva?

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and members present. I would like to applaud the committee on education for such a wonderful report. Really, this is what is exhibited in the ground and recently we passed a budget and in the budget we indicated money for education for ECDEs and even for polytechnics so it is the high time that money to be implemented to the letter so that our polytechnics can be upgraded to vocational training centers.

Members, you realize that when our students get knowledge this provides technical, vocational, and industrial and life skills to this young ones and without the polytechnics being upgraded, they will even poor quality and even low efficiency to these students. Even socio-economic factors would be factored in our polytechnics when they get the necessary skills.

However, on page 16 of 19, I would like to make a correction; in Ikombe ward we do not have a polytechnic by the name Kyasioni Youth Polytechnic but it is Kalyambeu Youth Polytechnic Hon. Chairman, so I hope you will correct that and the polytechnic has around not even has 35 students. Recently, I was there I do not know whether you are aware but I think the Clerk Assistant for the education committee needs to make that correction and you realize that in 2007 I was a councillor for that area, Kenyatta location; I had an MP who was very active who was proactive and we started very many day secondary schools that is why we do not have more polytechnics.

I have two polytechnics in my ward, that is Kalyambeu and Mathingau but however we are planning to have a big vocational training center so that our students might acquire skills because you realize most of the students---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nziva, point of information. Hon. Kiilu.

Hon. Kiilu: Hon. Nziva, I think it is good that you inform your manager that is the real name of the school because the name that appears on our report is what we were given. Actually, the information and I remember we went to your place after we visited his. So it is the manager who may be misled us. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Alright.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Well informed but it is Kalyambeu Youth Polytechnic not Kyasioni Youth Polytechnic. Now you have diverted my.....what was I saying?

(Laughter)

I was saying we are trying to start a vocational training center so that our students can have more skills. The Hon. Chairman has diverted my contribution but no problem. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nziva. Alright, Hon. Mueni

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I have to thank the new Majority Leader for the biggest party in Ukambani; you will take us far.

(Laughter)

I am a member of the education committee so mine is to ask every elected member here to have 20 students who have not gone to secondary school and you have them join the polytechnic and you pay for them.

(Applause)

Not talking empty words.

(Laughter)

Pay the polytechnics so that the Governor can see your work. So, I hope the Members, you will be remembered by that if you take 20. The 40 wards 20 students because they are there at home and they come to your home you start employing them there to cultivate your *shambas* so help them to be doing something in school. Even some of them they are better than the students who went to secondary and they can do well.

Madam Speaker, I think we are going to do better than the members who were there because even some cannot be remembered for anything and they got a lot of money from this County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: I will want to ask the Chair of budget committee last because he will tell us whether they set aside money for this purpose so just hold on and members of that committee to hold on please. Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate the committee for the good job done and I think Madam Speaker, our youth polytechnics are in bad shape. I have one at my ward it is Yathui polytechnic and I think what you find there is an old Peugeot 404 pickup and those students are expected to be learning on mechanics, making of vehicles and such technology ended long time ago.

So, I think it is the high time this County Government and this Hon. House support the polytechnics so that they may start afresh and see that we are getting good students who can in future be relied upon. Madam Speaker, the white collar jobs are problem these days but the way

we should go is to have our people or our children go to self-employment and it is through youth polytechnics that our students or our children can go be trained and be self-reliant.

I think it is good that for training like mechanics, this County Government during the disposal of its vehicles considers donating some of these vehicles to the youth polytechnics so that our children study through those modern vehicles which we have.

The other thing, Madam Speaker, is to have.....because some of our polytechnics are training on masonry, we try starting giving them jobs like the building of the ECDEs, building of the polytechnics they are in because there are instructors there qualified to lead those children and they will be able to deliver such projects.

So, I think Madam Speaker, we have to support them and also show our people that there are people who are being trained in those youth polytechnics. So, I think it is a good report and I request this Hon. House to support it and eventually we end up with end up with one major polytechnic which will be able to train our children to become plant operators and plant mechanics so that it will be supporting our people and they will become competitive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to start by applauding the education committee for the good job they have done and I would also like to rectify the committee that starting with my ward that the committee missed Kalamba Youth Polytechnic and Thatha Youth Polytechnic.

Again, Madam Speaker, on these polytechnics, I have happened to visit several in my ward and I must attest that some of them the classes have fallen, others have just one instructor and although the board has employed like two or three of them but I must say that they have just employed the Form Four leavers so they are not giving the best service.

So, it is the high time the County Government, because now the youth polytechnics have been devolved, moves in a high tech that we can empower these youth polytechnics. Madam Speaker, we have many youths who have dropped out of school and have not joined secondary schools and they have joined these fake groups of miraa-chewing and sand loaders.

I would request this Hon. House, we try to form the youth groups; we can empower them, talk to them so that they can see life because some of them they think that they have already given up in life since they do not have school fees to join secondary schools and yet they have joined now the bad groups.

So, I would request this Hon. House and the County Government to join hands together and let us try to equip and rehabilitate our polytechnics in our Machakos County and the ward which has got no any polytechnic let the County Government construct more because we have more youths who have not yet have any career or may be who has not done any course and you see the only reward a parent can give a child is education. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do start with congratulating the committee for the work they have done even though in the report, I intend to say some issues that were left like some of the principals or managers who are running these institutions, I thought they also ought to have got some information from the parents where some of these institutions

are being run by managers through their pockets instead of using bankers cheques or using accounts. They just withdraw money to run the institutions just through their pockets.

Again, I am also worried with the issue of Ksh. 15,000 that the committee says that national government has stopped funding the institutions and with me here is a letter from national government where it has given Ksh. 2 billion; I think if printed, I can give the letter, I can table the letter here. The national government I understand has already in fact disbursed the Ksh. 2 billion. In our case, the money is already with KCB here. The Board of Governors have been requested to open account to run that fund whereby each student or trainee should receive Ksh. 15,000.

So, this is a grant from national government that wants to be changed to look as if it is money from the county government and the letter is with me here dated 6th July from the national government. So, already the Ksh. 15,000 is there; we still have the bursaries we were to give to the same students or the same trainees as county government

So, I think that should be clean and the committee should have checked on that. I was expecting the chairman was aware of all that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Steve Mwanthi. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the chairman and his team for the report they have done on the areas they have visited. I will start by first of all saying the name of the report which is the report for the education committee on status of youth polytechnics in Machakos County should be 'selected youth polytechnics' because in this report, I have not seen anything on Machakos Town sub-county.

They have not visited any of the polytechnics in my sub-county and when the title is status of youth polytechnics in Machakos, it implies like is for the entire area. I will be requesting if the committee could move with speed and visit the polytechnics in Machakos Town sub-county which are in deplorable conditions.

(Applause)

It is important to note that as the Hon. Member for Kivaa said, Mumbuni North ward which I represent, does not have youth polytechnic and in the budget which we passed for this year, as earlier stated is that we have set aside money for the construction of at least one youth polytechnic in every ward and for those wards where that the polytechnics are in existence, that money can be utilized to equipping those specific polytechnics.

So, my request is that the committee makes a follow up on the items which were approved in the budget and ensures that the executive implements the funds which were given to them and ensures every single ward has a youth polytechnic which is fully equipped because the funds were provided in the concluded budget. We cannot be able to overstate the importance of youth polytechnics; most of the current *fundis* we have, most of the carpenters, most of the current masons we have are the people who were trained in polytechnics in the late 70s and early 80s and those are the same people who have now been training on the jobs, training other boys on the job.

We have so many unemployed youth lying all over the place yet the only one way which we can be able to give them life skills, currently the world is geared towards what you can be

able to do with your own hands and this can only be achieved although youth polytechnics where we can be able to give these people all the necessary skills they need to be able to compete in the market.

Kenya is undergoing a very tremendous growth in the construction industry; we have so many buildings coming up yet we have so many of our youth unemployed who could be doing these jobs in that construction industry. Things like electrical, electricians, masonry, plumbing, all those things are trained in the youth polytechnics. So, it will be a paradox for us to be saying that we have a vibrant growing economy in terms of construction industry yet we also have equally so many unemployed youth who could be utilized in constructing that.

People have now resulted to engaging contractors of Asian origin and others to construct the buildings while our children are sitting at home. This policy on item number 4, recommendation number 5, 'the committee recommends that a policy on youth polytechnic be formulated, it is important for us as a county to come out with a policy which addresses all these issues and directs the issue of youth polytechnic.'

Those of us, I think most of you are of my age, you remember how polytechnics were vibrant in the 70s and in the early 80s and we did not have all these unemployment.

Finally, the Hon. member for Ekalakala has brought up a very important point which my recommendation would be it is important may be for the chair of committee to find out if we have a grant for Ksh. 2 billion which has been given by the government; it is high time that these funds were channeled in the right direction, brought out in public because I believe being given a grant of Ksh. 2 billion is not something which can be pushed under the carpet and it is quiet.

Ksh. 2 billion is a lot of money which should be able to assist all our polytechnics, all our pupils who are in polytechnics in this country and that benefit, the echo for it goes to the where it deserves in the national government is the one which has done this then we congratulate the national government for seeing that gap and coming to assist us. Let us now move with speed and ensure that these funds are utilized for the right reasons. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Museku. Hon. Muthoka.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Madam Speaker. let me congratulate the committee for the job well done. If you go to page 19, they went to my ward in Mitaboni and when you see we have enrolment of 250 students and last year they graduated 116 and my question is; when they graduated where did they go? Most of these youth go back to sand-harvesting and motor-bike riding because here is no employment.

As a County, I think we should move with speed and think outside the box. For example, you have seen garment making; if as a county we can set a garment factory here and we make a policy whereby all our secondary schools will be buying school uniforms from that factory, we could be making money as a county and we would be creating employment to this youths.

When we were making our budget from the County Assembly to the Executive, I saw buying furniture Ksh. 5 million, buying furniture Ksh. 2 million, and department of finance buying furniture. If we can make a workshop here and we employ these carpenters, we would make furniture for ourselves and we save this money for other uses like hospitals, roads construction.

We are buying a culvert at Ksh. 5,000; we have masons, we have quarries we can be picking the cement from this factory we make the culverts and instead of buying this culverts, we take it from this factories and we make employment to our youths. So, it is a good thing and let

us support and we think outside the box. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations new Majority Leader. Madam Speaker, first I thank the Committee for a job well done and at the same time challenge the implementation committee because Madam Speaker, I like calling a spade a spade to ashame the devil. You can see, the challenges in our polytechnics, if for example, we go to page 8 of 19, 4;7 you will find that the committee noted that most of the youth polytechnics were in deplorable condition and that since devolution, Madam Speaker, the county government of Machakos has never supported youth polytechnics as required, Madam Speaker.

If you go forward, the next one is financial provision, they say 'despite the rationale for introduction of safety nets such as bursaries and Constituency Development Fund in the education sector, there are increasing concerns over the limited finance in youth polytechnics. Also at the same time, if we got to page 17, especially the challenges in the youth polytechnic in Masinga, you will find that there is salary delay by the County Government and there are also inadequate instructors.

Madam Speaker, we were here all of us Hon. Members and we set aside some fund for bursaries and if I call the spade a spade now, I would say that the education department of Machakos County is corrupt.

(Applause)

I do not see how we would set aside Ksh. 80 million for bursaries and now we do not have and we just sit back and assume that everything is okay. When we know one top official of Machakos County has Ksh. 15 billion for presidential campaigns. So, we wonder where this money is coming from---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mulatya! Hon. Member, please do not go out of order, stick to the motion.

Hon. Mulatya: I withdraw, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mulatya: So, that is why I was challenging the implementation committee to make sure that once we set aside funds for bursaries for our schools, for fueling our graders, at least they should make sure it is done so that we can move our county forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Tariq. Hon. Majority Leader, Mark Muendo.

(Applause)

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me say the Committee has done a good job and thank you, Hon. Members for having faith in me and I will be your servant.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, the youth polytechnics, people of our age, we know how they used to train good plumbers, masons and in fact, the polytechnics that the motion is referring to are dead. I have one, which is dead; most of them are dead.

What I would like to point out is that now we have allocated money in the budget for the polytechnics, let us be the watchdogs of the budget. Let me say that I am in construction industry and today we do not have *fundis* because the polytechnics are dead. It is actually my humble request for this House in future, we allocate more money in our polytechnics and also train our instructors because most of the times like Kyemutheke where I have one of the polytechnics, and I normally support it from my pocket.

The County Government, for the last five years, has not done anything for the village polytechnics and it is a shame. That is why we have people on the street chewing *Miraa*; they chew *miraa* because they do not have anything to do. Let me say most of the youths we have in the markets, when you talk to them they tell you we are lacking skills that and is why we are on *boda boda* business and I would say that this how is need to be vigilant on what is coming from donors. There is a tendency with the Executive that money Steve Mwanthi is talking about is funds coming from outside---

Hon. Speaker: I believe Steve Mwanthi is a Hon. Member of this House.

Hon. Muendo: Yes, sorry Madam Speaker. I stand corrected. Hon. Steve Mwanthi is talking about the Ksh. 2 billion. We have seen the CEC Finance last time when we were delivering the budget talking about the Ksh. 1 billion he has given Ksh. 400 million to Mavoko Municipality and that money is from donors and I am saying today unless we are vigilant we Members of this House, there are some funds coming to this County and then they are misused without us knowing. So, from today, Madam Speaker, I urge us to be vigilant.

I want to congratulate the Hon. Members of this House, for standing firm of the budget which we have passed and that budget we have another business of seeing the projects being implemented. So, Members, I thank you very much and I will say that Madam Speaker, I support the motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am Hon. Justus Katumo, the Voice. I want to begin by congratulating this committee of Education---

Hon. Speaker: Some Members are looking at me when you say the Voice; are you the Voice?

Hon. Katumo: The voice of the marginalized. Now, I want to congratulate this committee. I was once in the committee of education in the First Assembly but I wonder sometimes with what happens to our reports. I remember us going round doing the same. Hon.

Museku, is not here we went to Machakos county, we went to Ngelani, we went to this one down here, we went just here next and we did the same.

So, I am wondering this committee, now I am not part of the committee right now, in this Second Assembly but we also had a report on the same. I did not see any captions showing us what happened to the report and recommendations then and it is good sometimes when we have records as property of this House we also refer to them to know the status. Having said that, of course, the problem we with Machakos county is that no implementation; reports become reports they are kept we talk we debate in this House and that is the end of it. That is not my concern.

This is a second phase, this is a Second Assembly and it is my belief, God-willing things will work. I have two quick points on this report; first the problem we have had with this polytechnics is that there no smooth transition from primary to secondary schools especially like the way we have for those who have passed. Most of this guys who go to this polytechnics are those guys who do not make it to secondary school.

Hon. Speaker: Are you taking of the students and the pupils.

Hon. Katumo: Yes the students, of course.

Hon. Speaker: You withdraw the reference of them as---

Hon. Member: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take it again. Most of those students or children or our sons and daughters who go to this village polytechnics form part of those who don't make it to secondary school and there must be a proper transition to make sure this village polytechnics are well advertised within our community and villages. Most of the areas where we don't have this village polytechnics, most of them don't have the privilege because they are not aware and mostly you find as our Majority Leader has said Hon. Mark Muendo, that, of course, because of such gaps being created in our County you find that we have people, we have our boys and girls who are lying idle doing other things that are not good.

Therefore we need to have a proper transition to make sure this is done and our village polytechnics do not die out but of course they should be very active training our youths to become better people and citizens in future. You know there is this notion, when you want to employ some of this youth and you ask them what is their strength, they will tell you they can do anything. What is the anything? You have no strength; you have no skills. We want to impact inculcate skills to make sure that people know what they should do not to do anything.

But finally, Madam Speaker, on this special committee on education, I am highly concerned that they have given me recommendation but they do not consider my constituency in terms of saying they did not come up in the recommendations to say even this polytechnics we need a special unit, special classes and courses for PWDs. Hon. Members, my colleagues, you know this responsibility I am carrying is overwhelming. You always come to me for direction, for consultation---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information, Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Hon. Member that in all polytechnics, there are departments for the physically incapacitated students so the fact that it has been omitted in the report does not mean

that it has been totally omitted. It is a very sensitive area and the members of the committee have discussed it in detail and it is included in the polytechnics structures. Thank you, Madam.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. For Hon. Katumo, he was right in raising the concern. Let it not be that he has to be informed on the floor of the House. Let it be in the report. I think that is what he was saying. Carry on.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker for really understanding what I mean because you see this welfare of PWDs becoming a second take is not always the case because if it is not here, where is it?

Hon. Speaker: That is finalized.

Hon. Katumo: No, it cannot be finalized like that. You see---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Katumo, did you say no, no to me?

Hon. Katumo: I withdraw.

Hon. Speaker: I am telling you to proceed with your debate; the point of information is finalized.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker for coming to my defense and guiding me properly. Just that I have said in this House before, we should always take into account we have 40 wards but we have a 41st ward and that is persons with disabilities which touches on every one of us. However, I support this recommendation of this committee; I support the report with that just concern that we should make great concern because right now, why I was saying that with the committee of Youth, Women, Sports and PWDs, we only have one institution for special training that is APDK Masaku and we find that it is the only institution that is disabled-friendly in terms that it is able to offer courses that touch and you know because it is in Machakos county, Machakos Central ward, it is not possible for people to come from very far to find their place here.

As you make committee reports, please Members and chairmen, make sure you include something to do with the disability affair. Do not make reports and have your concern in your head and heart. Make sure it is seen hear for me to see that I am working. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Katumo. Hon. Mutiso.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion that came up from the Education Committee and chairman from Ndithini if I am not wrong. Now I support the motion and I want to say it is very important motion for us because most of the people when they hear about polytechnics, they don't even take it serious because not all young ones who

succeed to the higher education like polytechnics but most time or most their families are earning through their children who go through polytechnics and I am a witness especially in this chamber we have so many people who have gone through polytechnics and they are leaders in this House.

I beg to mention, one of my friend who have gone through a polytechnic and now he is in Nairobi University doing his first degree Hon. Kiteng'u from Kivaa; he is here with us and he is a leader and a role model.

Hon. Mitaa: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Did he give you the permission.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: He is not complaining.

Hon. Mitaa: Point of order, Madam Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Point of order, Hon. Mutiso. Just resume your seat briefly. Hon. Mitaa

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to stand on point of order under Standing Order 27 to request to move a motion to extend sitting time.

Madam Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 27(2) states that 'the Speaker shall interrupt business under consideration at 12.30 p.m. for the morning seating; Aware that Standing Order 27(3)(a) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

Aware that Standing Order 27(4) 4 requires a motion to extend sitting time shall be moved at least 30 minutes before time appointed for adjournment;

Madam speaker, I wish to move the motion that the house resolves the sitting time until the ongoing business is completed.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do you have a seconder, Hon. Mitaa

Hon. Mitaa: I call upon Hon. Kiteng'u to second my motion

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do support the extension of the time and the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, it is a procedural motion and I think the motion at hand is very critical to the county and its only 30 minutes to the time so we can do that it is still within our time so we can carry on. Hon. Mutiso.

Hon. P.J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So having said that, I am happy because when we went to EPZ, we found that there many people from Machakos who have gone through our polytechnics among other places. So, I also request the committee Kithayoni youth polytechnics is just near here almost 1.2 kilometres away from this chamber, I request if possible

to visit this area; it is in a pathetic situation but they have never visited that area so it is my humble request that they go visit that area and see what is going on in that area.

So, Madam Speaker, I really support this motion and even the recommendation of the committee and Madam Speaker, I say thank you again for that. I happened to go to Kiviini somewhere in Kangundo and what we found there were so many problems; they have land but there is nothing going on there and the land is there and because we have a Budget committee, through the chairman Hon. Dominic, they have put a lot of money in the polytechnic.

So, we need that money to be used well and if possible we must be serious members to force implementation organ to implement what we have passed here; there is no need for us to talk here for ours for nothing and nothing is happening. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutiso. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute to this motion and I wish to comment on the good job that has been done by the committee for education.

Madam Speaker, when we are talking on matters of education, we are discussing issues on empowering our nation and majority of the people that are going through tertiary education, Madam Speaker, are the youth. The latest demographic results estimates conducted by the United States put Kenyan's population approximate at 50 million people and they say 3/4 of the population are youth.

Madam speaker, if we do not emphasize on the need for our youth to gain basic skills on things that can help them fend for themselves and put bread on the table, then Madam Speaker, we will not be empowering our nation. In this sense, what I am saying is that I supporting what the committee has done and as budget committee as you had mentioned, we really tried to allocate some money to ensure that we empower our people through youth polytechnics and we allocated among Ksh. 174 million for development.

If this money is utilized well, then our people will gain basic skills and right now the nation is abuzz with the Big Four Agenda and one of the agenda is affordable housing; some of the skills that can be used in realizing this agenda are masonry, plumbing, electrical engineering and others. All these can be acquired through youth polytechnics and I would wish that we also have a mind shift from thinking that youth polytechnics are for primary school dropouts or Class Eight leavers and look at it as institutions where we want to grow skills for our people.

It is a plea to the Hon. Members that we also give these institutions some importance and encourage our people regardless of whether they are Class Eight leavers or Form Four leavers; they can still go to these institutions and gain skills that they can use to better their lives.

It is not for Class Eight leavers only and the only way that we can also make them popular is by bettering the way the institutions are by making sure as what other members have contributed and said that they attract their Form Four leavers by ensuring that we also modernize them and tap the technology that we are in in this 21st century.

We also need to introduce new courses so that we can attract the new population to the same institutions. That said, Madam Speaker, I wish to support the motion. Thank you.

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

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker for also giving me time to also give my views on this motion. I want first to applaud the committee for doing a good job and I also want to thank the new appointee who has just become our Majority Leader Hon. King'ang'i; I want to applaud him.

Hon. Speaker: Do we have a member by that name in this House?

Hon. Kisini: Hon. Mark Muendo, sorry Madam Speaker. First, I want to say that I think the committee really observed what is lacking in these village polytechnics; one of them is the equipment. Most of these polytechnics do not have equipment, they do not have enough instructors who have been trained and I think they have highlighted that. We all know the Government is now coming out the formal education, whereby you go to school and you are trained up to university level.

The government is encouraging people to be self-reliant, people to be trained in courses whereby we can identify talent. This is another way of helping our youths, a way to encourage those who do not make to the University, to the high national polytechnics and also have courses whereby they can earn their living.

I am just concerned about Athi River but not really a big concern. Had I known, I would have meant the committee and we would have made more emphasis because Athi River is the place that we have many factories and I have seen that the institution lacks tailors; they do not train on tailoring and only train on fashion and design and so I would have put that input but my also serious concern is about the salaries.

They didn't highlight what the instructors there are paid but based on to what Kyamutheke is paid because I think that maybe the salaries are cutting across the board, you will see that a diploma holder is paid Ksh. 10,000 and a graded test is paid Ksh. 6,000; assuming those at Athi River are paid that, if you pay Ksh. 6,000 to a teacher or trainer, that is a minimal amount, a mere amount and I think that is all that we are paying to our helpers in the house.

So, maybe I would have requested the committee to come up with some good recommendations of good salaries so that we can attract those who are trained, those who would also wish to become instructors to be paid some good money. I would also recommend that the county if it can absorb these instructors and give them good salaries the better.

I am also thinking that if the fee paid for example at my institution Ksh. 4,000 and the recommendation is Ksh. 15,000, you see the Ksh. 4,000 is not enough to run that institution. The difference between Ksh. 15,000 and Ksh. 4,000 is Ksh. 11,000. When the government was giving it a subsidy of Ksh. 15,000 it meant that that is the money which is meant to cater for that institution

So, I am requesting the education committee to harmonize and come up with a more harmonized fee so that it can cut across the board for all the polytechnics around the county. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Those are my recommendations.

Hon. Speaker: thank you, Hon. Kisini. Hon. Cosmus Masesi

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker for awarding me this time to contribute towards the report from the committee of education. First of all, Madam Speaker, I would like to

appreciate the good report from the committee and also start by saying from the Kamba saying which says that a cattle house without the young ones is as good as debt.

Madam Speaker, if we want to prosper as a county, we must invest heavily on the youth. Madam Speaker, how I wish that this report would have come earlier before we did pour budget because I doubt that we set aside amount for fees not for development. So, in future, I want to believe that in the next financial year, we will be very much alive and have some monies for the fee for these youths because I want to believe that most of the students who attend these polytechnics come from families which live below the poverty line, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, also the issue of land ownership documents have come up on the same report whereby we need to move fast and make sure our people have the title deeds within themselves.

Madam Speaker, we need to move fast also to make sure we counter the emergence of the CDF day secondary schools which is taking away the enrollment in these polytechnics. Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to doubt whether the polytechnic which our Hon. Member Mr. Kiteng'u went is the same as the ones we are talking here because I want to believe he went to the Kenya Polytechnic and not these youth polytechnics, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: You can also make the youth polytechnics a Kenya Polytechnic and I see its beginning. Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I stand here first to sincerely thank the committee that took this noble task, they did their findings and recommendations. Madam Speaker the House and the Hon. Members were very attentive and in fact members that have stood here to give out what they saw and observed and have in mind; it is a very important issue that at this time, I just want to give a brief that what has been said sincerely it is now the task of the MCAs to see that what has been brought into attention is carried out for us to be effective and to be seen that we are really debating healthy issues.

Why am saying this, Madam Speaker? It is that the committee findings and recommendations on page nine are very noble and these are recommendations on a very sincere note that we should take directions from and ensure that the findings and recommendations are put in place so that our youth will benefit from the recommendations and findings that the committee did.

Madam Speaker, what now we are supposed to do as they have recommended in their policies that the policy that the committee recommends that a policy on youth polytechnic be formulated and forwarded to the County Assembly for approval. This is a very noble move, a well done recommendation so this policy, Madam Speaker, if put in place will really see us going ahead. Madam Speaker, it is very important that we note that the committee should also come up with the recommendation of a new board in the polytechnics.

We want new boards to be constituted so that bursaries coming in, any money coming into those polytechnics can be managed by people who also have got that technical knowledge. Madam Speaker, everybody is aware in this House that Kenya is moving ahead; we are seeing a lot of estates emerging, Kenyans are buying a lot of vehicles whereby we need mechanics, in regard to estates we need people like masons and for that matter my recommendation is that every member of this Assembly should also come up with

recommendation in regard to rural electrification because in village polytechnics where we have no electricity and as we are saying Kenya is moving towards technology and on my observation, the committee should also recommend that in village polytechnics where we have no electricity should come up with such type of facilities.

So, I stand here to support the motion and also request the Hon. Members of the Second Assembly, we should not be seen to be mourning but be seen as an Hon. House geared towards what they find and for that matter what I am saying is that we should be seen to be not even as implementation organ but as people who go check the feedback what report we have made so that we may be seen to be doing whatever recommendations we bring to this House should be seen we should go and see there is a feedback at the end of this report and without the feedback, then we shall be doing what we call in police mark timing.

We should be seen as a house that anything that is recommended in this House or approved by this House should be seen to be an effective House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Kiilu, the mover, please reply.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to more sincerely thank the Hon. House that is all the Hon. Members for positively discussing and adopting this report. However, allow me to tell the members that your sentiments have been taken and we are going to work on them. Again, let me say that your concerns like that one of Hon. Justus Kiteng'u in Kivaa, actually I think it is only that you have forgotten; I contacted you because we were conducting this site visits when it was raining and some of the areas like Kyondoni, we could not access the areas but actually your concern is taken.

Again, Members, I am also pleading with you that when you have information, let us share as members. More so when you have any information that is for a certain department, feel free to give that information so that we can be able to handle. I am glad that Hon. Stephen of Ekalakala ward has informed the house that there is a grant of Ksh. 2 billion; allow me to tell the House that the committee is aware it is only that it came the other day when already we had compiled our report and we want to follow that amount to the letter.

What I am saying, Hon. Members is that I am following with the Chief Officer and I am telling the Chief Officer that let no funding be done in your ward if the member of that ward is not consulted; let all the Members be consulted if there is anything that is happening in your ward. Therefore, I am strongly following up the issue and thank you members for adopting my report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, let me comment a little particularly now that you have voted on this issue of the polytechnics. Every time you are debating there, I keep wishing that I could contribute but see the law does not allow me and it is because of the importance of some motions like this one; it is a devolved function and one of the members mentioned that. So, if we have not had attention

given to youth polytechnics since devolution, you have failed as a County; in fact, you have breached the constitution.

So, there is also the danger of you people being held to account for failing to do what the constitution requires you to do. So, where we are now is to see how we can implement this report because the concern of the Members is that you have been discussing, Hon. Katumo talked about it and no implementation.

So, Hon. Members, all the good of polytechnics has been discussed one issue that I did notice standing out clearly is insecurity. The insecurity we have in the County and nationwide is mostly because of lack of employment and hence also poverty particularly amongst the youth and so if we make them able to train in the youth polytechnics then you also find we are also reducing insecurity, in addition to the other issue we discussed and so, for this reason, the Chair is giving directions that the implementation committee must take up this matter, the report discussed and adopted by the House today on youth polytechnics in Machakos County and need to liaise with the relevant department in the executive and come up with a roadmap for implementation of this report and that roadmap for implementation, which of course will consider what priorities you need to take, will have to be presented to this House in two months that is on the 18th of September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

The Chair appreciates that there may be a change of leadership if there is not any in view of the communication of this morning and so it is for the House to put its house in order and have an implementation committee that is up and running and Hon. Members, I want you to hold the committee to account because we cannot be discussing reports here and leaving them unimplemented.

(Applause)

As Chair, I will chair particularly the General Oversight Committee on any CEC or CO or any member who is not implementing. So, let them be called here and tell us where we are on implementation. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

Hon. Speaker: You have a point of order Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Yes.

Madam Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Kamitu: Madam Speaker, I would kindly request that the debate we discuss this as a member of the committee that our today's debate on the report of PAIC should be given to the members just to go through then at a later date the we can come for it. That is also our humble request and regard also to the time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I am seeing what the Hon. Minority Leader is asking is adjournment of the debate. Is that so?

Hon. Kamitu: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: What is the thinking of the Members? Hon. Minority Leader, do you have a seconder on that motion which you are moving?

Hon. Kamitu: Madam Speaker, thank you. I request Hon. Ndawa to second. Thank you.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, let me give you permission first. So, can you proceed now?

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you and I am sorry for moving very fast. Looking at the watch we have only three minutes and very sure the report cannot be read within three minutes. So, we are requesting and I am supporting what the Hon. Member has requested that we have that report be allocated another time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I do see that Hon. Members under Standing Order 41, this is one motion which can be brought without notice which is for adjournment of a motion. Maybe members may ventilate and tell us what your thinking is. Hon. Members, on that particular motion to adjourn the debate on the motion that is under order 9. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the request by the Minority Leader bearing in mind that apart from the issue of sugar levels going down, Madam Speaker, our minds are tired. We have been seated since 10.00 a.m. so I strongly support the request, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the request and the report of PAIC is supposed to be brought in the morning when the members are not tired because it holds the County and it is where we are supposed to know when the money has been eaten. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I am able to read the mood of the House that we adjourn the motion that is under order number 9 and so the directions of the Chair is that that business will go to the House Business Committee for balloting and it be brought as soon as possible and preferably in the morning as Hon. Mueni has stated.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, at this juncture, allow me to give my heartfelt condolences and also the House to Hon. Mwikali who is seated here with us; she lost her father. It is not anything that is easy and just to pray with her; the House could stand up and observe a moment a minute of silence where you say a prayer silently for the soul of the departed and also the family. Amen.

So, Hon. Members, the sitting of the House is adjourned to the 18th July, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 12.27 p.m.