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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members. Serjeant at Arms, please ring the quorum bell. I notice, Hon. Members that we now have quorum so there is no need to ring the bell. Please inform the Serjeant at Arms to stop ringing the bell. Hon. Members, I have come from quite far that is why you see how I am looking.

(Laughter)

Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DUMPSITE IN MASII TOWN

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Hon. Betty Nzioki. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, that aware that Article 42 of the constitution of Kenya provides every person has a right to clean and healthy environment which includes the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of the present and future generations through legislation and other measures;

Aware that the Kenya Vision 2030 recognizes that efficient and sustainable waste management systems are required as the country develops into a newly-industrialized state by 2030;

Aware that in this regard, Machakos County needs to have a fully functional and compliant waste management system by developing strategies towards achieving sustainable waste management and clean health environment for all;

Aware that Masii town lacks a designated dumping site and garbage is dumped everywhere including along residential houses;

Further aware that the town lacks sufficient toilets and this can cause health hazard to the residents and traders living near those garbage sites; Cognizant that Machakos County has established a directorate for the waste management which evidently has not being effective in executing its role in some parts of the County;

Madam Speaker, I beg to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and resolves that the County Government:

1. Establishes a specific site for dumping garbage which will be functional and compliant in waste management in Masii town and any other towns within Machakos County falling under the same predicament.
2. Constructs sufficient public toilets in all towns within the County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Betty, you have a seconder?

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will request Hon. Angela Munyasya to second my motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Angela Munyasya.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, the motion is open for debate. Point of order Hon.....go ahead.

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, the motion was moved by Hon. Betty and instead of Hon. Angela seconding it she supported it; is it in order for her not to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha, thank you for that. Hon. Members, I know we have a tradition that you should say I second not I support but we do understand what you meant, because again Article 159 of the Constitution of Kenya says we should not be tied by technical procedures to forget the substance of what we want to do. And so the house takes cognizance of the fact that Hon. Munyasya was seconding the motion and supporting it.

(Laughter)

Hon. Members, I now with that interjection by the Hon. Maitha, I had proposed the question and I have asked members to start debate on it. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion by saying that the Machakos County must find the places for putting waste because it is not Masii alone, it is in the entire County and the Executive has to do its work. Madam Speaker, I think we are passing a lot

of motions here which are not being worked on so I ask the executive and the people who go near the Governor to let him work on the things that we pass here because I know he has people who report to him everything.

So even the CIDP that is not making us not to get salaries, I think we have to talk about it Madam Speaker, very seriously because we did not come here not to be paid.

(Laughter)

I know Mheshimiwa Kamitu might say something but that is not the way of going about it. We have to be serious and talk about the salaries. I do not know who you are going to inform; I have finished.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni, I decided I am the one who will inform you even when you have finished. Firstly, members let us stick to the motion at hand. Secondly, I want to believe that every member here can have access to the Governor. He is your Governor, isn't it?

(Applause)

His doors should be open to every member here. The other issue I want to put on record is that it is the CIDP but we are not dealing with the CIDP now and the contribution of Hon. Mueni, the part which is relevant to the motion of course has gone on record. Thank you, Hon. Mueni. Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support this motion and congratulate Hon. Betty Nzioki for thinking well of her people of Masii. Madam Speaker, we must understand that we require good environment in which to live and to be able to achieve better. our lives and be able to contract diseases. According to Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals that are before us, one of the core values is to make sure that as we continue as human beings we must live in environment that is humane.

Environment that are acceptable that of course we can work and feel we live as human beings. Now the incident that is being given here from Masii ward is that of course garbage is being deposited haphazardly and this cannot be acceptable to a great county like Machakos County. I think the suggestion that the member is giving for the County Government to consider is that to try to develop some strategies that they can achieve on how to have a sustainable waste management and a clean environment for the people of Masii and this is not isolated to Masii ward alone.

I come from Mlolongo/Syokimau and for those who have visited the inner roads of Mlolongo/Syokimau you can attest that, of course, we have a lot of waste that is flowing. We have rivers that do not dry up, they are not seasonal, they are not rivers that are emanating from any other forest or catchment area they are rivers of raw waste and therefore it is very dangerous for the people and voters, our residents who live there.

Therefore, it is very important for this County to consider on how to work on waste disposal mechanisms, solid and otherwise to make sure that we do not let our people contract diseases. Therefore, I support this motion and especially that this County of Machakos

Government should also set aside, in every sub-county, to make sure that we have proper dumping sites to make sure that our waste is dumped and also make sure that this waste is separated to make sure that hazardous waste and the solid waste and any kind of waste is of course dumped appropriately.

Of course, make sure sufficient.....I have seen we have many toilets that appear to be toilets but they are not; I want to relieve myself in this toilet in Makutano/Kyumbi and I was told I can do one thing not two and therefore I was surprised. I am pressed and therefore you are telling me what is the problem and they are telling me there is no water, there is nothing like this and so many explanations that do not add up to a person who is pressed.

Therefore, this County Government should consider making sure they put things that are helpful to the residents that they are serving and therefore these toilets, more toilets and especially working and up to standard toilets should be put in every place and actually nowadays you know of course because of the food we are eating, we are consuming every other time we need to keep on running and coming back and therefore we need such facilities that are good for us.

I support my colleague Hon. Betty Nzioki in that this Government of Machakos County should take measures and work very fast to make sure people that we represent, the electorate of Machakos, the residents of Machakos should get the services that they require and they should live in environment that is not hazardous to their lives. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support

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

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. First, I stand here to support and thank the Member Hon. Betty, for bringing this motion in a timely manner. I do believe that we have a lot of waste production from every single avenue of our lives. You go to the supermarket you buy stuff, it is packed in cartons or in semi-plastic bags, when you get home you remove what you want, you throw the rest in the dustbin. That needs to find a way of being solved.

Most of us just think about it as far as far buying the dustbin and putting it there in our homes. You remove what you want and throw the rest in the dustbin; then the house girl or whoever it is picks it and goes to throw it somewhere in a dump and we don't think about it anymore. But all these materials being produced have adverse effect on our environment and on our own health. Toxic!

I was watching television the other day and I saw some environmentalists from the UK, Europe, who were saying that by the year 2030, marine life as we know it today, if we don't do anything about the plastics and dumping of waste in to the seas, we are going to affect our ecosystem in a way which will be irreversible. The ocean is absorbing up to almost a million tonnes of waste annually and all these things because of their synthetic nature, take up to 500 years to synthesize completely.

If we do not have a proper dumping site where we can be able to manage our waste materials, in a controlled environment, then the end result is that these things keep spreading all over the country in our farm, rivers and end everywhere else and it will come back to haunt us as people of Machakos County. I have seen resources being channeled towards things which are not important to us funny offices to be constructed or funny state lodges which need to be put up elsewhere in some areas while an important aspect like waste management is ignored.

Like the Hon. Betty is talking about solid waste management; we also have liquid waste management. Machakos as a town does not have a sewage system and people are depending on putting up individual septic tanks. You construct a house and you have a septic tank. Right now we are almost seven years after devolution and we have not yet set aside funds of making sure that we have an effective sewerage system.

The dumping site we have here at Kya-Walia , if you go there, it is not what you can call a dumping site; forget even about Masii which doesn't even have one. The one which we have here people, trucks just go there and download and nobody knows what is going to happen to that waste. When you go there you find parking boys and this other boys scavenging through there, animals too. Seriously, we need to take some of these issues into tight consideration.

We have been putting up toilets and budgeting for toilets and saying we need a toilet to be put at Kusyumuomo, for example; and we don't think if that toilet is going to be a long drop toilet or a flashing toilet. So, we end up putting flashing toilet in an area where there is no water and we have not sunk a borehole to provide water to that toilet. The end result is what the Hon. Member is telling us; he went and he was told 'inside here you can only do one type of business not two types of business.'

(Laughter)

If we are putting up a facility, let us put a facility which we shall not revisit again. We budget fully, if it is a public toilet, we put a public toilet and we put a source of water to make sure it has water. In our budget for example, we went ahead and allocated aside funds for putting up trailers in specific market places for people to come and dump their waste and then we shall be using the tractors for agriculture to come and tow.

But where are they going to tow that rubbish to if we don't have established dumping sites. So, I support that Masii as a growing town has the need for it to be created for functional and compliant waste management system to control both solid waste and non-solid waste and also for us to put up toilets and ensure that they are provided with all the facilities for them to be able to service two types of services not one type of service. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kisila: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I support that motion. I happen to have gone to Masii when we were doing finance revenue management mapping and controls and I was dismayed by the poor.....it had just rained and the soak pit which is there in the market was in a very terrible manner. So, I support that motion.

Secondly, Masii is also our biggest town in our sub-county attracting a lot of investors, growing very fast and on top of the dumping site, we need to have a sewerage system for Masii because very soon we are going to have a calamity of an epidemic because of outbreak if we don't manage it well. My point is that we need to support this motion and as much as Members laughed at what Hon. Mueni said about CIDP, I think these aspects are being taken care of in our CIDP and I think as a Hon. House we need to move very fast and ensure that whatever the public demanded in our CIDP has been passed in this House so that we can have development to our people.

Otherwise, I think it is a very great motion not just for Masii but also all the towns we don't even have simple dumping sites. It is actually a danger which we need to resolve as quickly

as possible and find a way in which we are going to implement a very well-thought out garbage and sewerage management system because those two go together.

The amount of water...we are providing water to a lot of towns but we are not providing sewerage system to the towns. We have got garbage but we are not providing a garbage management system yet these things go together and as towns grow at the rapid rate they are growing at, we might have an epidemic which will cost the county more money in the health sector. So, I support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisila, Hon. Minority Leader. I will come to you Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I support this noble motion that has been brought by my daughter Betty and---

Hon. Speaker: She is a Hon. Member.

Hon. Kamitu: She is Hon. Betty; I stand to be corrected---

Hon. Speaker: You are lucky you have a Hon. Member for a daughter.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kamitu: Madam Speaker, on a very sincere note my daughter is called Betty Nzisa and they are carrying the same name and equally in our tradition I normally greet the Hon. Betty as my daughter because they carry the same name and she has got the same respect so daughter is my daughter in this House.

(Laughter)

Otherwise, as I move on, with a lot of respect is that I support this noble motion. I stand here so that we may share some experiences that some of us are experiencing out in our various towns in regard to solid waste management and toilets in our various towns.

So, my contribution is that, if you go to those towns, we are missing some of the toilets but on the same time we have other towns that the county has put the toilets but in regard to solid waste management in regard to what Hon. Brian has said, sewerage and solid management go together and remembering that I was in Sweden and they have a very good sewerage and solid waste management.

Practically, when we talk about sewerage and solid waste management, they have very good management because that is an exercise they undertake where you find that they do recycling where they produce gas and treat water for consumption.

So, my point is that us as an Assembly, we should also go round and see the status of our towns so that we plan, because to have the solid waste management it needs a lot of planning because there is need for budgeting, identifying the land in some of the towns in Machakos county; because we have gone through some of the towns and maybe we don't have land for that matter.

So, we need to go round and I know it is the mandate of the Speaker to guide us in relation to the committees which are involved. In Machakos County we are lucky because we have land and Nairobi is growing towards Machakos town and taking in to consideration the Konza plains, the Kangundo road going towards Komarock; those are areas that are growing and this town needs areas of sewerage and dumpsite.

So, it is an area we take a lot of consideration by identifying land in those areas so that we may have a good sewerage system and solid management. Otherwise, I want to say thank you to my Hon. Daughter Betty for bringing this motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion which has been brought here by my dear sister, Hon. Betty---

(Laughter)

Yes, she is my sister because my father and her father have some relationship. So, when I call her my sister you know what I am talking about. Madam Speaker, this motion is---

Hon. Speaker: I wish we could all be brother and sister and daughter and father....so that we claim each other like Hon. Members are claiming Hon. Betty and that is very encouraging.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker and I also want to add another word; when I was school my teacher used to define the word community. A community was defined as a group of people with a common aim. So, in this Hon. House, we are a community because we have one aim; to represent our wards, to oversight, to legislate and do any other business.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Go ahead.

Hon. Ndawa: So, Madam Speaker I was saying this is a noble Motion which needs to be supported by everybody. Madam Speaker, Article 42 of the Constitution provides that, every person has a right to clean environment and if we do not have these facilities, it means that our rights are been violated. Madam Speaker, I do not want to cite Masii, I want to sight the town that I come from and that is Matuu because the Motion also allows to deliberate on other towns which face the same predicaments. Matuu is about number two or number three after Machakos town, the other town should be Matuu. Tala will come number three.

So, Madam Speaker, Matuu being a big town we do not have a dumping site. All the waste is put on a tractor and is drawn..... wherever it is dumped today, tomorrow it will be dumped elsewhere. So, Madam Speaker, this is the high time that we request that we have a dumping site in Matuu and if we get it, it is also good to ensure that the dumping site is well fenced because once we dump that waste there and we leave it that way, kids will come and start playing with that waste.

Madam Speaker, as you know we have several clinics in towns they use syringes and things which are used for treatment and once they are loaded in that tractor they are taken to that dumpsite. Kids will come and start practicing how they will be doctors in future. One might be

tempted to inject the other one and that is subjecting our kids or our nation to another problem.

So, Madam Speaker, I support this and I also request as we address the issue of solid waste, we should also address the issue of liquid waste. Madam Speaker, the public health laws says that every landlord should ensure water from his premises should not move out of the premises and once it gets out of the premises you are supposed to be taken to court.

Madam Speaker, this is not possible because in those towns we do not have a sewer line where you can connect your water to go. What normally happens is that the landlords have very small holes that they direct water, and once they are full, you try to empty that hole, Officers from the police station will come and arrest you and they will demand and if you do not buy justice, you will go to court and if you are fearing to go to court, you part with a lot of money. Madam Speaker, our business people are losing a lot of money through these cartels.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, is that last week we had this CIDP public participation and in my Ward we proposed that we have a dumping site. We are requesting that once we are through with the CIDP, we are requesting that the CIDP be implemented to the letter so that we can address this problem.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, in our town we have advised all the landlords at least to have somewhere to put their waste so that the county truck can be coming picking that waste to the dumping site but in most cases the tractor is not available so it also becomes another problem. Madam Speaker, we recommended sometimes back that all the tractors which were used for agriculture be converted or be handed over to solid waste management department so they can use in transporting these waste.

So, Madam Speaker, I would request that recommendation which is passed by the Assembly also to be implemented in order to address this kind of problem. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like first to thank the Hon. Member who has brought this Motion which is due knowing that waste management is one of the key things that even when you are starting to construct your home, the first thing to do is you do a toilet, if you are thinking forward. I am even requesting this House to dig deeper to the same motion and come up with a Bill of Machakos waste management so that we can at least come up with clear guideline on how to put our waste management in control.

Big towns like my brother has said Matuu and Kithimani, are lacking dumpsite and the same way he has said we have indicated in our CIDP that, that will be a very key thing. The land, I think, is not there and that shows lack of organization with the planners of the cities and towns of this County because some of the towns like Kithimani do not have anywhere to dump the waste materials.

I do not want to repeat how hazardous they are to our lives, how bad they can affect our health but what I would like to add on is to say that, for people who are very objective the first thing that they would do when Counties came, was to think about waste because a County Government like Machakos should not be collecting taxes and revenues from the people when they do not have anywhere to go and dump their waste.

In fact, the first thing that should have been there, the First Assembly should have come with a proper way, guidelines on towns of this County which does not have a dumping sites to

purchase one but now it is not late because we are here, we can come up with that plan because it means the planners did not take into account that one.

So, I support the motion fully and request that this one, because we have done so many motions, Madam Speaker and none of them that we have seen it been implemented; Madam Speaker, if we go that way we will lack motivation, we need to be motivated by seeing this one being implemented. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker also for catching my eye. I want to thank Hon. Betty, my sister if I can add or my buddy---

(Laughter)

More especially for including 'any other, Aany other will include Athi River where I come from and I think it is the most affected we have no dumping site, we depend on Mlolongo and even that one of Mlolongo is not a public land it is land of some other people, it is private and for a truck to go from Athi River to Mlolongo, it consumes a lot of time.

So, I am one of the affected people like Masii or even more than Masii and I request the County Government to move with speed and rescue Athi River and also Mlolongo. We do not have any dumping site and those people of Mlolongo are refusing people from coming from far to come and dump at their sites.

Athi River has a registered vote turn out of around 40,000 and Mlolongo 50,000; those are the registered voters not including those who do not vote and school children and other children. So, you can see how much we have in terms of litter and so I am requesting we move with speed and may be request the Executive to rescue Athi River and to rescue Mlolongo.

I also want to talk of sewerage. We have very old systems which have broken down and every time we have breakages, we have sewer going anyhow and more especially even going to the river.

At Mlolongo, we also do not have a sewer system. So, I am requesting the budget which proposed of Ksh. 400 million for this financial year, to see to it that it is diverted or it is directed to Athi River and reconstruct those sewer lines because there is a danger which might affect each and every member here. This sewage goes all the way to River Athi and River Athi cuts across the board to all other wards. So, if it is not taken care it will still go and affect those other people because of the contaminated water---

Hon. Kamitu: Point of information Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My point of information is that Hon. Kisini being our Chair for Environment should be one among the Hon. Members who should be pushing the Municipal Charter which of course is covering Athi River, Mlolongo, Tala, Kangundo and Machakos in regard to the debate which has been brought by the Hon. Member. So, he should be one among those guys so that the municipal charter---

Hon. Speaker: Now we do not have guys in the House

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you. I mean Hon. Member, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

(Laughter)

So, he should be one of the Hon. Members who should be really pushing that charter so that some of these areas, some of these problems are catered for. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader. Hon. Kisini, you are winding up.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Mheshimiwa Kamitu. I will come to that later on but---

Hon. Speaker: Please proceed, Hon. Kisini. Wind up.

Hon. Kisini: Yes, I am trying to say, the side effects of that sewer go to Athi river and we also have a lot of blasts where by the dust also comes to Athi River. So, I am requesting and maybe I will do that as requested by Hon. Kamitu, we put the Ksh. 400 million we consider Athi River for the sewerage system and Mlolongo.

Finally, as our Hon. Kamitu has said he once had a chance to visit Sweden where the technology is there; for us and for my committee on environment to come and advise the executive, I would wish we visit Sweden, we go there, come up with that technology and then we finish up this problem of sewage and this problem of dumping sites once and for all. Thank you

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mutiso. Thank you Hon. Kisini.

Hon. P. J. Mutiso: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion; it is an important motion, Madam Speaker but I do not want to repeat what Members have said or talked about. Mine is different although it is all the same and what I can propose is that Madam Speaker, we start a garbage recycling plant in Machakos; it will be helpful to this County because it will enable us to have more revenue and among other benefits, our people will get employment, fertilizer and water among other things. So, I propose that as we are talking about this although I had such a motion on the same, but if we can start a recycling plant it will be very important for us.

For example, sometimes if I can remember well, I visited Sweden sometimes whereby we had a good relationship. The municipal of Machakos town then and Sweden government and we agreed to start such a plant in Machakos whereby we had to do it at Katoloni. This town it has big land not less than 3,000 acres so if we can have that it will be helpful for us because I believe other counties like Makeni, Kitui and all the surrounding counties will be able also to bring their garbage to this place because Machakos county alone it will not be able to provide those garbage to that plant which we will start if it will be there.

So, Madam Speaker, what I can say is that we partner or we have public private partnership whereby we will be able to have that plant and will be helpful to us. Another thing I remember I talked about sewer system that was back the year 2015; I happened to meet the President of this country who is President Uhuru at People's Park and we had a meeting there

with the Governor and also the community of this county and I requested about the sewer system whereby I talked about Machakos town, Athi River and Mlolongo and he promised us to give Ksh. 1 billion that is what he said but I do not know what happened maybe there was no follow up on the same.

So, I also request the Governor to make follow up on the same and it will be helpful for this county. So, Madam Speaker, I propose the executive and even the Assembly through the committees which are relevant to this like environment among other committees to also meet with the executive and if this will happen soon it will be good for us. So, Madam Speaker, thank you. I rest my case.

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

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker for granting me this opportunity to air my views and congratulate Hon. Betty for the timely motion. Madam Speaker, I think I will pick only two issues which have been left by my colleague and one is on our urban areas, I think they lack planning and what I can request this House is to push for our urban areas to have proper planning which I think will cater on all the aspects which are being mentioned in this motion.

Again also, Madam Speaker, I think we need to concentrate on sustainability of the projects so that we might not start something today and then it would fail after a short period. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa for being brief and to the point. Hon. Angela and Hon. Members, kindly if a matter has been addressed by your colleague let us not repeat it. We pay attention to the contributions by the other members because you find there is a lot of repetition from members; just listen to what your colleague has contributed and bring a new aspect like Hon. Mitaa has just done like, Hon. Mutiso so that then we capture everything but not repeating. Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first would like to thank Hon. Betty for bringing this very important motion; it is in agreement that we all agree that waste management has posed a health hazard in the entire county. There are several ways that people can handle this; in the developed world I say all the way from the household people separating the solid waste from the liquid waste in such a way that the liquid waste can be processed and even made into manure in such a way we do not waste it, then the solid waste is also processed in its own way so that it doesn't pose a health hazard.

We happened to visit Malaysia and there is a big waste processing plant where all the waste is put together; it is like a factory and they process all that waste into manure and it becomes useful to the residents of that area. So, if Machakos could adopt the same, I think we will solve the problem. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members I call upon the mover of the motion to reply.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity and thank the Hon. Members for supporting my motion; not only for Masii ward but for Machakos County as a whole. Our humble request to our county government to hear the cries of our people

and it is my prayer and wish that they are going to implement for the sake of the health of our people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the motion having been adopted by the House is committed to the committee on environment, energy, lands and natural resources for further interrogation and of course involvement of the public so that you can get the public views and as well as further views from the members and that committee is to report to this house on the 27th November, 2018.

Hon. Members, let me just congratulate you for this motion you have just passed. As I was seated here, I was noting as is as usual some of the salient or important points of a motion that you bring here; I comment the bright ideas that you have because we need the lawful dump sites referred to dump sites and the other issue the committee will consider and you members in particular is identifying the sites, all this is coming from you because it can be a political process.

I think you have seen areas where public is saying 'no, do not bring it to our area;' another one is saying 'take it elsewhere.' So, that identification of the sites is very critical and it is where now you come in as the member who have discussed the motion and who is guiding the public.

The other thing I have noted is of course when you do the dumpsite you consider segregation of the waste from toxic other that medical waste which Hon. Ndawa referred to and the syringes have been thrown there and being used by the children. Even an adult can step at them accidentally and be infected with HIV because that is medical waste so it will address that issue.

Then, also of course, waste from factories also which is dumped into the rivers particularly Athi River and the factories in Athi River town, and then we will have incinerators that will help on burning the waste. There is some which must be burned to complete extinction. Then of course the county law on waste management and hon. Kalumu, I think.....thank you.

I have enquired and I am told the only act the law we have is E- Waste Management Act and this was prompted by some incident in Tala market. So, we need a waste management law from this Assembly; members please run with that because even as you do the dumpsites and so on you have to have guidance through a law. That is a challenge you need to face and then the other thing is, of course, I noted the importance of responsible waste management; there are a lot of benefits as some of the members have talked of fertilizers, we also have a clean environment then we have job creation and with it poverty reduction and with it insecurity reduction.

So, it is a very good thing that is going to bring us a lot of benefits and remember UNEP also gives credits to counties and countries that manage waste responsibly. This credit means that you may have even sponsored programs by the UNEP and other bodies that deal with environmental issues so that then you are assisted and is in appreciation of.... yes it is good you are learning, Hon. Kalumu. It is in appreciation of what you have done environmentally.

Then there is also the other issue of Municipalities Charter; Hon. Kamitu brought it up. Hon. Members, please remember there is Ksh. 1 billion and that is about the municipalities' charters and the waste management issue we are talking about is mostly in municipalities. So, what I want to ask you members is that you demand of the executive on the implementation of

this program, participate so that you can bring on board this bright ideas and talk to the people on the ground so that you also bring their feedback because that fund under the municipality charters is the one to address this issue of dump site, sewerage, sanitation and all that.

So, we are not without a place to start and we have funds that are already set in addition to the little fund you put in your budget.

Finally, for me Mheshimiwa Mutiso talked of recycling plant; it is very important and recycling plant I can tell you form experience because I have been telling you I have a background on environment, we went a lot that time I was chairing that committee on environment and the proposals were to do one mega recycling plant as Mheshimiwa Mutiso has said that plant does not even have enough waste from one county like Machakos.

So, it calls for collaboration even with Kitui, with Kiambu, even with Nairobi, even Embu, Makueni one big recycling plant. If you decide to do it in this region you can go on what will happen is that you will have never have waste anywhere because that plant is always swallowing and it is going to bring product because they are being recycled, it is going to create employment and all the other things you have talked about.

So, it is a very good motion. Hon. Betty, we thank you for it and I am hoping the House will see that it is implemented. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, one final announcement; the House Business Committee members are requested to remain behind after this House rises because you need to do balloting; about 10 minutes or so you do balloting of business for the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: With that, Hon. Members, the sitting of the House is adjourned to continue on the 19th September, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.23 a.m.