

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Members. I welcome you to this sitting and I call the Clerk to proceed.

**PAPER LAID**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, this is indicated that there is going to be business under this Order; it is a mistake please treat it as deleted so Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Hon. Speaker:** The same thing appears to this order. There is no notice of motion. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**MOTIONS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, on this Order, we have two business; the first one is from the Hon. Grace Mutwiwa and the second one is from the Majority Leader Hon. Ngunga. Hon. Grace, please proceed.

**STATUS OF KANGUNDO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL**

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa:**

Madam Speaker, that aware that under the Fourth Schedule of the constitution, county health facilities pharmacies and promotion of primary health care is the function of County Government;

Further aware that the mission for the department of health and emergency services in Machakos County is to provide the highest attainable standards of quality health care which is efficient and effective to all;

While promoting provision of any integrated quality, curative and rehabilitative service;

Cognizant that under the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders, the committee on health and emergency services is mandated to deal with all matters related to county health services;

Informed that the start of the year 2017, cases of poor service delivery and lack of proper infrastructure in Kangundo level IV hospital were frequently reported by residents through their area MCA;

Aware that Kangundo hospital is second to Machakos Level V hospital in terms of status and serves a wide region ranging from Embakasi, Matungulu, Kangundo Mwala sub counties;

Madam Speaker, remembering that the committee visited the hospital on 3rd and 4th November, 2017 on a fact-finding mission to investigate on its status for the purpose of coming up with appropriate interventions to improve its service delivery;

Madam Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report on the status of Kangundo level IV hospital.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I propose Hon. Museku to second the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Grace Mutwiwa. Hon. Museku?

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support or to second that motion which has been brought forth to the House by Hon. Grace Mutwiwa on this issue of the status of the health facility at Kangundo level IV Hospital. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Grace please proceed?

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa:** I am here to present health report which has been compiled by Health and emergencies services committee to this House.

Madam Speaker, the Government spending on healthcare is approximately 6 per cent of GDP which is low compared to other countries in the region. Approximately 25 per cent of the Kenyans are covered by a public, private or community-based health insurance scheme. The amount of Out of Pocket (OOP) spending remains high, leading a lot of people into poverty and posing a barrier to access health care. At the base of the pyramid, people do not save or prepay for health care or are not able to do so.

Madam Speaker, in the year 2013, the public health services (primary and secondary level) moved from the National Government to the County Governments. Since then, Department of Health is limited to providing support and technical guidance to the Counties and is responsible for regulating and providing health services at the County level.

Kenya is a front runner in the region in terms of economic and technical developments but the country has only a prepaid health care coverage of about 25 per cent. 75 per cent of the Kenyan population does not have any health (insurance) cover and relies fully on out of pocket expenses.

Madam Speaker, the Health and Emergency Services Committee is established pursuant to Standing Order 190(5)(e) that provides that 'the functions of a sectoral Committee shall be to 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.'

The functions of Health and Emergency Services Committee is spelt out in the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders to 'deal with all matters related to County Health services including in particular County Health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlours and crematoria and refuse dumps and solid waste disposal; fire fighting services and disaster management.'

Madam Speaker, the committee on Health and Emergency Services comprises of the following Hon. Members;

1. Hon. Grace Mutwiwa - Chairperson
2. Hon. Peter Mutiso - V/Chairperson
3. Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku
4. Hon. Daniel Kiilu
5. Hon. Daniel Mbevi

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Speaker: Hon. Grace please refer to the Hon. Members appropriately. Apologize.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa:** The committee comprises of the following Hon. Members;

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4. Hon. Daniel Kiilu
5. Hon. Daniel Mbevi
6. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki
7. Hon. Jacinta Luka
8. Hon. Jacqueline Munyao
9. Hon. Jeremiah Munguti
10. Hon. Johana Munyao
11. Hon. Patrick Kituku
12. Hon. Paul Museku
13. Hon. Pauline Munguti

Madam Speaker, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution states that 'every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care.'

The Kenya Health Policy 2012-2030 provides that each county will establish a health department whose role will be to create and provide an enabling institutional and management structure whose responsibility is to coordinate and manage the delivery of health care mandates and services at county level.

Section 117 of Public Health Act 2012 requires Health authorities to prevent or remedy danger to health from unsuitable dwellings. It shall be the duty of every health authority to take all lawful, necessary and reasonably practicable measures for preventing or causing to be prevented or remedied all conditions liable to be injurious or dangerous to health arising from the erection or occupation of unhealthy dwellings or premises.

Madam Speaker, the Machakos County Health Services Management Fund Regulations, 2015 whose objects and purpose is to;

- Ensure hospitals and health facilities have better access to financial resources.
- Ensure that hospitals and health facilities are more responsive to medical and public health emergencies.
- Ensure equitable distribution of financial resources based on workload and catchment population.
- Ensure the delivery of quality health care services.

Madam Speaker, the mission for the Department of Health and Emergency Services in Machakos County is to provide the highest attainable standards of quality health care which is efficient and effective to all while promoting provision of an integrated quality curative and rehabilitative services.

The Committee on Health and Emergency Services for the First Assembly, through their former MCA, received public outcry on poor services in Kangundo Level IV Hospital but the committee did not complete its business of submitting its report to the House.

This report ended up as a pending business which the current committee on health gave a priority in its work plan because Kangundo hospital is second to Machakos Level V Hospital in terms of status and it serves a wide region ranging from the Embakasi area of Nairobi, Matungulu, Kangundo and Mwala Sub-counties.

The Committee visited Kangundo Hospital on 3rd and 4th November, 2017 on a fact-finding mission to investigate on its status for the purpose of coming up with appropriate interventions to improve service delivery. The Committee engaged the below mentioned officers on matters of drugs, security, financial services and general service delivery;

The Acting Medical Superintendent  
The Hospital Administrator  
The Hospital Matron  
The Pharmacist In-Charge  
The Nursing Officer In-charge

## **OBSERVATIONS**

### **Facility Improvement Fund, Maternity Reimbursement Fund and NHIF**

Madam Speaker, Kangundo hospital is one of the entities in Machakos County that generates revenue that goes to the County Revenue Account. The hospital gets funds through Facility Improvement Fund (FIF) which is user fee which patients pay for treatment services. The funds are collected by KCB on behalf of the County Government after which receipts of payment are kept for record purposes.

Kangundo hospital collects about Ksh. 2.5 million per month where all of it is banked in the County Revenue Account. In this case, the hospital has no control on usage of this collection but as per Government policy, after every three months, the money should be ploughed back to the institution to improve its infrastructure.

Between April, 2016 to March, 2017 the FIF collection was Ksh. 19,788,651 and the amount received was Ksh. 6,091,652 leaving an outstanding balance of Ksh. 13,696,999. Again between 27 March and June, 2017, FIF collection was Ksh. 4,432,350 and the amount received

was Ksh. 2, 590,000 leaving an outstanding balance of Ksh. 1, 842,350. In total, the hospital has not received Ksh. 15,539,349 from the County Government of Machakos as required. See the memo to the Chief Officer, Health dated 8th March, 2017.

Madam Speaker, the Committee noted that the Department of Health had not started implementing the Machakos County Health Management Fund Regulations, 2015 whose main purpose is to ensure that revenue collected in the hospitals is ploughed back to guarantee delivery of quality health care services.

Madam Speaker, The other source of revenue is Maternity Reimbursement Fund (MRF) which was introduced in 2013 in the Government manifesto. In this policy, health facilities are reimbursed by the National Government for every delivery handled at the rate of Sh. 2,500 per birth at health centers and dispensaries, and Sh. 5000 for every birth at public hospitals. These funds are supposed to be paid directly to the hospital but for the case of Machakos County, all Maternity Reimbursement Funds are received in the County Treasury.

The Committee was notified that Kangundo hospital has never been served with details of specific amount of these maternity funds neither a statement of records since its introduction. Instead, the hospital receives a collective amount that is not specified. Normally, there is the normal budget allocation for the hospital and also the maternity funds from the National Government but the County sends to the hospital account an integrated amount that is not specified. In this way it is difficult to determine if Kangundo hospital actually gets its share of Maternity Reimbursement Fund.

Madam Speaker, the funds paid though NHIF are banked directly to the hospital account. The hospital receives about Ksh. 1 Million per month as NHIF and this is the money that to a great extent has helped the hospital to run and develop its infrastructure.

### **Supply on Drugs, Non-pharmaceuticals and Equipment**

Madam Speaker, the Committee learned that the process of supplying drugs and non-pharmaceuticals was too slow. Procurement of drugs is done by the County Government based on requisitions which are done by the various hospitals after every three months. Procurement is done from KEMSA but after requisition there is a lot of delay.

The committee was informed that the last supply was done in November, 2016. This has occasionally led to lack of key drugs in the hospital forcing patients to purchase them from the neighboring pharmacies. In addition, the small dispensaries that do not collect any funds are unable to offer any medical service.

The committee observed that about 70 cartons of expired drugs were piled in a corner within the maternity area. The Administration informed the committee that the expiry was as a result of the national doctor's strike, poor storage facilities for drugs and that other drugs were brought at the eve of expiry date. The committee learned that this could be a calculated move for the medical officers to sell their drugs from their own pharmacies nearby the hospital or just mere negligence to waste public resources.

The Committee visited the radiology section and observed that the hospital has secured standard machines for ultra sound and X-ray. However, the hospital needs specialized personnel because the few who are present are not adequate. In the dental Section the members found that the dental chair was out of working condition and dangerous electricity connections had been left hanging posing danger to the medical personnel and the patients too. The hospital had requisitioned for a new dental chair but had not received it.

### **Hospital Ambulances**

Madam Speaker, Kangundo Hospital has two ambulances and at the time the Committee visited the hospital, they were not operational since they all had no insurance cover. The hospital relied on those ambulances assigned to Mukunike, Kivaani and Kakuyuni dispensaries for emergency purposes.

On the issue of fueling and repair, the committee was informed that fueling the ambulances was done by an officer who is sent from the County office, a move that may not be cost effective. Upon breakdown, the ambulances are supposed to be hauled all the way to a garage in Machakos for repair. Again during inspection time, the ambulances are taken to Machakos for inspection and the inspection report is forwarded to the hospital to purchase the spare parts required.

Madam Speaker, these ambulances do not meet the requirements of Ambulance Vehicle Standards Code January, 2010 that provides for an in built Medical Control Centre that shall incorporate the main oxygen outlet and controls, the suction outlet and controls, a thermostat for the AC system which all constitute the lifesaving component. From the observation of the committee, those components were lacking and hence the Machakos ambulances are just transport vehicles. Makueni and Kiambu Counties who are our neighbors have been credited for purchasing standard ambulances.

### **Hospital Mortuary**

Madam Speaker, Kangundo mortuary was built during the colonial time and since then there has never been structural adjustment to increase body capacity and upgrade preservation standards. The body capacity is only 20 and the mortuary is supposed to serve the lower parts of Nairobi, Matungulu and Mwala sub-counties. The committee was informed that in many occasions bodies are piled on each other which in turn breaks the refrigeration system and to repair the system it costs the hospital about Ksh. 100,000.

Madam Speaker, the biggest challenges mentioned were the unclaimed bodies which after a long time of stay, the hospital is forced to pay for disposal to Machakos Cemetery. Also the hospital faces a challenge of accommodating bodies brought by the police resulting from accidents given that the mortuary capacity is small. The hospital management is therefore forced to pay for cleaning, wrapping and transporting all those bodies to Machakos Level 5 Hospital Mortuary where there is sufficient space.

The committee noted that there has been improvement in management of the mortuary by doing regular spraying to reduce bad smell. In the previous years, the community around the hospital regularly complained to the hospital administration of bad smell which could be detected as far as 100 metres from the mortuary.

### **Hospital Wards**

Madam Speaker, Kangundo Hospital has two classes of wards namely the theater wards and admission wards. Theater Ward is where serious emergency and surgical cases are referred to. The Committee observed that the theater ward is situated at a distance of about 60 meters from the admission ward and this poses a challenge of ferrying very sick cases on wheelchair to the theater ward especially at night.

### **The New born Unit**

Madam Speaker, this is an area where new born babies who need intensive medical attention such as heart problems, lung complications, infections, premature births and birth defects are often admitted.

Kangundo hospital has one new born unit with a capacity of eight, with all the incubators fully operational. The new borne unit had been demarcated from the maternity ward and this reduced the size of the Ward. The committee noted that there has been improvement in the running of this facility because in November, 2015, the unit had been closed by the hospital board following death of five infants, who died within a span of 24 hours for reasons of lack of space and inadequate equipment and personnel.

### **Security in the Hospital Premises**

Madam Speaker, the Committee was informed that there were no security services at the hospital because the firm which had been contracted earlier had withdrawn its services owing to several months of unpaid dues. The hospital had engaged five casuals to man security issues in the premises.

It was unfortunate to note that the casuals were neither trained nor equipped for the task assigned. Further, the committee was informed that with lack of security personnel in the hospital, there was nobody to control the patients at the outpatient department. Because of this the very sick patients were being ignored and left lying on the hospital benches.

Madam Speaker, a big institution is well secured if there is a perimeter wall around. The committee noted that the hospital has no perimeter wall increasing the chances of intruders from any direction. The committee was notified of a case of a lady who intended to steal a baby from the maternity ward but the case was handled through the relevant offices.

### **Staff members**

Madam Speaker, Kangundo hospital faces a big challenge in its efforts to deliver health services due to under staffing. The current Acting Medical Superintendent also serves as the MOH. The hospital has 73 nurses against the expected 174 nurses. The hospital has no nurse to handle emergency cases. There were only two clinical officers handling close to 250 patients in the outpatient department per day.

The Committee observed that the hospital had benefited from two theater facilities that are fully funded by the national government. However, only one theater was operational due to lack of medical personnel and this is an opportunity the County Government of Machakos should take advantage of.

### **Staff Quarters**

Madam Speaker, the Committee observed that Kangundo Hospital has several blocks of staff quarters. These facilities were intended to house the hospital staff especially the medical staff who based on the nature of their duty are forced to work at night. The committee noted that those staff quarters are currently occupied by the Sub-county Commissioner and Administration police and that most of the medical staff have rented houses outside the hospital premises making it risky to travel at night when called for emergency cases.

It was reported to the committee that some of the Administration police last year had converted one of the houses to a canteen of selling beer without the authority of the hospital management but the management of the hospital stopped the move.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The County Government of Machakos, through the Department of Health and Emergency Services, should implement the Machakos County Health Management Fund Regulations, 2015. This will ensure that the Ksh. 2.5 Million collected from Kangundo Level IV Hospital (Facility Improvement Fund) on monthly bases is used to improve and develop infrastructure.
2. The County Government of Machakos should within 60 days remit Ksh.15,539,349 for facility improvement fund it owed Kangundo Level IV hospital as at November, 2017 as per the circular to the Chief Officer, Health and Emergency Services dated 8th March, 2017.
3. The Chief Officer for the Department of Health and Emergency Services should account for Maternity Reimbursement Fund (MRF) for Kangundo hospital from 2013 when the fund was established pursuant to Article 10(2)(c) of the Constitution that provides for integrity, transparency and accountability.
4. The Department of Health should be prompt in delivering drugs to the hospitals after receiving drugs requisitions from the various hospitals. This will ensure that key drugs are available at all times.
5. The Department of Health should immediately start doing regular inspection to ascertain the status of drugs in the respective hospitals and return drugs to KEMSA that are about to expire for replacement. It should also purchase enough storage facilities in the next financial year. This will prevent wastage of drugs as witnessed in Kangundo Hospital and also avoid cartels of drugs that could be existing in the hospitals.
6. The County Government of Machakos should put comprehensive insurance to all ambulances and avoid use of cover notes that it has been using and that expire weekly or monthly. This will ensure that ambulances don't stagnate in their stations for lack of insurance cover whereas their services are highly needed in the various stations.
7. The Emergency Services Directorate of Machakos County should develop a policy guideline on the maintenance and fueling of the County ambulances where each Department will be independent. It is unreasonable to haul a damaged ambulance from Kangundo to Machakos for repair or driving it to Machakos for fueling. The whole process is costly.
8. In the Financial Year 2018/2019, the County Government of Machakos should budget to purchase nine well-equipped ambulances one for each Sub-county except Masinga Sub-county which will get two since Muthesya and Ndithini are marginalized.

*(Applause)*

It is good for this County to lift its standards of ambulance services like our neighboring Kiambu and Makueni Counties.

9. The Committee also recommended that the County Government of Machakos in the next Financial Year should expand the Kangundo Hospital Mortuary to a capacity of 100 bodies. The catchment area of this hospital is large and this will avoid piling up of bodies and unnecessary costs of transporting bodies to Machakos Level V Mortuary.



10. There is need to improve the structural design of Kangundo Hospital Wards such that theater ward is joined to admission ward. This will ease services and avoid frequent ferrying of patients from admission wards to theater wards. Machakos County Government should prioritize this project in the next financial year.
11. The Department of Health should pay the outstanding debt of the security firm that withdrew its services from Kangundo hospital and immediately procure a new security firm to man the hospital. It is risky for a Level IV well hospital like Kangundo to operate without security personnel.
12. The County Government of Machakos, in the next financial year should prioritize to construct a perimeter wall around Kangundo Hospital. This hospital, besides its normal budget allocation, generates about Ksh. 2.5 Million per month that goes to Facility Improvement Fund kit and therefore security of the institution is paramount.
13. Some of the sections of the hospital like the radiology, theater ward and new-born unit despite having standard equipment are not fully utilized because of lack of technical personnel. The County Government of Machakos should therefore in the next financial year recruit technical personnel to serve in those fields.
14. The County Government of Machakos should consult with the National Government to set up a Memorandum of Understanding on when the Sub-county Commissioner and the Administration police officers will vacate the staff quarters in Kangundo hospital as provided in Article 6(2) that states that the two levels of Government shall conduct their mutual relations on the basis of consultation and cooperation. This will help all the medical staff to secure houses within the hospital and be able to serve patients even late at night.

## COMMENDATIONS

Madam Speaker, the Committee commends the Kangundo Level IV Hospital staff on the following matters;

1. Improvement of general cleanliness in the hospital and its compound.
2. Improvement of the status of the mortuary which used to be a nuisance to the community.
3. Upgrading the status of the Newborn Unit.
4. Cleanliness and arrangement of facilities within the wards.
5. Construction of a standard bio-digester that converts sewage water into clean water that can be reused. This is a good approach to conserve water.

*(Applause)*

6. Professional staff who were observed to be very committed to their duty and very welcoming.
7. The committee on Health for their dedication during the times of site visit and report writing.

## CONCLUSION

Madam Speaker, the contribution of healthy people to the development of a country is enormous. In fact, a country will never be able to obtain long-lasting development if their citizens are suffering from health issues. It is therefore important for the County Government of Machakos to solve the challenges faced by health institutions and allocate a substantial amount of resources and effort to promote their status and service delivery within the County.

Madam Speaker, it is therefore my privilege and pleasure to table this report on the status of Kangundo Level IV Hospital to this Honorable House for discussion and adoption. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Grace Mutwiwa.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite members to debate on the report. Hon. Mitaa.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for granting me this opportunity to air my view on the good job which has been done by the Health Committee. I wish to thank them for doing a good job and for finding time to visit this important institution. I stand here as the Hon. Member where the institution is located and for long we have really suffered or rather our people have really suffered because of poor services offered at the hospital.

I must appreciate that good things are on the way, from the look of things, and most of the things which the committee has highlighted has really been affecting our people. As you have noted, this hospital serves people from Nairobi, Kangundo, Kathiani, Mwala and Yatta Sub-counties. So, the area covered should actually be of great consideration when revenue is being allocated because people find it easy to go all the way to Kangundo to seek medical services than going to Nairobi or else than going also to Machakos.

So, I wish to appreciate the little or much efforts which have been done so far. I also wish to appreciate because it is a matter I have taken care of and through the health Committee and also Executive. I have tried to reach them on the issue raised and I must also appreciate both sides because they are showing signs of helping us uplift at least the status of the hospital to where we would want it to be.

*(Applause)*

So, I recommend the Health Committee for the job well done. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to comment about the committee that has brought this report which is so good. I will start by recognizing the point which was read by the Chairperson which states that ensure hospitals and health facilities have better access to financial resources. It is very important for this County to know that money that has been actually generated from an institution should be ploughed back so that at least that facility can maintain itself.

On the same issue, it is so alarming to find that an institution like a hospital, the staff houses are occupied by Administration police who cannot give help in case of any emergency and the nurses and doctors who are supposed to be residing in those houses have gone outside the hospital and rented houses from the nearest towns. This is so bad and according to me, I would request this Hon. House to ensure that this thing has been put into the grave so that the staff houses can be occupied by the nurses.

On the issue of equitable distribution of financial resources, based on the workload and catchment population, it is very true that Kangundo Hospital covers a wide area which serves many people within its environs and on the same note, it is also advisable that our County now thinks about the ambulances that serve the people of Kangundo.

Those ambulances are in poor state, no insurance cover and that vehicle cannot move to rescue anybody who has an emergency and therefore, when you look at the ambulances themselves, even if they have insurance cover, it is quite alarming to find that they are just but vehicles transporting patients from one place to another to get medical help.

You find that as we were doing some benchmarking somewhere, I went to Kiambu and I entered the ambulances, I also went to Makueni and I saw the ambulances; these are actually moving hospitals and I would request this County also at the same time every Sub-County to have an ambulance which can have a life supporting machine.

*(Applause)*

Also, I would like to talk of our County to make our hospital and all the Members of the County to have what we call Universal Health Care. It is very important because you find that many people cannot afford our health facilities because of lack of money. It is prudent to this House to ensure that we have made a Motion which will take care of our people and this can be done through Universal Health Care. Going to page 9, you will find that there was wastage of drugs which the Committee found 70 cartons which had expired drugs which is so bad. It is bad for a County like Machakos to have wastage of resources which are remitted from the people's pocket.

So, I would request that this should not be repeated again and at the same time those medicines that are about to expire, they should be taken back to KEMSA so that they can be provided with other drugs.

On the same note, when you look at page 15, we have the Emergency Services Directorate of Machakos County which should develop a policy guideline on maintenance of fueling of the County ambulances. It is not cost effective to find that these ambulances are fueled from Machakos town where else the County of Machakos should advertise a tender for the petrol stations within the facilities. Let us say like Kangundo where we have petrol stations, we can tender for one petrol station which can be fueling all the ambulances within Kangundo area and Matungulu Ward.

*(Applause)*

Mine was to commend on this, it was a good report which has been submitted by the Committee and I wish this County of Machakos can adhere to this because it will improve our people on issues of health. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Munguti. Hon. Museku.

**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye for me to contribute to this issue about Kangundo Level IV Hospital. It is a hospital which I hold dear close to my heart; my father used to work there sometimes back and I grew up in the area. I actually was taught by Hon. Mitaa's grandfather when I was in Kangundo DEB Primary School. So, it is something which is close to my heart.

A few things which I would like to mention here; one of the things which have come out in this report pertains the Machakos County Health Management Fund, 2015; its implementation. That fund or that Machakos County Health Management Fund spells out clearly that, monies which have been collected from the hospitals should be ploughed back to those hospitals to help improve on the facilities and to help the hospital in running.

It is quite a shock to realize that although the hospitals are remitting funds to the County Treasury, the same is not being ploughed back. We found that there is a KCB facility right at the hospital so doctors do not even touch the money, patients go and pay at the KCB agent and that money goes straight into the County Revenue Fund.

So, we do not understand why that money has not been ploughed back to the hospital for it to be able to utilize it in developing its infrastructure and for it also to be able to utilize it to procure some of the necessities which it requires. If you look at the kind of monies which are being told here, that hospital is owed Ksh. 15 million; how is that hospital supposed to function?

Ksh. 15 million and nobody is giving an explanation as to where that money is going. The money is coming from that specific hospital, it should go back to that hospital to assist that hospital. That means that money is being mis-allocated.

*(Applause)*

We have heard the issue of medicine expiry; sincerely speaking, with the levels of poverty we have in our County, how do drugs expire? How do drugs get to expire to the point that we found 70 full cartons? I mean, it is appalling.

The management of these drugs, right from procurement to the people who are watching them expire in the shelves, because I am very sure that, if there was close co-ordination between the Level V hospital, the Level IV hospital, the Level III hospitals where there are drugs lacking and we have drugs which are about to expire in one institution, we should be having a way of moving those drugs around so that they do not expire on the shelves but they go to assist our people. Our people are suffering, our people are having health issues and drugs are expiring, that needs to be handled.

The mortuary which you have heard being mentioned here, is the same mortuary I left in Kangundo in 1978/79. The capacity has increased and yet they still have less than 100, very few 20 body capacity yet if you look at the catchment area for that hospital, is very wide. That needs to be looked at.

Staffing; the Senior Management, the gentlemen whom we found there is acting as the Superintendent and is acting as the MOH. He is holding two key positions and what we came to learn, is that every time somebody is posted there, sooner than later, that person leaves that place for that guy to remain alone, occupying two senior positions, it is something which we need our Labor and our PAIC committees to look at it because, I believe he is intentionally keeping other people from being posted into that hospital for him to remain handling those two positions so

that he does not have a counter check against him. I understand he has been there for the last close to 20 years, so it is somebody who needs to be looked at.

The Department of Radiology as we saw has all the equipment, state of the art equipment but nobody to use them. I mean, if you have a very good radiology equipment for taking X-rays, another one for doing Ultra-sound and you do not have trained staff to take those things, then why did you take that equipment there in the first place? The first thing should have been you train the people and then you take the equipment to that place.

So, I think there is need for the recommendations which have been brought by this Hon. Committee to be looked at closely to ensure that the standards of not only Kangundo Hospital but all the hospital institutions within Machakos County are upgraded and procedures put in place to ensure the standard of health care provided by our people to our people is of the greatest standards.

The Motion which the Hon. Member stated, I think that will come from the Committee itself, they should bring that Motion of ensuring that the County Government comes out with a standardized health care system like the one we are having in Makueni and in other areas to assist our people to be able to manage or to be able to access affordable health care. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

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

**Hon. Muthoka:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The issue of health is very important and very core to us because I think it is one of the basic needs. If you have dealt with a sick person, you know how serious this is and not all our residents of Machakos can afford to go to Nairobi Hospital or to Aga Khan, even from my Ward people see Kangundo Level IV as a very important hospital to them.

So, when we are doing oversight Members, we are not fighting anybody and I will quote the Majority Leader in the morning when we were discussing report of agriculture; he said, when devolution came, devolution came to improve our services, devolution came to improve our infrastructure, so when a hospital is collecting money and sending it to the County Accounts and it is not getting back, it means we are killing this hospital.

If up to today they are owing the County Ksh. 15 Million, that is money that should be catering to those sick ladies, sick children, sick people in that hospital. I think it is the high time we become serious on this issue, we do our oversight work without fear without favor and the Executive does its work.

The issue of security; two days ago, you saw what happens at the Kenyatta National Hospital. A lady has labored for nine months delivered twins and then they disappeared and this almost happened in Kangundo. So, that hospital should be fenced immediately so that we have security.

*(Applause)*

So, it is the high time we adopt this report as a House then the implementation Committee to take up and make sure that this thing is done. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mutinda.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to commend the committee for a well job done and say that, it is the high time this House rises to the occasion and we secure our hospital facilities. We have Level IV hospitals in our Counties but some do not have the standard equipment required and if we do not check on these facilities, we are going to lose our properties, we are going to lose what should help our people and I think it is the high time this House supports this report and I think there is need to check on issues like the ambulance vehicles, the issue of insurance.

If these vehicles do not have insurance then it means even it is also worrying that maybe other vehicles do not have from other Departments because these are carrying sick people. So, under different Committees, I think it is important that the committees check whether the vehicles in their relevant Departments which they oversight have such things like insurance.

Also the issue of repairs, it is important that the County Government prequalifies mechanics from locals so that such vehicles are repaired there. Issues like fuel are drawn from the areas they come from so that we have efficiency. Like when we talk of fueling a vehicle from far, that cost incurred just to go and fuel is a waste of the resources which we also do not have in plenty.

The other thing is the issue of the security firms. I understand in the report they are saying that the security firm had withdrawn and now they are using other people to take care of the hospital. One, it is important to note that when you have this security firms, they indemnify the client. In case anything is lost, they have insurance cover which can pay back what has been lost but when you take these people, these watchmen, you lose whatever you lose and you will not recover it. So, it is very important to procure those security firms, whatever they hold they be paid so that immediately they resume back to the services which they should offer to us.

The other thing is the issue of the hospital coming to pay for cemetery fees in Machakos; I think it is important that the County Government of this House approves that we buy a land for purposes of cemetery around there so that the Level IV has a cemetery and does not just be like other local hospitals with lower levels.

*(Applause)*

So, it is important that we support this report and the hospital acquires a cemetery and I think we will be doing well on that direction.

So, Madam Speaker, I think I will stop there and support the report and say, any effort which can be done to support these facilities, even in our place in Mwala, where we also have a Level IV there but it is not as equipped like the Standard Level IVs which we know. Makueni itself were I have been working, has a Level IV which looks like a Level V, highly advanced, it is almost like the Machakos Level V here and we are saying that is a Level IV like another one in Matuu, another one in Mwala which looks to be different. So, Madam Speaker, I support this report. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Angela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I stand to support this report and to commend the Committee that came up with the report. It is very well detailed,

very well researched and I am sure every Member herein agrees that whatever is stated herein plus more is necessary that it is implemented and that with that, the people of Kangundo and maybe Machakos County as a whole, will be able to get better medical services.

However, Madam Speaker, I read some mischief in the Kangundo Level IV hospital. When we talk of cartons of drugs that have expired, surely it raises a question as to how those are drugs purchased. Because when you purchase drugs, Madam Speaker, I believe there must be rules that guide purchase of drugs, you must ensure that those drugs will not expire within a certain period of time and in the event that they are about to expire, there must be a system whereby you expose them or you even take them back before expiry.

The explanation that, drugs expired and other drugs were brought a day before the expiry date does not hold water. We read a bit of mischief in that and I think the relevant Committee should investigate that.

X-rays and other procurement like ambulances; much as it is important to have that equipment in the hospital, I do agree with Members that have contributed before me that equipment are purchased to be used and you cannot purchase equipment to start looking for people to use them because you do not even know if they are operational.

So, that is why, Madam Speaker, my point to rise is that, there is more mischief than operation in that hospital and more investigation needs to be carried out on the procurement procedure and how funds and other activities in that hospital are carried out.

The ambulances, again procurement; How are they purchased? How do you procure ambulances that do not have support systems? We would like to know what the specifications of the ambulances that were ordered were and what we have on the ground. That way we will be able to know that the right ambulances were purchased and that there was no foul play.

Madam Speaker, a canteen selling beer at hospital premises is appalling. Police are supposed to hold security for the people and in a hospital, it shows that we have lost value for human life, we have lost the feeling of someone who is in hospital, many people are in hospital because they are suffering. The moment we do not or the moment we stop identifying with someone in a problem and we start taking advantage of the situation---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Angela, do I see in the report that the selling of beer was stopped? So, let us move to another issue that is at hand because that was stopped unless it is going on now.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** There is a deficit of 101 nurses that is quite a huge number. 100 nurses deficit in a hospital makes it complicated for the hospital to run at all because it shows that, people just go there as a formality and they cannot be served effectively if there are no nurses.

Madam Speaker, I think with that, we need to have the relevant committees to take up their positions and be the watchdogs and it involves many Committees, not one or two so that these Committees can investigate where it is relevant for them to investigate as the House awaits a Motion which is likely to come up on Universal Health Care so that all hospitals and not just Kangundo Hospital is able to render services to the residents of the entire Machakos County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Alright. Hon. Dominic.

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity to contribute to this Motion and I would wish to commend the Committee on Health for the good job that they did and looking at the report, Madam Speaker, it is clear that there are myriad of challenges that have befallen our hospitals, Stretching from procurement and inventory, management, staff housing, staffing to security.

Madam Speaker, it is my view that this could be a replica of what is happening other Level IV, Level V and Level III hospitals across the County and it will be prudent that this House also looks at those other hospitals so that maybe if the same challenges have befallen them, we could put to rest by coming up with policies on how to address them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dominic. Hon. Musyimi, the name is running away.

**Hon. Musyimi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support the Committee on health and, in fact, it has done a very good job. The fact-finding which they have done or the research they have found the necessary things. Mine was to say that I was in that hospital today and I happened to talk to some nurses who told me for now, they have no shortage of drugs but the major problem that they have now is that they are under staffed. So, the hospital is under staffed.

The other thing I can mention is about one month after, I was there with Hon. Mitaa---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order from Hon. Katumo.

**Hon. Katumo:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Musyimi, resume your seat briefly.

**Hon. Katumo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Is the Member in order to give his personal visits or are we interrogating the report before us? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, nothing stops a Member from talking from a personal experience on the matter that is at hand. In fact, it makes even the report more credible.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Musyimi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for defending me because---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Musyimi. I had not even started telling you to proceed.

*(Laughter)*



I had not finished defending you. Can you proceed? Hon. Maitha, please rest. Hon. Maitha, Hon. Mutiso, let the Member who is on his feet to continue. Proceed Hon. Musyimi.

*(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Maitha, I have said Hon. Musyimi to proceed.

**Hon. Musyimi:** Thank you, again Madam Speaker for defending me.

*(Laughter)*

In fact that was a fact finding because I was there. I was saying, a month before, I was there with Hon. Mitaa and the Deputy Governor, we had a survey in the hospital and we found the management relaxed because even the compound was poorly managed, the grass was overgrown, the fence was never cut and some other irrelevant, even the casuals were complaining about their pay and how they are being taken care of.

So, we saw that the hospital needs to upgrade its management; the management system is not running the hospital well. What I saw today, in fact it was pathetic for the patients who were in the outpatient; they were actually crying for money (??) I do not know what the problem is because---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ngunga, I have not allowed you.

**Hon. Musyimi:** I will not be personal.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Musyimi, you need to read the report and comment on it and exactly on what they have reported.

**Hon. Musyimi:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Please do not go outside of the report.

**Hon. Musyimi:** I congratulate the Committee because it has done a good job---

*(Laughter)*

And that the report is well done. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Musyimi. Hon. Anastaciah.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate this Committee and I am one of them. This is a very comprehensive report. Madam Speaker, as you see this report, it is comprehensive and through my own observation that report, I was there and that

hospital is in a very crucial situation and for me as you see on staff quarters, they are already occupied by Administration Police and Commissioner staff.

Is it really logical for the facility to accommodate the Administration Police and the staff are renting houses outside the hospital while they are there to serve the community and the residents from Kangundo?

Go back to 6.5, hospital Wards; you see the critical issue is also there, the theater is 60 meters. Can you imagine if there is somebody who is seriously ill and needs to be saved by the doctors through the theater is 60 meters away?

*(Laughter)*

Surely, we need the County Government to save that hospital. I was there with the other Committee Members and you cannot say that is Level V or it is Level IV or it is Level III. It just looks like a dispensary. Sincerely speaking, I am here as a Member and because I was sworn in to be sincere, I request the County Government through Executive.....yes, let us talk the truth. The County Government should chip in to save that hospital.

*(Applause)*

As you see also the mortuary, they are always spraying to avoid that kind of smell. Please, Hon. Members, let us be sincere and we are here together and I thank God that we are now united and we need to serve our people and we need to support this Government as we are supporting the Governor to deliver.

*(Applause)*

Kindly, let us practice our dignified leadership to support this Government so that our people can get service delivery. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Katumo, you are out of order. You are enjoying the session very loudly.

*(Laughter)*

Suppress it. Hon. Nick.

**Hon. Mutuku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate this Committee led by Hon. Grace for what they have done. Actually, this is what is happening in most of the health centers within Machakos County and I would urge the Health committee to get a comprehensive report not only on Level IV hospitals but also dispensaries.

Like in Katangi ward, I have three dispensaries, that is Ngumbulu, Masaani and Makila. Those dispensaries don't have even basic of the basic equipment; like the machine for checking blood pressure, checking blood sugar; all those facilities are missing. So, I urge this Committee to make sure they get a comprehensive report from all the health centers within Machakos County.

Then from there each MCA should be able to check from his ward if the same has been effected because if we just dwell on one case like this is a case study for Kangundo but this is what is happening all over Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nicholas. Hon. Maitha.

**Hon Maitha:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I Support this report of the Health committee but before I continue, I wanted to give an observation; when Madam Speaker is on her feet, even in the National Assembly, nobody walks in or out of the chamber.

*(Applause)*

**Hon Speaker:** Hon. Maitha, I am listening but it is good you halt a bit. You can proceed Hon. Maitha.

**Hon Maitha:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. When I wanted to stand on a point of order, I wanted to bring to your attention that when; Madam Speaker or the Speaker is standing, no Member should move from his/her chair and for example when you stand a Member has just gotten in, he/she freezes until you sit down.

*(Applause)*

Therefore, Madam Speaker, that is what I wanted to bring to your attention because there has been movement here and there when you are standing and giving orders.

Madam Speaker, this Committee of Health did a marvelous job to evaluate the state of Kangundo level IV hospital; Madam Speaker, when it comes to the acting medical superintendent who has been there for 20 years. This is unheard of. This man must have a godfather and this is the time this man must go. I am told this person is a clinical officer that is why he bulldozes other senior members to go away so that he can stay there. This man, Madam Speaker, is building a petrol station at Kathaana Market, so you can see why he wants to be in Kangundo Hospital.

Madam Speaker, the other issue is funds which are collected from the patients of any other hospital not only Kangundo. It is just like someone working and instead of receiving his/her that salary goes to another person. I don't see why when patients pay money in one hospital, that money cannot be returned back to that hospital to improve the services. So, I am asking those concerned to make sure that whatever is collected in any dispensary or hospital is used in that same facility.

Madam Speaker, when we talk about new-born ward, it is a fantastic ward and unfortunately, some of the incubators there, were taken from Matuu level IV hospital which has a maternity wing going on. Therefore, I am urging, if they borrowed the incubators, let them buy theirs and return these ones to Matuu level IV dispensary.

About security, Madam Speaker, there are baby thieves all over. A case is like the other new born baby who was stolen; it is unfortunate that Kangundo which raises a lot of money in revenue can stay without security. I am urging that the bill, the money which the security firm is owed should be paid to it and they reinstate that security unit or source for another one.

About the petrol, that is, usage of petrol by ambulances; I want to support what one of us said, it would be very fair to source petrol from that direction. If it is Kangundo or Tala, let the

management or those concerned, get petrol from those areas instead of coming all the way to Machakos for the ambulances to be fueled.

The last one, Madam Speaker, is about Kangundo mortuary; I visited the dispensary when I was a Member of Parliament and that mortuary was started by colonial government. Let us request the Machakos County government to set aside funds to make a modern mortuary at Kangundo level four Hospital. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Maitha also for reminding the Members of the authority of this House through the person of the Speaker and I can assure you Hon. Maitha that, that authority is going to be maintained. Hon. Helen Matee.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to say that, this report is so conclusive, well-written, it is a representative of what is on the ground and I concur with---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order from, Hon. Masesi.

**Hon. Masesi:** Madam Speaker, I wanted to seek your clarification whether the Member on the floor is decently clothed? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Masesi, for me she is decently dressed. I don't mind the way she looks and there is no indecency in the way she is dressed and so proceed, Hon. Helen.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Members, please understand it is a very hot day. I don't think we have an AC in this room and some of us are sweating. So, I have my jacket with me which I was forced to remove. I am sorry about that.

Mine was to say that this report is very well written and today is a very sad day for me because even in the morning session we had a report that was very moving. We seem not to be doing things right in this county. and I think it is the high time that when the time for vetting of these CECs comes, we must be awake and make sure we get people who are going to support the County Government, the Governor and the MCAs on the ground so that whatever is supposed to be done is done to conclusion.

*(Applause)*

Before, I conclude, I would like to talk about the ambulances; I feel proud to say that I am the one who sold to Makueni County and Kiambu County because those two counties were willing to comply with the Government regulations. There are specifications on ambulances that are set by the National Government but our county Government unfortunately did not want to follow and that is why we have got transport vehicles and not ambulances. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Matee. Hon. Alex Kamitu.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I stand here with a lot of curiosity in regard to the report that was brought by the Health Committee. It is very clear, the comprehensive report that has been done by that committee, we should appreciate the committee on a job well done.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, the Committee has covered all areas in regard to issues concerning health and with my age, I stand to say, issues of Kangundo Level IV hospitals should be taken very seriously by this House. We are talking about human life and as Member of this Assembly and a member of the larger Kangundo, I have a lot of pain because I come from that area and the report which has been brought to this House, is not a false story, it is exactly what has been happening in Kangundo Hospital.

I would also like to talk of the other side of the coin; there are a bit of improvements as we are talking, Madam Speaker, because the Chief Officer who was there before he was transferred was also questionable and why I am saying that there is an improvement is that the current Chief Officer was the Medical officer in Kangundo level IV; he was promoted and know a bit of the concerns. I am saying this because I have been calling him directly because I have a lot of concern; that is where I come from.

Our health committee after seeing what is happening, I would also request this House, one of these days as you promised us, we shall be having Bunge Mashinani; this is an area where we should also visit, the House to see exactly what is happening, so that medical officers in other health centers within Machakos County should wake up. We should be seen to be moving to protect the lives of our electorates.

Madam Speaker, if we may also touch on ambulances; I know we have our Chief Officers and those people concerned in regard to emergencies but I would also urge Members who come from those areas, because when I talk of ambulances in Tala ward, I am not cheating, I normally call the Chief Officer, the one who is in charge of emergency services and normally, let me say ambulances which are giving services to my personnel in Tala ward, they normally get fueled and they draw fuel from a petrol station in Nguluni. So, it is a question of us as elected Members, we should also commit ourselves to be involving these Chief Officers, the directors in regard to whatever department.

That is commitment and that is why we are here, to see areas that we are failing we should wake these guys, we put them not on a reverse gear, on a gear that we should be seen to be working. So, Madam Speaker, I am amazed that there were some drugs that were expired. Fine, in the report of the health center they are noting that it was during the strike of nurses. Whether there was a strike of nurses or not, there is no strike in lifesaving.

So, this is an exercise that should not be repeated again and as I congratulate the Health committee, after making that report, you should also embark on, the Chairperson, Hon. Grace, she is also born in that area, you should also take the committee again to go and see where they are, where you left them, whether they are still in that sleeping level or they have awakened. So, I stand to say I support this report and we should stand to protect the lives of our Machakos personnel. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Chair appreciates the seriousness of this report and notes that is about human life and human life that is affected covering a wide area, particularly the people who are served by that hospital. This is a matter that should be dealt with urgently by the Implementation committee and I am addressing myself to you Hon. Muendo.

The Implementation committee should take up this report and go through it in liaison with the relevant department of the Executive and bring to this Hon. House a report on the implementation of this report on 21st March, 2018, Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The Chair also notes that the constitution puts the responsibility of giving the people the services that they need in this hospital squarely on the County Government and particularly the County Executive. The Chair, however, notes that the implementation can only be progressive because there are other factors that may affect the Implementation.

There must be prioritization of the report but there must be progress in its implementation; it is so directed. Hon. Ngunga proceed.

#### BAN OF GAMBLING SLOT MACHINES IN THE COUNTY

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

That aware that control of betting casinos and other forms of gambling is a devolved function under the fourth schedule part two, Section 4(a) of the Constitution of Kenya; Further aware that numerous gambling businesses are being operated in the County are not regulated;

Concerned that those running the business have not registered with the County Government or Betting Control Board hence lack legal permit issued to authorize them to deal, operate carry or conduct any gambling game, gaming device or slot machines;

Further considering that the gambling business has negative social and economic impact in the society where the business is being operated especially to youth;

Noting that the gambling businesses are illegal as no revenue is remitted to County Government; Madam Speaker, I move motion that this Hon. House discusses and resolve that the County Government to;

- a. Ban gambling slot machines in the County.
- b. Recall all licenses issued to gambling slot machines in the County.
- c. Liaise with National Government agencies such as Betting Control Board to confiscate these gambling machines and take appropriate legal action against gambling vendors.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Justus Katumo who has been very passionate about this issue to support my motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ngunga. Hon. Katumo.

**Hon. Katumo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second and support this motion that wishes to ban gambling slot machines in the County. Secondly, recall all licenses issued to gambling slot machines in the County and thirdly liaise with National Government agencies such as Betting Control Board to confiscate these gambling machines and take appropriate legal action

against gambling vendors. I want to support with three points, that of course, one, we have witnessed in this County and especially in this County---

**Hon. Speaker:** Sorry, Hon. Katumo. Hon. Mwanthi, why don't you just rest somewhere? Thank you. He was standing right behind you and I was getting concerned.

**Hon. Katumo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, that caught me with surprise, I almost froze. I second with three points to say that; if, for example, in this Machakos town you have found mostly the youths are idling around, doing nothing and spending their time in gambling and so much we have found even in the estates and residential places we have these slot machines that are brought by the Chinese. Of course, mostly you will find our youths who are not employed doing these things.

What happens because these youth are not working; they steal our money and they do other evil social activities to get what they want and therefore what we are saying, Madam Speaker, this motion seeks not to legalize an illegality, these businesses are not bringing in any revenue any revenue to Machakos county; what is happening, they are doing the opposite.

Making sure they are getting money from us and we are not getting money from them and this is very serious because in Machakos County, of course, you know we have a deficit of the money and the revenue that we need to use and mostly, Madam Speaker, you find that we have, for example, I have a living testimony why have lost a member of my constituency because of this gambling.

Last year one of my constituents, one of my paralympians, lost because he lost a lot of money; actually the school fees of his children through gambling. Therefore, this is a very serious case we are dealing with here and we need ban this kind of business that is taking place and getting a lot of roots because I have found even in my area where I stay, the other day, I found there are machines that are coming in and that is very serious.

So, we need those who are licensing these gambling slot machines; of course sometimes you ask you don't know why they are licensing the same, these ones need to be recalled to make sure that we don't have such and therefore, we have to, of course, liaise with the National government for this matter because I think there is a Bill that went to the National Parliament and we are not sure to the stage where it is.

We need to liaise so that as we make this laws, as we take these steps, we will be in line with what is happening with our counterparts in the National government. Thank you, Madam Speaker, I stand to support and second this motion.

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

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Members, I invite debate on the motion. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to support the motion and say that this thing has to be stopped very fast because the thieves stay there idle, doing nothing and over the night, they come to the people who have been struggling the whole day. So, I ask the Members to support the motion very much and even Speaker, I think the motion is clear and you can put the question.

*(Laughter)*

i don't know whether there is any Member who will not support the motion because everything is clear and the Majority Leader has put it very clearer. I think the government has to work because sometimes some things are not stopped because of the police who go there and get something for the thing to continue. So, I think also those have to be taken in and the government to care for them when they are also in. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Agatha.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support this motion and thank Hon. Ngunga for bringing for this motion; I would say it is prayer answered. These machines are not made in China but are made at the showground. I am saying that because I am a board member there and I know where they are made.

So, they transport many them in the morning and evening, a lot of them. That is something to note. The second thing to say is that I am supporting it because the youth, women and everyone is lost in this gambling; it is really timely. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Agatha. Hon. Kieti.

**Hon. Kieti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the motion and I want to say that our Majority Leader has done Machakos County, what it was lacking in the past; because this Motion comes at the right time.

One, I want to say that this gambling has affected economy in our villages. During the time when these machines were in operation in the village, you could not even get change of Ksh. 50 because all the coins had entered in to the slots for those machines.

So, I support the motion strongly because two, it has brought a lot of social evils within the villages. Those of us who reside in the villages know what I am talking about because this is a game that is being played even in very late hours by our children and also their mothers. It is a game that should be stopped immediately and if there is any license that is in operation, it should be recalled immediately.

I want to say that the same is being run by cartels. I remember there is a time I engaged the police because one of their senior was getting Ksh. 5,000 on weekly basis from every operator of those machines. This is a game that should be stopped immediately because it has affected the society a lot. So, I support the motion that we ban gambling slot machines in the County and recall all licenses that were issued for the same within the county. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kalumu, Kamulu, Sorry. Kalumu and Kamulu; those are confusing, but that is Hon. Kamulu.

**Hon. Kamulu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to contribute on this motion by congratulating our Leader of Majority for coming up with the same. Now that we have known the source of these machines are within Machakos County, I think that should be the first thing to stop; that place where they are assembled as we have been told by one of our Hon. Member.



Madam Speaker, by banning this we will be helping the teachers, the parents because we have a lot of drop outs from schools because of these tendency of gambling. You know, people say people should not go for gambling if they are students, but you cannot know exactly who is a student and who is not. So, if we stop this, definitely we will be encouraging good performance and child retention in schools.

I want to sympathize with those people who have broken marriages because of gambling. In fact, we are concentrating on youth, but it is not youth only, those women who work in the markets actually they do this kind of thing. They lose a lot only to be send away by their husbands. So, Madam Speaker, this one will be a very good---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kamulu, do you have the statistics on that?

**Hon. Kamulu:** Madam Speaker, this is an example which I faced as a personal issue and it is good that I bring it in to notice in this Hon House.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** So you will be required to table that information; that statistics that women, particularly married ones, are being send away because of gambling?

**Hon. Kamulu:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I wish to withdraw that one but---

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Kamulu:** Hon. Members, I want to say it is a very bad vice. If I get my wife doing the same, I will be choosing to have another one. So, Madam Speaker, I support the motion that we stop this, we ban gambling slot machines in the county, recall all the licenses as it is demanded here and we also liaise with the National government, the way it is written here, so that appropriate legal action against gambling vendors is taken so that we can stop it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Kamulu. Hon. Betty.

**Hon. Ms. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to congratulate, Hon. Majority Leader for this good motion that he has brought to the House. It is really wanting in Machakos County as a whole and I stand to support it fully because, for example, you find our sons and daughters when they are going to church, you give your son or daughter Ksh. 20. Instead of taking it to church they go and do the game.

So, I ask the Hon. Members of this House, for the sake of Machakos County as a whole, let us stand, be strong, we face the issue together and even address the National Government because I think it is coming from the National government even to our wards, so that we can call it off so that we can move on and for our youth and children to be on the safe side. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Tariq Mulatya.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I support this motion on the idea that this business is bringing a lot of insecurity in our area, a lot of laziness, a lot of negativity in the way of thinking and corruption. Madam Speaker, Hon. House, when it comes to security, this business is mostly being done by young men and women to try and double their little coins.

Now, the surprise comes when they lose and they want to go and get it back they end up stealing, we have witnessed several cases in police stations. I don't know why Hon. Kamulu was scared to say that. We have witnessed domestic fights with evidence, with occurrence book numbers (OBs) in police stations and I can table that if I am asked to do the same by the House, Hon. Speaker.

So, to me, it has come to my attention that also there are some youths who if you tell them to go and do some casual jobs, they tell you he is lucky they always win when it he goes to play that casino and hence refusing to work. He will just ask you to give him Ksh. 100 and he will be telling you again he will give you Ksh. 200 and then they end up being very lazy and thinking negative, Madam Speaker. So, I stand here to congratulate Hon. Member for Mua ward who has brought this motion and I support it a 100 percent. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I also, again, want to stand here and congratulate the Majority Leader Hon. Francis Ngunga for bringing this motion which in my view is going to save the nation. So, Majority Leader, if you continue that way, I am sure you will go to heaven.

*(Laughter)*

Madam Speaker, this business is taking our nation or our county to a destination that we don't know. So Madam Speaker, I would say this is a business we ought to have closed by yesterday. Madam Speaker, there is this Kamba saying, it is only who tries is the one who miss, the person who receives does not lose, in Kikamba, *kaisaa mukati, mukatithya ndee na undu*.

*(Laughter)*

So, Madam Speaker, our young men and young girls---

**Hon. Speaker:** I just want to keep on reminding you on the languages of this House are English and Kiswahili. If you want to use proverbs, you must just translate. Remember, we all don't come from Kamba-speaking backgrounds in this House and more so there is a law that guides us. So, proceed in the proper language.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sorry for that but I have said it those who come to try their luck are the ones who miss; the owners of the betting do not miss. That is the proper translation. Madam Speaker, our young our young ladies and our young men are using a lot of money, they are spending a lot of time on those things.

So, Madam Speaker, even mature people also go to those *nini hii and* these are dens where people sit and plan felonies. So, if we close these things I am very sure we will have assisted even the police to man security because there will be no time for people to come and sit idle and plan to do bad things.

Madam Speaker, we are saying we confiscate or we recall the permit. I believe there is no permit which has been issued by the county government, so this business is totally illegal and we need to ban it once and for all. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Brian Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to support the motion and I want to draw your attention to the fact that is a very bad vice; we have lost children, poverty levels have gone down, petty thieves, chicken, eggs, broken marriages and decay in the society.

Madam Speaker, in my ward when I got rid of the service, I took upon myself to ensure that we remove all the illegal betting machines but unfortunately Madam Speaker, I want to draw your attention to the fact that, even after the government took action, with a letter dated 11th January from Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i who actually said and I quote him and I have done some research that I can be able to assist the House 'the menace has escalated and there is an outcry by wananchi against the vice across the country.'

As you are aware, the courts have issued a court order barring police from arresting persons operating gaming machines. However, this has been overtaken by events since the high court ruling on the two cases which on the business persons have been thrown away. So, the Cabinet Secretary has had instructed the Inspector General Mr. Joseph Boinett to move very fast to take away the machines.

Now following that letter, that letter was written by Mr. James Ndathi, who is the regional police commissioner eastern region to all the OCPDS---

**Hon. Mitaa:** Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** I would expect the Hon. Member to table the Papers; let him finish. If he is going to table them, otherwise he will have to withdraw.

**Hon. Kisila:** I will table them Madam. Now a letter was written to all the OCPDS to actually confiscate all the machines and they went further and actually took them away. With another letter written on 23rd January by Joseph Githinji, Machakos county police commissioner, actually saying that we should move fast to take away the machines

**Hon. Kisila:** I will table all these documents. Unfortunately, the machines have come back---

**Hon. Speaker:** Can you table all the reports, right away.

*(Hon. Kisila tabled the documents)*

**Hon. Kisila:** Yes. These are documents by the police, by the CS and police. Unfortunately, the machines have come back. Why have they come back? Because there are

people who like treading on bad things and now I have gotten a letter from my own OCPD Masii, written by lawyer by the name B.M. Mung'ata and Company.

It reads; constitutional petition 447/2016; Samuel Kahi and others, it is written to OCPD, Masii. The above matter refers, kindly note that we have been instructed by Mr. Robert Musyimi, on behalf of other petitioners to write to you as follows;

1. That on the 15th November, 2016, the high court in Nairobi issued orders staying execution and implementation or enforcement or restraining crackdown of petitioners' premises by the said police officers.
2. That the said orders have been subsequently extended by the court and the case is listed for 28th February, 2018.
3. With us forward herewith the said orders so that your officers don't act in contempt of court.

Now the reason why I have brought this document is because it is a very sad case that legal officers can actually take public vice and start using them to give injunctions or court orders. Madam Speaker, our people want these vice to stop.

*(Applause)*

Our community, in fact, yesterday we were in Mwala and we removed them and threw them away because we cannot afford to have this kind of a vice continue on our people. I wanted to table these documents so that you can see how serious this has taken and I want us Madam Speaker, with this Hon. House to take the appropriate action and ensure that proper orders are issued against anyone who wants the business of gambling to continue because our people don't want that business to continue.

Our people, actually don't want, so even if there is a court order these are not licensed, they are not licensed by this county and this morning I passed through the sub-county administrator's office and he confirmed to me that these machines are not licensed. So, if they are not licensed, they are operating illegally and they should be banned from our county. I stand to support.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I have not asked you to talk Hon. Minority Leader; I can see the way you are putting your hand up energetically but just hold a bit. Hon. Kalumu.

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like first of all to say this motion was long overdue, it should have come here even before yesterday, but on the other hand this is a business and being a business, this county cannot support an illegal business. When you issue licenses or you support an illegal business, the rate of crime will go up and that is what actually is happening in our county.

Some of the people in our county are getting richer every day because of doing this illicit business and there is one principle they are supporting wealth without work and this is going on with the watch of all leaders, does it mean we don't have capacity to control this. That is why I

said it was long overdue should have dealt with in the initial stages before it became a serious problem.

Early in my childhood, we were not expected in the market late hours like 6 p.m. but today you are finding kids as young as even six, nine, ten years in the markets doing the same thing; gambling. What are we doing? We are staring at a generation which is coming and which cannot work for itself. We are staring at situation whereby if you have Ksh. 200 in your pocket, you can't walk on the roads to your home. You can't walk because gambling menace is teaching our kids not to work and by doing so, I would like to say this serious measures needs to be taken so that we put of this menace to a close.

We take back the kids who have dropped out of school because even they can't concentrate in classes because they are very much eager to go and do gambling. Others are even getting out of school as early as Class on; I took one to the police station, in Kithimani ward because they were going to do it in the nearest pub close to my office. So, I support this motion fully that we put to a stop and ban these slot machines because they are supporting illicit behaviors in our county. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nyanzi.

**Hon. Nyanzi:** Madam Spika, nataka kupongeza Majority Leader kwa kuleta hiyo motion ingawa ilikuwa late. Hii sikujua zamani kama waChina, wazungu ni watu ambao wanakuja huku kunyanganya waafrika vile wananyanganya, Mbeleni---

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Nyanzi, uko na jambo inaitwa racism; ubaguzi wa rangi. Tafadhali angalia hiyo isikuwe hapa.

**Hon. Nyanzi:** Naangalia, ahsante. Kwasababu hii mashini zilikuja kwangu Victoria Motel, Majority Leader anajua na ililetwa na hao wachina, wakaja wakaniambia 'hii mashini sitakomboha hii nyumba, wewe utakuwa ukichukua nusu na mimi nusu.' Tukaendelea, nikaona ni kazi nzuri nikaleta kalama nikaweka hata kwa wingi sana.

Ile kitu ilinishangaza alikuwa anatuambia anatoa hizo mashini kutoka kwao huko ng'ambo na nilienda hapa miwani vile madam mheshimiwa amesema ni kakuta kumbe ni watu wengine ndio wanatengeneza wanauza Ksh. 35,000 na tano na hii kitu kwa mwezi moja inaweza kutengeneza elfu sabini na nikashangaa sana.

Wakati ilifungwa hata mimi nilifurahi, ilifungwa na serikali sijui sasa tunafunga kama kaunti na huko serikali ilifunga juzi na hao wachina walikuwa hawana license walikuwa wanapitia kwa OCPD na ukiuliza kama license unaambiwa ocpd anajua. Kwa hivyo, mimi na saport hii ifungwe kabisa ingawa ilikuwa inatuletea chakula ifungwe kabisa sababu inaumuza watu na haina faida na watoto wamepotelea hapo. Asante.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Alex Kamitu.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker for having caught my eye. Madam Speaker, I stand here to sincerely thank the mover who is our Majority Leader for having brought or highlighted issues to do with gambling and if you can see on the first page where the Majority Leader has highlighted is that gambling is a devolved function under the Fourth Schedule, part 2 section 4(a) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Madam Speaker, my humble request as a quick move, this is where we should dwell in because now if gambling is a devolved function of the counties, then it is the work of this House now to come up with a workable solution so that we stop this dangerous practice. It is a practice that should be stopped immediately so that we may be able to safeguard the likelihood and the livelihood of our children.

Madam Speaker, the mover has also highlighted that this is a concern whereby it has not been regulated by our county government so what is our concern; anything that has not been regulated and even licenses have not been issued by the county, they have not been registered. What are we talking about? As I said this is a dangerous move which should be stopped immediately?

Madam Speaker, you further note that the mover has also highlighted the gambling business has negative social and economic impact on the society; it is very true. As an elder in my village, other than being an MCA, I have noticed or I have come across issues that are being brought to me that there are some families which even to an extent of divorcing because our husbands or our wives, that is our wives or our brothers have gone to an extent of taking some of the revenues within their houses taking to the gambling slots and at the end of it they either the mother or the father comes home without the money that he left with in the morning.

I am saying this Madam Speaker because Kenyans are very clever; there are some Kenyans, Madam Speaker, who now as you are talking have even improvised some gambling slots whereby they know if the 100 people who are going to play or to slot money, they have a margin that if they are going to get Ksh. 1000, for example, they won't go at any loss.

They are aware that whoever comes in to gamble out rightly at the end of the game the gambling or the person who is operating that machine will be on the benefiting side of it other than our people gaining on it. So, this is a business where by our people are not gaining, so in this regard Madam Speaker, I would urge this House through your guidance Madam Speaker, if we can also get our partners who are the county administrators, those are the police officers, the county administrators in regard to working together with this Assembly whereby if there are some policies or some rules made by this House, we can be able to partner with the administration that is the national government, so that anything that is bringing some negative impact to the wellbeing of our people can be stopped immediately by the security personnel.

So, I also ask our secretarial Madam Speaker, through your guidance that if we can find out some motion and I am ready to bring it and I talked this issue with one of our principle clerk that is Matthew, if we can bring some issues whereby things in this county, things that are touching the security issues, things that we can partner with security issues for the purpose of driving the wellbeing of the security issues of Machakos county which is going to benefit our county, it is that I am requesting your guidance, Madam Speaker, with the motion as I spoke with our Principal Clerk, I can bring that motion and be supported by this House in relation to activities that are illegal, we shall be making a way forward to secure a county to live in a secured county.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Alex Kamitu,. Hon. Francis Ngunga the mover of the motion can you reply.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you Madam Speaker, thank you Waheshimiwa Wabunge, good evening. Thank you so much for seeing what I saw. I think this motion is a motion that I brought out of an experience that I had, a personal experience that I think was a little touching and I am happy that members of this House have been able to share, although I was not able to share with them my personal experience they have been able to see it the way I saw it.

Madam Speaker, one day I went to attend a funeral that was around somewhere in Makyau village, and I went there I found a small shopping center that had only two shops, and in those two shops there were two bars, actually the shops were licensed as bars and in the same two shops were slot machines and were two in number in this shop and two in number in this shop. There was the patrons there were school going children in my assessment they were under 12 years and they were about 20 in number, and so when I went around the funeral, as I was addressing the mourners, it was a feeling of the mourners that that was a menace in that village and that this thing needed to be stopped forthwith.

So, on again, I started developing interest around. So, I went to another market that is in Mua ward and I realized that the women who sell vegetables in the market would sell and once they make about Ksh. 40, there were slot machines the next door there, so they make Ksh. 40 out of sale of vegetables and they go and try whether they can multiply the money in these slot machines.

Again, I had a public baraza and one of the cries was that those slot machines needed to be banned totally. Madam Speaker, then I want to appreciate Hon. Brian Kisila for having brought light in what the slot machine vendors have been hiding around. You see Madam Speaker, I realize that the county government has not licensed these slot machines.

So, what they are doing is that they will manufacture the slot machines that Hon. Agatha is saying, pick them and carry them wherever they are. You can imagine almost in every market center, the slot machines actually outnumber the shops and if members you have been keen, it has gone to such level so that you give a child Ksh. 50 to go and purchase sugar, the first thing they will do is that they will try their luck at the slot machine and so the chances are that the Ksh. 50 will be gone, this boy or daughter will not go back home because now what will be the answer to the mother.

So, in other words Madam Speaker, what I am in trying to say this is a vice that has come and the way the machines came was such that they were supposed to in social places, social places that are licensed but this thing are devolved even to the very, very villages and this is my opinion and the opinion of Hon. Members is that if we ban these slot machines in this country of ours, then I think we will be, we are now talking about universal education we are talking about a 100 per cent transition to secondary schools where the class eight pupils go to form one.

Madam Speaker, it is my opinion that if these slot machines were left to operate, we will not be able to achieve this. Hon. Katumo has talked about the social impose that have bedeviled the society out of these slot machines; it goes further actually.

Madam Speaker, I said this because Mua ward is an urban ward and when the vendors of these machines naturally of Korean and Chinese origin. So most of them have interest in areas where they think there is money and Mua is part of that, so we have about very many machines here. Some of the issues I have been able to handle in Mua ward in regard to security from places where these machines are.

Why, because boys and girls and youth will be able to take hours on end on these machines and so the security agents cannot be able to control. So, it is my opinion Madam Speaker, if the county denies the licensing of this, if the county recalls if there are any for example licenses that have been issued, and again we liaise with the Betting Control and Licensing Board to see how we can't regularize this, but the one big challenge Madam Speaker, we have been having, is that of enforcement.

I want to concur with what Mheshimiwa Brian is saying, we are having a big problem with the enforcement in this county and it is my humble request is it devolved units or decentralized units to see how they are going to wake up and in conjunction with the chairman of finance, I think he was here, so that they see how this thing is going to be effected.

Madam Speaker, it is either a situation where we sit down here, we pass motions here and at the end of it these things are not followed. It is my humble request Madam Speaker, if this motion passes, then enforcement is going to be a 100 percent.

I have taken it upon myself, in fact, I think now I am doing zero in Mua ward and I want to urge members, wherever you are, work in conjunction with local leaders, the sub chiefs, the chiefs and even the other leaders in a ward so that to save our community. Madam Speaker, I will be soon coming with a Bill to control alcohol consumption in this county. Madam Speaker, alongside betting and alcohol consumption those are twins it is only that we could not be able to intertwine these motions here, but is a dangerous trend and if we don't check, we are losing our county, and we are not losing our county we must be elders who show the way.

Madam Speaker, that I believe. Hon. Kalumu has said when we were growing up, one of the vices we used to be warned by our uncles, elders and brothers was about gambling. In fact, we used to use coins those of you who are of my age we used to use those kinds of that nature but you know the most dangerous that was if you heard the sub chief was coming over, we will all scatter in different direction because it was a vice which was never recognized.

How is it that we are licensing gambling now, so it is my humble request members as the question is put you support this motion so that at least Machakos can also see the light. Thank you, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members.

*(Applause)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, again we have an important motion that you have just accepted and resolved to adopt; we have our implementation committee and the plate is going to be very full for you because, I can see that matters of interest in the county are coming through these active members who want to serve the county of Machakos very well.

*(Applause)*

I commit this motion which is now passed to the implementation committee and I advise that you work in close contact with the legal directorate of the County Assembly for the reason that there is a case that is being mentioned in the constitutional court in Nairobi touching on the matter that is at hand and again you appreciate that you have to work in collaboration with the national government, even the motion itself says so, but not only the Betting Control and



Licensing Board but also the County Commissioner because on matters of security that are posed by this vice, you will need the County Commissioner and the team that is in her office.

I just want to appreciate that a few days ago, we saw that collaboration work to save the Iveti/Katunga forest and the Muumandu forest and through that we were able to secure a ban of tree felling in those forests and I believe that cooperation will continue for purposes of this motion and other motions which I know you are going to bring.

Hon. Members, on the point brought by Hon. Alex Kamitu about bringing a motion for collaboration with the national government and related agencies, I just want to let you know that at the national level, we have a law that provides for intergovernmental collaborations and even the County Governments Act that guides your operation also has such provisions.

The constitution also has the provisions so it is just about implementation or enforcement as the mover of the motion has said.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, this House now stands adjourned to Tuesday, the 27th day of February, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 4.57 p.m.