

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019

The House met at 10.56 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good Morning Hon. Members; first of all apologies for the delay in the beginning of the House, I got held up with things which are beyond my control. There is one communication and this is on Alternative Dispute Resolution - court annexed mediation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2019-2020

Welcome to today's sitting after a short break whereby you were able to participate in Public Participation on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the financial year 2019/2020. I hope the participation was fruitful and the Budget and Appropriation Committee is already compiling a report.

REGISTRATION ON HUDUMA NAMBA

Hon. Members, you also recall that the sittings of Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019 were adjourned to accord you Members time to participate in the launch of Huduma Namba by H.E. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, C.G.H. President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya at Masii Boys Stadium in Masii Ward. I urge you Members to encourage the public to come out in large numbers and register and the Huduma Namba will enable them be served with ease in Government offices.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Article 159 of the Constitution of Kenya mandates the Judiciary to promote Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the administration of Justice. The Judiciary of Kenya is exploring the use of ADR in settling some of the cases in our law courts and has developed a Manual on

the Mediation process which provides standardized operating procedures in the processing of files referred to the Court Annexed Mediation Process.

The Court Annexed Mediation is a process conducted under the umbrella of the Court which is informal and non – adversarial where an impartial mediator encourages and facilitates resolution of a dispute between two or more parties, but does not include attempts made by a Judge to settle a dispute within course of judicial proceedings related thereto. The mediation process is to take place and be concluded within 60 days from the date of referral with an extension of 10 days.

The Judiciary is seeking assistance of the Assembly to support it in sensitizing the Members of the public on the programme and to encourage them to train as mediators so that the Court can engage them.

The Registrar at the Machakos Law Courts will be screening cases filed at the Court mainly Civil cases and mark those that may require mediation and call upon the parties concerned to seek for alternative resolution through the court mediation process. This process will help the public to avoid the long court procedures and have a faster way of resolving their cases whereby the decision reached by both parties will be as binding as the Judgment of the Court. Thank you Hon. Members.

I think the brief of this is the Hon. Madam Speaker had spoken about it earlier where she said that the court is seeking for alternative ways of easing the congestion of cases in the court and therefore needs to put a process in place for mediation so instead of going through the normal court process if there are two warring parties which are not adversarial, they can be able to come together go through a mediation process and then that will assist the court in settling most of the cases and also reduce on the huge cost of financing cases in court, thank you, Hon. Members.

PETITION

MACHAKOS COUNTY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS INSTRUCTORS FORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one petition by the Machakos County Vocational Training Centers instructors' forum. I am going to read the petition.

Hon. Members, the Assembly has received a petition through the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly pursuant to Standing Order 194 from the Machakos County Vocational Training Centers instructors' forum requesting the County Assembly to intervene on matters concerning their remuneration and wellbeing at their place of work. The petition is dated 16th October, 2018 and was received in the Assembly on 25th March, 2019.

Hon. Members, the petitioners raised the following grievances:

1. The petitioners seconded from the National Government in the year 2014 are yet to receive their appointment letters by the Machakos County Government.
2. Non-payment of salaries from July to November, 2015.
3. The Petitioners have stagnated in one job group since 2010.
4. A pension scheme for the petitioners was stopped since 2013.
5. Vocational training center managers have not been issued with documents confirming them as managers of the said institutions.
6. Most vocational training centers in the County are in a deplorable situation.

7. There has been communication barrier between the instructors in the field and the County Directors of Vocational training Office of Machakos.
8. Vocational training centers of Machakos County are understaffed.

Hon. Members, the petitioners prayers to the Assembly are:-

1. The petitioners be issued with appointment letters by the County Government of Machakos.
2. The petitioners be paid their salary arrears.
3. Managerial posts for vocational centers be advertised and recruitment be done competitively.
4. The County Government of Machakos to consider rehabilitation and equipping of existing vocational centers.
5. The County Government of Machakos to provide a link by creating positions of Sub-County vocational Training Officers.
6. Staffing of Vocational Centers to be enhanced.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 200 provides that the Speaker may allow comments, observations or clarifications in relation to a petition presented or reported and such total time shall not exceed thirty minutes.

Further, Standing Order 201(1) provides that every petition presented or reported pursuant to this part, shall stand committed to the relevant sectoral committee.

In this regard, the petition is hereby committed to the Committee on Education. The committee has sixty calendar days to consider and table a report on the petition to this House pursuant to Standing Order 201(2).

So, the chairman for education or the vice chair that petition is committed to the committee on education and it has 60 calendar days in which to go through it and assess the prayers which have been made by the petitioners. Thank you.

PAPERS LAID REPORT ON BUNGE MASHINANI FORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two Papers to be laid; the first one is by Hon. Abdirahman Ali and the second one is by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. Hon. Abdirahman.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I appreciate your appreciating that he is making his maiden presentation so it is in order to appreciate the Hon. Member. Abdirahman continue.

Hon. Abdirahman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 190(5), I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today, 3rd April, 2019; the report of the Broadcasting and Library Services Committee on *Bunge Mashinani* Forum held at Kithimani. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2019-2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Abdirahman. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today Wednesday, the 3rd day of April, 2019; the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper for financial year 2019/ 2020.

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

(Applause)

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have two notices of motion by the same Hon. Members the first one is by Hon. Abdirahman Ali and the second one is by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki. Hon. Abdirahman.

REPORT ON BUNGE MASHINANI FORUM

Hon. Abdirahman:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that our democracy thrives on the participation of those it acts for and aware that one way of enhancing public participation in the matters of the County is by allowing the greater community access to the workings of the County Assembly;

Further aware that, Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya states that, a County Assembly shall:

- (a) Conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and
- (b) Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the Assembly and its committees.

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that the concept of mobile plenary sittings dubbed *Bunge Mashinani* aims at taking the County Assembly closer to the people;

Aware that this would lead to greater public awareness and appreciation of the work of Parliament, better public attitude and perception towards parliament and involvement of the public more in parliamentary debates, hence helping in making politicians more accountable;

Hon. Speaker, aware that the County Assembly held the first *Bunge Mashinani* forum at Kithimani in October 2018 which was a success;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the report of the Broadcasting and Library Services Committee on *Bunge Mashinani* Forum held at Kithimani.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Abdirahman. Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2019-2020

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on behalf of my chairman budget.

Mr. Speaker, that aware that the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a budget preparation document which is submitted to the County Assembly on or before 28th February every year pursuant to Section 117 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act;

Aware that the CFSP outlines broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guide formulation and implementation of the budget for the year;

Noting that the CFSP for the financial year 2019-2020 was submitted to the Assembly on 28th February, 2019 in line with Section 117 of the PFM Act and committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee on 12th March 2019;

Aware that Section 117(6) of the PFM Act stipulates that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) to the Assembly, the County Assembly shall consider and may adopt it with or without amendments;

Further aware that, the County Treasury shall consider any recommendations made by the County Assembly when finalizing the budget proposal for the financial year 2019/2020;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper for financial year 2019/2020.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Angela for the notice of motion on behalf of the chair Hon. Dominic Ndambuki.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 2ND TO 3RD APRIL, 2019

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members under this Order, we have one statement to be made by Deputy Majority Leader Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kitengu: Thank you Hon. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I stand under Standing Order 41(2) (a); where during the Statement Hour a Member of the House Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 1st April, 2019 reviewed business balloted and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 as follows:

Tuesday, 2nd April, 2019

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos prepares a scheme of service that will review upwards the salaries of

the ECDE trainers by taking into consideration their level of qualification by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, MCA Ekalakala Ward.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Motion that this Hon.orable house discusses and approves that; the County Government of Machakos names the road connecting Mombasa Road through Mua to Kaloleni be named after Mbuvi Kivanguli.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

- a. Report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on approval of Members of Municipal board of Kangundo/ Tala Municipality by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson. Continuation of report.
- b. Report of Assembly Broadcasting and Library Committee on *Bunge Mashinani* forum by Hon. Florence M. Mwangangi, Chairperson.
- c. Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019/2020 by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, Chairperson of Budget and Appropriations Committee.
- d. Motion that pursuant to Calendar of the second Assembly Third session, the House adjourns for recess from 4th April, 2019 to 29th April, 2019 by Hon. Mark Muendo, Majority Leader.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

No business.

Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Justus Kiteng'u for that. Hon. Members, if you look at what the House Business Committee had balloted, you will notice that yesterday there have been business which had been balloted for both in the morning and in the afternoon session; there is a motion on the ECD trainers by Hon. Steve Mwanthi and the motion on the renaming of the Mua road.

These two businesses will be taken back to the House Business Committee for re-ballotting because as you know yesterday the House was not sitting due to the visit by His Excellency the President. So those two businesses will be taken back to the House Business Committee for re-ballotting. The other business we shall continue as balloted.

MOTIONS

REPORT ON APPROVAL HEARING FOR NINE PERSONS NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER OF TALA/KANGUNDO MUNICIPALITY BOARD

(Hon. Kieti on 20.03.2019)

(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 19.03.2019)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have four businesses to be disposed of; the first one is a continuation of a debate. The last time the Hon. Cosmas Kieti, the

chairperson committee on trade, economic planning and industrialization had read to us or had presented the report of trade, economic planning and industrialization committee on approval of members of Municipal board of Kangundo/Tala Municipality which was not finalized. So we shall continue with the debate and I will call the Hon. Chair to come and introduce the motion so that we can be able to continue with the debate. Hon. Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. As you have just said, I had read the report and I want to take members through the recommendations part so that they can capture where we had reached.

Hon. Speaker, following direction that the report be suspended to finalize on the issue of the nominees who did not present clearance documents for purposes of Chapter Six of the Constitution, the committee recommends the following:

- i. That on the matter of the two nominees who did not provide some of the necessary clearance certificates:
The committee has since received the following documents; clearance certificates from the EACC and the HELB and a Tax compliance certificate from the KRA forwarded by Rosemary Mutindi Kitonga who had earlier indicated, through a letter to the Assembly, that she was following up on the same. Consequently, the committee recommends that she is appointed as Board Member Kangundo/Tala Municipality.
The committee has also received clearance certificates from the EACC and the Metropol CRB, a Tax compliance certificate from the KRA and a sworn affidavit from Cecilia Ndinda Mulinge confirming that the names Cecilia N. Mulinge and Cecilia Sila Mwosa refer to the same person and that is her. The committee recommends that she is appointed as Board Member Kangundo/Tala Municipality.
- ii. Hon. Speaker, on the nomination of John Kilinge by the Jua Kali sector, the committee had disqualified him for not providing evidence that he was a *bona fide* member of the Jua Kali sector. The nominee has since provided evidence vide a certificate of registration No. 3797422 for Kangundo/Tala Jua Kali self-help group and Membership card No. 0010 confirming that he is a *bona fide* member of the Kangundo/Tala Jua kali informal sector. The committee therefore recommends that he is appointed as Board Member Kangundo/Tala Municipality.
- iii. Hon. Speaker, this committee therefore recommends that the nomination of the nine persons considered by the committee for appointment as board members of the Kangundo/Tala Municipality be approved by the House.
- iv. With the appointing authority having not considered the statutory requirements of Persons with Disabilities in nominating the Board members, the committee recommends that any positions that arise at the Kangondo/Tala Municipality Board in future be reserved for Persons with Disabilities.

7.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Committee for their dedication, attention and contributions during the approval hearings. The Committee appreciates the Office of the Hon. Speaker and that of the Clerk for the administrative support during the

exercise. The Committee appreciates members of the public and the media who attended and were able to cover the proceedings.

8.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Hon. Speaker, I do therefore recommend this report to the Hon. Assembly for consideration and approval. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I do believe that this report had already previously been read and what he has read is the exception; remember the report had been referred back by the Chair to go and make certain commitments like first of all to ensure that documents are provided by the various members.

(Question proposed)

You may continue with the debate from where it had been adjourned; Hon. Members you may participate on this. Hon. Ikusya Kaloki.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I come from Kangundo sub-county and I think to me this report is dear to us because we want the board members approved the soonest possible so that they can get down to business but I want to report to the chair of the committee and also to the Speaker of this Assembly that one of the nominees has since passed on one; Mrs. Rosemary Kitonga. So, as we continue debating and passing the report, we need to take note of that. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for catching my eye. First and foremost, I want to agree that I also come from the municipality and that is Matungulu Sub-County. For sure, we have lagged behind as a municipality because the list of the nominees is yet to be approved by this Assembly. Mr. Speaker, I am very grateful to the committee although I have got some concerns on the report. On the recommendations, when you look at No. 1 where we have Cecilia N. Mulinge, I thought it would have been wise for the committee to table the documents if they were brought by the nominee for the House to have a look at them in terms of the EACC and the Metropol CRB, the Tax compliance certificate from the KRA and the sworn affidavit.

Secondly, is on the one nominee John Kilinge; Mr. Speaker, I want to believe that it was not about providing evidence. The nominee said that he has no business within the municipality and earlier on, the committee had told us they had disqualified the nominee. So, the question is; if the nominee before the committee said that he has no business within the municipality, how happens again it was about providing evidence and the HANSARD is very well. I want to believe the HANSARD if it can be replayed again, it took care of that where the nominee said that he had no business within Kangundo/Tala municipal.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, is just to pass my condolences to the entire family of Rosemary Kitonga and pray that God will grand the entire family strength and resilience during this hard time. I have seen on the recommendation the last one is if there arises any position, the appointing authority to consider the persons with disabilities. Mr. Speaker, I want to believe as

an Assembly we need to put more strength on that issue, and lastly Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Caleb.

Hon. Mule: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe when the person John Kilinge said that he has no business, maybe he was answering according to the question; maybe the question was framed if he has interest in the municipalities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Was that a point of order or a point of information, Hon. Member?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may proceed, Hon. Cosmus. A further point of information from the mover of the motion.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to inform the Hon. Member that although he comes from the affected municipality, it was very clear that when we interrogated the said candidate, he had no proof whether he was a *bona fide* member of the Kangundo/Tala Municipality Jua Kali sector. When I requested him to produce evidence during the vetting process, he was not able because he produced the wrong letter and later on I asked him whether he could provide any document to prove that he is a member of the Jua Kali sector and he did so.

He said he runs his father's business. He never said that he is not involved in the running of businesses within Kangundo/Tala.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, let me try and get some guidelines from here. This report which has been tabled here by the Hon. Chair, I believe when it was referred back it was referred back to the committee on trade, economic planning and industrialization and I believe the committee met and adopted these changes; is that position correct from the Hon. Members of the committee?

So, if the committee met and adopted this report, because this several issues have risen here; the first one is on the document of EACC on Ms. Cecilia Ndinda Mulinge. Have those documents been provided? Clearance certificates from the EACC; can they be tabled before the House please if you have them with you Mr. Chair?

Hon. Kieti: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have some attachments which I can table,

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please go ahead and do so that we can be able to have those on record that all documents were provided before the House.

(Hon. Kieti tabled the documents)

Can I see the? What I have before me here is an affidavit by Cecilia N. Mulinge, Alias Cecilia Sila Mwosa, sworn before a commission of oaths B.M. Mung'ata and Company which reads as follows:

I, CECILIA N. MULINGE *alias* CECILIA SILA MWOSA of Post Office Box Number 1238, KANGUNDO within the Republic of Kenya do hereby swear this

affidavit and state as follows:-

1. THAT, I am a female adult of sound mind working for gain in the aforesaid Republic of Kenya hence competent to depone hereto.
2. THAT, I am the legal holder of National Identity Card Number 4823927 registered in the names CECILIA N. MULINGE; CECILIA is my Baptismal Name; Initial "N" stands for my middle name NDINDA. MULINGE is my Surname.
3. THAT, the names CECILIA N. MULINGE reflect my maiden status.
4. THAT, I am married to FREDRICK SILA MWOSA hence some of my personal documents bear the names CECILIA SILA MWOSA reflecting my marital status.
5. THAT, hence the names CECILIA N. MULINGE as appears on National Identity and the names CECILIA SILA MWOSA as appears on some of my other personal documents refer to one and the same person that is myself.
6. THAT, I swear this affidavit in utmost good faith and in support of the foregoing.
THAT, what is deponed to herein is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief unless otherwise stated.

So this affidavit here is to prove that Cecilia N. Mulinge and Cecilia Sila Mwosa are one and the same person and it has been commissioned by a commissioner of oaths, so there will be no reason why it would not be---

(Loud consultations)

Can I finish? You don't put a point on order on the Speaker; let me finish what I am saying then when I sit down, I will give you a chance to continue. The other Item which has arisen about her is document from EACC; I have heard Hon. Member talking about was there a need for her to provide clearance from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission? Is it here?

(Loud consultations)

This matter was referred back to the committee that is why I am trying to make some clarifications Hon. Members.

Hon. Ngunga: We are concerned about procedure, Mr. Speaker and that is why we are raising this. There issues of procedure here, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, I will allow you time when I want to give you time; let me finish what I am saying. Do we have the documents from the EACC tabled before the House? If they are not there Hon. Chair of the committee, I understand the Hon. Member has raised an issue on documents and that is what I am trying to get to the bottom of.

Do we have any documentation from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission clearing Cecilia? This is a self-declaration; is this self-declaration or is it a confirmation from.... So, Hon. Members, I have also received here documents which have been received by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on her self-declaration so I do believe with that Hon. Member

Cosmus Masesi, those two issues you have raised have been addressed and the documents are before the House.

(Applause)

We may proceed with the debate. Hon. Moffat Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that when a committee is given work to do and a report has been tabled in the House, it is my belief that we should not cast aspersions on the working of that committee.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, those questions which the Hon. Member is asking might also be the ones which forced this lady to move from all her home to Nairobi when she was very seriously sick and made her die because of that stress. Mr. Speaker, can we be true to the committees and whatever they table in the House, can we take it seriously, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moffat. Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Ngunga: It was my point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was on the floor---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a minute, Hon. Cosmus; just a minute. Hon. Ngunga, you will wait until I give you time and you will not implore upon me when to give you time. I am going to give you time to speak but you are interrupting me as I am making a decision; you may contribute then after that the member who was on the floor may continue. Proceed, Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sure it is heavy when I raise I don't know why it becomes heavy when I raise, but Mr. Speaker you must understand that I am a member of this House, I have contributions to make and I was raising on a point of procedure and I was saying that Mr. Speaker, for us to be able to avoid these discourse among the Speaker and a member of the Assembly and a member of the House, it is procedural when documents are brought to a committee, they should come to the House through the office of the Clerk, Mr. Speaker.

That is procedural so that, if for example, the amendments that came to the committee after the committee had sat, those documents should be brought to us through the office of the Clerk Mr. Speaker so that we avoid a situation where we are embarrassing the chairman; assuming that the chairman did not have those attachments, then the report would have failed on the basis that the attachments were not there.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore procedural if a report had amendments from the time they are set, the office of the Clerk should take it upon themselves so that they bring those amendments in the house through that office.

Mr. Speaker that was my point and I am sure it is a heavy and maybe Mr. Speaker before I sit, let me inform the House that this morning we had a very tragic happening around town where we lost three members of one family through a fire tragedy; that is where I have been with Mheshimiwa Caleb condoling with the family where we lost three members of one family and the mother was burned actually seriously and she is in hospital and so members i invite you to maybe condole with the family.

It is a challenge that we have faced because sometimes Mr. Speaker, we have ourselves taking care of institutions but we have left where we live not secure. This is a family that lost their members just because they did not have fire exits. So, Mr. Speaker, I think we shall be bringing some motion to ensure that where we live now the planning Department and the Housing Department will go around ensuring that where we live is safe. Thank you, Mr. Speaker for according this time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Francis. Two things I would like to point out before I allow the Hon. Member to continue. In my submissions you heard me being asking whether the report was presented before the committee and it was my expectation that in the report was presented before the committee, the documents were available. That is the reason why I requested the Table to provide me with the documents because the committee there seems to be an issue concerning the presentation of the documents.

So, I confirmed whether the documents has been given to the committee and I confirmed that the committee passed the documents and I have been given the documents so that when the House is making a decision on this, it is making a decision based on documents which they know are before, have been tabled before the House. They had not been tabled before now they have been tabled and they are officially part of this.

(Applause)

Procedurally, as they you raised, I will be directing the Table Office to ensure that any amendments and documents which are brought through committee are brought before the House before the member does the presentation so that the Chair has got full information concerning that particular issue.

The other issue that the Hon. Member has raised; it is quite sad that we have lost lives as a result of lack of preparedness as a result of from what I am gathering from him, it could be an issue of that the houses had only one exit door and they had not another door so once fire breaks there you cannot be able to go through there. It is something which has happened in our schools; all the schools which have burned have burned because of the same problem.

It is a problem which is recurring and we do not seem to be having, as a county, emergency preparedness. I will therefore be requesting there is a committee on health and emergency services, that committee first and foremost will have to look at this issue and see how did we respond to it and secondly, we also look at the committee the committee which deals with Housing and Urban Planning to look at the approval process of buildings to ensure that if there are buildings where we are hosting public and every house that is being build is constructed in a manner which is safe so that we can be able to safe guard lives.

As a House, we shall condole with the family of the bereaved and as Hon. Members, I would request those who come from around here or in town please let us do visit the family and condole with them. Thank you.

Hon. Moffat, on your issue I think I have addressed it in what I have said so you may continue Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker once again. I want to believe that the key role of Hon. Members is oversight role and the purpose and the reason why reports come to this House is for consideration and analyze the contents not a matter of rubber stamping. Mr. Speaker, I want to believe we are on our right duty and there is no reason for any Hon. Member to catch feelings when we are asking questions on a certain reports.

Mr. Speaker, we had a handshake with the executive and it was clearly stated that we need to interact well with these departments. Mr. Speaker, it is a concern that in our areas like in Matungulu, Kangundo/Tala Municipality, the contracts have been awarded to some members, I want to believe it's an issue we need to look at---

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, I always and let me say.....Order! Before this House, allegations are not brought; if you bring something before the House, you need to table evidence. Do you have any evidence to that effect, Hon. Member?

Hon. Masesi: Mr. Speaker, given time I can table the evidence.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: For now you do not have?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I would like you to withdraw that statement and only bring it when you have the evidence.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I withdraw.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Have you finished your submissions?

Hon. Masesi: Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish and urge the House to pass the report so that even Kangundo/ Tala municipality can catch up with the other municipalities in terms of how the work will be implemented. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, I will get to you; you are an affected member in Kangundo and that is why I want you to contribute last. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to say that Mavoko Municipality is up and running, Machakos Municipality is up and running but Kangundo/ Tala Municipality has stalled because of Assembly has not passed this report, Mr. Speaker. My request is we pass this report; I want things to start running in that Municipality like yesterday, Mr. Speaker. We have issues

which we can correct as we move on, Mr. Speaker especially issues touching with the responsibility of the area MCAs; with the revised Act which was signed by the President, I understand it has brought in the issues of CECs and the Chief Officers Mr. Speaker. I want this House at the right time to consider also amending the Act also through this Assembly so that it takes care of the area MCAs (??)

Mr. Speaker, I don't understand how CECs, Chief Officers plus the board members will sit down and discuss a budget minus the area MCAs Mr. Speaker and it is the same Assembly which will be passing these budgets, Mr. Speaker, we want to be fully involved in a very official way, Mr. Speaker. I want this Hon. House to take into consideration the plight of the MCAs of the areas where we have these municipalities, Mr. Speaker.

Again I understand that some jobs were given Mr. Speaker, but unfortunately like if I can give an area like Kangundo area, the contractor who was given that job to do street lighting dug the holes and left them; for over a week now. As of yesterday, three of my area residents had been injured, Mr. Speaker and in fact if by tomorrow nothing would have happened, I will call my people, I will mobilize my people we will move and fill up those holes because prevention is better than cure Mr. Speaker.

I want this House to be serious on the people who are being given these jobs, Mr. Speaker; let them perform because we will not sit pretty and watch people do shoddy jobs. So, Mr. Speaker, I beg this House to pass the report as it is because I want our Kangundo/Tala Municipality to be up and running.

I also wish to pass my condolences to Madam Rosemary Kitonga; in fact, if this report had been passed previously, this lady would have at least earned something and should have blessed us but unfortunately we cannot curse ourselves of not have passed the report. So, Mr. Speaker, I support the report. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moses. Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. When I look at page 10 to 11; that is where my concern is, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I think we have a committee which deals with appointments in this House; most of these questions are coming up because the recruitment was not done perfectly and the reason why is there is no way in somebody who is a candidate comes in with no papers, no documents which are being asked earlier and then you say you are going to bring them afterwards.

Hon. Speaker, in future, I support the work of the chairman but in future these appointments should be tackled by the appointments committee or else our chairman should be taken for training. For example, Hon. Speaker, in Mavoko we are in a mess; people lying that they have stayed in Mavoko for 10 years, some are from Makeni. So, when I stand to talk about this I am aware what is happening on the ground, I am not guessing and I am not defending anybody. I am saying that the recruitment was not done well; in future, we should do it well. Hon. Speaker---

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

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me inform the Leader of Majority Hon. Mark Muendo that here, each committee has its own mandate; the committee on appointments whose mandate is very clearly stipulated in our Standing Orders cannot apportion itself

responsibility that it doesn't have. The vetting of members of boards rests in the committees that are supposed to vet there. The vetting of CECs is a responsibility of the appointments committee and it starts there and ends there. So, Mr. Speaker when the Hon. Member says.....just a minute Mr. Speaker, get this point clearly.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I just want to tell the Hon. Member; let him finish we cannot have a point of order on another one.

Hon. Ngunga: Mr. Speaker, let me just make this point is very clear that members that sit in the appointments committee are members of this House, members who sit in the appointments committee are MCAs; what makes a member of the appointments committee more senior than a member that is sitting in another committee baffles me because Mr. Speaker, for your information of this House, the committee on appointments where I stayed for a year, did not go for any special training. We actually used our wits to interview the sitting CECs now. When the Leader of Majority now says that he has become brighter---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: When we are talking address the chair.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, when the Leader of Majority says that it is like they have been trained; I do not know where they went for that training. Mr. Speaker, the chairman that handled this appointments were competent members of our Assembly, that are competent to handle this and the reports that we have had here especially for example the report that came from Machakos Municipality, that is a speck-less committee. They did their job and so when the Member who was on the floor says that members---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It was a point of information; I believe the information has been passed Hon. Member. Thank you.

Hon. Ngunga: That is why I was saying Mr. Speaker that it is wrong for members to believe that there are more members than the others. All of us are equal and is that equality that is going to make a House perform Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, let me try and give some guideline here. If you rise to inform a member on a point of information, it is not a point of debate. So you rise and you give your point of information and you sit down. Remember there is a member who is on the floor contributing and you have interrupted their contribution through a point of information or a point of order. You have not been given a chance now to debate and I do not want to have or the Chair does not want to have cut a member down when they are on the floor contributing.

So, it would be good that we follow the rules of the game, the rules of the House but do not debate; it is not a chance you have been given to debate. Before you continue there was a Hon. Member, Hon. Tariq Mulatya; there is information you wanted to give?

Hon. Mulatya: I wanted to give information to Hon. Ngunga but I understand he is seated now.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Moses.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I raise on a point of order, under Standing Order 27 to request for extension of time:

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order. 27 (2) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 12:30 pm for the morning sitting;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

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

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that the House resolves to extend its sitting time until the business in the Order Paper is completed.

Thank you Hon. Speaker and I call upon Hon. Masesi to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the motion that this house extends its sitting time until the business in the Order Paper is completed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus. I think Hon. Members this is a procedural motion and looking at you I don't see any Member who will be opposing for us extending time to finalize on the importance business before the House so proceed, Hon. Mark Muendo Majority Leader.

(The House resumed business in the Order Paper)

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for the clarification that you have done. A Hon. Member who feels that he knows Standing Orders stands on point of information, he continues debating; it is pathetic. Somebody who makes himself refuse.....what I am saying Hon. Speaker, when I talk about.....I said the chairman of committees should be taken for training in future. I didn't say there are senior members and junior Members; I said in future because we don't live in skies Hon. Speaker and I know where Hon. Ngunga is coming from

His brother is one of the board members of Mavoko municipality so he has to defend his brother. Hon. Speaker, when I went round when these recruitments were being done, I saw some loopholes because the law is very clear and it says you must be a resident for over 10 years in that place; there was even no evidence being given. Some of them don't even have a house in those towns. Some of them could have been asked to come with receipts of bills they have been paying if they have been staying in that area for ten years; that should be provided because it is within the law.

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

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My point of information is that we debated on the said reports as a House and we cannot allow ourselves to start accusing ourselves as if we made a wrong as a House. So I would require if it were possible for the Member to withdraw; we cannot afford to accuse ourselves Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let me give guideline so that we may be able to understand one another; a Hon. Member has a right to make any submissions he feels like making before the House and you cannot control a Hon. Member from saying anything he wants to say; he is representing his people. So the House might have passed resolutions on the same which in this particular case this House has not yet passed the resolution on this specific report we are talking about.

Therefore if a Hon. Member is providing personal views on an issue, then we cannot again tell him you should be debating this way because he is free and a Hon. Member. Remember I will still have to put the question and the House will make a decision not by one single Member but from a collective responsibility of the House. Continue Hon. Mark Muendo and without being interrupted please.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you Hon. Chair. I am not against the report; I am just giving some guidelines in future when we interview people and get the right people. I support the report because it is coming from this House. As I was saying, we understand that there are works which are going on in these municipalities and I would like to inform the area Members concerned, we should get involved because our work is oversight.

Some of the contracts; because we belong to that world, we know the people who have been given the contracts, and let me tell you Hon. Speaker and I will substantiate and table in future; I know some of the members who were being vetted here and we are going to pass them they are working on those contracts being awarded; I can tell the Members to take that to the bank; we are saying, this should not be the way things should be done in our county Hon. Speaker.

If you are a member of the board and you are doing a contract with the same county, you have interests and you should declare your interests first and say 'yes I am a contractor, yes I am a board member but I have interest in this project.' That should be the way. We are saying we cannot be vetting people to go and do business; we are not going to get the value for our money.

As I conclude, Hon. Speaker we are not going to stop there, Hon. Members, where we are concerned in the municipality we are going to engage the Executive to tell us the directors of these companies which are doing the jobs. We are going to get to the bottom of the projects and we must be involved in the projects to the end. I cannot be walking in Mavoko and see people working and as an area Member not question; no, when am I going to do my oversight role. That is why I am saying , we must come together and form a forum to monitor how these works are being done, because we know there are other projects which are going to be rolled out in another two months.

These same people are waiting to go to the same board rooms and award and then we sit here like fools, we cannot Hon. Speaker. I will finish by saying, let us be real 'oversighters' if we want to succeed in Machakos County. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Hon. Speaker. My contribution is directed by the report which we are reading in this House by the Chair Trade and his committee. My first observation is that; the Tala- Kangundo Municipality board was not passed because of these anomalies and now that those corrections were done, my humble request is that we should be hearing from the chair that the members have been approved and this House approves those members whose papers were seen to be real so that the board can be running like the other boards. In that regard, there should be no such a deed because when things are late, it means the implementation of those municipalities or the work to be undertaken in those municipalities will be late. Because now things have been corrected, I would appeal to this House to approve the report so that Tala/Kangundo can be seen to be on their feet.

My other observation is, as Members of those three Municipalities, it is procedural that we be called and in this matter public participation was done but again we would also like to know who are the contractors, because as Hon. Members, our work is to oversight. So in case there is shoddy job done, we will be able to, in form of a statement, bring a report that whatever is being done in those municipalities is not adhering to what is supposed to be done. I would also request for this matter, Hon. Members from Tala/Kangundo. I have talked to the minister responsible for that and she has---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a moment, Hon. Members who are consulting, consult quietly. Continue.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Hon. Speaker; and she has agreed she is going to call us, all the nine MCAs from Matungulu and Kangundo, so we are waiting for a date so that we go and streamline and see things running. It is for the goodness of the electorates. Let us work together as a House and the issues that have been brought here, it is procedural; when things are brought by the committee, let us respect what the committee has brought because that is the work of the committee; scrutinizing, meetings, making reports and bringing it here.

Procedurally Members, I would also like to share some experiences that when papers are brought to the committee, what is done is that if the committee is not satisfied, they normally tell the member being vetted and given a deadline and when such papers are brought, they should be brought to the House so that there are no questions raised. Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. We should move on as a team and ensure that things or grants that are given to the county are well managed. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Musyimi.

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the report so that we may see our municipality going on as it is expected but Mr. Speaker, I have an observation on the same. Mr. Speaker, Kangundo has four wards and as we are sourcing Members who represent the Kangundo, we need to source our members from every ward so that every area can have a representation. There is one ward which has no representative and that is my ward, Kangundo North. I wish this Hon. House in another time to consider that.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity because I was worried the authors of the report have not been given a chance to contribute; it is only the chairman who tabled the report and the other Members have not contributed, but I can see things have started to move in the right direction. Mr. Speaker, I wish to support and defend the report because I sat in that committee and we did a lot of work. When the report was tabled in this House, there were some grey areas and that is why the report was sent back for the committee to finalize on the grey areas.

My humble request to this House is to pass the report because the grey areas which made it not to pass that time have already been addressed. Some of the issues of documents, these are caused by what the head of state was talking about yesterday. You go to seek a certain document in a certain office, you are delayed and you don't get what you want in good time so that problem of documents not being presented at the right time will be addressed by that registration of Huduma Namba. So Mr. Speaker, I wish to request this House, when a committee is given a certain task, let us give that committee ample time and let us be friendly; there is no committee which is superior than the other.

According to our Standing Orders, the committee has powers equivalent to those of the High Court, so sometimes as Trade committee, we feel embarrassed when we see our chairman being pinned down. He has done what is required to do but some Members are seeing as if he is not working. Mr. Speaker, I would request that we be friends; let us respect each other and give each other ample time to do work. The other issue, I would request we remove this issue of suspicion---

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

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to inquire if the Member is in order to say that some Members think they are more superior than others. I don't remember hearing any Member saying that they are more superior to others. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member would you like to substantiate on that statement.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The reason why I am saying so, we have other committees which presented their report to this House and the way Members behaved that time is not the way they are behaving today. So that one shows, it is my conclusion that---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order in the House. Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to inform the Hon. Member that the only mistake that was raised is that there were no annexures, otherwise if we had that information, the Hon Member could not have asked that. It is not undermining any chairman or any committee so we don't now have to dwell on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas Ndawa, I believe you have been informed accordingly and guided. Please go ahead and conclude.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you and I take the information positively. So as a Member of Matuu, I am also an interested and affected party of the same because I have interests in

Kangundo. Hon. Mitaa is my area MCA in Kangundo; I have property there and when the municipality is not working like in other areas, it means my property are not well taken care of, so I would request this Hon. House to move with speed and pass this report so that we can have the board working as soon as from tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. King'ori and Members, we will need to wind up. After Hon. King'ori I will call upon the mover of the motion to respond.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the report. I am happy to support this report but also to inform the House that we have a gap in our legislation because, when you have boards and you don't have a regulation of how they work, this is why we are having so many problems and many questions of how we are going to work.

But when we have regulations guiding the board or the municipality, we shall have our ways and formula of working. Mr. Speaker, I want to inform you that no matter the information coming before me, it is our responsibility to highlight it.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members let me have order in the House; allow the Hon. Member to finish his contribution uninterrupted please.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is in order for me to ask for regulation for this House to write laws and regulations and to give guidance on how this county should be run or how it should operate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I call upon the mover to respond please.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Members who have contributed in supporting the report and I want to assure the Members that the composition of my committee has people who are up to the task. Hon. Majority who also belongs to the appointment committee is a very active Member of my committee; Hon. Kisila who also belongs to the Appointment Committee is also a Member of my committee; Hon. Winfred is also a Member of the appointment committee is also a member of the committee and my committee does not need any retraining because we are trained people.

By the way, I was the chairman, KNUT Machakos branch which comprises of three sub counties: Kathiani, Machakos and Athi River, and I recruited teachers and I was also the head of Kathiani Girls which is also a national school, so I am up to the task and anyone who doubts our capability, I think he is wrong. We are up to the task and we will deliver.

The reason as to why the report was sent back was because of things we as a committee brought to light, otherwise we would have brought the report and avoided bringing to the attention of the Members that some documents were missing; so it was wise for us to bring to the attention of the House that some Members had not provided some of the documents that had been requested and that was not wrong; it was within our mandate as a committee to make any observation that we made during the vetting process.

I want to say that it is very unfortunate that one of the nominees has gone to be with the Lord and I take this early opportunity to console with the family and Tala/Kangundo Municipality because we as a committee the report is going to pass and this member will be

passed posthumously because already the report is complete and there is nothing we can do at the moment. Otherwise she is appointed as a member of Tala/Kangundo municipality and it will go into history that she was capable of manning that municipality and I request the appointing authority, the Executive, to go ahead and look for a suitable replacement and more so a person with disability to replace her and also to consider balance within the wards as Hon. Musyimi has raised.

Otherwise, Hon. Musyimi be advised that it is not the mandate of the committee to balance the nominees; it is the Executive because they are the ones who identify the candidates to be brought to the committees. So in future, we request the Executive to look for balancing. At the moment they can look for a suitable replacement from the wards that lacked a candidate within the nomination list and more so a candidate who is within the ward of Hon. Katumo of PWDs. Thank you so much Hon. Speaker and thank you Members for supporting my report. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, a few things I want to point out on this issue for guideline purposes. As I have said before, please, when we contribute in the House, let everybody contribute freely; be free and let every Member take every other Member's contributions freely. There is nothing personal here; whatever we put across here are things pertaining the county. So when a Member has raised an issue which is affecting him and another member feels that issue should not be affecting him, it is wrong.

You should not feel that another Member's opinion should not be felt. That is the reason why the Chair is here and allows everybody to contribute freely. Personally, I would like people to be contributing without putting emotions in contributions because oversight has no emotions; either something is done right or done wrong or that is part of your role.

So being part of your role; nobody is right, nobody is wrong, it all depends on the perception of the Member who is standing and making his contributions representing his/her people. That is very key; every Member seated here represents thousands of people and that is the reason we have the title Hon. Members.

REPORT ON BUNGE MASHINANI FORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Members, we have a motion by Hon. Abdirahman

Hon. Abdirahman: Hon. Speaker, before I start, I seek your permission to send my condolences to Rosemary Kitonga and the families that got the tragedy this morning here in Machakos; may the Almighty Allah give them strength.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that our democracy thrives on the participation of those it acts for and aware that one way of enhancing public participation in the matters of the County is by allowing the greater community access to the workings of the County Assembly;

Further aware that, Article 196(1) of the Constitution of Kenya states that, a County Assembly shall:

- a. Conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and
- b. Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees.

Hon. Speaker, acknowledging that the concept of mobile plenary sittings dubbed *Bunge Mashinani* aims at taking the County Assembly closer to the people;

Aware that this would lead to greater public awareness and appreciation of the work of Parliament, better public attitude and perception towards parliament and involvement of the public more in parliamentary debates, hence helping in making politicians more accountable; Hon. Speaker, aware that the County Assembly held the first *Bunge Mashinani* forum at Kithimani in October 2018 which was a success;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that, this Hon. House discusses and approves the Report of the Broadcasting and Library Services Committee on *Bunge Mashinani* Forum held at Kithimani.

I wish to call Hon. Cosmas Kieti to second my motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Abdirahman. Hon. Cosmas.

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

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Had this report been posted in the website before? Yes, I was wondering whether it was posted before because I remember the direction we have been having is that Hon. Members should be reading the reports before they come before the House and when we come to the House, the mover of the motion will only read the introduction and the recommendations so as to save time on reading a full report.

These reports will be posted in the website early and Members you be accessing the website to read the report and when we come here, the person presenting the report will read the recommendations and then we go ahead with the debate instead of going through the entire report before the House.

For today, we have the hard copy and I don't think there is any Hon. Member who has not read the report so can we have the Member read the recommendations and we go ahead and debate. Hon. Abdirahman, I request you just read the recommendations of the report.

Hon. Abdirahman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Committee recommendations. Hon. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Sorry, just read the heading first, then you go to the recommendations

REPORT ON COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS BUNGE MASHINANI SITTING AT KITHIMANI STADIUM

Hon. Abdirahman: Hon. Speaker, our democracy thrives on the participation of those it acts for and one way of enhancing public participation in the matters of the County is by allowing the greater community access to the workings of the County Assembly.

Article 196 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya states that, a County Assembly shall--

- (a) Conduct its business in an open manner, and hold its sittings and those of its committees, in public; and
- (b) Facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of the assembly and its committees.

Hon. Speaker, a major problem faced by many countries where Parliamentary democracy is developing, is lack of public knowledge and awareness about the functions of Parliaments and their mode of operation. The lack of awareness is said to be accompanied by a general public opinion that Parliament is an opaque institution devoid of transparency and accountability.

It is from this background that the concept of mobile plenary sittings, dubbed *Bunge Mashinani* was born; the argument being that taking the County Assembly closer to the people would lead to greater public awareness and appreciation of the work of Parliament, better public attitude and perception towards parliament and involvement of the public more in Parliamentary debates, hence helping in making politicians more accountable.

A number of County Assemblies in Kenya brought the Assembly closer to the people through mobile plenary sittings either at the Sub County or Ward level. County Assemblies that have so far embraced *Bunge Mashinani* include Machakos, Kajiado, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, West Pokot, Nyamira and Isiolo County Assemblies.

Hon. Speaker, the Broadcasting and Library committee is a select committee mandated under Standing Order 215 (3) to undertake the following duties:

1. Consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of Assembly proceedings. These include reporting on rules, policies and procedures and any other matters relating to broadcasting in plenary, committees and events.
2. Advise the Assembly on matters related to public participation in the Assembly. It is the duty of the committee to formulate guidelines to be followed when it comes to public participation in Assembly business.
3. Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly, including proposed legislation on matters relating to broadcasting of Assembly proceedings and related matters.
4. Recommend to and advise the Assembly on matters related to the provision of library, publications and research services in the Assembly. These include recommendations on how to ease access to available information, holding sensitization forums on services available to the members and the general public among other recommendations.
5. Assist members of the County Assembly in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services including the use of information and communication technology. This refers to offering assistance in utilizing different tools to access both internal and external information on the Assembly as well as promoting uptake of the systems in place.

Hon. Speaker, under the theme “Bunge laja nyumbani,” the Assembly, with the help of a steering Committee and Members of the County Assembly successfully executed the programme in Kithimani Ward, Yatta Sub County.

In deciding on the venue of the *Bunge Mashinani*, a team of eight officers of the Procedure and Committee Services department undertook a mapping exercise to identify suitable venues to hold plenary sittings outside the County Assembly precincts.

The team visited all the eight Sub-Counties in the County with a view of recommending one venue per Sub-County that would be ideal to hold a plenary sitting in accordance with Article 196 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya.

Below is a schedule of the areas that were visited:-

	SUB-COUNTY	VENUE
1.	MATUNGULU	1. A.I.C TALA 2. KISUKIONI DC'S OFFICE COMPOUND
2.	MASINGA	1. AIC KIATINENI- NDITHINI 2. MASINGA MISSION CSTHOLIC CHURCH HALL
3.	YATTA	1. MATUU MARKET 2. A.I.C KITHIMANI CHURCH 3. KITHIMANI STADIUM
4.	KANGUNDO	1. ABC KALIMANI HALL 2. KANGUNDO BUS PARK
5.	MWALA	1.TUMAINI SOCIAL HALL, MASII 2. MWALA MULTI-PURPOSE HALL
6.	KATHIANI	1. ABC CHURCH, KATHIANI 2. KATHIANI CHRISTIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
7.	MAVOKO	1. ATHI-RIVER ST. JUDE'S COMPUTER COLLEGE 2. ATHI-RIVER VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER
8.	MACHAKOS	1. MACHAKOS STADIUM 2. SHARED OPEN GROUND BETWEEN KOLA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND CHRIST COMMUNITY CHAPEL, KOLA

After visiting the above-mentioned places, the Steering Committee recommended the first venue of the *Bunge Mashinani* to be Kithimani Stadium considering the distance from the Assembly, distance from the market and provincial administration offices and adequate space where a large number of participants can be hosted.

The Broadcasting & Library committee later visited the Kithimani Stadium and the AIC Kithimani Church and also endorsed the stadium as the most appropriate venue for the *Bunge Mashinani*.

Hon. Speaker, the budget for the exercise is outlined below:

Ref.	Item	Quantity	Cost
	Hire of tents, chairs and décor:		
	-Hire of 100-seater tent with 100 chairs and décor	6 tents and 100 chairs @ Ksh. 18,000 for 3 days	
	-Hire of 100-seater tent with 100 banquet chairs and décor	@ksh.35,000 for 3 days	
	-Hire of 50-seater tent with chairs and décor	6 pieces @ Ksh.9,000 for 3 days.	
1	Red carpet	200 metres @ Ksh.35,000 for 2 days	Ksh. 661,000
2	Hire of mobile toilets	4@11,960	Ksh. 47,840
3	Hire of venue	1	0
4	Publicity through radio advertisements	3 mentions per day for 14 days	Ksh. 116,000
5	Banners Wall to wall banner double sided	6 by 3 metres 5 pieces @ ksh.30,000	Ksh. 150,000
6	Posters	Size A3 300 pieces	Ksh. 30,000
7	Mobilization fee		Ksh. 10,000
8	Media allowances	10 persons	Ksh. 15,000
9	Cabling and equipment for live transmission		Ksh. 235,000
10	Hire of a PA systems for Hansard	2	Ksh. 35,000

11	Generator fuel	1	Ksh. 2,000
12	Purchase of recording tapes	8	Ksh. 20,000
13	Breakfast for MCA's and refreshments for members of the public	600 persons	Ksh. 120,000
14	Security personnel	10	Ksh. 10,000
15	Grounds preparation: Ground leveling Water bowser Clearing of bushes		Ksh. 29,000
16	Members allowances	60 persons	Ksh. 674,100
17	Staff allowances	45 persons	Ksh. 664,800
TOTAL			Ksh. 2,819,740

Hon. Speaker, the plenary sitting was held under a tent that was pitched at the stadium and the Members' sitting arrangement mimicked that of the County Assembly chamber. Two galleries, one for the honorable Speaker and the other for the Members of the public were created, accommodating more than 500 people.

Hon. Speaker, the Order Paper of the day was prepared factoring in the needs of the locals. The area Member of the County Assembly, Hon. Francis Kalumu sought a statement from the County Executive that:

- i) The Assembly be provided with a detailed report of the amount of money for development projects and bursaries that has been given to each Hon. Member of the County Assembly to initiate development in their respective wards and to disburse to citizens
- ii) The rationale of Hon. Members being asked to visit the Office of the Governor to beg for development resources if they want to initiate projects in their wards when the Assembly approved a County budget with clear projects that are not implemented in the wards.

Hon. Speaker, a motion for construction and rehabilitation of bus parks in Machakos County was also debated and passed. After the plenary sitting, members of the public had an opportunity to interact with the Speaker and Members of the County Assembly in a Question and Answer forum.

Hon. Speaker, a smaller tent was converted to serve as the Speaker's changing room where the Speaker's procession started and ended after the plenary session. Hon. Speaker, all people in attendance including MCAs, staff and members of the public, were offered water, sodas and bread purchased locally. Breakfast for Members and staff of the County Assembly was served at a local restaurant.

Hon. Speaker, security was provided by the Serjeant-at-Arms with the help of local Administration Police who had been seconded to offer security by the County Commandant.

However, the security personnel were not enough to tackle the business of the day. Several instances of commotion were witnessed, including instances of pepper being sprayed, heckling by some members of the public and general disturbances, but these were contained and did not deter the Members of the County Assembly from undertaking their legislative mandate.

Hon. Speaker, the date and time of sitting was gazetted well in advance. The sitting started at 10.00 a.m. Hon. Speaker, publicity involved Newspaper advertisements, appearances on local radio stations days before the actual day of the Bunge Mashinani sitting, printing of banners, engagement and facilitation of media to the venue and interviews with the Assembly leadership both before and during the actual event.

Hon. Speaker, the *Bunge Mashinani* sitting was recorded and streamed live to four screens that had been set up at various points within the pitched tents, just as is the case during normal plenary proceedings in the County Assembly chamber.

Hon. Speaker, a Public Address system was used for sound recording by the HANSARD officers. Other equipment used included hand held recorders, laptops and wireless microphones.

Hon. Speaker, invitations to the first mobile sitting were extended to the Governor, Senator, all Members of Parliament of Machakos County, including the Woman Representative, the County Executive, County Commander, Local Administration comprising Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, Speakers and Clerks from various County Assemblies and local schools.

In attendance was the Speaker of Kajiado County Assembly, who is also the Chairperson of the County Assemblies Forum, Members of the Broadcasting Committee from Makueni County Assembly, staff of Kiambu County Assembly, representatives of the youth of Machakos County, a local school among others.

Hon. Speaker, the Steering committee together with other technical staff, cleaners and security personnel arrived at the venue two days earlier to prepare the grounds and set up and test run the equipment.

Challenges Experienced

Hon. Speaker,

1. The budget was not sufficient and the program ended up costing much more than what had been budgeted.
2. Security arrangements- it was difficult to manage a bigger crowd. This, coupled with the reluctance of the Administration Police in undertaking their duties meant that the security of the attendees was compromised.
3. HANSARD system malfunction. This led to halting of the plenary sitting. It is important that the County Assembly procures its own high-capacity public address system for future public forums.
4. Identification of a venue. Members must be involved in identifying a venue so as to balance the political dynamics.

Report Recommendations

The Broadcasting and Library Services Committee recommends the following;

1. The Steering committee should allocate duties to relevant officers in the Assembly for smooth running of the event.
2. Sensitization of the members of the public on how to conduct themselves, prior to the start of the sitting, is paramount as they will be aware of what they can or cannot do. This will prevent cases that were witnessed including hawking as the

sitting was going on, spraying pepper to Members of the Assembly, talking and making comments that were unwarranted.

3. Have designated entry points into the venue of the *Bunge Mashinani* in order to control the crowds and ensure that everyone is thoroughly screened on entry to the venue.
4. Increase supply of drinking water in future mobile plenary sittings, especially during the sunny days.

Hon. Speaker, it is worth noting that for the public to understand and appreciate the work of the County Assemblies as enshrined in Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, there is need for civic education. County Assemblies can only conduct civic education through forums such as *Bunge Mashinani*. Hon. Speaker, I wish to thank the Management of the County Assembly, Members of the County Assembly, Staff, Stakeholders and the public who made this event a success. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Abdirahman for giving the conclusion of that report.

(Question proposed)

(Applause)

Hon. Members, you may debate on this motion. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to give my contribution. I thank my colleague Hon. Abdi for tabling the report and thank the committee for coming up with this report of what we did at Kithimani. Hon. Speaker, as I support the report, I have some slight issues which we can maybe correct going forward.

The first issue is the budget, page six; my personal opinion is I think that some items are overvalued and I think if you look at an item like purchase of a generator, sorry I thought it is hire. So that is okay Ksh. 270,000. Well I would request them when they are looking for banners, let them go for competitive people because it happens my side hustle is on the same and a piece at Ksh. 30,000 to me is a bit high.

Again on the issue of the schedule for *Bunge Mashinani*, I have seen each year they have allocated five sittings. I do not know whether we can squeeze, we look at the budget, what we can reduce so that it can open up more *Bunge Mashinani* sessions. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Moses. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think every Member here wishes to have the *Bunge Mashinani* to his/ her ward because it is a way of taking us there to visit your people and by this time, because we are having a handshake, it will not be the same again. It will be good and people will not be enemies; they will be in a good manner and we will not be understood wrongly by the people of *Mashinani*.

We are not enemies; we go there, be friendly, we talk what we talk and the people will understand the assembly more than they understand now, because you cannot bring everybody here in the gallery to hear the way you talk in the *Bunge*. So, Mr. Speaker I think you can put the question we go. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mueni, the Chair will put the question at the right time. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the report but with few concerns on the budget also. I want to believe each and every Member paid for his breakfast but then again I am seeing breakfast for 600 persons at Ksh.120, 000. Again I am trying to look at allowances of the staff, 45 persons a total of Ksh. 664,800; that one is on the higher side. As much as we want to advocate for *Bunge Mashinani* we should also look at the budget we are going to spend because I am looking at a budget of three million on one *Bunge Mashinani* and it is on the higher side.

We have been hiring chairs and tents and if you tell me chairs and tents cost Ksh. 661,000 we are not true to ourselves. I had my wedding and it was very colorful and I used half of this budget and I had hired tents and seats from Nairobi.

So, we need to look at the budget very well and come up with a good procedure on how our *Bunge Mashinani* will be in terms of the budget. Otherwise I support *Bunge Mashinani* to continue and when and how the visitation was done; I want to believe the next place for *bunge mashinani* will be Matungulu, so I humbly take this earliest opportunity to welcome the Assembly to Matungulu.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I was going to inform the Hon. Member that the next *Bunge Mashinani* will be at Masinga, specifically Ndithini. So after Ndithini maybe we will be able to visit Matungulu. Hon Tariq Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to support this report---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order in the House. Kindly those consulting, consult quietly.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is on recommendation number two; we all understand that there is a handshake in the whole country but Mr. Speaker, citing the problems which we witnessed at Kithimani, mostly it was coming from the Executive. It is my request once we are sensitizing the members of public, our able Speaker, Majority and Minority convene a meeting between us and the Executive so that they may understand first what we are doing there at *Bunge Mashinani* because they seemed that time not to understand. They were just thinking it is politics we are taking to the people.

So they too need to be sensitized because we will tell our people that this is how you are supposed to conduct yourselves but at the end of the day, maybe one member of Executive will tell them that we are taking politics to them and we will have done nothing. It is very good to consult; as our Majority Leader was saying in Mombasa, we consult most of the time before we start misunderstanding each other. So it is good when *Bunge Mashinani* is there, we call the Executive, we can go to the same Mombasa I am not objecting that so that we can tell them what *Bunge Mashinani* is all about. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I support the report but I have a few observations to make. Page seven, the budget, number nine; cabling and equipment for live transmission. I think we are exaggerating some of the pricing; to me Ksh. 235,000 is a lot of money, coming to where we have seen and what was there. Members allowances, 60 persons (Hon. Members) is Ksh. 674,100 then staff allowances, 45 persons, Ksh. 664,800. My concern is; allowances for the staff, a difference of Ksh. 10,645, comparing; the committee when they sit down need to adjust and look on that.

The committee should also look at how many staff we require there because 45 to me is on the higher side and when I am on that, coming with the experience we had in Kithimani, I would like to say we will be requiring about 8-10 Serjeant-at-arms. Every *Mashinani* we go we must have Serjeant-at-arms because I saw that time the Serjeant-at-arm was struggling to push some young people; he was alone, they were about two.

So we will require when we visit Ndithini to have 8-10 and not only *Mashinani*, wherever this House or Members are available. If they are travelling outside, we must have Serjeant-at-arms because I see sometimes in committees there is no Serjeant-at-arms or one Serjeant-at-arms; in fact they normally protect the Hon. Members more than the normal clerks. I don't see why we should have ten clerks and one Serjeant-at-arms it should be the opposite.

Hon. Speaker, if we had enough Serjeant-at-arms in Kithimani, we could not have gone physical the way Hon. Mitaa did; in fact that is how I found that he is a very strong man. He beat somebody almost to.....but the way we have said, this was coming because we had some differences and some people thought that they are going to achieve more if they destabilize *Bunge Mashinani* because it was coming from within. Now we are together, let me inform Hon. Ndawa that there is nobody who is senior or junior in this House and I work for everybody in this House and there is a difference today and last time when we had Majority Leader.

Today, every Member is travelling like a Member; Mulu can witness, everybody is going; I don't ask where you come from. Hon. Speaker, let me say, if we go to Ndithini, we understand the roads in Ndithini are terrible; I ask the leadership of this House, before we go to Ndithini, because I have been there personally for fundraising, we need to have two graders. Let me tell if we go to Ndithini with our normal cars, we will take the whole day to reach there. This is true because I was there, you go through Murang'a.

So I request the leadership, we are going to liaise with the Hon. Member of Ndithini, we get a grader as early as possible because I don't want Members to go and get stuck there and most probably there will be rains. So we need some arrangement for these Hon. Members, their cars to come back and not leave them in Ndithini. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Kituku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to make some input in this report; previously I was a Member of this committee; I usually miss it very much. Mr. Speaker, security is very important and when you come to my place, we need to look at this issue of security with a lot of seriousness. Because you remember what happened in Kithimani. This issue of sensitizing the public on the importance of *Bunge Mashinani* and how they should conduct themselves is of much essence and it should be done as it is recommended in the report because

you know the public and more so the ones from “mashinani” don’t know the difference between assembly and public gatherings or barazas. The other thing, I want to welcome you all in Ndithini and beware of bad roads. So can the Executive and the Assembly, as the Majority Leader has said, do something in regard to that matter? Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Steve Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to take the Hon. House to page six where the mover of the motion may clarify on some figures that are there. The hire of tents chairs, and decor for three days cost Ksh. 661,000; for three days, I think that was on higher side. Just hiring tents and chairs at Ksh. 661,000 for three days!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a correction please; it is a whole caption, it has hire of 100-seater tent, 6 tents then there is hire of 50-seater then there is red carpet 100-seater tent with 100 banquet chairs and decor... It is a combination of things.

Hon. Mwanthi: Even if, Mr. Speaker, it is a combination of things, if you go through all that, I am very sure it cannot total 661 so we need some clarification; even if the carpet was Ksh. 35,000 per meter for the 200 meters, maybe it can be like that but with the figures here, Mr. Speaker, I doubt. Again I have tried to go through the explanation on page eight that; yes we bought the generator and some equipment that went to the assembly for Ksh. 270,000, the expenditure on staff allowances was high because members of staff were at the venue for two weeks; but I am worried how we can be preparing ourselves for two weeks only to have the tents and carpet I doubt if that should be the case; but well next time, I expect that we will check on the budget.

On page 13, where there is the schedule for *Bunge Mashinani*, all along the information we had got was that we will make sure that we conduct the *Bunge Mashinani* in all 40 wards. In that case I am only seeing two wards per Sub County and I thought with such a budget because next time we cannot be spending such monies, can we check on this schedule Mr. Speaker and see whether we can attend to the 40 wards so that Members may not be left out.

If I take an example of Machakos Sub County, you will find that we will conduct the *Bunge Mashinani* at Mutituni; yet your ward is just next to Mutituni-Mumbuni, what will you tell your people? That you couldn't do when you were in the Assembly. So, if that could be rescheduled and you see there is an interval of two months; full year we will be going to four wards; why can't we check on that and see whether we can change and accommodate the 40 wards. Thank you.

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

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity. I do not want to be repetitive but the item number one, where we are hiring tents and seats; I would like to get a clarification why we are hiring them for three days. Because assuming one day is 24 hours, if these tents are brought a day in advance at seven o'clock in the morning, then next day seven o'clock will be one day. The next day seven o'clock will be two days. Why do we need them for three days, Mr. Speaker? That is my only observation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Going to page six, you realize that this budget has been hiked; we need to do some audit on this issue because when you look at hiring of tents and chairs, my simple calculation because this is what we are used to as Hon. Cosmus Ngula was saying, I had a function which I had ten tents and 1,000 chairs and one tent is costing 4,500 x 6 = 27,000 x 3 you are getting Ksh. 81,000.

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

Hon. Masesi: In fact I want to inform the Member that during your function, you had just paid for one day; it is upon the owner of the tents and the chairs to make them available the day you tell him you will be using the chairs. We don't even pay for three days; we pay for one day.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member for the information.

Hon. Munguti: Well guided, but according to the analysis we had, that was your function and this is assembly's function. I stand corrected but my observation was that when you look at the costing of the chairs, one chair goes for 15 shillings times 100 per tent times 6 tents you are going to get 9,000 times three days you are going to get Ksh. 27,000 in simple calculation what you are going to get is Ksh. 308,000 against the Ksh. 661,100. I think this is robbery without violence.

Mr. Speaker, looking at page seven, we have purchase of generator costing us Ksh. 270,800 and the generator that I saw is even less than Ksh. 50,000 and at the same time, when did the procurement procure? Looking for who will procure and how did it quote to that level of Ksh. 270,000 and how were they awarded according to the Procurement and Disposal Act because it must be quoted and people can tender for it so that we can choose the lowest bidder. We must be explained to on the same, Mr. Speaker.

I was comparing the notes; when you look at the allowances which were given to Members, it has come to my mind and realization that our staff get bigger per diems than the Assembly Members. You wonder why; if you do the calculations, Ksh. 674,100 against 60 members we are getting Ksh. 11,000 when you go for the 45 staff member; Ksh. 664,000 they are getting Ksh. 14,778 against the Members of the Assembly who make this budget for the Assembly. It beats logic, Mr. Speaker, to find that when we are going for this *Bunge Mashinani* all members if it is such a case should be treated the same and get the same allowances. On the other issue, I will talk of the *bunge mashinani* which has been said by Hon. Mwanthi.

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

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say that the issues that the Hon. Members raised we also raised them at committee level and we were advised that the issue on the allowances for the members of secretariat; the budget went up because they visited the place several times and there were teams that had gone there earlier on so cumulatively that is why their budget went up; you can see they have more money than us. Thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may continue Hon. Jeremiah

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker but that information is not satisfying because how do you say that because they went there several times, the per diem now becomes higher than the MCAs. All the same, in the near future we need to look at our budget because I am not supporting this *Bunge Mashinani* with good reasons. If we are going to spend in three days three million; and for the wards which have been given to do the *Bunge Mashinani* I can see we have 15 wards; if you calculate that amount it translates to Ksh. 45 million. Ksh. 45 million can be given to these MCAs for their wards on the issue of projects and this can make a great move for our people. So if we can revisit our budget then ...but if it doesn't translate to something---

Hon. King'ori: Point of information, Mr. Speaker

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Point of information

Hon. Munguti: Can you defend me, Mr. Speaker. These points of information have become too much.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let me hear the final one from Hon. Winfred.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think whether the member is right to advise the whole House on what we should do. He is not in order and I think taking this *Bunge Mashinani* to common mwananchi is very important. Let him consult before he utters a word. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, let me put it this way; Hon. Winfred, you are advising the Hon. Member on issues which he is contributing on so your point of order was that the issue under discussion here is at a committee level and that the Hon. Member should consult with the committee. Is that what you are trying to advise the Hon. Member?

Yes, because the way it has come out, it has come out in a different manner; so if you are advising the Hon. Member please just correct it and make sure you bring the message correctly to him. I am giving you another chance to tell him to bring up the issue with the relevant committee. Hon. Winfred, please could you amend your statement.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the correction. I just wanted to advise Hon. Munguti to take the issue to the relevant committee because I know the committee is well able to take up the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Winnie. Hon. Jeremiah, you may continue.

Hon. Kieti: Hon. Speaker, there is something we need to clarify before he continues; there is some point of information that he lacks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kieti, I would rather you let the Hon. Member conclude because I think you are a member of the committee? Please go ahead.

Hon. Kieti: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am a member of that committee and during this process, sometimes I acted as the sitting Chair. Hon. Speaker, the issue about the budget was discussed extensively at the committee level. Madam Chair, had a lot of concern on most of the items as the members are raising concerns on the same and we as members saw that the budget that was spent at Kithimani was too much and therefore the issue was addressed, the budget was cut down even below Ksh. 1 million. So, as we speak, the budget that is in place does not even exceed Ksh. 500,000 so the issue has been addressed and the real budget will be presented to the committee so that it can reach the House. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let me give a guideline here; I think the information the Hon. Member is giving is that this matter is still in consideration at the committee level and therefore the Hon. Members who are contributing on the issue of the budget because it has been presented, it is before the House; let them make their contributions bearing in mind that the committee is still going to look into the issue. You may conclude Hon. Jeremiah.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now those who can read between the lines, it shows this budget was very much hiked if it has gone below Ksh. 500,000. It shows something was stolen from this Assembly without saying (??) and therefore we need to do a thorough audit on the same so that we may know what went wrong otherwise Mr. Speaker, I want to say if we are going by this budget, and then I will say no for *Bunge Mashinani*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I will call upon Hon. Judas and from there the mover of the motion to respond. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want also to support the report but with some reservations. Mr. Speaker, according to what the Hon. Members who spoke before me said, the issue of the budget raises so many questions and it leaves so many questions unanswered. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that whenever we are holding a *Bunge Mashinani* anywhere within the 40 wards, I would request that we empower the locals of that particular area so that they can feel that the Assembly was in their ward.

Mr. Speaker, the monies which were spent to hire the tents at Kithimani, we do not know where they were imported from; we have service providers in Matuu and also in Yatta, Kithimani and Ndalani which are the neighboring wards. Suppose we use those local traders, the cost would have gone down because I am also a service provider of tents and seats. If you come to seek for those services from my premises or any other premises, you only say, 'I want to use these tents on such and such a date.'

So, if it is on a Monday it is upon the service provider to ensure that by Monday morning, the tents are in place, well-arranged and waiting for you to come and use the tents. Once you are through, it is upon him to ensure that he takes back his tents. So, if we talk about three days and we only used tents for only one single day and I do not understand why we are saying hiring for three days.

Was it today, then we use the tents tomorrow then the owner will come the day after tomorrow? This report is not clear, Mr. Speaker, and we must be very clear as we are trying to oversight the other side of the government we must oversight ourselves. As an Assembly, there is a saying which says a mistake or a sin is a sin no matter who commits the sin. Even if it is the father or the pastor; a sin is a sin.

For the first time, this Assembly has sinned because hiring tents for Ksh. 600 that one is not realistic and it is not acceptable at all.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, the other question we are asking ourselves; it is good that we want to take *Bunge Mashinani* so that people may know how we operate and apart from giving them that information how we operate, what else are we expecting from them? Is it of any financial benefit to them or to the Assembly? In any expenditure that we incur, we must see value for money. To me the *Bunge Mashinani* is only useful for either passing that information but no much is expected from that side to this side.

According to what the other Members have said Mr. Speaker, spending Ksh. 3 million in a single day for *Bunge Mashinani* and there is no return from the other side, that is what we call wasted of resources. Mr. Speaker, I do not know what is going to be done or we are going to hold this for a while so that we can sit down and plan well. Maybe there are other priorities that the Assembly can do instead of---

Hon. King'ori: Point of information.

Hon. Ndawa: Kindly, Mr. Speaker, I beg for your protection.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. King'ori, point of information?

Hon. King'ori: Yes. I want to inform the member that it is the constitutional right for every citizen to participate in public under Article 174 of the Kenyan constitution where we are given powers to act on. We are also supposed to have public participation in everything we do so it is quite in order to have our Assembly in public so that the public can be aware of what we are doing and what we are spending on ourselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judas you may proceed.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The other concern I have on the report is about the visitation of the wards; it is clear that some staff visited several areas to see the most viable areas to hold the *Bunge Mashinani*. My question is what methodology did they use to say we are going to hold the *Bunge Mashinani* at Kithimani and what methodology did they use to disqualify Matuu or Ndalani or Ikombe or Katangi to say Kithimani is the most viable place? What methodology?

Mr. Speaker, depending on the strength of wards, we have centers in every ward but we have centers which cannot feed the expected crowd. You call for *Bunge Mashinani* more than 4,000 people come for that meeting and they cannot get somewhere to get a bottle of water. They cannot get somewhere to take a cup of tea. You saw what happened we were taken to the furrow--

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

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Tariq Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Hon. Speaker, I think if we go this direction, we will be having more politics here. I will start asking why they did not come to Kangonde, Hon. Steve why they did not go to Ikaatini; I think you are supposed to give chance to those people that went and identified the location we go by that, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas, please just conclude your submissions.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Mulatya for that information but I still stand my ground. Two weeks ago, Mr. Speaker; it is not two weeks it is one week ago when we had a public participation this County Fiscal Strategy Paper and the meeting was called at Kithimani where only 20 people attended that meeting. Only 20 Mr. Speaker and it was supposed to be for the Yatta sub-county. It is good, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Judas Ndawa, I told you to conclude you are submissions; kindly conclude your submissions.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request Hon. Steve Mwanthi to be patient because I am not taking anything from Ekalakala or from any other ward---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please address the Chair; Hon. Judas, address the Chair and conclude please.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, Mr. Chair; I am suggesting that whenever we are to hold any *Bunge Mashinani* or any public participation, the respective MCAs for that sub-county must seat and agree on the best area but not to be told we are going to this place and we are not being told why we are not going to this or the other ward. Let us have the respective MCAs for every sub-county sit together and come up with the venue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I request the mover of the motion to respond Hon. Abdulrahman.

Hon. Albdirahman Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to thank Hon. Members for debating extensively this report. As Hon. Kituku said, security is paramount. Security is very key in Ndithini so we need to check on that as a House. Also as Hon. Tariq mentioned, a meeting between the executive and the House leadership is very key on this matter.

Allow me Hon. Speaker, to inform Hon. Ndawa from Matuu that there is no ward that is superior to any other ward; all wards are the same and there are also people who are given duties because we cannot do every duty ourselves.

(Applause)

People have been mandated to go and identify the location and they have done so I wish the decision to be respected as it is and soon maybe his ward will be next, who knows. The

timetable can change anytime but as per now we have the timetable ready so we will go by that and thank you so much Hon. Members and thank you for your time debating on this matter.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ali Abduraman Ali.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, I think that discussion has gone on pretty well. Two issues, I would like to point out personally. The key issues which have come out of here importance of *Bunge Mashinani* cannot be over emphasized because you cannot put value on informing people. When our people are informed, then all the decisions they are going to make through the public participation and everything else will be from an informed position.

So the aim of *Bunge Mashinani* is to ensure that our people are sensitized and they know the importance of what *Bunge* does and what their roles are the roles of *bunge*, the roles of executive and the roles of the people that we represent.

It is evident that that budget has issues as has been raised by members and I will direct again the committee on broadcasting which is chaired by the Chair to review further reviews on this budget and come out with a budget which should be presented before this Hon. House for approval before it is implemented. That will be my recommendation on that.

There is the issue on the grader for Ndithini; I think the Hon. Majority Leader, it is important for the people of Masinga sub-county because graders are being given per sub county to sit as Masinga Sub-County and prioritize Ndithini because I believe we are going there this month of April and therefore they might need to get this grader before the rains come if at all we are going to find the roads done by the time we get there.

So, my request will be for the Masinga Sub-County members of this Assembly sit down and between you and prioritize to give Ndithini a priority in terms of grading especially the area where we are going to be holding the *Bunge Mashinani*.

The issue of Serjeant at Arms again cannot be overlooked. We need more Serjeant at Arms during these meetings to ensure security of members and obviously the issue of increasing the wards which are being visited as Hon. Steve Mwanthi said; we only have 15 but there is room to increase more and maybe even include Matuu so that the Hon. Member is satisfied.

So, there is room for improvement and I would be requesting the committee to look at whether we can be able to add more wards in the *Bunge Mashinani* so that we can be able to reach as many people as possible. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

REPORT ON MACHAKOS COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2019-2020

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members under this order number we have one motion by Hon. Dominic Ndambuki, chairperson budget and appropriations committee.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

That aware that the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a budget preparation document which is submitted to the County Assembly on or before 28th February

every year pursuant to Section 117 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act;

Aware that the CFSP outlines broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guide formulation and implementation of the budget for the year;

Noting that the CFSP for the financial year 2019/2020 was submitted to the Assembly on 28th February, 2019 in line with Section 117 of the PFM Act and committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee on 12th March, 2019;

Aware that---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Before, just a minute; Hon. Members, I would request Hon. Members this is a very important budget issue and I request Hon. Members to remain in the House so that we can be able to finalize on this key budget issue on setting the limits, the ceilings for the next financial year budget. You may proceed.

Hon. Ndambuki: I pick from where I left, Hon. Speaker.

Aware that Section 117(6) of the PFM Act stipulates that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) to the Assembly, the County Assembly shall consider and may adopt it with or without amendments;

Further aware that, the County Treasury shall consider any recommendations made by the County Assembly when finalizing the budget proposal for the financial year 2019/2020;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Machakos County Fiscal Strategy Paper for financial year 2019/2020.

I call upon Hon. Angela Munyasya to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Angela Munyasya

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

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Dominic, you may present your report.

Hon. Ndambuki: Hon. Speaker, if you allow me, I will read the entire report because Hon. Speaker, these are money matters.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Exactly. Hon. Members, any report which touches on budget on money matters will have to be read in its entirety before the House so we will allow the Hon. Member to go through it because it is touching on matters finance. You may continue Hon. Member.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am going to read a report of the budget and appropriation committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019 and for the fiscal year 2019/2020.

THE COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER 2019

1.0 OVERVIEW

Hon. Speaker, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) is a budget preparation documents which is submitted to the County Assembly on or before 28th February every year as per Section 117 of the PFM Act. It outlines broad strategic priorities and policy goals that guide formulation and implementation of the budget for the fiscal year. It is an equivalent of budget policy statement in the National Government.

The CFSP reflects sector ceilings and derives its information and data from the County Review and Budget Outlook Paper, Annual Development Plan and County Integrated Development Plan. The 2019 CFSP will thus inform formulation of the FY 2019/20 Budget. In the FY 2019/20 the Assembly will only be allowed to make variations of 1 per cent from the approved CFSP ceilings.

The 2019 CFSP was submitted on 28th February, 2019 in line with section 117 of the PFM Act and committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee on 12th March, 2019. Section 117(6) of the PFM Act stipulates that not later than 14 days after submitting the County Fiscal Strategy Paper to the Assembly, the County Assembly shall consider and adopt it with or without amendments. The County Treasury shall consider any recommendations made by the County Assembly when finalizing the budget proposal for the fiscal year 2019/20.

1.1 MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriation Committee derives its mandate from Standing Order 186(3)(a) that states that ‘there shall be a select Committee to be known as the County Budget and Appropriations Committee which is mandated to, investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget.’

Hon. Speaker, the main objective of the committee is to ensure that public funds are well utilized and that the public realizes value for money in all government expenditure. The basis of the Committee’s execution of its mandate is annual and on special reports.

1.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker, the committee as constituted by this honorable Assembly comprises of the following members.

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| 1. | Hon. Dominic Ndambuki | Chairman |
| 2. | Hon. Angela Munyasya | V/ Chairerson |
| 3. | Hon. Paul Museku | Member |
| 4. | Hon. Margaret Mwikali | “ |
| 5. | Hon. Thomas Mutinda | “ |
| 6. | Hon. Ikusya Kaloki | “ |
| 7. | Hon. Jacqueline Nziva | “ |
| 8. | Hon. Moffat Maitha | “ |
| 9. | Hon. Daniel Mbevi | “ |

2.0 OUTLINE OF THE FY 2019/20 COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER

Hon. Speaker, the document has been structured into 5 sections namely:

- (i) Overview of the CFSP.
- (ii) Recent Economic Development and Fiscal Outlook at Global, National and County level.
- (iii) County Strategic objectives and programmes to be implemented.
- (iv) Fiscal and budget framework in the Medium term.

- (v) Projected Resource Envelope and expenditure framework in the medium term.

2.1 OVERVIEW OF THE CFSP

Mr. Speaker, the 2019 County Fiscal Strategy Paper sets the framework for preparation of the FY 2019/20 Budget estimates as follows:

- 1) The principles that will guide the 2019/20 budgetary process.
- 2) The broad fiscal parameters for the 2019/20 budget.
- 3) The board strategic priorities and policy goals guiding budget preparation in the medium term.
- 4) Risks to the budget parameters and strategies.
- 5) The medium term outlook for revenues and expenditures.
- 6) Relationship of the budget strategies and the CIDP.

The County Executive carried out public participation at ward level from 19th to 22nd February, 2019. The draft CFSP was approved by the County Executive Committee before submission to the County Assembly.

2.2 RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OUTLOOK

Hon. Speaker, the global economy is projected to grow by 2.1% in 2019 down from 2.4% in 2017. Africa's GDP growth is projected to be 4% in 2019 and 4.1% in 2020 while the Sub-Saharan Africa Economy is expected to reach 3.4% in 2019 and 3.7% in 2020.

In 2018 Kenya's National Economic Growth was 6.1% and it is expected to grow at a rate of 6.0% in 2019 and 6.1% in 2020. Machakos County Gross Product was 3.2% of the National GDP and is expected to grow in the medium term framework.

2.3 COUNTY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMMES

Hon. Speaker, the County is expected to grow as a result of investment in various projects under the CIDP and the Big 4 Agenda. The Strategies to achieve this are:

- 1) Ensure all citizens enjoy food security and improved nutrition.
- 2) Expanding Universal Health Coverage.
- 3) Increasing the share of manufacturing sector to GDP.
- 4) Ensure access to safe and clean water.
- 5) Ensure sustainable environmental conservation.
- 6) Ensure improvement of infrastructure.
- 7) Creating conducive business and investment environment.

To achieve the above, the County has classified its government into 8 sectors namely:

- 1) Agriculture and Co-operative Development.
- 2) Health.
- 3) Energy, Infrastructure and ICT.
- 4) Public Administration.
- 5) Youth, Sports and Social Welfare.
- 6) Land, Environment and Natural Resources.
- 7) Water and Irrigation.

8) Commercial Tourism and Labour.

2.4 FISCAL POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK

Hon. Speaker, in managing the Public Finances, the CFSP outlines that the County shall enforce the principles set out in section 107 of the Public Finance Management Act. In FY 2018/2019, the County had a budget of 12.2 billion which was to be financed from two sources namely, National Government Ksh. 10.51 billion and own source revenues Ksh. 1.72 billion.

The first half of the year shows that the County received Ksh. 441.87 million from local revenue collection and Ksh. 2.931 billion from the National Government. Analysis of the local revenue shows that some revenue streams are not performing namely: Social Services and Sports Management Unit, Salary advances/refunds, house loan repayments, tourism and procurement unit.

The Performance of the FY2018/19 expenditure shall inform ceilings for the FY 2019/20 budget and show that the County incurred Ksh. 3,230,454,599 on recurrent activities in the first half of year representing an absorption rate of 42%. In the same period, development expenditure was Ksh. 344,566,254 representing an absorption rate of 7%. A deeper analysis shows that development expenditure was 9.6% of the total expenditure. Performance of departments is as follows:

2.4.1 RECURRENT ABSORPTION FOR THE HALF YEAR

NO	DEPARTMENT	PRINTED ESTIMATES 2018/2019	HALF YEAR EXPENDITURE	ABSORPTION RATE %
1.	Office of the Governor	605,718,696.55	182,658,953.95	30%
2.	Public Service, Labor & ICT	433,735,959.00	2,367,805,187.45	546%
3.	Trade	135,110,600.05	18,806,914.55	14%
4.	Finance	393,941,268.00	41,880,622.45	11%
5.	Decentralized Units	374,833,441	24,162,586.30	6%
6.	Agriculture	502,632,972.95	22,229,712.20	4%
7.	Health	3,545,367,364.10	145,059,985.45	4%
8.	Transport	187,097,783.00	50,063,962.90	27%
9.	Education	295,221,490.20	5,692,256.75	25
10.	Lands	97,200,337.40	13,540,030.30	14%
11.	Tourism	81,269,661.65	6,314,240.95	8%
12.	County Public Service Board	41,397,783.80	540,200.00	1%
13.	County Assembly	936,776,339.00	351,699,945.79	38%
	TOTAL	7,630,303,696.70	3,230,454,599.04	42%

2.4.2 DEVELOPMENT ABSORPTION RATE FOR THE HALF YEAR

NO	DEPARTMENT	PRINTED	HALF YEAR	ABSORPTION
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		ESTIMATES 2018/19	EXPENDITION	RATE %
1.	Office of the Governor	6,825,000.00	3,311,863.00	49%
2.	Public Service, Labor & ICT	12,700,000.00	0	0%
3.	Trade	91,575,000.00	0	0%
4.	Finance	11,801,000.00	0	0%
5.	Decentralized Units	31,000,000.00	0	0%
6.	Agriculture	665,611,142.00	80,588,648.00	12%
7.	Health	747,444,409.00	21,827,078.00	3%
8.	Transport	1,436,297,233.00	230,318,888.00	16%
9.	Education	289,295,000.00	2,643,953.00	1%
10.	Lands	1,054,320,500.00	5,875,824.00	1%
11.	Tourism	14,918,783.50	0	0%
12.	County Public Service Board	2,014,855.00	0	0%
13.	County Assembly	236,000,000	0	0%
	TOTAL	4,600,802,922.50	344,566,254.05	7%

2.5 PROJECTED RESOURCE ENVELOPE AND EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK

Hon. Speaker, in FY 2019/20 the County anticipates to receive 7.6 billion as equitable share of revenue, Ksh. 2.1 billion as conditional grants and collect 1.5 billion as County own revenue, thus, the revenues which shall form the basis of setting the sector ceilings are as follows:

1. The Equitable share as per Article (203)(2) of Constitution	7,595,000,000.00
2. Condition Grant:	
i) Level V Hospital	383,583,815.00
ii) Compensation for user fees forgone	24,129,039.00
iii) Leasing of Medical equipment	131,914,894.00
iv) Rehabilitation of Youth Polytechnics	51,093,298.00
v) Road Maintenance Levy Fund	220,109,531.00
vi) Loans share	<u>1,379,849,081.00</u>
3. Own source Revenue	<u>1,506,064,758.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>11,291,744,416.00</u>

3.0 COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Hon. Speaker, the Committee observed that:

- The CFSP may not have been approved by the CEC as required by section 117(1) and 6 of the PFM Act. There are no documents or commitment letter as an annexure from the CEC to show ownership of the document.

- The Executive confirmed that public participation was done but there was neither proof nor annexure on the same were attached.
- The CFSP does not outline a detailed development expenditure for each sector. No milestones and weaknesses have been brought forth.
- The Fiscal responsibilities have been stated but the Executive has not addressed how the County has complied to these responsibilities as per the PFM Act and Policies.
- The Budget Policy Statement outlines that Machakos is among the counties with the lowest absorption rate below 15% this has also been outlined in the report of the COB. The County has met bare minimum in the budget but has implemented less than the required threshold of 30% in development.
- The Budget Policy Statement also addresses the issue of ballooning wage bill where the county has a wage bill of more than 50% of the total revenue allocation. The impact of the rapidly increasing wage bill on the local economy is of great concern. The CFSP articulates that the expenditure pressures related to salary demands pose a fiscal risk to the stability of the County budget. Compensation to employees constitutes the bulk of the County expenditure and no action plan was presented to the committee for the control of the wage bill to mitigate the risk.
- The CFSP doesn't link to the BPS especially on the Universal Health Care Program. The BPS focuses on the County UHC Program as it is part of the pilot projects launched by the National Government. The provision of affordable housing project by the National Government to construct low cost housing in Machakos has not been addressed in the CFSP. The county has created new units of expenditure; that is, the Municipalities which have not been addressed in the CFSP.

4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Speaker, the county assembly carried out public participation on the FY 2019 CFSP and collected views from the public which have been considered in compiling this report.

5.0 PROPOSED CEILINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.2.0 Departmental ceilings

Hon. Speaker, the County Executive Committee for Finance has proposed the following departmental ceilings as follows:

5.2.1 Office of the Governor

In the office of the Governor, the proposed ceiling is Ksh. 240,457,367 for recurrent and Ksh. 5,422,300 for development. The Committee recommends Ksh. 595,706, 199 for recurrent and Ksh. 5,422,300 for development.

5.2.2 Public service, Labor and ICT

The proposed a recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 5,788,340,518 (this includes salaries for all departments as well as the office of the Governor) and a development ceiling of Ksh. 5,765,400. The total ceiling is Ksh. 5,794,105,918.00. The Committee recommends a ceiling of Ksh. 479,030,705 for recurrent and Ksh. 5,765,400 for development.

5.2.3 Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization

The proposed ceiling for the department is Ksh. 97,881,024 for recurrent and Ksh. 85,622,600 for development. The total proposed ceiling for both recurrent and development is Ksh. 183,503,624. The committee recommends Ksh. 154,701,124 for recurrent and Ksh. 85,622,600 for development.

5.2.4 Finance and Economic Planning

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 138,065,277 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 19,301,700. The total proposed ceiling for both recurrent and development is Ksh. 157,366,977. The committee recommends a ceiling of Ksh. 437,185,285 for recurrent expenditure and Ksh. 19,301,700 for development.

5.2.5 County Administration and Decentralized Units

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 111,758,126 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 10,900,650. The committee recommends Ksh. 480,281,567 for recurrent and Ksh. 10,900,650 for development.

5.2.6 Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperative Management

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 65,528,332 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 192,557,190. The committee recommends a ceiling of Ksh. 348,280,777 for recurrent and Ksh. 192,557,190 for development expenditure.

5.2.7 Health and Emergency Services

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 485,414,220 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 536,173,909. The total proposed ceiling for the department is Ksh. 1,021,588,129. The committee recommends Ksh. 3,368,590,374 for recurrent and Ksh. 536,173,909 for development.

5.2.8 Road, Transport and Public Works

Under this County entity, the proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 64,584,102 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 707,859,561. The committee recommends Ksh. 201,868,477 for recurrent and Ksh. 707,859,561 for development.

5.2.9 Education, Skills Training and Social Welfare

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 97,469,590 and Ksh. 63,594,098 for development ceiling. The committee recommends Ksh. 294,744,355 for recurrent and Ksh. 63,594,098 for development.

5.2.10 Energy, Lands, Housing and Urban Development

The proposed recurrent ceiling Ksh. 49,048,904 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 1,072,401,982. The committee recommends Ksh. 111,106,865 for recurrent and Ksh. 1,072,401,982 for development.

5.2.11 Tourism, Youth, Sports and Culture

Under this entity, the proposed recurrent ceiling Ksh. 12,335,613 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 200,000,000. The committee recommends Ksh. 104,452,605 for recurrent and Ksh. 200,000,000 for development expenditure.

5.2.12 Water, irrigation and Natural Resources

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 41,909,264 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 438,754,264.80 The committee recommends Ksh. 134,418,703 for recurrent and Ksh. 438,754,265 for development.

5.2.13 Public Service Board

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 8,544,446 and a development ceiling of Ksh. 1,014,000. The committee recommends Ksh. 59, 009,725 for recurrent and Ksh. 1,014,000 for development.

5.2.26 County Assembly

The proposed recurrent ceiling is Ksh. 702,884,308 and Ksh. 53,369,670 for development. The total proposed ceiling for the County Assembly is Ksh. 756,253,978. The committee recommends Ksh. 888,000,000 for recurrent and Ksh. 295,000,000 for development. Hon. Speaker, the total expenditure ceilings amount to Ksh. 11,296,958,416 against a resource envelope of Ksh. 11,291,744,416. The committee recommends that this expenditure be adjusted from Ksh. 11,296,958,416 to Ksh. 11,291,744,416. The committee further recommends that recurrent expenditure be adjusted from Ksh. 7,904,221,091 to Ksh. 7,657,376,761 and development expenditure be amended from Ksh. 3,392,737,325 to Ksh. 3,634,367,655.

Hon. Speaker, the CECM finance had proposed a wage bill of Ksh. 5,890,822,092 translating to 52% of the total revenue. The committee recommends that Compensation to Employees be allocated Ksh. 5,227,485,701 translating to 46% of the total budget which was the amount approved in the supplementary budget FY 2018/19. The committee had no choice because salaries to Employees cannot be reduced, despite the PFM Act and corresponding regulations which limit wages to 35% the total revenue. The Development expenditure ceilings have been set at 30% as stipulated in the PFM Act. The ceilings have not complied with fiscal responsibility principles as set out in section 107 of the PFM Act.

The wage bill has remained constant were as the Equitable share has reduced by over Ksh. 400 million, the local revenue target has been revised downwards from Ksh. 1.7 billion to Ksh. 1.5 billion and the conditional grant for Urban development which was received in FY 2019/20 is not part of the resource envelope for the FY 2019/20. The committee notes that in financial year 2017/18 as reported in BPS, the wage bill was 52% of the total revenue and the National Treasury has requested for an action plan to be forwarded. The committee recommends the same action plan to be forwarded to the National treasury.

5.3.0 Other Recommendations

Hon. Speaker, the committee further recommends as follows:

1. The County treasury should step up revenue mobilization efforts so as to enhance budget implementation for the remaining part of the 2018/2019 financial year. The Fiscal Strategy Paper needs to provide a sound base for the local revenue target, In addition, provide elaborate plans and measures to improve revenue collection in the current financial year.
2. The fiscal strategy paper does not propose development of a county wage policy and adherence to set regulations by SRC and the PFM Act 2012 so as to eliminate the wage pressures. There is need for a concerted approach to deal with the issue

- of high wage bill through comprehensive staff audit and rationalization, guided by the COB report.
3. The County government should explore means of expanding tax base through studies, while embracing new technologies to remit taxes like mobile money payment and transfer service, in order to increase compliance.
 4. Continuous capacity building for departments aimed at improving in budget formulation, execution and reporting should be undertaken.
 5. Employees compensation (salaries and wages) should be under specific departments and not as proposed, all under the department Public Service, Labor and ICT.
 6. A County monitoring and evaluation unit is recommended for establishment to ensure public spending on projects realizes expected outcomes.
 7. Directorates should be aligned with respective departments to avoid confusion in setting ceilings. *(This is the case of water irrigation and natural resources).*

6.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hon. Speaker, the Budget and Appropriations Committee is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for facilitating the committee to undertake its mandate. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the Committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the meetings and in preparation of this report. Hon. Speaker, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to table the FY 2019 County Fiscal Strategy Paper before this Honorable Assembly for consideration and approval. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic for a report well presented on the County Fiscal Strategy paper. I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on the motion. Hon. Steve Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must first applaud the committee for the numerous ceilings that they have put in the budget but I would also request, I do not know whether it is an amendment or what we can do, because there are some issues that may be needed to be addressed. That is on page six for example on 2.4; I think it is the last sentence the first half of the year shows that the county received Ksh. 441.87 million from local revenue collection and Ksh. 2.937 billion from the National Government.

Mr. Speaker, if you sum up the two you will find that they had received Ksh. 3.372 billion but if you go ahead in page seven where there is that chart, you will find that their total expenditure reads Ksh. 3.230 billion making a difference of around Ksh. 100 million and that is not explained, Mr. Speaker.

Then the other issue is where we have on the chart which is on page six; education number nine, you will also find that...page 7 on the chart you find that Ksh. 295 million was the printed estimates and the expenditure was Ksh. 5.692 million, absorption rate is written as 25 percent. Mr. Speaker, I do not think that is true; Ksh. 5.6 million cannot make 25 percent

of Ksh. 295 million. I am expecting it to be something to do with Ksh. 78 million or so, Mr. Speaker.

Those are the recommendations that I would expect we either change or we.....possibly especially on the issue of the Ksh. 100 million you see it is a figure that needs to be checked on, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also take this opportunity to applaud the able chairman budget Hon. Dominic and the team which he has been working with to come up with this report. Mr. Speaker, I have a few issues which I would like to bring forward to your attention especially on matters concerning my committee which is agriculture committee.

Mr. Speaker, with the recommendation number seven, that is page 16; that directorates should be aligned with respective departments to avoid confusion in setting ceilings. They have taken a case of water, irrigation and natural resources. Mr. Speaker, on several occasions I have actually requested this Hon. House to come up with the structures which somehow resemble what we have on the other side the executive side because as you are aware as the agriculture committee we are supposed to monitor consumption of the budget on what comes through agriculture.

Going to page six, you will find that to achieve the above the county has classified its government into eight sectors namely; agriculture and co-operative development and then there is seven which is water and irrigation. Mr. Speaker, water and irrigation purely in my understanding falls under agriculture. You find that in the analysis that is 2.4.1 recurrent absorption for the half year that is page seven, you find that it is only agriculture which is appearing and there is no water and irrigation because when it comes to the issues how they are aligned in the Assembly, Agriculture absorbs water and irrigation.

Mr. Speaker, I must state this has brought some sort of confusion especially on how to monitor the consumption of the budget and also getting progressive reports because when I go to the Chief Officer in charge of water, it is like I am out of my mandate because here in the House it falls under environment.

Mr. Speaker, the same thing appears in page 14 you find that the committee has captured water, irrigation and natural resources; they have come up with their own proposals but again when you come to the budget, you find it is under agriculture. I think Mr. Speaker, I am building a case to support the reason why water, Irrigation and Natural resources need to appear under agriculture.

That aside Mr. Speaker, now on matters related to agriculture the department which I head; Mr. Speaker, I support actually 101 percent what the committee has recommended because Mr. Speaker, I want to this House actually to take matters to do with agriculture with much weight because they say empty stomach always creates problems Mr. Speaker, and I want through agriculture department I want to sustain Machakos County and even beyond Machakos County, Mr. Speaker,

Recently, I was interrogating the Chief Officer for Agriculture Madam Damaris trying to come up with the progressive reports because Mr. Speaker, it has come a time I have realized I do not need to wait to get stories of either animals dying of hunger or starvation or people and you know for us to progress well our people need to feed well. Mr. Speaker, I request actually

this House to put matters related to agriculture with much weight because I have come to realize we have programs and grants like there is one grant called Climate Smart Agriculture.

The County starts to benefit with Ksh. 150 million but Mr. Speaker, for us to access this amount the County Government of Machakos needs to come up with 10 percent of that amount. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that when the budgets come here, you find they have trimmed off such monies which is meant to trigger release of the funds; grants so that our people can benefit.

Under this Climate Smart Agriculture, in fact three sub-counties will benefit a lot in terms of development and that is category one; we still have under the same program category two which we have agreed with the Chief Officer to spread across the other sub-counties. There is also another program, Agriculture Support Program; it is a grant but we are supposed to give actually Ksh. 5 million for us to access these funds and funny thing Mr. Speaker, the funds are available what is missing is our contribution which can trigger consumption of that money.

Mr. Speaker, I believe if we would take such grants with the weight which they deserve Mr. Speaker, I believe it can come in handy actually to try to propel development in our county because you find maybe our local revenue which has been dwindling cannot sustain such programs but if we can consider those people with goodwill who have been giving us grants we do our portion and then our people stand to benefit.

The reason I am also supporting this proposal is because as you remember I brought a motion through my committee on establishment of a revolving fund to farmers so that they can get farm inputs through zero-rated grants or else loans and if you can facilitate what they have put under agriculture, I believe it would be very easy for us to implement such a program which would end up benefiting our farmers.

There is also the issue of.....you know we have a program running we are trying to market this idea of quarter acre farming and Mr. Speaker, as you are aware whatever we are doing as the agriculture committee, we are only trying to sensitize the farmers the need for them to implement that issue of quarter acre farming because Mr. Speaker, we have actually been relying on rain water but we have not been able to tap rain water which the quarter acre idea is first to tap that water and come up with small dams which now farmers will eventually use to farm or irrigate.

So, Mr. Speaker, I had actually proposed as a way to motivate our farmers we buy them what we call dam liners because I have come to understand dam liners are a bit expensive Mr. Speaker, and you find the soil sometimes leaks so when you try to show farmers the importance of quarter acre farming, they will also look at the cost issues.

So, if we can supplement that initiative through providing dam liners to the farmers, I think it would also motivate them. I am actually trying to support agriculture budget, Mr. Speaker, so that we will also be able to motivate farmers and as we do these things Mr. Speaker, we will be chasing away that issue to do with drought or starvation in our people.

Mr. Speaker, I am also coming up with a proposal to add tractors because as you find whatever we have currently is not able to sustain the whole county. So, part of this budget Mr. Speaker, will be used also to increase the number of tractors we have in the county which will end up benefiting our people and making our county ahead of others, Mr. Speaker.

To finish, I would request that the issues of local revenue collection; we have talked about this thing for the longest period, Mr. Speaker. I wish we would stream line it and ensure that there is one collection and not many collections so that it would be easy for us to make follow up Mr. Speaker, especially when it comes to the issue of holding officers accountable on

issues to do with the local revenue collection. Mr. Speaker, with those few words, I beg to support the report fully. Thank you

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Moses. Hon. Helen.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mine is to comment or make a general comment on the budget report. First and foremost, I would like to thank the committee I think they have done a very good job but my general observations are that a lot of our money is going to recurrent as opposed to development. When you look at the public service, I think the absorption rate is the highest. So, in that respect I would recommend that within the 45 days Mr. Matiangi has given all our employees of Machakos County should register with NIIMS so that we cut down on this expenditure on recurrent.

My other comment is on the structure for the county; this is on page six; for the county to achieve the various budgets or ceilings they have done they have come up with eight sectors namely...they go up to number eight but then I would also like to ask whether these are the correct structure because on Monday I attended a meeting for lands and they were calling themselves lands, energy and urban housing; so is this really the correct structure that is in place? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Masesi

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I would like to appreciate the committee led by the Hon. Chair Hon. Ndambuki and maybe Mr. Speaker, it is good I mention that reports of this kind should have come in the morning when our sugar levels Mr. Speaker are very up so that we can look at money matters on a clean sheet, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to start with number eight and most likely look at number seven on the development absorption rate and more so on health.

Mr. Speaker, we had a budget of Ksh. 747 million with an absorption rate of Ksh. 21 million. Mr. Speaker, health comes at number three, if you look at global SDGS; again if you look at the Big Four Agenda, you will find again health. My concern is that with that kind of budget when you go to our Level V hospital, you will find that our people are suffering very much. We do not have CT Scan machine. Mr. Speaker, it pains a lot when our people are referred to Level V and funny enough to find that we do not have a CT Scan machine. Mr. Speaker, our people have been paying a lot of money to German Imaging Center and the hospitals of the like whereby I would urge this Hon. House to see to it that come to July budget on the itemized budget we make sure that this county purchases at least to CT Scan machines to enable our people to find service at the door steps.

Mr. Speaker, again I want to look at number 11 whereby the committee observations say that the issue of ballooning wage bill is even going to 50 percent of our total revenue collection. Mr. Speaker, yesterday when we met our President, he said that when they did the police audit head count, they are saving I think he said Ksh. 150 million per year. Mr. Speaker, I do not know what has been hard for this county of Machakos to give us an audit of our employees.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is wise when we meet the Governor we need to discuss this matter at length. We need to agree that our departments should come up soonest and give us the audit our employees something which is very.....it is a thorn in the flesh to this House. We are

spending more than 50 percent of our budget and yet Mr. Speaker, I want to be sure that we have got a lot of ghost workers within the systems.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, it is a good report and I want to believe the UHC budget combined with the county government budget we should be able to give the needed services to our people in matters health. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Finally, Hon. Kamitu

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I have gone through the report as our chair was reading the report and maybe request the Hon. Members, because as you heard also from the chair of agriculture, it is a concern and my advice on this case is that during...maybe after the adoption of this County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019/2020 it is good that different departments should sit down interrogate what they have and maybe during the budget, we can review the budget again and see in regard to the user department which user departments in regard to development would be very important so that we may see and sit down and reallocate the budget according to now the priorities we have on the ground because we are the Hon. Members who are on the ground.

We are the Hon. Members that should come up with the priorities as for example what the President did; he gave out the Big Four Agendas so as a county, we should also come and sit down and as an Assembly what are our priorities and re-allocate the budget according to the user department. For example, as I said our Hon. Chair for agriculture has given very good examples so in regard to money we can still re-allocate that money to trigger the grants.

We can also re-allocate money to ensure that the initiative of the executive in regard to the quarter system if it is going to benefit our citizenry then that is the direction we are supposed to take. So, in regard to this, the Assembly has all the powers to re-allocate funds according to the priorities otherwise it is a good budget. I congratulate the committee and on that note it is a good report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. I call upon the mover of the motion to respond.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to thank the Hon. Members of this Hon. Assembly for their contribution to the report on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for 2019. Hon. Speaker, the report is rich save for the few typos here and there that we are going to amend. It is our belief that the County Government of Machakos follows to the letter the ceiling that as the committee we have laid as guidelines for them.

This will inform the expenditure for the coming fiscal year that is the financial year 2019/2020. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

(Question put and agreed to)

I will just make one quick comment before we move on. The typo error Hon. Steve has mentioned now that the House has adopted the report is actually over Ksh. 200 million; it needs to be checked and I believe it is a typo but it needs to be checked by the secretariat Mathew because

you look at the totals they are giving us is about Ksh. 3,372,873,000 against what is on the report of Ksh. 3,575,020 there is a difference of over Ksh. 200 million between the figures which have been written there. So, that needs to be checked I believe it is a typo because the figures are balance but it needs to be checked for purposes of the report.

The other item Hon. Members is you have seen now we are much enlightened in the budget process and much of the contribution which is coming from the House is coming from an informed position. The things which as Hon. Members as you consider in your various committees and also through the budget committee is look at the sourcing of the funds. When you look at especially the conditional grants; Level V hospital Ksh. 383 million and the committee on health will need to find out what will this money do? Do we have Level V hospital grants of Ksh. 383 million and we have a CT scan which is not working. So, what is happening with the Ksh. 383 million? Those are the questions to ask.

Compensation for User Foregone; that is what is given to the people who are waived. Leasing of medical equipment what happens to that money? How is it ploughed back and where is taken? Rehabilitation of youth polytechnics; the committee on education we have Ksh. 51 million coming next year for rehabilitation of polytechnics; which polytechnics have been highlighted and who is going to benefit from those?

Road maintenance levy with Ksh. 220 million; where is this money going to be spent? Is it going to KRB or where is it going? Which roads are going to be rehabilitated with that? Loan share of Ksh. 1.3 billion of loan share; this part of loan share is what the government has borrowed and this is our share of what our government has borrowed so if we are going to repay this money as Ksh. 1.3 billion as citizens of Machakos and we have been given a portion of it, we need to determine what we are going to do with that Ksh. 1.3 billion of the loan share source of revenue. So, these are the things that will be guiding us in the main budget process which is coming.

Hon. Mitaa has talked of re-alignment of departments to ensure that they are in line with the expectations directorates they need to be aligned and I think that is going to be done. We cannot have Ksh. 5 million stopping us from getting grants so anything that should be done to motivate grants we will be asking the various committees to ensure that the executive does go ahead and executes what needs to be done to trigger us to get us more funding. That is complete and acceptable that Ksh.5 million can stop you from getting Ksh. 100 million and that will not be logical for anybody to do.

Revolving fund; the national government gave Ksh. 3 billion. I saw in the newspaper the other day. The national government has set aside Ksh. 3 billion and we as a county should set aside our own revolving fund because the one for the national government comes once in a blue moon. We need one of ours that we know is going to be able to help our members.

The issue of local revenue collection which has been mentioned and she has also talked about Huduma Namba; I do believe Huduma Namba will help us a long way even here in the county. The minute everyone is registered under Huduma Namba then your payroll number will be attached to your Huduma Namba and all the history will be there. I can assure you there will be nowhere to hide going forward from what I can be able to see. So, Hon. Members with that that is what I had to say about it. Mr. Clerk, you may proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT FOR SHORT RECESS FROM 3RD TO 29TH APRIL, 2019

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, Order No 11, we have a motion by the Hon. Justus Kiteng'u. Sorry by the Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that Standing Order 24(1) provides that except for the session commencing immediately after a General Election, the regular sessions of the Assembly shall commence on the second Tuesday of February and terminate on the first Thursday of December;

Aware that this Third Session of the Second Assembly began on 12th February, 2019;

Noting the crucial business has been transacted during this session including approving the Supplementary Budget Estimates of the County for the financial year 2018/2019, facilitating public participation on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for financial 2019/2020, vetting and approving Members to serve in Machakos, Mavoko and Tala/ Kangundo Municipalities;

Acknowledging that the House approved an Assembly Calendar pursuant to Standing Order 25(1) and aware that the calendar of the Assembly guides the House on when to have a break and when to resume sittings;

Aware that the approved Assembly Calendar indicates that the Assembly will go for a short recess from 4th April 2019 to 29th April 2019;

Aware that the recess will afford Hon. Members time to interact with their electorates, celebrate Easter festivity and bond with their families during Easter schools holiday;

Further aware that the Standing Order 25(3) provides that on a day when the Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the Assembly Calendar, the leader of the Majority Party or Minority Party or any member of the House Business Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the Assembly shall adjourn without question put;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that:

1. This Hon. House adjourns the afternoon sitting of 3rd April, 2019 to allow Hon. Members meet with County Executive to discuss implementation of Ward projects; and
2. Pursuant to the approved Assembly Calendar for the third session, this Hon. House goes on a short recess from Thursday, 4th April 2019 to Monday, 29th April 2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu---

Hon. Kamitu: I now call upon Hon. Speaker, my seconder that is Hon. Jacqueline Nziva.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members present; I second the motion that this House adjourns the House sittings to go for recess and also to go to meet with the executive. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. This is a procedural motion and if any member wants to discuss or to raise an issue on it...is there any member who needs to contribute on this? Hon. Johanna

Hon. Munyaio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to point out on the timings that in one of our discussions this morning on *Bunge Mashinani* one was slotted for April and I can see the recess is running from 4th April to the last day of that month 30th April; so maybe a call for some adjustments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: That has been noted. Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I support fully but my concern was if we really are adjourning the afternoon sitting, if we have been sitting since 10 a.m. and it is now 3 p.m. I doubt if we are adjourning the afternoon sitting. In fact, Mr. Speaker, we have been around for the two sittings so that was my concern, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members the issue raised by the Hon. Member will be considered outside the Assembly chamber; it is a matter of the number of sittings which members are going to enjoy and that does not mean that we are not going to adjourn the afternoon sitting because even if the sittings are going to be endorsed as two you would have had three sittings for the day. So, the one for afternoon will stand adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: If there is no other Member with any other issue, the House adjourns to Tuesday the 30th day of April, 2019 at 10 am. Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 2.30 p.m.