

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 17th July, 2014**

The House met at 2.35 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon Hon. Members. Let us proceed, clerk.**PAPERS LAID****EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ESAMI, ARUSHA**

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Wednesday 16th July, 2014. Report of the budget and appropriation committee on the education trip to East and Southern Africa Management Institute, Arusha, Tanzania. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku laid the paper on the Table)***Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, proceed.**EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL**

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the Assembly today Thursday 13th July 2014. The Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee report on education tour to Israel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

*(Hon. (Muli laid the paper on the Table)***Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Maybe on notice of motion clerk. Please then we proceed.

MOTIONS**EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ESAMI, ARUSHA**

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that this Hon. House discusses and approves the budget and appropriation and PIC and PAC Committees report on the educational trip to East and Southern Africa Management Institute Arusha, Tanzania. I wish to as Hon. Christine Mwendu to support my motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, proceed.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give a notice of the following motion that, this Assembly approves the report of Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources on education tour to Israel as laid on the table of the House today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us refer to the motion for Hon. Rachel. The seconder of that motion please.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ESAMI, ARUSHA

Hon. (Ms.) Mutune: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and the House at large. I stand here to second the motion on the trip to East and Southern Africa Management Institute for the short course. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the motion is laid for debate. Proceed. Let us introduce the next motion. Alright Hon. Rachel, let us hear the motion for...the next motion in that order.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, I stand to second that this Hon. House discusses the report on Agriculture Committee on its tour to Israel. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Can we hear the mover of the motion that was adjourned to lack of quorum last for lack of quorum in the last sitting.

BENCHMARKING TRIP TO SINGAPORE*(Hon. (Ms.) Kaluki on 15.07.2014)**(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 15.07.2014)*

Hon. (Ms.) Kaluki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and the House at large. I wish to lay on the floor of this House the motion that, this House discusses and approves the report of transport, Roads, public works and housing Committee as it was read on Tuesday this week and adjourned due to lack of quorum. I call Hon. Michael Mutua to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: I think the motion straight away calls for debate so then Hon. Michael, you can begin the debate. Proceed.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me the opportunity. Let me say Members who went all the way to Singapore. Truly speaking we found that Country has developed extensively in terms of the transport and we found still the users of the road, still they have also sensitized to make sure there is no criss-crossing. We realized Machakos, as a County, shares similar characteristics with Singapore and we can really transform Machakos to an extent that our roads are good as those once at Singapore.

We also found that whatever we are doing here in our roads, we have CCTV cameras all over, so if there is a road user misuses the road, we have seen he can really be arrested. So, I am here to say Machakos, as we talk, we are in the right direction as far as road and infrastructure, as far as street lightning is concerned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Contributor to the motion? Hon. Members, those who were in Singapore, you have got nothing to say? Yes.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can say I was part of the team which travelled all the way to Singapore on fact-finding mission on about the road infrastructure and we found that Singapore has the best roads in the world. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, we noted that the Singapore and Kenya gained independence at the same time in and one time in 1978, Kenya Government gave a grant for the Singapore Government and by far they have managed to put the economy to be one of the best economies in the world. So, I just support and we learnt more. Members learnt more about the road infrastructure and that can be applied in our County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Muniyaka.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I got an opportunity to go to Singapore, and what I found was that exits are controlled in one central place. You will not find you have one person controlling two fleet of taxis. It is controlled by the Government and they get some money from the taxi operators. Again, I found houses are built, if the building is of 20 floor storeys, you will find the fifth floor in every building is left for any, let us say a road which is supposed to by pass through one floor. So, if one building is here another one at Technical University, you will find there is a floor left for any road construction overhead.

Again I found that Government constructs houses whereby you find the low income earners, the Government builds a house then it is sold to the low income earners or even to those who earn more. So, I found if we happen to be in that situation, we shall succeed. Thank you, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, any other contributor? Okay. In the absence of any further contribution, I therefore put the question

(Question put and agreed to)

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that the committee of agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources visited Israel in two groups, aware that the two groups visited Israel on 15th to 23rd October, 2013, and 21st to 28th April, 2014, aware that, Israel is blessed with advanced agriculture practices which, if implemented, can be of great importance to our County and the nation at large. Mr. Speaker, aware that most of our country area is a semi-arid regions and aware that our county mostly receives unpredictable rains, the trip to Israel was an eye-opener to the Hon. Members and finally aware that our country has a lot of untapped resources in terms of water such as River Tana, River Athi, bore holes and many others, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House considers and approves the report on educational trip to Israel as presented by the Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon the Majority Leader to support the motion.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by supporting this motion by saying that in the year 2012, I happened to be a councilor and I had held different position in the former Masaku County Council and rose to the position to the Chair of Finance which was the most powerful Chair, Mr. Speaker, in Councils and I happened to travel all the way to Israel as the Chair, Finance, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we travelled all the

way to Israel through Egypt where we went by road, Mr. Speaker, and it took us two days from Cairo all the way to Taba border, that is the border between Egypt, the region of Sinai and Israel Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, Hon. Cecilia Sereka was a counselor in the former Mavoko Municipal Council and we were in the same group. She can attest to what I am saying. Mr. Speaker, comparing the two trips to Israel, I was in the last group of this Hon. House in the Committee of agriculture that went to Israel on the 21st to 28th April, 2014, Mr. Speaker. But comparing the two occasions, Mr. Speaker, I would say this one for Members of this Hon. House, was more extensive on agricultural sector than on the faith sector.

Mr. Speaker, when I was there as a counselor we only visited one kibbutz but in the recent one, Mr. Speaker, we visited about eight kibbutz and they had very good hospitality, Mr. Speaker. For those who were with me, they can attest that we used not to buy lunch, they used to give it for free. Mr. Speaker, I remember the work of the tour guide and the managers of the Kibbutz, before they started this agriculture program, they had to look for water, leave about the technology. You can have the technology but you can do little in agricultural production if you do not have water, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I will at this juncture, I would say, I shared whatever I saw and learnt in Israel and maybe that is why now the Government of His Excellency the Hon. Dr. Alfred Mutua, has put a lot of money in agriculture sector and in water department so that we can come up with many sources of water. Mr. Speaker, you were in the same group, we were in the same group with you and in each and every kibbutz, Mr. Speaker, there was a borehole. Mr. Speaker, our Government is going to drill 800 boreholes in our County and, Mr. Speaker, it is through my advice because I visited Israel and I know how they came up with this project of agriculture and it is a success.

Mr. Speaker, I would say, we did not just go out to squander money as it has been said by many constitutional bodies, starting with TA, the body headed by Sarah Serem and others, Mr. Speaker. I can boast that our County did not waste any money because we have put in place what we learnt in Israel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I would wish that, when funds are available, Mr. Speaker, that committee of agriculture can visit another country where they are doing well in agricultural sector. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes Hon. Kamitu

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My contribution Mr. Speaker, Sir, is just to echo what our Majority Leader has said and this embarks on immediately we get the money we should now go down in the field, implement especially the greenhouses that the Government or

our County Government is supposed to buy for us so that we may be seem to be doing exactly what we learnt in Israel because in essence, what Majority Leader, Hon. Joshua has said, it will be of no use if we are not going to make use of the technologies that we saw and now that the Government has bought the big machines for us, we have now the machines to construct dams.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you are aware, we are about to get the the big lorries for drilling boreholes, so what I am emphasizing is that we should go down in the field so that we may have food security in our County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Before we proceed, let us hear the mover of the motion. The Chairperson Agriculture, you did not take us through the report and assumed that everybody has read through in the website?

Hon. Muli: Mr. Speaker, the way the report is, it is very interesting. I believe every Member learnt the report through the website. I have passion on what I saw in Israel and this is why Mr. Speaker, I raised my hand only to contribute because by that time I was not a Chairperson but a very active member. Now, just contributing as an active member by that time, Mr. Speaker, related to what I saw in Israel, if it can be implemented here in our County, it can be of a great issue. Mr. Speaker, and I bear the evidence that in (*inaudible*) Institute where we went to learn about the pests and fungicide control, I got the techniques, being a farmer, on how some of the pests are being controlled in Israel.

I came and practiced it here and, Mr. Speaker, being not aware that, the biggest melon of 18 Kgs which were in the show was from my farm. Having practiced that technology of controlling the pests and also with additions of fertilizer and spray, total control and I got the technique from Israel where I went. Mr. Speaker, now being as a chairman---

Hon. Speaker: Maybe for clarity, which show? Maybe the Machakos show or the International Show?

Hon. Muli: Machakos Show. I went even, the customer who bought, the farmers who were presenting the melon exhibit, bought that melon in my farm. Mr. Speaker, also on issues of farms, the dairy farming which I saw in Israel, and if it can be practiced here in our County, having the places as warm and we have plenty of water, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Sorry can we have the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

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Hon. Kavuu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: (*Addressing Hon. Muli*) When a point of order is being raised, Hon. Member, you take your seat.

Hon. Kavuu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am surprised because when I look at the House, almost all the Members have gone out. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it seems as if some Members are just coming to sign the book. I would request Mr. Speaker, Sir, the register should be brought after we finish the business of the House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, point noted. Your contribution, yes.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): On that point, Mr. Speaker, we know our political persuasions and Mr. Speaker one side of political persuasions is the one which is behaving the way Hon. Kavuu is putting it. Mr. Speaker, there is no point of a Member just coming in, in order to register and then you leave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much proceed.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving more time to discuss. Mr. Speaker, out of the dairy farm which I saw at Kibbutz where dairy cows which could produce more than 60 litres per day, if that one can be practiced here whereby the climate condition in Israel is also favorable here and it responds to Machakos County climate, it could be of great help. We may have our farm which produces milk and apart from our County we can also exceed our markets to the other counties and we provide them with milk. Mr. Speaker, now being the Chairman, this is why now I am of great help that I am pushing for the tractors to go to the wards of these Members so that they can furrow and prepare the land because we need now to get competitive on what we saw in Israel.

Mr. Speaker, having been assured that, now as the Majority has said, we shall have about 800 boreholes and also about the water preservation and water harvesting are the prior priority which we have kept our interest in. This issue will have reached the standards of the farming and we practice the modern practice in drip irrigation which we saw in Israel. Mr. Speaker, if it was my wish and also your wish, as this Committee of Agriculture is coming up and implementing very important issues which can uplift the standards of this County, it is my request if that

committee and also visit another agricultural site so that we can learn more and more to practice about the agriculture. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much Hon. Geoffery.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Being a member of agriculture, I traveled to Israel and Mr. Speaker, Sir, we learnt a lot. After travelling all the way to Israel, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I went back to my ward and I started some practices pertaining agriculture so that the people I represent to see whatever I have seen in Israel to see in my farms. Mr. Speaker, Sir, after travelling all the way to Israel I have implemented the farming of tissue culture bananas and also I have started grafting the avocado trees so as the people of Kathiani to see what I learnt in Israel to learn in my farm. Mr. Speaker, Sir, mine is to urge these Hon. Members of this Assembly to add more funds in agriculture so that as we go to the wards, we call our people and educate them on how to farm in their farm because, Mr. Speaker, Sir, our people I think they lack education.

They have the farm. When we compare our size and the size of Israel, we see our size is more better and more important than the size we saw in Israel but the production in Israel we saw that it is very much higher than the production we have in Machakos. So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, mine is to urge this Hon. Members and through the executive, to come together so as to educate our people in our wards so as to learn and to give them whatever we learnt in Israel to give them those ideas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, thank you very much. I confirm I went to your farm. That is nice.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support and urge Members to adopt this report for agriculture. Mr. Speaker, I never went to Israel between those two trips but Mr. Speaker, learning from what we have in Kenya like the KARI research stations, I have been to the KARI research station and I understand what is in Israel is equally what is in the KARI station and, Mr. Speaker, as we talk, when you want to have the best cows with a lot of milk, you go to Masii.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am requesting that this Hon. House, and the Members that when we are going back and maybe when we are going to trips outside, we go to trips outside and come back with the knowledge and implement what we saw in those countries. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to ask the Chairman of Agriculture, who is my friend, next time to invite me to travel to Israel. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. I am sure you will be included. Let us hear Hon. Rachel

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Mr. Speaker, mine is very different. I was invited to go to Israel, and I have good news that my visit to Israel, more of it was on visiting the sites associating with Jesus Christ and I was able to share the good news with 10 churches and the doubting Thomases in those Churches believe that Jesus is real and he was born and died and went to heaven and many people have now strong faith that, Jesus Christ will come back again.

Knowing that Mlolongo/Syokimau Ward is not a farming zone, I was able now to deliver what I learnt in Israel even though most of them they travel back to their homes, I explained to them what we learnt but majority in Churches, they even followed me just to touch my clothes because I was where Jesus Christ was. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. It cannot be better said. Let us hear Hon. Mutuku. I do not know whether he has touched Hon. Rachel's clothes.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you. I would like also to say I was not lucky to be invited to Israel---

Hon. Speaker: But you were lucky to touch her clothes.

(Laughter)

Proceed.

Hon. M. Mutuku: I would like the new Chairperson also to consider inviting me also. However, what is practiced in Israel, is the same thing as what my colleague has said what is practiced in KARI and what we need to summarize, is to say in Israel, they do not rely so much on rain meaning rain is not everything. Agriculture can best be done in absence of the rain whereby we can actually utilize the rivers we have and also we can sink boreholes because when we rely on rain alone, that is where many farmers go wrong because they plant when there is rain, then unfortunately because you cannot control rain, it is controlled by God, they always lose at the end if it happens it does not rain.

The other issue Mr. Speaker, I can comment is in line with the Mr. Speaker, Sir, because I know we have the new Chairperson and also we have also our Majority Leader here, for the group which never went, kindly let it be considered next time. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I do not know whether you are within order or out of order. Let us hear majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for according me this second chance. Mr. Speaker, when I was contributing on this trip of agriculture, to Israel, I left out the faith issue, Mr. Speaker. But Mr. Speaker, contrary to what Hon. Rachel has said, I would not advice those with weak faith, Mr. Speaker, to travel all the way to Israel because they will return here without none. Mr. Speaker, the reason of saying this is because only four per cent of the population of Israel believe in Christianity, Mr. Speaker. The others are still waiting for the Messiah to come.

Mr. Speaker that is why on starting Friday noon, all the evening, all the night to Saturday evening they go where Solomon had built this biggest Church where we have the remnant of the that Church which was destroyed by the Romans, there is only one remaining wall, the Wailing Wall and you find them there crying on banging on the wall waiting for their Messiah to come Mr. Speaker. So, I do not think it is a good advice for Christians to travel all the way to Israel because some may lose their faith. Mr. Speaker, I almost lost my faith and I am a staunch Christian, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for that. Yes let us go on.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I happened to be on the trip to Israel and you notice that big percent of the Israel county is desert and they have managed to transform their country to be agricultural destination and Mr. Speaker I am urging, because we should start our own Kibbutz here in Machakos as you understand that we have a livestock range which has been lying idle for many years which has some of acreage of land here so maybe I can send the Majority Leader to talk to the Governor so that the National Government can give us the land which we understand they have only remained with five cows. So, we can talk to them and they can give us the land. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. That is a very brilliant point. Thank you very much. Have we exhausted the matter? Finally we can hear Hon. Munyaka.

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I got a chance to go to Israel although I am not a member of agriculture and what I found is, Mr. Speaker, Sir, that we request our Excellency that is the Governor Dr. Alfred Mutua to find an investor to come to Machakos County and build a factory for manufacturing drip pipes because we are short of those. If you happen to go to Nairobi you will find they are a bit expensive and when I went to Israel I found every tree has a drip, every tree in Israel has a drip.

So, if we happen to have every maize plant has a drip, we shall succeed. Again, I found that tissue culture bananas have drips. So, I tried to make learn what I learnt at Israel and now I have planted around 700 tissue culture bananas. Again, I went where we found some fish farming and I got some experience although food for fish is a bit expensive in Machakos and I have now tried to dig around two Athi dams for fish and Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know next if we have a canteen here, I will be in a better place to supply fish. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Very good contribution but it appears that it only benefited you. Did it benefit your people? The Speaker demands some clarity. How did it benefit the people you represent in this House?

Hon. Nzeki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. What I understand, my people will benefit in this because we have the department of water which is headed by Mr. Chairperson, Hon. Muli. We have to sink many boreholes, you find in Machakos why fish is not doing well is because there is no water because our Excellency has told us there will be water in Machakos, I will decide to talk to my people then they have fish ponds. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Proceed. Next report.

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ESAMI, ARUSHA

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the budget appropriation and PIC and PAC Committee Members travelled to Arusha, Tanzania to study program based budgeting at East and Southern Africa Management Institute, the short course was of great support to the 2014/2015 budget process. Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the County Government has adopted program-based budgeting for 2014/2015 budget financial year, that identifies the development project to be implemented and the recurrent budget expenditure item, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House considers and approves the report on the education trip to East and Southern

Africa Management Institute (ESAMI), Arusha, Tanzania, as presented by the budget and appropriation and PIC and PAC committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: We need to proceed and present the report.

Hon. (Ms.) R. Nduku: Report of the Budget And Appropriation Committee on Education Trip To East And Southern Africa Management Institute, Arusha, Tanzania

Preamble

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the budget and appropriation committee is one of the select committees established under Standing Order No. 187, and has the mandate to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Public Finance Management Act stipulates that the County Government budget for 2014/2015 to be program-based budget to ensure that Hon. Committee Members and staff deliver quality with efficiency and effectively. The committee went ahead to engage both staff and committee Members of both budget and appropriation and public accounts committee to study on program-based budgeting at East and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI). Program-based budgeting is a new tool in budgeting undertaken across the country, the base for monitoring County Revenue and expenditure budget.

Members Present

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following are the members of the two committees who attended the short course on program budgeting at ESAMI Arusha, Tanzania from 17th to 20th March, 2014;

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| 1. Hon. Isaac Muinde | - Chairman |
| 2. Hon. (Ms.) Rachael Nduku | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Charles Mutisya | - Member |
| 4. Hon. Renson Muthiani | “ |
| 5. Hon. John Sila | “ |
| 6. Hon. Sammy Nduva | “ |
| 7. Hon. Willy Kasimu | “ |
| 8. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi | “ |
| 9. Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mutune | “ |

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| 10. Hon. Joseph Kalunde | - Chairman PIC and PAC |
| 11. Hon. Michael Mutua | - Vice Chairman PIC and PAC |
| 12. Hon. Joseph Muli | - Member |
| 13. Hon. Bernard Mung'ata | - Speaker, County Assembly |

Staff Members

1. Mathew Muange
2. Sarah Mwania
3. Evelyn Kimote
4. Benson Mulinge
5. Rebecca Mutua
6. Monica Musyoka
7. Sylvester Nzangi
8. Luiza Kamau
9. Nancy Wangai
10. Jonathan Mulatya
11. Susan Kanini
12. Theresia Muinde
13. Nicholas Kitonga

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee attended East and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI) in Arusha Tanzania, to study Program-Based Budgeting for implementation in the Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Mr. Speaker Sir, the areas of study covered were;

1. Implementing program based budgeting.
2. Features of a budget fiscal strategy paper.
3. Challenges of program budgeting.
4. Program Performance Budgeting and Devolved Budgeting.
5.(inaudible) of Government Budgeting and devolved budgeting.
7. Designing and implementing program performance budgeting.
8. Decentralized and devolved budgeting.
9. Leadership and policy implementation.
10. Work-life- balance.
11. Personal financial management.
12. Interest rate factors for financial mathematics.

Mr. Speaker Sir, all Hon. Members and staff who attended the program based Budgeting short course were awarded with certificates for Best Practices in the Implementation of Program Based Budget for Machakos County, presided over by the Governor of Machakos County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the short course study was most fruitful for this County following successful implementation of the program based budget for this fiscal year 2014/2015 budget. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much the report is laid. Let us have arguments in support of the report. Hon. Mutuku---

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. It happened I was one of the invited members who attended the seminar at Arusha and I would like to say all the Members who were there, were in a position to acquire knowledge in line with program-based budget. They were also in a position to enquire the knowledge in line with the advantages of the program budgeting and disadvantages of line budgeting which has been used for the last year by the National Government and by the County Government. More so, Hon. Members, we were also in a position to know budget-making has a life cycle and there is no way we can store because the Government has to continue.

Therefore, members who were there, they actually realized there are timelines in budget implementation also. Over and above that, we were told or we acquired knowledge about fiscal strategy paper, when it is prepared and we realize it is the first thing that should be done before the budget starts. Over and above that, we were taught about leadership skills so as MCAs and Hon. Members we are in a position to know how we are supposed to know to lead our people and because we were told we were given knowledge about different types of leadership.

Over and above that, during the seminar we were taught about politics and budget and how they interfere with the budget we want to implement like the way the challenges you can see we are also facing because of some Hon. Members being not co-operative. Over and above that, Hon. Members who went there they were in a position to know PIC and PAC they have to work hand in hand with budget in line with the correcting, in line with advising and all that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, thank you very much. Yes, maybe we have a Member in support of that. We have not heard your voice the Chairperson of legal committee.

Hon. Itumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. It is true that you have not heard my voice. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have come late but I have read the script, I do support Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, yes Hon. Munyao at the back, Geoffrey Munyao.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mine in support of this document because as I have gone through this document I have learnt that the Hon. Members who went to Tanzania they had a lot to learn. Mine it is a concern to this Hon. House to look to the other Hon. Members who did not go to Tanzania to have a sitting somewhere so that whatever these Hon. Members discussed in Tanzania they come to Hon. Members so as to achieve whatever they are achieved when they were in Tanzania because this document, when I went through this document I realized this is a matter of all Members of this House not necessarily the Members of PIC and PAC. So, I urge this Hon. Members through the Chairman of budget to have a sitting with all Hon. Members to educate them on this matters they went through the in Tanzania. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Yes, let us hear, we have not heard.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, although I was not among the members who travelled to Arusha, I do understand the previous budget which was done---

Hon. Speaker: For the sake of the HANSARD, please begin with your name.

Hon. R. Mutuku: I am Hon. Raphael Mutuku, Member of Machakos County Assembly.

Hon. Speaker: We have heard.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the previous budget when budgeting was done in line of line budgeting, the specific projects that were allocated were not specified. In program-based budget Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do understand that the projects that are being allocated money will be specified. At least we can point areas where money has been..... (*inaudible*). Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do urge the budget committee to ensure, leave alone this year, the coming year 2015/2016, the same program-based budgeting is used for us to increase efficiency in budgeting process. Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much that is a very good contribution. Hon. Kamitu

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Once again Mr. Speaker, Sir, my emphasis will be because the budget and Appropriation Committee is a very important committee within the Assembly and for that sake, we are really urging the budget and appropriation Committee, as you remember during our time of interrogation of the budget to the different committees or departments within our County Assembly, we were requesting that the Budget and Appropriation Committee should monitor, especially the implementation part of all the departments.

You remember we were also during the interrogation we were talking about the quarterly reports of how the budget is going to be utilized. So, my emphasis should also go on the real utilization of the money budgeted for every department so that we may be able to monitor, implement and see exactly how the money is being utilized towards our aim of developing our County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutune: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to say that, this short course was useful to us especially those who are from the PAC Committee. The knowledge we acquired during that session was poorly utilized or well implemented during the 2014/2015 budget making process which we had two weeks ago. So, I look upon to such training in future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. That is very good. Yes.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I got a chance also to attend to that seminar which was of a great help to me. First and foremost, I learnt about the co-operation which was made by the Members who went to that seminar. In fact Mr. Speaker, we were very much time conscious and we were taken through from morning session up to evening totally being educated and catching up on issues of implementation of the budget that is implementation of program- based on budget. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is my believe if such seminar could be attended combined by Hon. Members and the staff being serious the way that seminar was, it could be of great help of this County and also as per person.

The time Mr. Speaker, I came from ESAMI, that is Tanzania, I also created passion in line of finance, in line of calculating mathematics which are concerned with budgeting. Mr. Speaker, through informal meetings, I came to understand also our staff members gained a lot and they got much of the experience and every Member was given a certificate. It added value in my CV because there is certificate that I got from ESAMI having total experience in finance, mathematics.

Therefore, it is for my request, if it could be possible for the budget committee and also PIC and PAC to prepare another seminar for ESAMI for other Members and the staffs who did not attend and also because of furthering on that line of education, I be invited also. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Finally, we can have final remarks from the Majority Leader. Maybe you can tell the House the position on capacity-building. Is there need for further allocation of funds for foreign travel? You need to---

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Tell us the position.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): I think the best person to comment on that is the Chairperson of budget and in his absence we have the Vice Chairperson, Mr. Speaker. I do not want to comment on issues of budget Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I insist you have to handle this. What is the position of the Government on what is already appearing everywhere in the press that---

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Mr. Speaker, on capacity-building, we have only done one percent. We need to do more, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, very much. In conclusion, unless there is anybody with any contrary opinion that the report dated 4th July, 2014 and presented by the Vice-Chairperson Hon. Rachel Nduku be adopted as a report of the House.

(Question put and agreed to)

Then the report is duly adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other business then the House adjourns for the week and I urge that you enjoy happy weekend. Thank you and have a good afternoon.

The House rose at 3.38 p.m.