

**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY****OFFICIAL REPORT****Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014**

The House met at 2.59 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nganga) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon Members, I have two communications to do today.**COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR MACHAKOS**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We have received candidates who were interviewed to be members of County Land Management Board for Machakos, vide letter Ref. No: MCG/OCS/012/08/2014 dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 from the County Secretary and another letter Ref. no NLC/GEN/ADM dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 from the Chairman, National Land Commission; the Governor of Machakos forwarding the list of the candidates. Honorable Members the candidates have been interviewed as per the law and I hereby forward the report to the relevant committee for further action.

**MACHAKOS COUNTY FINANCE BILL, 2014**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** We have received Machakos County Finance Bill 2014 with a proposed amendment from the Executive Committee Member of Finance by letter Ref. No: MCG/B/2014-2015 Vol. 1(6). The amendments were proposed in the following items: -

- i) Single business permits and amendments
- ii) Fees and charges schedule

I hereby commit the Bill to the relevant committee for further interrogation. Thank you. Next.

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS****POLLUTION BY INDUSTRIES IN ATHI RIVER TOWNSHIP**

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker and the entire house. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon house discusses the activities by the industries within Athi River Township which are polluting the environment and causing health hazards to residents and measures need to be taken to alleviate the problems. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

#### MACHAKOS COUNTY CALENDAR OF ATHLETICS

**Hon. Katela:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to give a notice of the following motion: that this house discusses and approves the Machakos county calendar of athletics for our teams of county staff from each sub county to compete at county level to select an athletics team for Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games which take place in the month of July every year. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Proceed

#### MOTIONS

##### POLLUTION BY INDUSTRIES IN ATHI RIVER TOWNSHIP

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move a motion that this house discusses the pollution by industries in Athi River Township. Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that Athi River town is growing at a very fast rate; aware that there are many industries that are coming up; aware that the activities of industries producing poisonous gases and further aware that the gases are affecting the health of the residents of Mavoko Township; aware that the industries need to comply with NEMA regulations on health and further aware that the same industries have employed residents of Mavoko, Machakos County who are not adequately provided with protective gear, I wish to move a motion that this house discusses the pollution activities of factories or industries in Athi River township in a bid to formulate a regulation to regulate and reduce the effects of pollution with the residents at Mavoko Township and the entire Mavoko sub county.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you are aware, the industries which are in Athi River really improve the economic growth and the economic development both for the county and for the entire country. We also need still to be very conscious with the effects the industries are creating or are causing to the residents of Machakos County and in particular to the residents of Athi River. Mr. Speaker sir as I speak now, there are so many negative impacts which have been caused by the pollution. We have many pollution related ailments or illnesses, notably tuberculosis and heart diseases within the residents of Mavoko sub county.

Over and above that Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have an unpleasant smell which all of you honorable members will bear me witness that when you are passing through Athi River, you will always actually smell it. Mr. Speaker sir, we also have some other companies with retrogressive

behavior whereby they divert factory effluents to natural water courses, that is Athi River. Therefore Mr. Speaker sir, it's high time this honorable house discusses the way forward in line with controlling or having a regulation like a county regulation board to regulate the factories causing pollution in Athi River. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to call upon honorable Kalunde for the secondment of the motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

**Hon. Kalunde:** Mr. Speaker, it is true that Athi River is the industrial hub of Machakos County and for sure when passing through Athi River you can smell a lot of funny smells so Mr. Speaker, it is important that this house discusses the way these factories which are in Athi River can organize ways of reducing the smell which is emitted by the gases which they produce in the factory. Therefore Mr. Speaker, I stand to second the motion.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I now invite debate ... Yes Hon Muinde.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First I want to congratulate the Hon Member Michael Mutuku for this kind of a motion and as I contribute to this motion, it's a known fact that Mavoko Sub-County is the bread basket for this county in terms of wealth creation and in terms of offering employment to many of our people in this county and even beyond.

But Mr. Speaker the issue of pollution to river Athi goes even beyond the emissions from the factories in Mavoko. I want to say that even sewerage from Nairobi is directed to river Athi. Mr. Speaker, when you go down to Fourteen Falls, you find white swans flying down there because of pollution of that river. As you go down to river Athi you may notice dead fish in the river and the water is not just water, it is green, it is dark; it's actually dirty water. It smells even down as you go to Mwala.

Mr. Speaker, I want to believe that early last year, the Senate discussed this motion and it is actually very timely for this county because this is a river that transverses across this county down to the coast. I would suggest Mr. Speaker that this house forms an ad-hoc committee to go down and gather enough information including professional advice and even the contents of the water now because I want to believe the zinc levels are very high. You can imagine this is the source of water for the downstream communities.

They have no other source of water especially when you go down to Mwala area before the river crosses to Kitui County. Mr. Speaker this ad-hoc committee will be able to bring a better report to this house and as a way, we can lobby the Senate again and the National Assembly so that together we can be able to arrest this. I want to believe that if this county got enough funding, we could be able to construct dams along this river especially areas like Kilimambogo, Kyanzave area and Mwala where we can have enough water to be pumped to all the other sub-counties of Machakos, including Machakos town itself which does not have water yet the second largest river traverses our county.

So Mr. Speaker, I want to say this is a nice motion I support it but I want to believe that by forming a smaller committee, a better thorough job can be done and this house can also lobby not only the parliamentarians but also other interest groups so that with one voice we can create awareness of the kind of pollution that is being emitted to this river and we can also tame the factories to comply with NEMA laws or any other necessary law so that we can protect this river and that the river can be a source of clean water for our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa. Any other member willing to contribute? Yes, member for Katangi?

**Hon. Ngui:** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to support this motion in totality and maybe to know from the mover of the motion, what are the relevant county bodies of health doing about the pollution that is happening in Mavoko sub-county? As we discuss this motion we need to---

**Hon. Nduva:** It is not in Athi River only but in most of our wards. Mr. Speaker, as we cross Athi River, the smell will tell you something good is not happening. My position, Mr. Speaker, in this same motion will be, as Hon. Muinde has proposed that a committee should be set to investigate and give recommendations of what is happening in Athi River.

Together with that, Mr. Speaker, I also urge your hon. chair that, the Committee on Planning, which is mandated to planning of towns, to visit all the towns because if you go round to our county towns, pollution is not only in factories where emission of gas and these pollution from bigger factories, but Mr. Speaker, to set a direction in our county including Machakos City by itself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon Kathinzi.

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I do stand here to support this motion with the amendment that we include other areas even in the roads which we are making now. Because we understand that our chairman for budget committee has stated we are also facing the same challenge in the rivers which are crisscrossing our county.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to indicate that, even when we are talking about factories which are in Mavoko, we do also have some roads which have been made by the county. These roads are extremely very dusty. There are some places where you find that a road is passing somewhere; the families which are near those areas are daily going to seek for medication.

So therefore I do totally agree with these and say that a remedy should be made and I suggest that we form a committee which can be able to meet the NEMA people, so that they can indicate to us what are they doing about pollution. So therefore, I do support totally. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Geoffrey Munyao.

**Hon. Munyao:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First of all, I am going to congratulate the Hon. Member for Mavoko for this motion and Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think this motion, when you look clearly in Machakos county you see most areas, the government of Machakos has failed because it has not shown this factories and the market where they have to dispose this waste. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, before we proceed in whatever we are doing, I think it is good to indicate the areas of disposal of waste and sewer. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Peter Nzoka.

**Hon. Nzoka:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would also like to support this motion with amendment to capture the Athi River. Apart from the smell they are talking of, we have metal which is dangerous than that sewage. Like the Athi River here, factories are emitting metals to the river. We have fish there. There was a time there when was a Councilor, there was some fish which was tested and it contained metal and we eat that fish and that automatically causes cancer.

We have a river in Nairobi, when you are crossing to Mater Misericordiae hospital. It emits water, you can see oil. That is metal. So it is total pollution. We need to have some people with the knowledge of the area. Me I have gone along that river. It also touches Kyeleni ward very much almost half of the Kyeleni and also half of my ward down.

Even when Athi River is going to Katangi, you can see the water is clean but it has metal which is very dangerous. So this is very serious and I think there are some committees. We have the County Environmental officers of Machakos County, Nairobi County, Kitui County and I think there is something they are pushing on and also I wrote to NEMA. They are saying they are doing something. We need to visit those offices and see how far they have gone.

This is also something that has been discussed by senate and also in Parliament and what is causing this entire problem, is the design which was done those years back and was for pure population. The population has increased and nothing has been adjusted, so the problem we are facing is the design. We need to re-design, so as to capture the growing population. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon Muli.

**Hon. Muli:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the issue of pollution which I support in totality. Before I do my contribution, I would like to remind Hon Chairman of Planning, Hon. Nduva that this is an issue of environment with the Chairman of Agriculture. Not the issue of Planning.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of pollution which has been presented by Hon. Member from Athi River, needs to be taken under affirmative action. Sure enough, Athi River being our source of income of Machakos but has been totally under pollution. Pungent smell appears by when you go to Athi River and you sense the oxygen is not conducive for human existence within the area.

Sure enough Mr. Speaker, within that area, that is why you find, and I bear witness from the Hon. from Athi River. You can't get high population of elderly people from Athi River due to that effect of pollution which cannot enable human life to exist up to 60 years.

Also it has gone to an extent of polluting river Athi which is our main stream of agriculture and also getting clean water. Along the wards where River Athi has passed, Mr. Speaker, you find high percentage of disability will appear. Also you find Mr. Speaker; reports of diarrhoea will be reported along that river and it affects the issue of the old Machakos County.

Therefore, I support the hon. member, who has the point of an *ad-hoc* committee, to be formed, and let it be in conjunction with other departments which have expertise of the pollution so that the issue of pollution which has total impact in Machakos County, can be eliminated. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support that point in totality.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Thomas Kasoa. Point of information. Yes.

**Hon. Muinde:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to just give information. Mr. Speaker, I did indicate, and the members who have spoken after me are on the same stream, that with the consent that we form an *ad hoc* committee, and before we go that way Mr. Speaker. I want to let you know that it will be important that this important motion be directed to the committee of Agriculture, Natural Resources so that from that committee level, the *ad hoc* committee can be made and perhaps----- the mover of the motion is not a member of this committee, so that they can also use expert knowledge from experts on environmental matters. If a member stands here and purports to give us information that even in Athi River there are no old people, where is the source of data? Is there enough research that can be tabled in this house to show that people in Athi River are of less age because they are dying from this river? Another member said that, the fish are dying because of metal. Do we have enough evidence based on research?

So Mr. Speaker, if we form this committee, this committee can even engage consultants who are experts in matters of environment, so that we can present to this house a well-researched document, which can now be debated in this house, based on the information we get. And then from there, Mr. Speaker, we can engage other interested groups, the civil society, those who care about the environment and even the parliament. You realize as a county, we may not be able to do a lot, but if we engage the national parliament, because it involves Nairobi County also, we can really lobby.

It is a major thing. It is a massive programme that we need to do, through engaging the public. So, Mr. Speaker, I would wish that, instead of talking and talking over this motion and find that at the end we may not have a solution, a smaller committee has always been known to do a better job. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Thomas Kasoa

**Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa):** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support this motion and I concur with the Chairman for Budget. This motion should be directed to the

relevant committee. As you are aware Mr. Speaker, river Athi cuts across all the way from Athi River town, all the way to Mwala. And five years ago in my ward, we lost around five people who died of cholera. So it is very important that we come with a kind of legislation to curb this. So I support that the relevant committee should go on a fact finding mission, so that we can know and visit many areas and report about this to the assembly. I support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon Ngunzi

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to support the Chairman on budget on issues that this motion is a bit technical and we cannot go guessing what impact the pollution that is in Athi River is causing to the residents and downstream the river Athi. I happen to come from Kibauni ward that traverses that border, to be precise, and the River Athi and is the source of clean drinking water to the population and so are Wamunyu and Mwala.

Now, I have always been afraid that, at one particular point in time, in the year, towards September, October, fish in the river died. And we keep drinking the water. That water is taken raw by those who live along the River. Those who do not live along the river, drink the water after it has been treated. Nobody has tested that cleaned water because chlorinating the water is not enough.

So I still believe that we can get a team as members have proposed, get the waters tested. I am actually mindful of the people downstream than the air pollution. It could smell bad or foul but it could not be causing any impacts on the health of the people. But that water that goes polluted downstream should be tested raw in the river. Tested after being treated because if you go to Kibauni water treatment plant or Wamunyu water treatment plant and see the dirt that comes from the water after it has been treated, you will have a question on the water that is being claimed to have been cleaned.

Nobody has tested that water and we have taken it for long and it could be impacting negatively on our people. So, this is a timely motion and Mr. Speaker, we request that you put us on a committee that will take some time not a committee that will take just a few days and come here with a report. It must take time to go looking to the details, to the impact of the pollution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Yes hon. Chief Whip, before we call the mover of the motion to respond.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, many and very important issues have been raised by the mover and I stand here to congratulate him because of this important motion. I just wanted to add some information in regard to what has been said about Athi river and Mavoko township, where out rightly, pollution within Mavoko township is very eminent and my further information would be, just to tell the members, apart from the Mavoko township, where the pollution is very high, I would also like to bring the attention of our Hon Members that, downstream, in regard to Athi River.

Anybody who has got a geographical knowledge of Nairobi will know that most of the tributaries of Athi River, cross the Nairobi city, down to all the slums within Mathare, to Athi river and again in reference to all the tributaries alongside Langata lead to the main Athi River. So I am saying, most of the tributaries of river Athi are heavily polluted.

There are a lot of toxins. So we are saying, as most of the members have mentioned, the committee concerned should come up with a smaller committee and sincerely do the necessary so that we may save our brothers who are in the downstream alongside the river Athi. Thank you very much, so I stand to support this very important motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Michael Mutuku.

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me first thank the hon. members, for enormously supporting my motion. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon Member, from Katangi ward requested to know the relevant bodies or boards which are concerned with pollution within Kenya and within Machakos County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, one of the bodies is NEMA, National Environment Management Authority, the other one is WARMA- Water Resource Management Authority and Mr. Speaker, Sir, those two bodies as you are aware, were formed under the act of parliament, they belong to the national government.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, they have been doing nothing as far as controlling or mitigating pollution within Mavoko Sub county. Mr. Speaker, Sir, in spirit of devolution, it is the high time the County takes initiative in line with mitigating or controlling and protecting its wananchi, for being actually affected by those effluents or those pollutants.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, having said that, I would like to say, when the *ad hoc* committee is formed, it is also very important, as they will be undertaking a research related to the same, they need to also enjoin the compliance of the safety and protective gear of those employees who are working in those companies.

As you are aware, many companies like those who are producing cement. They don't provide the employees with protective gear. Even those who are doing metal works, they don't. So you realize in employed work for three to four years, then the company advises the employee you cannot continue working with us, you need to go home.

When that employee goes home, he cannot stay home for two to three years, he passes away. So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me say in line with my opinion, I do support and second the issue of the *ad hoc* committee which has been proposed by the hon. member, who is in charge of the budget committee. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I would want to put the question that the house adopts the motion, so that the matter can be referred to the Committee responsible. Under Standing Order 190, we split the committees on Agriculture and Cooperative Development in to two and there was a new committee on Environment Land and Energy and Natural resources and I am informed that, this Committee on Selection has not done its bit.



So I take this early opportunity to urge the responsible members to move with speed, and make sure that those Committees are functionally formed and therefore, the matter will be referred to the Committee as earlier constituted. So therefore, I put the question that, those in support of this said motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The matter is in the hands of the house and is referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Land, Energy and Natural Resources from within which the Chairman together with his members will constitute a smaller committee that shall dwell into the issues that have been raised by the members and bring us a progress report in not more than a month, so that we may be able to follow it up.

And at the same note, I take this opportunity also to urge all other chairpersons of committees that have matters pending before their committees to make sure that the matters are dispensed off within the scheduled time. Realize bills and motions have time frame. Next motion.

#### MACHAKOS COUNTY CALENDAR OF ATHLETICS

**Hon. Katela:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that Kenya Inter-County Sports and Cultural Association (KICOSCA) games were held on 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, this year in Nakuru County, and aware that the games constitute competition in music, soccer, basketball, darts, pool table, squash, tug of war, netball, ajua and athletics, and aware that Machakos County presented teams in all disciplines except in athletics which had very minimal representation and further aware that our county is home to great athletes, Mr. Speaker, Sir, also aware that there is a lot of talent in all our sub counties, I wish to move the motion that, this hon. house discusses and approves Machakos county calendar of athletics to have teams of county staff from each sub-county to compete at county level to select athletics teams for KICOSCA games especially in the month of July every year.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as every member is aware that most counties are reaping a lot of money from athletics where by most of their people even fly out to compete, and aware that we have a lot of youths lying idle at our sub county level and at our ward levels, I also beg this house to include such youths so that they can participate and nurture their talents and also promote the good name of our county.

I call upon Hon. Raphael to support my motion. Thank you.

**Hon. R. Mutuku:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here to second the motion that this house discusses and approves sub-county sports calendar of Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as we are aware, most of the people who are rich in our country are rich because of sports. And most of our people, especially the youth, have talents, which we need to tap into a purpose that will assist our people and also avoid situations where most of our youths are idle. They do not have anything they are doing and that is the reason why most of the youth are involving themselves in drug abuse.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge this house to discuss and approve the sub-county sports calendar for Machakos County so that we can engage these youths and avoid misuse of leisure time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Yes Hon. Kathinzi

**Hon. Kathinzi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I appreciate for seeing my hand. I would like to inform Mr. Speaker, that this house does not have enough quorum to proceed. Therefore, as you can see, seats are empty and I am worried whether we need to proceed with this motion. Maybe we can break for 30 minutes or until tomorrow morning. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** OK. Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum. Yes Hon. Mutuku.

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think the minimum requirement is 10.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, you have been called to debate the motion, not to about the quorum.

**Hon. M. Mutuku:** I thought I am contributing to the motion. Ok. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, Sir. Thank you for correcting me. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to make my own contribution, in line with the motion which is on the floor of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, being county No. 1, we need to be county number one in everything. So it is very important to plan because there is a saying which says, 'failing to plan is planning to fail.' So we need to plan how we need to be having those competitions such that a budget of the same can be done in advance.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we also need, planning will also help develop the youths and the citizens of Machakos County for the competition. Because as you are aware, those are parts of careers, for those who participate, some of them end up making a living out of those competitions.

So Mr. Speaker, I think it is high time for this house to come up with itinerary of those events such that when the time comes, the competitors will be well prepared to compete with other counties. With those few remarks, thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Muthesya.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the motion. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, talent is a God-given thing and talent is where we get our sportsmen, it is where we get our cultural men and women and it is important that we tap the talent in our young men.

We have a lot of wealth in the talent of these people, so Mr. Speaker, I support that we have a calendar that will guide this young people in to tapping the talents in them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Yes, what is your point of order, Hon. Ngunzi.

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Mr. Speaker, I think we are discussing the wrong thing that this motion is asking us to discuss and approve a calendar that is not here. A sports calendar, I thought we were looking at something like, when do we start at the sub location level, when do they compete at the location level, go up and see what kind of a calendar are we looking at, because it is not here. We are not being asked to look at the merits and demerits of having sportsmen and women and the activities in the county, if I am not wrong, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, your point of order taken. Hon. Felix.

**Hon. Ngui:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for seeing my hand, I have been raising my hand on the same concern. That Mr. Speaker, this motion is requesting us to discuss and approve a calendar that we do not have, again, Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a hon. house and I don't think we should be coming here to make itineraries of games. This is the work of the ministry. So Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, can you give us guidance on this. I want to understand that. This is work to be done by the ministry not the house. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Nzeki.

**Hon. Nzeki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to get a clarification from the mover of the motion, whether the sports are done by the employees of the county or by non-employees. But what I understand is, the sports are done by the employees of the county. If you happen to go down to the sub location, you might only get one person who is working in the county. If you go to ward, you might find only two guys who are working in the county.

So Mr. Speaker, Sir, it means that, this calendar is already set. The calendar is still there. Hon. Speaker, the point of order raised by hon. Ngunzi needs to be substantiated and the member concerned with the motion needs to outline the objectives of the motion at hand. So Hon. Katela, what did you aim to achieve?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. The point of order raised by Hon. Ngunzi needs to be substantiated and the member concerned with the motion needs to outline the objectives of the motion at hand. So Hon. Katela, what did you aim to achieve with your motion..

**Hon. Katela:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think there is a language problem with some of the members, I am sorry. Because when you say a calendar, it might be set or it can be set later. On what I am proposing, hon. Ngunzi is, this house approves a budget for such game because I accompanied these athletes,

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Point of order taken. Let us hear Hon. Ngunzi.

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Mr. Speaker, we are being asked to discuss and approve a calendar. We should see what we are being told to approve. Where is it? He should not tell us we approve, and then they go come up with a calendar. Can we see it or we drop the motion all together, Mr. Speaker. Give us guidance.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Kalunde.

**Hon. Kalunde:** Before we put the motion off, Mr. Speaker, we are discussing without quorum, and for sure, even the members in this house are not 10. So we are discussing this motion---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Clerk, confirm about the quorum that we have. Hon. Felix.

**Hon. Ngui:** Mr. Speaker, I would like the mover of this motion, to apologize to us for saying that we do not understand English and we were in school. I want to believe that, Mr. Speaker, the motion is very clear, that we discuss and approve, inter-sub counties sports calendar for Machakos County. Where is the calendar? It is very clear. So let the hon. member for Muthetheni, apologize. Mr. Speaker, please.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. I am informed we don't have quorum. The bell needs to ring for eight minutes, so that we may make the ruling if we don't get more members. Eight minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung)*

So hon. Katela, you need to substantiate what you mean and if you need to withdraw your motion and do amendment so that it may be correctly captured. So you need to respond to that.

**Hon. Katela:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to apologize because language is also a problem. It becomes a problem to some people also, because when we say a calendar, I meant, we should also team up with the said relevant authorities to draw such a calendar, but here I meant, we should approve a budget for these sports because----- that is language problem, because Mr. Speaker, Sir---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You need to withdraw that.

**Hon. Katela:** I withdraw Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Yes continue, and use language that is permissible within the house.

**Hon. Katela:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. So I think given time, if they really need a calendar for athletics, what I don't know is, what Mr. Hon Ngunzi is saying. Do you need a drawn calendar? When Kibauni will play Muthetheni? When Machakos County will play Makueni County? I mean, the motion is self-explanatory. I am saying we have, we draw a calendar.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. member, do we have the calendar attached to the motion?

**Hon. Katela:** Yes.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You have a calendar attached to the motion?

**Hon. Katela:** No Sir. Given time, even tomorrow I can attach a calendar.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us take the point of information from Hon. Peter Nzioki.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. The mover of the motion, Mr. Speaker, is mixing words and he doesn't seem to know what he is trying to tell us in his motion. Mr. Speaker, you would have rather told us, to come up with a calendar but not to approve a calendar.

A calendar, what he is talking here is what has already been drawn and a calendar is a programme. If he asks us to adapt a programme, which is not there, then it doesn't make sense, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would suggest, you request the mover of the motion to withdraw his motion and make amendments and bring the motion later, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Nzeki.

**Hon. Nzeki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. What I want to tell hon. member for Muthetheni is that, games are done by members who are employed by the county, they are not done participated by people staying at Muthetheni or staying at Mua. But you need to be employed, and then you come to participate. Can we get clarification from the Speaker?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Yes, what is the point of order?

**Hon. Nzeki:** That Mr. Speaker, we don't care who participates in the games, we are not being told to ask who is doing what in the games, the motion is simple and clear, and we discuss and approve a calendar that is non-existence. Mr. Katela should withdraw this motion, come with amendments or Mr. Speaker, with your permission, we throw it out.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Katela, you need to make a decision, on deferment of debate or withdrawal of the motion.

**Hon. Katela:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission, can I request to defer the motion, not withdraw and I will bring back with some amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** If you defer, we will still begin at the same point that we have concluded.

**Hon. Katela:** No problem.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Then the motion stands deferred for debate until tomorrow morning. Next. No other.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Therefore being no other business, the house stands adjourned until tomorrow.

The House rose at 3.55 p.m.