

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 18th September, 2014**

The House met at 2.40 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR****LETTER FROM CIVIL SOCIETY**

Hon. Speaker: Yes hon. members there is this communication. This morning we were in receipt of a letter from a body calling itself National Civil Society Congress, dated 18th September, 2014 and addressed to members of the county assembly on misuse of county funds, on sitting allowances and foreign travels. The letter copied to the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and Director of Public Prosecution, alleges that MCAs as having been misusing funds on unnecessary travels and their trips abroad have undermined both their representation and oversight roles.

In summary, the letter further states that, many expenditures incurred by the counties and National government are fraught with lack of accountability and corruption. The letter goes on to refer the members of the county assembly to Article 73 and 201 of the constitution on integrity and accountability.

The letter was signed by John Wamagata, the coordinator of a campaign dubbed 'operation ondoa panya', states that through the said campaign, the citizens of the country will protest by delivering rats to the assembly and shall ensure that members of the county assembly are ousted from office before the end of the term and the process of ousting shall commence immediately.

We received those letters in 40 copies and I hope they have been distributed. I don't think there is any necessity of going through those letters because members have their copies and I will urge members go through them and we shall revisit the matter next week for further directions.

MOTIONS**SPONSORING OF BRIGHT STUDENTS FROM POOR FAMILIES**

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the constitution Article 53, sub section 1 (b), I beg to move a motion that this hon house discusses and approves

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sponsoring of bright students from poor families from Machakos County. Mr Speaker, aware that academically-bright students from poor backgrounds who score 70 per cent or more of the total marks in the Kenya Certificate of primary Education (KCPE) face a challenge to join form one in every year due to lack of school fees, noting that if such trend is not checked, these students will be left out of the learning process, hence ruining their future.

Mr. Speaker, aware that article 53 sub sections 1(b) of the constitution, guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education, recognizing the need to identify bright students from poor backgrounds and support them in pursuing and completing their studies in public secondary schools.

I wish to move a motion, that hon house discusses and approves establishment of public data bank of all bright students with poor economic backgrounds to be in custody of the county director of education and such information be disseminated and made available to public including respective Constituency Development Fund committees and such other institutions that may be willing to support such students. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I kindly request Mr. Speaker hon member for county assembly for Matuu to support this motion.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the house at large. Hon members, Mr. Speaker, I stand here to second the motion. It is true that we have so many kids who are missing school, pupils who are missing education due to lack of finance. Let me say, this is a good idea of sponsoring them bearing in mind that we also have bursaries which are being dispatched by the county government and these are two issues which are different. So I beg the members to support this motion and in future Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have orphan centers within the county in order to hasten and to settle the problem of education once within our county. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support.

Hon. Speaker: Can I hear proposers of the motion, those in support of the motion. Kindly give your arguments. The motion is open for debate. Now we can hear hon. Mutuku

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here to support the motion with the following reasons. Mr. Speaker, Sir, no county which can develop without developing the human resource. And the only human resource we can develop is educating the brilliant children of Machakos County. Mr. Speaker, Sir, with research, it has been realized many bright children do come from poor families and they end up not pursuing their dreams. Therefore by establishing a kitty rather than the bursary, because the bursary is being given within our wards and they are too small to manage the education of those bright students. Therefore Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is the high time this hon. house discusses and approves a kitty for the same. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir and the house at large. I stand here to say what we need is bursary to be given adequately for the 40 wards. There is no need of making another kitty while even the bursaries which we had set and passed have not been issued. This is

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duplication of finances and you can hear from outside, members of the public are crying now. You have heard from the Speaker, so what we need is to strengthen the kitty of bursary, so that at least as we can have Ksh. 5 million per ward. We shall cater for those who are disadvantaged and also those who are poor and who are needy. It is us who have to move to every MCA, through his committee, to move to his area of jurisdiction and come up with those who are needy so as to benefit from kitty of bursary. So I oppose that one. What we need is to have a strong bursary kitty. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: In order to have order in debate, I said those in support we hear them first and then we hear those in opposition. Those in support?

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here to fully support this motion. We need our bright kids continuing with their education not in the local public schools but in the national schools which they have been selected to attend. Therefore Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support this motion with the following amendment: that the county assembly approves the budget for the bursary to be increased from Ksh. 1 million to Ksh. 5 million so that every member of the ward or every ward bursary committee can administer that amount to the right kids and for the right disbursement.

I am saying this Mr. Speaker, Sir, because if we have one data bank in the county, the distribution might not be even and at the end of the day we might benefit some sub-counties and others might not benefit. But if we have the bursary kitty increased and enforced, the money to be disbursed I believe, every bright kid will go to school and in the right school. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the motion fully with the amendments. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe before we proceed with the debate, we can hear the mover of the motion. Kindly tell us what was in your mind as you drew this motion. Is it the creation of data bank first or is it allocation of funds?

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, even members of assembly are aware that in our respective wards we have very needy students who after finishing their standard eight education, go to local schools or to harambee schools. So my motion was in line in what the Equity Bank is doing in taking students from needy families, strictly those who get more than 400 marks. Mr. Speaker you are aware the bursary which we are giving up is too little. So I thought we can come up with a kind of a kitty, maybe each ward to give few students who get more than 400 marks in their respective primary schools so that they can get full support in terms of school fees, for their education. Thank you Mr Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Maybe before you take your rest, let us understand whether this is any different from what is already there in terms of bursary schemes.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, this one is very different and if you read my motion very carefully, it is not even for Machakos County alone. I am talking about even for the CDF so if we get data from the ministry of education, we will be in a position to know the best students, who does better in their schools and we can forward the names to the respective organizations willing to support education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Again maybe you bear with me. Currently the target of your motion is the creation of a data bank. Is that what is your intent?

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Yes Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think members now understand the clarity is there. Yes Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. So the mover of the motion is not elaborating to us what he means by more money to another kitty when the bursary is not yet been given to the kids who are in need and who will be handling that money because if it is the high people (sic) it will be given to the kids who are known by those people who are not known from the ground.

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear those in support. We are taking those in support. Hon Ngunzi.

Hon. Nzeki: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support the motion and we set limit of points which are supposed to be granted to the students who are needy. I put an amendment so that we have at least 400 points, for those who are needy and who are bright students. Again I am not aware whether the bursaries have not reached to the students who were granted. In my area, I understand it is only two students who never got the bursaries. I have also filled the bursaries for the last bit of the last financial year and today I received a message telling me to hand over the committee members. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am surprised, the hon. Nzoka has not given out his bursary so he should tell us his where his bursaries have gone. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here to support and really I support. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndeto.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Over this motion, I would like to make the following observations. Previously we have awarded bursaries and we faced some problems, with the Controller of Budget due to some issues and I have met with several committee members of the education committee from some other counties. In fact before we oppose or support this motion, those counties have gone this way, this is the direction they have taken and it has not been difficult for them to award money for their needy students. They have not even faced problems with the Controller of the Budget. So we can seriously think about this and make it in such a way that it comes to take over the bursaries that we have been awarding. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Did I understand you? What are you proposing? You are proposing that people be given time to think about it? What are you proposing?

Hon. Ndeto: I am proposing that the mover of the motion to take more time, think over the motion, if it can be better advanced to make it come in place of the bursaries that we have been awarding, which have been giving us some headache. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Before you sit down, on my reading of the motion and as I interviewed the mover, his intention is just the creation of a data bank so that the county would know that we have these many bright students and from there, a solution will be found and whether a fund will be created thereafter. This is not created a fund yet. We are just saying; let us create a data bank account for bright students of our county first. Moving forward, is there a problem with that? Maybe what is your reaction? Because that is my understanding of these debate.

Hon. Ndeto: In fact, if that is the theme behind this, I don't think I can oppose. I can support that.

Hon. Speaker: Let us say that is the mind of the mover.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you Mr. Speaker and I think Mr. Speaker you have explained more keenly and each member has gotten it and the motion is very clear. It is the establishment of a public data bank for all bright students with poor economic background. Every member understands this so I don't see any problem to the members, so we need to take a data for the bright students so that afterwards we can work on a way out how we can assist these students.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Let us hear Hon. Kalunde.

Hon. Kalunde: Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support. This motion is not a new matter because even the central government does support the bright students to go for higher education, even the national assembly has got CDF kitty where the bright students who come from poor families are given more than the other students who go for harambee schools. So Mr. Speaker, I support this motion fully, to set aside, create a fund to be given or to assist children who are bright and who garner over 400 marks in their primary schools so that they do not cut their ambitions. Mr. Speaker, I support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes Hon. Muli.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this motion. Mr. Speaker, we have bursaries from the government, CDF bursaries and ward bursaries. Mr. Speaker, these bursaries are distributed within the secondary schools and they do not measure to satisfy issue of bright students who are admitted to national schools which requires more fees

than day schools. You find, if this data bank for bright is created, it will motivate the bright students from poor families and also encourage them to add more effort.

Mr. Speaker, you find that within our wards, you find bright students who are being admitted to national schools and due to the problems of school fees, they report to day school, which do not provide the high quality education of their bright minds and their standard of education are low. If this kitty is being created, it will enhance our county and make sure that all the bright students just attend the schools which they are of their grade. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: We can now hear points in opposition. Yes hon. Muthuka there.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker, the motion before us from the mover, I strongly believe that to some extent, the mover of this motion is misleading the house when he says that the bursaries we are giving to our needy students, who I strongly believe they are needy students, are insufficient. I think the best description that the mover of the motion would have said, those bursaries are not reliable. That would have been the best description. We passed a budget allocation of Ksh. 2 million for bursaries last year Mr. Speaker, unless someone here, pretends to say that that is not what we passed.

Out of Ksh. 2 million of which the financial year has already come to an end and almost the first quarter of this year is almost ending Mr Speaker. We have not even exhausted that amount we passed. Right now the first dispatch of Ksh. 1 million, I can say even before the floor of this house, almost every member in this house has significant serious issues with the disbursement of the bursaries. That one everyone cannot stand here and say all schools have not received bursaries.

Hon. Speaker: Do you have a copy of the motion?

Hon. Maitha: Yes Mr. Speaker. I have a copy of the motion.

Hon. Speaker: As per the mover, the point here is creation of a public data bank.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to pass a clarification such that before I go ahead and handle the motion, I give a clarification first. Because we will create so many funds but we might not be able to manage those funds if we cannot implement them. Right now we are supposed to have dispatched the second batch of Ksh. 1 million and we know very well even that last batch of Ksh. 1 million was reduced to Ksh. 750,000. Reasons were not properly substantiated, so this is another fund that in as much as the mover of the motion might be having a very noble idea, it looks to be quite unsustainable.

Because to me what I would say is, we could have first implemented the little finances that we allocated for the bursaries effectively, then from there, now we can sit down and say, 'fine after having implemented those allocations effectively, right now we can come with another

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allocation.’ That at least we can set aside, give it a special treatment and is a fund that is going to cater for needy students. So we have not implemented that, Mr. Speaker. What I would say is this; we need to increase... .. protect me, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us take a point of order.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, here I am not talking about the bursaries. I am talking about the public data bank for bright students.

Hon. Speaker: I got that.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, whichever technical term we can use or apply in this house, it means there are funds we are going to set aside to help needy students. If we have not been able to manage Ksh. 2 million and then we are saying we set another fund. What we could be talking of today is this; we increase the amount of bursary allocation, then this assembly passes a motion or amends the bursaries motion such that a certain percentage of the bursaries we are going to increase can cater for those needy students. For example, if we say now we are going to increase the bursaries to Ksh. 5 million and then we say 20 per cent is going to cater for the needy students, it is going to cut across the line.

Hon. Speaker: Just a moment. I am saying this motion is not setting a fund. This motion is only bringing up a proposal that there be a data bank. If funds will be set, then that motion will eventually come before this house. And then those issues can be raised.

Hon. Maitha: But Mr. Speaker, what I am asking is this, even with whatever little we have established, we have not exhausted it. For example, if we pass this motion our kids will know there is some money, that is meant to cater for their education and we have not catered for it.

Hon. Speaker: Order, Order. Let us take this point of order.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity on point of order. I wanted to inform Hon. Member of Muthwani that this is the data bank which is being created and the mover of the motion has described it very well. In this floor of the house we are not debating about the ward bursaries and if this kitty will be created, it will be brought to the floor of the house so that we can debate about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us here this.

Hon. Ndeto: I think the confusion is coming in from the order paper versus the motion itself. Under the order paper, because when I was giving my contribution based on that, it states that, pursuant to the constitution Article 53 (1) (b), I beg to move a motion that this hon house

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discusses and approves the sponsoring of bright students from poor families from Machakos county. I think the mis-understanding is coming in from this point. Because the mover of the motion has just moved a motion talking about data bank but the order paper is talking of approval of sponsoring which is financial aspect. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: We are going by the content of the motion.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. As per my own personal opinion, the mover of the motion is right because there is a difference between a bursary and a scholarship or sponsoring students. In bursary, you just supplement but when we are talking about sponsoring bright students, we mean giving full sponsorship so that if you have been admitted to Alliance high school, you are not taken back to the nearest village school.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry! I think you are now out of order because you are discussing the data bank now. Let us hear hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the house at large. Can the mover of the motion come out clear if he is talking of a data bank or sponsoring bright students because those are two different issues? Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Alright let us have it from the mover, he is here. Speak it yet again.

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am repeating for the third time that it is establishment of public data base for all bright students.

Hon. Speaker: It is data bank. It is not about sponsoring students.... Hon. Ngunzi, at the back.

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

Hon. Speaker: The matter is proceeding on the point of order raised against it.

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the protection. I think instead of moving around in circles, can we get the mover of the motion, bringing it with an amendment because what we reading in the motion is quite different from what he is talking from his mouth. Word of mouth is different from what is contained in the paper, because if we go by what the---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunzi, can you read what you have. Let me hear what you have.

Hon. Ngunzi: Yes, that we are being asked to discuss and approve, sponsoring of bright students from poor families from Machakos County.

Hon. Speaker: That is what is in the order paper.

Hon. Ngunzi: This is seeking for financial support.

Hon. Speaker: Go to the motion.

Hon. Ngunzi: It is here?

Hon. Speaker: Oh you don't have the motion. Now then that is where the problem is.

Hon. Ngunzi: Data base and data bank is quite different from what is contained in the---

Hon. Speaker: Ok I got the point. It looks like the members do not have the motion? Order, order, and let me get directions why we do not have this. Clerk has the motion been circulated? Yes.

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, I beg to enquire. It is the custom of this assembly to discuss motion as per in the order paper. Mostly we have not seen motions being distributed the way you are asking about the motion. So Mr. Speaker, what we are discussing is what is written here, what has been discussed by Hon. Ngunzi and actually the mover of the motion is misleading this house when he says data base but what is written is data bank. Which is which Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Speaker: I am now getting you. The matter goes back to the mover. We are in this predicament. What do you do with your motion?

Minority Leader (Hon. Kasoa): Mr. Speaker, because the motion was not distributed to the members so I kindly request that this motion be moved to the relevant meeting of the house so that they can go through the motion and it can be brought back to the House.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order!

Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to second the request by the mover of the motion, that we have this matter referred to the relevant committee to come up with a more substantial report and maybe a framework of how this matter can be implemented and possibly an annex of some regulations that would guide the establishment of the data bank, together with the sponsoring of the bright students.

I would love to request that once the matter is referred to the committee, that they be able to consider both issues. The sponsoring of both the bright students from the county together with the establishment of the data bank of the bright students within the county at the committee stage and then come up with a regulation that would guide the executive committee member responsible in implementing that matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think that appears to be a proper proposal.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the House at large. I thank the house for referring the motion to my committee, the able committee of early childhood and---

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Hon. Speaker: You are out of order---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kyalo Kyuli.

Hon. Kyuli: Mr. Speaker, Sir. I just wanted to seek your indulgence whether, now that the motion was brought to the floor of the house whether that is the procedure before we exhaust discussion it is supposed to be referred to a committee or whether you can as the speaker, you can direct so from the powers conferred to you so that Mr Speaker, this very important motion does not just go down unprocedurally.

So Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to seek your indulgence whether this is the procedure, so that at the committee stage, whatever they are going to come out with, because I believe the committee will be able to punch holes and bring in new ideas in the motion and the mover of the motion will not have given the intention or we as members here will not have given suggestions or inputs. So thank you Mr. Speaker. I seek your indulgence.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members in view of the nature of the motion and its importance, it is important we don't subject it to technicalities. We can now have it referred to the relevant committee for the report that should be within the next session. For the mover of the motion, kindly pursue your motion through the committee. Next.

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Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir and the house at large. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to table the following motion. That, aware that the liaison committee is mandated with ensuring that select and sectorial committees submit their half year report as required by the Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 180 sub section 2, the liaison committee submits its compiled report of progress reports of the select and sectorial committees for the period starting January 2014 and ending June 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the liaison committee consists of chairperson of all committees in the assembly and further aware that the committee received and discussed the report on the 8th August, 2014, I wish to move a motion that this hon house discusses and approves the compiled report of the liaison committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to call upon hon. Muli Joseph to second the report.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to second the motion. Mr. Speaker, it is a good motion which has been brought into the house because with this report being surrendered by the Liaison committee, we shall be able to compare the performance of different committees and we shall be in a position to scrutinize the active and inactive committees. Therefore, I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed with the report.

Hon. Nganga: Progress reports for the select and sectoral committees from January to June 2014.

Preamble

Mr. Speaker, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No. 180 sub section 2, the liaison committee shall within 21 days compile progress report and submit a report to the house. The liaison committee received and discussed the committee progress reports on 28th August, 2014. The committee hereby submits a compiled report of the same. The committee is composed of the following members

1. Hon. Nathaniel Nganga - chairperson
2. Hon. Sammy Nduva - chairperson planning and
3. Hon. Joseph Muli - chairperson agriculture, environment and natural resources
4. Hon. Alphonse Wambua - chairperson implementation committee
5. Hon. Joseph Itumo - chairperson justice and legal affairs committee
6. Hon. David Manyolo - chairperson ECDE
7. Hon. Peter Nzioki - chairperson delegated legislation
8. Hon. Winston Kanui - chairperson on culture and social services
9. Hon. Leonard Katela - chairperson labor and social welfare
10. Hon. Joseph Kalunde - chairperson on public accounts committee
11. Hon. Cecilia Sereka - chairperson health committee
12. Hon. Joshua Mwonga - chairperson committee on selection
13. Hon. Isaac Muinde - chairperson budget and appropriation committee
14. Hon. Felix Joseph Ngui - chairperson road transport and public works committee

Report of the Early Childhood Education and Vocational Training committee

Mr. Speaker, the committee had eleven meetings from January to June 2014 to discuss different agendas ranging from bursaries, ECDE classes and youth polytechnics.

On the matter of bursaries, the committee met at City Cabanas hotel on 7th to 9th March, 2014 to discuss and amend the bursary regulations. The regulations were later approved by the house with amendments. The regulations have enabled the disbursement of bursaries to the needy students. The committee has also done follow up meetings on the bursaries disbursement where it was noted that there were many challenges in the disbursement of the funds. The bursary allocation for the financial year 2013-2014 was not fully disbursed. Members agreed to invite the CECM for education to clarify the matter.

On ECDE centers, the members met on 25th April, 2014 to discuss on the ECDE centers and it was noted that the contracts were awarded but nothing was going on the sites. When questioned, the CECM for education said that the delay was in disbursing of funds from the national treasury was the cause stalling of ECDE projects.

On youth polytechnics, the committee met on 13th June, 2014 to discuss on the state of youth polytechnics. It was noted that the polytechnics lacked physical infrastructure and it was resolved that Ksh. 190 million be allocated for renovation of polytechnics in the 2014-2015 financial year

Workshops, Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee attended at a capacity building workshop at Karen on 2nd to 4th May, 2014, where members were taken through the following courses.

1. Immunities and privileges of legislatures.
2. Role and scope of education committee.
3. Facilitating public participation, Legislators and their roles.
4. Effective management of committees and the assembly committee functions
5. Management and administration of the assembly.
6. Workplan and budget for the committee.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee also met on 10th and 13th June, 2014 to discuss the 2014-2015 budget. Their recommendations Mr. Speaker are; the department of education youth and social welfare move with speed to implement the construction of ECDE centers and the youth polytechnics as per the financial year 2014-2015 allocation. On the bursaries, they were to be disbursed through cheques to avoid the challenges faced in the previous financial year.

Report on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources committee.

Mr. Speaker, during the period, the committee held several meetings as follows:

- On 18th February, 2014, the committee met to discuss on developing report on agriculture subsidies and agreed to meet the CECM for agriculture to shed more light on some of the issues that had been raised during the meeting.
- On 6th March, 2014, the committee met the CECM for agriculture Larry Wambua and Nicodemus Nzombe, the county director for agriculture and discussed issues of tractors, seed subsidies, fertilizers, green houses, chicks and bee keeping and the CECM promised to implement what was discussed.
- On 17th March, 2014, the committee met at Garden hotel for a consultative talk on the situation of water provision in the county.
- On 10th April, 2014, the committee met to discuss the state of Machakos projects and status quo on the water tanks and the number supplied, water resource mapping, flood light fitted and tree planting.
- On 16th April, 2014, the committee discussed the status of employment from the public service board.
- On 17th, 22nd and 23rd, the committee met to discuss on the water Bill.
- On 23rd April 2014, the committee discussed on operations of machines launched at Masinga.

- On 5th May, 2014, the committee met Joshua Musili the CECM for lands to respond on the concerns raised by members on floodlights, tree planting and quarterly reports.
- On 12th June, 2014, the committee interrogated the 2014/2015 budget, water and sanitation department, lands and energy department and agriculture department.
- On 25th June, 2014, the committee met to elect the chairman and the vice chairman for agriculture, environment and natural resources committee.

Mr. Speaker, on Bills as per Standing Order No. 120 sub sections 1, a Bill having been read for a first time shall stand committed to the relevant sectorial committee, without question put. The agriculture, environment and natural resources committee was committed by the house to discuss the sand and water Bills 2014 after undergoing the first reading.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 sub sections 4, the sectoral committee to which a Bill is committed, shall facilitate public participation and shall take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the committee makes its report to the house. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the agriculture committee discussed the Bills and after making its amendments, they took them to the public hearing as from 4th to 6th June, 2014 in eight sub wards to get their views. The Bill is due to be read for the second reading in the house.

Mr. Speaker, that has already been done and the Bill has already been approved by this house as of yesterday.

Resolutions of the committee

The committee members followed up to see if the department will implement all that they had promised. The committee resolved an official letter to be written to the ministry, directing them to forward quarterly reports and the budget by 16th April, 2014. The committee members appointed the chairman to be Hon. Joseph Muli and the vice chairman appointed was hon. Philip Ndolo.

Recommendations

- The committee recommended the CECM for agriculture to be summoned to respond on the operation of the tractors.
- The committee also recommended that the CECMs be delivering quarterly reports to the committee on time.
- It also recommended that the department of water be allocated more funds in future since water is a crucial in the lives of the residents of the county.

Report of the committee on Children, Culture and Community Services

On their meeting Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has had five meetings from January to June 2014 and during the meeting of 10th March, 2014, the committee resolved to request for reports from tourism, culture and decentralized units, urban areas and municipalities on the

construction of the Peoples Park and stadium and emergency and disaster management policy which was not delivered.

Recommendations

The committee requests this hon house to order for the summoning of CECMs for tourism and culture and decentralized units urban areas and municipalities to come and report on issues concerning construction and management of the Machakos People's Park and the Kenyatta Stadium and emergency and disaster management policy respectively.

Mr. Speaker, the next report on the report of the committee of health services. On their meetings, Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following business was conducted by the committee during the period;

- On 13th February, 2014 the committee met to discuss on a workplace policy on HIV/AIDs policy the committee agreed to hold a workshop on HIV/AIDs.
- On 17th to 21st February, 2014, the committee held a workshop on HIV/Aids and invited facilitators engaged in fighting the vice from non-governmental organizations. The committee made proposals of material facts to draft HIV/Aids work place policy draft.
- On 31st March, 2014 the committee met to discuss visits to health facilities across the county and agreed to visit all health facilities within the county.
- On 14th to 17th March 2014, the committee held a second workplace policy workshop on HIV/AIDs and drafted a workplace policy for the county.
- On 25th April, 2014 the committee met to discuss with the CECM of the health, the allocation of development expenditure report and awarding of contracts for the construction of health facilities the executive committee member was absent on medical grounds and the matter was deferred.
- On 15th May, 2014, the committee met to discuss the allocation of development of expenditure and awarding of contracts by the department of health and emergency services.
- The meeting was adjourned with the absence of CECM of health.
- On 28th May, 2014, the committee met to discuss awarding of contracts, recruitment of contract staff, ISP staff and intern staff. The committee agreed that ISP staff on contract will be absorbed in the department of health.
- On 3rd June, 2014 the committee met to discuss awarding of contracts and allocation of development expenditure status report on LASDAP and recruitment of interns in the department of health and emergency services. The committee requested for a progress

report from the executive committee members and resolved to visit the facilities under construction.

- On 10th June, 2014, the committee met to discuss the health and emergency services department budget. The budget was discussed and recommendations forwarded to the budget and appropriation committee for implementation.
- On 25th June, 2014 the committee met to elect the chairperson and discuss the vetting of the chief officer of health and emergency services department.

Report for Budget and Appropriation committee

- Mr. Speaker on 13th February, 2014, the committee met to discuss and deliberate on 2013-2014 budget implementation strategy and disbursement of funds to various sectoral departments.
- Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 3rd March, 2014 the budget and appropriation committee met to discuss the supplementary budget and the 2014/2015 budget preparation. These were successfully moved and passed in the house by the implementation by the executive.
- From 16th to 22nd March, 2014, the committee traveled to Arusha, Tanzania to study programme-based budgeting at East Africa and Eastern and Southern Africa Management Institute (ESAMI). This proved successful for the implementation of programme-based budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
- On 12th May, the budget and appropriation committee met to examine and discuss financial issues raised by CECM of finance requesting authority to borrow for short-term cash management. The matter was dispensed and passed in the house.
- From 20th to 24th May, 2014 the committee traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa to study programme-based budgeting that was has supported implementation of the 2014/2015 budget.
- On 3rd June, 2014, the committee met with the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) and discussed issues related to revenue allocation formula. The committee made proposals to CRA to effect changes on parameters used in allocating revenue.
- On 16th June, 2014, the committee received submissions from the sectoral committees on sectoral departments on budget proposals that were to support preparation of the 2014/2015 budget.
- On 18th June 2014, pursuant to Standing Order No. 120 subsection 3, the committee engaged the public across the county to participate and give their views on the making of 2014/2015 budget.
- From 19th to 22nd June, 2014, the committee met at Nakuru and discussed the 2014/2015 budget.

The CECM was invited to give views and clarify and development expenditure drawn in the budget. This involved analyzing the current budget proposals and drawing of the budget report

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The budget and appropriation committee opened a window for all committees to make their independent budgets for 2014/2015. This will make it possible for committees to plan on how to undertake detailed scrutiny and fast track performance of the spending agencies under their respective jurisdiction. The sectoral committees should prepare to interrogate the policies behind the programmes the departments implemented.

Observations

The budget and appropriation committee plays an integral role in the political, economic and social structure of both the county executive and county assembly. The committee works to ensure the goals set are achieved. This progress report would be incomplete without the following factors prime to the interests of these committees that pose great risk to the growth of this county.

Challenges on implementation of the new system of government

- The budget was drawn without any previous records of the new system resulting to poorly-prepared and rushed budget, most of which were not anchored in the fiscal paper.
- The devolution of health sector at the last quarter of the year frustrated the 2013/2014 budget estimates.
- Inaccessibility in transacting previous accounts held by the previous local authorities.
- The low absorption of funds by some departments which accompanied the new devolved system.
- The delayed disbursement of funds from central government and county revenue collection short fall in the 2013/2014 budget partly attributed to low absorption by departments implying that some projects were behind target.
- Expenditure pressure driven by high wage bill which presents significant fiscal challenges was the result of committee's decision to suspend employment for one year

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the item-based budget process was cited as a barrier to both development and recurrent expenditure. This was corrected in the implementation of the programme-based budget in 2014/2015 budget. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is important to note that in 2013/2014 budget, the committee engaged the public twice towards the exercise of budgeting process. Their views supported the committee in making informed decisions in the 2014/2015 budget.

Acknowledgment

Mr. Speaker, the committee is particularly grateful for the support it received from all members of this house in the process of drawing the budget for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. The committee is grateful to all representatives from the executive arm of the county government who appeared before various committees to support and interrogate the budget-making process.

The committee is further grateful to the office of the Speaker and office of the Clerk of the county assembly for the support it received to discharge its mandate in drawing the 2014/2015 budget. Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege on behalf of the committee on budget and appropriation to table the progress report and recommend it to the House.

Report on the committee on Labor and Social Welfare

During their meeting they had 11 meetings and they discussed the following agenda:-

- On March 3rd, 2014 the committee met to discuss staff matters, salary arrears, and vetting of chief officers. The committee resolved that a letter should be written to the chief officer of labor, public service and ICT instructing him to pay the staff and to the chairman of the County Public Service Board requesting him to forward the names of the chief officers for vetting.
- On March 8th, 2014, the committee had a meeting to discuss the County Public Service Board report as at 1st December, 2014 and resolved that the report was not detailed and the board should avail another report.
- On April 8th, 2014 the committee met to discuss complaints of nonpayment of wages for the casual employees of the county, Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) of the defunct local authorities and a trip for the social welfare committee to discuss Employment Act, Labor Relations Act and Labor organization issues. The committee resolved to invite the chairman CPSB, county secretary and the Deputy Governor on 9th April, 2014 at 10 am to clarify on the matter. The committee resolved that the chairman to discuss the issue with the Executive. The matter was sorted. The committee agreed to go to Kisumu on April 12, 2014.
- On April 9th 2014, the committee met to approve status reports of employment in the county. Members approved the report unanimously and it was tabled in the house.
- On May 13th, 2014 the committee met to approve the report on Mombasa workshop held on 6th -11th May, 2014 and to discuss on when to summon the CPSB chairman and the labor CECM and the foreign trip. The report on Mombasa workshop was approved by all members but it was yet to be tabled in the house. The committee resolved to summon CPSB chairman and CECM labor on 27th May, 2014 at 10 am and the members of CPSB appeared before the committee as planned. The chairman of the committee was to meet the Clerk of the county assembly on the foreign trip and communicate to the members. The matter was forwarded to the next financial year 2014/2015.

- On June 10th, 12th and 13th 2014, the committee met to discuss budget proposals for the 2014/2015 department of education, youth and sports, department of labor, public service and ICT and CPSB. The committee made adjustments to the proposed estimates and forwarded the budget and appropriation committee.
- On June 25th, 2014, the committee met to elect a new chairperson and Hon. Katela was elected.
- On June 13th, 2014, the committee had a meeting with Nakuru County assembly labour and social welfare committee who were on a bench marking tour to the county. The two committees exchanged notes and the committee of Machakos county assembly was invited to Nakuru for the same exercise.

Return visit

The committee is yet to visit Nakuru county assembly.

The committee compiled two reports during that period

Their status report was on the report on employment of the staff in the county and was recommending that the employment in the county be suspended. A report was tabled but later withdrawn to allow the committee to explore the alternative method of solving employment issues.

The report on labor and social welfare committee

The report was on a committee workshop attended in Mombasa 6th - 11th May, 2014 the report has not yet been tabled in the house.

Workshops

Mr. Speaker, they attended two workshops on the following days to discuss matters listed under each of them.

- On 7th to 9th March, 2014, at City Cabanas hotel, in Nairobi. The workshop discussed CPSB report as at 31st December, 2013. The committee recommended that the report was detailed and another report should be submitted to the committee.
- On 6th to 11th May, 2014 at Jambo village Mombasa they discussed Transition Authority human resource audit report of former local authorities and devolved functions 2013, CPSB report as at 1st December, 2013, status report on employment as approved by the committee on 9th April, 2014, Employment Act, Labor Relations Act and county

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internship programme. The committee recommended that headcount of staff employed in the county be undertaken to establish the actual number of employees and there was need to have a policy on internship programme in the county.

Report on the Planning, Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives committee

They had five meetings and they discussed the following agenda:

- On 24th of February, 2014, the committee had a meeting to discuss project implementation status for the financial year 2013/2014. The committee was informed that market sheds, (*inaudible*) and feasibility study projects were on tender evaluation stage. The committee urged the department to fast-track the process of procurement so that work could start soonest possible.
- On 10th April, 2014 the committee met to discuss the position of market sheds and elect a vice chairperson. Members were informed contracts had been signed and construction was to start in a weeks' time. The committee called on the chief officer to update the committee on the progress of the market sheds after two weeks. The chief officer has not updated the committee since then. Hon. Ruth Ndumi was elected vice chair of the committee.
- On 9th, 11th and 13th(*month and year not stated*)..... the committee met to discuss the budget estimates for the departments of tourism and culture and the department of economic planning, trade and industrialization and made adjustments on the budget.

Ad-hoc committee on Kithimani Public Toilet

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on 10th of April an ad-hoc committee for planning trade and cooperatives was formed to look into the stoppage of toilet construction in Kithimani market. The committee was chaired by hon. Wilson Kasimu. The committee held sittings in Kithimani market on 11th to 17th April, 2014 to collect information about the plot where the construction was going on. The ad-hoc committee met Mr. Nimrod Mbai, chief officer, decentralized units, urban areas and other municipalities in his office to get his views concerning the toilet on 12th May, 2014.

Further, the committee invited Mr. Nzyoka, the person claiming that toilet construction was in his plot to give his side of the story. He requested for adjournment so as to appear in the committee with a lawyer because he realized the matters in question were weighty. He was granted leave and the committee is yet to summon him again.

On workshop, the committee retreated to Eden Beach hotel Mombasa on 16th to 18th May, 2014, to start the process of drafting Strategic Plan for the county assembly. The Strategic

Plan was later discussed at Garden hotel on 30th May, 2014 and 4th July, 2014 at Airport 67 hotel in Mlolongo.

Mr. Speaker, Sir the committee received the Ward Development Fund Bill 2014 from the house after its first reading. The committee discussed the Bill and took it for public participation on 4th June, 2014 at all sub-county head quarters. The bill is due for the second reading.

Progress report on the committee on selection

Mr. Speaker, during the period the committee held two sittings and discussed the following agenda:

On 13th February, 2014, the committee had a meeting to discuss on how to place nominated members in the committee of the house.

On 16th June, 2014, the committee met to discuss on discharge of members from committees. The affected members were nominated to other committees.

The committee compiled one report during the period in consideration. The report on committee on selection on nomination of members to committees was tabled in the plenary and adopted.

Report for the committee on Delegated County Legislation

So far, the matters they have discussed since the start of the year. The committee has only had two sittings. This is largely owing to the busy schedule of the assembly and the fact that the committee members are in other committees and have to attend business of those committees. However in those sittings, the members were able to discuss matters such as the committee mandate, the budget and audit of bylaws.

Recommendations

The committee had to be taken for induction in order for members to understand their mandate.

Report for committee on County Assembly Procedure and Rules

Mr. Speaker, from the start of this year the committee has had several sittings and some of the key issues deliberated include:

- Amendment of the interim Standing Orders and adoption of the new Standing Orders. This was the major business carried out by the committee.
- The members noted that, the interim Standing Orders needed amendment to fully suit operations and procedures of the assembly.
- Technical expertise of drafters and legal officers was of great help. The final draft of the amended and the new Standing Orders was submitted to the committee on 23rd June, 2014.

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Machakos County Assembly Service Bill

During the committee meeting held on the 17th February, 2014, Mr. Musyimi, the drafter, reported to the members that the Bill was ready to be tabled for the next stages. By 30th June, 2014, the Bill was still at first reading. The committee on justice legal affairs where the Bill was committed to, needs to mobilize its members to have the Bill passed.

Achievements

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have the pleasure to report to this hon house, that the major achievement for this committee since the start of the year has been the amendment of the interim Standing Orders. This has not been an easy task since the process demanded a lot of expertise especially from the legal department.

Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, 8th July, 2014, the process saw its completion when a motion of adoption of the new Standing Orders was moved in the assembly, winning the approval of the house. I further want to report to this house, that the new Standing Orders are going to live by the procedural standards of this assembly since they have addressed gaps that had been noted in the interim Standing Orders.

Report for the committee on Transport, Roads, Public Works and Housing

Mr. Speaker, from the start of the year to June, the committee has had several sittings where six of them had key substantive agenda and the following matters were discussed.

-On 14th February, 2014, the determination of mileage schedule for hon. members. The members agreed to divide themselves into three groups and visit each ward the exercise was not carried out following the advice from the office of the Clerk that hon members cannot determine their own mileage schedule. Instead a report from the office of public works was forwarded to the office of human resource for the purposes of payment.

-On 21st February, 2014 the committee discussed county vehicles registration. Members stressed the need to have all county vehicles registered with the county number plates and not private ones. The chairman proposed that a letter to be written to CECM in charge of transport to implement the registration.

County public transport

Members reported on the many brands of vehicles purchased from China, of which some could not withstand the rough terrain. A record of the types and number of vehicles the county owns was requested for. The chairman promised to summon CECM for clarification on the issues.

On 4th March, 2014, the committee visited various wards and phase two road projects. The aim was to verify the quality of road work done during phase one. The visit was scheduled from 12th to 15th March, 2014.

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Only Machakos, Mwala and Yatta sub counties were visited and members were called for a special sitting in the assembly by the Speaker. A visit to the other sub counties was postponed. The hon. members agreed to set a date to go on a private place to compile the report.

Establishment of Machakos Transport Authority

This idea was borrowed from Migori county assembly which was the first county to establish a transport authority. Members agreed to do a benchmark visit to Migori to see how it is managed. The visit has not yet been conducted and the authority is yet to be established. Mr. Speaker, I am informed the visit has already been done. Now the remaining matter is to operationalize the system.

Singapore benchmarking trip

The aim was to see the standards and the extent of transport sector in that country. The tour was conducted from 23rd to 28th April, 2014 and was successful and 23 hon. members and two clerk assistants attended. The report was tabled to the committee on 15th May, 2014 and later to the assembly and it was approved for action. The members requested for the adoption of the recommendations made in the report.

Evaluation of Phase I and II projects on 27th May, 2014,

The members requested for the status report for phase one since members were not satisfied with the work in some areas. The chairman said he agreed with CECM that no payment should be done to contractors before the work is evaluated. They insisted on both quarterly and annual reports to be forwarded to the committee.

On 10th June, 2014 during budget discussion, the CECM George Kioko and Eng. Alwanga, the chief officer for transport had been invited. They presented the financial reports for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, which was welcomed by members. The hon. members advised the CECM to observe budget discipline and they proposed the allocation from Ksh. 1.2 billion to Ksh. 2 billion. The committee report was presented by the hon chairman to the chairman budget whose committee was to prepare the assembly budget for approval.

On 25th June, 2014, the committee met to undertake elections following the report of the committee on selection dated 16th June, 2014 which saw discharge of some hon. members from their respective committees and fresh nominations done. The seat for the vice-chairperson of transport fell vacant after hon. Matheka was moved to ECD. During the elections, hon. Peninah Kaluki was elected the vice chairperson.

Pending committee issues

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to bring to your attention some of the matters were discussed but due to unavoidable circumstances such as time, busy schedule and finances could not be addressed. Such matters include:

1. Creation of Machakos Transport Authority.
2. Bench mark visit to Migori.
3. Ward visit to Machakos, Kangundo, Masinga and Yatta to verify the quality of road work done and inviting CECM transport to clarify on the issues of county public transport.

Achievements

On behalf of the members, I wish to report some of their undertakings of the committee members that they can boast as having achieved and can be associated with so far and they are namely:

- Bench-marking on of the few countries known for developing transport and housing sector - the Singapore state city states on April 23rd -28th 2014.
- Overseeing the completion of phase one road projects.
- Witnessing the completion of Makutano- Kithimani tarmac road on June this year.
- Tarmacking and marking of all roads within Machakos town.
- Approving of 2014/2015 budget.
- Overseeing operation of ambulances graders and security vehicles.
- On-site visit to some of the wards to assess the quality of road works done by the contractors.

Challenges

The major challenge the committee has experienced in the exercise of his duty is failure to raise quorum in time and inability of some members to be present at sittings until conclusion of business. This is largely owing to the fact that all the committee members serve in other committees and have to attend business of those committees. It is the committee's sincere hope that the challenges experienced will be addressed by the new Standing Orders.

Recommendations and conclusion

Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the purpose of ensuring matters discussed by the committee in various meetings are complete, we recommend for facilitation where possible in order to avoid cases of deliberations that lack resolutions.

Allow me Mr. Speaker, to thank the membership of this committee for its hard work, commitment and full participation in all the meetings previously held.

Report on Public Accounts and Investment Committee

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The committee held only two meetings and training at Kaputei Hotel, where members were trained on the role of the committee by an officer from Kenya National Audit Office. The officer gave a brief on the role of PAIC committee and categorically stated that it was all about oversight of finances and budget.

In the United Kingdom where the term originated, the role was more of watchdog. They explained the budget-making process as well as planning, estimates and approval, implementation and auditing. However, members were informed that they were required to be non-partisan in executing their mandate.

Further, the following issues were highlighted to the members on the broad role of Kenya National Audit Office.

- The auditing process in the public sector.
- The process of auditing.
- Types of audit.
- Challenges of auditing in public sector.
- The difference between accrual system and cash basis system and the merits and demerits of each.

It should be noted that in the other two sittings the committee did not discuss much apart from issues of chairmanship of the committee.

Recommendations

Members noted that the committee mandate was very technical and therefore recommended further training in order to make it more effective in its work.

Report on the Committee on Implementation

Mr. Speaker, the committee has had meetings on various occasions, the main agenda being departmental progress reports from the Executive. The committee got the reports of up to third quarter of the financial year 2013 /2014 which the committee is yet to go through. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has also written letters to the Executive demanding progress reports on project implementation status which were budgeted by the defunct councils for the financial year 2012/2013.

Recommendations

The committee recommended that this hon house orders the CEC members to move with speed and deliver the project status report for the financial year 2013 /2014. During this period, the committee held two sittings and also went for training in Karen.

Report of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee

On its committee sittings, Mr. Speaker, on 17th of April 2014 the committee met but was adjourned due to lack of quorum.

On 23rd April, 2014, the committee also met to discuss the mandate of the committee as per the Standing Orders No. 191 which included the constitutional affairs, administration of law and justice, ethics integrity and corruption and human rights.

Workshops at Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST)

Mr. Speaker, Sir the committee attended a capacity building workshop at Karen which was conducted by the Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training from 12th -14th May, 2014 and members were taken through the following topics:

- The pillars of constitution of Kenya 2010.
- The architecture of the government of Kenya.
- Values and principles of the constitution.
- The Bill of rights and the legislature.
- The legislature and the war against corruption.
- Historical development of legislative committee system.
- Composition and mandate of the justice and legal affairs committee.
- Parliamentary privileges and immunities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to call upon Hon. Winston Kanui to second the report.

Hon. Kanui: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to second the report on the sectoral committees and select committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The report is properly before the house. Basically it is a report that enumerates, what has been done by the various committees. The result is a discussion of the report. Are there any amendments or additions or adjustments of the report? It is now open for debate. Those in support of the report, kindly begin. It was lengthy maybe people were lost on the way. Anybody with any contribution on the report?

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I thank these committee chairpersons for their report they have given and they have shown the members of the assembly the far we have gone and the things they have done and whatever we have achieved. So mine is to congratulate this committee for the work they have done.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Hon. Manyolo.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Foremost, I thank the chair hon. Nathaniel Nganga and the committee for the report they have given us. The other thing I may urge all the chairs to stand up and be serious on business that pertains to the committees because failure for committees to meet, we have no business in the house. And if the committees meet seriously and

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have serious matters and agendas, I understand we will move far and have Machakos county and Machakos assembly to be the best. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, thank you. That is a hearty contribution. Thank you very much. You want to contribute? Any other contributor on the motion before we hear the mover?

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker noting the length and how volume of the report and important issues that are therein, I would want to register my observation that most of the members have got fairly exhausted in going through the whole report. And I would like to urge that under, Standing Order No. 28, through your wisdom, I would like to request that members, may be able to go with the report, study it then we can continue debate on the matter raised therein when the house resumes debate its next sitting. So that, Mr. Speaker, members can be able to thoroughly discuss the report when they have time, study it properly and also when they have been able to digest the matters raised therein. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: It looks like you are not aware of the history of this motion that it has been delayed. This is about the fourth time, for your absence. This report was circulated to the members a long time ago. I hope that is the position. All these members have this report so unless you have another reason. So hon. Deputy Speaker, this report has been circulated unless you have other feelings.

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, I can see that members have already been tired by going through the whole report for now and we also seem not to have quorum. Going by the interest of the matters contained therein, I would like to have members invest their time in debating the matters that are here. Mr. Speaker, as you realize these members have interest in whatever we budgeted for to be implemented within our wards and instead of letting members to go and raise their concerns in public rallies and such, some of the issues that they have discontent about have been raised in this report and proper discussion of the report can lead to meaningful and substantial action from this house and also from the relevant committee.

Mr. Speaker, you realize, issues have been raised about the agriculture committee on matters of management of our tractors and subsidy programme. Issues have been raised on matters of provision of water. Issues have been raised on the matters of polytechnics, the ECD centers, Mr. Speaker and issues have also been raised on matters relating to health sector. Mr. Speaker, even on matters on following programme-based budget have been raised.

Quite a number of issues have been raised and it will be very important if members will take this opportunity seize this matter when they are fresh and they have the energy to discuss these issues and give a direction because you realize each and every committee has made some recommendations that these house needs to adopt or make recommendations so that they can be followed and implemented as requested.

So Mr. Speaker, in view of those issues, it is out of that that I feel it will be important if we have time like next week on Tuesday afternoon when members can now be able to seize on this

matter and bring forth reasonable approaches to solving the matters that are affecting our people in the county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I think the Deputy Speaker, the impression that you are giving house is that if business of this report is concluded today, nothing will be achieved which is not the position under the Standing Orders. If you look at Standing Order No. 181, once the report of the house is adopted, within 60 days of a resolution of the house or adoption of a report of a select committee, the relevant County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls, shall provide a report to the relevant committee of the house in accordance with Article 183 sub-section 3 of the Constitution. So this is not basically the end of the moment. So again I refuse your request. May debate proceed.

(No member seeking attention of the Chair)

Then I will take it that there is no further contribution and I will proceed to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

This is with direction. That the recommendations be prepared and forwarded to the relevant CEC members for further action in the next 60 days.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: In the absence of additional business, then house adjourns.

The House rose at 4.20 p.m.