

MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Wednesday, 5th August, 2015**

The House met at 10.11 a.m.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms. Jacqueline Nziva) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Good morning members. Proceed.**NOTICE OF MOTION****FREE HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND THE AGED**

Hon. R. Mutuku: Madam Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following motion: that this Hon. House urges the County Government of Machakos to provide free health services to persons with severe disability and the persons of 65 years and beyond. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.**MOTION****FREE HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND THE AGED**

Hon. R. Mutuku: Madam Speaker, aware that people living with disability and the older members of our society in our county are among the marginalized groups; further aware that there are some people whose severity of disability is high compared to others and some of these people come from poor background; aware that persons of 65 years and beyond by age are prone to many health related complications; aware that the Constitution of Kenya article 56(e) states that the State shall put in place affirmative action program designed to ensure the minorities and the marginalized groups have reasonable access to water, health services and infrastructure; further aware that the Constitution of Kenya article 57 (d) states that the state shall take measures to ensure the rights of older persons receive reasonable care and assistance from family and the State, Madam Speaker I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House urges the County Government of Machakos to provide free health services to persons with severe disability and persons of 65 years and beyond. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to call Hon. Amina Mutio to second my motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Amina: Shukran msemaji wa bunge maalum. Nimesimama kuunga huo mswada mkono maanake hizi ni changamoto zinazotukumba katika jamii zetu kwamba hawa ajuza na watu wasiojiweza wanamatatizo sana. Shukran Madam Spika.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. The motion is properly laid. Can we have contributions from members? Yes Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: I stand to support this motion. You know that persons living with disabilities face many challenges have many issues, especially those with severe disability. They are people or persons that require a lot of care; they need to be supported, they need caregivers within society. We have members that have Down's syndrome, others are suffering from lack of libido and therefore they cannot support themselves and those caregivers at the same time require to be supported to support them. Therefore there is great need for the Machakos County to rise to the occasion like other counties to support and give some financial support to these members of our society who cannot help themselves.

In addition to that, we also have these elderly within our society who for the greater part of their lives they have served and have been able to support their families and now it is our time to support them as well and therefore there is need to have a scheme or to support them to be able to live better lives. You know these elderly people are the ones who give us blessings in times when they are at that stage of sunset days and therefore there is need for us to support them as a county to be able to live good lives.

Therefore I stand to support that this Assembly approves this motion that we may be able to give greater support to those persons with severe disabilities as well as those who are aged above 65 years. You realize that the other time I brought a motion in this House that we should have a census to know and to categorize these people in terms of age, education and their capacity so that we can help them better. It will be prudent for us as a House to make sure that a census is done to know how many people who are beyond 65 years need to be supported, how many do not have relatives who can support them.

At the same time we also need to have a census to know the categories of persons with disabilities especially those with severe disabilities within our county so that as we make budgets and as we move forward in this House, we will be able to support them and make sure they live better lives like us. So I support this motion and I urge this House to really support and approve this motion so that our members in society will not continue suffering but will live to enjoy the fruits of this devolution. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much. Hon. Muli.

Hon. Muli: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand here to support this motion Madam Speaker and I would like to applaud the mover of the motion because sure enough, these

categories of personalities need a lot of tender care and also to be considered, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker you find that with these categories of people, mostly they do not earn much, they do not participate more in terms of income gains and sure enough they need to be totally supported.

A person at the age of 65 cannot go to work Madam Speaker and you find it will be prudent enough and wise enough for the County Government of Machakos to assist in terms of health services and also Madam Speaker, people with disability especially the severe one feel neglected and they will feel that they are totally supported if they are given this service. Therefore Madam Speaker, I totally support this motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Katela.

Hon. Katela: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support the motion but with some amendments because as you are aware, we have already done our budget and I would like and wish the chair, health to stand and put some light whether there is some supplementary budget for the same and again with all due respect, every sane Kenyan knows that the disabled are not paying any taxes; they have been exempted and with that we have also gone ahead and touched the national government budget.

Again, this county started a project of the elderly and the disabled. Can the chairman of that committee tell us how far and when the first project of the disabled, when will they be paid because they have not yet been paid. It is like adding....protect me, Madam Speaker. It is like adding salt to the wound because, how do we give them some more money on top of what has not succeeded? Where we will get that budget if we have not honored the first pledge?

In my place it is like they are saying that we have squandered that money for the disabled and the elderly. The elderly are now crying for the second round; others were left out. We had taken about 500 for every ward; we paid only a 100 or 50. I mean, as much as the motion is good and it means well, we have to support it with some amendments but he should also tell us if it is immediate or next year so that we can include it in the next budget. That is my worry. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can we have the motion mover who is also the chairman of the MSWEP.

Hon. R. Mutuku: Madam Speaker, I wish first of all to inform the Hon. Member for Muthetheni that the motion before the House is to provide free health service to people with severe disabilities. Madam Speaker, it is true that most of us who are working and those who have businesses do not pay taxes. Nobody in this country who has a severe disability can afford even to work; nobody with a severe disability can afford to have a business.

So Madam Speaker, I am urging only for the people who have severe disabilities, not anybody. And Madam Speaker further, my motion is intended to maybe involve the government

or even remind the government that they should put measures in place. I am not saying that it should be done immediately. When a motion is moved in the House and is adopted, the chairman of Implementation will maybe do a follow up on whether in future it can be implemented when funds are available. We cannot implement when we don't have funds. Thank you Madam Speaker.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, it was once said that when you see someone loaded with documents, just know something is coming out of it. I wish to bring to your attention that I sat in the committee of health when we were interrogating the budget and there are quite a number of provisions that as I said earlier, oversight is reading. If you go to the department of health and emergency services, there is a provision that says 'medical expenses: patient waiver.' It is more than 6 to 7 million shillings that was allocated so I think the hon. member is in order. If Hon. Katela is saying that we do not have a budget, then we have a budget for that.

So what we can do is, we can support this motion and those monies which were allocated for patient waiver can be directed to cater for the same because when we talk of patient waiver...can you protect me, Madam Speaker; I am on a point of information. If monies were provided for in the budget, patient waiver, I think it is in the best interest that we pass this motion then the monies meant for patient waiver if it is to help people with disabilities and the elderly,... protect me Madam Speaker, if it is to help the people with disability and the elderly, then we can now formulate a policy statement on how we are going to work on this such that those people who will be waived those charges Madam Speaker...I beg your pardon Madam Speaker; we come up with a policy guideline whereby if someone has that acute or severe disability or is aged, to qualify to enjoy that service of medical expenses waiver.

So I think because we already have the provision in the budget, now it is us to pass the motion and then we task the committee on health through the CEC, health to come up with a policy document that we are going to adopt and pass in this House such that before you enjoy that service, it must be ascertained that you are not capable and able. Madam Speaker, some of the people with disabilities are enjoying huge benefits. We already have some in the Hon. House; their salaries are not taxed. When I am paying taxes of about Kshs. 80,000 to Kshs. 100,000, they are paying less than Kshs. 20,000, so that is another benefit we are adding.

We have the aged like for example in Machakos town, we can see very aged people above 65 years driving very expensive cars; that means they are able and capable to cater for their medical expenses. So I think what we need to do is to come up with a policy document that guides how the patient waiver budget allocation is going to benefit those people so that we cannot go ahead and say we are going to exempt everybody who is above 65 and everybody who has a disability and deny that service even to a needful child whose parents cannot even afford to raise a dollar in a day. Thank you. Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you for the point of information. Can we hear Hon. Kiviu Manyolo.

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am for the support of the motion but first we have to know the number of the disabled in our ward for us to come up with the policy as Hon. Dominic Maitha has said. There are those who are critical and cannot afford anything so we need to have a number of the physically challenged in our county so that we may come up with a policy. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Nzoka.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you Madam Speaker. I wanted to raise a point which has been raised by Hon. Maitha of waiver. I border two hospitals. My people go to either Kangundo or Thika and especially Thika. This waiver money which is set aside, there are families who are unable to clear the hospital bills and like Monday I assisted one to waive Kshs. 7,000 in Thika General Hospital and the person had no disability but she had some problems at home; she had three children which passed in a short time. Even the little money we paid was raised by the villagers.

So we have some people without disability and who when they are hospitalized or their children are hospitalized, they cannot clear the fee which is needed in the hospital, so that is why in the budget we have waiver money for doing such duties. I also concur with another member that is Hon. Manyolo that not every 65 years old and above is unable. There are those who are even richer than us here; there are those who are earning a lot so when we say we waive for 65 and above we have to see who is who to do so.

Again it is in the Constitution that it is the right of any Kenyan who is above 65 to get Kshs. 2000. It has been implemented in phases; if you just go to the villages, you shall see the national government is requesting for either 100 people in the sub county and in the following year it adds something. Those who are on the ground are trying to access who is who to enter in that one but the Constitution says everyone above 65. So when we are talking about that one, I am supporting the motion on condition that we have to know who is to benefit. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to start by thanking the mover of this motion and say that he has good intentions for the people with disability and the elderly, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, this one is a very good motion which if approved by this Hon. House and implemented in the right way, it will be of importance to the disabled and the elderly. However Madam Speaker, I have some reservations. Madam Speaker, I think the mover of the motion should have told this House the percentage of disability,

not just saying severe disability, Madam Speaker. Also the aged...Madam Speaker I need your protection.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Also on the issue of age, he has given us the age of 65. This is the age only 5 years after retirement. Actually, if we say we give free medical services to persons of 65 years and above, we will be giving free medical services almost to 30 per cent of the population of this county and these are people who are earning pension, people who have business and if I were to give an example, we have an Hon. Member here who is now elected member---

(Applause)

...because his people saw that he is capable and he was able and he had money to go campaigning, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, we cannot just sit here and set a precedence which will be a problem to the county government in running its activities. Madam Speaker, I would urge the mover of the motion to think of withdrawing the motion and separating disability and the elderly, Madam Speaker.

Also on the issue of disability, and I want to quote a Kiswahili saying, “*hujafa, hujambika*.” Tomorrow I can be disabled; actually I am not denying this. Any member of this House who has no disability can be disabled tomorrow. Even the minute after my contribution, I can be disabled, but what is the percentage of disability which he is telling us to give free medical service?

Also I want to comment on what has been raised by Hon. Maitha: the waiver fund, Madam Speaker. This is not for the disability or the aged; this is for the people who cannot pay. We have people who have both parents but they are more vulnerable than those who don't have. I want to give an example. We keep on talking about giving bursaries to orphans but there are orphans who are better off than children who have both parents.

So Madam Speaker, my advice to the mover of the motion is either to withdraw the motion and separate the two issues or with the indulgence of the Speaker, he refers this motion to a committee so that they can come with a policy. Let us not just rush because we are talking about the aged and the disabled and approve the motion the way it is. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Thank you. Can we get the point of information from Hon. Dominic?

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, I want to put to the awareness of the Hon. Majority Leader that the people with disabilities have a governing body that ascertains that this person qualifies to become a disabled person. That is why I was saying we need to come up with a policy statement, because if we pass the motion and we say then let us develop a policy, then the policy will capture that for someone to qualify to enjoy that service, then that person must have a registration certificate from the same body.

The other thing that the Majority Leader is saying, the waiver issue, Madam Speaker, I would even to the greatest extent, discourage waiver of medical expenses to those people who sometimes can perceive they cannot manage. But Madam Speaker, right now the national government is campaigning everywhere for people to register as National Hospital Insurance Fund at a little fee of about Kshs. 500, Madam Speaker.

So we even need to discourage the waiver so that people can register with NHIF and enjoy this service because if we now tell them whoever goes to the hospital they will say that 'I cannot be able to pay then all of a sudden you say you need a waiver Madam Speaker, we will be encouraging idleness, we will be encouraging promiscuity, we will be encouraging people to defy national government directives.

Actually what we should do is right now, unless it is very useful and it is necessary. we should completely do away with issues of waiver and encourage people to register with NHIF so that they can enjoy that service and then if the elderly people and the disabled will enjoy this service, then Madam Speaker we just need to develop a policy statement and a document because apart from a few people with disability who maybe might be enjoying 1,2,3 benefits, majority of them back there Madam Speaker reference to the forms that we were filling for the social welfare fund, we evidenced that there are people who are living under very bad conditions, Madam Speaker.

They cannot afford even to buy a wheelchair; they cannot afford to earn a good living so those are the kind of people that we need to support. So as I support this motion, let us pass this motion and then we task the CEC, Health in conjunction with the CEC, Finance department, if necessary Madam Speaker, to come up with a policy statement on how we are going to ensure that this program is properly undertaken and it benefits the people. So I am in total opposition of what the Majority Leader is saying. I support the motion in totality and request that a policy statement be put in place. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Thank you what is the point of order?

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Katela: Madam Speaker, I think we are saying one thing using different tongues. We are really supporting the motion but with amendments and I repeat again, it is only in this House where we passed money for the elderly and money for the disabled and where is it Hon.

Maitha? Where is this money? We are soon passing it again here... protect me, Madam Speaker. What they are saying is that waiver money is a different vote from the disability vote. Those are two different votes. Can the chair....

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can we have a point of order from the motion mover because you are talking of amendments. Can we have the motion mover?

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. R. Mutuku: Thank you Madam Speaker. Is it in order for the Hon. Member for Muthetheni to go contrary or outside the motion where the motion is very clear? We are only urging the County Government of Machakos to come up with maybe measures to provide free health services to people with severe disability and the persons of 65 and beyond. Madam Speaker, you cannot just wake up today when you already have your own earning.

People who are working, you cannot go to hospital and maybe say you want to be given free services. We are only urging the county government to come up with a policy on how they are going to implement this; come up with how they will ascertain that somebody has severe disability. You cannot just wake up and say we are going maybe to give free health services to this person just by the look. We must have a guideline on how it will be implemented. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Let's have Hon. Ndeto, Alice, Hon. Matheka then Jacinta.

Hon. Ndeto: Thank you Madam Speaker for that opportunity to contribute to this motion. I wish to state that this is a very good motion but we may be working on impossibility. When I talk of impossibility, currently we are somehow unable to provide the health services as required.

(Applause)

And when we talk of giving all the people with severe disabilities and persons of 65 years and beyond free medical service within the county, this one cannot work within the county and I am thinking about it in this perspective: good as it is, I support the majority leader. If this motion can be withheld then we get a good team comprising of the mover and experts to fine tune this motion and bring it in another perspective because I totally believe this county cannot manage to cater for these two groups in terms of health services and if we want to try, let us pass it and before the end of this year we will be back in this House cursing the day we passed the same. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bi. Spika kwa kunipa hiyo nafasi. Nnimesimama kuunga huu mswada mkono lakini na marekebisho. Bi. Spika, sisi kwenye hili bunge tulipitisha pesa za walemavu, tukapitisha pesa za maajuzi wapewe na pesa za vijana. Hivi sasa tunaongea kusema maajuzi wapewe matibabu ya bure. Bi. Spika, imekua kama mtindo kwenye hili bunge kuongea vitu na hatufanyi. Mwenyekiti wa kamati tekelezi, tunataka kumwambia kama ameshindwa na kazi, kuna wengine wanaweza sababu...

(Low consultations)

...Bi. Spika nahitaji unikinge tafadhali nimalizie mambo yangu ambayo nataka kuongea.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: You are protected Hon. Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Sisi tumeongea kwenye bunge mambo mazuri, mwongozo mzuri lakini hakuna utekelezi. Yule ambaye ameleta huu mswada alikuwa na nia nzuri sana kuuleta ili tuwasaidie hao maajuzi na pia marekebisho ingekuwa vizuri tungetengeza chumba cha kuwalinda hao maajuzi katika hospitali yetu ya Machakos maana ukitembea nchi zingine zile zimeendelea zaidi, utakuta kuna vyumba vimetengenezwa maajuzi ambao hawajiwezi wanapelekwa kupatiwa vyakula, afya na vitu vingine.

Lakini Bi. Spika nikiangalia naona kwamba sisi kama County nikama hatujafikia sababu kama tulitenga pesa za maajuzi wapewe na hawajapewa, wengine wanalalamika, tunaekelea mzungu juu ya mwingine. Aliyeleta huu mswada namuomba arudi tena, akae chini na waalam. Mwanzo tujue maajuzi hao wanahitaji usaidizi ni wangapi; walemavu hao tutawasaidia ni wangapi ili sasa tukiongea akileta msawa vizuri sasa tutajua kama County yetu ina nguvu ya kuwasaidia hao. Tusianze mradi ambao sisi kama County hatutaweza. Kwa hivyo aliyeleta huu mswada ni vizuri lakini unataka marekebisho zaidi.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can I hear the motion mover first?

Hon. R. Mutuku: Madam Speaker, I want to repeat this again: the purpose of a motion is just to urge the government to start planning and our purpose here in the County Assembly, we do not have mandate of implementing; we only legislate and this is part of legislation. The part of implementation lies with the Executive so if we say we cannot pass a motion because other motions which have been passed previously have not been implemented, then we are failing as an Assembly, Madam Speaker. So Madam Speaker, I urge members, let's support this motion, let's pass the motion then the Executive will take measures to see how they will implement what we have adopted in the House. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can we get the point of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Majority Leader (Hon. Mwonga): Madam Speaker, is it in order for the mover of the motion to say that one of the roles of this Hon. House is just to pass and to make regulations which will not be implemented. Surely then, why are we here. We cannot just sit here and just pass motions for the sake of passing them. We should pass a motion which has substance and which we know will be of help to our poor people. Madam Speaker, I think according to what the mover of the motion has said he should take my advice and withdraw this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Madam Speaker and the House at large. Madam Speaker, I am willing to support the motion but I have some concerns, Madam Speaker. It is a good motion but some concerns have to be addressed and I am going back to the free things which have been mentioned here by each and every speaker. We had free seeds, free chicks, free showers and many other free things which were promised and Madam Speaker up to now we have witnessed only one shower, some seeds and some chicks. Not everything has been delivered.

My concerns are how we are going to sustain this. What is the degree of sustainability of this program? Madam Speaker, sample this: maybe we have a 100 people and maybe we are paying for them the NHIF card for Kshs. 500 every month. That will translate to Kshs. 50 million per month and Kshs. 600 million per year. Is the county government ready to sustain this? The mover of the motion should think twice and come back with a motion which can be sustained by the County Government. He should not insist that we are here to legislate; we must also foresee what we are legislating to bring forth. We cannot legislate to bring Kshs. 600 million on board in the budget yet we cannot sustain the budget of health which is already in place.

(Applause)

So Hon. Member, chairman for MSWEP, please rethink your motion then you come up with something which the county government can sustain. Thank you. Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Hon. Peter Nzioki.

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support this motion but with reservations. Madam Speaker I have a brother who is disabled; he is mentally disabled and physically disabled. Madam Speaker, my brother did not qualify to benefit from the free grants that we are talking about from the county government, Madam Speaker and just for that reason, I

would like the member, the mover of the motion, just to clarify to me whether that condition of my brother is severe or is not severe.

(Laughter/applause)

Madam Speaker protect me.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed

Hon. Nzioki: Thank you Madam Speaker for protecting me. Madam Speaker, it would be wise for us as a House, Madam Speaker, to pass motions in this House that can be sustained. It looks like if we pass motions that are not sustainable, then we are not thinking as members. Madam Speaker, we might give this county government a big burden of implementing this motion if passed today.

I would request with your indulgence that this motion be referred to maybe the committee of health and then with consultations with experts, to come up with another motion that will be affordable to this government. Madam Speaker, when you come to the elderly, my mother is 89 years old today and she did not qualify for the benefits of the elderly. Madam Speaker I am also asking my fellow colleague the mover of the motion, if my mother is not elderly enough to qualify for free medical expenses Madam Speaker, if we move like this then some of us will be denied services from the government unjustifiably.

As we speak today Madam Speaker, the mover of the motion qualifies not to pay tax from the incomes he earns. Compared to my mother, who is more qualified for the waiver of taxes, is it the mover of the motion or my mother who is 89 years and does not earn anything? Madam Speaker we need to rethink again about this motion and take it back to a committee. Thank you Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Kathinzi then Hon. Kamitu

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Madam Speaker. I was wondering why you cannot see I am representing the Minority Leader in this house today and that I am holding brief for him. I have stood to support but I have issues with this motion. To start with my, grandmother is 105 years now alive and kicking. She deserves.

She did not even get the money for the elderly because I said she cannot benefit because I can support that noble cause. I would say as I support this motion, maybe what Majority Leader is saying, to advice the mover to withdraw the motion then we add some other things like we can move a motion like every sub county to have what we call *nyumba ya wazee* and then because

there are many elderly people who are not being supported by their own children, we have that initiative and also push the years from 65 years to 70, Madam Speaker.

I think it is a good idea but we have seen that in this county we have given free seeds, free green houses, yesterday we saw free water. Anything for free will never help our people. So I am saying that we support this motion but for the sake of big losses which the mover of the motion might incur because if this motion is thrown out of the window then the repercussion is that he can come back to this House after six months. So we can advise him to withdraw but come again with a different version which is going to target at least 70 years and above but have a *nyumba ya wazee* whereby we can take care of those old guys. So I think that is my fair contribution.

(Applause)

Putting into consideration that it is in the best interest of these elderly people because they are our grandmothers and mothers. So I think that is my personal advice and view that we forge towards that direction. Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Thank you for the contributions. The motion mover you have heard from members. What is your feeling?

Hon. R. Mutuku: Madam Speaker, the motion before the House is a property of the House. It is only the House that can decide. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Okay. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I stand here just to tell the mover he had a very noble idea in regard to this motion concerning the disability and the elderly people and you can see Madam Speaker that these are two aspects. As mentioned earlier by other Hon. Members, we should be realistic and as I said it is a noble idea that has been brought by Hon. Raphael but if we look at the aspect of funding of Machakos County at present, the question would be are we able to do the funding in regard to what has been brought to the House?

Again Madam Speaker, my contribution in this House is to tell Hon. Members as they are aware that we have research officers amongst the Assembly so I would kindly request the mover or request this House that a research be done to identify the percentage of the disability and for us to be practicable, to identify the much that is required---

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Can we get the point of order.

Hon. Ngunzi: Madam Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that the House is almost empty. There is no quorum.

Hon. Kamitu: So Madam Speaker, as I stand to continue---

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Kamitu: Let me proceed by saying that as I normally say, I have being out in foreign countries. I've been to USA and they have a medical welfare because when I am talking about USA, they have a fund for that and they have welfare countrywide and as you know, United States is made of 52 states. We as a county, the question as I said is, are we able to sustain if we move? Are we able to sustain the disabled people? Are we able to sustain the elderly?

So as I mentioned earlier Hon. Members, it is good that we put our research team who are in this Assembly, we give them time to research on this noble motion that has been brought by Hon. Raphael before we kick it out because it is a good idea but the question is, if we do the calculations, are we able? Because we were not even able to pay the elderly people within the county; we were not even able to fund the youth. As Hon. Raphael stands here, he is one among the chairs who is on that welfare---

(Applause)

...and up to now we have not even been able to grant anything to the youth. We have not been able to grant anything to the elderly. So I would request that this motion is withdrawn then we sit down, we come up with a practicable sustainable idea that can really go for the disabled and the elderly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: Members, the motion before us is a good motion. I would wish that we refer the motion to the health committee so that they can come up with a comprehensive report. I do not know the feeling of the members.

(Applause)

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker: In the absence of any other agenda, the House adjourns till 2:00 p.m.

The House rose at 11.02 a.m.