
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**OFFICIAL REPORT****Thursday, 24th March, 2016**

The House met at 2.36 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Mr. Mung'ata) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Let us proceed.**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET**

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Members I have a communication dated 24th March, 2016 the matter supplementary budget. Hon. Members, I am in receipt of a supplementary budget for financial year 2015/2016, dated 23rd March, 2016, submitted by the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and Revenue Management. The document is hereby committed to the Budget and Appropriation committee for further interrogation. The Chair expects that the Budget committee will table a report on the same in the House for debate in the earliest.

SUB JUDICE

Hon. Members, the Chair is at liberty to address members on any matter which he thinks need clarification. The Chair hereby wishes to make a few remarks about the *sub judice* rule. The term *sub judice* is Latin for under judgment. It means that a particular case or matter is being considered by a judge or court. The effect of this rule is that this House should not debate any matter awaiting the determination by a court, anticipating the decision of a court or expressing a view on the merits and demerits of a case before a court on the floor of the House would clearly be improper.

(Applause)

It is important, Hon. Members, to note that according to parliamentary practices and traditions observed in the United Kingdom, the *sub judice* rule is 'self-imposed' and is adopted from the general *sub judice* rule that applies as a matter of law to the public in general.

Article 196 of the Constitution requires Parliament to enact legislation providing for the powers, privileges and immunities of county Assemblies. Section 17 of the County Governments Act states that 'the national law regulating the powers and privileges of Parliament shall, with the necessary modifications, apply to a county assembly.' That law is the National Assembly Powers and Privileges Act, chapter 6 of the Laws of Kenya, Section 12 of the National Assembly Powers and Privileges Act states as follows:

Immunity from legal proceedings

No civil or criminal proceedings shall be instituted against any Member for words spoken before, or written in a report to, the Assembly or a committee, or by reason of any matter or thing brought by him therein by petition, Bill, resolution, motion or otherwise."

Standing Order 85 of the County Assembly of Machakos states that:-

1. Matters *sub judice* or secret

- (1) Subject to paragraph (5), no Member shall refer to any particular matter which is *sub judice* or which, by the operation of any written law, is secret.
- (2) A matter shall be considered to be *sub judice* when it refers to active criminal or civil proceedings and the discussion of such matter is likely to prejudice its fair determination.
- (3) In determining whether a criminal or civil proceeding is active, the following shall apply:-
 - (a) Criminal proceedings shall be deemed to be active when a charge has been made or a summons to appear has been issued.
 - (b) Criminal proceedings shall be deemed to have ceased to be active when they are concluded by verdict and sentence or discontinuance.
 - (c) Civil proceedings shall be deemed to be active when arrangements for hearing, such as setting down a case for trial, have been made, until the proceedings are ended by judgment or discontinuance.
 - (d) Appellate proceedings, whether criminal or civil, shall be deemed to be active from the time when they are commenced by application for leave to appeal or by notice of appeal until the proceedings are ended by judgment or discontinuance.
- (4) A Member alleging that a matter is *sub judice* shall provide evidence to show that paragraphs (2) and (3) are applicable.
- (5) Notwithstanding this Standing Order, the Speaker may allow reference to any matter before the House or a Committee.

Hon. Members, note that paragraph 5 of this Standing Order gives discretion to the Speaker to make an exception to this rule. Where the Speaker considers that the House needs to discuss a certain matter then the Speaker may allow such a debate.

In a ruling delivered on 27th November, 2008 concerning the issue of *sub judice*, the Speaker of the National Assembly Hon. Marende stated that:-

“The operation of the principle both separates and blends the powers so that each branch serves as a check and balance on the powers of the other. It ensures the protection of the rule of law and secures the fundamental rights of the individual. The principle of separation of powers has a superficial simplicity but is in reality inherently complex. Each branch of Government must exercise its powers in a fine balancing act to ensure that it properly and effectively carries out its functions while at the same time does not infringe on the powers and responsibilities of the other branches of Government. Thus, Parliament enacts laws but the judiciary can review the constitutionality of such legislation if challenged and can indeed declare a law made by this House to be unconstitutional and to be a nullity.

The principle ensures that Parliament as the representatives of the people cannot be prevented from giving voice to the will of the people. But it also ensures that the judiciary can scrutinize the legislation we make, after we have made it, to ensure that we have been faithful to the Constitution.”

The pendency of a case in court cannot prevent this Assembly from carrying out its functions. The privilege of this House to regulate its own procedure free from intervention by the Executive or the courts is unassailable.

Nevertheless, and in the matters surrounding the party leadership in this House and in order to maintain the rule of law, the Speaker has chosen to respect due process of the law and abide by the rulings of the courts thus respecting the *sub judice* rule.

The interpretation of the laws we make and those made by Parliament is done by the judiciary and other relevant tribunals such as the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal. Proper exercise of the doctrine of separation of powers enables the judiciary and the legislature to discharge their separate constitutional roles.

To adopt the words of the Speaker of the National Assembly in the above mentioned case, this House retains the right to be the sole judge of the lawfulness of its own proceedings. Accordingly, the Assembly cannot be stopped or prevented from performing its legislative function and any person or authority purporting to do so would be acting in vain.

All in all the office of the Speaker of the County Assembly is under duty to protect the constitutional authority and role of this Assembly. As your Speaker, I will diligently perform this role and jealousy guard the constitutional misappropriation of this Assembly.

PETITION FROM MINORITY LEADERSHIP

Further, Hon. Members, I do acknowledge that I received a petition from the minority leadership and shall deliver my considered position after perusal next week.

(Applause)

Happy holidays, let us proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION
STATUS OF KANGUNDO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE
SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Winston Kanui there?

Hon. Kyuli: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Kanui is not feeling well. He passed on that baton to me so, Mr. Speaker, I had consulted with the Clerk and he had said already the notice of this motion that Hon. Kanui had is in place.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Kyuli: So I will come in to introduce the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us proceed.

STATEMENTS
REPLIES TO STATEMENTS SOUGHT

Hon. Speaker: Before we hear you, the matter for statements, there is a response I was supposed to leave for Hon. Muthuka. I will undertake to have it done in the earliest. It must have missed out in the Clerk's office. Yes statements.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I am making a follow up regarding quite a number of statements that I have sought before this house and it is now almost a month Mr. Speaker, before those statements have been responded and it has been the procedure you always direct that in two weeks, the relevant sectoral chairs deliver the answers for those statements, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is becoming an injustice, we are doing injustice to our people because I believe whenever a statement has been sought before this House it is not as a matter of urgency.

So, I sought statements, they have not been responded and you already gave a ruling that those statements were to be responded in two weeks, Mr. Speaker. Some of them are even two, three months old, some of them even date back before we proceeded for recess last November,

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Mr. Speaker. What is the position of all those statements I have sought and they have not been responded because whenever a member seeks a statement, it is on a matter of urgency and that is denying the rights of those people we are seeking statements for. So I seek to be guided Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you for that and I agree with you that answers have not been forthcoming. Before we begin our sitting on Wednesday I will raise issues with all the chairpersons who are supposed to give responses and we shall interrogate them in this House. Thank you let us proceed.

MOTIONS

STATUS OF KANGUNDO LEVEL IV HOSPITAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE SUB-COUNTY

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier I am sitting in for Hon. Winston Kanui who was supposed to introduce this motion and is feeling unwell that is a motion that, Mr. Speaker, aware that the health and emergency services committee, amongst other roles, is mandated with all matters related to County health services including in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care and funeral parlours. Further, aware that Standing Order 190 (5)(a) stipulates that a sectoral committee shall investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that there has been a public outcry from the residents of Kangundo sub-county on the poor delivery of health care services at the Level IV hospital and the rural facilities in the sub county, cognizant of the fact that the committee visited Kangundo Level IV hospital on 19th, 20th and 22nd February, 2016 to ascertain the claims. Mr. Speaker, acknowledging that the development of the county is done by the people and that their health is a key factor in development, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the health and emergency services committee report on the status of Kangundo Level IV hospital and the rural healthcare facilities in Kangundo sub-county. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. If you allow, Mr. Speaker, I will call Hon. Stephen Muthuka to support the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Proceed.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here to second this motion and urge members to ventilate on the serious issues that have been forthcoming from these institutions especially from the health department and see to it that after approval of this report or adoption of the report is forwarded and necessary actions are done to correct the bad state of our facilities, not only even in Kangundo even in other sub-counties. I do beg to support. Thank you.

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Hon. Speaker: Thank you. The motion is properly laid maybe we call on the mover to proceed.

Hon. Kyuli: Again, Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you at particular juncture. Mr. Speaker, this is a report from our committee, before I read it---

Hon. Speaker: Maybe before you proceed, you said a notice had been issued and the report had been circulated to members.

Hon. Kyuli: I so believe because I was with members reading the report---

Hon. Speaker: I can see the Majority Leader.....(*inaudible*) but just proceed you may persuade members to understand quickly.

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you. Before I begin reading the report, Mr. Speaker, I would raise issue of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson first because they are both feeling unwell and that is why Hon. Winston Kanui was supposed to bring it and he said he has issue of health too. This now, if you will allow, I will start by saying it is the status of Kangundo Level IV hospital and all the rural healthcare facilities in Kangundo Sub-County. In the introduction, Mr. Speaker, you find that we have also annexed a professional report from the sub county MOH and again we also have a professional report from the hospital superintendent.

We also a photograph of a patient, Mr. Speaker, sleeping on a Mackintosh bed without covers. Mr. Speaker, we also have a photograph of the hospital linen stuck in the laundry machine, that you will all hear about it, and again we have a photograph of electricity connections to the dental chair that are loose. So, Mr. Speaker, I wish to proceed.

PREAMBLE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Article 43 (1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 states that “ every person has the right---

A Hon. Member: Point of order.

Hon. Kyuli:to the highest attainable standard of health---

Hon. Speaker: Let us hear the point of concern by Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, due to the issue of analyzing this document in the best way we can, I think that this voluminous document we can be given some time to go and ventilate on it and then we come and discuss because I do not see how we can comprehend a voluminous document like this in terms of 20 to 30 minutes. We will just be assuming what is in the document. Even in the document, I can see some photos which need a lot of analysis. So, Mr. Speaker, I think we can be given some time to go analyze the document, and perhaps on Wednesday, we can come with vivid explanations of the same. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, point of order.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to put to attention that Hon. Member, the mover of the motion is just going through the report. We have not started debating on the report. If you have not understood we should give the mover to move or go through the report and then now you can seek maybe to internalize or even to examine whatever you want to examine from the report and maybe discussion can resume next week, if so granted. So, the essence is, first of all, go through the report then from there we can also get the leave of the House and then we can now internalize the report.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to give directions that the mover takes us through the report and after we finish the report, which is about 11 pages, after we finish the report now, we can now consider canvassing on the matter next week. Proceed.

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and again the report is not that big. The annexure is the one that are big and then everybody will have their time to look at it. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, Article 43 (1a) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 states that “every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care.”

The health and emergency services committee received a public outcry on poor status of the Kangundo Level IV hospital and the rural facilities in the Sub-County through the area members of the County Assembly.

Pursuant to Standing Order 190 (5)(e) on the function of sectorial committees, “the functions of a sectorial committees shall be to investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary and as may be referred to them by the Assembly”. The Committee visited Kangundo Level IV hospital on 19th, 20th and 22nd February,

2016 on a fact-finding mission to investigate on the matters raised by the public. This exercise was also occasioned by a statement sought on the floor of this House by Hon. Matheka Musyoki on the status of the new-borns unit in the hospital on 11th February, 2016.

MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the health and emergency services committee is established as per Standing Order No. 190. Under the Second Schedule that underlines the functions of the Committee to include “all matters related to County health services including in particular county health facilities and pharmacies, ambulance services, promotion of primary health care, licensing and control of undertakings that sell food to the public, cemeteries, funeral parlors and crematoria and refuse dumps and solid waste disposal, fire fighting services and disaster management”

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on health and emergency services is comprised of the following members;

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| 1. Hon. (Ms.) Cecilia Sereka | - Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. (Ms.) Mary Ndinda | - Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. (Ms.) Catherine Nguluku | -Member |
| 4. Hon. (Ms.) Brigid Kitili | “ |
| 5. Hon. Kyalo Kyuli | “ |
| 6. Hon. Winston Kanui | “ |
| 7. Hon. (Ms.) Amina Mutio | “ |
| 8. Hon. Sammy Nduva | “ |
| 9. Hon. Edrick Ngunzi | “ |
| 10. Hon. Stephen Muthuka | |
| 11. Hon. (Ms.) Peninah Kaluki | “ |
| 12. Hon. Thomas Kasoa | “ |
| 13. Hon. (Ms.) Magdalene Ndawa | “ |

COMMITTEE SITE VISIT

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of the complaints from the public on the Kangundo Level IV Hospital through their area MCAs were:-

- I. Lack of drugs in the facility.
- II. Bad smell from the Hospital mortuary.
- III. Poor service delivery from the hospital.
- IV. Unpaid workers in the hospital.

The Committee managed to visit the hospital for three days and had intense discussions with the administration of the hospital. The Committee met the following officers from the Kangundo level four Hospital.

1. The Medical Superintendent.
2. The Hospital Administrator.
3. The Sub-County MOH.
4. The Hospital Matron.
5. The Pharmacist In-Charge.
6. The Nursing Officer In-charge.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker, from the site visit and enquiry, the committee found out the following:-

Security in the hospital premises

Mr. Speaker, the committee was informed that there was no security services at the hospital because the firm which had been earlier engaged had withdrawn its services after several months of unpaid dues. The hospital had engaged five casuals to man security in the premises. It is unfortunate to note that the casuals/security personnel were neither trained nor equipped for the task assigned. The hospital staff was insecure with most of them being of the female gender. Some of the hospital staff and patients had reported cases of theft of personal items.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it was reported and witnessed by the committee members that the hospital alleys and corridors lacked security lights. Moving patients from the wards to the theatre at night was a big challenge bearing in mind that there was no security personnel in the compound. The committee also noted that the hospital had no perimeter wall hence increasing the chances of intruders from any directions.

A case of a lady who intended to steal a baby was witnessed and handled through the relevant offices. Further, the committee was informed that with the lack of security personnel in the hospital, there was nobody to control the patients at both the outpatient and in-patient departments. This way, the very sick patients were being ignored and left lying on the hospital benches. Patients could even leave the facility unnoticed without paying.

Faulty laundry machine

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee was informed that the laundry machine broke down close to a month ago and efforts to repair it had proved futile. This was because the contracted personnel to repair the laundry machine had accrued unpaid dues. The laundry was being cleaned at Machakos level V Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is worth noting that most of the patients were sleeping on the Mackintosh beds without linen or forced to carry beddings from home. This issue was posing a big danger especially to theatre cases as most sterile clothes were stuck inside the faulty laundry machine or they wait for delivery from Machakos Level V Hospital.

Lack of utility vehicle and standby ambulances

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the health committee noted with much disappointment that the hospital had no standby ambulances since the two initially meant for the facility were grounded. The hospital administration was relying on ambulances from the sub-locations. The hospital utility vehicle was also grounded and there was no transport means to pick doctors from their residences at odd working hours when emergency arises.

Furthermore, fueling the available vehicles was not easy as the hospital was not being well-funded. Mr. Speaker, Sir, with the Thwake Bridge having been washed away by the floods and the poor condition of the Kangundo-Machakos road, referral cases to Machakos level V Hospital were life-threatening.

Staffing

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Kangundo hospital faces a big challenge in its efforts to deliver health services due to understaffing. The hospital has 73 nurses against the expected 174 nurses. The hospital has no nurse to handle emergency cases. There were only two clinical officers handling close to 250 patients in the outpatient department per day. Kangundo hospital benefited with two theatre facilities, fully funded by the national government. However, only one theatre was

operational due to lack of medical personnel. The committee was informed that there were some casuals and two nutritionists who had not received their pay for close to 18 months.

Hospital mortuary

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Kamba community traditionally respects their dead. It is very disappointing to note that Kangundo hospital mortuary is not working. The committee was unable to access the facility due to the rotting smell originating from the building. The smell could be smelt 100 meters from the hospital and the community residing next to the hospital had severally complained to the hospital administration and the area MCA.

The situation in the mortuary was occasioned by faulty chambers and the small body capacity. The mortuary had a body capacity of 12 but was currently holding more than 30 bodies. The faulty refrigeration system had not been serviced because the person contracted for repairs and servicing had not been paid for the previous services.

New Born Unit (NBU)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee witnessed that the new born unit, where babies who need close medical monitoring after birth are kept, had been closed down three months ago. The committee inquired to know the reasons behind its closure. From the discussion with the hospital administration, it came out clearly that five infants died in the unit in a span of 24 hours in November, 2015. This prompted the medical board to close the unit sighting the lack of space and understaffing as the main reason for its closure.

The hospital administration denied any chances of negligence and carelessness in the death cases. The county government of Machakos had been given 90 days by the medical board to rehabilitate the new born unit so that it meets the set medical standards. As at the time of the visit, no step had been taken. Underline that. Cases of premature babies were being referred to Machakos Level V Hospital.

Supplies on drugs, non-pharmaceuticals and hospital equipment

Mr. Speaker, the committee learnt that supply of drugs and non-pharmaceuticals was erratic. Even after requisitioning, supply of the items took a longer time. The hospital lacked most of the essential drugs such as painkillers and antibiotics. Patients were forced to source these drugs from private pharmacies at an inflated price.

Mr. Speaker, the hospital laboratory services also were affected by the deficit of necessary re-agents. The dental chair was out of working condition and dangerous electricity

cable connections had been left hanging, posing danger to the medical personnel and the patients too. The hospital had requisitioned for a new dental chair but had not been received. The case of the dental chair had also been captured in a report on the status of the hospital tabled in this House, Mr. Speaker, on 22nd October, 2014.

STATUS OF THE RURAL FACILITIES IN KANGUNDO SUB-COUNTY

Mr. Speaker, Sir, under the directorate of Public Health, the committee learnt that in Kangundo sub-county, there were two health centers namely Kakuyuni and Kivaani health centers. There were also seven dispensaries namely Kyevaluki, Ndunduni, Mukunike, Kathaana, Kawauni, Kathome and Miu dispensaries.

The directorate had proposed to the County Government of Machakos to gazette three high-volume dispensaries namely Mukunike, Ndunduni and Kawauni to be upgraded to health center status. That way, they would benefit from close to KSh. 107,000 from the national Government per year.

The Committee noted the following shortcomings from the rural facilities:-

- a) Kivaani Health Center was not offering laboratory services because the technologist who initially worked in the facility had retired and no replacement had been done.
- b) The already equipped maternity unit in Kakuyuni Health Center was not operational because of lack of medical personnel.
- c) The toilet block meant for patients in Kakuyuni was reported to have sunk and nothing had been done on the issue even after informing the department of health and emergency services. The patients were instead using the toilets meant for the staff.
- d) Most of the dispensaries lacked the placenta pit, meant for disposing off the products after delivery. This forces most of the deliveries to be referred to Kangundo Level IV Hospital, hence congestion.
- e) With only four rural facilities with electricity connection, that is Kakuyuni, Ndunduni, Kivaani and Kawauni, storage of vaccines was not easy for the other facilities because of lack of refrigeration to store the vaccines.
- f) All the rural health facilities are understaffed with most of them being run by one officer. This results to closing down of the facilities when the officers are on leave or on an update seminar.

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee observed the following:-

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- a) The hospital, that is Level IV, collects revenue ranging between Ksh. 1.2 million and Ksh. 1.6 million which is banked 100 per cent to the County Revenue Account.
- b) The Level IV hospital and the rural health facilities experience an immense shortage in medical staff.
- c) The committee further noted that there were no proper guidelines on maintenance and fueling of the ambulances.
- d) The hospital had benefited with a new x-ray unit and two theatre facilities fully funded by the National Government.
- e) There was only one female ward because the second one had been renovated to accommodate the new x-ray unit. Female patients were sharing beds which were small-sized and meant for one patient.
- f) The hospital faced a major challenge of infrastructure where most of the buildings were old and not spacious enough.
- g) The hospital equipment was also out-dated and some were out of working condition. These posed danger to the patients and the medical staff.
- h) The department of health had not started implementing the Machakos County Health Management Fund Regulations, 2015 whose main purpose is to ensure that resources collected in the hospitals is ploughed back to the hospital to guarantee the delivery of quality health care services.
- i) Since the last visit to the hospital in October, 2014, the department had increased the delivery beds from one to four. The committee acknowledged the County Government for that effort and achievement.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the health and emergency services committee recommend the following:-

- a) The department of health and emergency services moves with speed to pay the outstanding debts of the security firms. In the meantime, the decentralized and urban areas department should deploy security personnel to Machakos Level V and all the Level IV hospitals with immediate effect. There should be no private security in any County hospital.

(Applause)

- b) The Executive Committee Member for the department of health and emergency services should start implementing the Machakos County Health Management Fund Regulations, 2015, immediately. This would curb 70 per cent of the shortcomings in all the hospitals.
- c) The rural health facilities without electricity connections should be considered for the sake of refrigeration of vaccines and laboratory services.
- d) Recruitment of medical personnel should be budgeted for in the next Financial Year (2016/17).
- e) The department of health and emergency services should ensure that enough linen and beddings are procured and delivered in the hospital in the next one month.
- f) A new plan of the hospital should be done with a view of expanding the hospital and construction of a perimeter wall.
- g) The emergency services directorate should develop proper guidelines on the maintenance and fuelling of the County ambulances.
- h) The department of health and emergency services should start planning on how to replace the old and outdated hospital equipment such the generator, the dental chair, the laundry machine and the refrigeration system in the morgue immediately. The mortuary body capacity should be increased.
- i) There should be an emergency kitty to cater for such cases as the toilets for patients in Kakuyuni Health Center.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the health and emergency services committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded during the committee sittings and visitations. I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members of the committee who sacrificed their time to participate in the activities of the committee and in preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the health and emergency services Committee, to table this report and recommend it to this Hon. House for adoption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and the report was prepared by Norah Muteti and signed by the chairperson Hon. Cecilia Sereka.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are annexes as I had highlighted:-

- Annex 1 is a report for the rural health care facilities.
- Annex 2 is for Kangundo Level IV hospital (a status report)

- Annex 3 is photograph of a patient sleeping on a Mackintosh bed minus linen. Next is a photograph of linen stuck in a laundry machine Mr. Speaker.
- The next annex, the last one, is the photograph of electricity connection wires let loose of a dental chair where you get place with a toothache, you will be seated in that chair.

Therefore, I want to thank you and I rest my case.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. That is a very good report. I think we need to appreciate.

(Applause)

Hon. Kitheka, maybe I can hear you now on your request.

Hon. Kitheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My request was to get some time to go and analyze this report, even the way I have heard it, I am about to shed tears, because if this is exactly what is a happening in Kangundo, there is a problem and I request we get time to go and analyze this report in a better way so that we can respond in this House in a good manner. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: The Speaker is persuaded but we can hear Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am a worried person today for the touching pictures of that mzee sitting on a bare bed and once upon a time, I was the chairperson of the health committee and things were never this way. I would wish to support and second what my Honourable colleague here has just stated and I think we should be given sometime especially during the holiday, we sit down with our families and friends to show them the truth of the matter our hospitals are in. Last week, I went to my Community hospital, Kithyoko Community hospital, I was with some of the clerks here, Mr. Speaker, and things are still worse than this.

We found our young kids being weighed by the weighing scale for maize. That is in my ward. I am not reporting a case from a different ward. These are issues which are real, they are touching Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I hear you Hon. Kathinzi.

Hon. Kathinzi: So I support that we may have some good time, maybe you organize for a benchmarking of two to three days, we sit down and analyze, we call the CEC member and let

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her tell us what is really happening before we pass this report in this assembly because immediately after we pass this report, that is all. We can do nothing apart from that. So, I think it is a humble request through what mheshimiwa has just said and the able new leadership of the majority, we shall a better report.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members. The matter that was raised by Hon. Kitheka is for time to read the document. Let us not contribute to the motion.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like as we deliberate on the report that is next week, I would like the committee to be given more time to actually go in to the other sub-counties like Mavoko where we have Athi River health center which has never been attended since past years because I can say the situation is extremely bad, more than what we are seeing here. As you are aware, it is the only more or less like referral hospital we have within Mavoko were the population is high---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Mutuku. You don't need permission or request this House to allow the committee to attend the issues in Mavoko, just raise the matter direct to the Chair. So I think you have spent your opportunity. Let us hear, Hon. Mueni.

Hon. M. Mutuku: Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand to support the report, but to me it is very clear, it is for the county to take action and because, Mr. Speaker, Sir, you are the magistrate of this House, you need to bring the people to the mood of the House, because you can see a lot of tension so that the members can get on the work because you know when there is tension, there is no work which can go on and for the members to accept the change which has come, so that we can work. We are not here permanently. The time is going, today has passed and tomorrow is coming; we are going for a recess, so, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask you to be serious and to direct these people to know what they are supposed to be doing. I think they are doing a lot of nothing in this assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni, you are generally out of the point but let us conclude. The matter is for adjournment. Do we have somebody opposing the request for adjournment? But then let us be candid and let us not digress as Madam Mueni is trying to.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity. I would in furtherance of the proposal by Hon. Kitheka, Mr. Speaker, it has come to attention of most of us members that the county state of affairs in regard to health care is in a sorry state and I would personally request that through your guidance, I propose that we set aside Tuesday of the coming week, the afternoon sitting, to discuss matters to do with health care in our county. Mr. Speaker as we stand, we have the five dispensaries in my ward, the provision of medicine and medical supplies to those dispensaries has been a challenge, most of the health workers have opened their own clinics within the markets and many other intriguing issues that are happening across our county.

So I feel that if we set aside Tuesday of the coming week or another day within the week as you may guide, a whole sitting so that members can contribute fully on the state of affairs across the entire county and in their particular wards so that the government of the day can be able to move with speed and act in regard to the issues that are of concern to us. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. That is also right. We shall set a date next week and I had indicated this initially, when we shall comprehensively debate this document. Let members go through it and the resolutions that we make will guide us forward.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the proposal that has been forwarded ahead by Hon. Kitheka but I have one reservation, Mr. Speaker. The report is self-explanatory. The mover of the motion, who was holding brief for the chairperson and vice chairperson, might be they are even hospitalized by the state of affairs in Kangundo hospital. I request members, the report is self-explanatory, nothing much needs to be read or to---

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Dominic, are you in support or---

Hon. Maitha: I am in total support of the adjournment of the discussion of this motion, Mr. Speaker, and I would wish you address me as the Majority Whip not Hon. Dominic, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

So, Mr. Speaker, the state of affairs---

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Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Dominic, now Majority Whip, proceed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Much obliged, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say this, politics aside, this document, in spite of the fact that on Tuesday afternoon we were supposed to present the County Fiscal Strategy Paper which is already time barred, I would request, Mr. Speaker, all other factors notwithstanding, this report should be given the first priority on Wednesday morning and even afternoon for proper deliberations. This is a very serious report, personally about two days ago, I was in Kangundo to attend the burial of the late brother of Hon. Matheka and the kind of accusations which were leveled to us by the residents of Kangundo are unpalatable.

So members, kindly, this report has been read by the mover, it is self-explanatory, you just need to go and think and digest on what action we need to come and take as an assembly. Failure to which, the lives of these people who have been lost in this kind of mismanagement, will follow us to the grave. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Matheka and finish with the chairperson and then we conclude the matter.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the entire house. The hospital subject matter is from my sub-county. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have two things to point. One is about the ambulances---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Matheka, we are dwelling on the matter for adjournment.

Hon. Matheka: Yes that is the weight I am putting on the ambulances. They talked of the ambulances and as a member who comes from the same sub-county, nobody bothered to ask me what happens with the ambulances. They needed to ask from all the members from that sub-county, then we give a clear picture of what is happening on the ground. We know better than the hospital staff. We are with the people and we know better.

Hon. Speaker: Are you saying the committee did not engage you?

Hon. Matheka: No, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and you remember I am the author of the statement that they go to Kangundo Hospital and nobody bothered to invite me or ask me whether I was ready to give my input.

Hon. Speaker: Let us take that point of order here.

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, now that the member proposed for the committee to go to Kangundo and develop a report about the hospital and the member, being a member of this House, I believe he has an opportunity to raise these issues when we will be deliberating on the report next week. So there was no need to have him interrogated because the committee, first of all, had an opportunity to interrogate the staff and then while we were discussing the report to adopt it, if he feels there is matter that has been left out, I believe he has an opportunity to raise an amendment and that be included in the recommendations that has been issued by the committee.

So I believe he is safe and there will be no worry of him having not being contacted. So I feel the Speaker can find him out of order in his assertions that he was not contacted.

Hon. Speaker: I agree and I find you out of order. Let us hear Hon. Chairperson for legal affairs committee.

Hon. Itumo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I will concur with the words of Hon. Kitheka that we go through the report and maybe through your guidance, on Tuesday or Wednesday so that we may discuss about this report. Mr. Speaker, the moment you saw me move out of this House, I was very much touched by this report and I can assure you it was my first time to weep. I am not strong enough to contribute to this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Chairperson. Let us finally conclude. We are only adjourning this matter so I think the debate in my view is exhausted.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I support the adjournment and Mr. Speaker, according to the report which has been read here is of a great concern and I would like to request, if possible, the pictures which have been annexed here, we need more pictures to be added because I believe there are more pictures which were already taken there, according to the evidence there and should be very clear because I believe they will make the debate to appetize the debate and have more concern on assembling of the pictures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members, the matter is concluded. We will, allow me to proceed and put the question that those in support that this matter be adjourned until next week.

(Question put and agreed to)

The matter will be referred back to the House Business Committee with the instructions that a date be picked next week, on priority. Thank you very much. Is there any other matter Clerk? Okay

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A HONEY PROCESSING PLANT IN 2016/17

Hon. Kathinzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion. That, aware that Masinga and Mwala Sub-counties are prime areas for bee production, further aware that people generate income by making beekeeping equipment, processing, packaging and selling bees products, Mr. Speaker, informed that Machakos County, in its strategic plan intends to have a total of 39,161 hives producing 3,505,900 kg of honey with a money value of more than Ksh. 701,164,800 by the year 2030, considering that the traditional hives yield between 8 and 15 kilos per harvest whereas one can harvest between 20 and 30 kilograms from the modern Top-bar hive.

Mr. Speaker, aware that traditional hive sells between Ksh.10, 000 and Ksh. 20,000, the Top-bar hive stands at Ksh.40, 000 to Ksh. 50,000 while the Langstroth hive goes for more than Ksh.100, 000 and Ksh. 150,000, with the knowledge that many honey farmers in Machakos County sell their honey at low prices due to lack of organized marketing channels, noting that Machakos has no honey processing plant to process and add value to the product.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves establishment of a honey processing plant in the next financial year 2016/2017 which in turn will help exploit the potential in honey production, help mobilize honey farmers and create a better marketing channel. Mr. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Majority Leader, Hon. Isaac Muinde to second my motion.

(Applause)

Majority Leader (Hon. Muinde): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As we all know that agriculture or that is, investment in bee-keeping is nowadays a lucrative business is part of the new agri-business, it is a good idea Mr. Speaker, that this kind of farming is given a boost, not only in Maringa and Mwala, but the entire County because it will also generate jobs for the youths and for our farmers in rural Machakos. It is also a way of improving the livelihoods of the residents of

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Machakos Mr. Speaker. We all know that honey is one of the foods that never rot, we do not need to invest a lot because honey by itself is a product that can be consumed without further processing and also a source of money. Mr. Speaker, we have invested a lot in the previous years in free ploughing that has failed in this County.

(Applause)

We have invested a lot in free seeds which have not transformed to improve economy or improve livelihoods of our people. We have also invested in fertilizers without tangible results being felt in this County. Mr. Speaker, we have had an attempt to invest in poultry but the word out there, is that, Members of the Assembly have eaten chicks when, in fact, they have never seen them.

Mr. Speaker, this motion presents an opportunity for the County of Machakos to try another hand in agriculture. I therefore, Mr. Speaker, second the motion that, in the year 2016/17, we put enough money to train farmers and even to subsidize them so that they can invest in bee-keeping and also create or establish a plant for processing of honey and honey products. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. The motion Hon. Members, is properly laid for debate. Let us begin with the proposers. Yes Hon. Kyalo Kyuli.

Hon. Kyuli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. Perhaps, Mr. Speaker, it is the high time that this Assembly starts to think outside the box.

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

(The Deputy Speaker (Mr. Nathaniel Nganga) took the Chair)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, proceed.

Hon. Kyuli: Perhaps Mr. Speaker, it is the high time, as an Assembly, we begin thinking outside the box. In our previous years' budgets, Mr. Speaker, we have also seen things like stone crushers, Mr. Speaker, we did budget for such items and they were not bought. Mr. Speaker, when we are talking about an agri-business such as this, I can assure you this is where we can improve lives of our County Members or our electorates, Mr. Speaker. Honey in itself it is a medicine, Mr. Speaker. If we all could be aware is that, there is nothing that goes to waste, the honey itself, even the combs, that is where we find that, if we can have only one single plant for honey-processing, next to that plant we will have another one calling or bringing itself because that is where we will get even candles made from Mr. Speaker.

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So, therefore, when we are talking about a venture like this, Mr. Speaker, I would wish that we get serious because we are in the budget process making now. Mr. Speaker, with speed, we budget for this particular plant so that Mr. Speaker, we create a lot of employment opportunities for our people and we also make our people a little bit healthy because honey is also medicine. Mr. Speaker, there has been a big issue when it comes to debate in this Assembly and passing of motions. There has been a big issue on the implementation part.

The Hon. Majority Leader who doubles as the Chairperson, budget committee, I would wish he was here so that, because I can see the Chairperson, Agriculture is seated with us, Mr. Speaker, this time round and for this one issue of agri-business and bringing some new blood into the economy of this County and as we were interrogating the fiscal strategy paper, Mr. Speaker, I am sure you are aware that, this County or we are projecting to collect Ksh. 2.8 billion.

Mr. Speaker, the mover of the motion has illustrated that we can even harvest Ksh. 700 million on top of whatever we collect and this one, it is an amount that can trickle down to our electorates. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, while supporting this motion, I think it is prudent that every Member, if it goes through and I can see the modology of the House, this one and this time is the last budget that we came to have as Members of this Assembly. Members let us do something that is going to touch and improve lives of our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I beg to support him.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Another Member. Hon. Kitheka.

Hon. Kitheka: Mr. Speaker, the issue of agriculture is one of the most important issues we should address within the department of Agriculture in this County simply because, the input which we can sincerely input into this project is minimal. A lot of extract can be gotten from putting very little into this business of bee-keeping and we realize a lot. I have an example of some two groups which I funded as little as Ksh. 15,000 and they have put their bee hives in a forest known as Katunga forest and the group is only having about 25 bee-hives and they are harvesting a lot of honey, they are not wasting a lot of time in keeping the bee hives because the bees know how to go and harvest the nectar and bring it to make honey.

So, Mr. Speaker, I think this is a good business and also a good issue which we can address to our farmers in a better way and I think we can earn a lot of funds and we can even support a lot of families which could be sustained by this agri-business.

Mr. Speaker, I thought when the Governor was going round planting flowers on the roadsides he had this in mind. I thought he was trying to plant flowers for the bees to harvest nectar but to our disappointment I came to realize it is beautification. So, Mr. Speaker, I think now with that, even with those marigold flowers which are planted along the roads, we can use them, the seeds, we can plough somewhere, plant them for the bees to harvest nectar. So, I think he had that in mind but it is a different case. So, Mr. Speaker, I think we support this 100 per cent and we go ahead and allocate funds for this project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand here one thing to applaud the mover of this motion because you are aware that Kambas are known traditionally as the best bee keepers, so it is on this strength that, if a research as our Hon. Kathinzi had laid down, it is the question of now additional research and without even doing a lot of definition, this is a very straight forward laid down motion that Hon. Members of this House should stand up in unison and say; ‘this is a well done motion, a well-intended productivity that our people, our electorate in the County should endeavor to do it.’ If you look at it the way our Hon. Kathinzi has laid down, he has given out even some figures, he has given out the way forward.

So, without even wasting time Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would once again, in unison say, this is one of the best motions that has ever been brought here because it is going to benefit our electorates. They do not need a lot of monies to bring up all these things, so it is a question of now, the Committee for Agriculture, whereby I am seeing the Chairperson of Agriculture is here, very attentive, in regard to budgetary allocation, we should give this one as a priority because it is going to benefit our electorate and as the Members have mentioned, it is going to create employment for our youth and even for our old mummies because even an old mother, an old father can be able to do bee keeping. So, once again, thank you and May God bless the mover of thus motion, Hon. Kathinzi who is my *muthonua* (in-law). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Matheka.

Hon. Matheka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I hope this time I will not be out of order since you are in the Chair.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very good idea from Hon. Kathinzi. He has gone ahead and given the figures of what is expected and Mr. Speaker, Sir, as much as I support this motion, I would like this House to consider including Kathiani and Kangundo for the modern Top-bar bee hive. They have been tested and they do well in those two Sub-Counties. So, Mr. Speaker, as I support this, I will urge the mover to consider including those two sub-counties. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I fully support the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, as we continue in our debate, I would like to offer some direction that, according to Standing Order 44 (f), if the Speaker is of the opinion that any proposed motion ‘calls for the commitment of public funds for which no provision is made in the Annual Estimates as adopted by the Assembly, the Speaker may direct either that, the motion is inadmissible, or that notice of it cannot be given without such alteration as the Speaker may approve or that the

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motion be referred to the relevant committee of the Assembly pursuant to Article 114 (2) of the constitution if it contains provisions dealing with taxes, imposition of charges on a public fund or the variation or repeal of those charges, the appropriation, receipt, custody, investment or issue of public money, the raising or guaranteeing of any loan or its repayment or matters incidental to any of those matters.’

Therefore, in reference to that Standing Order, our debate now should move in line to having this motion, after adoption and approval, be referred to the relevant committee of agriculture so that they can study it, bring reasonable figures, find the amount of investment required so that as we prepare to do our next budget, then if approved, this matter can be factored in all that. So, be advised accordingly. Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am standing here to oppose the motion. Mr. Speaker, I have lived in Kenya long enough to know things that come and do not work for the people. We were here and we saw the tractor program come, it was all in vain, it gave no results. We are here to give green light to the seed program. What happened? Some received, others never received. We were here to allow the Government spent money on the other several(inaudible) that have all turned into disaster. Mr. Speaker, the issue of bee-keeping---

Hon. Muli: Point of information, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Ngunzi: The issue of bee keeping---

Hon. Muli: Point of information.

Hon. Ngunzi: Protect me, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us hear the point of information from the Chairman of agriculture.

Hon. Muli: (*Addressing Hon. Ngunzi*) You can resume seat, Hon. Member. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: That is not for you to do, Hon. Muli.

Hon. Muli: I wanted to alert the Speaker to see the Member was standing.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, you speak through the Chair. Proceed.

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Chair.

POINT OF INFORMATION

Hon. Muli: I would like to inform the Hon. Member that, the issue of the tractors, issues of the chicks, issue of subsidies as he mentioned, was an initiative from the Executive. It was not, as a chairman, being brought by the Member of this House and also some of those projects which were to be budgeted here were not even diagnosed well by my committee. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Ngunzi, I think you are well informed.

Hon. Ngunzi: Mr. Speaker---

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

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no quorum in the House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk, confirm whether we have quorum. Proceed, Hon. Ngunzi.

Hon. Ngunzi: Mr. Speaker, I was saying, we say the chicks come and go, we say the green houses come and go and we have actually spent volumes of public funds on projects that either kicked off and by.....(inaudible) and Mr. Speaker, I would hate to see a repeat of the same because the implementer is one. We will have resolution as a House but we will not implement projects. The implementer will go the same way he went to the chicks---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I am informed that we do not have quorum. Serjeant-at-arms ring the bell. Proceed Hon. Ngunzi

(Quorum bell rung)

Hon. Ngunzi: So, Mr. Speaker, what I am saying is---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: And no Member is allowed to move out.

Hon. Ngunzi: Mr. Speaker, the issue of bee-keeping will involve big volumes of money. To bring the farmers, to subsidize them with hives and to have the project to start and Mr. Speaker not all areas in Machakos County are suitable for bee-keeping. Bee-keeping, as we know, traditionally do it does not take place in every other part. We cannot say we are going to have bee-keeping in Machakos Central, in Kangundo. Bee-keeping was for arid and semi-arid areas, Yatta, Masinga and

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Mwala and I have heard Hon. Matheka saying that bee-keeping does well in Kangundo. Members we are joking. Traditionally bee-keeping is practiced in areas of aridity. So, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Matheka: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

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

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Matheka: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Member to say bee-keeping cannot be done in Kangundo and I was very specific? Modern bee keeping not....he is talking of traditional, I am not talking of traditional bee-keeping but modern, please Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngunzi be guided unless you have a well-researched---

Hon. Ngunzi: I have researched, Mr. Speaker, whether propped by hive, whether the log...it all depends on the nectar and where the pollen will be gotten from. There are special trees, there are acacias that are very useful for nectar and pollen that gives us honey at the end of the day.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You are almost about to wind up.

Hon. Ngunzi: So, Mr. Speaker, I stand here to say no to a project that is about draining public money. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Muli

Hon. Muli: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand here as a Chairman of agriculture committee and also in totality support this motion. Mr. Speaker, I believe and trust that the mover of the motion had good intentions to improve the economy and also the life standards of Machakos County. I concur with the Members who are still in doubt with this department of agriculture because much of the projects which have already been initiated and which have already been passed in the budget here, are not implemented well, Mr. Speaker. I agree as a chairman.

And Mr. Speaker, I believe the committee under now new leadership, this now should be a serious matter, Mr. Speaker, because the committee of implementation should move with speed and also the leadership of the House together even being the Chairman to make sure that, the things which we pass here, according to also to the budget, they are adhered to because, Mr. Speaker, this department of agriculture, everything that has been already proposed in Machakos County, we can call them 'white elephants.'

Nothing is being done with this committee for agriculture. The truth of the matter whereby with this motion which is very paramount and also has a good impact in Machakos County, even the Members are still seeing that, maybe it maybe just rubber stamping even after we pass it here or we pass the budget for it. But now Mr. Speaker, this project for bee-keeping and also for the industry, I believe it can be one of the most economical one, it can be also cheaper because for the terms of production, it does not require much of the expenses and Mr. Speaker, as a chairman, I support it also with my committee and I believe things will be possible from now and the change will be seen being done accordingly.

It is only now we can say, if we pass it, it is only now the project we can now mentioned and which also the one only the one project which can be proud of in Machakos County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes Hon. Steve and I think that will be the final one so that we proceed and put the question.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and the rest of the House. Mr. Speaker, I stand here to support this motion and then with some reservation on the implementation part. Mr. Speaker, you are aware that, we are about to finalize the adoption of County Fiscal Strategic Paper---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order Hon. Majority Chief Whip?

POINT OF ORDER

Hon. Maitha: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for the Hon. Member for Ndalani, a respected leader of this House to address you while improperly dressed? Is it in order Mr. Speaker?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member for Ndalani.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, it is not proper but sometimes there is, you know, what is happening, we are experiencing equinox and we cannot just kill ourselves with dressing. The life is more important than the dressing---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable---

Hon. Muthuka: So, I am seeking leave, leave and permission of the Speaker, if I can give my contribution then maybe, I will go and burst outside because I feel like I will faint, if at all I put on that tie. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member for Ndalani, you are not properly dressed. Kindly do the necessary.

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Hon. Muthuka: Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: With that I proceed to put the question that the motion be adopted as proposed and referred to the committee on Agriculture for subsequent action.

(Question put and agreed to)

The motion is referred to the committee on agriculture for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The House adjourns until next week. Enjoy your weekend and your Easter.

House rose at 4.01 p.m.