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The House met at 2.35 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Mung'ata) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Let us proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
NOMINATION OF MEMBERS

Hon. Speaker: So there is a communication of today on nomination of members; The Trade, Planning and Industrialization committee tabled a report in this House on 10th August, 2016. The report was debated and approved with a resolution that a sub-committee be constituted to form a joint Committee of Trade, Planning and Industrialization and Committee on Implementation. The sub-committee is to investigate into the reasons why the contractors who completed their projects have not been paid.

The following members have been nominated to the serve in the Sub-Committee:-

1. Hon. Sammy Nduva
2. Hon. Gideon Kavuu
3. Hon. Francis Matheka
4. Hon. (Ms.) Ruth Ndumi
5. Hon. Phillip Ndolo
6. Hon. Alphonse Wambua
7. Hon. (Ms.) Jacqueline Nziva
8. Hon. Edrick Ngunzi
9. Hon. Alexander Kathinzi

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The Committee is advised to start meeting immediately and submit its report within the promised 30 days.

PAPERS LAID
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR 2014/2015

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Oliver Nzeki.

(Member absent)

The matter is deferred.

ELIMISHA DADA RACE

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the floor of the House today 1st September, 2016; the report of Youth, Women and sports Committee on *Elimisha Dada* race. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Paper is laid. Proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION
ELIMISHA DADA RACE

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to give notice of the following motion; that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Youth, Women and sports Committee report on the invitation of the *Elimisha Dada* race as laid today 1st September, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Notice has been issued.

REPLIES TO STATEMENTS
YOUTH POLYTECHNICS IN MUTHESYA WARD

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to respond to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Peter Nzioki on 15th March, 2016 (??) regarding status of youth polytechnics in Muthesya ward. I therefore want to state that the department of Education, youth and social welfare responded as follows:

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That a requisition was done and BQs were raised after which an LPO was raised after award letter to a contractor Broad Vision Limited and construction works started and currently it is halfway done in construction. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: The answer will be supplied the Hon. Member for Muthesya and then you will raise any matters if it is not satisfactory, next week.

KWAKYUMBO YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, I raise to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Alex Kathinzi on 15th March, 2016 on why Kwakyumbo Youth Polytechnic has not been constructed despite the project being allocated money Ksh. 9.5 million in the 2013/2014 fiscal year. I, therefore, want to state that, the department of education youth and social welfare responds as follows:

That the appropriate amount for construction in the fiscal year 2013/2014 was Ksh. 63 million. The procurement procedure laid down in the Public Procurement and Disposal Act of 2012 are that a requisition has been made to the department responsible for youth, polytechnics and the BQs are then supposed to be done so as to come up with specifications and cost for the works which was never done for Kwakyumbo youth polytechnic, hence the procurement had no reliable course to proceed with the construction of the Youth Polytechnic. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, Sir---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Manyolo, wait for directions on that. This will apply to Hon. Kathinzi to consider the answer and if there are any issues, you will have an opportunity to raise them next Thursday. Proceed.

BURSARY DISBURSEMENT UPTO JUNE 2015

Hon. Manyolo: Mr. Speaker, Sir I rise to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Muthuka on 24th February, 2016 regarding the expenditure of Ksh. 40.09 million for bursaries as reported by the Controller of Budget in the 2014/2015 fiscal year ending 2015. I therefore, want to state that, the department of education Youth and Social welfare provided a document showing the bursary disbursement for the year 2014/2015 as attached.

Hon. Speaker: Again, the answer will be supplied to the Hon. Muthuka. Yes, can we hear you?

Hon. Muthuka: Mr. Speaker, as per the Standing Orders, statements to be responded to the concerned member should have been supplied two hours prior to the sitting. In that matter, Mr. Speaker, I was supplied with the document---

Hon. Speaker: So you already have the answer already?

Hon. Muthuka: Yes, and I would like to respond.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Just wait I will give you that opportunity. Proceed, Hon. Manyolo with the next.

CIVIC EDUCATION FORUMS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Manyolo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to respond to a statement requested by Hon. Muthuka on the 24th February, 2016 regarding the civic education forums connected to the county. I therefore want to state that the department of education, youth and social welfare provides a document showing the civic education forums conducted as attached. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I take it that Hon. Muthuka you have that answer too.

Hon. Muthuka: Yes, I do.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Any other? Finally, let us hear the response Hon. Muthuka was checking.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe Hon. Members have been supplied with the document and I will start by wondering. I requested the statement on 1st March, 2016 and the statement is being responded to after six months. Maybe through your guidance, Mr. Speaker, I would like to know, are we within our service delivery level. Because if a statement can take six months, there are others I sought in July, I am expecting them next year. We may not be serving our people.

Certainly, in the civic education, the department has annexed the documents in the report that has now been circulated and I would like to know what is civic education, because what has been attached here is nothing like civic education. If I can highlight the first one, on 24th March, 2016, Machakos sub-county: it went to the disabled, looked after well-being of children living with disabilities, target group was Masaku School for the Deaf. Then in output; through Her Excellency the First Lady on social welfare, the school received food stuffs, the following two

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will be provided; school fees for 30 children, perimeter fence, borehole and eventually land for the secondary school. Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: Can you take us to the page you are in.

Hon. Muthuka: Its page one of annex (2). Social Welfare 2016 report, January to May.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Proceed.

Hon. Muthuka: So, Mr. Speaker, in the first place, is this part of civic education? I remember very well, Mr. Speaker, we passed a motion on how civic education should be conducted in our county. But what is annexed here, I don't believe is civic education. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, we need to know how much was spent. Because visiting people and giving them promises, you promise people once for secondary schools; did we approve such a budget in this House? Is it part of civic education?

If you go to number four on orphans, look after well-being of children living in children's homes.(inaudible) Children's Home. Through, Her Excellency the First Lady, seriously did she give this kit to(inaudible) structures on how we can conduct our civic education.

So, Mr. Speaker, I want to trash this response and I am seeking a well-detailed report on civic education and the programs where they were conducted in the 40 wards plus the cost incurred and the output of the civic education. So with your directions Mr. Speaker, I believe you will give directions on the way it is supposed to be.

On the bursaries, if you look at the first annex, I am perturbed because if you go to number 39 -Ndalani ward, the department is claiming that they had written cheques worth Ksh. 2.086 million and presented and cancelled cheques are worth Ksh. 622, 937. So, in short, we are saying that they disbursed Ksh. 1,463,163 to Ndalani. Mr. Speaker, this is an outright lie and I would like to request if I can get the full data of the beneficiaries and the cheque numbers to verify that.

There is an issue here which has been cooked. Mr. Speaker, I am wondering how the Executive is taking this assembly because we have been fed with lies every day, cooked reports. At the same time, I would like to trash this report and I am seeking particularly in Ndalani, a full report of the beneficiaries and the cheque numbers so that we can follow up with the banks that the money was transferred to.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I would also like to request through the commissioner to re-introduce statements which I had sought earlier on 7th June, 2016. The answers were supposed to have come last month but there is no word.

Hon. Speaker: But in the meantime Hon. Muthuka, the directions I will issue is that, substantive reports be developed by the chairman, education committee and presented to this House for debate on those two questions and answers that have been delivered and found not to be satisfactory. So, Hon. Chairman, will your committee kindly develop a report and present to the House, a detailed report on the issues raised. Hon. Muthuka, maybe you can re-introduce the questions, I will give you that leave.

Hon. Muthuka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2), I wish to seek statement on the following;

COST OF CONSTRUCTING MACHAKOS PEOPLE'S PARK

The county has spent a substantial amount of money in the construction of Machakos People's Park, with the total cost of the project being shared by several departments. I would like to be provided with information on the total cost of the project as at to date; the amount of money spent in 2013/2014 Financial year, 2014/2015 Financial year and 2015/2016 Financial year. The departments that were involved and the amount contributed by each of the departments.

COUNTY PROJECTS WITH THE PORTRAIT OF THE GOVERNOR

The county assembly of Machakos approved a motion that signposts for the county projects should not carry the portrait of the Governor. Earlier this year, several signposts with the portrait of the governor were erected across the county contrary to the resolution of the Hon. House. The signposts were even being put in places where the projects are non-existent, thus misleading the public. I would like to know why the resolution of the assembly was not being implemented.

ENFORCING SAND HARVESTING BAN IN NDALANI WARD

The county assembly approved a motion banning sand harvesting in Ndalani ward and a communication made to the executive and the resolution. I would like to know what has been the problem for not.

MSWEP FUNDS FOR NDALANI WARD RESIDENTS

MSWEP issued cheques of Ksh. 100,000 to Ndalani ward residents, without funds in their accounts. The cheques were returned to the MSWEP office and since then, they have not

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been re-issued again. I would like to know when the cheques will be issued to the beneficiaries as attached. I am going to pass this document to you, Mr. Speaker.

TARMACKING ROADS THAT THE GOVERNOR LISTED IN FEBRUARY, 2015

The Governor has launched several road projects for tarmacking since the completion of Makutano- Kithimani road in June, 2014 such as Matuu-Ekalakala. The Governor has on several occasions, during his county tours, promised wananchi that the roads in their areas will be tarmacked. One such road is Ndithini-Muthesya-KwaNgala in Ndalani ward to connect with Thika-Garissa road. In addition, the Governor during his address to the county assembly in February, 2015, listed several roads to be tarmacked. I would like to get a comprehensive program of tarmacking the roads that the Governor launched and the roads listed in the governor list to the assembly February, 2015.

PROGRESS OF PLANNED FRUIT PROCESSING FACTORY AT MASII TOWN

Finally, the department of trade, planning and industrialization planned to construct a fruit processing factory at Masii town in Mwala ward and money was allocated in the financial year 2015/16. I would like to know the progress of the project, whether land was identified for the factory and the future plan for this project since we had allocated money and up to date we have never received any report on this noble project. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Then the clerk will be directed to track these questions and their answers and issue a statement on them next week.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE FROM 6TH TO 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

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

Hon. Speaker: Order! What is the matter?

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, I was raising my hand to make a statement on the report as a matter of concern on the statement that has been presented.

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Deputy Speaker. You know these were reminders of statements that had not been responded to. So my directions are that the clerk will track the answers and we shall issue a report on them next week.

Hon. Nganga: Mr. Speaker, it was on the statements that have already been presented by the chairman education committee.

Hon. Speaker: Particularly which statement?

Hon. Nganga: The statement on the social welfare report on the civic education that had been conducted by Machakos county government.

Hon. Speaker: I have already issued directions on that that report should be filed.

Hon. Nganga: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay. Proceed.

Hon. Kavuu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand under Standing Order 41 (2) where during the Statements Hour, 'a member of the House Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall, every Thursday or on the last sitting day, for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the Table, a statement informing the House of the business coming before the House in the following week;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the HBC met today and pursuant to the provision of the Standing Orders 151 balloted business for the week as follows starting 6th to 8th September, 2016 as follows:-

Wednesday: (morning):

Report of Education and social welfare committee on benchmarking with Mombasa and Kisumu county Assemblies.

Report of environment committee on status of 2nd and 3rd quarters of the 2015/2016 financial year.

(Afternoon):

Report of Decentralized units and urban areas committee on mushrooming kiosks and uncollected garbage in Mavoko sub-county.

Report of *ad hoc* committee investigating the revenue potential in the county.

Thursday:

Report of education and social welfare committee on ECD Classes.

Report of *ad hoc* committee investigating the effects of *El Nino* rains.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

MOTIONS ELIMISHA DADA RACE

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that education is the only(*inaudible*) which a girl or a woman can empower herself and eventually her family and declaring education as a fundamental right, our country ensures constitutional provisions for providing free and compulsory education.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, further aware that even if after declaring education as a fundamental right, there are numerous hurdles that prohibit a girl child from getting proper education. Cognizant of the fact that biggest hurdle is the prejudices that families have about girls, like girls are slow learners, they not(*inaudible*), they are to be confined inside the domestic household rather than educating them.

Acknowledging that education empowers a girl to become economically independent, Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that the Youth, women and sports committee is mandated under Standing Order number 190 to deal with all matters related to Youth welfare, Women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender-related issues and sports activities and facilities.

Noting that the committee was invited to an event dubbed *Elimisha Dada* race that endeavored to create awareness and rights of the girl child education in Machakos County, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move a motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves the Youth, Women and sports Committee report on the invitation of the *Elimisha Dada* race. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to call upon Hon. Katumo to second the motion.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I second this motion that Hon. House discusses and adopts this report of the Youth, Women and sports Committee concerning *Elimisha Dada* race event. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Youth, Women and Sports committee submits its report on the *Elimisha Dada* Race following the invitation by the Light of Hope Youth Initiative which is a Community-Based Organization Operating within Machakos Town, Kenya and their vision is to nurture, empower and transform the local,

vulnerable young people and women so they become self-reliant, independent figures in the community while also advocating for the rights of persons living with disability.

Light of Hope Youth Initiative started as a youth group in October, 2012 and later transformed into a Community-Based Organization in February, 2014.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee on Youth, Women and Sports was established pursuant to the Standing Order 190 and the Second Schedule of the Standing Orders define its mandate as follows:- to deal with all matters related to Youth welfare, Women affairs, empowerment of women, matters of equality, affirmative action and gender related issues and sports activities and facilities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has 13 Hon. Members as follows:-

1. Hon. (Ms.) Jacqueline Munyao - Chairperson
2. Hon. (Ms.) Nina Mbithe - V/ Chairperson
3. Hon. Justus Katumo
4. Hon. (Ms.) Catherine Nguluku
5. Hon. (Ms.) Christine Mutune
6. Hon. Geoffrey Munyao
7. Hon. Renson Muthiani
8. Hon. (Ms.) Margaret Ndalana
9. Hon. (Ms.) Peninah Kaluki
10. Hon. (Ms.) Amina Mutio
11. Hon. (Ms.) Phoebe Koki
12. Hon. Nzoka Munywoki
13. Hon. (Ms.) Mary Ndinda

The Youth, Women and Sports committee received an invitation from the Light of Hope Youth Initiative to attend the *Elimisha Dada* Race that took place at Machakos University College on 2nd July, 2016 with the theme “Running for Change.” The Race was jointly organized by Light of Hope Youth Initiative, Japan sports council, Sports for Tomorrow and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The organizations have a project outline which has key programs aimed elevating the girl child:-

1. Sanitary Towel and inner pant donation. This program involves provision of sanitary towels and inner pants to girls in Machakos County.
2. Girl Rescue Program. This program targets girls at risk of early marriage, mistreatment, child labor and who are denied education.

3. Mentorship and motivation program. In this program, students receive motivation and mentorship sessions with an aim of nurturing, empowering and transforming them towards becoming responsible and active citizens.
4. Big Brother Big Sister Program. This entails a mentor and girl-child program within schools to instill and retain good morals in students as well as nurturing effective life skills among peers.
5. Inclusive Neighborhood spaces. This is a program that gives a platform for students to be key participants towards positive change in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the event attracted many participants cutting across the persons living with disabilities, Youth, Children and women considering professional athletes. The day involved the following:-

- A 10km run mapped across Machakos town and its environs.
- Track events.
- Exchange of culture among the Machakos Community and the Japan community.
- Presentation from event sponsors as well as invited guests.
- Presentation of the *Elimisha Dada* project.
- Awarding of the race winners from various categories for adults and children.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the objectives of the event were to fundraise for the implementation of the *Elimisha Dada* Project and also to educate about the situation of the girl child's education in Machakos County. The organizers of the event urged fellow stakeholders to take up the initiative and see how they can support the youth, Persons with disabilities and the girl child.

Mr. Speaker, this was a one-day event whereby the Hon. Members were able to interact with the organizers, persons living with disabilities and other participants. Members of the County Assembly were indulged in Japanese massage, specifically Hon. Justus Katumo and Hon. Jacinta Luka participated in the games. Further, as a way fundraising the Hon. Members bought items such as shirts, wrist bands and caps.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee made the following observations:-

- That there is a worldwide recognition of the Persons living with disabilities informed by the input from Japan sports council, Sports for Tomorrow and JICA
- That the County Government was not actively involved in the event.
- That a lot of emphasizes was bestowed upon the girl child while disregarding the boy child who also faces social injustices such as molestation. Drug abuse is also a great challenge to young boys in the country and efforts should gear towards assisting them.

- That there is need to support such events that endeavor to create awareness on the challenges faced by the PWDs and the girl-child and more so the opportunities that can remedy their situations.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, informed by the observations made at the *Elimisha Dada* Race, the committee made the following recommendations:-

- That the County government should hold such events aimed at creating awareness on the importance of the girl child's Education.
- That an audit of the persons living with disabilities in the County should be conducted and self-development programs be offered to them. Over the years, there have been unsuccessful attempts in Kenya to determine the disability status through national census and studies by civil societies, non-government organizations and government. Lack of evidence-based data on the nature and extent of disabilities as well as other factors that affect persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Kenya has therefore posed challenges in terms of planning.
- That equal opportunities in employment at the Machakos County government should be advocated for the persons living with disabilities.
- That the department of education and social welfare should endeavor to partner with private companies in an effort to create awareness on the importance of the Girl Child Education and advocate for equal rights and opportunities of Persons Living with Disabilities.
- That the programs aimed at elevating the boy child in the County should be advocated for bearing in mind the challenges that face him.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the event was very well-organized and truly the members were challenged by the potential that persons living with disabilities possess. Further, the members got to understand the predicaments that our Girl Child undergoes. There is a lot the County Government can do to support these programs and it is therefore my sincere request that this Hon. House adopts this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee is grateful to your office and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support that was accorded to it. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Members you have heard the report from the Chairperson and I urge that the debate begins. Yes.

Hon. Itumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first support the report and applaud those who are concerned by coming up with a good report, Mr. Speaker. It is true that the girl child is

raising a lot challenges within the community and it is the high time to see to it that we do all it takes---

(Loud consultations)

I was a bit disrupted, Mr. Speaker. All what it takes so that we see the girl child has not raised many problems. Nevertheless Mr. Speaker, we continue and go to the recommendation of the committee, where that is....let me see the last page, yes....okay, in note number three where it says the programs aimed at elevating the boy child in the County should be advocated for bearing in mind the challenges that face him. Mr. Speaker, still also on the other hand as per the recommendation, Mr. Speaker, the boy child also needs the inner pants, Mr. Speaker.

(Laughter)

You find that it is not only the girl child who should be catered for. On the other hand, as we look at the girl child still let us consider the boy child as you know, Mr. Speaker, even the birth rate of a boy child is minimal, Mr. Speaker and we may go on missing the boys, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, it is the high time I can say, we all look at each and every *(inaudible)*. Mr. Speaker, I do support the report. Thank you, so much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us hear Hon. Muinde at the back.

Hon. Muinde: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, before I contribute on the report, Mr. Speaker, I recognize the presence of our brother who has been ailing for some time and who is back to this House, Hon. Maitha.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Committee on Youth, Women and Sports and the entire Assembly for participating in this race. Learnt that most of the members in his House contributed to the race by purchasing t-shirts because some of the youths from the Machakos University visited our compound and most of the Members were able to get first-hand information about this race and most of us bought some items in support of this race. Mr. Speaker, I am not a Member of this Committee but I also got a chance to participate in the last report-writing which was held somewhere in Naivasha.

Mr. Speaker, while this Assembly has done a lot to ensure that the welfare of the Youth and women is taken care of, it is also important to note that the Executive has been slow in implementing the resolutions of this House. Mr. Speaker, I want to remind the House in

2013/2014, we saved some money that was geared to help the youth and most of these youths are the young women and nothing came to the youths.

Mr. Speaker, as we empathize with our young ones out there, we also need to urge the executive to ensure that enough money is set aside and that which is set aside should go and benefit the girl child. Mr. Speaker, as the report has indicated, most of the efforts have been geared towards improving the welfare of the girl child to the disregard of the boy child.

Mr. Speaker, when you go around our County, you will notice that our youths, the boy child is now actively involved in sand mining especially in areas of Masinga, Yatta and Mwala. You also notice that these young boys are also very active in chewing *miraa* (khat) when they are idle. Some are even dressing funnily in sagging trousers, Mr. Speaker, it is also important that this House ensures that there is enough budget which may go to programs that create awareness and also civic education guidance or even promoting programs that will keep our boys busy together with the girls, otherwise we will lose our youth and the future of any Nation lies in its own youths.

Mr. Speaker, we need to do much more other than just empathize or sympathize with our youths. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, with the little that this House was able to do by participating in initiating that race, I support this report and congratulate the committee and urge it to do much more including even organizing its own events similar to that one anywhere within this County so that we can actually or actively be involved in the program of *Elimisha Dada*. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want first to echo my brother, my colleague that I also recognize the presence of my dear brother Hon. Dominic Maitha who has come after a long time. I appreciate and thank God for that. I also want to applaud the Chairperson of this committee and the entire committee Members of which I am part of right now, but I was not part of the committee when this report was given.

I am highly impressed especially on the observations and the recommendations they have made because these recommendations, these observations are disabled friendly. You remember in this House a year ago, we passed a motion in which we required the County Government of Machakos would conduct census to categorize persons with disabilities in their categories, age and so on to make sure that we have data-based evidence for trying to help the need of persons living with disabilities in this Machakos County.

But the status of that motion remains, as I am informed, un-implemented but most important, the experience that we had in this event *Elimisha Dada* was one, I can say I have never experienced before, the organizers and our visitors came with a unique way of conducting activities especially to be able to attain their objective and you find they included everybody. It was inclusive in nature involving the children, persons with disabilities of all ages and categories, the wheelchair bound and even others even the blind.

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And I think when I looked at it, it was inclusive and it was very rich in terms of involving persons with disabilities and when you look at observations, you find that, you observe something that through our visitors, the Japanese Sports Council and the Sports for Tomorrow, for those who talked to them, they have a different approach on the way they conduct their matters especially back in their Country and if you read the observation number two, you find that even when you are had less experience, the County Government of Machakos was not ready to pick from such good experience and therefore I will urge that this Government sometimes becomes serious especially to matters concerning persons with disabilities.

But I want to concern myself with two recommendations here; One is to express the right itself and to say that we do not have that entity to be able to reach out especially to persons living with disabilities in Machakos County and I think it is proper to say that the County is required so that we may be able to know the means and other needs-based programmes to make sure that our people, especially persons living with disabilities and you do not know it is a potential candidate so that they can be helped. When given opportunities of employment in the Machakos County Government should be advocated for persons living with disabilities.

I was trying very much to conduct a simple census to see how many people living with disabilities have been employed in Machakos County and it was very hard beginning with this Assembly to get three or four and I think with this report arouses our appetite in terms of writing these people down especially when we have a representation like we have in this Assembly.

And therefore I want to support this report and especially it is the same committee that is handling on the theme on persons with disabilities in Machakos County that will help the public participation in the coming week and it will be improper to say that the means and the spirit of this report in the committee will be captured in that theme especially when it comes in the House.

I would wish if we can have an additional recommendation here because we have schools, the special schools within Machakos that have been suffering for a long time that these schools can be used to start a project if Machakos County Government will be willing to have a program like this integrated programme to make sure not even the only the girl child but that child who is also living with a disability can also be helped and given the opportunity to realize their potential. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Nzoka.

Hon. Nzoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I belong to this committee and we came up with this report and first I want to welcome my colleague, we know what you have gone through a hard time but now God is great you are here. Thank you, so much. When I saw you before, you had a big beard like me, I do not know why you shaved.

(Laughter)

So, when we come up with this one, we even said this is not enough, we have not done it well because everybody is saying the youth either boys and mostly boys, when you go in the streets, these people we call *chokora*, you see 80 percent or 90 percent are boys. Those kids of ours are just going to waste. When we came for participation with this Japanese team, in fact the County Government was not active, it was reluctant. It did not even seem to know what was going on and that is a place where it could have constructed a road and even send some officers to Japan to see how they came up to the level they are in.

They could have arranged or they can do benchmarking there and I also wish our committee through the Chairperson, we go to Japan to benchmark there. These people are well organized. They are very active in the field and in fact, those are the people who are saying strongly disability is not inability because they are very active just like a normal person. So, what I can say is I wish this House could put a lot of effort in this one because it seems like we are running alone. Why?

We set money for these people and they were not given. I do not know even if we do that, it will be done. So, working without excuses is nothing and we shall maybe somehow let say, to work, if after we work it is not done. So, we do request it is the duty of this House to put some effort to push the executive to execute what has been passed in this House. So, the problem is the execution of the motions we pass here.

So, I request the House to have more muscles. We are in charge, Members, we should not sleep on our jobs, we should be more aggressive in the motions which we pass here so they can be executed. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, Sir, if we just pass motions here and they are not implemented, we are doing nothing. I ask the House that we move from where we are to somewhere else so as to save this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Mheshimiwa Alice. Wacha tusikize Mheshimiwa Jacinta kwanza

Hon. (Ms.) Luka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to applaud the committee for this report because it is a good job, well done and prepared very well and so I thank the Chairperson for what they have done and for bringing this report into this House because it supports a lot the persons with disabilities and when we look in the recommendation part, there is a lot, Mr. Speaker, that should be implemented and when it is implemented, persons with disabilities and the girl child will benefit a lot. So, Mr. Speaker, I support the report and ask the House to adopt it. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much. Tusikie Mheshimiwa Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nampa pongezi mwenyekiti wa hiyo kamati, kamati ya vijana, akina mama na michezo kwa kazi nzuri, kazi mwafaka ambayo wanafanya. Bw. Spika wakati unataka kujenga nyumba, ni lazima utengeze msingi ili ujenge nyumba ambayo itakua imara. Bw. Spika kama vile ambavyo unavyojua, mtoto msichana ni nguzo ya taifa letu. Akina mama kwenye taifa la Kenya wanafanya kazi nyingi, Bw. Spika ambayo kazi ni kazi ambayo uwedhihirika.

Bw. Spika kwa viongozi ambaotunaokwatika nchi yetu, kila nyumba Bw. Spika kutoka kwa kiongozi kuna mwanamke tunasema ukimuona kila mwanaume ambaye amefaulu, angalia kando yake, nyuma yake, mbele yake kuna mwanamke. Tukitaka kuwa na taifa njema lazima tuangalie mtoto mwanamke ili tumwangalie vizuri.

Bw. Spika sikosei kusema ni katika Bunge hili, Mheshimiwa Amina Muteo alileta mswaada ili watoto wasichana katika kila shule ama sehemu zozote ambazo yako wapatiwe sodo za kutumia. Bw. Spika, kuna sehemu kavu sehemu ambazo zina umaskini zaidi, utakuta mtoto msichana hawezi pata pesa ya kununua sodo. Itategemea sababu ni maumbile kufikia wakati huo, huyo mtoto hataenda shuleni.

Yale masomo ambayo yamesomwa hio siku, huyo mtoto hatafikia. Bw. Spika, nataka sisi kama bunge tumchukue mtoto mwanamke tumshike mkono ili mambo taifa letu lisimame. Bw. Spika sio wakati ulikua wa zamani, hata ukiangalia enzi za Biblia ilikuwa ni kwamba, mwanamke hawezi kusimama mbele ya Kanisa ili kuhubiri na kusema neno la Mungu lakini sasa mambo yamebadilika, tunasema ni wakati umekua sasa ni enzi ya digitali, tumeelemika tume enda mbele, tunataka sisi kama Kaunti tuangalie hii ripoti tushike mkono ili tuone mtoto mwanamke amepelekwa mbele.

Bw. Spika, tumeeongea sana juu ya mtoto msichana, tumemupeleka mbele ilhali nyuma yetu, mtoto mwanaume ameisha. Tuwe pamoja kushika hata mtoto mwanaume sababu pia motto mwanaume ni nguzo. Watoto, vijana ambao tuna wao wameingia kwenye mashimo badala ya kuvuka. Utakuta mtoto amesoma mpaka darasa la nane na akifika hapo utasikia kama mzazi mtu anasema ‘mtoto wangu amemaliza shulee’. Amefikia wapi? Darasa la nane wakati huu na enzi hii ambayo tuko, mtoto ataenda wapi?

Tukiangalia mtoto mwanamke pia mtoto mvulana tumwangalie ili awe nguzo na pia mtoto kama msichana awe nguzo la taifa maana mwanamke anafanya kazi nyingi. Bw. Spika naunga mkono sisi kama bunge, mambo ambayo tunafanya ama majukumu yetu katika Bunge ni majukumu matatu; kuangalia kazi ambayo inafanyika, Bw. Spika, kutunga sheria na wakilisha wale ambao wametulete katika hii bunge. Bw. Spika, kuchagua kazi ambayo sio nzuri tutakua tunafanya kazi nusunusu.

Bw. Spika tukipitisha mswaada hapa, tunataka kuona yale mambo tumepitisha yatendeke ili sisi kama bunge wa Machakos tuonekane tunaenda mbele na Kaunti yetu inasonga. Asante sana, Bw. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: We can hear the mover then.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, let me thank all the members who have contributed positively to this motion and Hon. Katumo proposed some additional recommendations. I believe inability is not disability so, why not accept that observation so I think we can add that to our recommendations and I am very sure the girl child and even the boy child and the PWDs will be in a better position in this County to benefit the way other people are benefiting. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

Any other matter? Yes, Hon. Kavuu.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Kavuu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that pursuant to the Standing Order 120 (3), a Sectoral Committee to which bills are committed shall facilitate public participation and shall take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the committee makes its report to the House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that six bills have been committed to the respective committees and that public participation dates have been scheduled for 5th and 6th this month, 2016, and further aware that Hon. Members will be participating in their respective wards. Noting that, the Assembly may adjourn to such a number of days as it may determine as per Standing Order 24 (3) and aware that, the Assembly may by resolution alter the adjournment date as per Standing Order 25 (5), Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that the House adjourns business on Tuesday, 6th September, 2016 to allow Members to participate in public participation in their various wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I wish to call upon Hon. Willy Mukewa to second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Kasimu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I second the motion that this House adjourns to Tuesday the 6th September to allow the Members to participate in public participation.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, the Speaker is aware that there is business on schedule for Tuesday on matters of public participation, I will allow if there is any Member with any particular objections. An objection is only allowed if perhaps the entire Membership is engaged in the participation but if the entire Membership is engaged and that the House cannot have quorum, then we may not an option than to adjourn business for Tuesday.

Therefore, I grant in the request that the House shall resume on Wednesday. Any other matter?

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. There is no other business but before then, I take this opportunity to invite Hon. Dominic, *karibu* to the Assembly.

(Applause)

Then the House adjourns until next week.

The House rose at 3.36 p.m.