

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Wednesday, 10th May, 2017**

The House met at 10.08 a.m.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** Good morning, Hon. Members.

**MOTIONS**

**SHORTENING TIME FOR INTRODUCTION OF APPROPRIATION BILL**

**Hon. (Ms.) Sereka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, that aware that section 8 (1)(c) for the County Governments Act bestows the responsibility of approving the budget and expenditure for the County Government from the County Assembly;

Aware that, the 2017/2018 budget calendar was revised and that the date of passing the County Appropriation Bill moved forward from 30th June, 2017 to 31st March, 2017 to factor in administrative changes brought about by scheduling of the general elections in August, 2017;

Noting that, the Assembly received Budget Estimates late from the Executive on 3rd April, 2017;

Aware THAT, the Machakos County Appropriation Bill 2017 was published on 5th May, 2017 and aware that Standing Order 116 requires that an Appropriation Bill on publication should be allowed in the House after seven (7) days;

Aware THAT, seven (7) days will lapse on 12th May, 2017 and the bill can be introduced in the House for the first reading on 16th May, 2017 at the earliest;

Aware THAT, the Bill is laid for approval, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to move the motion that this House shortens the time for introduction of appropriation Bill from seven (7) days as stated in standing order 116 to four (4) days to ensure the bill is approved in time.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to call upon Hon. Bibiana to second the motion.

Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) B. Nduku:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hereby second the motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, the motion is prosecuted. Hon. Members, this is ideally a procedural motion unless any Member has any technical point. Then in the absence of that, then the motion is approved as prayed.

COMPLAINTS BY WAMUNYU CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND STATUS OF KATANGI  
PEOPLE'S PARK

*(Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe on 09.05.2017)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 09.05.2017)*

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir and the House at large.

Mr. Speaker, that aware Culture and Tourism Committee among other roles is mandated with all other matters related to national heritage, museums, cultural activities and promotion of local tourism;

Further aware that, the Committee on culture and tourism sampled ten (10) tourism attraction sites and visited them to investigate their status with a view of upgrading them and came up with a report which was tabled on the floor of the House on the 15th November, 2016;

Aware that during the debate on the report, Hon. Felix Ngui, sought to know the status of the proposed Katangi People's Park as a recreational Centre within Machakos County and also the status of the complaints of Wamunyu Co-operative Society members;

Aware that, the resolution was made and the committee goes back to the state of a later date and investigate further on the above issues;

Mr. Speaker, Sir, aware that, the committee visited both Wamunyu Co-operative Society and the proposed Katangi People's Park site to investigate on the above issues on 20th February, 2017 and retreated to Naivasha to compile a report of the same;

I wish to move the motion that this House discusses and approves the report on the complaints of the Wamunyu Co-operative Society and status of the Katangi People's Park.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I call upon Hon. Benedette Mueni to second the motion

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hereby second the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. The motion is placed before us for progression and I urge that the mover proceeds with the report.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee on Culture and Tourism visited 10 tourist attraction sites on 5th and 6th August, 2016 to investigate their status and tabled a report on the same on 30th November, 2016. During the visit, members discovered that Wamunyu Cooperative Society had complaints against the department of tourism, sports and culture, since 2013. The committee then resolved to visit the cooperative society again on a later date, specifically to listen to their complaints and carry out proper investigations and come up with a report on the same.

Further, during the presentation of the report on Tourist sites, Hon. Felix Ngui sought to know why the Katangi People's Park was not in the list of the tourist attraction sites within

Machakos, presented by the department and what had happened since the Governor had proposed that a People's Park would be constructed in Katangi Ward.

The chairman for Culture and Tourism responded that the committee would go to the ground, do an investigation and then report to this House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the mandate of the committee includes all matters related to cultural activities, public amenities including betting, lotteries, casinos and other forms of gambling; racing, liquor licensing, cinemas, video shows and hiring, libraries, national heritage, museums and cultural activities and facilities, county parks, beaches and recreation facilities and local tourism; control of drugs and pornography; animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for their accommodation, care and burial of animals.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee has thirteen (13) members as follows:-

1. Hon. (Ms.) Veronicah Mbithe - Chairperson
2. Hon. (Ms.) Bernadette Mueni - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. John Sila
4. Hon. Peter Nzioki
5. Hon. Timothy Kilonzo
6. Hon. Justus Kyalo Kimata
7. Hon. Leonard Wambua Katela
8. Hon. Alex Kathinzi
9. Hon. Winston Kanui
10. Hon. Collins Mbithi
11. Hon. (Ms.) Brigid Kitili
12. Hon. Dominic Maitha

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee visited Wamunyu Cooperative Society and the proposed site for Katangi People's Park on 20th February, 2017

Mr. Speaker Sir, Wamunyu wood carvers cooperative in Machakos region, Kenya was founded in 1918 by the Late Mr. Mutisya Munge. He was greatly inspired by the artistic skills of the Makonde people in woodcarving and worked to spread their knowledge and craft to his sons and neighbors. Out of these efforts the Wamunyu cooperative was formed, and has become an art form and way of life for many carvers who are members of the coop.

The artists start with a block of wood. The initial raw carving can take anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks, depending on the size and intricacy of the design. The piece is then refined with smaller knives and sand paper to smooth the edges and add detail. After this, leather dyes are used on ebony to preserve the blackness of the wood, the mahogany wood is stained to enhance its lustre and then the pieces are coated with wax to give them patina and shine.

Any of the members may use the cooperative's common space to create their artistry. On-site is a showroom where their goods are sold. Artists receive 90 per cent profit from every sale, and 10 per cent goes to the coop to pay sales employees and grounds upkeep. The cooperative also pays government taxes so each individual is responsible for income tax.

### **Complaints from the members of the society**

Members were informed that the department for culture and tourism had carried some carvings worth Ksh. 74,500 in 2013 when Ms. Faith Wathome was the CEC member for Culture and Tourism department. The department had promised to pay for the carvings but they have not been paid for ever since.

Members also sought to know the details of the artifacts which were carried. They included;

1. A lioness for member 289, item No. 17 worth Ksh. 8000.
2. A Maasai warrior for member 39, item No. 6 worth Ksh. 12,500.
3. Impala for member 1008, item No. 7 worth Ksh. 18000.
4. Hippo for member number 1851, item No. 21 worth Ksh. 10,000.
5. Warthog for member number 354, item No. 23 worth Ksh. 6000.
6. Rhino for member number 39, item No. 1 worth Ksh. 20,000.

The chairman of the Sacco informed members that he had gone to see the accountant for the department on Friday, 17th February, 2017 regarding the payments but he was not paid. The accountant, however, promised to liaise with the relevant authorities so as to process the payments. However, he did not say when it would be done.

Members were also informed that during the Presidential visit in December, 2016, the department also carried some carvings for exhibition at Bishop Ndingi Malili resting house after being promised that they would be returned.

After the President's visit, the department did not return the carvings as promised. The members of Wamunyu Cooperative Society then decided to incur the cost and hired a vehicle to transport back the carvings from Malili Resting House to the workshop. The department for Culture and Tourism did not compensate them the transport cost incurred.

Members sought to know from the chairman of the SACCO whether there were any documents signed or vouchers showing that there was an agreement between the two parties to allow transfer of the artifacts in both incidents.

The chairman for the SACCO said that they handed over the artifacts to the department on the basis of trust and that they expected the Government to give them full support in marketing and promoting their work. He also informed members that the artifacts were carried in the presence of the Manager of the Sacco, the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Committee members.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the committee met with the Chief Officer in the Assembly Boardroom on 21st April, 2017 and sought to know the status of the above complaints. The following were the responses from the Chief Officer;

- In regard to the artifacts which were given to the department in 2013/2014 costing Ksh. 74,500, the Chief Officer said that he was not in office in 2013 and recommended that the Cooperative Society should produce evidence or documents showing that indeed there was an agreement between the department of Culture and the Cooperative Society. Only then, will he be able to initiate the payments of the artifacts.
- As for the artifacts carried by department for exhibition at Malili Resting House, during the Presidential visit in December, 2016, the Chief Officer said that the main objective of displaying the carvings at the site was to provide a free space for the society to market and sell its products. He further said that members of the society were not patient enough to create awareness to the public hence create market for their products. He, however, said that with the relevant documents showing the amount spent on transport cost, the department was ready to reimburse the amount.

### **KATANGI PEOPLE'S PARK**

The chairman of Katangi market took members to the site where His Excellency the Governor Dr. Alfred Mutua, of Machakos County had proposed the construction of a People's Park in 2014. Members observed that the park had not been constructed despite the pronounced news through the social media and local newspaper 'the Star'.

The market chairman informed members that there was a time when a certain contractor had brought some stones to the site but after a month, he came back and carried the stones and was never seen at the site again. The committee members observed that the dam at the site where the park was to be constructed was in poor condition and there were gullies around it which lead to soil erosion during rainy seasons.

The committee members interviewed a few Katangi people on their views on the construction of the People's Park and they responded that public participation should be held before launching of any projects. They said that in this case, their views in regard to the construction of the park were never sought. They further said that a need assessment exercise should also be carried out in any part of the county before embarking on projects.

Members noted that the preamble to the Constitution of Kenya recognizes the people of Kenya have the sovereign and inalienable right to determine the form of governance that they want for the Country. This is because the sovereign power belongs to them and must be exercised in accordance with the Constitution based on the provisions of Article 1 of the Constitution and therefore, public participation was key before launching any project in the County.

The committee also noted that there was no budget allocation for the construction of Katangi People's Park in 2013/2014. The committee further requested, from the department, for a list of all the projects done since 2013 to 2015 and noted that Katangi People's Park was not mentioned anywhere in the list.

The Committee recommends that;

1. In future, Wamunyu Cooperative Society should always have evidence, either written documents or delivery notes, in cases of such matters to prove that indeed their property has been given out.
2. The committee recommends that the department pays for the artifacts after the adoption of this report upon production of written documentation from Wamunyu Sacco showing that the artifacts were carried.
3. The department for Culture and Tourism should compensate the society the transport cost that it incurred during the transportation of the carvings which were exhibited during the presidential visit at Malili Resting House after the adoption of this report
4. Based on the efforts done by the members of the society, the society has been a source of employment for the locals in Wamunyu for many years and therefore the Government should give its full support in upgrading the society and also helping in the marketing of their exceptionally unique products.

### **Recommendations on Katangi People's Park**

1. Public participation plays a central role in both legislative and policy functions of the government whether at the national and county level. It applies to the processes of legislative enactment, financial management and planning and performance management. From the foregoing, there must be public participation and consultation forum and meeting with the people of Katangi before the implementation of the Katangi People's Park is undertaken.
2. In accordance with Article 220(2) of the Constitution, every County Government shall prepare a development plan that includes among other things, a detailed description of proposals with respect to the development of physical, intellectual,

human and other resources of the County, including measurable indicators where those are feasible. Therefore, in future, any project proposal should go in line with the provisions of this Article.

3. A budget allocation for any project should be provided for and approved to allow its execution.
4. The Committee further recommends maintenance and enlargement of the dam at the site for sufficient provision of water in Katangi ward.

The Committee on Culture and Tourism is grateful to the Office of the Speaker and that of the Clerk to the County Assembly for the support accorded and I wish to express my appreciation to the Hon. Members who selflessly participated in the site visits and preparation of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the committee on Culture and Tourism, to table this report and recommend it to this Hon. House for adoption.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon members. This is a great report, quite artistic and I urge members to contribute. The floor is now open. Yes, Hon. Nzoka.

**Hon. Nzoka:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate, I think I have never, apart from yesterday, our report of environment, there are other reports which I don't appreciate but I appreciate this one. It is well done and in fact, we have a problem with roadside directives. That is what went on in Wamunyu when the carvings were being carried. They talked verbally but there is no evidence and the truth of the matter is that the carvings were taken and they were not returned.

There were others which were taken during the Presidential visit, it is okay and you can see how they were responding. They were trying to advertise that cooperative so it was not their duty to return but if they carried, in fact, the Wamunyu cooperative should write to the department and explain how they incurred the cost, then it is reimbursed. That is even said by the Chief Officer.

About the carvings, whoever is in, an officer cannot say he was not in the post, he has to follow up, he was handed over whatever was there so it is his duty to carry on and understand or he can still move to Wamunyu. They are the ones who have muscles and try to get information from those people and then they pay these people.

In fact, that person spends a month making that carving and if it just goes for free and he is the least earning person, he does not earn much. So, the department should move and consult, sit with the Wamunyu people and come up with the way they can pay those people because their goods were taken.

On the side of Katangi People's Park, that is a roadside directive so we cannot hold on that one and it cannot hold any water and the constitution is clear; before you initiate a project, you have to talk to the community. I am talking of public participation. If the Governor had promised a People's Park in Katangi, he should have consulted the people and have public participation and then from there, it is when you can budget.

So, that was a roadside directive of which it cannot hold any water. What I can comment on that, because we have tractors although we came to understand that we were shown many tractors and many were for hire and whatever, we ask the department of water to go and rehabilitate that dam which is there. So, let the Governor take the tractors and rehabilitate that dam for Katangi people to have water. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndeto, at the back.

**Hon. Ndeto:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute to this motion. First, allow me to congratulate members of this Assembly who went through nominations and they sailed through well and also to give morale to those who lost the nominations and tell them life does not end with nominations.

Coming back to the report that is before us, Mr. Speaker, you know the duty of the government is to protect the interests of the people and more so the County Assembly. We are here to deliberate and look for injustices that have been done to our people and for us who have been in this government for the last four years, we know how the government used to operate in the first two years and I tend to believe the community of Wamunyu cooperative, there is no way out of the blues they can come out and say the government took their artifacts and what they said must be true.

We know most of these cooperative societies are managed by people without skills of giving documents and they believed, 'this is our government' and most likely whoever went there spoke to them in a soft and good language and they ended up giving the person the artifacts. I therefore, request, if it possible, we recommend further investigations on this matter in the sense that, in the investigations, I have not seen the committee having called the former CEC member. They should have done so.

I have not seen anywhere where the committee managed to call for who was the director or Chief Officer because the Chief Officer they interviewed told them he/she was not in that department. So, the committee should have gone back, looked at the books and known who was the Chief Officer by then and call that person to establish the truth of this matter.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, as we adopt, I request that we recommend that committee goes back, does further investigations and establish the truth from the Chief Officer who was in charge then and the CEC member too, to give their facts because when they recommend and say 'the committee recommends that the department pays for the artifacts after adoption of this report upon written documentation from Wamunyu Sacco showing that the artifacts were carried.'

Indeed up there, it indicates very well the chairman said, 'the chairman of the Sacco informed members that the department of culture and tourism had carried some carvings worth Ksh. 74,500 in 2013 when Ms. Faith Wathome was the CEC member for culture and tourism.' The department had promised to pay for the carvings but they had not paid.'

Down there, it indicates that they gave them out believing this is their government and there was no documentation. Therefore, we know even if the committee recommends that this society provides for documentation, there is no documentation that was done and if Ms. Wathome and the Chief Officer who was there by then, they are requested to give more light on this, I think something will come out of this, because Mr. Speaker, for a society to lose Ksh. 74,500, from Wamunyu, this is a serious matter and we should not just overlook it even if there was no documentation. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** I think we need to hear the mover. There is a very serious point that is being raised and the report is not clear on that.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There has been so many changes in the county government and there is a committee. Pertaining to the invitations, we have been inviting

these Chief Officers and the CEC members and most of the times they give so many excuses. When we pressurized them and even wanted them to be given summons by the police so that they can come, that is the time when they sent the Chief Officer who was new but we have all the facts because we went to the ground and if the House proposes that we still summon the main person who took those things as a CEC member, then the committee has no choice but to make sure they get them because they are still in office, although in different departments but they are the people who did that.

Changing of the office, if it is a crime that was committed, does not mean you cannot answer the questions or the mistakes that you committed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Veronica, the point that is being put here is that if you look at recommendations one and two, you don't appear to have helped this society. Because you are saying that they will be paid upon production of documentation. And again in the report you said that they never had any documents.

The concern that Hon. Ndeto has is that, this Assembly should be in a position to do more and ensure this payment is done and we say that you can retreat in a limited time and file a further report confirming payment or if payment has not been done, why. I think that is basically what Hon. Ndeto is talking about.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Most obliged, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think the committee has no problem with that. What we observed is that there was no prior documentation. They just did on pure public trust with their government and I think if the government was sincere enough, they would have also seen the trust with the people and if they say that the CO be there to answer, I think we should retreat and do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Okay. A few more comments. Yes.

**Hon. Katela:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I want congratulate the committee and the chairperson for the much they have done, assuring the House that the committee has done its part and I don't think there are more investigations that need to be done. What we should do is go the court way now. We should issue a warrant for this people to be arrested and do a police report and confirm that they have already---

**Hon. Ndeto:** Point of order.

**Hon. Katela:** Mr. Speaker protect me---

**Hon. Speaker:** I take the point of order.

**Hon. Ndeto:** I think, Mr. Speaker, that member is out of order because if he says we go the court way, this report does not show that the committee summoned those two and they never came. It could have been basic if those reports indicated that they were summoned. The chairperson just said they summoned but it is not here. Therefore, those two can just go and deny that you summoned them. So, I don't think that member is in order to say we go the police way since the report does not show they summoned the two.



**Hon. Speaker:** I agree. The member is out of order. Let us hear Hon. Ndinda.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndinda:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. On the issue of Wamunyu, I wish to recommend we have further investigations because this issue of knowing the officer who went to curio place and we should also know under which modalities he used; did he go with a letter requesting for the carvings?

Maybe he went verbally and they also responded verbally because they respect the government. So, we should scrutinize and see because the way he went is the way the people reacted. If he never went with any document, I am sure the people trusted him and they gave out.

The other thing, I should recommend is that, I am sure they parted with the carvings and every one of them was happy about the money they were to receive and because it was failure by us as a government, we should look into this issue of having them compensated and giving them the amount expected and learn from the mistake the department did and from there, next time they will be able to do what is expected. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Let us hear, Hon. Nzioki.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support his report. I belong to this committee and we will only be assisting these people and when we met with the Chief Officer who is there now, he promised that if these people bring their documents, he will pursue the matter and make sure these people are paid. If we go further and summon the people who were there before, then I think we will be complicating the issue. If—

**Hon. Members:** Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** Allow him to complete.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for your protection. I would only think and recommend that we first follow up with the current Chief Officer so that he makes sure that these people are paid before we go behind and dig out why these people took the artifacts without any documentation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Ngunzi.

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am looking at this report and from my analysis, I am getting to know that members are paid by the society, members are paid by the items that they place in the society and the artifacts are marked by numbers and they are known which artifact belongs to who and they are numbered as you can see from the report. So I am looking at member number 39 who has lost close to 32,000. So, it is not the society and in the report you can see that there are percentages once the artifact is sold, the society retains 10 percent and the member goes home with 90 percent. That is in the report.

So, I am looking at it like it is people, it is members who have lost purely and not the society. So this government is kind of, I can't get the right word but it is kind of thieving from the people.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, it is not right. They knew the members, and the CEC member knew that the old men doing the carvings in Wamunyu were ignorant of the procedures that would have been followed before they took away the carvings. So, they took advantage of the ignorance of the people. They should have prepared documentation that Hon. Nzioki is now asking that it now be prepared. You cannot back date up to 2013 and present that for payment today. The people of Wamunyu have been robbed and that is a fact. They will never get the artifacts back or their money.

The government cannot pay from the blues. Where will they be paid from? You cannot process a payment that has no documents. The artifacts were taken, Ms. Wathome is no longer in the department of culture and she could deny that she was ever engaged in this thing. So, I am sorry for them and to Hon. Kyalo Kyuli of Wamunyu, your people will never get money back. That is a fact---

**Hon. Katela:** Point of order.

**Hon. Ngunzi:** Whether you place what kind of a committee or what, the money is gone.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I think that we proceed by amending the report, perhaps with my guidance, we can move a resolution that the sum of Ksh. 74,500 be paid to this society then that resolution can be used to process payment. Maybe we can hear the mover? If you are sure that indeed it is not a false payment.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir, and the artifacts, wherever they were taken, they are still there. When they took them, they took to decorate their office in the name of advertising for them. So, if we resolve this as a House, because we are the lawmakers, the legislators, we are here to help our people, whether they were defrauded or not, we have to claim back what belongs to them.

*(Applause)*

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is their right to get their money back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us hear Hon. Mueni then we can hear the member for Wamunyu.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I think those people have to be paid because even our Mheshimiwa here cannot contest for that seat because of this money. People there are refusing him as yesterday. So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think you can order this House to pay these people. Nothing more. We have to stop this complaint. We have to pay them because this county is using a lot of money even to things which are not done anything for and even Hon. Katela can be given Ksh. 100,000 and he has not given anything to the county---

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Katela:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order is denied.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Yes.

*(Laughter)*

So, Mr. Speaker, Sir, if you can see those men in Wamunyu even you can give your own money for those people to be paid. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. They are paid poorly, they are crying and they have no choice than calling us every day. Even the clerk assistant of this committee, I think, is tired of this money and our former chairperson is being told to pay the money because even our Mheshimiwa here, even he is not contesting for that ward seat because of this money. Even we can cry and you know the way he is very strong to this House. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kyalo Kyuli.

**Hon. Kyuli:** Mheshimiwa Spika nikibadilisha hiyo mitabendi, nashukuru kamati ambayo imeandaa hii ripoti na pia kwa utangulizi tu, Bw. Spika ni kwamba mwaka wetu wa kwanza kwa bajeti yetu ya kwanza, kama unakumbuka na kama waheshiwa pia wanakumbuka, tuliwahi kuweka pesa kwa bajeti hiyo ya kwanza, milioni saba, kama kila mmoja anakumbuka ya kuwasaidia wale wachongaji pale Wamunyu.

Sasa, kwa sababu hiyo nataka nilete utangulizi, Bw. Spika, ndio kila mmoja aelewe mambo ambayo yanaendelea hapa ni kwamba ni unyanyasaji wa watu ambao wamefanya kazi kwa mikono yao, wametumia akili, wametumia damu na hiyo ni kwamba mwaka huo wa kwanza, bajeti yetu ya kwanza kwa hii bunge, hawa wabunge wa bunge letu la Machakos waliweka milioni saba ya kushughulikia mambo yaliyokua pale kwa ile society, Bw. Spika.

Kwa hicho kipindi Bw. Spika, utendakazi haukuanza lakini kandarasi ile ya kutengeneza pale na mambo ambayo yalikuwa yatengenezwe, kuna kampuni mbili ambazo zilipewa hiyo kazi ya kandarasi ya kutengeneza pale na kama kuna yeyote aliyeenda pale alipata mwanzo walikuwa wajenge choo kwasababu siku moja, Bw. Spika, kuna wazungu walikuja pale, halafu mmoja akawa na haja kubwa na basi akaenda kwa ile choo ambayo ni ya shimo; unajua wale ni wazungu halafu hawajazoea kuingia kwa vyoo kama hivyo. Bw. Spika, mzungu alitoka pale mbio kwa choo akikimbia, akiogopa maana alisikia sauti baada ya kufanya mambo. Sasa, ikawa kuna haja kubwa yakujengea wale vyoo ambavyo ni vya kudumu na vya kisasa.

Pesa zikapewa, hii bunge ikatoa pesa milioni saba ijenge mambo kama hayo, vyoo, workshop ambayo ni ya kujengea wale wasanii mahali ambapo ni sawa kujenga jumba la kuuzia bidhaa zetu halafu kwa wakati ule, wakati kandarasi ilipeanwa, waziri na ofisi yake wakateremka wakaja Wamunyu na mimi nilikuwepo, Bw. Spika.

Sasa, kwa sababu wamepeleka kandarasi ama mwenye alikuwa ameshinda kandarasi kuwajengea, basi ikawa wachukue ama wawauzie bidhaa ambazo watakuja kuwasaidia kuuza. Sasa, wakati ule Bw. Spika, hata kama ni nani, hangeweza kukataa kuwapatia maanake wameletewa watu ambao watawatengenezea pale kwa hiyo kiwanja itachimbwa, itawekwa murrum mara wataiweka lami, mara watatengeneza vitu ambavyo ni vya kisasa.

Basi kwa wakati huo, hakuna yeyote angeliweza kukataa ama aulize ‘wapi barua ya kununua ama kuchukua?’ Jinsi ambayo tunauza bidhaa zetu ni kwamba kila ambaye anachonga, ana namba yake kwa sababu ni mmoja wetu basi akichonga, kama amechonga sanamu ya mtu ama ya maasai, ataweka nambari yake pale halafu ile sanamu itawekwa kwa workshop.

Basi ikiwekwa pale, mwenye atakuja kununua ataandikia kijikaratasi kidogo cha kuonyesha kwamba sanamu nambari fulani imeuzwa na imeuzwa pesa fulani kwa sababu ndani ya kile kijikaratasi, kuna pesa ambayo ile sanamu inauzwa. Wakisha pewa hiyo, kuna kitabu cha kuandika sanamu nambari fulani imeuzwa na imeuzwa pesa fulani.

Basi hicho kitabu kipo na hakuna makaratasi mengine ya kupeanwa kwa sababu wale walio kuja walinunua ni vile hawakulipa wakati huo walinunua, kwa kitabu kukaandikwa na basi ikawa waende walete pesa kwa kuelewana kwa kuwa waziri alikuwa yuko, yule katibu mtendaji alikuwa yuko sasa ikawa hawa ni watu ambao wametuletea maendeleo kwa hivyo tuwape bidhaa zetu.

Kwa kutumia hiyo, Bw. Spika, wale wachongaji wanalia na wanalia kweli. Wakati ule tulikua mwaka wa 2013, leo ni 2017. Sasa, tumebakia na mwezi mmoja, miezi miwili serikali hii ama tufunge chapter ama duka, sasa mheshimiwa Bw. Spika, ningeliomba hivi; kwanza, kama bunge tutoe idhini wale walipwe pesa zao kwa sababu wale waliokwenda kule wakiuliza kwa kitabu ambacho ni cha uuzaji, watapewa kwamba sanamu nambari fulani, kwani haya maelezo walitoa pale kwa kitabu?

Hawakutoa kwa kueleza, walitoa pale kwa kitabu wakafunguliwa kitabu wakaonyeshwa sanamu nambari 212, kwa mfano, hiyo iliuzwa elfu ishirini na iliuzwa siku fulani maanake wameandika na hiyo ndio mpangilio ambao uliopo katika society yetu, Bw. Spika.

*(Applause)*

Kwa hivyo, wale waliuza bidhaa zao, wakauzia serikali ambayo ilikuwa imewaletea watu ambao walikuwa wamekuja kuwatengenezea society yetu. Kwa hiyo, Bw. Spika ningeliomba hivi; mwanzo, nawashukuru waliokwenda kule Wamunyu, walikwenda nafikiri mara mbili, mara tatu. Sasa walipewa habari hii kutokana na vile ambavyo ilifanyika; ningeliomba, kama bunge tuidhinisha kwamba wale walipwe pesa zao, yule CEC atumie mbinu ambazo anaweza kuwalipa wale ambao waliuza bidhaa zao.

Hiyo ni kusema kwamba kwa mfano, Bw. Spika, wanataka kumaanisha wakienda sokoni na wanataka kununua vitu kama matunda ya kutumika pale kwa ofisi wanataka kumaanisha wataandika barua, waende na barua kununua matunda pale sokoni? Haiwezekani!

Watatembea na ile inaitwa kwa kimombo ‘float’ watatumia pesa zao za float kwani elfu sabini ni pesa ngapi kwa wizara ambayo imepewa bajeti ya mamilioni ya pesa? Elfu sabini kuwanyima wakaazi wa Wamunyu ni kama kwenda kuwanyonga kwa sababu yule ambaye anachonga sanamu, anaweza kuwa ameichonga kwa muda wa mwezi mmoja ama miezi miwili kwa sababu kuna ustadi ambao unafaa kutumika ndiyo ile sanamu itokelezee kama vile imetokeleza.

Kwa hivyo nataka kila mmoja afikirie kama yule mchongaji wa sanamu ametumia miezi miwili kuchonga sanamu moja na anauza shilingi elfu ishirini, nataka niulize bunge hili; nyinyi mnafikiria yule ambaye anatumia miezi miwili kuchonga sanamu moja apate shilingi elfu ishirini, mnafikiria mapato yake ni ya pesa ngapi kwa mwezi?

Kwa hivyo huu ni wizi wa serikali kuwaibia watu wake. Mimi sioni ugumu uko wapi kwa sababu ile inaitwa float cash ya ile wizara, inaweza kuwa ni labda elfu mia tano ama milioni

mbili kulipa shilingi elfu sabini na mbili, ugumu uko wapi? kwa hiyo kama bunge la Machakos ninapendekeza hivi; wale walipwe pesa zao na walipwe hivi leo na kama si hivi leo, ni hivi sasa. Kwa hiyo kama bunge tutoe idhini na barua iandikwe leo, kabla ya wiki ijayo basi wale wachongaji wawe wamelipwa pesa zao.

*(Applause)*

La pili; siku ile Rais wa Kenya alitembea kule na wakawa wameleta gari kubeba sanamu kutoka Wamunyu kupeleka kule ambako walipeleka, serikali ya Machakos ilipeleka gari, ikatoa sanamu kwa stoo za wale, halafu ikapeleka mahali waliko peleka. Ni nani alikuwa arudishe zile sanamu? Kwani walipangana aje waje wachukue waende wapeleke kule walipeleka na waziwache kule na hakuna kitu kinachoendelea, ni kupeleka zionekane halafu waregeshe.

Ni kudhulumu watu wa Wamunyu ama ilikuwa ni mpango gani kwa sababu hata sanamu zikitolewa Wamunyu, zipelekwe mahali zilipelekwa, kuna ile kwa kimombo inaitwa 'wear and tear; kwa sababu sanamu kama ni ndovu anaweza vunjika sikio, kama ni simba anaweza kuvunjika meno; hiyo ni nani ambaye angelipa na kwa sababu wale watu wangu wa Wamunyu waliona kwamba leo Raisi wa nchi amekuja, wacha tumuonyeshe sasa ubabe wetu, tupeleke sanamu tumuonyeshe vile ambavyo tunaishi sasa atusaidie angalao kuuza mali yetu.

Sasa, imekuaje ni serikali kuchukua mali ya watu na kuenda kutupa? Sasa, hii ni serikali ya aina gani? Hivyo kwamba---

**Hon. Nzioki:** Point of information?

**Hon. Speaker:** Naona umeanza kukiuka.

**Hon. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are going to spend a lot of time. If a debt is a debt, whatever time it takes. Mr. Speaker, you are a lawyer and you know that. These people have been aggrieved and they were not paid their money. As a committee, we said that there are procedures, there are payment procurement procedures. These people were supposed to bring, and I think they have brought, that document now to the Chief Officer. Our work now, we should dwell on is if these people have brought the receipt and if they have been paid.

Mr. Speaker, going back saying that these people have been robbed, it will not help. We should dwell on if these people can be paid today and that will help us. Mr. Speaker, Waswahili husema 'tugange yajayo na tusahau yaliyopita.' Mr. Speaker, it is a quote. So, Mr. Speaker, if we can follow up that these people are paid today and not dwelling on the past. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, if you allow me, Hon. Kyalo Kyuli, you have made your point. You will allow me to proceed and put this question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

That resolution will be extracted and served to the relevant authorities for processing of payment and I will urge the mover of the motion to issue a statement on the position of the matter next week.

*(Applause)*

Now we can hear the mover on the matter of the report, in conclusion.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir, and the entire House at large. Indeed, I am happy on the way members are concerned about the electorates. Remember the same government needs votes from the same electorates and it is very wrong at this hour for anybody to complain of any wrongdoing that the government has been involved in doing to the people. Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to also emphasize on this point that whether there were documents or not, when the worst gets to worst---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Veronica that matter has been resolved.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Proceed.

**Hon. (Ms.) V. Mbithe:** Let me be very brief to say that thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the support that you have given to the committee and the office of the Clerk and also the members. I believe that also Hon. Kyalo Kyuli, their MCA is happy now that the members of Wamunyu Co-operative Society will get their money paid back. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Members, I proceed to put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The report is accordingly adopted.

*(Applause)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** The House will adjourn until late in the afternoon.

The House rose at 11.01 a.m.