

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

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021**

The House met at 10.35 a.m.

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. Muli) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 21<sup>ST</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, under this order we have a statement by the Leader of Majority Leader. For that matter, I understand is not around, so I call upon Hon. King'ori to take over.

**Hon. Kingori:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Monday, 20th December, 2021 to ballot business for the House pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(5). The Committee balloted business for the House as follows:

Tuesday, 21st December, 2021  
*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

- a. The Machakos County Senior Citizens Bill, 2020; Committee of the Whole House by Hon. Betty Nzioki, Chairperson, Tourism and Culture Committee.
- b. The Machakos County Senior Citizens Bill, 2020; Third Reading by Hon. Betty Nzioki, Chairperson, Tourism and Culture Committee.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

Report of Justice and Legal Affairs Committee on Petition by the Former Machakos Cooperative Union Workers by Hon. Moffat Maitha, Chairperson, Justice and Legal Affairs.

Wednesday, 22nd December, 2021  
*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

The Machakos County Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2021; Second Reading by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources). Continuation debate interrupted on Tuesday, 14th December, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- a. The Machakos County Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2021; Committee of the Whole House led by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources.

- b. The Machakos County Climate Change (Amendment) Bill, 2021; Third Reading by Hon. Robert Kisini, Chairperson, Environment, Energy, Lands and Natural Resources.
- c. Motion on Adjournment for long recess pursuant to the Assembly Calendar, approved on 10th March, 2021 and amended on 26th May, 2021, 8th December, 2021 and 15th December, 2021 to go on recess from 22nd December, 2021 up to 24th January, 2022 by our Majority Leader Hon. Mark Muendo.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori.

(Then)

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*(Orders for Committee read)*

*[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker left the Chair]*

IN THE COMMITTEE

*[Hon. Chairperson (Hon. Mitaa) took the Chair]*

#### THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS BILL, 2020 (MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO.6)

**Hon. Chairperson:** Hon. Members, welcome to the committee of the Whole House.

*(Clause 3 agreed to)*

*Clause 4*

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 4 be amended by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (c)—

- Cess appropriate medical care;
- Protection from all forms of abuse including gender-based violence, neglect, torture, exploitation among other violations;
- Enter into association with other senior citizens to safeguard their welfare;

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof  
be inserted, put, and agreed to)*

*(Clause 4 as amended agreed to)*

*Clause 5*

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 5 be amended by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (d)—

- Offer tax reliefs, reduction, exemptions and rebates to senior citizens;
- Promote home-based care for senior citizens while encouraging care in nursing homes as a last resort;
- Ensure ease in mobility and access by senior citizens of public buildings, means of transport and other public amenities; and

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put, and agreed to)*

*(Clause 5 as amended agreed to)*

*(Clauses 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 agreed to)*

#### *Clause 11*

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 11 be amended by by—

- In paragraph (c) by deleting the figure “65” and substituting therefor the figure “60”;
- By inserting the following new sub clauses at the end of the Clause—

(2) Despite the provisions of subsection (1) (c), a person with a disability who has attained the age of 55 qualifies for consideration for the senior citizens ’grant.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (1), in assessing the qualification of a senior citizen to the grant, every senior citizen shall be granted the opportunity to justify their needs to be able to qualify for the grant.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put, and agreed to)*

*(Clause 11 as amended agreed to)*

#### *Clause 12*

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 12 be amended by

- Deleting sub clause (1) and substituting therefor the following new sub clause—

(1) Applications for the senior citizens grant shall be submitted to the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee.

- Deleting sub clause (2) and substituting therefor the following new sub clause—

(2) The Ward Administrator shall receive applications for the senior citizens grant and table them before the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee for consideration.

- Adding the following new sub clause immediately after sub clause (6)—

(7) Unless otherwise required, an application for the Grant shall be made once.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be left out be left out,  
put and agreed to)*

*(Clause 12 as amended agreed to)*

### Clause 13

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 13 be amended by

Deleting the words “County Executive Committee Member” appearing immediately after the words “in consultation with the” and substituting therefor the words “County Senior Citizens Protection Committee”.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be left out be left out,  
put and agreed to)*

*(Clause 13 as amended agreed to)*

### Clause 14

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 14 be amended in sub clause (1), by

Deleting the words “The officer in charge may, in consultation with the County Executive Committee Member” at the beginning of the Clause and substituting therefor the words “The County Senior Citizens Protection Committee may”;

In sub clause (2) by deleting the words “The County Executive Committee Member” appearing at the beginning of the subsection and substituting therefor the words “The County Senior Citizens Protection Committee”.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be left out be left out,  
put and agreed to)*

*(Clause 14 as amended agreed to)*

*(Clauses 15 and 16 agreed to)*

*Clause 17*

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 17 be amended in sub clause (1) of Clause 17 by

Deleting the whole subsection and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

23. (1) The County Executive Committee Member shall make regulations within 60 days of the coming into effect of this Act generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be left out be left out,  
put and agreed to)*

*(Clause 17 as amended agreed to)*

*New Clauses*

*Clause 9A*

**Hon. Mutinda:** I beg to move that the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Clauses immediately after Clause 9—

**Machakos County Senior Citizens Protection Committee**

10. (1) There is established the Machakos County Senior Citizens Protection Committee.
- (2) The County Senior Citizens Protection Committee shall consist of—
  - (a) The Executive Committee Member who shall be the Chairperson;
  - (b) The Chief Officer who shall be the Secretary of the Committee who shall be an *ex officio* member;
  - (c) The Chief Officer for the County Treasury;
  - (d) A woman and a man representing Faith-Based Organizations involved in social welfare matters in the County;
  - (e) A woman and a man representing Public Benefit Organizations involved in social welfare matters in the County;
  - (f) A woman and a man representing persons with disabilities and who are involved in social welfare matters in the County.
- (3) The persons referred to in paragraphs (1) (d), (e) and (f) shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board with the approval of the County Assembly.
- (4) The persons referred to in paragraphs (1) (d), (e), and (f) shall serve for a fixed term of three years and they shall be eligible for appointment for one further term of three years.
- (5) The Chairperson of the Board shall publish in the Gazette, the names of the Members of the Committee appointed under this section.

**Functions of the County Senior Citizens Protection Committee**

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11. The functions of the County Senior Citizens Protection Committee are to—
- (a) Advise the county government on legislative, policy and other measures necessary for the protection and the promotion of the welfare of senior citizens;
  - (b) Mobilize resources for the protection and welfare of senior citizens;
  - (c) Provide linkage with government agencies and non-governmental entities working for the welfare of senior citizens;
  - (d) Oversee the administration of the Grant kitty in accordance with objects and purpose of this Act;
  - (e) Report to the County Assembly concerning the protection of senior citizens;
  - (f) Undertake monitoring, evaluation and reporting on matters relating to senior citizens in the county
  - (g) Undertake such other activities as are necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

### **Ward Senior Protection Committees**

12. (1) There is established for every Ward, the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee.
- (2) The Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee shall consist of—
- (a) A woman and a man who ordinarily reside in the Ward who have knowledge and experience in public affairs representing older persons;
  - (b) A woman and a man representing faith-based organizations involved in social welfare matters in the Ward;
  - (c) A woman and a man representing Community Based Organizations involved in social welfare matters in the Ward;
  - (d) A woman and a man representing persons with disabilities and who are involved in social welfare matters in the County;
  - (e) The Ward Administrator who shall be the Secretary and an *ex officio* member of the Committee.
- (3) The Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee Members under paragraphs (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall be nominated by members of the public at a public meeting convened by the Board at the Ward headquarters.
- (4) With the support of the leadership in the Ward, the Board shall ensure that all stakeholders including interest groups eligible for nomination as members of the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee are equitably represented in the nomination meeting.
- (5) Within fourteen days of the nomination of members of the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee under this section, the Board shall compile a list of nominees from all the Wards and forward it to the County Assembly for approval.
- (6) The Chairperson of the Board shall publish in the Gazette, the names of the Members of the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee appointed under this section.
- (7) The persons referred to in paragraphs (1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall serve for a fixed term of three years and they shall be eligible for appointment for one further term of three years.

### **Functions of the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee**

13. (1) The functions of the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee are to—

- (a) Mobilize communities and other stakeholders in the Ward to participate in programmes aimed at ensuring the protection of senior citizens;
  - (b) Facilitate public education, awareness creation, and capacity building at the Ward level on matters relating to senior citizens;
  - (c) Respond to the needs of senior citizens;
  - (d) Receive, consider, assess, and prioritize applications for the grant and recommend to the County Committee for consideration;
  - (e) Oversee the prudent utilization of the senior citizens' grant at the Ward level;
  - (f) Conduct monitoring, evaluation and reporting on senior citizens' matters in the Ward.
- (2) In performing its functions, the Ward Senior Citizens Protection Committee shall ensure effective public participation and stakeholder consultations including with the area leaders.

#### **Funds for the senior Citizens Grant**

- 14.** (1) In developing the Annual County Budget, the Executive Committee member for Finance shall ensure that at least 0.2 % of the budget is allocated to the senior citizens' grant.
- (2) 10% of the funds allocated for the Grant under subsection (1) shall be set aside for administration purposes.
- (3) The amount to be disbursed to each applicant for the grant shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the County Senior Citizens Protection Committee.

*(Question of the new clause proposed)*

*(New clause read the First Time)*

*(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)*

*(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)*

*(The new clause was read a Second Time)*

*(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)*

#### **Clause 14A**

**Hon. Mutinda:** I beg to move that the Bill be amended by Clause 14A—in sub clause (1), by deleting the words “The officer in charge may, in consultation with the County Executive Committee Member” at the beginning of the Clause and substituting therefor the words “The County Senior Citizens Protection Committee may”;

*(Question of the new clause proposed)*

*(New clause read the First Time)*

*(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, proposed)*

*(Question, that the new clause be read a Second Time, put and agreed to)*

*(The new clause was read a Second Time)*

*(Question, that the new clause be added to the Bill, put and agreed to)*

## Clause 2

**Hon. Mutinda:** Mr. Chairman, I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 2 be amended by inserting the following new words and their respective interpretation in alphabetical order—

“Board” Means the County Public Service Board established under section 57 of the County Governments Act, 2012;

“Chief Officer” means the Chief Officer responsible for matters relating to social welfare and development;

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

*(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put, and agreed to)*

*(Clause 2 as amended agreed to)*

*(Title agreed to)*

*(Clause 1 agreed to)*

**Hon. Chairperson:** I now invite Hon. Mutinda to say something on the Bill.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Hon. Chair. I wish to move that the motion that the committee do report its consideration of the Machakos County Senior Citizens Bill (Machakos County Bill No. 8 of 2020) and its approval thereof with amendments.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Chairperson:** Hon. Members, I want to thank you, we have gone through the amendments and I appreciate your input.

*(Applause)*

*(The House resumed)*



*[Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker in the Chair]*

**REPORT AND THIRD READING**  
THE MACHAKOS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS BILL  
(MACHAKOS COUNTY BILL NO. 8 OF 2020)

*(By Leave of the House)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I would like to call the Chair, Hon. Mitaa.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I wish to report that the committee of the whole House has considered The Machakos County Senior Citizens Bill (Machakos County Bill No. 8 of 2020) and has approved the same with amendments. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move that the House Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the committee in the said report. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Nzomo Musyimi to second my motion.

**Hon. Musyimi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the motion.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nzomo.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I would like to call Hon. Betty Nzioki or whoever is responsible to take care of that.

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 131(2), I wish to move that the motion that the Machakos County Senior Citizens Bill, 2020 (Machakos County Bills No. 8) be now read a Third time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mutinda. Do you have a seconder?

**Hon. Mutinda:** I call upon Hon. Nzomo Musyimi to second my Bill.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Nzomo please.

**Hon. Musyimi:** I do second.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nzomo.

*(Question proposed)*

I invite Hon. Members to debate on the same. Hon. Kamitu.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, in fact, we have gone through and this is a very important Bill especially when we are talking about the County senior citizens because this is a Bill that is going to protect the senior citizens within the County. It is a Bill that is going to provide resources for protection and welfare of the senior citizens and also provide linkages with government agencies and non-government entities that will be looking into the welfare of the senior citizens.

Hon. Speaker, you are aware in our country and especially now the Machakos County we have got many senior citizens who are not getting grants from the Government and this is a very good thinking by the Hon. Members of Machakos. Hon. Members, having thought the importance of the grants that will go to the many senior citizens within the electorate and this is a Bill that I would also ask the Hon. Members, this is a Bill that is going to protect the welfare of the senior citizens so I urge this house as they have done and I appreciate the committee and the Chairperson who saw it that it is so important for such a Bill to go through.

So once again I congratulate the committee for undertaking this honourable move to ensure that it will be effected to the senior citizens. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Hon. Constance Mbula.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I must say I am so happy now the Bill has come this far. I am actually the initiator of the Bill---

*(Applause)*

It has come this far and now all the senior citizens are going to benefit and I only want to urge the government to take it and work with speed so that it does not just be kept there pending and people are suffering. I have said before even us in this House are heading there; we are not going to have money all through and once you retire you shall also be considered as senior citizens and we shall also benefit. I want members to take this Bill seriously and embrace it all over and we let our people know that there is a Bill that has come up for senior citizens that they will be able to get somewhere now.

Mr. Speaker, I will be the happiest person on earth if this Bill was titled Mbula Bill; I think it is the first one in Machakos or maybe National Assembly I know there was Sexual Offences Act by Njoki Ndung'u which passed and it took effect immediately. Hon. Members, I am very happy you have supported the Bill. Finally it is a Mbula Bill! Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mbula. Hon. Mitaa.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. May I first take the opportunity to first to thank you for guiding us today; it is an opportunity which to me is life time. Hon. Speaker, I also want to thank Hon. Constance Mbula for the Bill before us. It has successfully gone through the previous stages

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and I think from the look of things in the few minutes coming it will become a law. I also want to thank the committee on culture for taking us through the previous stages of public participation and also engaging Hon. Members and giving us opportunity to give our views. I want to thank them for that opportunity and I am happy to be part of this Bill which will go milestones to our citizens.

Hon. Speaker, one thing we must state as a House is that not everyone qualifies for what we are passing today. There are some requirements because Hon. Speaker, our citizens outside might think everyone qualifies once this law is passed. Hon. Speaker, it is very clear under Part Three senior citizen grant. It is very clear on who qualifies for the grant and in case our citizens did not have the opportunity maybe to go through the Bill through the public participation which we undertook, it is good also they take their time because I think this House has put the Bill in our website and it has been facilitated Hon. Speaker, in public areas so that at least from the onset they may know who qualifies.

As Hon. Kamitu stated earlier, the National Government has been giving some funds to the elderly and my view and trying to read Hon. Mbula's mind is that she wanted the clique that has not been catered for by the National Government to be considered through the County Government Hon. Speaker. That is what I undertook and Hon. Speaker, it is wise enough that now going forward, the County Government of Machakos once they get ready to implement this Bill they do proper analysis Hon. Speaker, in terms of population because I believe once we know the number which qualifies to benefit from the grants is when now they will be able to know how much each beneficiary can receive.

Hon. Speaker, passing the Bill is different from implementing the Bill. There is a lot which is ahead and I hope that they do their calculations and budgeting and ensure that in the next budget because it is automatic the current fiscal year cannot cater for the Bill so that now when we are passing the next budget, they will have taken their time gone to the ground, collected the data of beneficiaries who qualify, analyzed how much each can receive so that by the time we are doing the next budget at least that bit will be catered for.

So Hon. Speaker, it is a journey which I am very proud together with my colleagues we have participated, we have taken care of our people and as Hon. Mbula said we are heading there very soon and is going we lay ground by the time we get there we find soft landing. So Hon. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Members and I am happy once more to be part of this journey. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, so much Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will start by congratulating you for taking that seat.

*(Applause)*

You are very smart and you qualify to sit in that seat so I want to congratulate you. Secondly Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want also want to give my views on the business before the House. Mr. Speaker, the Bill is timely and it needs to be passed with immediate effect so that we can have a law which can guide how these resources can be shared to the senior citizens. Mr. Speaker, Sir, according to what *Mheshimiwa* Mitaa said, this is just a process which has several steps. Anything that requires funding needs to be captured in the budget so Mr. Speaker, I am also requesting just as *Mheshimiwa* Mitaa has said; once we start the formulation of the next budget, we consider setting aside a substantial amount of monies so that we can take care of this initiative. Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the National and County Governments are very much keen on three classes

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of people. The National and the County Governments are concerned with youth, women and the elderly. Mr. Speaker, I want to request my colleagues here, I am coming up with another Bill which is going to take of the people who are between 35 years and 55 years because this is the class of people who has kids in secondary schools and universities.

These senior citizens we are talking about, some of them are the ones who have these big *shambas*, very big land and they have collateral to go to the bank and borrow the money from the bank. The class I am talking about does not have those collateral so I am requesting Hon. Members once I come up with that bill you also support. As for this one which is before the House, it is urgently required. What I would request is that you order the Table Office to produce enough copies so that we can distribute them within the 40 wards so that somebody can read for themselves and know whether he/she qualifies. If we talk of going to the website, these senior citizens are not IT-conversant so they may not have the capacity to log into the system to know what the requirements are.

Then lastly, Mr. Speaker, the way we distribute development resources I also request that when it comes to implementation of this Bill we don't want to hear that the support goes to a particular ward when other wards have senior citizens and are not also benefiting from that. So Mr. Speaker, I do support the Bill and congratulate my dear sister Hon. Mbula for sitting down, thinking properly and coming up with this critical Bill. Madam Mbula, may God bless you and I am very sure the beneficiaries of this Bill will also pray for you to go far head. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you Hon Ndawa. Hon. Kalumu.

**Hon. Kalumu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me first of all congratulate you for being the chair of today. Mr. Speaker, it is true that stress is one of the killer issues in our country and stress is mostly connected with the inability to meet basic needs and mostly for those who have been having income for some time and then they don't have it when they grow old, and this Senior Citizen Bill, when it becomes an Act, will help the senior citizens to be having something small for them to be able to have something in their pockets and then reduce the stress of lacking basic needs.

Mr. Speaker, you know that senior citizens are getting old and for those who have kids most of them are not looking after their parents when they grow old and that is a fact and this Bill comes as a solution to the problem that has been created by the society because of lack of love to our old parents and it has really come at the right time because famine now is biting. What I would like to ask the implementer of this Act is that we have seen the same from the National Government although it has helped a bit, some of the money has resulted to be in the pockets of the wrong people.

You find that a senior citizen ought to receive something but you find that whoever is receiving is not that senior citizen and you hear that we are helping those people at least to have long life because when you have something to meet what is giving you problems of life you reduce stress and then you may live longer. So this Bill, being a solution to that, we would like to ask the implementer to come up with a pure and correct mechanism to make sure that this money which will be distributed to the senior people lands to the right hands.

So I do not have much to say because much has been said by my colleagues. The only problem that I have as I stand here is that we have been having issues of implementation of several legislations we have made in this House and that one alone has killed the morale of this House so, we ask the implementing arm at least to make sure that this one helps our people because public money has been used to come up with this Act. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. I call upon the mover to reply. Hon. Mbula, kindly.

**Hon. (Ms.) C. Nzioki:** Hon. Speaker, I think its Hon. Mutinda to reply.

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mbula. May I call Hon. Mutinda?

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I stand by congratulating you for the position you are holding today and wish that those in that committee rotates so that at least we also continue having people who can serve in that position. Let me say that Mr. speaker I am happy that I am holding brief for Hon. Betty Nzioki who is our Chair and let me say that this Bill is coming the right time and let me thank Hon. Constance Mbula for the motion and let me say that it is important that the committees which are involved in this identification of the people on the ground should be very vigilant to ensure that our people get assisted.

Mr. Speaker, in my ward, when I move around I find people who are over 70 years who have not been taken care of by the national fund for the senior citizens. This is an opportunity for those who have not had that chance to benefit that now the County Government of Machakos will complement where the gaps are in the fund for the National Government. Mr. Speaker, I think this will fix a lot of problems which have been ongoing. Remember in our community, previously when we had a time when if parents had children who are working they were seeing to be benefiting from the efforts of their children but those seems to be bygone Mr. speaker and now this will take care of such issues where if a parent has children who are working and not supporting the parent.

So the County Government should now come in a steadfast way and allocate monies in the budget so that people can be assisted. We have had several Bills which are very beneficial to our people but they have not gone to support the people, the actualization of such Acts has been a challenge. I would wish that the County Government allocates money in the budget so that they actualize this Bill. It pains when you hear an old *mama* or old *mzee* say that; will this money find me or it will find me when I am dead? It pains! So because some have been left out, now this is the time which they have been considered and let us actualize the Bill.

The other thing is on the Assembly, whether is the 2022 Assembly or the 2023 Assembly it should be ready to monitor this process and where legislation will be required Mr. Speaker, I request that they come steadfast and ensure that any amendments or any legislation is done so that the people of Machakos are assisted. Otherwise, I thank the Hon Members for all this good job done; I thank you Hon Speaker for this good work and hope that the people of Machakos are going to benefit from the efforts and see that the Assembly of 2017 to 2022 has served them well and has done things which touch into their welfare. Thank you all, and wish that you approve this Bill.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you so much, Hon. Mutinda.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)*

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have made the law and the Bill will be taken to the Governor for assent and we are very sure whatever we have said and agreed in this

House must be taken seriously as far as County Government is concerned. So I want to believe that all what we have said here will be taken into consideration by the Executive.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Members. We are through and the House adjourns to Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.32 a.m.