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[The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

THE KILIFI COUNTY MICRO FINANCE (MBEGU) FUND REGULATIONS, 2019

Hon. Jana: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Today being Monday 16th March, 2020 I wish to lay on the Table of this hon. House, the Report of the Select Committee on Delegated County Legislation on the Kilifi County Micro Finance (Mbegu) Fund Regulations, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Jana laid the Paper on the Table)

THE KILIFI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES (NO.2)
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Budget Chairperson who is out on some other concerns, allow me to Table a Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Kilifi County Supplementary Budget Estimates (No. 2) for the Financial Year 2019/2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Chiriba laid the Paper on the Table)

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NOTICES OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE KILIFI COUNTY MICRO FINANCE (MBEGU) FUND REGULATIONS, 2019

Hon. Jana: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to give a Notice of Motion; THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Delegated County Legislation on the Kilifi County Micro Finance (Mbegu) Fund Regulations, 2019. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

ADOPTION OF THE KILIFI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES (NO. 2) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Budget Chairperson, I beg to give a Notice of Motion on the adoption of the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Consideration of the Kilifi County Supplementary Budget Estimates (No. 2) for the Financial Year 2019/2020 laid on the Table of this House on Monday 16th March, 2020. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENTS

COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Today I have two Statements to issue to the Department of Health Services, the CECM through the Chairperson, and Committee on Health Services on COVID-19 (Corona Virus) preparedness.

Whether, the CECM is aware that Covid-19 is a global health concern and that Kilifi County is exposed to the risk of contracting the disease from other parts of the Country and the World.

If yes, are there any reported cases of the disease in the County? How prepared is the County Government to ensure that the disease is contained or prevented from spreading in the County?

DELAYED COMPLETION OF CHIFERI HEALTH CENTRE AND MATERNITY UNIT

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: The second Statement is on Chiferi Health Centre and Maternity unit. Whether, the CECM in charge of Health Services is aware that Chiferi Health Centre and Maternity unit, a project which was first budgeted for in the Financial Year 2013/2014 and later featured in the 2016/2017 Financial Year, is yet to be completed.

Whether, she is aware that the continued delay in finishing the project has caused uncalled suffering on the people of Mwawesa by commuting for over 15 km to access medical services.

If yes, why has the project not been completed to date and how much has been paid to the contractor and the action the CECM is taking to ensure that the project is completed? Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KILIFI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES (NO. 2) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Again on behalf of the Chairperson Budget Hon. Albert Kiraga who is currently committed somewhere else, I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on consideration of the Kilifi County Supplementary Budget estimates (No. 2) for the Financial Year 2019/2020 laid on the Table of this House on Monday 16th March, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, before I call upon hon. Mwadena Cantona Mae to second, let me give my submissions. Mr. Speaker, first of all the main purpose of a Supplementary Budget is to unfold and it emanates from additional monies to the County be it grant or from equitable shares. Number two, is through reallocation of votes within a given department. The first supplementary emanated from the equitable share which was Kshs.1.2 billion and also from the unspent County Revenue Funds that amounted to Kshs. 960 million.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to say that the main reason of having this supplementary budget is silent because we are seeing that it is coming from the pending bills as annexed. As a committee, we sat and scrutinized the budget and realized that a number of departmental programmes featuring in supplementary one had been collapsed and could not find their place in supplementary two. As a committee we had to rearrange some funds so that we can reinstate programmes that are a priority; the savings were driven from monies on foreign travel since there was a window following the directive from treasury that such activities should be cancelled. Those are the monies that we used to fund the programmes that were collapsed. We also made sure that the Ward Development Fund was not touched.

Following the issues of the current disaster facing the world, the supplementary budget gave us room to save for the county to get prepared in handling the case at hand. So we set aside Kshs. 20 million derived from Relief and Disaster Management Vote. As I wind up, it is my prayer that this Motion finds the favour of this hon. House and it is passed so that implementation of the same can take effect. Allow me to call upon hon. Mae.

(Hon. Mae seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Mae: Let me first congratulate Members of the Budget Committee. From the submissions, much has been explained. I urge the House to quickly pass this budget since our people are now worried on how the county is prepared on the Corona Virus. We have seen in the Report that the committee has set aside Kshs. 20 million to cater for the emergency cases of Corona. As a county, we are prepared and we have the answers for our people as we go for recess. I urge my fellow Members to pass this budget.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for the opportunity to make my contributions regarding the Motion before us. I support the Motion as moved by the chairperson. I congratulate the committee for a job well done and I single out the vice-chairperson of the committee who is not present, who was the first Member who initiated the allocation of Kshs. 20

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million for the Corona emergency. We know the government is pulling resources together to ensure we fight the pandemic. Were it not for the vice-chairperson of the committee maybe we would not have realized this. The Kshs. 20 million might not be enough but given that we have Kshs. 150 million on the disaster kit that can take care of what is happening.

Another aspect that I want to bring to the attention of Members is on the issue of Ward Development Projects; we have had several meetings with Members of the public engaging and giving them an opportunity to make proposals on the kind of projects they want to see getting implemented on the various wards after the executive had already done their proposals. I am happy that all the wards projects that had been collapsed in the proposal for the supplementary two have now found their way back into the budget.

I want to believe that given an opportunity we should be able to realize the implementation of these projects within the time left. My only worry is we are in the month of March and with the challenges that we are facing and the government has encouraged people to start working from home, this may affect the implementation of the same but with the hope that as a country we are going to work very hard to ensure that even as we are grapple with the epidemic, we are also in a position to implement our budget.

Let us all support the adoption of this Motion and then we have an opportunity to go home for the early recess so that we are in solidarity with what the President has directed. I beg to support.

Hon. Mwambire: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi hii. Nami nataka nichangie kidogo. Kwanza nataka kupeana kongole kwa kamati ya Bajeti kwa kuweza kuharakisha kuleta hii *document* hapa Bungeni. Nitajaribu kuzungumza kuhusu mambo ya bajeti haswa tukiangalia katika idara ya ufugaji na uvuvi. Kama tunavyosema ya kwamba mfuko wetu wa mapato wa kaunti huwa unaathirika kwa sababu ya kutofikia kile kiwango kinachohitajika kukusanywa na hii naweza kusema imechangiwa na nyanja fulani haswa tukiangazia upande huu wa mambo ya ufugaji. Tukikumbuka ya kwamba katika Wadi yangu ya Bamba ni sehemu ambayo inajulikana kwa mambo ya ufugaji na tunauza ng'ombe na mbuzi kwa wingi ikiwa sijakosea.

Si ati kwamba u mkono bajeti hii. Naunga mkono ipite lakini ningehitaji mambo yaende katika nukuu kwa sababu bajeti ya mwaka jana ilipofanyika kulikuwa kuna marekebisho ya mahali tunapouzia ng'ombe pale Bamba lakini ikafikia wakati ile bajeti ya mwisho ule mradi ukatolewa na ilikuwa ni mradi wa upande wa kule kwa serikali. Mradi ulipotolewa tayari tukawa tushapeana miradi ya wadi ikaweza kuwekwa na nakumbuka vizuri wakati tulikuwa na majadiliano katika hoteli ya Whitesands, swala hili nililizungumzia pale ambapo tunauzia ng'ombe na pakarekebishwe.

Mheshimiwa Spika kwa sasa pahali ambapo watu wanauzia ng'ombe kumedorora na sio kwamba ni wakati huu; kumedorora tangu wakati wa bajeti ile ambayo tulikuwa tunapanga na nilikuja kushangaa kupata ya kwamba ile bajeti ya milioni tatu ilikuwa imetolewa. Hivi sasa ushuru mwingi ambao tulikuwa tunapata kutokana na pale umepotea kwa sababu baadhi ya ng'ombe na mbuzi wanauziwa nje ya soko. Ilikuwa ni matumaini yangu kwamba wakati kamati hii ilikuwa inakaa iliona mahali pale panastahili kurekebishwa lakini pahali pale pamekosa mgao na itabidi ndani ya mgao unaokuja wa pesa za serikali kuweza kupangiwa pesa lakini wasiwasi wangu ni kwamba kwa sasa wale wananchi wamekosa mahali pa kuuzia mifugo yao.

Ombi langu kwa kamati hii ya bajeti tunapoingia katika mwaka ule mwengine wa kifedha 2020/2021, tushirikiane ile sehemu ile irekebishwe. Ni hayo mheshimiwa Spika. Asante.

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Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I would like to appreciate the committee on Budget and Appropriations in the very good job they have done and secondly in ensuring the Ward Development Projects are intact and not affected.

It is high time we pass this Motion because most of the programmes are on standstill and we need service delivery in our wards. Secondly, any plans to redelegate the work of the MCAs to any other office to oversee the implementation of these programmes we strongly refuse because it is only the MCA who is on the ground who can ensure the projects are implemented and the people on the ground get the right services. So I stand to support this Motion and I urge the House to support the same so that we can give our people the services they deserve. Thank you.

Hon. Mumba: Mheshimiwa Spika niruhusu kwanza nisafishe koo japo sio kwa sababu ya janga la Corona ila ni kwa sababu nimeshiba na chakula nilichokula kina sukari nyingi.

Kwanza nachukua fursa hii nishukuru kwa hii fursa maana katika wepesi wa ulimi wako ulikuwa ushachukua nafasi ili upeleke Hoja hii kutathmini uwezekano na kukubalika ama kukatalika katika Nyumba hii.

Nataka nishukuru Mungu kwa fursa hii ya leo kwamba tu wazima na tuko katika kipindi kigumu kama Taifa kwa sababu ya taarifa zilizo mbele yetu ambazo ni tatanishi kwamba kuna kirusi ambacho kinahangaisha ulimwengu mzima lakini sisi tuko wazima hadi wakati huu. Kwa hivyo tumuombe Mungu atuepushe na janga hilo ili kwamba tuendelee kutumikia wanaKilifi na Wakenya wote kwa ujumla.

Pili nataka pia nichukue fursa hii kusema kwamba kamati walichukua muda wao mwingi kutekeleza wajibu wao na aliyeruzuku muda huo ni Mwenyezi Mungu; tunakushukuru kwa kuwezesha kutengeneza kazi hii katika hekima. Vile vile Bwana Spika, nataka nizungumze machache kuhusu swala hili ambalo limekuwa likitukumba kama Kaunti mara nyingi na naona ya kwamba si vyema manake kila linapokuja katika Nyumba hii...

(Hon. Mae stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Mae: Mr. Speaker is it in order for a Member to come in the House on a bow tie?

Hon. Mumba: Ni ruhusu niendele kuongea Bwana Spika kwa sababu mtanashati anapong'ara katika Nyumba basi wengine wanayumbayumba, na kila ninapointingia wanatishika kwa maswala wanayojua wao wenyewe.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Thomas (Mumba) it is not a matter you can wash away; unfortunately you are only allowed to wear a long tie not a bow tie.

Hon. Mumba: Mheshimiwa Spika, sitaomba kujadili hilo, lakini nafikiri sisi ni wana wa Bunge la Kitaifa na nilipoona kule Bunge la kitaifa linafanyika nikaona kwamba, kwa sababu tunaiga kaka yetu aliye mkubwa nikaona tuko katika msingi wa kisawa.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): No, the Speaker's rules are very clear, suit and a tie. I do not want to belabor on the issue; next time please just use the normal ties.

Hon. Mumba: Nimepokea ujumbe wako Bw. Spika na nitaweza kutekeleza hivyo.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Mae for putting that to my attention. You know as a Speaker you cannot...

Hon. Mumba: Lakini tunaposema kila moja wetu aweze kusimama utaona maajabu. Lakini wacha tuyawache mambo hayo kwa sasa hivi ili tuweze kuendeleza maswala ambayo yako mbele yetu.

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Kusema kweli Bw. Spika, sisi kama Kaunti ya Kilifi, siku kama ya leo tunaweza kuzungumzia swala la Mswada ambao uko mbele yetu si swala rahisi ni swala ambalo liko nyeti sana. Kwa sababau unapozungumzia utendaji kazi, na utumiaji wa fedha zinazotoka kule kwa kuhifadhi pesa za kitaifa, kusema kweli tumekuwa na utepetevu katika kutumia zile fedha, ndio maana tunapoelekea mwisho wa mwaka wa kifedha ndio bado tunang'ang'ana kuweza kuweka katika nyadhifa ama vile vitengo ambavyo zinafaa zitumike. Wasiwasi wangu ni kwamba katika ule muda uliosalia wa ule mwaka wa kifedha uweze kukamilika, ni utaratibu gani tutaweza kutumia hizi fedha zote tuone ili ule mradi unafanyika?

Jambo la kushangaza ni wakati pesa zinapokuja na hatuwezi kuzitumia kwa wakati ule unaostahili ili kuona miradi ile inaweza kuwafaidi watu wa Kilifi. Kwa hivyo ni jambo ambalo linatumika kama fimbo ili liweze kutumia maswala haya kubadilisha ile bajeti yetu kubwa na tupitische mwishoni wa mwaka ili kukadiria matumizi ya fedha za mwaka, na mara nyingi huwa inakuja wakati imechelewa. Nafikiri tukiendelea na mfumo huu Bw. Spika, tutakuwa tunazidi kujihukumu sisi kama waangaalizi wa watumizi wa fedha wa hii Kaunti yetu kwa ujumla, na pia itakuwa hatuwatendei haki wakaazi wa eneo hili. Kwa hivyo nasema sisi kama Wajumbe tuweze kuwajibika na wakati mwingine tusiweze kusukumwa wakati ambapo hatuna budi ili tuweze kupitisha ndio mambo yafanyike. Hatupitishi tu lakini twataka tunapopitisha utendakazi ufanyike. Hii ndio tutakuwa tunafanya ile kazi iliyotuleta hapa.

Jambo lengine ni kuhusu hiki kirusi. Lakini naona utayari wetu hapa nautulia shaka kwa sababu ukiangalia hapa, ndio ni kazi nzuri wamefikiria watenge pesa, lakini milioni 20 Bw. Spika, kwangu mimi naona ni chache sana. Kusema ukweli hivi sasa vipimo vyenyewe hivi sasa hatuna. Kuna bwana mmoja alikuwa hasikii vizuri akasema apimwe na kwa bahati mbaya vipimo hakuna. Sasa swali ni je ikiwa vipimo vyenyewe hakuna, milioni 20 jameni, zitaweza kweli? Na nikinukuu Bunge la Amerika, juzi wamepitisha pesa nyingi sana kwa sababu waweze kukabiliana na hili janga. Ninahisi ingekuwa jambo la busara tuweze kuwekeza pesa kwa janga linalotukumba kwa sababu yote haya kama Wizara ya Afya ama kitengo chake kitakuwa hakuna kima kikubwa cha fedha basi hata kuzuia itakuwa shida.

Kwa hivyo nawasihi kwamba katika kuweka pesa upande huo, tungekuwa tumeweka pesa zaidi. Pia ningetarajia kwamba aliyeunga mkono mnenaji wa kwanza, angeeleza bayana kwamba hili jambo limetengewa hivi lakini sisi kama Kamati tulikadiria pesa zile zifanye hiki na hiki kwa sababu katika Ripoti tuliyonayo haiwezi kuzungumzia bayana maswala kama yale yatafanyika kulingana na zile pesa. Kwa hivyo Bw. Spika, sina nia mbaya na Kamati lakini nimeona ya kwamba fikra zangu ambazo zimo kwenye kichwa niweze kuziweka mbele ya Nyumba hii na ziende katika nukuu ya Bunge ili kesho, tuweze kuzifanyia kazi na naamini tutakaposhirikiana tutaweza kufanikisha maisha ya wanaKilifi.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Was that Kshs. 20 million requested by the Executive or it is the assembly on its own Motion? Hon. Vice Chairperson I think you can answer that. I need to know. I heard the Deputy Speaker saying that there is another Kshs. 150 million, because is Kshs.20 million sufficient? Was that money requested by the CECM? Because if anything what hon. Mumba said, makes a lot of sense because if we do not have even a single test kit, do we know how much a single test kit costs? Do we know where they come from? I do not want to be drawn into the deliberation of the Motion but I am not sure, is that what they requested for? Or they requested for more then you slashed it? Off course you have no basis of adding them more because you are not the department. Hon. Kenga, I had you say there is a reservoir of Kshs. 150 million is that ok, is that the position? This is a matter of great importance and we need to know

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what we are doing; mind you we are going on recess and if we miss out, if we finalize this that is it.

Hon. Chiriba: Yes it is from the Health Department. The CECM came and made some requests and we found it wise for the Kshs. 20 million.

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, I am led by the Report that has been tabled by the Committee and you will realize that on the annex. I do not know this is annex on which number? Their use on the Department of Devolution on emergency relief and transfer submitted estimates in the proposal that was submitted to the County Assembly Supplementary two had Kshs.110 million set aside to take care of the issues of relief.

Out of that there is a saving of Kshs. 20 million directed towards Corona virus disease. On the point of information to the acting Chairperson of Budget, yes the supplementary came from the department but remember I chaired the Whole House meeting and it was through the vice-chairperson of the Committee on Budget hon. Said Juma who on learning of the disease brought the idea that as a county we need to set aside cash. The Kshs. 20 million has been appropriated specifically to handle the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-2019) but there is Kshs. 150 million set aside for the issue of relief. It was my idea that if this Kshs. 20 million was not sufficient then we could still go to the Kshs.150 million.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): But that was to pay pending bills; last time we had a discussion. We do not even have a test kit. We are seeing other wards putting special wards and beds; is Kshs.20 million enough? But again we cannot speak for the Executive. If they say Kshs.20 million who are we to put more if that is what they have requested? You can speak freely now.

Hon. Mumba: It could be a request from the department but in the wisdom of the committee they could reason and come out with something substantive towards this.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): When it comes to additional funding when you say you want more money it is not the department to justify why they need that amount of money. I am not sure whether they did any background research on why they need the Kshs.20 million. I think they did not.

Hon. Mumba: I am sure they did not, from what the Deputy Speaker is saying...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You see why I am engaging in this debate is that once we close the window of a Supplementary Budget, where will they get the money? What if we have serious cases in Kilifi? How do we handle them? Hon. Members, speak freely on this one. It's not unless as an Assembly we feel it is sufficient.

Hon. Chiriba: We had pointed out that the whole weight lies with the Executive on whatever they had projected. By that time, there were no cases related to this. We had a projection of 15 beds facilities which is situated at Kwa ndomo to take care of the cases and two rooms in Malindi District hospital for the isolation cases.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Has the county sent members to be trained on how to handle the patients? I know hon. (Ms.) Carol has raised a Statement but that will take too long to be answered and this is a very critical subject. I am told Tanzania has now confirmed its first case.

Hon. Kenga: I may not have the authority to bring this out but reading from the page of the hon. Governor of the county when giving awareness to the members of Kilifi, he said experts from the World Health Organization selected a few people from the county that underwent some training.

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Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. Just to inform you, I do not think the doctors are enough. As of today when Dr. Anisa was addressing the Nation, we only have two stations that she has selected; one in Gede to serve Kilifi North and the other one in Mtwapa to serve Kilifi South. The doctors are situated there for quarantine cases only, but for a case where one is suspecting himself and they have gone for testing, how is the county prepared for that? We do not have the tests in the big hospitals like Kilifi, Malindi and Mariakani.

To touch on the issue on relief, when the CEC for Finance came here he said that Kshs. 167 million is supposed to go to pending bills. Now from the Kshs. 170 million we have saved Kshs. 20 million for COVID-19 so we will remain with Kshs. 150 million to sort the pending bills. Which other place are we looking to get more money?

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Members of the Health Committee is there anybody who has interacted with the Department of Health? Yes hon. (Ms.) Maneno, I am relaxing the rules of this debate because this matter has to be discussed...

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: The CECM for Health was on record confirming that there is a two bed roomed house in Malindi District Hospital and a Community Health Centre in Sabaki Ward. The rooms are there so that if anybody is infected they can be taken there. The house in Malindi Hospital was occupied by the Cuban doctor who left.

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The hon. Member Mr. Chengo (Mumba) has just confirmed to the House that we do not even have testing kits. Here we are prepared for the quarantine rooms but how are we taking the patient there when we have not tested this person in the first place? How are we taking the patient there is the first place if there is no machine or facility to test this patient? I think we should start by knowing whether we have enough kits or if they are there in the first place so that a patient is tested, confirmed positive then quarantined.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): And that is what will form the basis. Hon. Deputy Speaker, can I please consult with you just for a minute.

(The Speaker consulted with the Deputy Speaker)

Let me hear a few contributions. My concern is hon. Thomas (Mumba) has raised a very valid issue. The problem is once we close this window for a supplementary budget that's it! Yes hon. Matsaki, what is your view?

Hon. Matsaki: Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nataka niseme hili janga ni geni kwa nchi na ulimwengu mzima. Sisi kama Kaunti ya Kilifi hatujakuwa tayari kwa sababu tukienda katika mambo ya Bajeti, Bajeti inatoka Executive na huwa wameandika zile pesa wanataka na watazifanyia nini. Sisi kama bunge kisheria si jukumu letu kuwapatia pesa ambazo hawakuomba. Ni kweli pesa hazitoshi lakini hili jukumu ni la nani? Kwa hivyo nafikiri waziri na naibu wake na pengine Kamati ya Afya wakae wajaadili na wakubaliane kwa sasabu hivi sasa yale ambayo tunayaongea tunaona pesa si sawa lakini zile pesa tunataka kuziweka tunaziweka zifanye kazi gani?

Tunataka yule Waziri aseme anataka milioni 50 na sisi kama bunge tungepitisha kwa sababu tunajua hili janga ni zito lakini tunajadili vitu ambavyo haviko mikononi mwetu. Sisi sio watu wa kutengeza hiyo Bajeti; wao wanatuletea kama *Executive* halafu tunaangalia na tunapitisha. Nitasema tunaendelea na huu mjadala lakini nitasema tunapigia mbuzi gitaa. Sijui kwa sababu muda pia umeenda na mambo ya Bajeti lakini ni vizuri kabisa yule Waziri alikuwa

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aje na hiyo bajeti tupitishie na kama ni kidogo pamoja na Kamati ya Afya huko huko na sio hapa, wajadili halafu watuletee kile kiwango wanachotaka. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): This is where the catch is; we are not prepared for this disaster because we do not even have a single test kit! We pass the budget as it is; we close the window for a supplementary budget then we have everybody getting infected. It is unfortunate that we are working with an Executive that does not seem to take matters seriously. But that is what they asked for. Again we have no business for increasing unless we call them so we can confirm to them and if the sentiments of the Deputy Speaker that it is only the Vice Chairperson of the Budget Committee who raised the matter that is why they put Kshs. 20 Million that means they were not even concerned about it.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS NOS. 50 AND 92

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, I am standing on Point of Order, Standing Order number 50(b) read together with Standing Order number 92 that we are allowed to adjourn so that we can have time to consult the Executive especially on the provision of Kshs.20 million that has been set aside for the Covid-19.

Before I give an opportunity to hon. Mumba to second, allow me Mr. Speaker to say that we are not as an Assembly so sure whether the Kshs. 20 million that has been set aside is sufficient to fight this epidemic but what is more worrying is the fact that hearing from the hon. Member that a citizen went to a health facility today and wanted to be screened at least to know his or her status and the response that was given is that our facilities do not have the kits.

Therefore I want to believe if the Executive was able to take Kshs.20 million from the Kshs. 150 million that was set aside, even if it was for pending bills I want to say that Kilifi County just the other day from the National Treasury was identified as one of the counties that was doing well in terms of pending bills issues. I want to believe we could still go ahead and even if we are required to take another Kshs.50 million from the Kshs.150 million that is there so that if it is on pending bills we could do with Kshs.100 million if need be but make sure that we are equally equipped and ready.

What the hon. Member for Mwawesa said is we need to be prepared as a county. This is a challenge that we are facing but we need to rise to the occasion and be counted among those counties that are prepared to make sure that we are able to provide solutions to this problem. Therefore Mr. Speaker, allow me to call the hon. Member for Tezo to second the Motion.

(Hon. Mumba seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Chengo: Thank you Mr. Speaker and I rise to second the Motion that is before this House. It is my humble submission to this House we shall lose absolutely nothing once we agree to consult further on this sensitive issue that is globally a thorn in the flesh. We may not be very perfect but going by the procurement procedures that are there we know Kshs. 20 million can do very little. Maybe the decision came in a haste manner that is why they could not think further. By blaming them, let us give them the benefit of doubt by engaging them further by at least what

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they failed to see. We can start as an opportunity now to let them see. So I strongly say let us go and consult further. I second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon.(Ms) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I am also in line for us as a House to stop the debate for today because you understand as Kilifi as a whole county, the level of preparedness is not there yet. Like I said earlier, early today the CECM for Health was on television saying we have those two quarantine places, yet the process has not been consultative for us as leaders in this assembly. We do not know how many hospitals or if at all any have those kits.

How many of them even have television? She was supposed to come to the assembly and tell these Members on a daily basis go to these rural places to create awareness. This virus is there but not all people know about it. If there is anywhere you can get information, it is through this House. She cannot go out there and say we are prepared as a county by setting aside only Ksh. 20 million; that money is not even enough. We need to give her time and come to this House and tell us and it should be very specific. If those kits are there, where are they? How are they available? So let us take this opportunity to adjourn this discussion and invite the CECM who should come and tell us everything about this virus. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mwayaa: Mweshimiwa Spika nasema asante kwa kunipa nafasi. Aliyetenga hizi milion 20 ni Mheshimiwa Waziri. Saa hizi tunasema ya kwamba tumuite tumuulize na aliyezetenga na akashauriwa kwa sababu COVID-19 inasonga karibu akatenga milioni 20. Juzi alionekana kwa televisheni akisema kwamba amejiandaa vya kutosha akatoa nambari za simu ili yeyote atakayepatikana popote alipo aweze kupiga hizo namba na ataweza kufikiwa. Hizo namba alitoa naona hata niko nazo kwa simu yangu niko na *clip* ya kwamba yeye na kundi lake wameweza kujitayarisha. Kwa hivyo mimi naona ya kwamba tukimuita atatueleza yale yale. Naomba tuitishe hii bajeti twendelee mbele. Asante Mweshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Shaban: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Pia mimi naunga mkono kiranja wa Bunge. Kuna wakati mmoja tulikuwa tukijadili ile Ripoti ya Waziri Alio Ibrahim na Bunge likafunga kwa mashauri Fulani. Kwani ilikuwa hatuwezi ku-*adjourn* kidogo na Waziri apigiwe simu ajieleze ili tuweze kupitisha bajeti? Kwa sababu sasa ni kama sisi tunafanya kazi za Waziri, na Waziri ameleta mapendekezo yake sisi tunasema hazitoshi. Ikiwa zilikuwa hazitoshi tokea jana Mheshimiwa Rais atoe taarifa nafikiri yeye pia anajua anafuatilizia nafikiri angekuwa amepiga simu kwa Mwenyekiti wa Bajeti ama Naibu wake Mhe. Said Juma kusema kwamba ni kweli nilikuwa nimependekeza milion 20 lakini ningependa ziongezwe. Kufikia saa hii hajasema. Mimi naona kwamba ametosheka na naomba kupinga na nasema tuitishe Bajeti hii. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Mae: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I think this is a national epidemic and as a county, the Department of Health proposed Ksh. 20 million. God forbid if there is an outbreak in Kilifi, I am sure the government will intervene. Thank you.

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Information)

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, it was a point of information to hon. Shaban but very important to all of us; that the Kshs. 20 million that was set aside was done before the communication that was done before the case was identified in the country. Maybe during that time, the Kshs. 20 million would have been sufficient now that there are cases that are getting

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identified by the day. I want to appreciate their contributions. Do we need to adjourn and have a session tomorrow?

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Let me get this straight. Were these monies put before the first case was confirmed?

Hon. Kenga: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): So there was no danger then?

Hon. Kenga: Yes Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. (Ms.) Carol.

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: This is a healthy debate and concern to all of us. I had the opportunity of talking to the CECM and she was able to confirm to me that the tests are done at KEMRI and it is the World Health Organization that bought the test kits. She has confirmed that they have enough tests kits.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): At KEMRI in Kilifi?

Hon. (Ms.) Carol: Yes, being a Member of the health committee and she confirmed that to me.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Now the House is speaking on a Point of Information, Yes hon. Reuben.

Hon. Reuben: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa hii nafasi. Singetaka kukinzana na maneno ambayo Kiranja wa Bunge amenukuu. Wizara yenyewe ndio iliyopendekeza milioni 20. Wao wako na utaalamu wote wa kutathmini kama hizi pesa zinatoshia au la. Nataka kukubaliana na mapendekezo...

(Hon. Mumba stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Mumba: Mheshimiwa Spika, nimesimama kwa Hoja ya nidhamu na nataka mjumbe aliye kwa sakafu saa hii afahamu kwamba sio kwamba tuko na watoto katika ofisi zetu. Sheria inasema kwamba yeyote aliyeajiriwa na serikali ni sharti awe na miaka kumi na nane na kwenda mbele na awe na kitambulisho cha kitaifa. Nataka tukumbuke kwamba sisi sote ni binadamu na sote hufanya makosa; wasichukulie kwamba tumesema wao ni watoto kwa sababu ya kima cha pesa walichoweka. Tunafanya haya yote kwa sababu sote tuko na nia safi na tunataka Kaunti yetu iwe na utayari wa kumenyana na swala hili. Sio sawa kupeleka mazungumzo haya katika misingi hiyo.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): There are so many Points of Order. Yes hon. (Ms.) Messo.

Hon. (Ms.) Messo: I want to correct the Member of Ganda. I think he was here when we were grilling the CEC Finance. I can remember he was defeated but he was not a child; he was so sorry and he told you that he has messed up. So Member for Ganda we have to correct them. You can be elected as their Minister but mess up. So maybe Dr. Anisa messed but she is not a kid.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kenga, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Kenga: The Member for Mwawesa who is a Member for the Health Committee has spoken with authority that she had consulted with the CECM Health and preparation has been done and the kits are there. I wanted to withdraw the Motion but I cannot do it; it is not under my powers.

Hon. Reuben: Mr. Speaker, thank you for protecting me but I was not done with my submission...

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You had four Points of Order so we had to listen to them

Hon. Reuben: Mine was just a point of emphasis on that matter. I have a similar approach on what hon. (Ms.) Carol has aired in this House. Yesterday I was called by hon. Member from Nairobi County Assembly Hon. Gorri who we were together during the Ganda Ward By-election; he called me that he was on his way to Malindi to meet the Minister on the issue of Corona virus. He was with a doctor from America. He asked me to talk to the Minister and send him his contacts. Today there is a meeting of all Ministers of Health with the doctor from America in the coastal region discussing the Corona issue. So it is true that we are prepared. I support the idea that we adopt this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): This is a matter of county importance. Thank God hon. (Ms.) Carol was here because her question is valid. If we do not have the kits, we do not have anything. Is the Kshs.20 million enough but since you have confirmed as a Member of the Health Committee that kits are available then I want to presume that, that could be the reason why the Minister said Kshs. 20 million is sufficient. With all manner of respect we have no business adjourning.

(Question put and negatived)

Now we are proceeding with the Budget Report of the Budget Committee under the Kshs. 20 million as indicated. We are back on the Motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RESPONSE OVER A MOTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECTION OR UNIT
TO LINK YOUTH WITH OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I want to revert to my Communication. We have a Response over a Motion on the establishment of a section or unit to link youth with opportunities with the County Public Service. The Motion was moved by hon. Kenga. We have a Response from the Executive and it only says that the same has been forward to the Head of Legal, the County Attorney, to deliberate on the matter.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other business to transact, hon. Members, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow morning. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:46 p.m.

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