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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Kindly let us take our positions. Do we have Quorum?

Clerk-at-the-Table: No, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we do not have quorum.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Ring the Bell.

(The Division Bell was rung)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Do we have quorum?

Clerk-at-the-Table: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have quorum.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, 2016

Hon. Mangi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT, this honourable House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Annual Development Plan, 2016 laid on the Table of this honourable Assembly on Tuesday, 14th February, 2017. I call upon hon. Stanley Kenga Karisa to second. Thank you.

(Hon. Kenga Seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise to demonstrate my support for the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the Annual Development Plan, 2016. I went through the Report and looking at some of the recommendations

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that have been forwarded by the Committee; I want to take the Members to item number four; that the Treasury should prioritize uncompleted projects before injecting new projects.

You will realize that the County of Kilifi has so many projects that have not been completed and as an Assembly, we cannot sit back and see this happening. That is why the Members in making their deliberations made this very important recommendation; that all uncompleted projects should be the top priority of the County Government. That funds must be found and all these projects be completed before we can now initiate other projects. This will enhance the issues of service delivery and enable our County to move forward as we deliver our services to the people of Kilifi.

Another aspect is on the other recommendations that have been put forth by the Committee that the Finance and Economic Planning Department through the Revenue Directorate should enhance checks and balances on revenue collection to ensure optimum collection of the County's own revenue. We can only be able to operate as a County when the checks and balances are on track and we optimize of the issues of revenue collection.

When we deny this County the necessary revenue, then we are denying services to the people. Therefore, as a recommendation and I want to believe though the Chairperson for Implementation Committee; he is not present, we have hon. Kiraga who is a very important Member in that Committee, should be able to take this message and the other Members who are present. They should make sure that they push for this Report and have the recommendations implemented to the letter for us to be able to achieve our goals as a County and bring development to this great County of Kilifi. I beg to support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): I am not getting Members' requests and I believe my machine is okay. Should I call upon the Mover to respond because I am not getting your requests to contribute? Hon. Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the adoption of this Report for the Annual Development Plan. As the hon. Member for Adu has spoken, I am very impressed with recommendation number four especially where the uncompleted projects are to be given priority. Mr. Speaker, you will realize that there are some projects from the year 2013 to date which have not yet been completed and every year we are prioritizing new projects to be done. It is time now we make sure that those projects which have not been completed be given that priority.

This recommendation is very timely because it will make the people who have not gotten services because of incomplete projects receive those services. If you look at this Report, the Committee did a wonderful job and it requires praise from the Assembly and to demonstrate our support, I urge the Members to support this Report for its adoption. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Dele: Thank you very much our able Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to first congratulate the team led by the hon. Chairperson Budget for the job well done and also acknowledge that I am in full support of the adoption of this Report. If you are good for the recommendations made, then they are for the benefit of the electorates of Kilifi. I will emphasize on the first recommendation; PFM (Public Finance Management) Act, which is fully adhered to and in future the Treasury must meet the timeline for submitting the Annual Government Plan and other documents...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, hon. Dele who is making contributions is not dressed properly so we need your guidance on the same; the shirt is hanging.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Dele, please.

Hon. Dele: Thank you hon. Speaker, Sir. I would beg for your protection so that I finish because I was almost winding up. I was on recommendation number one to ensure that the PFM Act is fully adhered to in the future Treasury must meet timelines for submitting the Annual Development Plan and other documents for efficiency and for the benefit of the electorate.

Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am in full support for the adoption of this Report. To my colleague, I think I will congratulate you for reminding me it ought to have been done by my one and only, but thank you very much.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you. Yes hon. Albert Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise to demonstrate my support for the adoption of this Report. When doing the Annual Development Plan there are a few things we have to reflect especially the year before. In doing this Development Plan, the Budget and Appropriations Committee looked at the SWOT analysis; that is the strength and the weaknesses we had in the previous year as well as opportunities and threats.

One of the weaknesses this County has had is revenue collection and that is demonstrated in recommendation number three if you look at the Report. The Committee was very concerned with the revenue collection in this county and that is the reason for recommendation number three. I beg to read; "...the finance and economic planning through the revenue directorate should enhance checks and balances to ensure optimum collection of the County's own revenue."

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we all know that the amount which is being disbursed from the revenue pocket is also pegged on how much an individual county collects as per its own local revenue. Even the lay man in this county knows that most of the monies as far as local revenue is concerned goes to unwanted pockets. That is why the Committee felt it better to put this recommendation so that whoever is concerned, especially the Executive, can rise up to the occasion and make sure that something is done. On recommendation number four, I echo what my colleague has said and I would wish to put some more emphasis on recommendation number four.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we had a Motion and we formed an Ad hoc Committee and I have the Report of the Ad hoc Committee here but I believe for us to succeed especially in the Education docket ,because the Ad hoc Committee touches on the Education docket, we as an Assembly need to rise up to the occasion. I wish the Implementation Chairperson was here, that Committee has also failed us and these are some of our weaknesses which we have been having. This is just an oversight but I think that could have been part and parcel of our recommendations.

The implementation docket has done a lot of harm than good and I believe if everybody rises up to the occasion most of the issues in this county will go per what we plan. I therefore wish to demonstrate my full support especially all the recommendations which have been captured in this document are very paramount and if the Executive or whoever is responsible takes his job seriously, I believe we are going to move. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to also support this Motion that is on the Floor. Mr. Speaker, among the many issues

that my colleagues have pointed out, you will find that in this Report the achievements of this County or the County Assembly have been highlighted and according to the Report we have seen that the County Assembly has done a lot of legislation and this is a positive indication that this County Assembly is up to the task.

Again, it has been pointed out here that the County Assembly was able to renovate the Assembly Chamber which is also a plus to the County Government and the Assembly.

This Report has included the challenges that we face as a County Assembly and among the challenges there has been noted, the issue of the revenue and for a County Assembly to deliver its duties properly, it has to be given its total share of what it requires to do proper legislation but the National Government has come out showing that it is fighting the County Government which should not be the case. So, if we are to go by the law, then the allocation that is always put for the County Assembly to spend should not have any ceiling. They should be left for them to plan for whatever issue that they feel they should do as an Assembly.

We have seen that there is the lack of information on the county assets and liabilities. This has also been a challenge to the County Government and I think by adopting this Report, we will be on the positive side. I stand to support the adoption of the report.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise in support of the adoption of this Report. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate my Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee, hon. Mangi from Bamba Ward. I think I would rate him the best performing Chairperson, the way I am as the Scholarship Committee Chair. As much as we do everything in this House and in Kilifi County, the Chairperson of Budget matters a lot in whatever happens in projects and developments in Kilifi and for these recommendations, if we look at number two “The Treasury formulates and facilitate operations of the reporting unit to effective and timely reporting of a status of a project.”

Mr. Speaker, I think you are aware that we had a problem on this because sometimes back, it took the hon. Governor to go to the ground to know the status of projects. Whatever the Executive reports in the annual or weekly Reports according to the status of the projects could be really the opposite of what is on the ground. It is high time now for these recommendations just because we are almost through with our term, the Implementation Committee in the House follows them up and are implemented to the letter.

Last week on Friday we were at hon. Gambo’s Junju Ward and there was a project for 2013/2014 of one class room ECD which has not been completed to date. I am sure the Report in the office could have been very different. It took the Governor to go and give direction that the contractor is given a letter to stop and another contractor to finish. It is high time this number two is followed up.

Recommendation number three which is very vital to this House and the whole Kilifi County Government, “the Finance, Economic and Planning Departments through the revenue directorate should enhance checks and balances on revenue collection to ensure optimum collection of the county’s own revenue.”

This has been a big deal for the whole county and whenever you ask about the revenue collection in Kilifi, it becomes a battle and witch hunt. When you only want to know the figures, what does this revenue collection take us or are we making profit? You are aware that the revenue collection was privatized in Kilifi County but whenever we want any records to show us how much is against our target, it becomes war and up to now you, being the Speaker, cannot even tell Kilifians how much we are collecting in every financial year just because of other

peoples interests in the county. We have come to the end of our term but we cannot even tell Kilifians how much we have collected.

Mr. Speaker, you were a councilor in the beginning of devolution and you knew what was collected before and we expected to have more because of the privatization of the revenue collection in Kilifi. Now nobody has figures because people do not want to give us figures; they do not want to give records and I do not know what could happen if we are told to be sustainable on our own as a county. I do not know how Kilifi will survive.

I was listening very well to hon. Kiraga's contributions that this kind of revenue goes to people's pockets. I was almost standing on a point of order to ask him whose pocket is he talking about but everybody knows what is happening in Kilifi. They know what is happening with Rain Drops being the revenue collection agent. Everybody is keeping quiet and the leaders too are quiet. If Kilifians question this and nobody is able to respond, then how are we going to sustain ourselves?

Right now out of the 2016/2017 budget, some projects have been deleted at ward level. The Ward Development Fund projects have been deleted just because we cannot sustain them. You put a project in your ward of two ECD classrooms and it is reduced to one. The question is where are these monies that we budgeted for? I am talking in reference to Kibarani. In Kibarani, I had no single shilling in the 2016/2017 budget in the Executive and whatever I planned for the little money from the Ward Development Fund has been reduced to half. Then where is this money going to? If I planned for two classes for Konjora Primary ECD, now I am being told that it is only one class that is going to be built. Where is the other money going to? It is high time and because we have to leave a legacy we have to stand on our toes and be keen on the issue of money in Kilifi.

If I had planned for two classes, I want two classes because this is from the Ward Development Fund. Do not reduce it to one class just because the Executive have the implementation role they reduce for their own interest. What will I tell my people, because this was suggested during the budget making process through citizen participation? Now if I go and put up one class and not two classes, and the budget reads two classes, what do you want me to tell the voters that it was two classes, now it is one just because somebody there said it will be one while with my development Committee we approved two classes.

The Implementation Committee and I will not point at the Chairperson because it was all said yesterday about him but because there are very active Members in this Committee and we need to see work done, we need to see projects followed up and it will be good for us as leaders and all the Kilifians.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to demonstrate my support on the adoption of this Report. All the recommendations made by the Committee are good but the most important one is number four which most of my fellow hon. Members have already talked about. We all know that our days are numbered. We are just left with few months to the election. Our main roles are three; legislation, oversight and representation. As I speak, in this county we have so many projects that have not been completed and I am sure we are going to be judged by what is happening on the ground. So, the Committee did a very wonderful job especially with this recommendation number four because it is very important to finish the projects before...

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am wondering with the sentiments coming out from the Leader of Majority. I believe he knows the roles he should have played as a Leader of Majority in this House. If the same person is standing here and putting blames telling us that we are going to be judged, Mr. Speaker, I think he has also been part of the problem as the Leader of Majority in this House so he should also bear the cross as far as project implementation is concerned. Implementation is a role by the Executive and he is here to represent the Executive in this House. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): So, was it a clarification or a Point of Order? Because when you were giving your sentiments on the Committee on Implementation, hon. Stanley Kenga talked of you being a Member of the Committee so I think it revolves around but it is just a parting shot. Hon. Mwingo, please proceed.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The hon. Member understands that apart from being the Majority Leader, I am also representing a Ward and what he is facing in Gongoni cuts across. So, I am really very happy with these recommendations and it is very vital for the projects to be completed before we select new projects. I stand to support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Thank you. Let me allow the hon. chairperson Budget Committee to wind up.

Hon. Mangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. In a nutshell let me take this opportunity to thank hon. Members for their understanding, decorum, wisdom and sacrifice as far as the adoption of this Motion is concerned. Mr. Speaker, the Annual Development Plan (ADP) is just a document that gives us a road map. It gives the projects that have to be undertaken in a financial year whereas the budget indicates projects and the amounts indicated to those projects. So, the ADP and the budget estimates are related in that particular manner.

The approval of this document will pave way as it is a mandatory requirement before funds are released from Nairobi. This document is part of the documents that have to be perused and scrutinized before funds are released to our county. There are only two areas that I would like to add my voice; hon. Members have already given their sentiments in those areas but I just want to put some emphasis. I have reiterated earlier that revenue collection is a very important denominator in any county. It is sad to note that now that we are winding up as the County Government, we cannot stand up and just give an answer as to how much we have collected since the first financial year up to this particular moment. Much as we are to blame as hon. Members but the County Executive Committee Members really have to bear that big blunder. Mr. Speaker, I intend in the near future and it is also a proposal that we may have an interaction with the Executive and the revenue collectors in the whole county so that we interrogate to know the challenges that they have.

Although we are winding up, we are duty bound to give directions in as far as the issue of revenue collection is concerned. Last but not least, the Executive is only interested in observing the timelines for the budget estimates but the other documents related to monetary issues, they just bring whatever they think is ready or necessary. It is therefore a caution that monetary documents have to strictly adhere to the timelines so that as a County Government, we should be seen to be strictly following the laws, the Public Finance Management Act and of course the Constitution that was overwhelmingly approved by the citizens of Kenya.

Mr. Speaker, all has been said by the hon. Members and again I thank them for having understood the Report and they are part and parcel of the approval or the adoption of this Report. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to sit.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

DEVELOP A POLICY FOR TAPPING AND NURTURING TALENT WITHIN KILIFI COUNTY

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to move before this House a Motion directed to the Department of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports:-

AWARE THAT, talent is a natural gift that is unique and might not be easily found in another person.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, when managed properly, talent can be a good source of investment to the talented, the County Government and nation at large.

NOTING WITH CONCERN, that Kilifi County has many people whose talents remain untapped and are languishing in abject poverty because they lack the necessary support to make their talent productive.

NOT FORGETTING THE FACT THAT, many countries for example Zaire, Congo and Tanzania have established special dockets or departments that deal in talent building or tapping in different fields like music, dancing, comedy, acting etc thus addressing unemployment and revenue enhancement in those countries.

THIS Motion calls the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports to come up with policies that will see the formation of a full-fledged section, within the Department to deal with talent tapping and nurturing to assist the many different talented youth within the county.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I call hon. Matano to second this Motion.

(Hon. Matano seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Matano: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Talanta zimesaidia watu wengi na zimesongeza nchi nyingi mbele. Talanta ziko katika sehemu nyingi na ziko tofauti tofauti na talanta hizi zina uwezo wa kufanya Kaunti yetu isonge mahali kwa kusaidia vijana wetu na hata watu wazima. Tukitazama nchi jirani yetu kama Tanzania, tunaona kuna wasanii ambao ukiwaangalia katika misingi yao sio watu waliokuwa wa muhimu sana lakini sasa wamejulikana kwa sababu waliangazia zile talanta zilizokuwa ndani yao.

Mheshimiwa Spika, leo baadhi ya waheshimiwa hapa inapofika jioni utawaona wametoa hizi tai na makoti wamevaa shati zingine ambazo zimeandikwa Chelsea; huyu ni wa timu fulani. Hizi ni talanta ambazo kule ulaya ziliangaliwa na zikapewa kipaumbele. Langu nikuunga mkono Hoja hii tumuombe waziri mhusika atengeze sheria ambayo itahakikisha tunagusa kila aina ya talanta ambayo iko ndani ya Kilifi. Tutakapowekeza katika hizi talanta tutakuwa tumefungua sehemu kubwa ya kiuchumi na tutakuwa tumewezesha vijana kujipatia mapato. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wanted to make my contributions later but again I say thank you for having given me an early opportunity to support the Motion

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that is before us. Talent is a special ability or skill that is naturally acquired, and in the County of Kilifi we have great potential. There is a lot of talent in public speaking, music industry, in arts, issues of drawing, in marketing, comedy and even in leadership. But, some of these people who are endowed with these talents may not realize that they have these talents that is why I am in support that we need to develop our Department that will have the mandate of making sure that we are in a position to even scout, tap and nurture these talents for the benefit of the people and Kilifi County in general.

Not all people who go through formal education will be employed by the Government. The County Government does not offer opportunities for employment for all the people that go through formal education neither does the National Government. Creating opportunities for employment can be enhanced through the issues of tapping talent and making sure that we nurture them.

I know of a person who is able to swallow a whole bottle of soda not swallowing the liquid but I am saying swallowing the bottle and you see the mouth is full; that is talent. He is in a position to call Members of the public through awareness and people come there and they are able to get entertained by that ability. It is a natural ability Mr. Speaker. Even before having an opportunity to see this person hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu and hon. Ibrahim are already enjoying this message...

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. As much as I respect my Chairperson Labour Services, this is something unimaginable. Like a talent where somebody is swallowing bottles I think he needs to substantiate this or otherwise I think he needs to withdraw. If everybody goes for these talent then we would have no bottles in Kilifi County. I do not know how we are going to manage some other services. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. (Dr.) Mzungu Chitibwi, you had an intervention?

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you hon. Speaker, Sir. I was just perplexed when the hon. Member talked of swallowing, does he mean putting it in the mouth or swallowing into the stomach? Maybe he could explain that so that we could understand him better.

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the incoming women representative of Kilifi is yet to get exposed. Some of these things you need to get exposed to witness them happening. Those who have read widely get themselves an opportunity and try to find out what is happening on the other side of the world. Let us be able to think outside the box and by giving ourselves that opportunity, we shall be able to get that exposure that will now be able to know how people are doing things on the other side of the world.

The only explanation I can give to hon. (Dr.) Mzungu Chitibwi is putting that bottle into one's mouth; it is not that somebody takes it to the stomach for digestion which can never happen. What I mean is putting a bottle into one's mouth. We have also been able to see through talent, one is able to take out the whole eye, such a great thing you cannot even imagine and that is why hon. Matano is really enjoying this moment because he knows that as we give out this, we are lobbying for the passage of this wonderful Motion that will be able to create opportunities to the people.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are a lot of issues and the potential that we have as a County, Kilifi is still a virgin on the issue of talent. There are so many talents that we have not been able

to discover as I said earlier; not even those who are talented have been able to know that they possess those talents. The issues of scouting as I said earlier are very important. Chelsea was given out as an example. I am a fan and a supporter of Chelsea football club in the Premier League and in the La Liga, that is Spanish football, I am a fan of Barcelona; a supporter of Messi, Luis Suarez, Neymar, Jerald Pique and the rest who are the great footballers of this world. They were scouted; Messi was scouted and he was helped to develop that talent. As we sit here, Messi is earning more than what the President of the USA and the President of the Republic of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, are earning, though there is a lot of corruption. Only through talent can we be able to live a comfortable life in this country, for we shall have empowered our youth and various people to be able to realize their talents and as we develop, they will have somewhere they can get their bread. I beg to support.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to demonstrate my support for this Motion. I think Members will realize that we have great talents in the county while we were opening this Chamber, the Speaker of the Senate witnessed a very good example of the talents that we have. There was that young girl from St. Thomas who was in Kindergarten and you saw the talent she had. When we nurture such talents, then a young girl like that can become one of those Rihanna's in this world where she will earn a lot of money for herself in future.

These are the things which we want to promote. If you look at this county, we have various great groups which can sing traditional songs but one thing I tend to think about is where are these songs played? When you go to a club in Central and you hear a Giriyama song being played in a disco, it is quite rare. But we have not promoted these songs as a county. With this Motion, we have an opportunity to ensure that these songs which hon. Mangi and I sing quiet well because we are good fans of them, are marketed. So when we get these talents, I think we will make sure that the county has revenue and enhancing the economic status of our individuals.

There is currently promotion of talent in this country and I am happy though one of those members is coming from the region has been earmarked to travel to City Stadium in England to represent those great talents we have in this country; he is a player of Bandari Football Club. We have footballers in the county; those scouts can come to our county and make sure that some of these great footballers that have been mentioned like Messi, we can have our own Messi in this county and I believe it is only that they lack that exposure and the talents have not been nurtured but if we nurture and promote them the way hon. Pascal's prayers are in the Motion, it will be a plus for us.

When that Department is formed to nurture these talents; a fully fledged section in our Department of Youth at the Executive, then I think these talents will all be put in one place and we will have great people and our county will compete with the likes of other counties where we will have great runners and also have great talented people. I rise to support.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you very much hon. Speaker. I wish we would recognize that everybody in this country can contribute to the economy either the economy of the country or of the House. I have just been reminded by an old saying in Mijikenda, it says that; 'there is no useless child.' This is because the old people recognized that each person in the world has got a role to play at some point. The only thing is that we do not recognize where that person can be useful and we are losing a lot of potential and talent because we have not put any methods of identifying and nurturing these talents.

It has been said by my colleagues here that there are very many talented people in this country who have just gone to waste simply because we did not know how to tap that talent. We have a lot of children now who are going to waste because we have not established a

methodology of taping that talent. We have to recognize that not all children are good at academics and not all children are good to go to University. Unfortunately, our education system as established now only recognizes those who are academically right but what happened to the others?

There are two things; either that person in that class room is your child, or are you going to say that you are going to let that child go to waste because they did not do well in KCPE or KCSE? We are wrong. This is a starting point; we can start in Kilifi and do not have to wait for the whole of Kenya. We know it has got financial implications but are we saying that we cannot find funds to start off; every child can contribute to the family.

I remember when I was growing up, there was somebody I think that time he was about 30 years and he had never gone to school; give him any mental sum and you will get an answer in a flash and he had never gone to school. What would have happened to that person if he had gone to school? That is identified as a talent.

We are talking of many inventions in this world but if you read the history of those inventors many were problematic children in school and called useless but one way or the other something happened and their talents were observed or came out by accident but now we know that there are talents which are hidden; can we as Kilifi take the lead in Kenya for our benefit and the benefit of Kenya? I support the adoption.

Hon. Mangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this chance and before I proceed, let me congratulate hon. Pascal Thuva for his wisdom in moving this Motion. Much has been said, but I will dwell on one particular area of traditional song composers. Allow me to invoke your name in these sentiments that I will give. There is a composer by the name Majeshi wa Menza who composed songs for hon. Thuva and I. Also allow me to name just a few of those great sons of Kilifi who have done well but are yet to be recognized let alone being assisted. Konjo Kolio, Zoezi wa Mwanza, Magajia, Generator Mungoma...you know these are people we invite when we are doing our politics and why is it that when we have meetings we say that we have to be entertained? This is because they have the talents.

Also, we are here by the virtue that we have talents in communication, Mr. Speaker. This is our line of jurisdiction as talented people in the County Assembly not forgetting our big brothers in the National Assembly. The question is what we have done for these people who have composed songs to the extent that they have sent messages as a result we are voted in through their very good messages that they are giving to the public. What have we done in return? There is a boy known as Hamas in Sabaki who is really an expert, not forgetting other boys from other areas like Safari Mwandanda from Bamba who can compose a *shairi*. Allow me to use that word Mr. Speaker, for a special case. So, what I am saying...

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: It is a poem.

Hon. Mangi: It is a poem. Thank you, hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu. Normally you know my English is good but sometimes there are certain words that come up in surprise. Mr. Speaker, time has come when we should recognize all those who have the talents but they cannot get the support from the leadership of a County or the National Government. This Motion has come at the right time and we have to support it. When it is approved, let us move with speed and ensure that in the financial year 2017/2018 budget, through your support if that time of allocation comes if we still exist, I shall not hesitate to request the Budget Committee and the County Assembly at large to support this very important initiative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to support and sit.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of this Motion and apart from those who are outside this Assembly; I understand there are hon. Members who have singing

talents like hon. Hamza from Dabaso Ward. In fact, we wanted to initiate a band within this Assembly but unfortunately, I do not think he took this matter seriously. If I go back to our Wards, we have so many youth who have many talents which I am sure if this area which hon. Pascal dwelt much on, like having Departments which will deal with these talents Mr. Speaker, we can reduce the issues of unemployment among the youth. Apart from having these Departments, I think it will be appropriate also to have a fund which can assist the youth in nurturing their talents as we can also make these youths go on their own in implementing whatever talents they have in their fields...

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. The Member who is on the Floor I want to believe has read this Motion and he is contributing as per this Motion. Mr. Speaker, I want to know, are we creating a fund to support the talented people or we are creating a docket to tap the talented people? Mr. Speaker, if I am taken through that I will be very comfortable.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker. We cannot nurture talents if we create a Department without funds. We need to have finance within that Department then we can deal with the talented youth. Please Mr. Speaker, he is interfering with my speech. What I want to beg this House is that we are leaving a lot of youth outside this field of talents and I am sure if we nurture talents within our youth, we are going to reduce the problem of unemployment within our county. In my Ward for example, I have youth who can sing and I also have a group of youth who are comedians like the famous Churchill show comedians. So, it is through funding this Department as I suggested that can make them earn an income hence have a good future. I stand in support of this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuongeza sauti yangu kupongeza na kuunga mkono Hoja ambayo imeletwa na ndugu yangu kiongozi wa wachache Bungeni. Iko haja ya wale vijana wetu na watu wazima wetu ambao wana talanta ambazo zinaweza kuleta mapato na ajira katika Kaunti yetu tuweze kuzitambua na kuweka sheria mwafaka ambazo zitafanya talanta zile ziweze kujulikana.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kama mheshimiwa alivyosema kwenye Hoja yake kwamba wako watu kama Watanzania, Wazaire na Wakongo, wale ndugu zetu wako mbele kwa sababu walijua vijana wao ni waimbaji na wakawapangia sheria nzuri ili waweze kuimba zile nyimbo zao. Na hapa jirani zetu Watanzania kwa upande wa sarakasi na vitumbuizo tofauti tunaona wako mbele na haya yote yalifanyika kwa ajili ya kutambua zile talanta na sasa hivi tunaona imebadilika na kuwa ajira.

Hapa kwetu Kilifi na Kenya kwa jumla tuna watu ambao wana talanta. Kwa mfano, hapa kwetu Kilifi wako malenga wa mashairi, kuna watu wengi wanaimba nyimbo za kienyeji kama Generator Mungoma anatoka kule kwangu. Hawa ni watu ambao tukiweka sheria mwafaka watasonga mbele na ajira zitapatikana. Siku moja nilikuwa naangalia mchezo fulani kule Adu na Gongoni na nikaona vijana wengine wakitembea juu ya kamba kwa hivyo ni mchezo ambao unaweza kutambulika vizuri kisheria ikiwa wanaweza kuwa sehemu mojawapo ya kuvutia watalii. Nikisema hivyo, hata hapa ndani kama mheshimiwa Mangi alivyosema ya kwamba tuko hapa kwa sababu ya talanta za kujua kuongea na watu ndio maana niko hapa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna wengine wakishika kipaza sauti huwezi kujua wanasema nini lakini kwa sababu ya ujuzi wetu na talanta zetu za kujua kujieleza ndio maana tuko hapa. Nikitoa mfano wa rafiki yangu akiwa hapa Bunge ambaye alianza kampeni yake juzi na chama kingine, hangetafutwa mheshimiwa Spika, kwa sababu alijulikana kwamba anaweza kuongea na kueleweka na ndio maana akatafutwa na wale watu wa upande mwengine. Hivi sasa yuko ile ng'ambo nyingine kwa sababu ya ujuzi wake.

Nataka nimpongeze kwa ujuzi ule ambao ulitambulika na wakubwa ndio maana ikabidi avuke ng'ambo nyingine na kuwacha chama chake mwenyewe ambacho kilimleta katika Bunge hili kwa sababu alionekana ujuzi ule unaweza ukafaa ile ng'ambo nyingine. Rafiki yangu wa Kisurutini kule Rabai nimeona nitaje hiyo ni talanta ambayo imetambulika katika Kenya hii ndio akavukishwa aende ng'ambo nyingine. Naunga mkono hii Hoja iweze kupita ili talanta ziweze kutambulika. Asante.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for allowing me to rise to support the Motion moved by the Minority Leader hon. Pascal. I think this is a good Motion to debate on; looking for policies in the education and sports dockets and bringing the issue of nurturing talents of the youth. Allow me to recognize the presence of hon. Anthony Kenga Mupe who is the biggest promoter of talent in Rabai Constituency. If you ask him how many football matches he has sponsored in that Constituency, leave alone the ward he represents and all other talents he has which have been shown recently and recognized in the whole Country and maybe the world at large.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to mention a few groups in Kilifi which put into consideration and if this Motion is passed and implemented, they will be the biggest beneficiaries to this Motion. Look at the girls' football team from Moving the Goal Post, an NGO. We have a lady Mbeyu and she is known worldwide representing Kilifi football for girls because of her talent in football. I recognize her because she carries my name along the world.

We have youth in Kilifi who have talents but only miss support and with the adoption and implementation of this Motion; for example Hinzano Love, a piano player and a musician in Kilifi, a boy from Sea Horse in my ward who loves to rap and write songs in English, Giriama, and Kiswahili; Malenga wa Kilifi a youth who would go to all meetings and write poems on the spot by just looking at the crowd and come up with a poem; that is a very special talent and if kept into consideration, we are going to nurture them. There is a Giriyama music group in my ward Kenya One. This is a group which sings in every meeting, function and celebration they also wear t-shirts praising hon. Daniel Mangi in my ward.

There are talents in these people and they recognize him because he is a very big supporter of this group. I am a supporter of youth talents and three weeks ago I was in your ward to support the football talent for the youth and I was able to give 20 pairs of jerseys, balls and a trophy. This is caring for the talent for football in Sokoke ward and it is high time now we recognize all the talents and give them support, economically empower them, nurture their talents, let them employ themselves and the issue of unemployment will be an issue of the past.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, if this House supports me for the Women Representative position in Kilifi County, there is the Affirmative Action Fund which funds the women, youth and people living with disabilities. There is a lot of money which can, in cooperation with leaders in Kilifi County, nurture talents and economically empower the youth. For the Affirmative Action Fund there is a lot of money which can be given to the youth for them to nurture their talents and take care of their own without looking for leaders for handouts for them to survive. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am in support of this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to oppose this Motion and it is not that I do not like the content of this Motion. I am opposing and I wish, by the time this Motion was tabled in this House as a Notice, I was there and I could have made some few adjustments which could warrant me now to support. It is very specific that the prayer of this Motion is the creation of a fully fledged section within the Department to deal with talent tapping and nurturing to assist the many different talented youth.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are talking of a legislation here and I believe we have a national legislation for the same which has created the talent academies. There is a national legislation which created talent academies and to mention but a few we have one MTGP (Moving the Goal Post) which is within Kilifi. The bone of contention here is the funding not the talented youth or whoever and most of the contributors...

(Hon. Nzaro stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance. I think the Member is misleading this House because MTGP is not a government sponsored organization and he is trying to portray it as government sponsored. I think he is misleading this House he should withdraw that.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I respect the hon. Chairperson for Health, hon. Kiraga but he is misleading this House. First, MTGP is an NGO supported by so many stakeholders and two he is misleading us because the prayer of this Motion, and I think he went to school but maybe he could be confused or I do not know what kind of breakfast he took, is to come up with policies that will see the formation of a fully fledged section in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports which is a devolved function and that is why we have this docket. I think he should read between the lines of the prayers and contribute positively.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Kiraga, hold on please there is another intervention from hon. Mlanda. Hon. Member when your microphone is on just proceed so that we save time.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Kiraga has stood on a point of order when I was talking about the financial implication and he is repeating the same. Can he clarify his point whether the Department needs funding or not?

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, I do not deny that MTGP is a project sponsored by NGOs. I do not deny that the talent academies are not government projects but I believe for the academies to be created in the county there must be a piece of legislation. That is why I am saying there is already a national legislation for the same and I have even added that the main problem is not identifying the talented people, the main problem is funding.

I also wanted to drive the point that what should have been captured in this Motion is how can we fund these people. I also have a talent; everybody in this House has a talent and you have heard the corruption going on in the country there are some people who are talented in corruption and the talented people are there in the county also. So, how do we nurture these people? We need some funding. Some of the talented people have been taken to the academies and they have shown their ability but the biggest problem is funding...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Kiraga, hold on please. There is an intervention.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Hon. Speaker, is the Member's wish to confuse the House or is the Member saying that talent search is an exclusive domain of the National Government? As far as we know, it is not so. The existence of legislation in the National Government cannot stop a policy being developed by the County Government. These proceedings are going on record. I hope I misunderstood the hon. Member, is he saying that corruption is also a talent?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Emmanuel Chai.

Hon. Chai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think there is a point which I did not get properly from hon. Kiraga and maybe he can expound on it. He says that there is a policy in the formation

of talents nurturing places like MTGP. Maybe he could tell me how many youth from his ward are given bursaries from the National Government to join academics like MTGP. He is telling us that National Government is connected to MTGP. I do not know whether it is an NGO but I would like him to tell us the number of students who are in that institution and sponsored by the National Government.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: I want hon. Kiraga to understand whatever legislations done in the National Government, these functions have been devolved. Our Executive and the Assembly can come up with policies to help our youth to nurture their talents. I think he has bragged here that he has so many talents; the one I know is the public speaking talent in him. If he can tell us the other talents he owns, it will be good to judge him. About the issue of corruption being a talent, I think he needs to expound on this because he was sharing with hon. Ibrahim here about corruption being a talent. I know there are people who are benefiting through corruption but this cannot be a talent.

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, I am worried because when a hon. Member of this House says that corruption is a talent, my child who is seated at home and going through these proceedings..., I wonder because this is not the right message that we are trying to drive to the people of Kilifi and the county at large. For the public good, I request that the Member withdraws the statement; corruption, theft and looting can never be talents.

Hon. Nzaro: I was also of the view that he withdraws the statement because it is very sad for him to leave it as it is and as an Assembly, we have to protect the dignity of the House. Hon. Kiraga is trying to bring issues that are not correct. He is using the saying that, 'if you cannot convince them, confuse them', and I think he should do justice to this Assembly.

Hon. Mangi: Mr. Speaker, I trust and believe that before any Motion comes on the Floor of the House, there is a Clerk's office and the Speaker's office that strictly peruse and confirm that indeed this Motion has the threshold to be submitted on the Floor of the House. I am just putting the question to hon. Kiraga; is he disputing the Clerk's and the Speaker's office? I trust and believe it came in a properly mandated manner and it followed the protocol and it is ready for us to debate and approve.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): I can see the number of interventions are increasing but let me give you advice on the issue. I think hon. Kiraga has a right to support or not support, or even choose to be in either position. What is important here is the issue of corruption being a talent. I think it is against the Constitution of Kenya; that is why we have Chapter Six of the Constitution which is strict on how Kenyans are supposed to be and it is advisable to withdraw it because even if somebody is a thief, there is a way of containing that person. When hon. (Dr.) Silas Mzungu Chitibwi was contributing, he said in our tradition there is no useless baby in the society, unless you look into what is important in that person to be nurtured. So, if you are going to nurture those kids who may be thieves because we are having children courts and borstal institutions whereby children are jailed for being naughty. If you are going to nurture those naughty kids so that they can grow to be corrupt kids, I do not think it will be what the society requires.

So, it is good also to make clear observations on those issues so that as we contribute... because whatever observations that we make in our contributions go even to the internet and the whole world will be going through and we do not want to be misquoted. Hon. Kiraga, I know that might not have been your intention but because of the numerous interventions, it might have been even a slip of the tongue. So, make it clear so that it can be captured in the HANSARD so

that people may not misquote you. I am not going to give another intervention. I want to protect hon. Kiraga to proceed with his deliberations. Proceed please.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am not threatened by the tyranny of numbers but I am here to put my opinion and ideas and Mr. Speaker, if my opinion and ideas deem it fit, I might carry the day. Let me take you through the first paragraph of this Motion; “AWARE THAT, talent is a natural gift that is unique...”and I believe this is one of the definitions of talents; something which you can do and I cannot do it. There are people in this country who have spent most of their lives in jails. Why? Because today he steals, you take him to court, he is sentenced, he serves his term, it expires, and he comes back to steal...so what I mean is there are people who are talented in doing these things which somebody like me cannot do.

You know the corruption going on in this country has become like a talent because it is somehow natural and unique where somebody like you cannot do Mr. Speaker. So, this is the message I was trying to put across. I am saying that the biggest problem in this country and this county is the funding. Why am I saying so? Some of us here have even gone to the extent of using the Ward Development Fund to sponsor some talented people without even having legislation in this county. I want also to repeat that the many academies we are seeing in this country and this county could not have come without legislation. So, what I am saying is, we can go ahead and put legislation in this county but will that solve the problem? Because I believe the biggest problem is funding and that is why I am saying if this Motion could address the monetary issues, I think we could be done Mr. Speaker.

We have so many people who are talented, how many of you...and I want also to thank hon. Kenga Mupe who has helped me in funding talented youth from my Ward and that did not need a legislation; it is just somebody's will.

Mr. Speaker, I do not think we are going the right way. I know the many interventions are attempts to take me back or make me not air my views but I strongly believe this Motion could have gone the other way round seeking for funding to the youth. Otherwise, thank you very much and I beg my fellow Members to rise up because we are not here to just pass issues but we want to pass issues that can be implemented and secondly issues that are going to be beneficial to our people. Let us try to look for funding for these youth because they are there. Let us use all possible means even our Ward Development Fund to fund the youth groups which are talented. I believe we have the National legislation and it is enough for us to pursue whatever we want to pursue in terms of helping the youth. Thank you very much.

Hon. Chai: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance to support this Motion. Coming back to the hon. Member who has just been on the Floor, I would just tell him that it is evident that even when we wanted to set aside funding for our youth in schools, we had to come up with a legislation. We did not just start allocating funds like the Ward Development Fund he was talking about. I think we had to create a policy on it so that it becomes an Act which we can use at least to set aside funds for this programme we were planning. So, I think he was still misleading us as we had told him before but he was insisting that nobody can intervene and may be it would be like bringing him back and that is why I could even see Mr. Speaker allowing him to continue misleading the House but now he should get it from me or the House that you cannot set aside funds without a legislation.

Hon. Kiraga should not continue misleading us and we will stand in support of the Motion which was a wise idea from the Leader of Minority and if I may point out from hon. Kiraga still, he could not have got funding directly from a Member he has mentioned in this

House if he had a legislation which could make the County Government fund these youth but he was given funds directly by the hon. Member. So I think it would be in order if we come up with a policy of setting up a Department as the prayers of the Motion said so that we would be able to set up the funding now for the youth to benefit from that.

I cannot say more than that to hon. Kiraga, but I think he has gotten the point and should stand in support of this Motion so that our talented youth can get a policy which in the end will get some fund allocations for developing their abilities. At least this will also stop them from asking their leaders for transport to go record their music. Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to sit after supporting this Motion.

Hon. (Ms.) Zawadi: Asante sana kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Nasimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Wacha tumpongeze aliyeleta Hoja hii kwa sababu inanufaisha wananchi wote wa Kaunti ya Kilifi. Tunaona Kaunti ya Kilifi kwa jumla kuna vipaji vingi ambavyo vimelala nyumbani na havitambuliki kwa sababu hakuna sheria ambayo inalinda vipaji vile. Ikiwa naona kiongozi yuko hapa ndani ya Bunge na anapinga Hoja ile, ni kama ameanguka kwa ule uchaguzi ambao unakuja 2017.

Ninasema hivyo kwa sababu ikiwa wewe ni kiongozi na ndani ya Wadi yako unaona hakuna watu ambao wana talanta kama hizi, ni dalili ya kuonyesha kwamba hutambui ile shida pale mashinani na kuna vipaji vingi ambavyo huvitambui kama kiongozi.

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. We are not here to debate jokingly and I do not know whether the Member who is on the Floor has followed my contributions and it is a pity, Mr. Speaker. I feel like I have been degraded by her sentiments; it is a pity and I beg her to withdraw.

If she really followed my sentiments, I did not say I dispute the contents of this Motion but what I said is that we have a lot of talented people. The only issue is that we need to get funding and see that these people are funded. That is what I have said. If she followed my speech from the beginning, I was dwelling on funding for these people because we can create that docket but after creating the docket, what will follow after creating this docket?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, what I wanted this House to note is that resources follow first because we already have these people and we have academies; so the only issue which is remaining as I have said here is the issue of funding. We fund these people so that they can also feel they are in this county. So for her to stand and say that, I wish she withdraws because I feel degraded with my people. I believe she should know how to speak in this Assembly. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I need your guidance and indulgence. After so many interventions on hon. Kiraga's contribution, what we wanted was for him to withdraw the words 'corruption is a talent.' You allowed him to speak to the end without withdrawing or apologizing. Mr. Speaker, Sir, as you understand hon. Kiraga has been a Chairperson of an Ad hoc Committee in this County Assembly and I did not see the Report seeing the light of day.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not know whether he went and sat as a Chairperson and found talent in corruption that is why that Report was not brought to this House.

(Applause)

We wanted him to withdraw so that we find him a better Chairperson for Ad hoc Committee against corruption in Kilifi County but when you allowed him to speak to the end and he did not withdraw, I am creating a different view of him finding talent in corruption. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there are issues that will require your guidance. When hon. Kiraga was making contributions, we had requested for interventions and I am the one who demanded that the statement made be withdrawn because this is not the best that we are doing for the County of Kilifi. I even gave the example of my child who is at home and following what is happening and hearing from a hon. Member that corruption is a talent, and then my child will now learn that corruption is a talent and so she has every right to be corrupt because that is a talent.

Corruption has never and will never be a talent Mr. Speaker, and again, this Motion is talking about policy formulation. The policies that will be put in place by the County Government will now result into the formation of a fully fledged section within the Department that will be able to tap talent. I even made my contribution that some people are talented but they may not know that they are talented until scouting is done and this talent is tapped and then nurturing takes over.

Therefore let us not mix the issue of funding. We are a government and I should not go to hon. Kenga Mupe to ask for handouts just because I have people who need to be facilitated. We are saying that service delivery by a government is not a favour; we are saying that this is a right that we need to demand from the government.

The funds are there; we shall be moving out for public participation and Members of the public will put it in place but do we have legislation or do we have a policy that has been put in place so that now a fund can be created to make sure that we tap and nurture this talent. I think that is the way that we should go; it does not go to the HANSARD that corruption in Kilifi County is a talent. We need to withdraw that and please, we need your guidance.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, as the Speaker, I am supposed to moderate the session. After a number of interventions that were raised over the mention of hon. Kiraga that corruption is a very good talent which some people have while some do not have, I directed him to withdraw and promised to protect him so that he can conclude because he appeared like a minority who was opposing this Motion but personally I was even surprised when hon. Kiraga insisted that corruption was a talent to the extent of giving an example of jailbirds. So on record, it is indicating that corruption in Kilifi County is a talent. Maybe, you know hon. Kiraga is a representative of a ward and in his ward he has seen something like that. I even shared Chapter Six of the Constitution. We cannot promote criminal activity simply because somebody is insisting that corruption is a talent.

So as a Speaker who was moderating, I think we are fixing ourselves; it will go on record the way hon. Kiraga was putting it and in future maybe he will look for a way of removing it and it will be difficult. I gave him an opportunity to withdraw; Members raised the issue for it to be withdrawn though they did not add the other option of apologizing that is why I never insisted. So it is not deliberate that I was giving hon. Kiraga an avenue to induce in the HANSARD that corruption in Kilifi is a talent which needs to be nurtured as per the Motion by hon. Pascal.

Let Members know that it was a personal contribution. As far as I am concerned, I thought it was a joke of the moment that he raised but not a serious comment and even the comment by hon. (Ms.) Zawadi that if a Member shares such information is an indication of

failure in the general election, I thought it is all just a simple comment; she will not influence the voting in any ward in the county.

So let us make observations even when we are making it a joke. Let it catch the ear of the Members but should not illustrate the promotion of criminal activities in the country. That is the reason why when hon. Kenga was sharing the issue of somebody putting a bottle in their mouth, Members wanted to know whether it is swallowing to the extent of passing through the gut to the intestine and to the anus as a removal of the bottle but he said it is just in the mouth.

Nobody knows whether it is possible or it really happened that is why Members left it at that. So Members, as much as we want to make this Motion interesting, let us be observant with the words that we are using especially in the coming election; there are a number of issues that are moving around which might not be good. That is the only advice that I can give to Members as you make your contribution. Proceed hon. (Ms.) Zawadi. I will protect you again so that we can conclude.

Hon. (Ms.) Zawadi: Asante Bw. Spika. Nasema siwezi toa maneno hayo niliyoyazungumza. Ninaendelea kwa mjadala na napongeza Hoja hii. Sheria ikiwa, talanta nazo zitakuzwa, vijana na wazee kwa jumla watapata ajira kupitia kwa talanta hizo. Nasimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii.

(Hon. Nzaro stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Nzaro: Mr. Speaker, I wish you evoke the rules of this House so that you protect the dignity of the Assembly and it is my candid submission if you can evoke rule number one of the Standing Orders because that is your discretion to allow hon. Kiraga to withdraw and apologize for those remarks because they will injure the dignity of the Assembly.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Okay let me give an opportunity to hon. Kiraga to respond to the cries of hon. Members.

Hon. Kiraga: I want this House to get me properly. I have read the opening paragraph that talent is naturally given and that it is unique and I have given some examples that there are some things I can do that you cannot do. I have also given an example that some people steal today, get jailed, come out and steal again and I have said in that situation, stealing becomes like a talent to them.

I have even said in the country; look at the corruption which is going on. I have said corruption in this country has become like a talent. So where is the problem in reference to corruption? You know there are some people who are used in practicing corruption and it is becoming like a talent to them. So, if somebody feels I have said corruption is a talent then I did not. I have said some people steal and stealing is like a talent to them but I did not say corruption is a talent, and if there is anybody who has heard me saying that corruption is a talent. I beg to withdraw.

(Question, that the Mover be now called upon to reply, put and agreed to)

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you for this opportunity and let me thank all Members who have positively contributed to this Motion and even those who have dissenting opinions. A talent as per the definition here is a natural gift and something natural is from God.

Something that comes from God is pure and good so the issues of stealing as purported by hon. Kiraga because they are vices which come from the devil and other satanic issues so we cannot bring the two things together and purport to be nurturing them; we will be mistaken.

Almost 99% of Members seated here came here courtesy of what we call talents. There are youth who compose songs and they do it well for the Members; there are those who dance. Mr. Speaker and in their actions, they are portrayed as hon. Members and even to other people down there as people who are respected and that is how they ended up getting votes to come to this House. Besides all that, it has always been left to one person because there is nobody who has sat somewhere and tried to actually have some stake for these people. That is why the prayer of this Motion is to come up with a policy which will now attract the funding as hon. Kiraga has put it.

We cannot put aside money for a docket that does not exist and you will all agree with me that these groups have existed for many years. They have supported leaders one after the other but they have not prospered in life because they are used at the time of elections and dumped immediately after. That is why we are saying we want to have some proper planning for them; have some good budgetary allocation so that we can make them earn because they do not have anything to depend on after every election.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard of Zaire, Congo and Tanzania as examples of countries that have excelled in the side of various performances. We have those who sing very well, we also have those who act very well in Tanzania and these countries have made a name. They have attracted a lot of tourists and they get a lot of income out of this and I believe if we do the same here in Kilifi, then we will be doing very good justice to our people.

To sum up, in the 1990s there were some donors who went to Mathare and identified some youth who ended up building Mathare United FC. Out of those young guys who had been neglected, we were able to see a very strong team which was called Mathare United FC. Some of these guys were able to be recruited elsewhere and able to perform and earn their living from rags to a better people in the world. So, I think time has come for us all to ensure that we pass this Motion and start planning for our people because they have always been beggars. The likes of Konjo wa Kolio as hon. Daniel Mangi has put it, the likes of Nyerere Konde Jnr. We all know these people but we cannot put them at the mercy of politicians. We want to plan for them and give them a dignified life in future.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon the Members to applause the passage of this Motion. Thank you very much.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, the Motion to the Department of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports has been tabled and successfully debated and now allow me to put the Question for its adoption.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION OF NURSES TO PRESENT THEIR PETITION TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members before we go to the next agendas, I have received information that we will be receiving nurses from the entire County. They were supposed to be here by ten o'clock but they seem to be late. They wanted to present

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their Petition to the County Assembly and those who will be around when they are here will welcome them. I do not know their numbers but they had said they were about 500 but it depends on how many will be coming so we will meet to receive their petition. Do not go very far because when they come, we will receive it and make consideration as per the Standing Orders of this County Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, there being no other business to transact at the moment, this House adjourns until 2:30 p.m. today.

The House rose at 11: 38 p.m.