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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING STUDENTS FROM TSAKAROLOVU PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of the pupil's from Tsakarolovu Primary School. The pupil's are here for a study tour and I will as our tradition, call out the names of the students and whenever you hear your name together with the teachers kindly stand up so that the Members of the County Assembly can acknowledge your presence. We have;

1. Salama Chilumo
2. Dorcas Neema
3. Martin Peter
4. Mweni Juma
5. Neema Gunga
6. Agnes Mumbo
7. Emmanuel Nyanje
8. Purity Musambi
9. Husna Ali
10. Stephine Kahindi
11. Diana Kitu
12. Amani Salim
13. Faith Mwatela
14. Pauline Gunga
15. Ruwa Kitsao
16. Kazungu Joseph
17. Mejumaa Said
18. Benson Mweni
19. Mercy Kazungu
20. Debora Kimera
21. Sarah Ngowa

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22. Hillary Kalume
23. Shadow Gota
24. Beauty Kithi
25. Kelvin Jefa
26. Braka Yaa
27. Janet Sanga
28. Elias Karema
29. Joshua Dume
30. Irine Mwaka Katana
31. Ali Omar
32. Isaac Mwele
33. Emmaculate Baya
34. Grace Santa
35. Sifa Kenga
36. Catherine Mangi
37. Sara Gharama
38. Samson Khonde
39. Tatu Baya
40. Sara Tsori
41. Zawadi Emmanuel
42. Daniel Mcharo
43. Oscar Charo
44. Adam Unda
45. Martina Khamisi
46. Mary Kalume
47. Francis Ngoro
48. Dama Sifa
49. Francis Sifa
50. Elizabeth Kitsao
51. Claris Farida, and Joyce Katana.

The students are accompanied by their teacher Mrs. Janet Baya, Mr. Samuel Furaha, Miss Rachael Mlewa and Mrs. Constance Kaingu. I hope that you will be able to learn from the proceedings of the County Assembly and as a matter of procedure, I will give five minutes to the hon. Members. I am informed that Tsakarolovu is from Kaloleni Ward. I now give the Members to acknowledge the presence of the students. Yes hon. (Ms.) Ngala.

Hon. (Ms.) Ngala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to welcome the students from Tsakarolovu Primary School from Kaloleni. My name is hon. (Ms.) Ngala from Kaloleni and I want to say thank you for coming to this Assembly. It is always good for you to come and learn by seeing practically and I believe that in your history you have learnt about the Assembly and their procedures. Now you are here physically to see and learn what is going on. Please take full opportunity of this time and anytime you are able to ask questions, please do. I would also like to thank the teachers for organizing this opportunity for you. When you go back, please make sure that you inform the others what you have learnt and you are welcome next time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Matano.

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Hon. Matano: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nami nimesimama kuwakaribisha wanafunzi na walimu kutoka Tsakarolovu kutoka Kaloleni. Mheshimiwa Spika, ni jambo la kupendeza na ni jambo ambalo linafaa kuigwa kwa wanafunzi kuweza kufika katika Bunge letu ili kusoma, kuelewa na kuona yale mambo ambayo wamekuwa wakiyasikia katika vitabu. Langu tu ni kuwapa ujumbe wanafunzi ya kwamba ni lazima utie juhudi na kung'ang'ana katika elimu ndiposa maisha yao ya baadaye yakawe mazuri. Karibuni sana wanafunzi, elimikeni na mkirudi Kaloleni muende kupitisha ujumbe huu. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Christine Zawadi.

Hon. (Ms.) Christine: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa ajili ya nafasi hii ili niweze kuwashukuru na kuwakaribisha watoto wa Tsakarolovu. Nami pia vile vile natoka sehemu ya Kaloleni, Viragoni, Mwanamwinga kwa hivyo nafurahi kuwaona mumefika na pia naamini baada ya kujifunza na kuwaona walioko hapa, nanyi pia mtapata moyo wa kufanya vizuri madarasani mwenu ama shuleni ili muweze kupita ndio kesho na kesho kutwa muje muwe viongozi wa Bunge hili munalikalia. Si la ajabu inawezekana mkatia bidii. Karibuni sana. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Mwathethe.

Hon. Mwathethe: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance to say welcome to the students of Tsakarolovu from Kaloleni. Mr. Speaker, the Assembly sits in Shella Ward and I am the representative and hence the host and as a matter of fact, I would also want to say most welcome to our guests today.

Mr. Speaker, we have all walked very long distances to reach where we are today. Our abilities were realized because in school we did something. I want to encourage the students who are before this Assembly that everything is possible. There will be challenges but I believe ...there is a slogan that I have adored all through my life that every possibility has a difficulty and every difficulty has got a possibility. So if you strive, you will achieve your goals.

I also want to welcome the teachers who have seen it wise to bring their students here for purposes of learning. Every time we have guests here we remember that this is a fruit of devolution. I wanted to imagine that they have come all the way from Kaloleni. It is a long distance indeed, but supposing they had to travel all the way from here to Nairobi to go and witness such a proceeding, it would have been very costly. So, we should applaud devolution because it has brought these developments to our finger tips. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker and of course you're most welcome.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): The five minutes given to these guests are thinking are over, so now let us resume our normal business. Next Order!

MOTION

MANAGEMENT OF YOUTH POLYTECHNICS BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to lay the Motion to the Department of Early Childhood Education, Youth and Vocational Training:-

AWARE THAT, training in Youth Polytechnics is a devolved function reference to the Constitution of Kenya Schedule 4.

NOTING THAT, a trainee in youth polytechnic was entitled to subsidized youth polytechnic tuition fees of Kshs. 15,000 per year.

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FURTHER AWARE THAT this subsidized tuition fees for the trainees in youth polytechnics has not been received from the National Government since July, 2014.

NOTING THAT, this has led to many diverse effects ranging from non-payment of instructors salaries for months, no repairs for machines, no money to pay electricity bills just to name a few challenges faced in these youth polytechnics.

I therefore ask this Assembly to pass a resolution to compel the County Government to take full responsibility in management of youth polytechnics for services and costs previously offered by the National Government to run this institution effectively and efficiently.

Thank you Mr. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Foleni to second.

(Hon. Foleni stood to second the Motion)

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes Hon. Foleni.

Hon. Foleni: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Kwanza kabisa nataka nianze kwa kumshukuru Mheshimiwa wa Ganze kwa kuleta Hoja hii. Mheshimiwa Spika, pia kusema kweli tangu Serikali ya ugatuzi ichukue hatua tumepata shida kwa wanafunzi wetu ambao wako katika vyo vya ufundi hawajaweza kuendelea na masomo yao kwa sababu ile pesa ambayo tulikuwa tukipata kutoka kwa Serikali kuu hatuipati tena. Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika ni muhimu Bunge hili lihakikishe ya kwamba Mswaada huu unapita siku ya leo ili tuweze kupunguzia wale wazazi kule nyanjani na wale wanafunzi lile jukumu la kupeana karo kwa shule hizi ambazo ni za ufundi. Mheshimiwa Spika, nasimama kidete kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes Hon. Hamza.

Hon. Hamza: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support the Motion which has been moved by Hon. Nzaro. This Motion is very vital in a sense that as we have heard the contributions from Hon. Foleni, the polytechnics used to receive some cash from the National Government and that cash as we speak is not being delivered again or rather the polytechnics are not receiving the monies anymore just because this function is squarely in the hands of the county.

To my greatest surprise, the County Government has not done or rather made any step to ensure that whatever the National Government used to offer in terms of services to the village polytechnics is not actually done and therefore gives a very big challenge in terms of management. Mr. Speaker, as we can see in the Motion, it is articulated that Kshs. 15,000 used to be given to a student per year and this is very true. Now in the absence of this, it gives a very big challenge because, now you will determine the number of the students given per institution which is a good number of students. There is a big chunk of money that is missing and therefore Mr. Speaker leaving the institution to struggle and strive in the hands of the poor parents where now it has become very difficult for the services to be effectively delivered.

I remember a scenario where there were some interventions actually...there was one of my managers in my area at Gede polytechnic when we wanted to know about these issues how the monies will be delivered or how the County Government is prepared to ensure that they are in a position to give the services that is at the moment hampered. What he was told was quite a story because the answer that we could get by then was that since we are being given bursaries, the whole issue is being captured in the bursary. I thought this one comes from an informed point being of the senior personnel in the County Government in that very Department. That means

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that even the County Government from this response shows that some of the officers in that Department might not even be fully aware of what they are supposed to do Mr. Speaker.

Therefore, I would urge the hon. Members to concur with this Motion as moved by hon. Nzaro so that by the end of the day, we can better our youth polytechnics. Otherwise, left at the position these youth polytechnics are, I can assure you Mr. Speaker that they are actually lying between a hard place and a rock and that shows that very soon these polytechnics might die because that is a very big challenge that we have. I would wish the Department instead of coming up with numerous ECDs, they should have considered how they could better the youth village polytechnics instead of coming up with a lot of ECD programs based on coming up with buildings and not having clear policies on how to run the entire Department. Thank you, let me stop there, I totally concur with this Motion Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. First I will start by declaring that I have been a Member of the board of management for Vitengeni Youth Polytechnic; this is my ninth year by virtue of my position. I support this Motion because what has been shared, 98% is the truth. Hon. Nzaro quoted the year 2014 but in reality it began in 2013. We never received the money though on record if you go to the National Treasury, you will find that money was channeled but it never got to the institutions.

In the Constitution Article 55 shares the issues of the youth in the country. The youth affairs are not fully devolved but youth polytechnics are devolved as per Schedule 4 of the Constitution. As a county if we want to make sure that we enhance trainings, we must take full responsibility of the youth to make sure that they get the proper technical knowhow so that they can venture in different businesses and engagements. The county must make sure that they invest a lot in the young generation because youth ideally represent the backbone of the society.

If you want to have a clear and just community, we need to make sure that we invest a lot in the youth. There is a time we passed a resolution or a Motion and later on we came up with a Bill to start a Ward Scholarship Fund. As a county I thought the monies could have been focused on the youth polytechnics because this is our own mandate and the youth polytechnics are not a preserve for the failures but those who want to get the technical knowhow. If you go to the records, you will find that more monies are channeled to other tertiary institutions instead of the youth polytechnics in this county.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Foleni, you have a Point of Order?

Hon. Foleni: Thank you hon. Speaker. I have listened to the hon. Member who is trying to conclude on what he is trying to put across that the National Government and to be specific; the Jubilee administration has so far channeled some funds from the National Government to the counties. Can that Member prove through documentary evidence that there was money moved from the National Government to the polytechnics but failed to reach the beneficiaries? I think if you clarify to this House, we will all be in a position to know that whatever we are passing across is not hearsay but something that is tangible and can be proved even in a court of law. Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much. I will not dwell very much on the question but the fact that this is my ninth year being in the Board of Management and I have more information even the information he wants to get from me. Everybody knows the matter is in court because there was the former director, Jakalango, who was arrested because of misusing

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the funds, and even the amount is well quoted and that was the amount that was channeled from the national treasury and it never reached the destination and those were the youth polytechnics Mr. Speaker. So, if you want more evidence then I would beg I be given more time so that I can forward the case number so that he can look at the details...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy, an issue arose and now it is before court?

Hon. Mwambire: Yes, the issue is before court.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You do not have to determine it because it is before another institution of the government.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. When we passed the Ward Scholarship Fund, I thought the county would come up with a policy so that we can enhance or we can be giving money to the youth polytechnics but to my surprise, if you go to the records you will find that these monies benefit other tertiary institutions and not youth polytechnics and because of that reason, it has become very difficult to manage youth polytechnics. As I am talking, Vitengeni Youth Polytechnic instructors went on strike last week...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Kiraga, you have an intervention?

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise under Standing Order No. 87; the Member who is on the Floor is misleading this House. I believe even the youth polytechnic students also benefitted from the Scholarship Fund and unless it is proved by him that they are not benefiting, I think he is misleading this House. Thank you.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much. I think I was very clear. I said if you go on record you will find that a lot of money benefits other tertiary institutions. I am not inferring that youth polytechnics are not benefiting. In the records, if you go the...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Hassan, you have an intervention?

Hon. Hassan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. We need evidence please. Thank you.

Hon. Mwambire: If you go to the records Mr. Speaker, you will find that Vitengeni Youth Polytechnic, Mapimo Youth Polytechnic, Muyeye Youth Polytechnic have students who are fully sponsored by the Ward Scholarship Fund, that is on record. That can be proved even by the Committee of Scholarship and Vocational Training. Those three youth polytechnics I am 100% sure have students that are fully sponsored by the Ward Scholarship Fund. By now Vitengeni Youth Polytechnic has 130 students, I am not sure of the specific figure for Mapimo but by the time I visited the institution, they said they get 50 students every year and at Muyeye they also do the same but I do not have factual figures for Dzitsoni, Mariakani, Mkwajuni among the other youth polytechnics. So I am very much aware but the challenge that I am giving is that much monies are being given to other institutions. That is why I said this has brought some challenges when it comes to management of the youth polytechnics. That is why Vitengeni youth polytechnic instructors went on strike since last week and it has become very difficult to proceed with the operations of the youth polytechnic bearing in mind that examinations are just around the corner.

Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion and I believe if it is passed, the budget of the youth polytechnics will be increased. Initially we saw some adverts in the media where the County was intending to hire instructors and up to date, no interviews have been done which makes it very difficult for the operations in the youth polytechnics to proceed. So it is high time this Assembly makes a clear follow up so that we can see how best the joy that we have with the ECD (Early Childhood Development) is also put in the youth polytechnics.

If they are not going to be given the technical education which they require, then we will be spoiling the whole thing. These youth will engage themselves in other activities and later on

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we will be having a very challenging community which we do not expect as a county. So with those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this Motion.

Hon. Kombo: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii ya kuweza kutoa mchango wangu katika Mada hii ambayo imeletwa na mheshimiwa Nzaro. Mimi naunga mkono Mada hii nikitambua ya kwamba jamii ama wengi wa vijana ambao wanatumia vyuo hivi hutoka katika familia ambazo zina umasikini wa kiwango cha juu. Serikali kuu haikutimiza ahadi yake ya kwamba itasaidia kiwango flani cha malipo ya karo na kuathiri vituo hivi vya masomo.

Hoja hii imeomba Serikali yetu ya Kaunti iweze kusaidia vituo hivi ili elimu iweze kupatikana kwa hali ambayo itaweza kusaidia vituo hivi katika uendeshaji na pia kwa wanafunzi wetu. Mimi naona jambo hili ni jambo la busara kwa Bunge hili la Kaunti ya Kilifi kupitisha hoja hii ili kuona kwamba tumezipatia nguvu za kujiendeleza. Asante Bw. Spika mimi naunga mkono.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute towards the Motion on the Floor. Let me take this opportunity to support this Motion before this House because it is a very noble Motion that touches on the hearts of the very important people of this county.

Mr. Speaker, we all understand most of the youth who have not managed to go to secondary level of education have always had the polytechnics as the only chance to transform their lives. Polytechnics have provided a good platform for them to train on the various courses that they feel will change their lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is very sad that if the youth would secure Ksh. 15, 000 per year for them to be in school and then abruptly that assistance is withheld somehow then it is like spelling doom to our youth. This is something that as a Government we need to ensure that this money is brought to the system so that we can assist our youth.

We all understand that the pupils in the rural areas who have always lagged behind and have not managed to go to other levels need assistance from both the Central and County Governments. As we know this is a task that was brought to the County Level then we need to have some grounds and good plan so that we can see they have better training in these polytechnics.

This is a time for us as a Government to ensure that these vocational training institutions are almost everywhere at the village level because as we speak there are so many areas that we feel need to have these institutions because we have many youth who need them. Not forgetting the fact that when the youth are left idle we will see them move into orgy groups like Al Qaida, MRC (Mombasa Republican Council) and all the notorious groups that we have known as a Government. Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the adoption of this Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Mwathethe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me a chance also to air my views in regards to this Motion. I will not be ashamed of my thoughts and I think when I am alone, but I stand to oppose this Motion. Before anything else Mr. Speaker, I beg that you protect me because of late there have been a tendency of trying to shut me down every time I want to say something, however awkward that may be.

Mr. Speaker, I agree that the polytechnics are underfunded; I agree that they are centers of learning for youths and I also want to agree that some polytechnics have grown into Universities like Mombasa Polytechnic which grew to become Technical University of Mombasa. I also agree that Nairobi Polytechnic also become a University, that is all true and it is a place where our youth can run from those social evils when they are in the polytechnics.

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Those maybe who did not qualify to go to Colleges and Universities can also be accommodated there, I agree and I am so much grateful for that. Where I disagree with Mr. Speaker is the function that was supposed to be taken by the National Government; the sponsorship of Ksh. 15,000 per student...

(Hon. Kiraga stood on a Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker I am just about to finish...

(Laughter)

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, I am raising under Standing Order No. 103 (e). The Member is giving very false information in this House. Can he differentiate between a National Polytechnic and a Youth polytechnic? The Motion is about youth polytechnics. We are not talking about National Polytechnics, and can he differentiate between these two?

Hon. Mwathethe: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to put it very clearly that I did not mention the word 'National' Polytechnic, so if hon. Kiraga heard me speak about National polytechnic and he thinks that I cannot differentiate between the two, then it is him who heard.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay hon. Mwathethe I will protect you.

Hon. Mwathethe: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I think if I got his point correct, he was just giving an example of the polytechnics available. Let us hear him on why he is opposing the Motion. I think that is what is important.

Hon. Mwathethe: The reason I am opposing this Motion Mr. Speaker is that a function that is supposed to be carried out by the National Government, the sponsorship whereby every student who is enrolled into a youth polytechnic by the National Government committed to pay Ksh. 15 000 for that student per year. Why do we today want to pass that responsibility from the National Government to the County Government? This is putting pressure on the County Government which is already over-loaded with functions that it cannot even admit fully.

It would be appropriate if we would force the National Government to give its part of share to these students. I will also point out that the National Government has also undertaken to give donation to every kid that is born in a government maternity hospital and it is still honoring that commitment. If there is another commitment which maybe the National Government has forgotten we should remind it other than putting burden and we know...Mr. Speaker somehow I represent the government in this Assembly and I would not allow this Assembly to continue putting more expenses on the County Government on a function that is supposed to be carried out by the National Government. We should find a way of throwing this commitment to the National Government to wake them up and have it own its mandate as it is doing with the maternity... other than to take the same and put it on the shoulder of the County Government. Thank you Mr. Speaker, however funny, I oppose this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Christine.

Hon. (Ms.) Christine: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii tena ili kuchangia katika Mswada huu ulio mbele yetu. Sitakuwa mwingi wa maneno nitazungumza kwa sababu zangu. Sababu ya kwanza ni kwamba hakuna mtu anayechagua mzazi. Kila mtu anajipata amezaliwa na yule mzazi aliye naye. Katika Kaunti yetu kuna sehemu nyingi ambazo wazazi

wetu hali yao ya uchumi iko nyuma sana. Mbali na kwamba watoto wetu ni werevu shuleni vile vile hawawezi enda shule za upili ama vyuo vikuu kwa sababu hela hakuna.

Vile vile nikiangalia vyuo vya ufundi vimetengeneza kazi kwa watoto wengi kwa sababu siku hizi kazi hakuna hata uende wapi. Watoto wengi wanaoenda katika hizi shule na kusomea kazi za mikono mara nyingi kupata kazi inakuwa rahisi. Narudi pale chini nikisema kwamba nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada na kuwahimiza kwamba tupitische huu Mswada kwamba serikali ya Kaunti iweze kuingilia kati na kuona vipi watoto hawa watakuwa wakisoma maanake wanasoma kwa shida nyumbani kwao kuna shida. Kwa kuwasaidia inaondoa ule mzigo wa kutafuta kazi kwa sababu wamejitengeneza kazi zao wenyewe na wanafanya kwa mfano kushona, kutengeneza stima na saa hii kazi za stima ziko nyingi; watoto wetu wangekuwa wanatengeneza hivyo vitu vyote lakini wawezeshwe. Kama serikali kuu imetuacha na sisi pia tujiache kwa sababu serikali kuu haitaki kufanya majukumu yake hata kama itashindikizwa ifanye lakini kaunti pia ifanye kwa watu wake.

Hon. Gambo: Asante Bw. Spika kwa nafasi hii. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu. Naunga mkono Mswada kwamba serikali yetu ya Kaunti ya Kilifi ijukumike kuchukua majukumu yote ya vyuo vya ufundi ambavyo viko katika kaunti hii. Tukisema ijukumike ni kwamba inapofikia kuchukua ama kukubali majukumu haya basi inabidi Mswada huu upite. Kuchukua majukumu haya itawezesha Kamati zetu za Bunge kukaa na kufikiria ni jambo gani ambalo vyuo vyetu vina kosa na hatimaye kuleta mipangilio ya kuleta sheria ya kuwezesha Serikali ya Kaunti kutafuta fedha za kuendesha vyuo vyetu. Kupita kwa Mswada huu kutawezesha maafisaa wetu wakuu na serikali kuingia kwa mipangilio ya kifedha ili kuona vyuo hivi vinapangiwa fedha ambazo zitakuwa ni za uhakika kila mwaka kwa madhumuni ya kuwezesha maendeleo ya vyuo vyetu. Na ninaamini tunapopitisha hii pia itapeana nguvu na uwezo kwa serikali yetu kushughulika kwa mipangilio ya Bajeti ili ikifikia wakati wa kupitisha Bajeti hakutakuwa na hofu ama lawama ya pesa yoyote itakayokuwa inaingia katika vyuo hivi ili kuendesha mipangilio ya maendeleo katika vyuo.

Ninaamini shida hizi za malipo ya kawi hata mambo mengine yale yanaingia kwa sababu bado serikali yetu haijapewa nguvu na Bunge hili kwamba iweke mikakati ya kuendesha vyuo vyetu. Ni matumaini yetu kwamba tunapounga mkono Mswada huu utatupatia nguvu kama Bunge, serikali yetu ya Kaunti, na hata wananchi wetu na kuwa na uhakika kwamba vyuo vyetu vya ufundi kuwa na maendeleo tunayoyatarajia. Asante naunga mkono Mswada huu.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to air my views concerning the Motion in the House. I stand to support the passage of this Motion. The youth polytechnics play a very significant role as far as our youth are concerned. I am speaking this through experience with what is happening in my ward that is Mtepeni Ward. As we understand there are so many EPZ (Export Processing Zone) companies all over Mtwapa location and the demand for the tailors for these companies are extremely high and it is through these youth polytechnics that we can get as many tailors as possible.

As I speak, there is a demand of over 4,000 tailors who are very soon going to be needed because we have one EPZ which already exists and has over 3,000 tailors and very soon we have another one which is going to be opened at Kikambala and will also need over 3,000 tailors. So if we are going to have stable youth polytechnics then our youth are going to benefit. I stand to support the passage of this Motion due to the significance which is in front of us especially in my ward.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support this Motion. For the benefit of the visitors, teachers and pupils from Tsakarolovu Primary School my name is hon.

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Gertrude Mbeyu Mwanyaje representing Kibarani Ward in the Assembly and the Women Representative 2017.

I rise to support and thank hon. Nzaro for this very important Motion. If you can remember we passed the Polytechnics Bill, 2016 in this House last session and I believe all what hon. Nzaro has put across in this Motion is addressed in that Bill; the issues of salary, improving the infrastructure, the board of management of these polytechnics and the necessary equipment for these youth polytechnics in Kilifi County (*inaudible*).

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of this House that the polytechnics that are as at now in Kilifi County are not for the failures. We even have ICT classes in these polytechnics. These are digital polytechnics and we are expecting form fours and people who are doing certificate courses to join our polytechnics.

As we speak, most of the polytechnics are well equipped. I will give an example of the Gede Youth Polytechnic. While we were going round as a Committee on Scholarship and Vocational Training, being the Chairperson, we found a very equipped youth polytechnic and I can say that Gede Youth Polytechnic is among the best in the county. We had the first graduation ceremony done in Kilifi County and so many youth and a number of aged people graduated with a lot of skills. So, we want to tell hon. Nzaro we are supporting this Motion and the implementation of the Bill will take place very soon. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Do you still want to make a Point of Order?

Hon. Foleni: Aaah...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I do not think so.

(*Laughter*)

Hon. (Ms.) Nashee: Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Nami naunga mkono kwa sababu zinazofwata. Mwanzo namshukuru mheshimiwa Nzaro kwa kuleta Hoja hii katika Bunge hili ikiwa walioko katika Bunge hili ndio wawakilishi wa Kaunti ya Kilifi. Naona wengi wameunga mkono lakini ni muhimu tuone kila nafasi ambayo imewachiliwa na Bunge la Kitaifa na tuhakikishe watoto wetu wameangaliwa. Mimi naunga mkono tutetee watoto wetu wawekewe vyuo vya ufundi kwa sababu si watu wote ambao wataingia kwenye maofisi na Bunge.

Kuna watu wengi kule nje ambao tumewawacha na hawako katika Bunge hili. Wale nao wanastahili wawe na kazi zao. Vijana wengi wana randa randa mitaani kwa sababu wana lalamika hawapewi kazi. Ni haki yetu sisi kama viongozi kuwachukua wale vijana na kuwapeleka kwenye vyuo vya ufundi wakafundishwe kazi ambazo zitawasaidia wenyewe wasije kuwa wezi na mambo mengi mengine ambayo yanapita. Nimeona hapa kuna *Point of Order* nyingi lakini mutanisamehe kwa leo.

Nasema, wacha hii imekuja hata ile nyengine ambayo imewachwa nyuma ambayo Bunge la Kitaifa wameisahau tuichukue tuilete hapa... maanake wale wananchi pale nyanjani wanatusumbua sana. Wale vijana wakimangamanga kisha wanatupiga vipochi na kutunyonga, wanakuwa wezi wanatusumbua lazima tuwape kazi za mikono. Mimi niko Bunge mwengine ananijengea kule nyumbani. Tume elewana?

(*Laughter*)

Mimi sitaki *Point of Order* hapa maanake mimi leo nalikorofisha Bunge hili. Sasa mwengine yuko ofisini. Bw. Spika yuko pale mwengine analinda kwake kule ni *watchman*...

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Nashee... *(Laughter)*

Hon. (Ms.) Nashee: Kila mtu apewe kazi yake. Mmenielewa? Sasa, Nzaro mimi mwenyewe ile imebaki naileta...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Order! Order! Hon. (Ms.) Nashee, you are not in a campaign rally where...

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): The campaigns have not started, do not expect these Members will...

Hon. (Ms.) Nashee: Mheshimiwa Spika, pole nimetowa hilo neno lakini ni kwa sababu ya vile tunavyosumbuliwa na wananchi na hawa vijana...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): We will put the question then Members will have a right to say aye or ney. So, thank you very much.

Hon. (Ms.) Nashee: Sasa, mimi nimeunga mkono lakini mheshimiwa Spika bwana utanisamehe mwanangu kwa leo. Ninauchungu mwingi kwa sababu kuna mmoja amepinga na naomba niwe wa mwisho basi tufunge tupitishie.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the adoption of this Motion. Looking at the economy of the country and more so Kilifi County, Mr. Speaker, Kilifi County has been depending on the tourism sector but currently the tourism sector is grounded. We feel the only alternative... because most of the people in Kilifi who anxiously depended on the tourism sector could get jobs in that sector but with the current situation as it has been put here; most of the youths are just hanging without jobs.

The only hope we have now Mr. Speaker, is the youth polytechnics. Looking at the economy, the payment of the school fees is a very big challenge to our parents and therefore most of the youths cannot access whatever is being given to these youth polytechnics. By the County Government chipping in as per this Motion, we are going to help our youth at a greater percentage. I therefore fully support the adoption of this Motion. I have also noted the concerns of the Member who has opposed this motion. He was in the process of safeguarding the government he is representing in this House. So, we cannot blame him, it is his right. I also thought the Leader of Majority could have done the same but with his signature, I believe things are alright in this government and they can take this responsibility of funding the students. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, hon. Foleni let us hear you.

Hon. Foleni: Hon. Speaker, I am standing on a point of information to my hon. dad who is the MCA...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kiraga, do you wish to be informed?

Hon. Kiraga: Mr. Speaker, I am very much conversant with almost everything and I do not need to be informed by hon. Foleni.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay, hon. Foleni...

Hon. Foleni: Hon. Speaker probably this might add value...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Order! Order! You know you have sought to inform hon. Kiraga but he tells you he is very vast with these things so he wishes not to be informed. So, let it rest there. Hon. Japheth Nzaro, do you wish to make your...

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I would wish to congratulate all the Members who have spoken in this Motion and the others also who wish to speak but because of time they did not. I think you have really made this debate very wonderful today.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell the Members that this Motion was very much in Order and it was derived from the mandate under Schedule Four of the Constitution where the right to manage the youth polytechnic and the home craft centers which were devolved come under our mandate. If you look at the Constitution on the Bill of Rights, we have an Article which specifies the right to education and as an Assembly try to address these issues in this county and specifically in our youth polytechnics then we are doing a great service to the people of this County.

I would also want to remove the fears as alleged by the Members who have opposed this Motion that I believe when these function were devolved, ideally, the resources were to follow the functions because the function of managing the Youth Polytechnics are our mandate and if they are devolved then it was the responsibility of the National Government to provide funds to the counties to manage this aspect of learning.

The Ksh. 15, 000 which was ideally being funded by the National Government was to subsidize these Youth Polytechnics fees. There were various categories of how these funds were to help in the running of these Youth Polytechnics, for example, out of that Ksh.15, 000 was to be used for replacement of tools and there was also Ksh.2, 350 which was to be used for buying text books for these trainees. Ksh. 3, 500 was supposed to be used in instructional and examination materials. The exercise books had a budget of about Ksh. 630, education field trips and study tours were about Ksh. 920, electricity, water, bank and postal charges were to be given Ksh. 500, stationery Ksh. 200, local travel and subsistence Ksh. 500, hire of contracted professional services Ksh. 1,200 and co-curriculum activities Ksh. 1,000. This was amounting to Ksh.15, 000.

Ideally, it would be very absurd that we have Youth Polytechnics whereas as a Government the aspect of the Vision 2030 where we are supposed to promote talent and then the action for the funding for the co-curriculum activities which include sports, those funds are not available to our students who are learning in these institutions. It means we are killing talent in this county.

One of the fundamental aspects which have been a very great challenge is the issue of paying for services in these institutions and as a result, there have been a lot of creditors in these institutions. In fact, some of these institutions as you have heard the instructors wanted to strike. This is a very bad image for our learning institutions especially the Youth Polytechnics. Due to fees not being given out by the National Government, dropout rate has been witnessed to increase significantly. So if we compel the County Government to take part of these responsibilities, then it means our youth will be engaged in these youth polytechnics and all these bad vices which we have been hearing will not happen.

This Motion will be of benefit to the Members and it is my view and I know that the hon. Member for Shella Ward hon. Mwathethe has also been sponsoring students in Muyeye Youth Polytechnic, except now I believe when this burden is also taken by the County Government then he will also benefit and he will be paying fees to other beneficiaries. I thank you so much hon. Members for showing support towards this Motion and I beg all of you and I also beg the

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dissenting Member to support because I think he has seen wisdom in what I have shared with him. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Members. The Motion has been moved for deliberations by hon. Japheth Nzaro, the Ward Representative for Ganze Ward. The same has been deliberated and I know put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, in the absence of any other Business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 3.45 p.m.