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**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI**

**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

*The House met at the County Assembly Chamber, Malindi Town, at 2.30 p.m.*

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

**PRAYERS**

**STATEMENTS**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK STARTING MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER, 2016**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Ngala.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ngala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this Opportunity to read the Order of Business for the County Assembly of Kilifi, First Assembly, Fourth Session Program of the County Assembly for the week commencing on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>: On Monday 2.30 p.m. that is 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 we have; The Statement sought by hon. Pascal Thuva to the County Secretary through the Leader of Majority; we have tabling of the Development project of the Department...

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kiraga you have a Point of Order?

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker we have a visitor in the Speaker's Gallery. I do not know if he is a recognized visitor or he is an intruder?

*(Laughter)*

*(Applause)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I am not informed whether I have a guest to be sitting in the Speaker's Gallery so I think as a matter of protocol we have hon. Member from Mwanamwinga Ward (hon. Pascal) who has opted to be the Speaker's guest today. It is very funny because I just came out with him from a Board meeting. Yes, we have a Member of the County Assembly Service Board who has opted to sit in the Speaker's Gallery so let me just proceed and acknowledge his presence.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Okay we can now proceed.

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**Hon. (Ms.) Ngala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Allow me to start from the beginning.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes you can start from the beginning.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ngala:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this opportunity to read the Order of Business from next week; County Assembly of Kilifi, First Assembly, Fourth Session Program of the County Assembly for the week commencing on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016: on Monday 2.30 p.m. that is 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 we have; The Statement sought by hon. Pascal Thuva to the County Secretary through the Leader of Majority; we have the tabling of the Development Project's Status Report of the Department of Health Services (Leader of Majority); Tabling of the Trade, Industrialization, Cooperative Development, Tourism and Wildlife Departmental Fourth Quarter Report FY 2015/2016 (Leader of Majority); then we have the tabling of the CEC Member nominee for Lands, Housing, Energy and Physical Planning Department.

On Tuesday at 9.00 a.m. 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, we have Papers: Tabling of the Lands, Housing, Energy and Physical Planning Department, Kakuyuni Physical Development Plan. Two, we have the tabling of the Integrated Strategic Urban Development Plan for Malindi. Three, we have tabling of the Lands, Housing, Energy and Physical Planning Department Kilifi Strategic Urban Development Plan 2016 to 2020.

On Tuesday in the afternoon 2.30 p.m. on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, we have a Notice of Motion by hon. Pascal Thuva to the Department of Water, Environment, Minerals and Natural Resources. Then we have Papers; tabling of the Kaloleni Local Physical Development Plan; Tabling of the Marafa Local Land Zoning Plan.

On Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, we have a Notice of Motion by hon. Pascal Thuva to the Department of Water, Environment, Minerals and Natural Resources. Also we will have a Committee of the Whole House; The Kilifi County Emergency Fund Bill, 2016. Lastly we have a Bill, The Kilifi County Emergency Fund Bill, 2016, Third Reading. Thank you, Sir.

#### RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRIALISATION, CO-OPERATIVES DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND WILDLIFE ON MISS TOURISM, KILIFI COUNTY

**Hon. Bakari:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to read the response from the Department of Trade, Industrialization, Co-operatives Development, Tourism and Wildlife to a Statement sought by hon. (Ms.) Arafa Salim:

**Introduction:** Miss Tourism pageant is a concept developed and organized by Miss Tourism Kenya Organization. It is organized in partnership with tourism stakeholders under a six pillar concept to bring out all the tourism attractions in the counties. These pillars are; tourism attractions (flora and fauna) as the principle pillar, cultural diversity and practices, investment opportunities, environmental practices, hospitality, peace and unity.

**Objectives:** The main objective of Miss Tourism Kenya is to create a national platform for revamping the county tourism as a way of developing and promoting the diverse attractions. Other objectives include; to create a platform for the counties to exchange ideas and compete positively on how to strengthen tourism sector as an avenue to build a strong national economy; to create a tourism forum, an annual event to discuss issues affecting tourism and how to improve; to celebrate tourism activities and rich cultural diversity through exhibitions; to promote and enhance integration and cohesion of all Kenyan communities; to educate the communities on importance of wildlife conservation and good environmental practices; to

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promote domestic tourism as the stronghold of counties economic growth; to create employment opportunities, identify, nurture and develop new talent among our youth.

Miss Tourism Kilifi 2013: this event was organized and coordinated by Kilifi County at a total cost of Ksh 1.2 million. The county auditions were held at Hotel Titanic by 35 contestants but only 20 contestants succeeded and proceeded to the next level. The second round was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September at Stardust in Malindi where 10 finalists qualified to proceed to the finals at Mnarani Club in Kilifi on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013.

The crowning of Catherine Mage was followed by a controversy and pressure from the public domain leading to her being de-crowned. This is because Kilifi County residents learnt that she did not come from Kilifi County and had little knowledge about Kilifi. The County was given another opportunity by Miss Tourism Kenya Limited to do a re-run but this did not happen because the matter saw Kilifi County taken to court after having de-crowned Catherine Mage.

Miss Tourism Kilifi 2014: after the controversial Miss Tourism 2013, and following the results of 2014 budget public participation, Miss Tourism Kilifi being a privatized event was seen to be lacking the value for public money being invested in it. This made Kilifi County to withdraw its support in funding Miss Tourism Kilifi 2014 event. Mseto Africa as the event organizers did the event through the support of other tourism stakeholders from Kilifi County. Kilifi County Government through the Directorate of Tourism was only involved in attending the event. Florence Kambe won the contest and was crowned as Miss Tourism Kilifi 2014.

Miss Tourism Kilifi 2015-2016: the event was organized by Mseto Africa with the support of other tourism Stakeholders from Kilifi County. The Directorate of Tourism only attended the event but did not fund the event.

Conclusion: since the controversy emanating from Miss Tourism Kilifi 2013, the County Government through the directorate of Tourism, shun from funding any other event despite being approached by Mseto Africa as the event organizers. This is because there was no budget for the event due to lack of support from the 2014 budget public participation forum as well as being a privatized event, it lacked the value for public money invested in it.

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. (Ms.) Arafa, do you have anything to say?

**Hon. (Ms.) Arafa:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to air out my views on the Response on Miss Tourism, Kilifi County. I am not convinced and satisfied with the Response that has been tabled by hon. Bakari, a Member of the Committee on Tourism in Kilifi County Assembly. I am also not convinced with the report that has been tabled by the Executive Member hon. Alophonce Tokali, CEC Member for Trade, Industrialization, Co-operatives Development, Tourism and Wildlife. As per my Statement that was tabled before this House, my first question on my Statement was; who funds the festival and if it is the County Government, how much does it cost? The Executive told us the Department only funded the 2013 event which cost Ksh 1.2 million and the last question said; is this exercise of any benefit to the county and if so evaluate and quantify with figures. But there are no figures put here apart from the amount which was used for the 2013 event.

The Department says that the 2014 event had been organized by Mseto Africa. We want to know, who is Mseto Africa to this County Government of Kilifi? Maybe they are people who have been contracted to work and promote tourism in Kilifi County. We want to get more information on this. This Department has a very good objective they say that; they promote and enhance integration and cohesion of all Kenyan Communities, to educate the community, create

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a platform for the County to exchange ideas and compete positively on how to strengthen the tourism sector as an avenue to build a strong national economy.

Today, they are telling us they have not organized any event on Miss Tourism in Kilifi County, I am very shocked. Can we say that the officers we have in Kilifi County are not working hard to promote tourism in Kilifi County? This is because from my experiences with other Counties for example, Mombasa and Kiambu Counties they fund Miss Tourism event, then why it that Kilifi County does not organize such big functions? Now they have tried to run away from this thing by saying that they are not organizing any event. I am one of the hon. Members who has been attending these functions in Pata Pata, Star Dust and in Mnarani they were very good functions Mr. Speaker, Sir.

We are not asking this because money had been misused or there is corruption rather we want to see the impact of organizing these functions and it is very unfortunate that the CEC Member came out very clearly and said that they do not support this activity and with an exception of...

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Mramba you have an intervention?

**Hon. Mramba:** Mr. Speaker can the hon. Member on the Floor confirm to this House that she attended the function at Pata Pata together with hon. Bakari?

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): How is that relevant to the current...? Hon. Mramba you are out of Order. Hon. (Ms.) Arafa please proceed.

**Hon. (Ms.) Arafa:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. We attended with hon. Bakari as a Member of Kilifi County Assembly and we were together with hon. Mramba. The last thing I want to talk about tourism in Kilifi County is not that we do not have treasures; it is one of the counties which have very nice attraction sites. It is very unfortunate that we have a Department which does not promote tourism.

I am not satisfied with this response, if they say since 2013 they used only Ksh 1.2 million to organize the event, I kindly ask this House through the Chairperson of Tourism to get us a quarterly Report from 2013 to 2016 and their Departmental budget so that we can know how much money they have used up to date.

The last thing which is very sad is only last week Kilifi County hosted the National Tourism week where over ten other Counties visited Kilifi County. They visited Mida creek and I was very impressed to see Miss Kiambu County wearing her crown we also had Miss Tourism from Embu, Nairobi and other counties I cannot recall and it was very impressive. I asked myself where Miss Tourism Kilifi County was and she was not there. Are we promoting Tourism or are we killing Tourism? It is one of the main economic activities in Kilifi County. I also ask other hon. Members, I think we need to summon the CEC Member for Trade, Tourism and Co-operatives we have more to ask so that we can promote our Tourism in Kilifi County. Thank you very much.

**Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi:** Thank you very much hon. Speaker. I wish to state that the answers that were given to the questions are a bit disappointing. The first thing that the CEC Member did was to state the objectives of the Miss Tourism and they were very good of noble giving cause, giving hope to Kilifi County. We are aware that this is a private event but we were also aware that it is promoting the County in very many ways. I do not think it is correct to say

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that the funding for Miss Tourism was removed during the public participation. The public does not have the power to remove any funding.

The public makes contributions at the correct time and it is the Budget Committee which makes recommendations to this Assembly. The only thing we can say is the Department absconded its recommendations to this Assembly without even a fight. We expect each Department to defend its Budget. We have not had any Report from the Tourism Committee defending their Budget and this Assembly refused.

I believe somebody should take their work seriously. Kilifi County depends a lot on Tourism. We have our brothers and children sitting at home. What is the Government doing to improve Tourism and employment in the tourism sector? In my opinion, the Department should go back and look at its Budget and try to incorporate funds for this noble event. The only thing this Assembly needs is proper accounting. So, I am asking the Chairperson for Tourism to make a follow up on this so that the Government can effectively participate and is seen as a Government promoting tourism. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Hassan:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance. I personally concur with hon. (Ms.) Arafa. I am not satisfied with the Report from hon. Bakari not unless hon. Bakari and the CEC Member give us more information and let him understand that we are not here by luck, we are mandated to be here. Thank you for that information.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support hon. (Ms.) Arafa that the answers given to this Statement are not sufficient. I am one of the few Members who attended three out of the four miss tourism events in Kilifi and I am really disappointed to read from the CEC Member through the Vice Chairperson of Tourism Committee hon. Bakari that they did not fund the last event that is 2015/ 2016. I was there at Pata Pata and I can tell you that resources from the Kilifi County Government were used. One, so many cars from the County Government were at Pata Pata, two; I will tell the House that it reached a point when drinks were being handled by the Kilifi County Government staff that means this was from Kilifi County Government kit.

So we need proper answers from the CEC Tourism. To tell the truth he is the one who opened the event with an opening speech at Pata Pata focusing on the last year's event. I was there from early hours till dawn and we saw some happenings that it was Kilifi County Government resources being used. So we need a proper accounting on this, we need to know how much was used that is the first question asked by hon. (Ms.) Arafa.

Mr. Speaker, I attended one meeting at Ocean Beach, most of the stakeholders in Malindi were complaining that they were not involved; they are not seeing any impact of miss tourism functions being done in Kilifi. More so, there are trips the Tourism Committee has been attending to promote tourism in Kilifi County but we have not seen the impact of this. Monies are being used, we need accountability on this.

We need a proper Report tabled in this House and we need to see a better impact of this kind of events when money is being used. A whole CEC of Tourism sits to write to this hon. House such kind of shoddy answers to say that monies were not used while we were there and saw resources and monies from the County Government being used. I think we need to summon the CEC and the Chief Officer for Tourism to give us a proper and convincing answers accounting for the monies used from the Kilifi County. Thank you.

**Hon. Nzaro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to echo the sentiments of hon. (Ms.) Arafa that this Response is shoddy and it should not even have reached the Floor of this Assembly. Why am I saying so? There are two lines which are being perpetuated in this response. One, it

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says that the county hosted only one event where it spent money but without fear of contradiction, I want to point it out that I managed to attend two of these functions which the county was very much involved. One of these functions was held at Pata Pata and another one at Mnarani; personal I attended these two functions...

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kenga you have an intervention?

**Hon. Kenga:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am learning that... unless it is confirmed otherwise, that the Member who is making contribution is the Deputy Chief Whip on the Majority side of the Assembly and that is the government side. So, I am wondering whether he is in order for him to go against that Response that has been given by the CEC Member. I thought he should be defending the government. Thank you.

**Hon. Nzaro:** Mr. Speaker, can I respond to that.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes please.

**Hon. Nzaro:** I was elected by the people of Ganze to represent their interest in this county and as a representative of those people one of my mandate is oversight I am at liberty to query the wrong doing of this county. Mr. Speaker...

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Kiraga you have another...

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I do not know whether the Member knows the meaning of him being in the government side because he is here and was elected as the Majority Deputy Chief Whip to represent the government. So if he is here to represent only the interest of his Ward then I do not see the reason as to why he should be sitting on that chair. More so, I believe he is drawing some responsibility allowances and these responsibilities do not come by the virtue of him being elected from his Ward. They do come by him representing the government in this House. So we feel that there is something wrong.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I think at this point hon. Nzaro has freedom of expression and his conscious cannot allow him to bury his head in the sand like the proverbial ostrich. So let us hear what he has to say.

**Hon. Nzaro:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting me. The position that I hold in this Assembly is by virtue of first being elected by the people of my Ward. Then when I came here, I was added other responsibilities. What I was saying is that I attended all those two functions and from their response it looks like we have attended only one.

I echo the sentiments of hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu, there were county vehicles in those functions that meant those vehicles were fueled by the county because they could not have gone there without fuel. This is the issues the CEC could have addressed and they are not in this Response. So, I think it is in order to ask the CEC to avail himself to the Committee of the Whole Assembly so that we can ask him this query and get the right answers from him or her. One thing which I would wish Members to note is that this is what prompted the shortfall in this docket; remember we have not had a substantive CEC (County Executive Committee) Member for Tourism for so long. Maybe these are the issues which we need to fast track so that such attitudes do not happen and we move in the right direction. When we do that, a great impact will be felt in tourism. There are some incentives which we need to make as a county so that we improve the tourism sector like making sure that there is some ease in doing business in this county.

I understand most Italians who owned hotels in Malindi were offering employment to our people but have now shifted to Botswana. So, what are we doing? We are killing our own tourism industry. It is quite clear that when we stand up as an Assembly and make sure that we get the right answers then we will promote the tourism which we desire and create more employment opportunities for our youth in this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

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**Hon. Gambo:** Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii ili kuchangia katika majibu haya ambayo yameletwa na ofisaa wetu wa Utalii. Nakumbuka baadhi ya waheshimiwa walienda nchi tofauti tofauti, hata Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Utalii alitembea maeneo ya Italy ili kuenda kuuza Kilifi yetu katika maendeleo ya Utalii. Kuna mengi tumeyazungumza ili kuona kwamba Kilifi yetu inaendelea katika utalii. La kunishangaza ni kwamba huyo ofisaa ambaye tumemuamini anayesimamia upande wa utalii anaweza kuleta majibu kama haya ya kwamba hata Bajeti haiko katika upande huo.

Ni Ofisaa huyo aliyejibu haya na wenzake kuweza kuona ya kwamba tunaendesha utalii katika Kaunti yetu vizuri kupitia Bajeti ambayo yeye ndio anafaa kuleta kuona kwamba anajitoa katika majukumu hayo inadhihirisha kwamba bado hatujapata Ofisaa ambaye anaweza kutufanyia kazi hiyo. Kwa hivyo, nauliza tena Mwenyekiti wa Kamati hii aweze kurudi tena na kutuletea majibu zaidi ya haya. Iwapo hana majibu yakuturidhisha zaidi ya haya, basi nauliza Bunge hili liweze kumuita Ofisaa huyu tuweze kumuhoji na ikiwa kazi inakuwa ngumu kwake kufikia kuturegesha nyuma katika utalii basi tuanze kutafuta mwingine ambaye ataweza kushikilia Wizara hii. Asante Bw. Spika.

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to disapprove the Response and echo the sentiments as raised by the Mover of the Statement hon. (Ms.) Arafa. It is yet again we are receiving a very substandard Response as far as our Statements are concerned and I think something has to be done. The CEC (County Executive Committee) Member was contradicting himself if you look at this document. How can they have funded this event to a tune of Ksh. 1.2 million in 2013 and then in 2014 they are talking about the event being a private issue? I think there must be something wrong Mr. Speaker.

We are also told of Mseto Africa. Can we also get to know if Mseto Africa is a contracted company to oversee this event? Can we have such answers? I am a Member of the Budget Committee and I do not remember any case during our public participation where the event was rejected. What came out during public participation was that the people were very much concerned on the value for their money as far as this event was concerned. It is not that they dispelled it but they were up to the value for their money. We thought some things could be done so that if this event is to be handled by the county, then the value of the money could be noted.

So, unless the CEC brings a documented evidence to prove that during the Public participation the event was totally rejected, I think the CEC should also bring such documents. Mr. Speaker, I think a lesson should be taught to these CEC's because we cannot seat here as an Assembly and be served with very substandard Responses which has now become a tendency from these CEC's. I believe some induction courses have been taken by these CEC's and at this juncture, we do not expect...and I am also seeing spelling and grammatical errors in this document. I think something should be done. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Foleni:** Thank you hon. Speaker. I am also in concurrence with whatever has been shared by hon. (Ms.) Arafa that this Report originating from Dr. Alphonse Tokali an expert in the field of tourism...Sometimes, you wonder why such big frames of mind can bring such a substandard, vague and disheartening Report to this hon. House? I think the CEC's have taken us for granted for too long. It is high time we ...

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

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu:** Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you. Can the hon. Member on the Floor substantiate in this House that hon. Alphonse Tokali is a doctor? Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Foleni:** Hon. Speaker, given some ample time, I should be in a position to bring an answer to what hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu has just requested but I highly believe the Report is originating

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from an expert in the field of tourism. It is unfortunate that the Report is vague, substandard and very much disheartening. Hon. Speaker, it is high time we pull up our socks so that we can be able to call these CEC's for a thorough summon so that they stop taking us for granted. Some of them think we are as shallow as they are. I want to tell them that the number of workshops we have gone to as honourable members have sharpened us. By so doing, we are able to analyze some of their reports deeply more than they can be able to do as much as they have several degrees and Masters but they are unable to use them at their disposal.

Hon. Speaker, I want to say that the Miss Tourism in Kilifi has faced a lot of mismanagement. Why do I say so? I remember in 2013 when we had our first Miss Tourism at Star Dust, how the lady who was voted the best went to Nairobi for these Tourism exhibitions by flight under the directorship of the CEC. How do we expect to bring change to Kilifi County if this is how we manage our Miss Tourism? Hon. Speaker, to add an insult to this report, we have had several overseas trips by his Excellency the Governor. It is surprising that none of the trips that the Governor has made has he managed to at least move with the Miss Tourism in Kilifi. It is so disheartening and I want to confirm to this House that 2032 when I become the Governor of Kilifi County God willing, I will be able to uplift the Tourism Sector in Kilifi County. Thank you hon. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): So you want the Governor to be accompanied by Miss Tourism wherever he goes?

**Hon. Foleni**: For promotion purposes.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Okay. Yes Hon. Kenga.

**Hon. Kenga**: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity to also make my contribution as regards to the business that is before the House. Mr. Speaker, I know that Kenya is made up of 47 Counties and you will realize that other Counties are known for having a lot of emphasis on agriculture because that is the backbone of those Counties. Kilifi is a County known because of tourism and on numerous occasions that has been used by the Minority Whip. However, the issue of Tourism in Kilifi County is being mismanaged from experience. I know our hon. Members (Ms.) Arafa and (Ms.) Mbeyu who have already shared with me they had wanted to participate in the Miss Tourism event in Kilifi County but have not been able to do so just because of the issues that are coming up regarding the whole matter.

Mr. Speaker, somebody somewhere is not taking his or her responsibilities in regards to this issue seriously and as an Assembly for us to be able to move forward... because if the issue of tourism in this County is better managed, it will create a lot of opportunities for our young brothers and sisters for them to get employment.

The aspect of marketing is key in realizing these goals whatever the dreams that we have. If you look at the concept based on the six pillar concept and going through the objects that Dr. Mzungu Chitibwi has said, that there are noble objectives but how do we achieve that? A lot needs to be done and therefore if nobody is there to take responsibility, then it is better we do away with the Tourism Department in Kilifi County so that it is not there and as a County we do not spend millions paying salary yet they are not in a position to perform.

Therefore, I want to agree and I am saying it again because hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu is here that you wanted to participate together with (Ms.) Arafa in this event. I know Bakari will follow up on the other side of Mr. Tourism. If we have Miss. Tourism we must be able to have...therefore I

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am in agreement that this Response that we are receiving is not the best and the concerned parties must be summoned to come before the House for further questioning. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Lali Sadi.

**Hon. Sadi:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also take this opportunity to echo my sentiments concerning the business of the House which is going on. It is a common knowledge that women represent the beauty of different regions. To be sincere Mr. Speaker the concept of Miss Tourism in Kilifi was meant to produce the most beautiful women in Kilifi who will be able to market Kilifi in terms of tourism circuit in different areas. Save for that, there is a big problem in the tourism docket in County Government of Kilifi. Why do I say so Mr. Speaker? You will realize that the Coastline of Kilifi County covers 60% in the whole of the Kenyan Coast. We have the biggest number of hotels in the Coast regions. Our economy depends on tourism either directly or indirectly. The idea whereby the tourism Department doesn't put a lot of emphasis in marketing Kilifi County is very wanting and I wish to say that the Minister in charge of Tourism is supposed to pull up his socks and ensure that Kilifi is well marketed.

Mr. Speaker, you will realize that in the Tourism Department the beauty pageant that was organized was supposed to give us the picture of this County in terms of tourism. The Department had only done this once and in the subsequent years they have shied away. Why? The reason why members of the public complained is because they felt that their money was not being put in good use. They were supposed to come up with better ideas and ways of marketing this Kilifi County. Now, if the Tourism Department does not want to market this County, they should come with better ideas of explaining to us why they felt that Kilifi County cannot have Miss Tourism. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to say that in future the County Assembly should come up with ideas that can help us to market Kilifi County. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I think going by the sentiment of the Members, it is appropriate that the Chairperson of the Tourism Committee calls the CEC Member to appear before that Committee and get all the concerns that have been raised in this House and therefore hon. Bakari you need to go back and arrange for a meeting and ensure that Hon. (Ms.) Arafa is present so that they can be able to interrogate those issues at that particular time.

## BILLS

### *First reading*

#### THE KILIFI COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BILL, 2016

#### THE KILIFI COUNTY INVESTMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BILL, 2016

*(Orders for the First Readings read-Read the First Time and Ordered to be referred to the relevant Departmental Committees)*

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Members. There being no other business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until Monday next week. Thank you.

**The House rose at 3.35 p.m.**