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Malindi Town, at 2:30 p.m.*

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

PRAYER

MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE VETTING OF THE FIVE NOMINEES FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS SELECTION PANEL

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

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Devolution, Public Service and Disaster Management on the vetting of the five nominees for the appointment to the position of Public Service Board Members' selection panel laid on the Table of this House on Monday, 12th June 2023.

Before I call upon the Seconder, allow me to take you through the findings of the nominees but I will not go and read one by one. I will just sum up the findings.

So, we found that the nominees satisfied the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 on Leadership and Integrity. Having been cleared by the DCI (Directorate of Criminal Investigations), KRA (Kenya Revenue Authority); on tax compliance, CRB (Credit Reference Bureau), HELB (Higher Education Loans Board) and the EACC (Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission).

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Two; that the nominees meet the requirements of Section 58A (2) of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act 5 of 2017. That the nominees have never been charged in a court of law for the last three years and have never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravening Article 75 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.

That, the nominees exhibited knowledge of topical administrative and technical issues touching on the portfolio to which they have been nominated and have the requisite abilities and qualifications.

Mr. Speaker, if Members go through the document, they will find the remaining findings in the Report. But allow me to read the recommendations that the Committee made. Having conducted the approval hearing of the nominees and having considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominees pursuant to Section 58A of the County Governments Act, 2012, County Assembly Standing Order 43 and the provisions of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies) Approval Act 5 of 2017, the Committee unanimously recommends that this County Assembly of Kilifi approves the nomination of:

1. Mr. Tukero Ole Kina as the Chairperson of the County Public Service Board Selection Panel.
2. Mr. Humphrey Tabu Safari as a Member of the County Public Service Selection Panel.
3. Mr. Leonard Kalama Jefa for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Selection Panel.
4. Ms. Lucky Mnyazi Thoya for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Selection Panel.
5. Dr. Margaret Ningala Kalachu for appointment as a Member of the County Public Service Selection Panel.

Allow me to call hon. (Ms.) Mariam to second the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Mariam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Munyoki: Asante sana, Bw. Spika, kwa kunipa fursa hii. Naunga mkono kuchaguliwa kwa kamati hii ikiongozwa na Wakili ambaye tunamwamini; amekuwa Malindi kwa zaidi ya miaka ishirini (20) na ni wakili shapavu kwani yuko sawa na ana uzoefu wa hii kazi na tuna imani atafanya kazi kulingana na uhaki na usawa. Naunga mkono.

Hon. (Ms.) Faith: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to fully support the Selection Committee. Being one of the Members who vetted the selection panel, they passed the test in general and I am in support. Thank you.

Hon. Oscar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the Report that has been brought to this Honourable House in regard that I know and I am aware and very confident with what the committee detailed here. I support.

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

Hon. Zia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Allow me to thank all Members who have contributed to this Motion. Thank you.

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(Question put and agreed to)

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR
GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILIFI FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2020 AND 2021

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

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the consideration of Reports of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of the Municipality of Kilifi for the financial year ended 30th June 2020 and 2021 laid on the Table of this House on Monday, 15th May 2023.

Before I call my seconder, allow me to make my submissions.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee noted with a lot of concern the poor performance by the Auditor General, the accounting officers particularly in respect of failure to respond to management letters from the office of the Auditor General.

Two; poor response to audit queries and late submission of response to the Auditor General. In this regard, the Committee recommended that accounting officers should take the audit process seriously and ensure prompt action on the Auditor General Management letters to foresee numerous audit queries.

Mr. Speaker, on the same note, the Committee observed that over the last two financial years, municipalities have had several accounting matters that have remained unresolved for long in addressing them some of which have been carried forward and accumulated over the years without clearance.

This state of affairs has been of great concern to the Committee as the outcome of these long outstanding balances could be that the government might have been defrauded. The Committee recommends that the municipal manager's proper books of accounts are kept and reconciliation of books of accounts is undertaken regularly. Further, the committee recommends that Section 149 of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 be strictly adhered to by the accounting officers. Finally, we insist, as a committee, on the autonomy of municipalities so that they can run independently. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, therefore, call on hon. (Ms.) Maneno to second.

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to second the Motion on the adoption of the Report of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Municipality of Kilifi County for the financial year ending 30th June 2020 and 2021.

The hon. Member who moved the Motion has said it all, but I want to refer the hon. Members to the response from the management and recommendations from the committee. Let us start on pages 19 to 26. The final recommendation was that the accounting officer should take the audit process seriously and submit the information as and when required by the Auditor General and the committee at the committee level when they are coming for interrogation. The Municipal Manager should be held responsible for not submitting the required information to the Committee or the Auditor General. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

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Hon. Zia: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Ripoti ambayo imeweza kuletwa mbele yetu. Asante sana.

Hon. Shehe: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to point out that this Report had one or two issues raised by several Members as opposed to the swiftness that it is moving. Some people had noticed that issues had been omitted; others had been shortchanged making this House make a very strong question in the tune that next time if there are investments taken into account, we have 35 wards in this House and the representatives are here so we should not be keeping on piling one investment onto one particular person and thinking that we are moving. Others are going to complain and it is not going to be business as usual.

We noted that some people were grumbling though. I stand to make a small submission but it is just a matter of a comment which I noticed with the grumbling of Members that time. Otherwise, I am sure they did the best and next time that committee is going to be a bit careful because everybody wants to bring something in his Ward but it looks like some had benefitted too much against the other. Thank you.

Hon. Kalama: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. One, I stand to support for the purpose of accountability and transparency. I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, allow me to call upon the Mover to respond. Hon. Biryia.

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

Hon. Biryia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to first take this opportunity to thank the hon. Chairperson for the hard work he did in leading us to scrutinize these Reports.

Secondly, I thank all the Members for their contributions and observations and finally, we have noted all the concerns and we are thankful for your support. Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): The next Motion. Hon. Members you will note that this a Motion that does not require a Notice, if you read your Standing Order 150 (b), you will find it there and that is the reason why hon. (Ms.) Koki who is the Deputy Leader of Majority is moving this Motion without notice. Proceed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 50

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE INDEFINITELY

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move an adjournment Motion. Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to move that this House be adjourned indefinitely with effect from Wednesday, 14th June 2023.

AWARE THAT, the Members of this Assembly have taken note of the resolutions made by the Association of Members of County Assemblies (AMCA) during their congress held on May 3rd, 2023, at KICC, Nairobi.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, these resolutions include the establishment of a Ward Development Fund and a County Affirmative Action Fund for nominated

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Members, the granting of financial autonomy of county assemblies, the review of the remuneration and benefits of Members of the County Assemblies and the reinstatement of plenary sittings and mileage allowances among others.

NOTING THAT, during the congress, the MCAs resolved that if those were not considered in totality within 14 days, they will adjourn plenary sittings indefinitely and all county assemblies in Kenya will be adjourning as a result of this resolution.

APPRECIATING THAT, it is our duty to uphold the principles of devolution and ensure that the resolutions in the county assemblies are given due considerations. Therefore, in order to align ourselves with the county assemblies and demonstrate our commitment to devolve systems of governance, I believe it is necessary to adjourn the plenary sittings of this House indefinitely with effect from Wednesday, 14th June 2023 in accordance with the resolutions made by AMCA and in recognition of our shared commitment to the success of devolution in Kenya.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Who is seconding or you have other information apart from that?

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: I want to call upon hon. Oscar to second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Yes, hon. Wanje Oscar.

Hon. Oscar: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Kea.

Hon. Kea: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I support this Motion of adjournment indefinitely. I was among the people who attended the conference on the 3rd of May. I would like to address my fellow hon. Members with the predicaments that we are going through right now. It has never happened in any part of this world; it is only in Kenya. People have gone against the world Labour Laws of slashing salaries of hon. Members. It is stated clearly that the salaries are supposed to increase not decrease. We are really flabbergasted how this commission came up with the idea of slashing salaries.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Which commission particularly? Be open so that it can go on record.

Hon. Kea: The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), yes that one and it is the reason as to why we are adjourning these sittings. We are going to mobilize other counties to adjourn because we cannot keep on serving people while we die from hunger. Whatever little we get we give to the community because the expectation of the community is very high. How does a hon. Member go home with only Kshs86, 000 and is expected to perform?

Other Houses have all the allowances that they need; plenary allocations they do have, they do their own things, at the right time and they do them very well. We as hon. Members of county assembly are very close to the electorate; we sit with them, we dine with them, we do everything with them, we do attend funerals, we attend *harambees*, we do everything down to the grassroots while we are being paid as if we do not deserve to be paid better.

MCAs deserve better and for this very reason, we stand in solidarity with other counties which have already adjourned. We cannot live like this while other people are eating hefty pays and we are lavishing in poverty. That cannot happen in our country. I stand strongly and ask my fellow Members of this Assembly to support this Motion because it is going to take care of our

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interests and our lives also. There is no way we are going to leave this place as beggars and we keep on fighting hard somewhere else like somebody did. Thank you very much and I stand to support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Ngirani.

Hon. Ngirani: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the adjournment of this County Assembly till further notice. From what my colleagues have contributed, the ward is the smallest devolved unit, and everything is on the ground right now...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Ngirani, maybe you put it clearly. It is not the ward, it is the village but if you can put it this way, the ward is the smallest electoral unit in devolution.

Hon. Ngirani: Exactly that was my description; ward is the smallest electoral unit of devolution. Right now, we are really going through hell. There are a lot of expectations from our electorates right from the word go when we were elected. To them, we are supposed to serve them in everything. We have the ward scholarship fund, which is not enough. We are sometimes forced to go deep into our pockets to pay schools fees for these school going children.

This money that we use on daily basis comes from not as a package but our salaries and therefore we cannot survive with Kshs86, 000 pay as of now with all these burdens. The plenary sittings that we are not being paid normally demoralizes hon. Members in attending sessions. We have been grappling with quorum and it is because hon. Members feel they are not being appreciated when they sit in this House. Other Houses maybe the Senate and the National Assembly are being paid but why not County Assemblies?

With the payment for plenary sittings, it will actually create morale for hon. Members to be attending sessions. Effective service delivery down in our wards will also be affected when the ward development fund is established. The CDF (Constituency Development Fund) is doing a good job and so we believe if there is an Act for Ward Development Fund, every Member will have the opportunity to serve their people effectively. This issue of hon. Members being at the mercy of the governor when it comes to development of the wards will come to an end. All wards will have equal distribution of resources. With those few remarks, I call upon this House to support this Motion so that as we go out we give ample time for SRC to sit down and give us an effective package for the hon. Members.

Hon. (Ms.) Betty: Asante sana, mheshimiwa Spika. Naungana na wenzangu ili kupitisha Hoja hii ya kufunga mabunge katika nchi yetu. Sisi ndio ambao kila uchao tuko na wananchi. Kijana akigongwa na pikipiki MCA yuko wapi? Matanga kila siku, MCA yuko wapi...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): There is an intervention from hon. (Ms.)Mapenzi.

Hon. (Ms.)Mapenzi: Asante, Bw. Spika. Naomba ufafanuzi wa yale Mheshimiwa Betty anazungumza. Amesema kwamba tuko na Mswada wa kufunga mabunge. mimi nataka ufafanuzi maana ninavyojua ni kwamba tunafunga Bunge hili tu sio mabunge.

Hon. (Ms.) Betty: Asante, Bw. Spika. Ninaomba wakati mwingine mheshimiwa Mapenzi kama ninaongea unisikize kwa makini sielewi kama Kiswahili ndio shida lakini nataka kufafanua zaidi kwamba Kenya yetu iko na mabunge mengi ikiwemo la Kilifi ambalo ni hili letu. Kwa hivyo, tuko na mabunge kila Kaunti na Kaunti zenyewe ni arubaini na saba (47), nadhani umeelewa mheshimiwa na kama hujaelewa baada ya hapa nikuelezee...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Mheshimiwa Kache (Betty), labda nikuulize, umeeleza Bunge kwamba kuna Mabunge 47 na Bunge la Kitaifa na Senate linaitwaje kwa Kiswahili sanifu.

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Hon. (Ms.) Betty: Namaanisha ya Kaunti.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Nafikiri ungemueleza vizuri ili Bunge pia ikaelewa kuwa Kenya tuko na Mabunge mangapi. Ni mtihani ambao unauona rahisi lakini kuna wengi wanaweza tatizika na wengine wanafwatilia na ni wanafunzi kule nje. Kwa hivyo, ungeeleza vizuri ili wawe na ufahamu na sio kwa manufaa ya Bunge pekee hata kwa wananchi ambao wanasikiza.

Hon. (Ms.) Betty: Asante, mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka kuendelea na yale ambayo nilikuwa nikiongea ya kuelimishana ni baadaye lakini kinachonikera zaidi huko nje tuna dhalilika....

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): There is an intervention from hon. Kubo.

Hon. Kubo: Asante sana, Bw. Spika. Naomba mheshimiwa aliye kwa Sakafu atueleze tumuelewe tunafunga mabunge yote ama huu Mswada tulio nao ni wakufunga hili Bunge letu.

Hon. (Ms.) Betty: Bw. Spika, sisi tunawakilisha watu wa Kilifi na tutafunga hili Bunge letu la Kilifi, umenipata ama bado? Kama nilivyokuwa nikisema, ukiangalia mishahara ya wale ambao ni wapishi wa *five-star hotels* wanalipwa kiwango kikubwa kuliko sisi ambao tuko hapa kwa ajili ya kuwawakilisha wananchi. Wabunge wa kitaifa wanaenda miezi mingi wakituachia wananchi huku, halafu nilisikia Raisi anataka kutoa asilimia tatu ya mishahara wetu, ukiangalia, kuna waheshimiwa hapa hawapati kitu. Kuna maloni yalichukuliwa, kuna watu walichukua pesa huko nje wakati wa kampeni, hakuna kitu ambacho wanapata, kwa mfano ikiwemo mimi mwenyewe.

Hili ni jambo ambalo linasikitisha na ninaomba jopo ambalo litaenda kukaa ili kutetea maslahi ya Wawakilishi wa Bunge msitunyanyase kwa sababu pia sisi tuna haki ya kupata mishahara ambao hata tukitoka huko nje tusiitwe na majina ya kuwa mwakilishi katika Bunge tu lakini ukiangalia haufanani na kile cheo ambacho uko nacho. Yangu ni hayo naunga mkono.

Hon. (Ms.) Meso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for this chance. I really support the Motion and it is quite unfortunate for the MCAs to have a pay slip written Kshs25, 000 or Kshs30, 000. This Third Assembly it seems as if MCAs we are trash; we do not belong to the Kenyan Government. Where on earth can you reduce somebody's salary? It should be increased not reduced. For example, the National Assembly and Senate are getting their plenary sittings. Why not MCAs? Are we not politicians like them? SRC (Salaries and Remuneration Commission) should be disbanded; they have really frustrated us and in fact it is too late because we are now getting to the first year since election last year. We have been kind, but time has reached where we need our demands met.

There are some MCAs who left in the last Assembly and did not manage to come back. If you meet them on the road, you cannot even believe. Some of them served for two years but there is no pension while in the National Assembly and Senate, so long as you served for two terms, you get pension. Why not MCAs? I really support this. We should also try as much as we can not to come back unless our demands are in order. It should not be the way that some other people are saying that we will be added Kshs10, 000. What is that? It is nothing. Our Deputy Leader of Majority you are in that summit. Please, Hon. (Ms.) Koki, just tell them that Kilifi Assembly have refused the Kshs10, 000.

The much we are supposed to get because what we are doing on the ground is more than what Senators or MPs are doing should be Kshs350, 000 that should be the least about 140,000 or 155, 000. Those who will attend even you, Mr. Speaker; you should try to defend us. We are so much bitter with the CAF (County Assemblies Forum). It has disappointed the MCAs. I

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remember last year when we had a meeting with the CAF, I think it was at White Sands Hotel and I told them CAF is doing nothing. There is a lady who told me just Hon. Meso do not even say that I told her my friend you guys are totally doing nothing; they defend CAF, but they do not think about MCAs.

So it is high time we go without CAF. It seems as if MCAs are trash of the Kenyan Government. CAF is not defending us; they are just defending themselves. You told us that you are attending the meeting on Friday. Please defend MCAs and it will be for your own good and future. Thank you, so much, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Zia: Asante sana, Bw. Spika. Kidogo nilikuwa nimekwama na mafua lakini nimesimama hapa kwa kuunga mkono Hoja ambayo imeweza kuletwa mbele ya hili Bunge. Kwa kweli aliyeleta hii Hoja namshukuru sana na Mwenyezi Mungu amuweke katika maisha mengi na mema na ya baraka kwa sababu amejua kwamba kuna uhitaji na sisi wenyewe kulingana na lile kongamano la juzi ambalo tulikuwa tumeliendea kule Nairobi, ni kwamba inahuzunisha sana kwa sababu katika hao watu sita ambao waliweza kuchaguliwa na kura akiwa Rais, Gavana, Senator, *Women Representative*, Mbunge na hata pia Mbunge wa Kaunti; Mbunge wa Kaunti ndiye ambaye amedhalilishwa kiasi cha kwamba hata *security* hana lakini hawa watano wote kulingana na wao wamewapatia lakini sisi *Members of the County Assembly* hatuna.

Haya ni madharau; haya ni mambo ya kukejeli kiongozi mwenzako ambaye mmechaguliwa pamoja. Wakijiona kwamba wao ni wa umuhimu zaidi, hasa hii tume ya mishahara. Hii inatudhalilisha sana. Ni vile tuko mbali lakini kama ingalikuwa hapa Kilifi tungeifanyia kama vile ambavyo tumeifanyia ile ya asubuhi. Ni madharau ya kiasi kikubwa sana.

Pili, naunga mkono...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Ya asubuhi ni ipi? Si unajua itanukuliwa. Umesema kama vile tumefanya ile ya asubuhi, ifanye wazi ili tuelewe.

Hon. Zia: Ile Bodi ya *Public Service* ya Kilifi. Yale madharau walikuwa wakifanya ni kama yale ambayo tunazungumzia hapa.

Ya Pili, ni kwamba katika mishahara wewe ukiangalia kabisa Rais ule mishahara ambao anaupata, ukimwangalia na Mbunge wa Kitaifa hawakuachana mbali. Tukirudi hapa kwa ugatuzi, Gavana anapata hizo pesa ambazo anazipata ukilinganisha na zile ambazo MCA anapata elfu 86 na yule anapata 700 Gavana, ni wapi na wapi jamani?

Tumeonewa sisi kama Wabunge wa Kaunti kwa hayo hata saa hii ni tufunge tuende nyumbani mpaka wakati kitakapoeleweka. Ama kitawaramba wakifanya mchezo.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Kama Shakahola sio? Hon. Hinzano.

(Laughter)

Hon. Hinzano: Asante sana, mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kunipatia fursa na nafasi kuweza kujadili juu ya kufungwa kwa Bunge hili na ninaunga mkono lifungwe mara moja. Naunga mkono lifungwe kwa sababu zifwatazo.

Ni madharau makubwa sana kwa sababu tumechaguliwa viongozi sita kwa siku moja lakini kuna hawa viongozi watano ambao wanaonekana ni wa muhimu kuliko yule ambaye anakaa na wananchi pale mashinani. Imekuwa sasa, MCA ndiye kama ATM (*Automatic Teller Machine*) ya mwananchi pale chini. Mazishi ni yeye, harusi ni yeye, mtu ameumia ni yeye, mtu anaenda kufungwa jela anaenda kumtoa yeye, kila kitu anapatiwa yeye pale asubuhi. Mtoto anaenda shule ni yeye lakini anaambiwa kwamba huyo kwa saa hii hana thamani lakini

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ukiangalia kwa makini hata hao viongozi watano kama si yule MCA hawangeweza kupata kura za wananchi pale chini.

Anakuwa anadhalilishwa kiasi ambacho anaonekana kama sio mtu wa thamani katika uongozi katika hii Jamhuri ya Kenya; ni huzuni kubwa sana. Ukiangalia kwa makini, MCA ana ahadi ambazo anawawekea wale wananchi lakini hana mfuko wa moja kwa moja ambao anaweza akatekeleza yale ambayo amewaahidi. Ni sawa sawa na kusubiri mvua inyeshe ilhali hakuna mawingu ambayo yametanda; ni aibu kubwa sana.

Ukiangalia kwa makini, tunakuja hapa Bungeni tunapitisha Mawaziri. Waziri analipwa zaidi ya laki nne, *Chief Officer* zaidi ya laki nne. Mimi ambaye ninampitisha hapa kwa hiyo nafasi apate hiyo kazi nalipwa elifu 86. Ni madharau mangapi haya? Ni huzuni kubwa sana, kiasi cha kwamba hata neno mheshimiwa pale mashinani ukiiitwa mheshimiwa ni uwe una hudumia wananchi vizuri kwa sababu una uwezo wa kuwasaidia. Imegeuka ni jina tu ndio limebaki, lakini maisha yake ni ya kudhalilishwa. Na anaisha katika hii Jamhuri yetu ya Kenya na amechaguliwa siku moja na hao viongozi wengine wote watano yeye akiwa wa sita pale chini.

Hii tume ya mishahara, ingevunjwa mara moja kwa sababu inaonyesha kwamba ina ubaguzi na haifahamu kinachokitenda. Kama ingelikuwa inafahamu, ingeweza kumpatia mishahara mkubwa yule MCA hata kuliko yule rais. Hakuna mwananchi ambaye anakutana na Rais kila wakati hapa, hakuna mwananchi ambaye anakutana na Gavana kila wakati, wala mbunge kila wakati. Lakini mwananchi anakutana na MCA kila siku; kila asubuhi, mchana na jioni. Lakini huyo ndiye ambaye anaonekana kama ambaye hana umuhimu wowote katika Jamhuri hii yetu ya Kenya.

Ni huzuni kubwa sana na ninawaomba nyote tuunge mkono tufunge Bunge hili mpaka pale ambapo masilahi yetu yatatekelezwa kwa uangalifu ili tuweze kuishi kama wao pia. Ni aibu sana. Nimekutana na waheshimiwa wengine hivi majuzi ambao walitoka katika Bunge hili, ni aibu wanaomba hata pesa ya kadi ya shilingi hamsini na walikuwa wakiwakilisha wananchi hapa.

Mbunge ambaye ametoka yeye, yuko na rasilimali zake, yuko na uwezo, anaishi vizuri na familia na ni kama ambaye yeye hajatolewa katika uongozi. MCA anakuwa ana ombaomba mtaani, ni huzuni kubwa sana na ninaunga mkono asilimia mia moja tufunge hili Bunge na hiyo tume kama haitatekeleza haya ambayo tunayaongea hapa, pia ivunjwe waende nyumbani wakapumzike. Wakenya ni wengi ambao wanajali masilahi ya wananchi katika Jamhuri yetu ya Kenya. Asante sana.

Hon. Brown: Asante sana, mheshimiwa Spika kwa fursa hii tena ya mchana wa leo kwamba ni wakati umefika na saa imewadia kulifunga hili Bunge. Tunatangaza njaa, janga la njaa limeingia katika *Assembly* zetu. Kule mashinani mheshimiwa amekuwa ni yeye tu na masuti yake akiwa na gari kubwa ambalo alipatiwa kwa mkopo lakini akiguswa kitu ni sina. Hili janga la njaa kulisimamisha na kuinua wananchi wetu ni watu hawa wanasimamaia mishahara waliangalie hili swala kwa makini.

Jambo la pili, ni kudhalilishwa na kutoheshimika ambako kunaleta mambo kama haya. Ungekuwa sana katika mstari wa mbele kutupigania kwa sababu wewe mwenyewe umekuwa mbunge tena si mara moja; mbunge wa Kitaifa saa hii unasimamia Bunge hili la Kaunti. Ikiwa watu wako wanadhalilishwa kama hivi basi hii ni aibu. Hii ndio fursa mwananchi akapata kutumikiwa vyema kwa sababu tumekuwa siku nyingi tumekosa *quorum* sababu waheshimiwa wanashindwa na mafuta na lazima ufike.

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Ninaunga mkono Hoja hii na la mwisho ni kwamba mtu anayeitwa Mwakilishi wa Wadi ni kama daktari mkubwa anatibu magonjwa yote. Rais wetu yuko kule juu lakini sisi tuko huku nyanjani tunatibu kila siku. Juzi nilikuwa nyumbani, mama amekuja usiku saa nane anasema nataka mfuko wa unga bwanangu ameenda na hajarudi watoto wanalia. Ni jambo la kuhuzunisha ikiwa tutakuwa tunadhilishwa namna hii. Nashukuru muungano huu na naomba uzidi kuendelea kwa sababu watu wanasema kilio na mwenyewe. Asante.

Hon. Rashid: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion. It is high time Kenyans should understand that we are in another regime. The time of being a councilor is past; the current leaders in the wards are MCAs. Why am I saying this? This is because the majority of the MCAs are learned. We went to school like Senators and Members of National Assembly. Some of us are more qualified compared to those in the National Assembly. It has to be very clear that as Members of the County Assemblies, we have our own responsibilities. It is a shame if a Member of the County Assembly cannot facilitate education for his or her child due to financial constraints.

It is a shame for us to start begging for salary increment because somebody somewhere does not recognize us. It has to be very clear we have what it takes. We qualify and the type of work we are doing is more difficult than what they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, for a Member of the County Assembly to perform our duties properly as representation, oversight, and legislation as what we are doing, we ought not to be parasites. Why am I saying this? If we cannot afford to take care of ourselves and our families, we are going to have problems implementing our duties and that is when you will hear MCAs are bought, issues of *mlungula*. If MCAs are supposed to get what we are supposed to get, we will do our work perfectly. It is high time our issues are considered, and we are given what we are supposed to be given and be accorded the respect like any other legislator.

Mr. Speaker, you will agree with me that MCAs are the ones doing the most difficult jobs. We are on the ground 24 hours a day while MPs come to their home areas on weekends. As for Senators and Women Representatives, we do not know when we see them on the ground. Two to three years can pass before you see the President. It is high time our demands need to be taken care of. I support that we close our Assembly until they think otherwise. If they think they can do without the Assembly, let us go home until they decide on our grievances. I want to assure Members, if we go home we are going to paralyze every function in this country and we shall see if they can work without a budget. Nothing is going to take place. I finish by saying we do not want to be in a parasitic relationship. Thank you.

Hon. Kubo: Asante sana, mheshimiwa Spika, kwa nafasi hii. Naunga mkono Hoja hii nikijua kwamba sisi waheshimiwa tunapata shida. Ukiangalia mshahara na yale mambo tunafanya mashinani, hayalingani. Naunga mkono na naomba tusirudi nyuma kama vile tumepanga. Asanteni.

Hon. Paul: Asante sana, mheshimiwa Spika, kwa nafasi hii. Naunga mkono kwa sababu masilahi ya mheshimiwa lazima yaangaliwe vizuri. Pale mahali natoka mimi na kile kishahara ambacho Napata hakitoshi kabisa. Utapata ya kwamba majukumu yote katika Wadi lazima uyatekeleze. Uhakikishe ya kwamba unafanya kazi kwa usawa, unatembea kila mahali kuangalia huduma imefika ili kuwawakilisha vyema hapa Bunge la Kaunti. Shida ni kwamba kila wiki waheshimiwa mtakubaliana na mimi wananchi wanatufuata asubuhi, mchana, jioni na hata usiku na matatizo yao.

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Kama ni mambo ya majanga, mheshimiwa lazima atoe pesa, mambo ya vijana michezo, mazishi na ukiangalia zile pesa unazozitumia kwa juma moja, hazitoshi kabisa. Nataka niunge mkono kwa dhati kabisa ya kwamba hili Bunge lifungwe na twende mpaka maslahi yetu yatakapoangaliwa vizuri ili tuweze kuwahudumia watu waliotuchagua ikiwa tuna uwezo wa kutembea kila mahali kwa Wadi. Nataka nikomee hapo nikisema ya kwamba hili jambo tuliunge mkono sote na tuhakikishe ya kwamba Bunge hili tumelifunga mpaka maslahi ya waheshimiwa yaangaliwe. Asanteni sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Member for Dabaso Ward.

Hon. Changawa: Thank you Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): People call it the first ward, is it the first ward?

Hon. Changawa: Not the first ward but Dabaso Ward.

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire) People are saying it is the royal ward, where the Governor comes from. Proceed.

Hon.Changawa: Of course yes and Dabaso comes from the Cushites; so it is a great stone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They say every man for himself and God for all. It is now the Third Assembly since devolution came in. The issues that MCAs are now fighting for have not having been considered since then. That means, it is us as MCAs to fight for what is ours because if we wait for other people to do it for us, it will never happen.

It is said that the County Assembly is a replica of the National Assembly and that is why the role of the MP is to oversight where the MCAs do, it is to legislate where we do so; it is to represent where we do represent but when it comes to issues of our benefits it seems as if the programme of replication is scrapped out. For example, the plenary sittings; I was in the Second Assembly where after the general elections in 2017 when we were sworn in, plenary payments had been scrapped from both sides, that is the County Assemblies and the National Assembly but after a few months they were reinstated for both assemblies.

For this Third Assembly, it looks as if there is somebody selfish somewhere in that the plenary sittings payment had been scrapped out but now our big brothers' reinstatement of the plenary sittings was done but to us, nothing has been done. That means there is somebody selfish somewhere.

Again, the County Assembly is a replica of the National Assembly. We know the MPs have CDF (Constituency Development Fund), and there is the NGAAF (National Government Affirmative Action Fund) but to the County Assemblies no Ward Fund. It is high time that we demand this. That is why we want to indefinitely adjourn this House. Therefore, I stand in support of the Motion. Thank you.

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

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to respond. First and foremost, I would want to thank all the hon. Members for their contributions and standing in solidarity with other assemblies for indefinite adjournment of our Assembly. A lot has been said with a lot of pain. We all agreed that whatever the MCAs are getting in terms of salaries, to be honest, is a disgrace to us and to our people. It is so unfortunate that it had to go this way for our people to even understand the frustrations that we are going through. I don't know if here in Kilifi any Members are suffering from depression, but I sit in the National

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Committee as the Deputy Organizing Secretary, and we have several hon. Members who are under counseling and treatment for depression because of what they are going through.

I happened to be in the Second Assembly where my pay slip was reading Kshs144, 000. Today, I am back here with more responsibilities and a lot of expectations from my people with a cheque pay of Kshs86, 000. We understand our people; the economy is bad and we as their leaders have nowhere else to go apart from coming to us with all kinds of cries. It is just the other day when a young man came home looking for *mheshimiwa* and when I went out the young man said *mheshimiwa*, I want to get married; I want you to pay my dowry. This is a voter; I could not chase him away. We had to sit down, discuss and come to an agreement. You can imagine what other kinds of requests we get from our people. We cannot blame them. We are their leaders, they chose us to represent them and for them coming to demand and asking for support is the reason why they brought me to this House.

This name honourable has cost us so much. We drive cars that we were given through loans that we are repaying for the next five years. They see you with a Ford Ranger like the one I am driving, they know I have money and you cannot say you don't have. We as hon. Members are saying enough is enough! We want to serve our people. The little that we get we want to feel comfortable as we support our families and also support the people who brought us to this House.

It is very shameful for SRC to go against the Labour Laws. My last cheque was Kshs144, 000 and this term I am being paid Kshs86, 000. I was expecting more than what I was being given in the last Assembly.

Plenary sittings have also been removed. The kind of car that I am driving from Mariakani to here, if I have not fueled Kshs5, 000 I cannot come to this Assembly and go back to Mariakani. That means I must have Kshs15, 000 each week for fuel alone. We are suffering. MCAs deserve better! We have direct contact with Wanjiku, Hawe Kadzo, Kazungu, Kahindi, Kalume, Musyoki and everyone down there. All those other elected leaders have no direct contact with *mwananchi* but we see them every minute when we are home and not in this Assembly. Sometimes, I even wish that we should be coming here from Monday to Friday so that they will not see me at home and they will not come and find me in the office.

It is shameful that every time someone wants support, you always say you don't have and when you have while you only have for one person yet they have come 15 or 20 and all of them looking for help from you. Some of us were born givers. I will not shy away from saying I never knew how to do M-Shwari. I knew it when I became a hon. Member, because some of these people back at home do not understand when you say you do not have. They expect you to give. What do you do? You go to M-Shwari and get some money and sort out that problem.

Hon. Speaker and this House, I want our people to know we are not fighting this war for us. We are fighting this war for them because we want to serve them better. We cannot serve them better with empty pockets; they will come and go crying saying we do not want to give.

I hope we are on HANSARD, and we are live. I want to tell the people of Kilifi that we are not doing this for ourselves. We are doing this because we want to serve you better. If you cannot reach the MP and the Governor, I want you to come to me so that you can be able to solve your problem. I cannot solve your problem with a pay slip of Kshs86, 000. It is shameful that some of your hon. Members here there is one who shared with me his pay slip. He goes home with Kshs10, 000 in this House together. You can imagine what will Kshs10, 000 do if it cannot even help him to solve his own problems back at home. MCAs deserve better. Enough is

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enough! We had representations from CAF. We have seen CAF has never been there for us. AMCA is there. Hon. Members, I want you to give us your full support and we promise you that we will never let you down. MCAs deserve better. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Hon. Members, with that resolution, the House stands adjourned until further notice. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:49 p.m.

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