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Malindi Town, at 9:30 a.m.*

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

**PRAYER**

**PAPER LAID**

KILIFI COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRES BILL, 2024

**Hon. Mbura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to lay the following paper on the Table: -  
The Report of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the  
Kilifi County Agricultural Training Centres Bill, 2024.

*(Hon. Mbura laid the document on the Table)*

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**MOTION**

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020 AND 2021

**Hon. Thaura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. On behalf of PIAC (Public Investments and Accounts) Committee, I beg to move the following Motion: -

THAT, this House adopts on the Report of the Kilifi County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the Consideration of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the County Emergency Fund for the Financial Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 2021 laid on the Table of this House on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Mr. Speaker, we did our due diligence as a committee. We had time to look at the Report and it is very evident that we do not have issues with the Report that was brought before the Committee. The only issue that we had was the late submission of important documents to the Auditor General's office. All the queries that emanated from the Report were due to late submission of important documents, but as I stand here, all the issues that emanated from the Report have been resolved. What I can pray for is that the departments make sure they submit the Reports in good time. I believe had they given the documents in good time, I do not think we would have had any issues whatsoever.

I believe the emergency fund is a very important fund which was established to make sure we handle disasters like the time we had COVID-19 and now that we have been having issues with floods. We believe with good management and good reports with the Auditor General, we will be home and dry, Mr. Speaker. I believe every Member has the Report on their tablets; they have got time to go through the Report and they will agree with me that all the issues that had emanated from the previous Report by the Auditor General have actually been resolved. Before I sit down, may I call upon hon. Mohamed to second. Thank you.

**Hon. Mohamed:** I stand to second, Mr. Speaker.

*(Question Proposed)*

**Hon. Mohamed:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to stand before this honourable House to support the Motion that has been moved. Being a Member of the PIAC Committee and the Vice-Chairperson, we went through the Auditor General's Report as the Chairperson has highlighted. An audit is a process which most of the issues that were raised in this Report were that the Department did not take the process seriously; they did not answer most of these issues which could have been sorted at the office during the audit process that is why some of these issues emerged at the level of queries.

I hereby support the Committee's recommendations that at any given point when the Auditors are in their offices, may these processes be taken seriously and most of these issues are sorted out during that time. It will be easy, and it will also give the seriousness it deserves so that issues or the opinions of the Auditors are based on facts under the findings of the process. So, I stand to support the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, hon. Members, we have been notified that the Report can be accessed in our systems. So, should any Member have a problem, then the Sergeants can assist us in accessing the same.

**Hon. Munyoki:** Thank you for this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also stand to support the Report. I think what we can urge is for our fellow officers at the Executive to get to work as a team and be able to submit these Reports on time. We have had the same cases of receiving Reports very late as in other Committees from the Executive. So, there seems to be a lack of commitment, or I do not know which word I should use, maybe most of the officers are not aware of when most of these Reports are supposed to be submitted if we get to such cases where we get queries from the Auditor General just a simple matter of not submitting the correct Reports. Same cases from our side, we have cases whereby Reports or Responses are submitted without being well-researched with proper information.

So, there seems to be a lack of seriousness on the side of the Executive which maybe we need to have a proper sitting with the CECM, they get to commit and push their officers to consider matters of audit and Reports submitted to this honourable House to be properly well-researched and have the correct Responses. With those few remarks, I beg to support it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Ngirani:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand in support of the job well done by the PIAC Committee laid by hon. Thaura with a few reservations.

Number one; I went through the Auditor's Report for this Emergency Fund ending June 2020/2021 and from the Auditor's Report, there was an over-expenditure of about Ksh11 million that was not approved by the County Assembly then. The Auditor General specifically said that was a breach of the law. From the Committee's Report on page two of the management response, the Committee said that the anomaly in the statement of the financial position has since been corrected. The Committee went further and said we see the financial statement for the Financial Year 2020/2021 in comparative column appendix one.

Again, we are not availed with the Report there is no attachment to that statement where we can see appendix one of this Report. So, maybe the Committee can tell us where appendix one is so that we can see how this over-expenditure of Kshs11 million was corrected. Regarding this anomaly, I do not know whether the Department corrected this with the approval, again, of the Auditor General.

Generally, this Report was short but there was a breach of the law; there was no approval by the County Assembly then of this over-spending. So, maybe I ask the Committee to clarify and give us the financial statement for the Financial Year 2020/2021 so that it can be attached to this Report, and we see how this anomaly was corrected. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Thank you. I do not see any request so, I would like to commit the Mover who is consulting with the Clerks and thereafter to reply to this. Hon. Thaura, it is your turn to respond.

**Hon. Thaura:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to give my submission after all the Members have contributed.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There is no request from any Member, so it is your turn to reply now. There is an issue that has been raised by hon. Benson (Ngirani) about appendix one missing from the Report, so the House is waiting to hear from you.

**Hon. Thaura:** I was still consulting with my Clerks, so I was giving an opportunity to other Members to debate.

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**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Yes, but when they have nothing to contribute, then maybe you can appoint Members from your Committee to help you out.

**Hon. Thaura:** So, Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. Member can go through the Report, all the other submissions have been highlighted in the Report but just to give a direct answer, the Auditor General pronounced that the issue had been resolved. So, I think...

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Several Hon. Members stood on Points of Orders)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There are several interjections, one from hon. Martha Koki.

**Hon. (Ms.) Koki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to interject. Unfortunately, we are discussing a Report that has just been put on our tabs. Tabs that we have not been taken through; some of us do not even understand where the Report is, and we were to be taken for induction on the same and how are we supposed to discuss a Report that is just on the tab and be sure that we are giving proper information to the people that we are representing in this House? As to what hon. Ngirani had said, that if an index is missing and information is missing, how are we going to discuss a Report which is not full?

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg the honourable Chairperson of this Committee to give us the direction of the Kshs11 million and he should not get clarification from the Clerk-at-the-Table. He is the Chairperson; he must have this information. That is why we elected him as the Chairperson of this Committee. Why should he come here and move around to get clarification from the Clerk? Just give us the answer of Kshs11 million, period. Do you have any information concerning that?

*(Laughter)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Thank you, your honour. Let us hear from hon. Brown Safari.

**Hon. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity. It is sad in the Chamber that we discuss issues and Members are not aware. I am just supporting my colleagues that it is good that things like these, you are given early information before we come to the House and if it is so, I think we need to do something in this Report. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Hon. Mwambire (Mohamed).

**Hon. Mohamed:** Mr. Speaker, I would wish to take the Hon. Members in this House on how the PIAC Committee works. The Committee receives the Auditor General's Report from this House. It is committed to the Committee. The Committee writes to the respective Department to make a written submission regarding the issues that have been raised by the Auditor. The Committee then meets with the Department, has a discussion and all matters that have risen normally are submitted to the Committee through a written submission.

The question here of Kshs11 million was noted. It is a query that has been questioned by the Auditor General. It was submitted in writing through the Committee and these documents are within the Parliament. They can be verified through the Committee Clerk and can be submitted to this House. I said here clearly that the main issue is that the audit process is not being taken

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seriously during the audit process. What we are saying is that the Kshs11 million audit query that Members are questioning here has been submitted. I am the Vice-Chairperson, yes, I am the one on the Floor please, Mr. Speaker...

*(Hon. Members spoke off record)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): He is standing on a Point of Order, so let us give him time to finish before we interject.

**Hon. Mohamed:** Yes, because we might raise issues which are not there, Mr. Speaker. That is why I am saying the query was answered and the Auditor General, because we normally take the query together with the Auditor General. The Committee normally asks the Auditor General as per the submission that has been given by the Department, whether the query has been substantively answered or not and, in this question, the Auditor has said it has been answered well only that an Audit Report cannot be corrected during a Committee Report.

It is only corrected in the subsequent year when the Auditor comes back in the office, and it is corrected in a general entry. For this, I stand to say the query was answered and the written submission has been submitted to the Committee and the Committee Clerks can avail those Reports for the Members to see. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, a question to you Hon. Mohammed; is there a reference to that?

**Hon. Mohamed:** Yes, as it has been indicated that there is an index one which was attached to the Committee during the submission which was done.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): The reference is in index one which is missing in the Report.

**Hon. Mohamed:** It is not attached to the Report of the Committee that has been submitted to the House, but it was submitted to the Committee during Committee deliberations with the Department.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, there is a question that is following you, Hon. Mohamed.

**Hon. Mohamed:** What I can say is the Clerk of the PIAC Committee can avail the documents when required by the House.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Now, let us get another intervention from Hon. Twaher.

**Hon. Twaher:** Thank you. Mr. Speaker, we seek guidance from you. Since I sit in the PIAC Committee and the Chairperson is moving a Motion with an incomplete document, we bear witness when the index is missing in this document and the evidence. When you say this matter was cured by the Auditor General, we are supposed to attach the evidence to this Honourable House and equip each Member to understand what is being discussed in this Committee. So, Mr. Speaker, we seek direction from you. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, let us hear from Hon. Mumba.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. Mumba): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think this is a Motion and in a procedure of a Motion, it is either you reject or support. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, last on the list of interjections is Hon. (Ms.) Mariam Mkumbi.

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**Hon. (Ms.) Mariam:** Asante sana, Bw. Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii. Nasimama kupinga Ripoti hii kwa sababu zifuatazo. Kwanza, Ripoti inatakikana ikija hapa na kama Kamati inavyosema kupitia kwa Mwenyekiti kwamba walipatiwa kila kitu kutoka *Executive*. Sioni sababu ya hii Ripoti kuletwa nusu eti mpaka tuulize.

*(Applause)*

Nafikiri Kamati yoyote ikikaa na kama inaleta Ripoti ihakikishe kama ni *proof* ama ushahidi uko pale, ndio tuweze kukubali Ripoti hiyo. Kivyangu mimi, Bw. Spika, sioni haja tuzungumzie Ripoti nusu nusu. Swala la fedha za umma hatuwezi kucheza na swala kama hili kwa sababu shilingi milioni kumi na moja nikiziangalia ni pesa nyingi ambazo zingekuwa zaweza kutumika na kufanya jambo. Na kufikia sasa, kama hakuna ushahidi wa kuwa hizi pesa zilitumika vipi na wanatwambia kuwa *Auditor General* ali *approve* na hatuoni ushahidi tutakubalianaje na swala kama hili. Bw. Spika, ijapo kuwa Kamati imefanya kazi nzuri lakini kuna dosari kidogo katika hii Ripoti; ni kama iko nusu na sisi hatutachukua vile ilivyo. Asante, Bw. Spika.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, hon. Members, serious issues have been raised about this Motion and we feel that we cannot continue but procedurally we must adjourn this Motion. We need a member who will come up with this Adjournment Motion so that the Committee can go back and return this Report when it is complete. Put your request Hon. Ibrahim.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): I have already put in my request, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Not yet.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): Check, I have put my request.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Proceed.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): Mr. Speaker, I just need a clarification from you as the Speaker of this Hon. House. Under which Standing Order are you adjourning this Motion and do not get clarification from the Clerk because you have the Standing Orders there? Just read for us.

*(Laughter)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Okay, take your seat.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): No, let me finish, Mr. Speaker, under which Standing Order are you adjourning this Motion, please?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Okay, let us hear from hon. Ngirani.

## MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

### ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE UNDER STANDING ORDER 93

**Hon. Ngirani:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under Standing Order 93 on Adjournment of a debate, I beg to move that the debate on the Motion be now adjourned until further notice and when all documents are availed and approved by every Member of this House under Standing Order 93. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Okay, we need someone to second this matter but before the Seconder comes in, thank you hon. Ngirani for coming to my rescue.

**Hon. Ngirani:** Mr. Speaker, I call upon hon. Brown to second.

**Hon. Brown:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to second the adjournment of this Motion so that we can get clarification and all other documents. Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **BILL**

### THE KILIFI COUNTY AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTRES BILL, 2024

#### *Second Reading*

**Hon. Mbura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity again. I beg to move that the Kilifi County Agricultural Training Centres Bill, 2024 be now read a Second Time. Before I call hon. Mohamed to second, I wish to make the following submissions regarding the Bill.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the establishment of the Agricultural Training Centres (ATCs) within the county to ensure the provision of subutilized and quality agricultural training to the value chain factors to improve food security and standards of living. The Bill seeks to establish and operationalize various Agricultural Training Centres within our county.

Mr. Speaker, currently, we only have one ATC in our county and this Training Centre has not been given the autonomy to operate or manage itself. This Bill tries to give autonomy to the existing ATC and again gives opportunities for the establishment of additional ATCs. The ATCs will provide the skills to the farmers within the county and to an extent, give services to the farmers. This Bill...

*(Hon. Ibrahim stood on a Point of Order)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Hon. Ibrahim, so you are standing on which Point of Order?

*(Laughter)*

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): Mr. Speaker, I am not standing on a Point of Order. I am standing on a Point of Information, Mr. Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): To the Speaker or the hon. Member on the Floor?

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): To the Member on the Floor.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, hon. Mbura, do you wish to be informed?

**Hon. Mbura:** Yes.

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**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): Hon. Mbura, can you speak louder and in good English so that I can understand? That's all Mr. Speaker, Sir, I need to understand.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Mbura:** Is that information?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): That is okay, hon. Ibrahim. He has heard you and let us give him time.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): It is my right as an hon. Member to understand whatever he is saying.

**Hon. Mbura:** Mr. Speaker, I think that is not a Point of Information. Let him put it in another way but not a Point of Information.

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ibrahim): It is not you to say that. It is the Speaker.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Okay, hon. Mbura, you can proceed and try to be louder so that hon. Ibrahim can understand.

**Hon. Mbura:** May I take it back so that hon. Members can hear and understand. Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the establishment of the Kilifi County Agricultural Training Centres to ensure the provision of specialized and quality agricultural training to the agricultural value chain factors to improve food security and standards of living.

As I have said, Mr. Speaker, the Bill seeks to establish these ACTs within Kilifi County and currently, we only have one Agricultural Training Centre situated in Mtwapa which is in Kilifi South. This existing one does not have the autonomy to manage itself. We still rely on the funds from the Executive; that is we want to give it autonomy so that it can generate even more revenue for the County Government and again, operate some of the income-generating activities within the centre.

Again, it can be able to provide the necessary knowledge and skills to the farmers within the county. I, therefore, say that this facility is very important within our county to give extension services and agricultural technologies to our farmers. This Bill has also been taken to the public for their contributions, views and recommendations were taken. This Bill is now here for the House to debate and approve. Without much submission, I want to give an opportunity to the seconder to second. I call upon hon. Mohamed to second.

*(Hon. Mohamed seconded)*

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Twaher:** Thank you, for this opportunity. I am a Member of the Agriculture Committee and I stand to support the Motion. The ATCs are important institutions and if we pass this Bill, we will be revamping the institutions; the existing ones and the ones that the county is planning to start. These are more like colleges of agricultural training in the county. I stand to support it. Thank you.

**Hon. Kubo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir for this opportunity. Being a Member of the Agriculture Committee...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There is an intervention from Hon. (Ms.) Mapenzi.

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**Hon. (Ms.) Mapenzi:** I just want to be informed by you, Mr. Speaker, this is a Bill, and it is here for a Second Reading, isn't it? Should we discuss it, or it should go to the Committee of the Whole House? I am lost, please clarify for me.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): We are supposed to give our contributions.

**Hon. Kubo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir for this opportunity. Being a Member of the Agriculture Committee and bearing in mind that in Kilifi County we have hunger in our areas and these training centres will assist our farmers to understand the farming system. I stand to support this Bill.

**Hon. Ngirani:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The management of this Assembly should take the initiative of taking Members of this House through induction on the Bill process. There is a lot of confusion on how we are supposed to carry out the Bill from the First Reading to the Third Reading; it is important we get 10 days of induction so that we can understand how to process a Bill and how to contribute to it until it is taken through all the stages...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): I want to ask you; do you doubt the capacity of this Assembly on this matter?

**Hon. Ngirani:** Mr. Speaker, we were not taken through the Bills processes, and it is our right to be taken through it. I do not doubt, but I am saying that we were not taken through the process and that is why it is giving a challenge to Members, so it is just advice.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There is an interjection from hon. Twaher.

**Hon. Twaher:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. We have passed several Bills in this House, so you should not stand in this House and misinform the Members of the public that we do not know what we are doing here. We have passed a lot of Motions and Bills in this House, so I wish hon. Ngirani to withdraw what he just said.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Hon. Ngirani, it is a serious matter that has been raised from your statement, so I wish that you withdraw that statement.

**Hon. Ngirani:** Mr. Speaker, before I withdraw, I can say something.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): You can begin by withdrawing and then continue.

**Hon. Ngirani:** It is okay, Mr. Speaker, let me withdraw that but for sure we have had trouble, especially during the Whole House debate...

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There is an interjection from hon. Mohamed.

**Hon. Mohamed:** I would wish to seek guidance on how Committees work because these are Reports that have been tabled by a committee and it is in this House that every Member has been given a Committee to work. It is us as Members to entrust the Committee Members on what kind of Reports they bring to the House as it is, now please guide us because you are setting bad precedence where it is for the Whole House to get all that is supposed to be done by the Committee.

What Hon. Ngirani is saying is that he is not aware of what is happening here; Mr. Speaker, is misinforming the public. This House has passed several Bills, we know how the procedure goes, we know when it is a Second Reading, it is a debate, and it is a Committee Report that is debated in this House.

If somebody is sleeping when a Member is moving a Motion, then he cannot just stand and say he cannot understand what is happening. Let hon. Ngirani withdraw that statement for the sake of the public to know that the Members of this House know what they are doing. He has brought Bills in Waste Management and we have passed them. Why did we pass the Bills if we did not know what we are doing here? This is misinforming the public. Please give us guidance

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because I have the matter raised by you in the PIAC Committee but what I want to raise here is that this House gave us a mandate as PIAC Committee. Do you mean all the volumes of evidence we are getting should be brought here ...

*(Loud consultations)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): I think, I rested this matter, I asked hon. Benson (Ngirani) to withdraw, and he has withdrawn. So, let us continue.

**Hon. Ngirani:** So, I continue Mr. Speaker?

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Yes.

**Hon. Ngirani:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, we cannot be debating a Bill then we reverse back and talk of a Motion that we have already covered. I think that is why I am saying we should be taken on an induction on this matter.

*(Laughter)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Please, take up your seat. We have given you the privilege to contribute to this Motion, but you are derailing the Motion and bringing us to other issues. Let us hear from hon. Agnes Sidi.

**Hon. (Ms.) Sidi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to agree with the Motion that is with us. Currently, people must go to Mtwapa to get seedlings. If this is going to be in every sub-county, I want to say to the Committee that this is good work and it will bring employment to the people in those sub-counties. I rise to support this Motion and pray that it will be put in the budget as soon as possible so that in these five years we can see the fruits of this Bill. Thank you.

**Hon. Juma:** Asante, Bw. Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi na mimi nichangie. Kwa kweli, sisi sasa tutakuwa tunaendelea sawa sawa na ugatuzi. Ugatuzi unaweza kuleta huduma mashinani. Kwa hivyo, hizi taasisi zikiweza kuwezesha itakuwa ziko karibu na mwananchi ikizingatiwa kwamba nchi nyetu ya Kenya kilimo na ufugaji ndio zinaweza kufanya vizuri zaidi. Kwa hivyo, jamii itakuwa iko karibu na wale maofisaa, kama kuna jambo lolote wako karibu pale, hawawezi kutoka Magarini kuelekea sehemu za Kilifi Kusini kutafuta huduma. Mambo ya lishe yatakuwa sawa. Kwa hivyo, nasimama kuunga mkono asilimia 100 ili watu wetu wasaidike. Asante.

**Hon. Thaura:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is so unfortunate today that there is a lot of push and pull but that is healthy for this House at times. I have had time to listen to the Chairperson of Agriculture, a Member who I admire in the way he transacts business in this House and I think that is the reason he was given a second chance in Chasimba. I also appreciate the good work that the Committee has done. I stand in support of this Report. Thank you.

**Hon. Mohamed:** Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of the Report that this House adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture regarding the ATC institutions. I wish this House would approve the Bill so that the county can get these institutions. It is very vital for each sub-county to at least have one institution that will equip our people with the agricultural skills better on how to grow food in this county. I stand to support the Bill.

**Hon. (Ms.) Faith:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do support the work done by the Committee. If we have ATCs in all sub-counties in Kilifi County, it will mean truly the devolved departments have reached our sub-counties and even it will ease the work for agriculture. Coming from Ganze, one of the driest places, I believe it will be a source of investment for the

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Ganze people. Also, from the Report, I have read that there are sub-counties that do not have the acreage to set up ATCs; it is a kind request that maybe the concerned will fast-track the acquiring of the acreage so that these ATCs may be formed for the betterment of our people so that we can secure and more especially most sub-counties which they are running on drought and hunger basis. I believe after setting the ATCs, life will be good. I am in total support of this, and God bless the Committee which did this work. Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) Koki:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Bill in regard to having ATCs in all the seven sub-counties. As we know, agribusiness is the next big thing and most of our youth, women and people living with disability have engaged themselves in agribusiness. With the ATCs in all the sub-counties, this means that people will be conducting agricultural activities in a more professional way that will lead to kicking hunger out of Kilifi and be able to have enough food for our people and even sell to our neighbouring counties. I stand to support and already in Kaloleni Sub-County where I come from and in Mariakani Ward we have the space, so we welcome this ATC in Mariakani Ward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ibrahim):** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support this Bill and I really want to congratulate the hon. Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee. He is hard working and I admire him. The advice I can give the Chairperson... Please, Chairperson, listen to me, he can read the Standing Orders of this House and it allows you to speak in two languages either Kiswahili or English. Next time, once he tables Bills, he can use Kiswahili so that I can understand him well. Thank you.

**Hon. Brown:** Asante, Bw. Spika, kwa fursa hii ambayo umenipatia kwa ajili ya Mjadala ama *Bill* ambayo iko mbele yetu ambayo ni *Bill* ya manufaa sana. Wacha nitumie Kiswahili maana nasikia *Majority* pia anasisitiza lugha sanifu ya Kiswahili iwe itatumika kwa ajili ya manufaa si ya Bunge lakini ni manufaa ya wana Kilifi wote.

Mjadala ambao uko mbele yetu, waheshimiwa, ni mjadala ambao una manufaa sana. Si kwa jamii peke yake lakini hata katika vizazi ambavyo vinaingia wakati huu itakuwa itatusaidia sana kupata mafunzo ya ukulima. Wengi wetu hatuna mashamba, lakini vile vishamba vidogo ambavyo tuko navyo kukiwa na mafunzo mazuri kama vile ambavyo vitakuwa kuna mpangilio. Wengi watakuwa wanaweza kuzalisha hata mboga wenyewe pasipokuwa na mambo mengi. Kitu kingine chochote ambacho kitakuwa wana uzoefu mzuri sana.

Nimeunga mkono tena kwa mara ya pili kwa sababu ina wiana na mfumo wa elimu ambao tuko nao kwa saa hii ambao katika lugha ya kimombo ningetumia CBC (*Competency Based Curriculum*), ambalo hilo ni jambo la kuwa sisi tutakuwa tuna wiana na yale mambo ambayo yako kule kwa sababu mara yingi kazi za mikono ndio hufaidisha sana mtu mwenyewe binafsi. Kwa hivyo, nimesema kwamba nawapongeza na pia nampa kongole Mwenyekiti kwa kuja na mjadala huu na kuifanya kuwa iwe ni huduma ya lazima watu wawe watawezesha katika kila *sub-county* watu wawe watakuwa na sehemu za kufanyia mambo haya. Kama vile umesikia sisi Kilifi *South* kule tuko na ile sehemu yetu ambayo mambo ya kilimo ndio *headquarter* katika Kilifi nzima.

Sasa tukiwa tutakuwa tumeenda katika gatuzi na kila mmoja ana nafasi sehemu tofauti tofauti ya kufanya mambo ya ukulima, ya kufanya mafundisho ya ukulima, ya kufanya jinsi taratibu nyingi itaongeza huduma nyingi za kazi, za kujiajiri wenyewe na pia kazi nyingi zitatokea katika hizo sehemu.

Kwa hivyo, Bw. Spika, hii ni Hoja nzuri na ni yenye kufwatiliwa na ni hakika tuiptishe na tuiangazie zaidi na tutie pesa zaidi ili tuweze kupata mazao. Tukiangalia hata Biblia matajiri

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wakubwa sana walikuwa ni wakulima. Hakukuwa na magari, hakukuwa na nini lakini ukulima ndio ambao unasaidia. Tukiangalia hata Quran hivyo hivyo inataja kwamba ukulima ndio uti wa mgongo katika enzi za kitambo. Kwa hivyo, mimi nasema shukrani kwa Hoja hii na Mungu atubariki sote ni abariki Kilifi na abariki pia kilimo chetu ambacho tutatokea mbeleni inayokuja. Asante sana.

*(Hon. Kea stood in his place)*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Mheshimiwa Furaha (Kea), Spika anaposimama unatakikana ukae chini tafadhali, kwa heshima nataka nikupe dakika moja ya changizo lakini sikuwa nimeona *request* yako.

**Hon. Kea:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I want to take this opportunity once again to wish my colleagues in this honourable Assembly a happy Mother's Day because due to unavailable circumstances I was not able to come yesterday and wish them. I may be late by a few hours, but I think I need to put this on record the other reason why we are all here is because of the women. They are our mothers, our wives and they are my everything, so, happy Mother's Day to you.

Now back to Bill which is before us today is... I want to agree....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): There is an intervention from hon. Grace.

**Hon. (Ms.) Grace:** Asante, Bw. Spika. Ningependa mheshimiwa aliye kwenye Sakafu afafanue ni nini anamaanisha kwamba sisi ni mabibi zake na sijui sisi ni nini zake. Aeleze vizuri maana hapa sisi ni waheshimiwa wa kike, ni waheshimiwa wenye tunaheshimika na jamii na jamii wanatungalia; aeleze vizuri. Akisema kwa kimombo "*they are my wives*" atueleze vizuri tuelewe. Asante.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Mheshimiwa Furaha (Kea), mheshimiwa Grace Wambui ametaka kujua ukweli wa mambo kwamba wewe umesema hawa waheshimiwa ni mabibi zako kwa hivyo hebu jieleze kikamilifu ili uweze kueleweka na waheshimiwa ambao wako hapa ndani.

**Hon. Kea:** I kindly ask for your guidance on whether I speak in Swahili so that she can understand or keep on speaking in English. This is because I think I have explained myself that and there is a reason I have said they are my wives and I have said they are my everything. So, allow me to speak in Kiswahili so that she can understand what I mean. *Kile ambacho nilikuwa ninamaanisha ni kwamba, mama ama mother ni mwanamke, na mwanamke katika jamii ni kila kitu hakuna shangazi mwanaume, shangazi ni mama, hakuna dada mwanamme...*

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): Mheshimiwa Furaha (Kea), tumekupa heshima lakini hukuitumia vizuri, kwa hivyo nakuomba ukae halafu tutakupa kikao chengine uweze kuelezea vizuri.

**Hon. Kea:** Okay fine, I kindly ask to withdraw that then I contribute what I wanted to say. This is because I think English is indeed a problem in this House. Let me withdraw but still, I would like to say Happy Mother's Day, my dear honourable Members.

Now, the Bill which is before us is very important; the creation of ATCs in every sub-county within Kilifi County. As we all know, agriculture is the backbone of the economic status of any county or country. So, it is very important that we set up these centres so that our people can get proper education and utilize the opportunity in agriculture to do the agriculture thing that

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hon. Koki was talking about and to do our food security so that we may not suffer hunger while we live in Kilifi County.

As I keep on supporting this Bill, I also urge the public and the hon. Members who are here. Currently, we have agricultural extension field officers who are working around the clock to make sure that we do the best in agriculture. Recently, we were able to be given fertilizers and seeds by the hon. Governor of Kilifi County. It is very unfortunate that some of the public members do not yet know how to use fertilizers and seeds so that they can get proper yields for their farming activities. I kindly ask the Committee on Agriculture to put more effort and more money into their budget so that we can make proper use.... We can empower properly agricultural field officers so that as we are planning to set up these Agricultural Training Centres, we maximally use the opportunity which we already have in our hands. We are talking about something which is to come, but there is something present and we can properly utilize it.

So, I think some of our agricultural extension officers lack the facilities to ensure that they give this education to our people, and that is why we have these people. If we can make proper use of these officers in the field as we wait for the ATCs to be set, I think we are going to do better when the time comes for these ATCs than we are today. I understand that it might take time because there are a lot of resources for these facilities to be set up.

So, as we are brainstorming on how to set up these ATCs, we should also brainstorm very hard to make sure that we make use of these officers who are on the field and make our food very well. What I understand is that before long we have the ATC at Mtwapa and I want to believe there is another one here at Msabaha, but agricultural officers are doing a wonderful job. So, I think we need to re-empower them as we wait for the other thing to happen, we will also stand in a good position to secure our food. Otherwise, I stand to support the Bill. Thank you very much and may God bless you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, hon. Members, we have exhausted deliberating on the Second Reading of the Kilifi County Agricultural Training Centres Bill, 2024.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)*

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kombo): So, Hon. Members, there being no other business to transact, the House is adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 10:41 a.m.

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