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

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

PRAYERS

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE STATEMENT SOUGHT ON
SERVICE DELIVERY AT ADU YOUTH POLYTECHNIC

Hon. Changawa: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. On behalf of the Chairperson for the Committee on Pre-primary Education and Vocational Training, hon. Daniel Chai Chiriba, I would like to move a Motion;

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on Pre-primary Education and Vocational Training, on the Statement sought by hon. Stanley Kenga Karisa on Adu Youth Polytechnic laid on the Table of this House on 17th April, 2018.

I would like again to forward my submissions before I propose the next hon. Member to support the Motion. The recommendations that the Committee came with during the day that we had an engagement with all the leaders pertaining the Department were very important. We had first proposed that the CEC (County Executive Committee) Member in charge should ensure that an urgent meeting has been organized with the management of the institution, the students trainees together with their parents or guardians to communicate what transpired on the issue of failure by the students to undertake their training text examination despite paying the examination fees within the stipulated time frame.

Secondly, that the four students who will sit for their examination in April were; Sidi Changawa, Dama Changawa, Daniel Baya and Ruth Kalume must be catered for their transport, food and accommodation by the Department of Education and ICT for the three days in Mombasa since they were not prepared to do their examination in Mombasa.

Another issue that the Committee recommended was that; the four students who will be doing their examination in December, 2018 that was Dama Kitsao, Vanilla Mwenda Kalama, Nelson Mwavuo and Thomas Safari should also be taken care of by the Department of Education and ICT.

An additional concern that we came up with as a Committee is that we saw there was a need to employ an accountant in the youth polytechnics in Kilifi County for proper financial

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management and record keeping. However, appropriate disciplinary action should be taken for those found capable on the misappropriation of funds by the CEC Member in charge of Education and ICT.

The Committee recommended that all boards of management in the vocational centres in Kilifi County should be empowered through capacity building to aid in the management of the institutions. The CEC Member in charge of Education and ICT should ensure that items which were still being possessed by the former manager of Adu Youth Polytechnic Mr. Mirembe are immediately recovered.

The Committee on Pre-primary Education and Vocational Training should sample among the 28 vocational training centres in Kilifi County and conducts site visits so as to assess the state of the said polytechnics in totality.

Finally, the Committee recommended that the Kilifi County Public Service Board (CPSB) should find amicable means to address the inadequate number of instructors and sub-county vocational officers. I therefore call upon hon. (Ms.) Sidi to second the Motion. Thank you.

(Hon. (Ms.) Sidi seconded)

(Question proposed)

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to give my sentiments on the Motion tabled before us but before that, I want to thank hon. Kenga for bringing the Statement to this House. As per our Standing Orders No.194 and the directive from your Office on 26th March, 2018, the Committee on Pre-primary Education had a very successful engagement with all the stakeholders and it was quite an eye opener.

If you look at the Report, you will realize that we have a lot of problems in these centres on matters of accountability, professionalism and also on efficiencies in matters of operations of these centres. These centres are like synagogues and most of them are not operational and are not functional in terms of facilities and also the instructors. As per our recommendations we realized that, there is an urgent need for a site visit. This will help these centres to be on their toes and also to facilitate their operations. Also, during the engagement, we realized that the CEC concerned had not even visited the site to give us the response correctly so there was also a need for the CECM on their part to do site visits on the same so as moving forward, they can bring answers that are correct. Therefore, I would like to urge this House to adopt this Motion so that these recommendations can be put into practice. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Stanley (Kenga).

Hon. Kenga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me to start by thanking the Committee on Education in the County Assembly of Kilifi for a job well done. The Statement that I had raised had two major items and one of the items was the issue of absenteeism that was done by the principal of Adu Youth Polytechnic and the second item was failure to submit examination fees raised by students to the examination body thus denying the students an opportunity to be registered as candidates therefore not eligible to sit for the exams, Mr. Speaker.

Out of these two major items, you will realize that the response that we received from the CEC was full of lies and I want to thank you Mr. Speaker for the direction that you gave concerning the issue that the Committee is able to take up the matter and carry out an

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investigation. From the Vice-Chairperson who is representing the Chairperson and the seconder have been able to give us the recommendations that the Committee thought would be able to address the issues raised but if you go to the findings of the Report, out of the investigation that was conducted, it was realized that indeed there was chronic..., in fact the Report is talking about chronic absenteeism by the said manager Mr. Mirembe of Adu Youth Polytechnic. Absconding from duty cannot be said to be a minor offence though the CEC had indicated that that was a minor offence.

The second finding that was realized by the Committee was the issue of students who had indeed remitted their examination fees in full, the Kshs5,350 that was supposed to be paid for registration, yet this money had not been submitted to the examination board and therefore the students had been denied that opportunity. As we speak, some of those students who would have had their certificates ready to look for jobs were denied that opportunity but out of the investigation that was carried out by the Committee, it was agreed that an opportunity be availed and I am happy to report that out of those students that had been denied the opportunity, some of them were again given an opportunity and they had to do the exams in Mombasa. They travelled to Mombasa at the cost of the Executive though to us as Members of the County Assembly, this is not what we call the principle of accounting, the prudence of spending because we would not have incurred that cost of again ferrying students to redo an exam that they were supposed to do using the examination fees that was charged at their local centres.

They did the exams in April and they are now waiting for their results. Some of them did not have that opportunity but out of the deliberations that we had, it was agreed that those who will not be ready for the exams will have their exams done in December. Out of all the recommendations, I would rather say that they are very fair. I would have wished that tougher recommendations are taken by this Assembly because out of these two items, we realized they were caused by poor supervision yet we have employees who are earning salaries but they are not able to make proper supervision. There are even items that are taken from the institutions and are used by the managers of the Polytechnics for their own use. Whether there are machines used by the carpenters at the centres, some of them are in the residences of the managers and this is a great loss that the institutions are incurring.

In the spirit of handshake and national healing and reconciliation and in the process of building bridges, I am in support of the adoption of this Report and I want to believe that the new cabinet of the CECs who are in place in the various dockets they will be held to account for whatever they do and I want to believe that maximum supervision will be given and as that is done, we shall be able to address the challenges that we are facing as a county on the issues of Youth Polytechnics.

Youth Polytechnics are not for failures and we can only now be able to address this because this had been a mentality that is in the minds of our people. We can only be able to address this when we are able to really develop these polytechnics as centres of excellence Mr. speaker, where our youth are empowered to have the necessary skills that will enable them to get employment or self-employ themselves for the betterment of our county and country.

Mr. Speaker, as we prepare to approve the budget 2018/2019, I want to urge Members that and especially the Committee on Education that for us to be able to address the issue, because we realized that at Adu Youth Polytechnic we have quite a number of instructors; only one was employed by the County Government of Kilifi and the rest are employees paid by the local Committees who are handling the Polytechnic.

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I had a conversation with Members of the County Assembly and I am realizing that what is happening in Adu is also happening in Bamba, Jaribuni, Ganda, Dabaso and other Wards where we have the Polytechnics.

Mr. Speaker, going forward, there are very many recommendations and one of the key recommendations because the people of Adu had lost confidence with the institutions, in fact they were taking away their children and in that process, other students were dropping out because of the status of the Polytechnic, the Committee had recommended that an urgent meeting is called by the CEC to address members of the public so that we build confidence; that has not taken place.

Mr. Speaker, I wish that you empower the Implementation Committee who will be able to follow up this matter at the Polytechnics and they are able to make sure that all the recommendations that we passed as an Assembly are implemented to the letter for the betterment of our county. Thank you very much. I beg to support.

The speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I authorize one by one.

Hon. Maitha: Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nami nasimama kuunga mkono. Nimepitia hii Ripoti ya hii Kamati na nimeona mambo ambayo...

(Hon. Maitha spoke off record)

wakati tunayajadili. Kama hivi vyuo vyetu ambavyo viko kule kwa Wadi, tumeona ni kweli kuna uhitaji wa hawa wahasibu kwa sababu wanafunzi ambao wanalipa pesa pale inasimamiwa na wale mameneja.

Mheshimiwa Spika, Jaribuni *Vocational Institute*, kama wiki mbili zilizopita ilionyesha kwamba hawa *managers* hawana kazi ya kufanya. Kuna miti ilianguka pale kwa sababu ya hii mvua na *manager* akaenda pale akaanza kuchoma makaa. Sasa tukaangalia yuko pale kusimamia chuo ama kuchoma makaa. Wanafunzi wengi hawajafanya mitihani kwa sababu ya matatizo kama yale yaliyoangaziwa na mheshimiwa wa Adu.

Kweli ni lazima Bunge hili tukubali kwamba vyuo vyetu havisimamiwi vizuri. Mimi ninasimama kuunga mkono hii Ripoti na pia hii ya mwisho ambayo imesemekana hapa kwamba, *Public Service Board* ione inatilia mkazo kuhusiana na jambo lile la walimu ambao wataweza kufundisha vijana wetu.

Katika eneo langu nimejaribu kuona kama nitashirikiana na wawekezaji pale lakini inakuwa na uzito kwa sababu vijana wameanza kuona hakuna kitu cha faida kinaendelea pale. Kama kwa eneo langu, wawekezaji wamekubali kutuongezea hata madarasa lakini hata tukiongeza madarasa na usimamizi uko hivi bado tutakuwa hatujawasaidia hawa vijana.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nitaomba sana ushauri wako kama Mwenyekiti wa *Implementation*. Tumekuwa tukiongea moja kwa moja na ni kama ninaonekana kama sina ufahamu ama sijui kitu gani ninafanya kwa sababu naambiwa kila mahali ninapoongea na waheshimiwa wenzangu ni kama kuna njama fiche kwa nini mimi sionekani nikishughulikia hili jambo.

Kuna Ripoti tunastahili tuzifatilie; nyingine ni kama hii itabidi tuifatilie. Nitataka sana ushauri wako mheshimiwa Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono hoja hii. Asante.

Hon. (Ms.) Elina: Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii niweze kuchangia mjadala ambao umeletwa na Kamati ya Elimu. Nataka kupongeza Kamati kwa kazi nzuri waliyoifanya, lakini kitu kinachonishangaza saa hii ni mheshimiwa akisema msimamizi wa *Polytechnic* anachoma makaa.

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Ningeomba Kamati irudi pale pale tena ichunguze jambo hilo kwa sababu kama amejiriwa na serikali ya Kaunti, hastahili kuchoma makaa mbele ya hicho chuo. Tunavyoomba sisi ni asimame pale kwa majukumu yaliyompeleka mahali pale. Kwa hivyo, ninaomba Kamati ya Elimu ichukue hatua haraka iwezekanavyo kama Ripoti ilivyotolewa na mheshimiwa Maitha ili tuweze kusaidia watu wetu.

Pili, ni kuhimiza kabisa ya bodi ya uajiri iweze kuajiri kwa sababu hizi *polytechnics* hasa serikali yetu ya Kilifi Kaunti zimekosa utendaji kazi kwa sababu hazina uangalizi; ama kwenye miradi yote ya serikali ya Kaunti haina usimamizi mzuri. Kwa hivyo, ningeomba hiyo Kamati ichukue jukumu la uangalizi ili tuweze kusema serikali yetu inafanya vitu na mipangilio. Nashukuru sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi kuchangia jambo hilo.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, in the absence of any other business, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:00 p.m.