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

PRAYERS

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRADE AND COOPERATIVES ON THE
KILIFI COUNTY BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES BILL, 2016

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I wish to table the Report on the Kilifi County Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Bill, 2016 which was laid before the House for the First Reading, on Monday, 6th May, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi laid the Report on the Table)

MOTION

DEVELOPING A POLICY TO ALLOW AGED AND OTHER VULNERABLE KILIFI
RESIDENTS ACCESS FREE MEDICAL SERVICES

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have the honour to table the Motion directed to the County Executive Member for Health Services:

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NOTING THAT, the aged and vulnerable citizens are expected to pay certain levies in our health facilities.

AWARE THAT, most of them are unable to pay these levies due to their status or skip accessing critical services to their health thus endangering their lives through uncalled for suffering.

This honourable Assembly, urges the County Executive in charge of Health Services to develop a policy which will acknowledge the aged and other vulnerable citizens in our great County to access free medical services.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir I call upon hon. Japhet Katana Chai Nzaro to second this Motion. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Nzaro stood at his place to second)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, a Motion has been presented by hon. Teddy Mwambire that states that;

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(Question Proposed)

Yes hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the adoption of this Motion. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution of Kenya which we passed in 2010 guarantees the right to health. Those Citizens of this County who are aged 65 and above are citizens who have either retired or cannot venture into meaningful economic activities so that they can be guaranteed of their good health in case of medication. I would like to congratulate the Member who has brought this Motion, the Deputy Speaker of this Assembly, because if you look at most of the Citizens in this County, they are living in arid and semi arid areas in this republic and most of the citizens of this County live below the poverty line.

Mr. Speaker, when we guarantee the older citizens of this County some space so that they can get medication free of charge in our health facilities, we will be ensuring that they also live in dignity. You realize that there are some of these citizens who are suffering from various very chronic diseases and they cannot get this medication in the hospitals because of the costs which are involved. The Motion tries to address these aspects of health of our citizens in this County. Mr. Speaker, what I will also suggest is that as we try to give this health service for free, the citizens should also be given the necessary diet which will help them take this medication because I am very sure some of this medication requires people to get good food. So, I think when they also get those types of necessities they will also be living in a very good environment in this County and we will be having very healthy citizens in this County. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity in support of the Motion brought by Teddy Mwambire, MCA for Sokoke Ward.

Mr. Speaker, this is the right time when we have the devolved County in Kilifi at least to give medical attention to the aged people. We undergo a lot of stress when the relatives of the

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aged people come to us for assistance; some suffer from diabetes and other various diseases. When they are admitted in the hospitals, their bills come to 65 to 45 thousand shillings and these aged people cannot afford to pay these bills.

Mr. Speaker, as a County government, we need to support this Motion so that they can get free medical treatment in our hospitals. The doctors in our health centres do not realize the age of these old men or women and the time when they forcefully get them out of their beds and make them sleep on the floor forgetting that these are old people and they cannot afford to pay.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with hon. Mwambire that if our County government can offer these free services to the aged, maybe these people can live longer rather than leaving the hospital and in two weeks time or two days, this old man goes and dies because he does not know how he can pay all the bills he has incurred during the time he was in hospital. I stand to support this Motion Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Pascal.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker for granting me an opportunity to contribute to the Motion that is before this House.

Mr. Speaker, I stand to support this Motion and I do so because for a long time, the County Government of Kilifi has not invested in the aged. For a long time, we have seen that the aged have not had a share of the resources of this County and most of them have actually been left without any proper medication and care. They have been left in the hands of the youths. There are families who have also not been able to support these old men and it is high time this County Government supported these old men and women and take an initiative in actually investing in the health of our old people.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we understand that the aged are a resource to our families. They are people who are supposed to direct us on how we should live in our families but due to lack of support and more so in their health, we have seen that most of them lose their lives at an age that we feel they should not and this is because most of them are unable to cater for their medication.

This is an opportune time for this County Government to take great care and have a budget because I believe if we stand and support them, then in one way or the other we will be saving their lives and again preserving a good resource in Kilifi County.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who managed to travel to Singapore last time being one of them, I was able to jog around in the field with a 92 year old man and when I came to inquire I was told that in Singapore, all the aged people are under proper medication and this improves their lives; thus I believe we will be doing a good service to the old. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Pascal.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. In as much as this can be seen as a good and noble idea, I stand in objection of the same.

Mr. Speaker, before we can go ahead and pass this Motion, we also need to look back at our revenue and the resources that we have. You will agree with me that even in the hospitals there are many patients laying there with no medicine. The rates at which the patients are being charged is a low rate in these public hospital but again, the case I have found across the public hospitals, I believe it is more convincing that we need to have monies for the medicines and not burden ourselves by looking into the class of the so called aged people which include my father and mother. This will not be an open door because yes there are aged people, but some are capable and some are not. I pray that this hon. House may look deeply into this issue otherwise

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you will agree with me that Rome was not built in a day. We did well to pass a Motion of looking into the welfare of these aged people by even giving them a token on a monthly basis. That was a good step ahead but I believe if this Motion is passed, the implementation of the same might be very difficult. Therefore, I stand to oppose. Thank you.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to support the adoption of this Motion.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, if we all remember, health is the obligation of the Government. It is the right for the Kenyans and wherever we have to start, it is the intention and the plan. If we start by saying that we are not able; we do not have the capacity or we do not have the money, then we are not going to do anything. Health is guaranteed and health is wealth. I am sure my fellow Members each one of us has this experience; we all take care of our parents. How much of your resources are you using to take care of those parents? How much is it costing to keep your parents alive through medication? If your small income could be saved from that portion of expenses, I am sure there is a lot more you could do for yourself and for your family. Kilifi may not be very rich, but Kilifi as a County is not poor. So, we have to start first by saying we intend to do this and I believe this is what the Motion is all about.

Let us create a policy and the other plans will come later because this month alone, I am sure each Member of this House has been asked to help on health issues. Each Member here has spent a lot of money taking care of either their parents, or a friend's parent or a constituent's parent. We can take care of our old people and already the majority of them are really living in suffering. We have silly young people abandoning their parents not because they hate them but because they cannot take care of them and I am sure if we look deeply into our hearts and memories, those people who are running away from their parents, you are seeing them within your neighborhood. What do they do? Each problem that there is in that neighborhood, they run to you because they think you are better off. They run to the MCA because they think you are better off. Why don't we take this burden away from the old people? Why don't we take this burden away from the children so that they can concentrate on other things? I stand to support. This Motion is timely and we need to pass it. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Allow me to say that I am standing to demonstrate my support for the Motion that is tabled before the House. Mr. Speaker, this is the first Motion that is tabled in this renovated Chamber and as we embrace this technology, I even know those who are opposing have become more eloquent in appreciating the technology that is in existence.

Again, the right to health is upholding the right to life that is well stipulated in the Constitution. Mr. Speaker, I want to take Members especially those who have ideas of opposing this Motion through the Constitution making process. I am sure that they are made aware of what the provisions of the Constitution are. Article 28 of the Constitution, 2010 is talking about human dignity; and I quote Mr. Speaker, that:-

“Every person has inherent dignity and the right to have that dignity respected and protected.”

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Mr. Speaker, we have been able to see old people losing their lives just because they are not in a position to take care of their health. Health is a devolved function, and therefore, we are asking that the County Government must come up with measures that will be able to take care of the senior citizens of this County so that we do not lose them. In coming up with those measures, it is the same as making sure that we are taking care of their dignity.

Article 57 of the Constitution states that;

“The State shall take measures to ensure the rights of the older persons; (c) to live in dignity and respect and be free from abuse; and (d) to receive reasonable care and assistance from their family and State.”

We all know that a healthy County is a working County. We want to make sure that the health of our people and Mr. Speaker, I do not know if you are aware that in the gallery there is a very important person though you have not been able to recognize, and as we deliberate, if it is the matter of allocation of funds to take care of this activity, I believe he is not going to say I want to get the HANSARD so that I know what these Members were talking about. He is hearing...

(Applause)

...what we the representatives of the great people of Kilifi are deliberating and passing in this Motion, being the first Motion that has been tabled before this refurbished hon. House.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge all the Members of this County that it is high time we be counted among the leaders who stood for the right of the people of Kilifi by making sure that this Motion is going to pass and once adopted, measures would be put in place to make sure that we take care of our older people. I think the one person who stood to oppose will remain the only one in the debate of this Motion. Thank you very much. I beg to support.

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

Hon. Hassan: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to do some few clarifications here. Mine is just an addition to this Motion. I think it could be advisable if apart from the people of 65 years, we also add pregnant women and children less than five years.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: I was about to raise a Point of Order, but because he is seated then I withdraw that.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay, Yes hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu.

Hon. (Ms.) Mbeyu: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion which is well elaborated. We are looking at the most vulnerable and aged persons of 65 years and above. Mr. Speaker, health is a devolved function and in all our budgets, we have put a lot of money in the health docket and I think the finance docket representative is in the House at the gallery.

Mr. Speaker, we have been buying a lot of equipment for the health docket of Kilifi County Government. We have had enough ambulances now and all the machines such as X-rays and other machines in the hospitals are already bought. This time, and once this Motion is passed, we are looking into buying drugs which will be used to take care of the old and the most vulnerable in this County of Kilifi.

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Mr. Speaker, I will refer this House to Article 43 of the Constitution as I concur with hon. Stanley Kenga. Article 43 reads:-

“Every person has a right (a) to the highest attainable standards of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive healthcare...”

Mr. Speaker, I think this is entrenched in the Constitution and it is the right time now that we deal with the drugs in Kilifi County because most dispensaries, health centres and hospitals have not had drugs just because we have been buying equipment and ambulances. We have enough ambulances; over twenty ambulances in the County, we have X-rays machines, we have scanning machines and right now, we are looking into the bigger budget as we plan to buy drugs in the 2016/2017 budget to help the most vulnerable and aged citizens of Kilifi County. I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for granting me this opportunity to make my contributions as I stand to support this Motion.

Mr. Speaker, the Health Department is in the process of making a health insurance policy and I believe this is the idea the hon. Member for Sokoke Ward has. As Members of this County Assembly, we have to support this idea. The health budget has taken the lion share and in the current budget 2016/2017, we are asking for about Ksh. 2.2 billion for the Health Department alone and I believe if this amount is used well...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Information)

Hon. Kenga: Hon. Speaker, I request the Member who is making contributions, for the benefit of all of us and even those who are in the gallery, to inform us that he is the Chairperson of Health Services Committee in the County Assembly of Kilifi.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you, hon. Kenga. Yes proceed hon. Kiraga.

Hon. Kiraga: For sure, I am the Chairperson of the Health Services Committee and I mean whatever I am talking about here. I have sufficient information about whatever is happening in the health docket.

Mr. Speaker, the proposed budget of about Ksh. 2.2 billion if used well I think such issues can be incorporated and they can be handled without any problem in this County. We just want to have issues like what we are now discussing here. We do not want issues to be put in the budget which do not augur well to the common people of Kilifi and I believe Mr. Speaker, if we have the elderly people being taken care of by this County, we shall be doing well to the citizens of Kilifi, bearing in mind that this age cluster has got a lot of challenges.

We are all aware that in Kilifi County, we are known for the killing of old people in the disguise of witchcraft and I believe if we have such programmes for the elderly, some of these problems are going to be minimized. I do not want to go further but as the Health Chairperson, those who have a mentality that money is going to be a hindrance, let me tell them that money is not going to be a hindrance. It is how well we are going to use these monies which have been allocated to this docket.

Otherwise, I also urge my fellow Members to support this idea which I believe by the time we were doing public participation with the Health Bills, some of these things cropped up

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and it is only good that the hon. Member has thought it wise to bring this issue to this House. Thank you very much and may God bless this County Assembly.

Hon. Chai: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me the chance to add my support to this Motion. I think the Motion has elaborated very well that what we are looking for are the vulnerable old people and I thank hon. Teddy Mwambire for bringing forth this Motion of aged people to be taken care of. The hon. Member needs to get another award of at least standing in support of the old.

Although the other time I did not support the Motion which was talking about the old but this one is in another way. It will be a very noble idea to adopt this Motion because in a lot of places where we stay, for example in Jaribuni like one of the hon. Members was pointing out, it has been a problem for the hon. Members who most of the time are being followed at home to support or give monies to old people or to those who cannot afford to go get treatment in most of the hospitals.

Now, it will be a very good idea and it will be helping me as a hon. Member for Jaribuni to avoid this problem of always supporting these people. If well adopted and as the Chairperson pointed out, the only thing left will be the utilization of the funds after allocation. Otherwise, it will be a very big relief to the Members and it will add light to most of our people or most of our aged people. Most of the people in these areas, if you have noticed, may just die at home not because their time has reached, but most of the time it's because they do not have money to go to hospital that is why they stay at home. I stand in support of the Motion. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Chiku: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Motion. The County Government should take care of the old. Why am I saying this? It is our culture that takes care of the old; it is also not African to ignore old people. I am not surprised by the Member who stood here and opposed this Motion.

When I was at the Bomas of Kenya during the Constitutional review, majority of the youths were actually supporting that the aged should not be taken care of and were actually coping the Western lifestyle. We opposed that the society should actually take care of the aged because if that was entrenched in the Constitution, then it becomes law. It means that at the age of 65, you have to leave your place to be put in a dormitory somewhere maybe in as far as LangoBaya where the Government would have set aside for the aged. We actually opposed that as Africans; we normally take care of our aged and do not want the youth to interfere with that kind of culture.

Therefore Mr. Speaker it, will be a good idea if the Chief Executive for Finance would set aside funds to take care for these people. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwingo): Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Motion which has been brought by the hon. Mwambire.

Mr. Speaker, as we understand, the poverty level of our people in Kilifi is very high and this has made it very difficult for most of our aged people to meet their medical expenses. I rise to support this Motion because in our respective homes, the level of discipline in our youth has totally gone down and the reason being that we are losing the aged people who could advise our youth.

Mr. Speaker, once this Motion has been adopted, I am sure the level of discipline in our respective homes will remain high because we are going to have people who can give proper advice to our children. I stand to support the adoption of this Motion. Thank You.

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Hon. (Ms.) Arafa: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I want to congratulate hon. Mwambire for Sokoke Ward for coming up with this noble idea of protecting and giving hope to the aged and vulnerable citizens of Kilifi County. I am sure all of us here have vulnerable and aged people in their families. I also want to congratulate the hon. Member because he did not ask the Executive Member to set aside money but came out clear and I want to read it again; he “urges the County Executive in charge of health services to develop a policy which acknowledges the aged and other vulnerable citizens in our great County to access free medical services.”

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very sure Kilifi County through the Department of Health Services at the Executive side has its own budget. In that, I am sure that the policy which will come up will be the one to give us guidelines and measures for our aged and vulnerable citizens. I am very sure through the policy we will have the ability to maintain the operational autonomy for our people who we want to give free services.

Without good health for our people Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very sure that Kilifi County being one of the Counties where the poverty index is very high and without protecting our aged and vulnerable people, we will use a lot of money from our community and leaders to take care of these people and in that it will be very hard for a community to change. It will be very hard to develop our County and our families because even if we are working as hon. Members, there are other diseases experienced by the aged and vulnerable people that we cannot take care of. If we come up with this policy, we can get funds from donors and aid to make sure that we run this thing well and protect our family.

I urge everyone that we should not just think that we have to set aside money. We have been setting aside money even for hon. Members to make sure that their health services are good that is why you are getting very good services through our insurance covers. It will be unfair if we cannot come up with guidelines to protect our aged people and make sure that our aged and vulnerable people are getting good services. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, and I urge everyone to read the Motion keenly. We are not setting aside money for aged citizens but we want to come up with a policy that will guide us. Thank you very much. I beg to support the Motion.

Hon. Mramba: Asante sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nami kabla sijaendelea sana ningependa kumshukuru ndugu yangu na kushukuru watu wa Wadi ya Sokoke kwa kutuletea kijana mwenye fikra na ukakamavu na mwenye uwezo wa kuwakilisha watu wa Ganze kule Bunge la Kitaifa. Ninamuomba kila la heri ili akienda kule aweze kuchaguliwa kama naibu wa Spika.

Hii hoja inafaa kuungwa mkono, na ameeleza waziri kwamba sera zitatengezwa tuipe msasa na tuweze kuipitisha Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa kweli, kuna wazee ambao wanateseka. Mbali na wazee, kuna watoto ambao wanateseka sana. Kuna familia ambazo haziwezi kujimudu hata chakula mara moja kwa siku moja. Mheshimiwa Spika, kuna watu wanatatizika na itakuwa si haki sisi kama wajumbe wa Bunge la Kaunti tupate kulipiwa matibabu yetu na wake zetu na watoto wetu halafu kule nyanjani kuna watu wanateseka. Ingawaje Mheshimiwa Spika, wakati sera hii inapotengenezwa, kuangaliwe mambo fulani kwa sababu tunaleta mzigo mkubwa kwa kaunti na tayari tuko na mzigo mkubwa ambao unatututiza.

Hivi sasa, ukienda kwa hosiptali ya Malindi, utasikitika watu wanalala watatu kwa kitanda kimoja. Ni jambo la kutatiza maanake madawa hospitalini hakuna na madaktari wenyewe ni wachache. Utakuta wodi nzima inahudumiwa na mhudumu mmoja peke yake ambayo sio haki.

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Tukiangalia, hata ni mwaka jana tulituma Wajumbe wetu wakaenda na Mheshimiwa Kiraga ambaye ni mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Afya wakakuta vifaa vizuri ambavyo vilikuwa ni vifike hapa na hadi wa leo havijafika kwa sababu Kaunti haiwezi kulipa shilingi laki sita tu za kuleta vile vyombo kutoka kule. Vyombo vile vingetusaidia sana. Naunga mkono Hoja hii lakini vile vile tutilie mkazo wale wenye kufanya hiyo kazi waifanye kwa ustadi na ukakamavu zaidi. Asante sana.

Hon. Gambo: Asante Bw. Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii kuchangia katika mjadala huu. Nataka kuchukua fursa hii mwanzo kumpongeza Mheshimiwa ambaye ameonyesha ujasiri na upendo kwa wazee wetu. Sio mara ya kwanza Mheshimiwa huyu kuonyesha upendo kwa wazee; yeye ndiye aliyetoa Mswada ule wa kwamba tuweze kuwasaidia kifedha wazee na kuwatafutia mahali kuonyesha ya kwamba yeye anawathamini sana...

(Hon. Mramba stood on a Point of Information)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes

Hon. Mramba: Mheshimiwa Spika, nasimama kwa Hoja ya nidhamu na kutaka kumfahamisha Mjumbe anayeongea kwamba Nixon Charo Mramba ndiye aliyeleta Mswada Bungeni wa usambazaji wa fedha kwa wazee, bali sio Teddy Mwambire. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Gambo, you need to press your microphone again if you want to speak. Yes proceed

Hon. Gambo: Asante sana Mheshimiwa kwa kuweza kunikumbusha. Naamini umekumbuka kwamba ni wewe hivyo uko stadi kabisa unalolisema kila siku huwa unalikumbuka. Nikiongezea kwamba Mheshimiwa Mwambire ni mmoja wa wale ambao...

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

Hon. Mlanda: Point of Information Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): To whom?

Hon. Mlanda: To hon. Gambo.

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

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Order! Order! Order! Hon. Mlanda, take your seat. Proceed hon. Gambo.

Hon. Gambo: Sitaki kuelezewa lolote Bw Spika. Langu ni kwamba naunga mkono Mswada ambao umeletwa na kwa wale ambao wametoa hoja za kupinga ni kwamba pengine hawana wazee kule kwao, na kama wako nao, hawajafiliwa na wazee pale kwao na wakaona ule uzito wa kukosa wazee. Mimi ni mmoja wa walioathirika; sikujua kuwa mzee ni mtu wa muhimu sana nyumbani lakini baada ya mzee huyo kuniacha, nilipatwa na gharama kubwa za kulea watoto. Alipokuwa yuko hai mzee yule, nilikuwa nikitoka nikienda kazini. Watoto wangu walikuwa wakifurahi pale nyumbani na alikuwa akinipunguzia gharama za kulea watoto pale nyumbani.

Hata hivyo, Mswada huu ulipotoka, mimi nilifurahi sana kwamba uweze kuungwa mkono ili wazee waweze kuangaliwa vilivyo katika hospitali zetu na wasiwekewe fedha zozote ambazo sharti walipe ndio watibiwe. Kwa wale ambao labda hawajaona wazee waweze kuunga

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mkono vilivyo. Naamini wanapopata matibabu ya bure na yanayofaa, tutapata kuwahifadhi na kuwa na maisha marefu na hatimaye kwa fedha zetu tutaweza kuzihifadhi vyema.

Msemo ule unaosema ‘wazee ni dhahabu’ ni kweli kabisa. Saa hii nimepoteza pesa nyingi sana baada ya mzee wangu kuniacha ambapo angekuwapo, dhahabu ile ingekuwa inanihifadhia hata na rasilimali zangu. Asante nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I stand to respond to the...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): No! no! no! hon. Teddy Mwambire sorry, take a seat... hon. Kambi.

Hon. Kambi: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nami nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Mheshimiwa Spika, Hoja hii inanikumbusha jana tu nilipokwambia kwamba kuna mzee amepata ajali. Kama Hoja hii ingekuwa, Mswada huu ungekuwa umepita kitambo na mzee yule angekuwa alisaidika kwa mda unaofaa. Lakini Mheshimiwa Spika, ninavyoongea nimekesha hospitali ya Tawfiq na kwa sababu ya uhaba wa pesa, mzee amevunjika mkono ikabidi aweke chuma lakini anahitaji shilingi 200,000. Kwa sababu ya hali ngumu, ikabidi nimtoe nimpeleke hospitali kuu ya Malindi. Lakini hivyo hivyo, hali ilikuwa ngumu.

Mimi naunga mkono kwa dhati yale ambayo nimeyaona pale usiku mpaka asubuhi hii ya leo na kusema kweli Mswada huu tuupitishie kusudi tuje na sheria ambazo zitasaidia hawa wazee. Nimeona idadi ya watu wanaokufa pale hospitali inaongezeka na wanaokufa ni wazee kwa sababu ya hali ngumu ya kifedha. Kwa hivyo, mimi namuunga mkono Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire kwa Hoja hii ambayo amelea ilimradi tuje na sheria ambayo itaweza kuangazia hawa ambao hali zao ni ngumu na wale ambao ni wazee ili waweze kusaidika. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Ibrahim.

Hon. Ibrahim: Asante sana Bw Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Ninasimama kupinga Mswada huu. Bw Spika, wakati Miswaada kama hii inaletwa, ni lazima tukae na tutafakari kwa sababu mnenaji Mheshimiwa Mramba amesema kwamba yeye alileta Mswada wa kusema kuwa wazee wawe wanalipwa pesa katika Jimbo letu la Kilifi. Mswada ule tuliupitisha lakini mpaka sasa wazee kama wale hawajawahi kulipwa kwa sababu mikakati ni migumu.

Pili Bw. Spika, tunaleta tena Mswada wazee wale wawe hawalipi pesa hospitali. Kwa nini tunafanya hivyo? Bw Spika, ni lazima uwe unajipanga kimaisha; binadamu ni lazima wajipange kimaisha. Unajua mila zetu leo hii tukisema kwamba tunaachilia hospitali ni bure, wazee wote wale ambao watakuwa na uwezo na wale ambao watakuwa hawana uwezo watakuwa wakienda hospitali na wakihudumiwa na wasilipe pesa. Unasikia saa hii tunaambiwa kwamba hospitali hazina dawa. Leo hii, mtu aende akatibiwe bure atoke, dawa zile zitapatikana kweli? Huku tumepitisha Mswada wa kuwapatia pesa huku walipe waregeshe mkono. Ninakupatia mfano mzuri sana; hivi unataka kuniambia Daktari Mzungu Chitibwi ama Mheshimiwa Chiku Wanje waende hospitali na wamepitisha miaka 65 waende walalizwe pale watibiwe watoke bure...

(Laughter)

Hiyo itawezekana Bw. Spika? Mikakati hii ya kusema kwamba wazee wasilipe pale hospitali si mikakati bora kwa sababu ni lazima kuwe na mipangilio mwafaka tena mipangilio mikubwa kwa sababu tusipochunga sisi kama Jimbo letu hili, tunaweza tukaweka hasara ya pesa nyingi sana. Hatuwezi kusema kwamba wazee waende hospitali watibiwe bure na watoke. Pesa

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hizo zitatoka wapi na tuna mikakati mingi ya kufanya katika Jimbo letu la Kilifi? Asante sana Bw Spika.

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

Hon. Matsaki: Asante sana Bw Spika. Mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Kitu ambacho nataka niwaambie Waheshimiwa nikianza na hapa Bungeni, mimi pengine karibuni nitafikisha miaka 65 na ukweli ni kwamba wale wazee ambao hawana shughuli miaka 65 waheshimiwe zaidi. Wale ambao hawana uwezo wana changamoto nyingi sana hivi sasa.

Tunavyozungumza, magojwa yaliyoingia ni mengi na inatakikana mtu akiwa mgojwa aende akapate matibabu yale ya kisawasawa. Leo hii tunajisikia sisi tuko na nguvu tunaona wale kule chini pengine hawastahili. Lakini tunasema hivi, mbali na wale wazee ambao wako kule chini ambao uwezo wao ni hafifu, wako wazee na watoto wao ambao wako na uwezo lakini pia kuwashughulikia ni vigumu.

Hizi kesi tunazona kule tunakotoka kwa sababu mtu atakuwa mgojwa ukiangalia ana mtoto wake anafanya kazi mahali fulani na mtoto yule hashughulikii kabisa mambo ya mzazi wake. Kwa hivyo, Hoja hii tukiipitisha kama Bunge, tutakuta kwamba wale wazee wa miaka 65 na zaidi wanaweza wakasaidika. Mtu anapokuwa na afya nzuri na anapata matibabu, mwili wake pia unakuwa ni mzuri. Ningeomba Waheshimiwa Hoja hii pia ni nzuri na kwa sababu kuna uhuru wa kuzungumza, hata wale wanaosema hii Hoja wanaipinga, hiyo ni haki yao. Mimi ninasema tuangalie sana kwa sababu leo uko na uwezo, uko na watoto lakini kesho uwezo ule utatoka na watoto wako wanaweza wasikusaidie. Lakini kama tumepitisha Hoja kama hii, ndio itakusaidia wewe ambaye leo pengine una nguvu zako.

Kwa hivyo, tuangalie hii Hoja ni nzuri na imekuja wakati mzuri hata kama tulipitisha Hoja ile nyengine haijaanza kutumika. Sisi pia ambao tunapitisha ile bajeti nina imani pesa hizo tumeshaziweka. Kwa hivyo, hata tukipitisha hii hata kama pesa hakuna, tutakaa tena vile vile tuone kwamba ni muhimu hawa wazee waangaliwe. Mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Asante.

Hon. Mwachenda: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Kwa kweli nimesimama kuipinga Hoja hii. Kupinga kwangu sio kwamba niko na nia mbaya. Ukweli ni kwamba Hoja hii imekuja mapema zaidi. Itakuwa si jambo zuri sisi kama Bunge tukipitisha sheria ili tujifurahishe nafsi ilhali hazitaweza kutekelezwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, hapa swala muhimu ni kwamba tuweze kurekebisha maswala ya hospitali zetu; kwanza matibabu yawe mazuri, tuwe na wauguzi wa kutosha na vifaa pia viwe vya kutosha.

(Applause)

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nikiongea na ushahidi, nimeuguza mamangu mzazi amekuwa kitandani karibu miezi miwili akiwa hospitali. Mimi sitadanganya Bunge; nilikua na pesa japo kuwa sina nyingi lakini Mwenyezi Mungu alinijalia kichache nilichokuwa nacho. Lakini ukweli ni kwamba alikuwa pale tu ni kama alikuwa amepangishiwa chumba lakini picha zote alikuwa akitumwa aidha aende akipigwa hospitali ya Jocham, hospitali ya Mombasa ma zile hospitali nyingine kubwa kubwa za kibinafsi. Kupimwa kote alikofanyiwa, alikuwa akienda katika hospitali nyingine na hata zile dawa alizokuwa akipatiwa pale hospitali si dawa za kwamba ni dawa zenye mwelekeo wowote.

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Itakuwa kuna umuhimu gani tuweze kupitisha hii sheria ilhali hata dawa zenyewe na vifaa vyenyewe vya kupiga picha hatuko navyo kwenye ile hospitali? Mheshimiwa Spika, sisi kama viongozi na kama kweli sisi ni viongozi wa ukweli, tuweke kila kitu na wakati wake. Kwanza tutangulize hospitali ziwe sawa; idfadi ya wauguzi tuwe nayo ya kutosha na pia vile vifaa tuwe navyo vya kutosha basi halafu tusema sasa imefikia ule wakati wa kuweka kwamba hawa wazee na watoto wengine wasiojiweza waweze kuuguzwa hapa bure.

Mheshimiwa Spika vile vile tusiwe wa kuregelea mambo. Nafikiri tuko mpaka na yale maswala ya *waiver* ya kwamba kuna mtu ameuguzwa na hana uwezo wa kulipa, awekwe kwa wale ndugu zetu wanaitwa *social workers* kwa lugha ya Kiingereza. Waweze kupelekwa kwa ofisi ya *social worker* ili wapewe ule msamaha na waweze kutoka inapobainika wazi kwamba hawana uwezo...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Information)

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

Hon. Mwachenda: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, siko tayari kufahamishwa.

(Hon. Gambo stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Gambo: Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa nataka kusimama kwa Hoja ya Nidhamu nimwambie Mheshimiwa kwamba viongozi wote ambao wako hapa ni viongozi wa haki. Kama yeye si kiongozi wa haki kama anavyosema, basi yeye ndio aseme si wa haki. Sisi sote tulichaguliwa na tunaheshimiwa vilivyo na ndio sababu tuko hapa na yote ambayo yanatekelezeka hapa ni ya halali na ya haki kabisa. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Mwachenda proceed.

Hon. Mwachenda: Mheshimiwa Spika nashukuru. Nafikiri katika kusimama kote huko ni hali ya kushindwa hiyo ya kuteteleka. Lakini hata sisi hapa kama viongozi, tuangalie kile cha kutangulia na kitakacho kuja baadaye. Turekebishe hospitali zetu na tufanye mikakati inayostahili ili tuweze kuwa na wakati mwingine wa kusonga mbele. Nimesimama kwa dhati kupinga Hoja hii iliyo mbele yetu. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi nasimama kuunga mkono Mswada ulio mbele yangu. Nimeusoma vizuri nikauielewa. Umesema kwamba mipangiliyo iweze kupangwa. Haikusema kesho tukimaliza kupitisha Mswada huu, mzee ataenda pale na awe hatalipa. Imesema mipango ipangwe vizuri ili kwamba tuelekee kufika mahali pazuri na ndio nasema naunga mkono na kumpa kongole ndugu yangu Teddy Mwambire, Mheshimiwa wa Soko.

Mheshimiwa Spika kusema kweli, Mswada huu tukiupisha tutasaidia sana wazee wetu kwa sababu ukiangalia Jimbo letu, hali ya uchumi kwa wazee na vijana wetu ni ya chini. Hivyo basi, wazee hawa wanawachwa na magonjwa ambayo ni kama wamekataliwa.

Mheshimiwa Spika, tukipitisha Mswada huu, hata haya mambo ya uganga na uchawi utaona yakipungua kwa maana unakuta hawa wazee wetu kama hawana pesa ni haraka kuenda kushauri na kujiingiza kwa mambo ya uganga na mambo mengine ya uchawi ambayo mwisho hujikuta ni kama ambaye hajasaidika. Kama wenzetu hapo nyuma wamefikiria ya kwamba kuna watu ambao watakosa kulipa na wakaleta hicho kitengo cha "*social worker*" kama wenzangu

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walivyosema. wKa nini nasi kama viongozi tusilete kitengo chengine? Wao walileta sima nasi tulete mboga.

Kama wenzetu, hao viongozi walioko nyuma, walijua wazi ya kwamba kuna watu ambao watashindwa kulipa mpaka kitengo kikawekwa. Sisi ni wakati wetu kama Waheshimiwa wa kisawasawa wa Jimbo la Kilifi ambao tuko hapa Bunge letu la Kilifi na tunafikiria ya kwamba wazee wetu tuwawekee kitengo hiki na kisha watachaguliwa bali si kwamba ni kila mzee kama wenzangu walivyosema eti mzee Chitibwi kuna mipango itakayopangwa. Kama mzee Chitibwi ataonekana ana nafasi pia atakwenda, mama Chiku ataonekana pia naye ni Mheshimiwa, si lazima alipiwe na hicho kitengo. Kunayo mipango itakayopangika ili kwamba ijulikane ni mzee gani anastahili awe wapi na mzee gani anastahili asaidike na kitu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, naunga mkono mia kwa mia Mswada huu tuupitishie ili kwamba tupangilie mipango yetu ya wazee na sisi kama Jimbo la Kilifi, ule uchumi ambao tuko nao, na hata bahari tuko nayo, samaki tuko nao, na mipango mingine ambayo tunaendelea ili hata uchumi wa watalii ufufuliwe, hatutashindwa na kukimu na kutibu wazee wetu ili kwamba tuendeleo kuwa nao, tuweze kuishi nao maana ni raslimali zetu. Wale ambao washatembelea Ngome ya Yesu pale kuona mambo ya zamani sisi wale ambao hawawezi kwenda kule na kwengine, wazee wetu hutwambia kwamba zamani kulikuwa hivi. Tuwe nao tuwahifadhi ili kwamba zile kumbukumbu za historia tuzipate kule mashinani kuliko kutembelea Ngome ya Yesu na kwengine ambako twastahili kutoa hata shilingi ikiwa wazee tuko nao kutwambia haya yote? Tuwatibu tuwe nao, tuishi nao, ili kwamba tuwe sawa sawa. Naunga mkono Mswada huu. Asante.

Hon. Nzaka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance. Allow me to congratulate hon. Deputy Speaker, Teddy Mwambire, for the Motion as raised before the House. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I managed to visit all parts of this great County and I realized that there are some people aged 65 years and above. Their status is very bad because the poverty index is very high. This Motion has elaborated very well that there will be a policy from the Department of Health which will regulate these services.

We are aware that there are people in different parts of this great County who even accessing basic needs is almost impossible. They cannot access shelter, food, and water; people are losing life because of poverty. Their living standard is very low; even educating their children is impossible and for your information, there are some children whose guardians are old men and women aged 65 years and above. Some are guardians to their grand children and cannot even get food.

I urge this honourable House to adopt this Motion because it is going to improve the living standards of our people. I managed to visit a place known as Balaga in Adu Ward. I saw people eating small rats and digging roots from the trees thinking it is cassava so that they can take their lives...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Information)

Hon. Kenga: I am the hon. Member representing Adu Ward. Balaga is a village within my Ward and I feel the dignity of my people is being lowered by the hon. Member by alleging that my people eat small rats. Any food that when eaten will improve the health status of an individual is food and therefore we cannot purport that the people of Balaga are eating small rats. Thank you.

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Hon. Nzaka: Thank you hon. Speaker. I think the hon. Member has not understood my point. My point is that the living standard in Adu Ward is very low. People access to food is a problem. In fact, I urge the County Government of Kilifi, since the Health sector is devolved, to build a very big health centre so that these services can assist people from that area. The road network and the infrastructure are quite bad... So, I urge the County Government through the Department of Public Works in consultation with the Ministry of Health Services to come up with good infrastructure so that they can assist people not only in Adu Ward but also members in the entire County.

Thank you. I wish to congratulate the hon. Deputy Speaker and urge my fellow Members to support this Motion so that it can assist our people.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Nzaka for your contribution.

Hon. (Ms.) Sophie: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Mimi pia naunga mkono Hoja hii nikimpongeza Mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire wa Wadi ya Sokoke. Kwa kweli, tukiangalia hali ya umaskini katika hii Kaunti yetu hadi kwingine, hali ya uchumi imekuwa ni ngumu na watu wanaumia. Nikikumbuka wakati mzazi wangu alipokuwa anaugua alikuwa miaka 94 na mimi nasema huo ni umri mdogo sana lakini kwa sababu maisha bora ni afya bora, na pia tulimwangualia vizuri, alipata kuwa na muda mrefu. Kwa hivyo, mimi nasema kwamba mipangilio ambayo itapangwa kwa sababu itapangwa kwenye hosipitali zetu ili kuangalia wazee wapate matibabu bure, itakuwa vizuri sana na tutawasaidia.

Tukiangalia katika hali ya uongozi, wazee hawa wamekuwa wakitusaidia hasa mzazi wangu; hekima ambayo alikuwa akitupatia ilikuwa nzuri sana. Kwa sasa, nimeona wengine wakipinga wakisema wazee hao wasiangaliwe, lakini je, ninauliza katika Bunge hili nani hatafikia umri kama huo? Naamini sote tutapitia katika hali hii. Je, utakapowachwa utakuwa na raha kweli? Ikiwa tunataka tuwe na serikali nzuri na maisha yetu yawe mazuri hivi tunavyoendelea, lazima tuangalie hawa wazee wetu tuone kwamba wanaangaliwa katika afya zao na tutakuwa na Bunge ambalo ni nzuri na wazee wetu wataangaliwa mahitaji yao.

Ukiangalia vile Mheshimiwa Kambi amesema, mimi pia nilikutana na mama mmoja akiwa na hali hiyo; amevunjika mguu na hakuna mtu wa kumuangalia pale nyumbani lakini kwa sababu huyu ni binadamu na ni mzee kama yule mzee wangu ninamsaidia kile kiwango ambacho ninaweza. Sisi kama Waheshimiwa kazi ambayo tunapata ni kwamba tusaidie hasa wananchi wetu na tuone kwamba hao wazee hatuwaachi na kuwapuuza. Ndiposa unaona vijana wetu wanaona hawana maana na kuwaingilia na kuwaambia ni wachawi. Tusimame pamoja tuunge mkono na tuone kwamba Hoja hii inapitishwa ili wazee wetu wasaidike. Asante sana Bw. Spika. Naunga mkono.

Hon. (Ms.) Elina: Asante Bw. Spika. Mimi pia nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Kusema ule ukweli, wazee wamebaki wachache katika Kilifi Kaunti. Wengi ni wale wamekumbana na mambo machafu ya kuambiwa wao ni wachawi; wamebaki wachache ambao uwezo hawana.

Bw. Spika, kama alivyozungumza Mheshimiwa Kambi, haya yanatukumba sisi kama wajumbe wateule. Hivi ninavyokwambia kuna mzee ambaye ana miaka karibu 80 ameandikiwa tu dawa anunuliwe za shilingi elfu 16 na watoto hawana kitu; mzazi pale alipo ni dawa tu zipatikane aweze kusaidika kwa sababu hospitali zetu nyingi hasa ya Wilaya ya Malindi haina dawa. Ukienda pale ni uandikiwe uende ununue dawa kwani hata dawa za vidonda vya tumbo hakuna ilhali dawa hizo ziko gali sio chini ya shilingi elfu saba. Kwa hivyo, tukisema wale

wazee wachache waliobakia kama serikali tunaweza kuwasaidia ili wabaki waweze kutusaidia baadaye.

Mzee katika boma kama ni wako anaweza kukusaidia kimaoni. Zamani tulikuwa tukisema A B C D, kuliko tuwache wale wazee wachache ambao wamebakia, wengine ni wakristo na wengine ni waislamu tuwaache waumie zaidi kwa sababu ya kitu Fulani hasa hizi dawa za hospitalini hatuyagombanii. Hata kule wakati wa chakula cha msaada ilikuwa inasemekana ni wale wazee ambao hawajiwezi ndio watapewa chakula na serikali, na serikali ilikuwa inaweletea chakula wakila. Sasa hii chakula hicho hakuna na wale wazee vile wanavyoteseka ni kama ile mizigo yote tumejibandika. Nafikiri ni jana nilikwambia naenda kuzika mama mwingine ambaye alikuja kupigwa picha hapa Malindi akapatikana mshipa wake wa kichwa umekatika na alitakikana atolewe hapa apelekwe Mombasa na sio chini ya gharama ya 500,000. Yule mtoto alisema hataki awe hapo wadini apewe aende naye nyumbani. Madakitari walisema kwa vile amekuja hapo hospitalini, atakaa angalau siku tatu ama nne lakini ukienda naye nyumbani huyu mama hatatoboa hata usiku wa leo. Mwaanawe alisema asaidiwe hata kumrudisha huko nyumbani. Twashukuru kwa sababu walichukua ambulensi wakambeba yule mama akapelekwa nyumbani. Alilala siku moja na siku ya pili akafa kisha tulimzika jana.

Mimi naunga mkono aliyeleta Hoja hii Mheshimiwa Mwambire kwa kufikiria wale wazee ambao wamebakia hawana watu wengine ambao wanaweza kuwatetea. Wale wenzetu ambao wako katika Bunge la Kitaifa hawafikirii kabisa mambo ya wazee. Saa hii wale ambao tulichukua majina yao ili serikali ya Kaunti iweze kuwalipa sifa zote saa hii ni kama sio serikali ya Kaunti, jina langu halingeandikwa.

Sasa wanajua kabisa kwamba ifikapo mwezi wa saba, wataanza kulipwa. Ni imani ambayo wanaiweka kati yetu. Mimi naomba pia kwa upande huu wa matibabu tuwasaidie kwa sababu gharama ya maisha imekuwa ya juu. Tusifikirie leo tuko hapa kwani uchaguzi ni mwaka ujao na kurudi ni bahati waweza kuwa hutarudi. Kwa hivyo, usijadili jambo kuwa wewe uko hapa kwa sasa na kesho utakuwa kule nje. Sisi sote umri unaenda na sote tutakuwa wazee hapa ndivyo tunavyoomba lakini kama Mungu amekuita pia nenda maana imeandikwa. Nenda kwa wakati na angalau utakuwa umeshughulikiwa na angalau tutakuwa tumesaidia yule mzee akiwa amepata dawa pale hospitalini. Naunga mkono kabisa wazee wetu waweze kuangaliwa vizuri. Tutatoa hata kama ni sera kupitia idara kuangalia ni mambo gani na ni njia zipi watafanya ili waweze kufikia yule mzee ambaye ana hiyo shida.

Kuna mikakati ya kujua kwamba mzee huyu anajiweza na huyu hajiwezi. Wazee wetu tusiwaache nyuma maana kusema ule ukweli, vijana wengi wanawaogopa wale wazee wakisema kuwa anayekuwa na nywele nyeupe ni mchawi; ndio wanawagonga wazee wetu. Mimi naomba tuwajali wanapokuwa wagonjwa na tuwasaidie kama serikali ya Kaunti. Tuseme kama Kilifi Kaunti, wazee wenye umri wa miaka 70 watakuwa wakitibiwa hospitalini ili wasaidiwe. Wengine hivi ninavyokwambia Bw. Spika wako na ile mishipa lakini kwenda hospitalini... jina la utani hiyo mishipa inaitwa *watermelon*., Akienda hospitali ni awe na elfu 24 ndio *watermelons* zitolewe. Kama hana, yule mzee anazidi kuwa mgonjwa hadi anaenda kwa sababu ya mshipa. Naomba wazee wale walio na umri zaidi ya ule na wana ugonjwa huu waweze kusaidika kwani tutakuwa tumewasaidia zaidi waweze kuishi ili watupe mipangilio waliokuwa wakiifanya zamani na mawaidha mazuri.

Nimesimama kumuunga mkono Mheshimiwa Mwambire. Alivyoleta Mswada huu, naona amefikiria mbele ili kusaidia wazee hawa ambao wako Ganze, Magarini na mahali kwingine. Wale wanaopinga Mswada huu, pengine wazee walio katika Wadi zao wamechanganyikana.

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Hatuwezi kuchanganya wazee wa Malindi ambako kumejaa kila kabila; kuna wazee kutoka Marafa ama Magarini. Naunga mkono tujali wazee wetu na tuwatengenezee mipangilio ya kuwalinda.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

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

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much. I rise to respond to the comments shared by Members in response to this Motion. I am humbled with the contributions that have been shared by Members. Before I venture into that, I beg to give one philosophical comment that the way one is cultured dictates how one will perceive this Motion. We have a big challenge in the County; one being employment. Lack of employment has made this County to have the highest dependant ratio in our community and it is out of this which compelled this County Assembly to paste from the National Government, a project of cash transfer to the elderly people.

This is a project of the National Government through the Ministry of Labour. After realizing that they were doing it as a pilot project and most elderly people were suffering, we thought it was wise to adopt a Motion that was brought by one dignified hon. Nixon Mramba, so that the elderly people can get something to sustain their lives. It will be crazy for us to accept to have this County transfer Ksh 2,000 per month without considering their health. The people of this County, mostly the elderly and the vulnerable, suffer a number of diseases; some require checkups which would assist to curb such diseases.

The County has so far budgeted a lot of monies to build a state-of-the art structure at the Kilifi County Hospital where cancer, among other notable diseases, will be screened and taken care of in the County. Mr. Speaker, we want a way whereby the elderly people will get periodic cancer screening, so that they can know their status but as of now, these people are suffering.

We also want a situation whereby these people can get pain killers because when they go to the health facilities they have to pay. Even if it is 50 shillings, these people are unable to pay because most of them have been neglected by their families either by suspecting them to be practicing witchcraft or seeing them as unproductive, or by the burden of life that we are having bearing in mind the failure of crops in this season.

Mr. Speaker, if we look at how this County has been taking these people, you will find that out of all the 47 Counties, Kilifi is the one leading in lynching elderly people. It is not because they are suspected of witchcraft, but because they are viewed as a burden. They consume a lot of what we get, which is also not sustainable to our families. So, people think of a way of eliminating them, but if they are taken care of, given two thousand shillings which can assist them for food and given medical care like what we are doing to others, we will improve their status of life.

I have listened carefully especially to the hon. Members who were giving contrary opinions. I think they feel it is very expensive. They feel it is only practiced in developed countries but they are not aware that one of our neighboring counties, Taita Taveta, has this policy in place and the elderly are enjoying. If Taita Taveta can have this policy, what makes us not to adopt it? It is high time this House adopts and pushes the Committee on Implementation to push the Executive to bring the proposed policy so that these people can be taken care of.

I have heard Members talking about the challenges they have faced in the County hospitals. This County bought a number of high standard machines including the ultra-sound

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machines but the mistake was that during that financial year, we had not planned to buy extra machines that could assist us. For example, the ultra-sound machine cannot operate without UPS which costs Ksh 3 million and it was not in the budget. That is the reason why in the 2016/2017 proposed budget there is an allocation of that money so that we can have UPS machines which will assist in running the machines. Without doing that, in any case power goes off, then the machine will be damaged and repairing them will cost this county over Ksh 10 million. That is the reason why we have not been able to use them.

Let me call upon hon. Mwachenda, if he is around, or those who have been convinced by his allegation that his departed mum went through, it was not lack of functional machines but because the County did not buy all the requirements for the machines to work. I believe in the next financial year, all those things in place like what the Chairperson of Health has raised... Let us support this Motion bearing in mind that most of the things that are required in the Health Department have been catered for.

Mr. Speaker, if you have been keen on the budgets that we have been passing, the bigger part of the budget has been going to health meaning that most of the things that we have including such as the ambulances have been bought to ease the provision of health services. It will make no sense to take an elderly person as far as Balaga or Jila and Shirango, to either Malindi or Kilifi County Hospital then these people lack the required medication just because their family or the community does not have sufficient funds to look after them. So we want a way where these people will be taken care of so that they can also feel part and parcel of this Country so that they can also enjoy the provisions of the Constitution. With those few remarks Mr. Speaker, I call upon hon. Members to see sense in this Motion so that we can support it. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Now hon. Members a Motion has been tabled and deliberated.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS

Second Reading

THE KILIFI COUNTY ENVIRONMENT (REGULATION AND CONTROL) BILL, 2016

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Chairperson.

Hon. Chai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in for the Chairperson for Environment and Natural Resource as the Vice Chairperson. I beg to move that the Kilifi County Environment (Regulation and Control) Bill, 2016 be now read a Second Time.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, a Motion has been moved to have the Kilifi County Environment (Regulation and Control) Bill, 2016 read a Second Time. . I now call upon hon. Japhet Nzaro to second.

(Hon. Nzaro stood at this place to second)

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(Question Proposed)

Yes hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the adoption of this Bill. The County Environment (Regulation and Control) Bill, 2016 is a Bill which tries to create good environmental well being of our County. This Bill tries to address most environmental issues happening in this County.

The issues of solid waste management, air pollution and noise pollution are addressed in this Bill. You can find animals loitering in our urban areas; this Bill tries to address the issue of abandonment. The County will be...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy Mwambire.

QUORUM

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Mwambire): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I stand on a point of Order to notify Members that we are lacking the required quorum to proceed with deliberations.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Can the Clerk-at-the-Table confirm?

Clerk-at-the-Table: Hon. Speaker, we don't have quorum.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Ring the Quorum Bell.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Do we have quorum?

Clerk-at-the-Table: Yes we have quorum, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Members, I think Members of the Budget Committee have gone to sit. Now, it is contrary to Standing Orders for any Committee to sit and the plenary is deprived of quorum. So, that sitting is null and void. Tell the Members to come back if they are in a Committee. The Committee will only sit when the plenary is over. So tell them whatever they are doing right now off record is null and void. Let us proceed hon. Japhet Nzaro.

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was saying that in most of our urban centres, you will find some animals loitering and if you look at what the Bill tries to address it is the issue of abandonment.

By passing this Bill, we will also have created an avenue where we can raise revenue for this County and these are the policies which we are required to have as an Assembly so that we have monies to operate our activities in this County. If you look at the Bill Mr. Speaker, there are some urban centers which are supposed to be set up. It is the duty of this Assembly and County through this Bill that in those designated urban centers there are some facilities which also have to be set up so that they take up these issues correctly.

Mr. Speaker, it is yesterday when we received the response from the Leader of Majority on environmental matters. He would have wished such issues to be addressed in this Bill. If you look at the Bill, we have a lot of issues which are in this Bill, for example the empowerment of the youth through environmental and other activities, the issues of women getting involved in meaningful economic activities through solid waste management. All these issues are addressed in this Bill. I wish the hon. Members of this Assembly looked at the issues of this Bill and for sure...the issues being addressed here are critical to our County. When you board these public

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motor vehicles, you will see many people throwing plastic bottles on the road, the issue of spitting; all these issues are being addressed in this Bill. I hope Members will understand what is entailed in this Bill and support it fully. I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Members. A Motion has been moved for adoption, that the Kilifi County Environment (Regulation and Control) Bill, 2016 be read for a Second Time.

(Question put and agreed to)

Let the Bill be read now. You can do it from your seat; you do not have to come to the Table.

(The Bill was read a Second Time)

Second Reading

THE KILIFI COUNTY BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES BILL, 2016

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Kilifi County Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Bill, 2016 be now read a Second Time. I now call upon hon. Pascal Thuva to second.

(Hon. Pascal stood at this place to second)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Pascal. Hon. Members a Motion has been Moved by hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi requiring that the Kilifi County Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Bill, 2016 be read a Second Time.

(Question proposed)

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute to the Bill. We understand that this Bill is supposed to give a guideline on how betting, gaming and lotteries should be conducted in Kilifi County. For many days, we have been waiting for this Bill so that at least we can streamline betting activities in the County.

If you go through this Bill, it has given proper guidelines on how betting activities in the entire County can be conducted. It has pointed out that the composition of for example; the Betting Board that should be composed of Members from all the 7 Sub-Counties. I believe when this Bill is read a Second Time and it is passed, then the County will get a good Act that will direct the movement of gaming and lotteries in the entire County. I stand to support the Second Reading of the Bill.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, a Motion has been moved by hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi requiring the Second Reading of the Kilifi County Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Bill, 2016 and the same has been subjected to debate. I now put the Question that the Bill be now read for the Second Time.

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(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi for that Second Reading.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, in the absence of any other Business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until 2:30 p.m. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 11:24 a.m.