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

PRAYERS

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON SITE VISITS TO ICT CENTRES IN KILIFI COUNTY

Hon.Mwarandu: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I beg to move the following Motion;-

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Sectoral Committee on ICT and Research on site visits to ICT Centres in Kilifi County laid on the Table of this House on the 13th day of August, 2019.

Before I call upon hon. Mbura to second, I wish to put my remarks. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee and staff in charge of ICT. I also wish to thank the Office of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded during this exercise and all the necessary support extended in the execution of this mandate. Many are the times where ICT has been said to be a crucial enabler of development.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say before this House that among the ten richest people from the world, seven of them come from the ICT fraternity starting from Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Larry Page and Jeff Bezos but contrary to that in Kilifi County, ICT has been seen as irrelevant sorry to speak .

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Mr. Speaker, this is because the Department of Education and ICT when looked into is the worst Department that has made no improvement on matters of development. It has so many stalled projects among the ten Departments of Kilifi County Government. When we were visiting these ICT Centres, there are projects that started in the FY 2014/2015. A good example is the Adu ICT Centre and hon. Stanley (Kenga) is here he can attest to that.

Mr. Speaker, due to that, in this Report we have put some recommendations that will assist Kilifi County Government or the Department of Education at least to improve. We have seen like Kakuyuni Youth Polytechnic ICT Centre where the electrical wiring has not been done since 2013 to date and when we asked the relevant people concerned, they said that the BQ (Bill of Quantity) of the construction of the house is different from that of the electrical wiring and sometimes you wonder who is fooling who when it comes to matters on quotations and arranging of the BQs. Mr. Speaker without much ado, I request hon. Mburu to second. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Mburu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for this opportunity to stand before the House and support the adoption of the Report of ICT from the Department of Education and ICT. As we all know, ICT is a very important component or technology in development. It cuts across all the sectors and it is very important for the growth of our youth in terms of education. This is why the county was able to initiate some labs in all the polytechnics so that it can furnish the students with the ICT technology which will enable them to access information during their studies but something surprising in this county of ours is that this project has not been taken with seriousness because of the gaps that were found during the visit.

We were able to visit some centres that were initiated in the last three or four years and so far they are not complete like the Mwabanyundo which is a project that was for the year 2014 and the lab is not in place with reasons not well explained by the Executive. With a promise that there has been communication between the government and the community, so from the findings and our recommendations we thought it is good to enhance the relationship between the government and the community when it comes to development.

Again, some of these ICT centres despite that they are learning places for our youth we do not have the resources or the facilities in terms of computers, printers, internet connection and this brings it down to a normal class like any other class in the polytechnic. Again, these labs have no instructors. Some of the labs have none if not one instructor and it is really a challenge for the students to be taught and equipped with necessary knowledge.

There is also lack of electricity. This problem has not been explained by the Department because of the explanation that electricity is a project on its own and not the project of the ICT or the contractor of the building. The Education Department has distanced itself claiming that it is a component of the ICT Department. This is well explained in the fact that we had two Departments in the last four years or in the last regime. We had ICT with its Chief Officer and also the Department of Education had its own Chief Officer so there have been differences in terms of managing these entities. So, this has also been a problem but for now, we have an ICT officer within the Department of ICT and Education at the same time we are also in the process of developing a Policy that will merge these two Departments to work as a single unit for the betterment of delivering services to *wananchi*.

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Mr. Speaker, I stand to support the adoption of this Report so that we are able to get some action from our recommendations that we made as a Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Before you sit hon. Mbura, I am just curious; are you a Member of the Committee?

Hon. Mbura: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Is there any ICT Centre that you visited that was complete and functional with internet and electricity?

Hon. Mbura: Actually Mr. Speaker, Sir, I can say none. Most of these ...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Because I am looking at the Report and it shows that everything in terms of ICT is totally zero because everywhere you went there is a problem with electricity, no internet ...

Hon. Mbura: Yes.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay, thank you. Yes, hon. Stanley (Kenga).

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I want to contribute and for the Member for Kakuyuni to hear what I am about to say.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to start by appreciating the work that has been done by the Committee led by the able Chairperson and at one point I overheard the Minority Leader saying that KADU ASILI as a Party did a great job in making sure that hon. Mwarandu gets in the County Assembly of Kilifi based on the performance that we are seeing as a Chairperson of driving the Committee to lengths that have never been seen before.

Mr. Speaker, one of the issues that are coming out very clear is that the County Government has done very little in terms of ICT. Now, this leaves us as Members worried about the trend we are taking as a County Government.

Mr. Speaker, all over the world, people are talking ICT, eating ICT, and sleeping ICT and if for any reason as a county we cannot tap the benefits of ICT and have ICT functioning in our county then it means we are doomed as a county. If you look at the courses offered by the universities in this Republic, any course that is offered must integrate ICT in it. If it is about Business Administration you will hear Business Administration with IT in it, if it is about Human Resource, it will be Human Resource with IT in it. Now, it leaves us as Members of the County Assembly of Kilifi wondering why as a County Government the Executive is failing on this part.

Mr. Speaker, Kakuyuni Polytechnic...and that is why I had wanted hon. Mramba to hear this because he is one of those students who have benefited from Kakuyuni Polytechnic and therefore ...but that was many years ago Mr. Speaker and now we are doing harm to the people of Kakuyuni being one of the Polytechnics that have existed for ages, Kakuyuni and Jilore and the Member for Jilore will attest to this. Mr. Speaker I am not a Member of the ICT Committee but we are linked because we share a CEC Member.

The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Education is the same in charge of the ICT Committee and I am a Member of the Education Committee. In most cases when they visit the vocational training centres we, as the Education Committee, also visit the same. Last week we were in Kakuyuni and Jilore and the previous day we had visited some of the centres in Kilifi South though this was partly on the ECD side and you can realize that if polytechnics, the likes of Kakuyuni and Jilore, have been with us for so many years and have not been brought up to the standard they should be.

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Today we are talking about lack of electricity and internet connection in one of the key institutions in Malindi Sub-County. I think something needs to be done and I would wish timelines were given on the recommendations that have been proposed by the Committee. For instance such and such recommendation is done within a specified period of time so that we can help our people. Most of our people will be denied access to jobs. The job market is very competitive and if we are not competitive enough as a county, then it means the students that we produce will be rendered jobless just because we are failing as a county to integrate ICT to the best that we can.

For us to be able to capacity build our people, then technical institutions and even the current curriculum that the President of the Republic of Kenya is trying to push though there have been challenges. The CBS (Competency Based Curriculum) hinges a lot on the issue of ICT. Therefore, I will request that as a Committee, there is every need that subsequent budget provisions are made sufficient enough to take care of the issues of ICT in the polytechnics. Let us ask ourselves; the polytechnics that we have in this county are less than 30, what is so big that we are not able to provide for their funding in ICT yet we are talking about less than 30 vocational training centres?

I mean this is a very small thing that the County Government should be in a position to do by setting aside some funds to make sure that we have addressed this challenge. I think that is the best way to go and will create more opportunities to the people of the great County of Kilifi. Allow me to say that the way we see hon. Mramba; the way we know him and how ambitious he is and as he is aspiring to be the next Member of Parliament for the great Constituent of Malindi, he passed through Kakuyuni Polytechnic and he is the way he is and during those times there was no ICT, what about when ICT is provided and the students go through it? I believe there will be more powerful with greater capacity than even the position that hon. Mramba plays. I want to believe that with ICT we can go far. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I support the Report of the Committee.

Hon. (Ms.) Koki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Report of the ICT Committee and it has shocked me to see that the County Government or the Executive is not taking ICT very seriously. I will give a personal example on ICT. For those who know me and those who do not know me very well, I do a lot of online business. I do not need to go to any office or any shop for me to do business as long as I have my phone and I have internet I am able to do business.

We have a lot of jobless men and women and a lot of youth out there who do not have anything to do. With these ICT centres, they can be able do online businesses and take online courses and they can end up getting jobs through that. This is something that needs to be taken with a lot of seriousness and urgency because we are in a new generation; nothing goes on without internet and ICT and if Kilifi will forfeit that then we are not being fair even to the people of Kilifi.

Allow me to give another example. When I go home to Mariakani, I find a lot of youth surrounding a lot of buildings. On inquiring, I was told they are seated there because they get free Wi-Fi. We can have hot spots in various places in our wards; it does not cost much really. If the county cannot do that and we want to raise youth who are knowledgeable and can stand on their own, people who can go to the internet and find things and get to be served on the internet, I am a living testimony, trust me I have built a brand through the internet. My business is 90

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percent social media and this is all through the internet. I stand to be corrected if I make any mistake but this has to be done and it has to be done immediately.

We need to raise a generation which is informed. If this community is not given the opportunity to get this information, then we will not be doing justice to the people of Kilifi. I stand to support this Report and I wish to say that this has to move with a lot of urgency so that the people of Kilifi can get the right to what belongs to them. Thank you so much.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity as I rise in support to the Report as given by the Committee through the able Chairperson. I have gone through the findings of the Committee and more so the recommendations. It is a pity trying to imagine that we cannot even sight about three centres in the county that are fully fledged with ICT. If we should talk of civilization, then we should be talking about a class of people who are actually computer literate. We should talk of a community that is connected to the internet.

You will agree with me that today our students are not given their homework duties or assignments through paper work. This is because the world is geared towards going paperless. You can imagine a student from Jilore trying to struggle to get to Malindi so that he or she can access the assignments given in their respective schools. We were happy to be blessed with a computer lab in Jilore but it is not functional. We visited with hon. Stanley (Kenga) and it had no electricity as cited; the structure was done to plastering and has stalled.

As hon. Stanley (Kenga) has cited, Education and ICT share the same CEC Member. We have had some challenges and some complaints that are shared in all the Departments and when it comes to matters to do with budgeting, budgets are anchored in the respective Departments but again when it comes to matters to do with ICT, ICT is looked at as a standalone Department. So there is a big weakness that as an Assembly we need to look into so that we can have ICT as a component that can stand on its own. When it comes to matters to do with budgeting, then it can get a good budget to ensure it is able to execute its mandate. It is my prayer that the same recommendations can be implemented so that Jilore can also find the light of day on matters ICT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mkadi: Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute towards the adoption of this Report. I stand to support the adoption of this Report. Being a Member of the Committee, I thank God that this Committee was spared because it was about to be done away with. This Committee is in conjunction with the Education Department; maybe this is the reason that is burdening the CECM not to work as expected. I will recommend that through the able Chairperson, we air these problems out to the Department so that this Department can be separated from the Department of Education and be given a separate CEC so that it can work independently.

There are so many issues given out as we went around ICT Centres. We had recommended that we have several ICT labs in at least every ward but we have few and most are not in good working condition. So I would wish that this House adopts the passage of these Committee recommendations so that something can be done to enable people be ICT literate.

Most of the ICT related centres are not in good condition. The Department can get experts to do monitoring, evaluating and assessing the functioning of these computers. With those few remarks, I support the adoption of this Report. Thank you.

Hon. Hassan: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Mimi pia nimesimama kuunga mkono hii Hoja. Utakubaliana na mimi kwamba hata serikali kuu imepatiana tarakilishi kwa shule za msingi lakini zimefeli kwa sababu hakuna walimu wenye

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ufahamu wa ICT. Kama mheshimiwa Mramba ufahamu wake na ujuzi wake aliupata katika chuo cha ufundi cha Kakuyuni na hakuchanganya na IT, yaani bado ni *analogue*, je angechanganya na IT si labda hata saa hii angekuwa ni Seneta? Kwa hivyo, naomba tuunge mkono hii Hoja na vile vile Mwenyekiti wa kitengo hiki cha Elimu kwa maksudi kabisa hata kama *Executive* hawataweka hiyo bajeti, lakini hiyo bajeti itengwe kwa maksudi ili

(Hon, Hassan spoke off record)

...asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

(Laughter)

(Hon. Mramba stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Mramba: What hon. Hassan is insinuating that I attended Kakuyuni Polytechnic is not true. Even what hon. Stanley Karisa Kenga said when I was outside is not true. I attended Madunguni Primary School then I proceeded to Kenyatta High School in Mwatate where I did my O levels. I joined Kenyatta High School again for form five but I dropped out because of financial constraints. I never at any given time attended Kakuyuni Polytechnic unless they have evidence to prove the same, then I would wish both hon. Hassan and hon. Kenya do apologize. Thank you.

(The Speaker spoke off record)

Hon. Mramba: It is not an embarrassment.

Hon. Mramba: But I never attended Kakuyuni polytechnic.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Does it warrant an apology?

Hon. Mramba: No it does not but for record purposes.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me first take this opportunity to uplift the name of the living God for finding time to be back in this House after a very successful wedding. I am now happily married and I appreciate everyone who played a very important role to make sure that one comes to fruition. So thank you.

Let me go straight to the Motion on the Table of this House. It is now almost seven years into devolution and it is so sad that we can come across such kind of a Report because of failure in execution of our roles in terms of the Executive implementing projects and all that. I expected by now the road to be getting wider and brighter as devolution is concerned but it is so sad that as we are now, it is still getting narrower and darker so I wonder if these are the fruits of devolution that we expect but all the same, I know there are some issues which need to be addressed and on that note let me take this opportunity to congratulate the Committee for taking time to come up with this Report to identify all these problems so that they can be addressed and at least devolution can see the light of day through this Department of ICT.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that it is so sad that we can talk of stalled projects because it has been a song in this House and as far as I am concerned, there is an amphitheatre that was constructed at Chonyi and many people have been talking about it but it has come out that we do not have something much to celebrate about it as far as this Report is concerned. So, that means a

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lot of funds were used there but still we are not yet there to say ICT is something we can embrace.

Again Mr. Speaker, the problem is that the Directorate itself has been swaying from one Department to another; the Directorate of ICT that is. I remember at some point it was under Culture, Gender and Sports; now it has been taken back to Education. We have been missing the point from the word go because we have not even been in a position to identify where exactly this Department should feature and more concentration can be directed to it. So, already that one has been a very big blow in ensuring that this Directorate of ICT plays a major role in making sure that its goals are realized.

As we speak Mr. Speaker, the ICT Department under Education had no Chief Officer until now when one of the Agriculture Chief Officers had to be transferred to ICT and to the little knowledge I have about the Chief Officer is that he is well verse in Agriculture but it is only recently that he was transferred to ICT. I think he was just being dumped there but he is not going to bring much for that Department now. So, it is a Directorate that is overshadowed by other Directorates in the same Departments that there are. I think there is much that should be done to ensure that we get even more experts who can run such kind of a Department or Directorate to ensure that we realize the full potential of ICT in this county. So, Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks I also want to...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Order)

Hon. Kenga: Mr. Speaker, with all due respect the Member who is making contributions you understand is newly married and I do not know; we need your guidance on this. As a newly married colleague of this County Assembly and that is the first speech he is making in this Assembly, I do not know how you can direct us; how do we receive that speech because it is coming with blessings from a newly married colleague...

(Laughter)

You need to tell us Mr. Speaker; how do we receive it so that he acknowledges that at least we are part and in this. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Mumba.

Hon. Mumba: Thank you Mr. Speaker and let me also appreciate the Deputy Speaker for his comments and also state on the Floor of this House that I attended a Joint Committee yesterday whereby we were deliberating a Report on the visit to the EPZ; that was an extension of this House as well so I think my blessings even started yesterday.

I want to also refer to the recommendations under number six where it reads "There is need to provide adequate internet to all ICT centres in Kilifi for this will help the students to make their research effectively." It is a good recommendation but I am a bit confused because when you say the 'Government to provide adequate internet' I am not quite sure which Government they are referring to. So, I think they could have added something clearer and more precise so that at least for those who are getting these recommendations can act immediately. So, with those few remarks, this is a good Report and kudos to the Committee and I support the recommendations being made. Thank you.

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Hon. (Ms.) Victorine: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the adoption of the Report. Being a Member of the ICT Committee, we went round and according to what we found in regards to the infrastructure in the ICT Centres, it was not that pleasing especially access by persons with disability. We found that most of the ICT centres lacked ramps for the persons with disabilities to access them. As a representative of persons with disabilities, I found that there was no inclusion of persons with disabilities in these centres.

Mr. Speaker, another thing that we found out is that there are no sign language interpreters as tutors in our centres. You will find that a youth with hearing impairment will lack this knowledge. They will even shy away from joining these centres and this is an injustice to the persons with disabilities in our county Mr. Speaker. We wish our CEC Member does something and puts disability inclusion in these centres. Thank you.

Hon. (Ms.) Sidi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to also air my sentiments on the Report being a Member of the ICT Department. We realized out of the eight ICT Centres that we have in the whole County of Kilifi, none of them is operational. When we stand here and say that ICT is an enabler, I do not know what we are enabling.

At a Committee level, we would say that we feel the Department of ICT needs to be separated from Education and made a Department on its own because once this Department has been made as a separate entity then we will be able to realize the objectives of ICT as a whole. Mr. Speaker, in this Budget for the financial year 2019/2020 only two million shillings was set aside for the Department of ICT. What will two million shillings help the Department with if we say we need these ICT centres to be operational? So, maybe with your guidance Mr. Speaker, you need to direct us if we can bring a Motion so that we separate ICT from Education so that ICT stands on its own and then we allocate its funds. Otherwise, if some of these recommendations are implemented, then we will see ICT rising. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to also stand with the Committee on the Report that is before this House. A lot has been said but the truth of the matter is that ICT has been taken as a business for the elite. It has been taken as a business for the rich and that is why both the National and the County Governments have not seen the need to disseminate the ICT services to the grassroots.

Mr. Speaker, we have always wanted our youth to be computer and ICT literate so that they move with other youth in joining the world in matters ICT. But, when you look at the efforts that are given out to ensure that this dream is achieved, then it is contrary to what we expect. The Member who has just contributed has indicated that only two million shillings was set aside in achieving this. If we are really serious on matters ICT then two million shillings cannot do much on our ICT goals. If I am to give an example of those who travelled to Singapore and I believe you are one of them, we realized that there are so many things that had been adopted on matters of ICT that has put Singapore at an advantage. You will agree with me that even the lighting system in all the hostels that we managed to occupy were manned through the ICT systems. Even the flow of water is something that is controlled by ICT and this has really assisted the Government of Singapore to cut cost on many of these things that happen in the entire county and this is a process that we can adopt here that will assist in running our processes here at home.

We have always complained of youth lacking jobs and through proper ICT management, we can create as many jobs as possible for the youth. We have seen that Kenya has been hit many times by terrorists and this is to say that the security systems here are managed locally and the countries that have properly managed matters of security through ICT;

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countries like Israel, the first world class countries have actually embraced ICT to man their security systems.

Therefore, if Kenya is not ready to embrace ICT then let us get prepared to have terrorists and face insecurity because it seems like we are not ready to embrace ICT and curb these vices. I stand with the Committee's recommendations and if implemented fully I believe we will make a very big stride towards achieving many of the goals that we want to achieve as a country and as a county. I stand to support. Thank you very much.

Hon. Mramba: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi naunga mkono Ripoti hii ya Kamati ya *ICT*. Mimi nikiwa mmoja wa wanakamati wa ile Kamati, tulifanya mzunguko na tukaenda angalau tunaweza kusema Mapimo Youth Polytechnic kidogo tunaweza sema wana vifaa bora lakini kule kwingine hatukuona la maana lililofanyika. Zaidi sana ni lazima tuwe na mipangilio hasa ile Idara ya ujenzi. Wanapotengeneza *BQ* ya ujenzi itengezwe pamoja na ya kuweka stima kabisa. Maanake vile ilivyo kwa sasa utaona *ICT Centre* imejengwa lakini unambiwa stima bado kwa sababu itatolewa *BQ* nyingine ndio *contractor* aje wa kutengeneza stima.

Wakati mwingine inakuwa vigumu kwa sababu mwenye alijenga labda kuna makosa hataweza kufanya sawa sawa na yule *electrician* mwenye atapatiwa hiyo kazi. Ingekuwa bora kama ikipeanwa mjengo upeanwe kwa pamoja halafu ikiwa ni *electrical works* yeye mwenyewe atafanya *sub-contract* apatie mwenzake aje afanye.

Otherwise, tumeenda tumeona Adu kule kwa mheshimiwa Kenga alikosoma na tumeona hali si nzuri kusema kweli. Kwa sababu wanafanya kazi na kompyuta mbili tena walifanya kuazima sijui kwa shirika gani. Na unajua kabisa ile Wadi ya Adu kule umasikini umekithiri sana na ni jambo la kusikitisha sana.

Mimi ninaomba maswala ya *ICT* tuyatilie mkazo maanake hata hapa tunaona *ICT* ndio imetufanyia hili Bunge letu kuwa liko na *standard* kubwa kiasi ya kwamba ukitaka kuongea haina haja ya kuinua mkono. Hiyo ni *ICT* inafanya kazi. Na huo ndio ulimwengu wa *ICT* wakati huu hata watoto wetu wale ambao wako *nursery school, class two and class three* ukimwachia *laptop* anaweza kuitumia vizuri. Wakati huu ni tofauti na miaka ile ya zamani ya kina Matsaki. Kwa hivyo ni lazima tubadilike. Tukibadilika ndio sasa tutakuwa tunaenda sawa sawa na ile miaka vile inavyoenda.

Ile Idara ya *ICT* mwanzoni kabisa tukianza ugatuzi ilikuwa imewekwa kwa Idara ya *Culture*; ilikuwa inajulikana kama *Culture and ICT*. Mara ikatolewa sijui ikapelekwa kwa *Labour* mara ikatolewa tena... so imekuwa ni kama inachezewa; leo irushwe huku kesho ipelekwe kule inakuwa tanga tanga. Na sisi hatuna haja na mambo ya kutangatanga. Ingekuwa bora kwa sababu Idara zote zina tumia *ICT*, mimi ningeomba tu ikiwa haitakuwa Idara ya kivyake kwa sababu ni lazima kuna sheria na kila Kaunti ilipatiwa idadi ya zile Idara hatuwezi kuongeza Idara ambazo haziko kikatiba lakini hata hivyo ningeomba kama ni Idara ya Afya inataka kununua vifaa vya *ICT* ile bajeti yake iingizwe kwa ile Idara ya *ICT* ili wakitaka kununua yule Chief Officer wa ile Idara ndio atakaye toa *tenders* na anunue kwa niaba ya Idara hiyo.

Hii ni kwa sababu kila Idara iko na *ICT officer* na yule *ICT officer* ni mfanyikazi wa ile Idara ya *ICT* lakini ukiona yeye ndio ametumwa kwa ile Idara kama *ICT officer* lakini anasimamia vitu ambavyo si vya Idara yake. Ingekuwa bora kama wanataka kununua vifaa vya kompyuta...

(Hon. Kenga stood on a Point of Order)

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Hon. Kenga: Nasimama kwa Hoja ya Nidhamu Mheshimiwa Spika na nataka kusema kwamba ni kweli alivyosema kwamba wodi ya Adu umasikini umekithiri na nakubaliana na yeye na labda ni swala ambalo linahitaji rasilmali nyingi za kaunti ziweze kufika maeneo hayo ili kuweza kukabiliana na ule umasikini ambao umekithiri.

Nataka kusema kwamba sijasomea chuo cha Adu; nafikiri na wewe ni shahidi, tumekuwa sote shule ya upili ya Malindi High School kwa hivyo anayoyasema ndio yasiende kwa rekodi ni uwongo kwamba nimesomea Adu Polytechnic. Nimesomea shule ya msingi ya Kanagoni na Kanagoni na Madunguni zina utofauti ulio mkuu sana. Wale vijana wamepitia Kanagoni Primary kwa sasa ni miongoni mwa wale watu tajika katika Taifa la Kenya. Kwa hivyo, nilienda Kanagoni Primary School na baadaye Malindi High School. Sikuenda Adu Youth Polytechnic. Asante.

Hon. Mramba: Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kadri ya habari nilizonazo na za kuaminika ni kwamba mheshimiwa Stanley Karisa Kenga alisomea shule ya Kanagoni akaitwa Malindi High School akakosa karo akaenda Adu Polytechnic kwanza ndio baada ya miaka miwili akaenda Malindi High School baada ya karo kupatikana. Mimi sioni kama ni aibu mheshimiwa Stanley kama amesomea Adu Polytechnic. Huo ndio ukweli na ni lazima tukubali.

Mimi ombi langu ni kwamba tutilie mkazo sana maanake utaona ile Idara ya ICT kila mara bajeti inapokaliwa ni lazima wapokonywe pesa nyingi sana. Tulianzisha hata kituo cha radio. Serikali ya kaunti ikakodisha pale Tusky's na imekuwa ikilipa kodi kwa mwaka mmoja hata sasa pale juu kuna sehemu pale ilitengewa kituo cha radio ya Kilifi Kaunti. Ikalipiwa kodi kwa mwaka mzima mpaka wa leo haijaanza sisi tunalipa *rent* lakini hakuna kitu kinafanyika.

Tulipeana zabuni ya mtu akatengeneza *sound proof equipment* pale. Akafunga kila kitu na studio iko tayari lakini vifaa hakuna halafu *frequency* hatujapata. Tunatumia pesa; ile ofisi iko pale juu inalipwa pesa mpaka wa leo lakini haitumiki. Nataka kuomba Kamati ile ya Bajeti wakati mnapoona miradi ya ICT maanake tutaongea mengi lakini inapokuja kwa bajeti mpira uko kwenu. Mnapounda miradi ya ICT jaribuni sana kuiangazia ili tuweze kuendelea vizuri. Asante.

Hon. Maitha: Thank You Mr. Speaker. The idea of having ICT centres in vocational training institutes was a good idea only that the implementation part is wanting. Our youth had less interest in joining these youth polytechnics but after coming up with the ICT centres; let me give you part of my story in Jaribuni Ward. Jaribuni Vocational Training Institute had only courses like tailoring, secretarial, but when the ICT centre was built, the only part was the mechanical part which was the electrical installation part of it. I was forced to install solar panels so that we can use the computers that were brought to that centre. After seeing that the solar panels were not working well, we were forced to borrow power from Jaribuni Secondary School. As I speak Mr. Speaker, when we started connecting these computers, a very good number of youth joined the vocational institute. As for now, the National Government considered Jaribuni Polytechnic and pumped Kshs750, 000 as part of the grant that is coming from the National Government.

The concern here is where are these ICT experts from the Executive who are making a follow up of the same? If the ICT centre is not connected to power, what will be used? At Jaribuni, in the first place they were only giving seven packages like the cybers in town. So you call it an ICT centre while you are offering only seven packages?

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The Department of Education and ICT should work fast towards implementing the recommendations of this Committee. I stand in support of the adoption of this Motion so that we can fast track and empower youth with technology. The internet part of it; we have a lot of gadgets which can be procured at a cheap price. I am saying this because we were forced to buy an internet router so that they can access information from the internet. Being the Chair of Implementation Committee, I am waiting for this Report so that I can work on it. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the adoption of this Motion.

(Question put and agreed to)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I have noted a few things. In the recommendations as they are and if not acted upon we shall be sitting here next year talking about the same thing. The Implementation Committee needs to take this really seriously because it is sad that at this stage and time we don't have a functional ICT centre. Hon. Maitha, you have a job to do and trust me for basic ICT, Kshs two million is a lot of money. It can actually equip one laboratory. I want to bring to your attention that at one point this Assembly was running on fly boxes from Telkom. A fly box is Kshs4500 and for unlimited access you pay Kshs4000 every month. And how much is a computer? A basic desktop, the most expensive one is about Kshs80,000 until most recently when we moved to the fiber optic network here which we pay Kshs90,000. It's about priorities; it's not about money sometimes.

I think these are some of the issues you need to interrogate. We are even thinking of buying iPads for Members here so that we run away from this issue of Order Papers. I had a meeting with the ICT Director and the concept that he has is even to do away with the containers storage, he wants to bring in a document management system whereby everything that we do, everything is typed here will be backed online and anybody whom has rights can access. That is the world we are moving into.

I think you still need to go back. There is a problem in this Department because you can have all the Departments stalling from the inception. The issue of where the Department lies is purely administrative. Even if it was Agriculture and ICT, if you are CEC for Agriculture, you should also know that there is ICT that has been given to you. You need to do something about it. So taking this Department to be an entire county Department that does not solve the problem; the issue is what are our priorities? That is what I want to handover to you. The Report has been adopted yes; it will be forwarded to the Executive.

Hon. Maitha and your Committee I want to thank you because I am told you are very busy and you are doing your work very well now. You used to come to me and tell me you have no work, but now you have so much work. This is part of what you are supposed to do. I know you are capable, so kindly follow up on the budget issues; find out what the priority of the movement is because why would you have eight ICT centres with none of them working? Why waste money starting another one? Why can't you just complete one before going to the next? Assuming it took one year to put up a laboratory, how many would we have since 2013? Over 7, isn't it? All the Sub-Counties will now have the eight that we have and fully equipped.

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It is a matter of priority and since this matter has been resolved and a resolution has been taken up, it now goes to the Committee on Implementation. Put this in your parking lot because we have to send it there then perhaps when we come back from the recess after one month, please call for a meeting with the CEC and Chief Officers, the Directors and everyone involved; find out information. I can assure you the way the recommendations are to me are a blanket; sort of, because they don't place a responsibility on somebody. They just say the government should do this and that. With this kind of recommendation, somebody will not take it seriously but fortunately because we have the Committee on Implementation then it becomes your role now to follow up. So maybe after the long recess you might want to call them and trust you me they will tell you we have nothing to do but if they tell you they have Kshs two million tell them to give you the price of a fly box and a computer. That Kshs two million for ICT is good money unless of course they overprice. You said you put a fly box, how much did it cost? How much is a router? Yes Kshs5, 000.

A fly box that can supply about 10 people from Telkom is Kshs 4500. For unlimited internet every month is Kshs 4000, so when you have Kshs two million you can really do a lot. Even the County Assembly is going to buy 54 laptops and 35 computers and the budget is Kshs five million and that was calculated and it is going to be enough. So if Kshs five million can buy laptops and printers for the entire Members of the County Assembly, it also means even the Kshs two million can do something, isn't it? It is very simple mathematics.

So you have a role to do hon. Maitha; please follow up. This is in fact embarrassing; this is one of the things that you don't want to go out there for people to know but you know what, it is a public record; people will know that we don't have a functional ICT Centre in Kilifi. Some counties have like what hon. Koki has said, 'Hot Spot Centres'. Somebody wants to apply for a job online; he does not have to go to a cyber. They just go there. I share your sentiments when somebody says it is a business of the rich; it is simple, they do not want people to move away from that kind of illiteracy so that they can be able to do business. These are things which we should not be talking about. I mean ICT now...

(Laughter)

That notwithstanding, I think you have your instructions hon. Maitha and I am confident you are going to deliver that.

I want to remind the Members today at 3:30 p.m. there is ...

(The Speaker spoke off record)

FAILURE TO ATTEND SITTINGS

I know some Members were not in when I made the earlier announcement but I want to say it again. Let me repeat the earlier announcement I had made. One, there are Members who have not been attending eight consecutive meetings. If you read the books, they will tell you that you are a potential candidate for a by-election if you do not attend this Assembly.

The rules are very clear. If you are travelling outside the country whether on official or personal business, notify the Office of the Speaker or the Office of the Clerk; Members that will serve as a record for you. Should you stay for eight consecutive sittings, that is two weeks then if

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anybody brings an issue against you, you can easily be defended. If you go silent for three weeks and there is no record of where you are, trust me any malicious person may want to pursue you and you will actually lose your seat.

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Secondly, we are having a game today for staff and MCAs at 3:30 p.m. and expect Members who are playing football to be there. Tomorrow we are going to have a friendly match between the County Assembly team and an external team. That is going to be the practice until we go for the CASA (County Assembly Sports Association) games. Every Tuesday, we will have a match between the staff and the Members of the County Assembly. Every Wednesday all the fields' activities will be engaged in friendly matches.

ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other Business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you.

The House rose at 3:49 p.m.

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