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**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI**

**THE HANSARD**

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

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

**PRAYER**

**MOTION**

ADOPTION THE ELEVENTH REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS ON THE  
VETTING OF THE NOMINEE TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY SECRETARY

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Mwathethe): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Eleventh Report of the Select Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Mr. Arnold Mkare Jefwa, nominee to the position of County Secretary laid on the Table of this honourable House on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

I want to ask hon. Matsaki to second.

*(Hon. Matsaki seconded)*

*(Question proposed)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Yes hon. Matsaki.

**The Leader of Minority** (Hon. Matsaki): Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this Motion on the Eleventh Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of Mr. Mkare Arnold Jefwa nominee to the position of County Secretary. I am sure every Member has been given this Report and after having gone through it, I see that his official qualifications, working experience, educational background and also since he has been here for the last five years, he is fit to take up this position.

He has been able to control the 35 Wards and as you know, as politicians we have so much going on at the ground. Since he has been able to do that, I feel that if he is given this chance he is going to do better. Mine is to urge all the hon. Members in this House to support this Motion because I understand when he goes there as the County Secretary, I am sure he is going to help the Members in this honourable House. I do not have much to say; mine is to request all of you to support this Motion so that at least by next week he can be our man on the other side. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

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**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): This is a polite reminder, if you want to speak kindly press the intervention button and not the *mic* button.

**Hon. Changawa:** Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja ya uteuzi wa Arnold Mkare Jefwa kwa nafasi ya Katibu wa Kaunti. Nataka niseme ya kwamba kwa ule mda mchache nimemjua Arnold Mkare, aliyoyafanya katika kazi yake aliyokuwa nayo yaridhisha mbali na karatasi zake za elimu. Pia, nataka kusema ya kwamba ingekuwa ni uwezo wa kumgawanya hapa abaki kule aende, tungefanya hivyo lakini kwa sababu mwanadamu hatuwezi kumgawanya, basi nasema ya kwamba ile nafasi anayoenda ni bora zaidi pia atusaidie. Nasimama kuunga mkono moja kwa moja ya kwamba Mkare aende katika hiyo nafasi. Asante.

**Hon. Mwambire:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance. I stand to support the Motion that, Mr. Arnold Mkare Jefwa to be appointed as the County Secretary. This is because Mr. Arnold has quite a wealth of experience. I have seen this as I was going through the Report that was handed to us. It is clearly demonstrated that he has good experience of serving the interests of the people in terms of service delivery in his administration and the same can be said in the political stature.

Mr. Mkare has experience in administration and management of political affairs since he has served as a Clerk. He knows what pertains to the services which are supposed to be rendered to the people of Kilifi County. I therefore stand in support of this Motion.

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

**Hon. Pascal:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to air my views on the Motion that is before this House. Let me take this opportunity to thank the Committee for a job well done and again to extend my sincere support to the Governor for bringing the name of Mr. Jefwa Mkare to this House. As I speak as an old Member, this is my third term and in all my terms I have worked with Mr. Jefwa Mkare and I have seen his good efforts in trying to better the lives of the people of Kilifi.

When I was a councilor, Mr. Jefwa Mkare was the Clerk for the Town Council of Kilifi and I remember he did wonders because during that time, revenue collection was very minimal and when he was brought as the Clerk of that Council, we experienced a lot of revenue being collected. We used to see Mr. Mkare moving revenue collection points to other places ensuring that he covers all the loopholes that were being exploited by those guys to loot money.

So, having Mr. Mkare as the County Secretary at a time like this where we are really crying for revenue enhancement will actually be a solution to this County. I am not forgetting the fact that when you look at Mr. Mkare's wide experience gained from the positions he has served from one county to the other, it gives us faith that if this House gives him this opportunity as the County Secretary, he will be taking a better step towards solving the problems of the people of Kilifi. To conclude, Mr. Mkare is a St. Georgian and looking at the various positions St. Georgians have held, I being one of them, we will be better placed to have him as our County Secretary. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I urge my fellow hon. Members to applaud and pass this Motion. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Shaban:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Motion on the nominee for the position of County Secretary Mr. Arnold Jefwa Mkare. This position requires strong people and one of them in this position is Mr. Arnold Mkare. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this position has been vacant since Mr. Owen Baya went for the parliamentary seat and it is a coincidence that Owen Baya is a student from St. George's High School together with my hon. Member *Makanga* (Pascal).

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the position of the County Secretary has been held on acting capacity and as you know, if somebody is acting we may have loopholes so by Mr. Mkare going for the position, we expect that things will take another direction. Since this is a growth to Mr. Mkare, we want to support and wish him well as he goes to the County Government (Executive) to help our Governor who is serving his second and final term so that he can be able to assist the Governor as he completes his second term. I stand to support this Motion.

**Hon. Chiriba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I stand in support of this important Motion of the passage of the nominee to the position of County Secretary. Mr. Speaker, not repeating whatever my fellow Members have just pointed out, I want to also say that Mr. Mkare has experience of working with the Assemblies. When it comes to budgetary matters, Assemblies propose budgets which sometimes the Executive may not understand but if we will have a County Secretary who knows the challenges of the Assemblies, I believe this Assembly will stand a better position.

Mr. Speaker, whatever things we may propose as an Assembly, Mr. Mkare will be in a position of knowing the importance of the same. So, I stand in support of this Motion so that we can have him in this position. Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) Messo:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I stand here, I support the Motion but I can compare Mr. Mkare to a mother; that you have a nice girl in your house and the girl wants to get married and conditions will force you to accept. That is how I can compare him. He is such a humble, good man. I have known this man for just a few months; I think it will be something like five months. He is always ready to welcome anybody and listen. So, I pray that we get a nice Clerk like him.

We cannot refuse because everybody wants greener pastures but let us pray that we get a good Clerk like him. I stand to support and let us put our fingers crossed that we get a nice man like Mr. Mkare. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Hon. Karisa:** Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza nachukua fursa hii kuwapa kongole wanakamati ambao wamechukua jukumu hili kuona kwamba ndugu yetu Mkare ambaye tumeishi naye hapa vizuri amepata hii nafasi.

Pili, nataka kukupa kongole Bw. Spika, kwa sababu itakuwa ni historia katika Bunge hili la Kilifi tumeweza kutoa waheshimiwa wawili kwenda katika Bunge la Kitaifa na sasa itakuwa ni historia tukimpitisha Bw. Mkare angalau Bunge hili litoe *County Secretary* wa Kilifi.

Bw. Spika, anayejua utamu wa supu ambayo imepikwa vizuri na imekolea chumvi vizuri ni mtu mwenye mapengo. Naongea hivyo kwa sababu gani? Bw. Mkare ukiangalia historia yake ni kwamba amehudumia zaidi wanasiasa na amesaidia sana waheshimiwa kwa zile shida ambazo zinatoka kwa wananchi. Kwa hivyo, ni kiungo muhimu, mtu muhimu na mtu mzuri ambaye anastahili kupata nafasi hii.

Mimi niko hapa kuunga mkono Bw. Mkare maanake naona amehitimu kabisa na ni sharti waheshimiwa tumuunge mkono. Ndugu zangu mtakuja nipa mkono hata hii *revenue* yenyewe itapanda kwa sababu ako na uzoefu na maswala ya *revenue*.

Bw. Spika, naona hata ningekuwa wa mwisho kuongea kwa sababu hiyo itatosha ili tumpitisha Bw. Mkare...

(Laughter)

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): I have 15 people waiting to say something *mheshimiwa*.

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**Hon. Karisa:** Asante sana mheshimiwa. Acha nikome hapo lakini ningewaomba hata kama ni wawili tungempitisha Bw. Mkare.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. The system is hanging here because everybody wants to speak so let me give them time but thank you very much for your contribution.

**The nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Omar Radhia Ali): Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Mimi yangu yatakuwa mafupi. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu wa kumpitisha Bw. Mkare na nataka kuwaambia waheshimiwa wenzangu kwamba mwenye macho haambiwi tazama. Wale wote ambao walikuwa katika Bunge lililopita na sisi ambao tuko hapa tumeona utenda kazi wa Bw. Mkare. Nimesimama kuunga mkono kabisa na ningewaomba waheshimiwa wenzangu tuunge mkono ili tumalize mambo haya na tusonge mbele.

**Hon. Mwayaa:** Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Mkare aweze kukiendea kiti cha ukatibu wa Kaunti ya Kilifi. Mheshimiwa Spika, anayeendesha Pajero hashindwi na gari ndogo. Nasema hivyo kwa sababu Bw. Mkare alifanyakazi katika Bunge la Kwale ambako si kwao Kaunti 002 na akaja hapa na akafanya pia na serikali za Wilaya kama Katibu na sasa katika Ugatuzi. Nimeangalia makaratasi yake; akili yake imejaa kisomo na ujuzi wa kufanya na serikali za Wilaya na pia kufanya kazi Kaunti zengine. Hayo yote yakijumuishwa yatatusaidia sisi wanakilifi. Kwa hakika, tulikuwa tumeweka watu ambao walikuwa hawaelewi mengi na tukawa tunauliza maswali ambayo hawakuweza kuyajibu; lakini tukimuweka Mkare anayo majibu yote. Vile anavyotuhudumia huku hawezi kushindwa na mambo ya huko. Maswala ya ushuru na pesa zote tutajua kwa urahisi kwa sababu yeye ana ujuzi na ni mkaazi wa Kilifi anajua ndani na nje. Wacha tumpitisha na tuombe Mungu atupe *Clerk* mzuri ili kazi ya Kilifi iendelee mbele.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you senior. Hon. Members, who have just walked in, just press the intervention button and I will see your name. Press the intervention button and not the other one; that is why I am switching off your mics. Hon. (Ms.) Nuzla, do not touch it, now you have gone back to... Okay proceed hon. Kenga.

**Hon. Kenga:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also show my support for the Motion that has been moved by the Leader of Majority. Mr. Speaker, the vacancy in the position of the County Secretary was occasioned by the departure of the former County Secretary who went to join politics at the National level.

In filling this position, concerned parties were guided by the Constitution and the relevant legislation. The Supreme Act of the County Government Act, Article 44, is talking of the qualifications for somebody who aspires to take the position of the County Secretary. The Section is talking of an experienced person of at least 10 years; the same section is talking of a qualification of a Bachelor's degree.

I have engaged the CV of the nominee and looking at the educational background and professional qualifications, this person is currently pursuing a PhD. He has what it takes regarding the issues of education to be able to take up the position of the County Secretary.

I am also looking at the wealth of experience that this person possesses. From the year 2002 to date, this person has been working with the defunct local authorities from the County Council of Lamu to Kwale and then Kilifi. Now that he is getting back again to Kilifi in this time of devolution, this person has wide knowledge on the issues of the County Government.

Mr. Speaker, another item that is very important as I was looking at the CV; there are two people who have been written as referees. One of them is a former student of Malindi High School where I also schooled and I know that history has taught us that students of Malindi High School will never fail and I have never failed.

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(Laughter)

These are people of high integrity; the likes of the right hon. Musalia Mudavadi who is the NASA (National Super Alliance) Principal given out as a referee. I had time to engage with him so that I also get to know what he has to say about this nominee. All I got from this referee were positive things about the performance of this nominee.

Mr. Speaker, looking at the functions that are supposed to be taken up by this nominee according to the County Governments Act, right now there is so much that seems not to be moving just because the position is vacant. In order for the County Executives to take up their issues within the confines of the law, we need to make sure that this position is filled within the shortest time possible.

Mr. Speaker, looking at Section 44 (3) of the County Governments Act which analyses the functions of the County Secretary:-

(3) The County secretary shall—

- (a) Be the head of the county public service;
- (b) Be responsible for arranging the business, and keeping the minutes of the County Executive Committee subject to the directions of the executive committee;
- (c) Convey the decisions of the county executive committee to the appropriate persons or authorities.

Mr. Speaker, this may address the issues of ghost workers that we have always had. Once he is in that position, he will address such allegations whether they are true or just rumours as we hear them.

Mr. Speaker, communication between the County Executive and the County Assembly can only be smoothened once this position is filled. To me, Arnold Jefwa Mkare is an asset to this County. We have made our projections on the issue of revenue yet we have not been able to attain them. With the wealth of experience that this nominee has, I want to believe that he is better placed to advise the Executive and make sure that we are able to progress positively as a County. This will enhance service delivery to the great people of Kilifi.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to support this Motion. Thank you very much.

**Hon. (Ms.) Victorine:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance. I beg to support this Motion on appointment of County Secretary Mr. Arnold Mkare Jefwa. For the few months that I have known him, I can describe him as one with a golden heart. Arnold Mkare has been of great help to me in this County Assembly. I render my support to this Motion for him to be given that chance. Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) Koki:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, for giving me this chance. I stand to support this Motion that Arnold Jefwa nominee for CS in Kilifi County to be given that chance. For the few months I have known Mr. Mkare, he has been of great help to me. He is a soft spoken man and he listens to everyone. To those who have ever visited the Office of the County Secretary, it is an office that accommodates a lot of people. He qualifies to go to that office because he has the heart and time to listen to people. If you look at the attached form of the County Assembly of Kilifi vetting form, there is a section where he has hand written that 'I have also provided food and shelter to orphans, widows and people living with disabilities'. This is a person with a

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golden heart and not everybody can do that. I stand to support his nomination and I wish him well as he goes to become our County Secretary. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. (Ms.) Koki. Chairman Budget.

**Hon. Kiraga:** Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. I also demonstrate my support to this Report. Mr. Speaker, I happened to get an opportunity to witness the proceedings during the vetting of the nominee. The challenges facing this County were articulated very well by the nominee during the vetting process. Section 44(3) (c) of the County Governments Act talks about the County Public Service and CS (County Secretary) being the head of the County Public Service. We have devolution in place but looking at Kilifi County, most of the devolved or decentralized units are not fully in place.

Looking at the Sub-County Administrators in Kilifi County, most of them are still in rental offices. Looking at the Ward Administrators, some are just working within their homes. Looking at the villagers and all those units have not been put in place but during his submission, he talked at length about the County Public Service and insisted that this time round all these things are going to be put in place for the well-being of the county so that the county can now run to its maximum as enshrined in the Constitution. The nominee also talked about the revenue collection in this county and he was feeling very pathetic about what is happening in the county.

Mr. Speaker, with his vast experience and work with the Local Authorities, I believe we are expecting much from this area as far as local revenue collection is concerned. Mr. Speaker, something good he talked about is the idea behind the County Government contracting some services to a private company. He was of the view that instead of engaging a private entity, the nominee said he will even go for a public entity like the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) which I believe if that is the way to go, we are going to boost our local revenue.

We have heard a lot of challenges especially the issue of quarterly reports in this Assembly from the Executive. These are the challenges which we expect to be things of the past when we have Mr. Mkare as the CS. Not forgetting that in the Budget making process we have had a lot of challenges where timelines are not met by the Executive. We also believe with Mr. Mkare at the helm in the County Government, such things will be a thing of the past. With those few remarks, I am in full support of the nominee to get the job of the CS of the Kilifi County Government. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Kiraga.

**Hon. Mwarandu:** Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Kwanza kabisa nataka niseme kwamba siungi mkono tu bali nataka kulipitisha moja kwa moja jina hili la Mkare. Mimi kama Mwanakamati wa Kamati hii ya *Appointments* tulimhoji Mkare maswali yote ambayo tulikuwa tunadhania yanakumba Kaunti hii ya Kilifi na alijibu maswali yote kwa njia sahihi. Nikisema hivyo ni kwamba Bw. Mkare atakuwa kama daraja ambalo tumekosa kwa muda mrefu kulingana na itifaki baina ya Bunge hili na kule *County Executive*.

Kwa hivyo, mimi sina mengi; mengi yamesemwa na Waheshimiwa na huo ndio ukweli mtupu. Mimi moja kwa moja nataka tupitisha jina hili ili aanze kazi mara moja na ikiwezekana pengine alipwe miezi mitano nyuma; ile inaitwa *in arrears* kwa sababu yule aliyekuwa pale ana *act*, yule *acting* yule...hilo ni swala la siku nyengine. Asante.

(Laughter)

**Hon. Mramba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to thank the County Public Service Board where Mr. Mkare sent an application and was shortlisted then went through the rigorous exercise of interview.

Second, I would like to thank his Excellency the Governor for finding it fit that Mr. Mkare takes up the seat of the County Secretary. Then, many thanks to the Committee on Appointments for seeing it better that Mr. Mkare is fit for the job and here we are. If I were a head teacher in a school that Mkare is a student, I would only describe his character or caliber as exemplary, very hardworking and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Therefore, we wish him the best.

The only challenge Mr. Speaker is for the County Assembly Service Board to get us another person in the name of the Clerk of the County Assembly who will fit in the shoes of Mr. Arnold Mkare Jefwa. That one, I know is a very big task because getting somebody who will fit in the shoes of Mr. Mkare will not be an easy task but with God I believe we are going to get somebody who will take that job and with Mkare as the County Secretary, he will have sealed the gap between the MCAs and the CECs. The ultimate goal is to have a County Secretary who is going to bring closer the Assembly and the Executive because right now, we are playing hide and seek games with the Executive which is not good, Mr. Speaker. Thank you so much. I wish him the best.

**Hon. Mumba:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support and I believe I was the first person to support this Motion. First, I want to say that Mr. Mkare Jefwa comes from my ward and he is a very good neighbour indeed. He has been very supportive and we are still in touch even today. I see it as a blessing to Tezo Ward. So, I rise to support that we approve this Report so that we can secure this position.

Secondly, I was going through the educational background and as hon. Pascal said, he comes from St. Georges and the motto of that school says 'strive for the highest' and I see Mr. Mkare is striving for the highest. I know he is even planning to go for higher posts than the CS (County Secretary). I think he has made the right move and I congratulate him and urge all the hon. Members that we unanimously approve this Report so that he can acquire the seat and we can move ahead.

Thirdly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I see his education background originates from the West and going through it, I see he acquired an Advanced Diploma in Hotel and Institutional Management from Italy. He never waited to acquire it from Kenya; that means he got the best from Italy. That is not all; he went ahead to acquire a Bachelors in Business Administration (BBA) from the Universidad Empresarial de Costa Rica. That means he got the best from the West. As for us who are getting education in Kenya which had to be brought by whichever means so that we can acquire it in Kenya, he got it very fresh from the West.

*(Applause)*

That means he has immense knowledge from the very people who brought it to us in Africa. The wealth of knowledge he has means he is better placed to fit in the position of the County Secretary. That is not all, Mr. Mkare carries with him immense experience and I believe he is the mother of all the duties that he is supposed to undertake in that position.

He has been in management for quite a long period of time and with that I am very much assured that this is a blessing to Tezo Ward and a blessing to Kilifi County. We have gotten the best for that position and I want to state here that I have been praying for him to acquire that

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position. I still pray because now he is there and as a man of God I say God has answered my prayers. Let us all support and approve this Report. I beg to support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes proceed.

**The nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Julius Saumu Sidi): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the Motion and to thank the Committee on Appointments for a job well done. From the curriculum vitae attached by the nominee to the position of County Secretary Mr. Arnold Mkare, it is vividly clear that Mr. Mkare is not only professionally and academically qualified for the position but his professional experience profiles him to be the best.

For the past five months we have been with Mr. Mkare, he has worked efficiently and coordinated all the activities in the Assembly to make sure that the business of the Assembly runs smoothly. His management and personal leadership skills are so commendable. I therefore have no reservations to recommend him for the position.

As much as we would want Mr. Mkare to continue serving us here, it comes a time where change is inevitable and career growth is a very critical aspect in human development. Therefore, I urge my fellow hon. Members to pass this Motion and grant Mr. Mkare an opportunity to serve the people of this great County at the best level. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. (Ms.) Nuzla:** Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii, japo nimeisubiri kwa muda mrefu lakini nimesema sikati tamaa; asante sana. Nimesimama hapa kumuunga mkono Bw. Mkare kwa sababu sisi Waswahili husema kizuri chajiuza kibaya chajitembeza. Yale ambayo Bw. Mkare ameyafanya katika hii Kilifi Kaunti ni makubwa sana na yote ambayo nimeyapitia kwa hii Ripoti ya leo ni ya ukweli ambao haufichiki.

Kuna sehemu moja inasema hapa kwamba alisaidia watoto wa shule za sekondari na vyuo vikuu. Mimi niko na ushahidi wa jambo kama hilo. Kuna wakati mmoja kijana mmoja wa Watamu alikuwa na shida; ni yatima na akawa anafanya mthani wa kidato cha nne. Huyu kijana alikuwa na deni kubwa pale shule la karibu elfu hamsini (50). Nikampigia Bw. Mkare na kumueleza shida hiyo akaniambia kesho njoo ofisini. Nilipofika pale akaniambia nenda shule uchukue stakabadhi zote uzilete ofisini kwangu.

Nilifanya hivyo na nashukuru Bw. Mkare akaandika cheki ya elfu thelathini (30) na kijana yule akaweza kuendelea na masomo. Hata hivi leo, kijana yule amekuwa kuleta majibu yake kwa Bw. Mkare kumwambia kweli ulinisaidia maishani mwangu lakini hivi ndivyo nilivyofanya. Kwa hivyo, Bw. Mkare ni mtu ambaye ataweza kusaidia Kilifi; kama aliweza kusaidia kijana kama yule kwa upande wa elimu, nina uhakika atasaidia na mengi. Kwa hivyo, bila ya kupoteza wakati mheshimiwa Spika, wacha niwe wa mwisho tupitishie Bw. Mkare aanze kazi. Asante.

**Hon. Omar:** Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. This post needs someone who is very loyal, honest and intelligent. Indeed Mr. Mkare has all these remarks. Without fear, I support the approval of this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kahindi): Yes.

**Hon. (Ms.) Elina:** Asante mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii ya kumjadili mfanyaji kazi huyu akawe Katibu wa Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi. Madaktari ni madaktari lakini daktari wa bubu huwa ana ujuzi zaidi. Natoa mfano huu kwa sababu Arnold Mkare tangu alipoajiriwa na Baraza la Mji wa Kilifi amekuwa mtu mwenye utu.

Wakati alipokuwa yuko Kwale na tunamtaka awe hapa Kilifi, tulijuwa tunaita mtu aliyehitimu, na tangu awe hapa, hakuna mtu anayelalamika. Kule *Executive* Kilifi kuko na mengi ambayo tunayaona hayaendi sawa. Tunampeleka Bw. Mkare kule akanyoshe mambo kwa sababu

yeye ni mnyoshaji na kwa sababu Bunge hili litakuwa linamhitaji zaidi ndio tunampitisha ili afanye kazi kwa sababu anajua kuzungumza na kila aina ya binadamu.

Pili, ule ushirika ambao tunauona hapa Bungeni kwetu tunataka akaudumishe kule Kilifi. Tunavyomtuma kule akafanye kazi; kuna vitu vinaenda makosa sana. Tunamuomba bidii ile aliyofanya hapa Bungeni aende akaifanye kwa Kaunti *Executive*. Matumaini yetu kipindi hiki kitakuwa tofauti na kile kipindi kingine kilichopita kwa sababu tulifikiria kila aliye na PhD (*Doctor of Philosophy*) anaweza kutenda kazi. Tuliwapatia na hawakutenda kazi. Kwa hivyo, mimi niko na uhakika tunapeleka mtu mwenye utu si PhD.

Mkare ninamjua tangu akiwa anaaza kazi ya *accountant Kilifi County Council* mwaka wa 1988. Mkare sio kijana ambaye unamdhania vile alivyo; ni kijana mwenye utu ndani ya maisha yake si elimu peke yake. Hatumchagui kwa sababu ya elimu yake peke yake lakini tumemwagalia anafaa. Twataka tuchukue mfano huo wa wafanyikazi wetu wa Kilifi wawe mfano kama Mkare. Mkare peke yake hataweza Kilifi lakini kusaidiana na wafanyikazi wenzake kama alivyofanya huku Kilifi *County Assembly* aliwafanya wafanyikazi wetu kuwa na umoja. Juzi, kwa wale ambao hawakuenda kwa mazishi ya mfanyikazi wetu aliyekuwa amepoteza bibi yake, alipofika pale Mkare alilia alimsaidia yule kijana na akamwambia watoto wake atawafungulia *account* na akawapatia laki moja.

Ni mtu mwenye utu si kusoma tu peke yake. Wasomi ni wengi na vyeti vimejaa lakini vinasaidia nani vyeti hivi? Wako na ule ubinafsi, wako na uchoyo hawana imani na mtu mwingine lakini Mkare amesoma, ile elimu yake tayari inamtosha hana haja ya kusaidia mtoto yeye lakini kwa nini akasomeshe mtoto wa maskini? Ana utu ndani ya moyo wake.

Bw. Spika, mimi namuunga mkono Mkare maana saa hii ninavyozungumza wafanyikazi wengi wa Kaunti ya Kilifi wame *hang* hawajui wafanye kazi gani. Ako na kazi kubwa ya kufanya mbele zake lakini tunamwomba Mungu akifika kule atarekebisha mambo kama alivyorekebisha *County Assembly*; kule pia ataenda kurekebisha vizuri.

Kitu ninachokuomba Bw. Spika, ni baada ya huyu ameenda yule anayekuja ni nani na yuko vipi? Kabla hajakanyaga, anza kumchunguza tujue ni nani na kama atakuwa na moyo kama Mkare. Vitu vingine tunasihi sana *Board* iwe na ukakamavu maana twataka mtu mwenye utu si PhD peke yake. Nimesimama kuunga mkono na ikiwezekana aanze kazi kwa sababu Kilifi tuko nyuma sana. Miradi yote kwa sasa haijaaza maana hatuna Katibu wa Kaunti. Ninaomba leo tumpitisha na Mwenyezi Mungu amtangulie, mipango inyoke, aende akalie ofisi ile lakini ofisi ile iko moto maana itakuwa na kazi nyingi.

Swali moja tulipomuuliza kwamba una maoni gani katika hii Kaunti ya Kilifi akasema, “Mimi ni mzaliwa wa Kilifi, nataka Kilifi iende mbele.” Kwa hivyo, tunatazamia tunapompa kile kiti, vitu vitabadilika. Waheshimiwa wenzangu, ninawaomba sana tumuunge mkono mheshimiwa Mkare ili tumpitisha leo ili kazi ianze kisawasawa. Kwa hayo Bw. Spika, Mungu akubariki na asante sana.

**Hon. Hassan:** Asante mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii hata naona ni kama tunachelewa kulipitisha hili swala kwa sababu kuna kero nyingi ambazo zinatandama. Labda nikikumbuka wiki tatu zilizopita nilifika katika Wizara ya Mazingira pamoja na Maji kwa Waziri Mwachitu nikafumana mkutano pale; mkutano ambao ulikuwa ni yeye, *Chief Officer* na mgeni mwingine ambaye alikuwa ni mfadhili.

Mheshimiwa Spika, jambo la kusikitisha ni kuwa huyo katibu ilikuwa ni aandike barua kwa mfadhili; mfadhili awe atasaidia kutengeneza mbolea kutumia taka taka zetu. Amini usiamini, barua ile imeshindikana mpaka kufikia sasa tunarudi nyuma kimaendeleo kwa sababu ya watu fulani ambao wao wanaridhika na kutosheleza ubinafsi wao.

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Mengi mazuri sana yametajwa kuhusu ndugu Mkare; mimi nimesimama kuunga mkono kwa sababu fadhila zake ajua mwenyewe Mungu. Hata hapa tulipo, waheshimiwa naomba niwafahamishe tukija hapa 2013 palikuwa tofauti sana lakini pamebadilika hivi kwa sababu ya bidii yake na jitihada zake kushirikiana na wengine.

Mimi nasema moja kwa moja tumpatie hii nafasi ili akanyoshe mambo ule upande mwingine. Ule upande kumekosekana heshima. Mkubwa anajiona ni mkubwa na mdogo anakuwa ni mkubwa kuliko yule mkubwa; kwa hivyo inakuwa ni shida ngumu sana. Kwa umoja ninaomba tulipitishie hili swala mara moja na huyu kijana achukue usukani. Nikimalizia, si vibaya ikiwa ndugu Mkare labda baadaye atatuona hata kama ni chai ya saa kumi. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. (Ms.) Victoria:** Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii; nimeiomba mpaka nilikuwa nishakata tamaa. Mimi nachukua fursa hii kuunga mkono Bw.Mkare apewe nafasi hii ya Katibu wa Kaunti na tukumbuke kwamba Bw. Mkare yuwaenda maanake pale anapokwenda ni mahali ambapo panahitaji mtu wa tajiriba aliyo nayo. Tuko mahali pa sawa maanake atatuangalia masilahi yetu, kama alivyotuangalia hapa.

Mimi ningetuma ujumbe huu kwa Bw. Mkare ya kwamba anaenda lakini roho zalia; sijui kama tutapata kama yeye. Mimi nikiiangalia hivi naona patakuwa na pengo na hili pengo sijui atakayelijaza ni nani maanake bahati haiji mara mbili. Atakayekuja tutamshika sikio kwanza tumweleze hayo tunayoyataka na awajibike kama vile Bw. Mkare alivyokuwa. Mimi ninamuomba apate kiti kile atuongoze kwa hali ya wema na hekima na Mungu pia akampe ujasiri. Asante Bw. Spika. Mungu akubariki.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to support the Motion. I was among the Committee Members and Mkare answered all the questions. In fact, he articulated issues with a lot of knowledge. He impressed me when he said that he will bridge the gap between the County Assembly and the County Executive. He went down to explain how the ward administrators and the Members of the County Assembly are going to work together. He again said that he will have to take the Executive to an induction so that they can learn and understand the Standing Orders of this Assembly. Hon. Members, it is high time we accept...I kindly ask you Mr. Speaker to put the question. Thank you. I fully support this Motion.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Mwamtsi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing to join hands with the others to support the candidature of our very own Mr. Mkare. Thank you.

**Hon. Juma:**Asante sana Bw. Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono kwamba Arnold Mkare tuweze kumpitisha haraka iwezekanavyo. Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi ina mambo mengi sana ambayo yanaharibika. Tunaona Mkare akikalia hicho kiti cha Katibu wa Kaunti atachapa kazi kama vile anavyochapa kazi hapa Bungeni.

Pili, Waheshimiwa tusiwe na wasiwasi kwamba Mkare anatuacha. Tunajua ya kwamba tunaumia moyo lakini tunaomba ututafutie *Father Pope* kutoka Italy aje hapa Bunge atuumbee tupata mtu kama Mkare.

Tukiwa na haja na Bw. Mkare huwa hatuna vizuizi vyovyote tunafika tunaingia kama tunavyoingia katika ofisi yako. Kwa hayo,asante waheshimiwa tufungue mioyo yetu tuweze

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kumaliza ili hii ndege iweze kupaa juu na Bw. Mkare wiki ijayo awe kwenye ofisi. Asanteni kwa hayo.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi):** Hon. Mwathethe, you wish to make your submissions?

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

**The Leader of Majority (Hon. Mwathethe):** First let me begin by thanking you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me a chance to make my final submission. Mr. Speaker, I am so humbled that every Member who stood to contribute was in favor of the adoption of the Report. This is one of the rare moments that as a House we are all in concurrence of a Report. Many have been the times where there has been a push and pull because of a Nominee or a certain Committee Report but this tells me that everybody in this House has been impressed by the services rendered by hon. Mkare.

It would have been very selfish of us not to give him a chance to excel but like what my colleagues have said, there comes a time when a person needs to excel in life. So like many others, I also pray that we shall be able to get another one who will fit his position.

Hon. Members, there will be no doubt at all because anytime you need to go and meet the County Secretary, you will be going to meet a person who you have already worked with and a person who knows you very well. It will be a very big advantage for us to have one of our own in that office and in the event of a need you can be sure that the way he served you here when he was a Clerk is the way he will serve you as a County Secretary.

Mr. Speaker, I will not have much to say in my submission but to thank all the Members who stood to support the adoption of this Report and those who did not get a chance to do so. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me a chance to conclude.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ARNOLD MKARE JEFWA ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS KILIFI COUNTY SECRETARY

**The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi):** I am also humbled that our Clerk is going to the other side and I have personally followed up the issue from the other side with the Governor because I have understood the need to have a County Secretary who understands the Assembly. For the new Members, the previous session was drama; there was actually drama in this House but I am also confident that it will never happen again.

I called the Governor, day and night, to ensure that the letter comes and finally it did. I want to assure Members that as a matter of procedure, we will appoint the Deputy Clerk and the letter will be done today to start acting with immediate effect and the Board will proceed to advertise the position in due course. What I want to assure you is that if there is any person who is directly affected by the workings of the Clerk, it is none other than the Speaker and those who have been there before will live to tell you who Elipida Mwakamba was. I would go home and have nightmares because I was not in agreement with her. The Clerk and the Speaker, is one and the same thing.

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So in as much as it is in your best interest that you have a good Clerk, it is my priority. So I can assure you that we will either have somebody who fits in the shoes of Mr. Mkare or even much better because anybody who stands to have nightmares first is the Speaker and then the Members can follow. But I have gone through that experience and I do not want to go back again.

The reason why I personally called Mr. Mkare to join us in 2013 is because I could go home and not afford to sleep because I was having one lady who was pulling left and I was pulling right. I give her directions to take Members for training in Mombasa; she says there is no money even when I know how much is in the account and trust you me with this one I will not be in a hurry because I do not want to shoot myself on the foot.

In the meantime, the Deputy Clerk will act. He is a young man and we have been together but I will advertise so that any person interested will apply but like I told you and I promise, you might be concerned that we want to get somebody who equates to Mkare but to me it is a matter of priority because I need a person who will serve you at your best, and that is my number one priority.

Otherwise, I want to personally... I have never done this before but thank you Members for approving. I do not want the drama that we had last year to come here and fortunately we have sent one of our best soldiers to war. If there is anybody who will need our support it is the County Secretary now because I have spoken to him severally and the agenda of the House he knows it in and out; the agenda of the people of Kilifi he knows it but the moment he steps in that office on Monday he will face resistance.

As a House, we have to stand with him to ensure that more revenue is collected. He might not be directly involved but trust you me, I had at some point offered him on pro-bono services to go to the Executive to assist in revenue collections because for those who have worked with him in the past, they have confirmed to this House that he is good at what he does.

So, thank you so much for having adopted that Motion unanimously. You know, I have secretly promised him that there will be no single Member who will stand to oppose. Even hon. Mwarandu stood up and said he is not supporting but he is just passing it which it is very good.

### ADJOURNMENT

In the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I beg to adjourn this House until tomorrow in the afternoon. Thank you very much.

**The House rose at 3:46 p.m.**