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Malindi Town, at 9.00 a.m.*

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

PRAYERS

STATEMENT

BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR LEGANGA AND GANDINI KWA NDEZI IRRIGATION SCHEMES

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Hon. Members, there is a Statement from the Member for Garashi. It is not found on the Order Paper but during the House Business Committee meeting, we decided that we will give him an opportunity to make his Statement because we are going for recess. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this privilege of reading a Statement. I wish to seek a Statement from the County Executive Committee Member in charge of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries through the Chairperson; Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee in regard to Leganga and Gandini Kwa Ndezi irrigation schemes:-

Whether the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) in charge of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries is aware that Dagamra and Lukole schemes have been receiving budgetary allocations in the main budget since 2017 but the same allocations are moved in the respective supplementary budgets.

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If yes, why were the budgetary allocations removed and what plans does the Department have to ensure that the projects are implemented in order to enhance food security to the people of Garashi?

MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE KILIFI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES (NO.2) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations on the consideration of the Kilifi County Supplementary Budget Estimates (No.2) for the financial year 2020-2021 laid on the Table of this House on Wednesday, 28th April 2021.

(Hon. Kiraga on 28.04.2021)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 28.04.2021)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Hon. Members, the Chairperson for Budget had already made his contributions last week Wednesday and therefore I will request the Seconder of the Motion to proceed.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support this Motion on the Supplementary two. Let me remind Members why as a County we came to a point of a Supplementary Budget that it emanates from additional funds to the county or even a reduction of funds in the county and ...

(Hon. Ziro stood on a Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): What is your Point of Order hon. Ziro?

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Member on the Floor is talking of reminding us. I do not know whether there is any Member who does not know our mandate. We know our mandates and we know what he is doing is just within the law so if he says he is reminding us that is diminishing our characters...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Kindly hon. Ziro, you are out of Order. Allow him to finish his submissions ...

Hon. Ziro: Mr. Speaker, this is...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Take your seat hon. Ziro, you are out of Order! Proceed.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving the right guidance. As I was submitting for us to have a Supplementary Budget, there must be a reason why we have one. I started by saying that one; it may emanate from additional funds or even from a reduction of funds.

In our case Mr. Speaker, looking at Supplementary two, we cite one from the Health Services Improvement Fund of an increment of Kshs 56 million which I believe can be a reason to have a Supplementary Budget.

Looking at the nature of the Supplementary two, it is one for utilizing the Kshs 56 million but again we are seeing just some re-allocations of funds to some various votes within the

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Department. In the re-allocation of funds after scrutinizing the budget, we saw the re-allocation had an effect on the Ward Development Project in terms of scraping some amounts of cash. You will find that the Ward Development Project is the only fund that acts as an equalization fund in our county. That is why as Members, we are normally very keen so that we can have an equal fund across our wards in terms of development. We recommended as a Committee to reinstate those ward development projects which this was practical upon the support of this honourable House. If the House stands with the recommendations of the Budget Committee, it is again to urge to the Executive as the implementer of the same to move quickly and implement the projects bearing in mind that if these projects are not implemented, then they may not find their way in the main budget and hence die. It is my prayer to this honourable House that we agree with the recommendations of the Budget Committee so that we may pass this Supplementary Budget and pave way for the implementation of the same.

Mr. Speaker, as I rest my case. I stand supporting and call upon Members to support as well.

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I want to state that I support the Motion of adoption of the Report of the Supplementary Budget. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the recommendations, you will see the Committee agreed to reinstate some of the ward projects whose monies were slashed. I will just go through one Department; Education to be precise. If you look at this Department, the project was (one number) ECD (Early Childhood Development) classroom in Mariakani. The project was only Kshs 2.5 million but the Department went to remove the money. The Committee saw it is important and wondered why the Departments cannot manage to finish earlier projects in one financial year. That was not fair therefore I support this adoption. Thank you.

(Hon. Mwarandu stood on a Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Mwarandu: Thank you for giving me this opportunity. We are all aware that a Motion was moved under Standing Order No. 50 (b) by hon. Mramba and let me refer to you. My concern here is the Mover of the Motion is not around. Now, I need to be informed whether the Mover of the Motion was adjourning the Motion or the County Assembly? What happens if the County Assembly was adjourned?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Can you come out very clear on what your Point of Order is?

Hon. Mwarandu: Mr. Speaker, a Motion was moved in this House by hon. Mramba under Standing Order No. 50(b) and that Standing Order does two things. One, it can adjourn the debate or it can adjourn the Assembly. We are not sure because the Mover of the Motion is not around. We are not sure whether the County Assembly adjourned...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): We did not adjourn the County Assembly; it was the debate that was adjourned that is why if you look at the Order Paper, we are now resuming debate of the main Motion that had been moved by the Chairperson Budget. Be informed. Kindly proceed. Hon. (Ms.) Maneno kindly wind up.

Hon. (Ms.) Maneno: I am done, thank you.

Hon. Mwambire: Asante sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Pia mimi nasimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu wa Bajeti hii ya *Supplementary* ya pili. Tumeweza kunukuu na kupata maelezo zaidi kutoka kwa watu wa ofisi ile ya watekelezaji, na tumeona ya kwamba ile

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miradi ambayo tunatazamia, itawekwa katika Bajeti hii. Kwa sababu wakati tuliobaki naona ni kidogo mno na tunahitaji sana miradi iliyo nyanjani iweze kumalizwa, naona Bajeti hii tuweze kuipitisha. Nawaomba Wabunge wenzangu tuweze kuwa na kauli moja kwa yale tuliyoyanukuu yaweze kuwekwa. Asante sana na naunga mkono bajeti hii iweze kutekelezwa.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Let us now move to the Member for Mwanamwinga, hon. Pascal.

Hon. Pascal: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this noble opportunity. I stand to support the adoption of the Report before us simply because we are left with one and half months before the end of this financial year.

There are so many projects that have not been completed both at the Ward and the Executive projects that need to be done by the end of the financial year. Looking at the pace Mr. Speaker, it is upon the confirmation of this Report that we will have the implementation of these projects. We understand that when Devolution came, it was meant to improve the areas that had been left behind since independence. That can only be done when there is financial ability to ensure that these projects and the progress in these areas is necessitated, and the adoption of this Report will see that is effected on the ground.

Again, we have always spoken of the Ward Development Fund and just as the Member who has just sat said it is only the Ward Development projects that bring about equality in the rural areas. Concentration on development has always been centred in towns and therefore if we have projects implemented, then it will be like we are considering all the towns.

When you look at this Report, there has been reinstatement of funds that have been extracted from the ward projects and the Executive projects to do what we call recurrent expenditure. You cannot imagine a ward project that was to change the fortunes of the people and then someone goes ahead to cut that money and transfer it to the recurrent Budget.

It simply shows that we are not looking at the plight of our people and that is why the Committee went ahead to remove those resources that had been taken to recurrent expenditure to implementation of development projects. One thing that we, as Members of Budget and Appropriations Committee discussed was that the implementation process has to be confirmed and followed up so that we are able to see all projects and confirm as a House that they are being implemented on the ground.

I therefore call upon the Implementation Committee that is headed by my good friend and neighbor, the Member for Jaribuni Ward, to fasten his belt and that of his Members to ensure we push the Executive to implement these projects.

Finally, this House will agree with me that this Report has come out of a consultative process; therefore, I call upon hon. Members that this Report is adopted so that we can get to the final stages of implementing our projects. Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support the adoption.

Hon. Ziro: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity, I stand in support of this Motion. From the start of this debate, I have been very keen on the various Members that have been contributing to this particular debate and it is very imperative that we accept the passage of this particular Bill. Some of the projects that have not been done need time to be completed, especially when you look at the roads projects. We are going into the rainy season and we need ample time so that these projects can be done in good time so that the members of the public can enjoy these services.

With the passage of this particular Bill, I believe that these projects will start in a good time and we are going to have them completed and thereby giving an opportunity to our people

to enjoy them. So, I highly stand convinced that I should support this Motion. Thank you very much.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity, I stand in support of the Motion. Let me thank the Committee and the Chairperson hon. Kiraga for looking for savings to reinstate the Ward Development Fund.

I was going through the submissions made by the CECM (County Executive Committee Member) Finance during the consultative meeting and I was disappointed to read from the Minister the decision to cut or to completely collapse projects including Ward Development projects was informed by the fact that some of the said projects will not be completed at the said time. Mr. Speaker, we have 12 months to implement a budget and here we have a Minister who says there is no enough time. This shows laxity at the Executive arm of this government. Why say there is no enough time yet we went through and discovered that most of the Executive projects were procured earlier than the Ward Development projects? This was a secret weapon to weaken the MCAs (Members of County Assembly).

The CECM Finance clearly wanted to collapse projects from Water, Roads and Health Departments; is he not an enemy of Kilifi County? I fail to understand their focus of priority, but through the Budget Committee they found it fit to reinstate some of these projects which is why I stand firm in support of this Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mwayaa: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Mimi nami nasimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu. Mswada ambao unaendelea ulisitishwa juzi na Bunge hili baada ya kuonekana kwamba kuna miradi fulani ambayo ilionekana ilienda kufaidisha mwananchi wa Kilifi ambayo ilikuwa imetolewa pesa zake. Bunge hili lilipoona miradi ile haitaenda kufanyika kwa sababu miradi ilishatolewa, basi ikabidi Mswada huu kusitishwa na mambo yaweze kurekebishwa ili miradi iweze kurudi na iweze kumfaidi mwanakilifi. Hivi sasa sina budi ila ya kuunga mkono Mswada huu ili ile miradi iweze kumalizika kwa wakati unaofaa ili kwamba mwananchi wa Kilifi aweze kunufaika. Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

Hon. Shaban: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa nafasi hii. Mimi nami nasimama kuunga Mswada huu mkono mia kwa mia. Nami nataka niseme ya kwamba siku zijazo vile ambavyo tulifanya tuweze kuendelea vivyo hivyo. Kwa hivyo, mimi nashukuru kwa uamuzi uliochukuliwa na hili Bunge kwa kuenda kupitia Bajeti hii. Utakumbuka ya kwamba zile siku ambazo tulikaa kule Mombasa zilikuwa siku za maana sana maanake tuliweza kuchambua na tukaweza kuwaita wale mawaziri wa *Department* zilizokuwa na kasoro na wakaja na wakajieleza. Tuko tayari kupitisha Mswada huu. Kwa hivyo mimi nasimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu. Asante mheshimiwa Spika.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Kenga): There being no other business in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned.

The House rose at 10.15 a.m.

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