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

PRAYERS

MOTION

SETTING OF POLICIES TO THE YOUTH POLYTECHNICS IN KILIFI COUNTY

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I have the pleasure to move a Motion directed to the County Secretary and County Executive Member for Education:-

AWARE THAT, the Kenya Constitution 2010 schedule four, part two, number nine gives mandate to the youth polytechnics to be fully devolved.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, article 55(a) of the Constitution assures the youth in accessing relevant education and training.

NOTING THAT, for credible technical trainings, there should be an elaborate practical engagement to all trainees.

AWARE THAT, most or all the current youth polytechnics across this county either lack or have outdated practical materials including outdated motor vehicles among other technically related practical machines and materials.

This County Assembly, urges the County Secretary and County Executive Member for Education to develop a policy which will see all the county unused motor vehicles, machines and other possible training material are supplied to all the youth polytechnics so as to facilitate the attainment of credible and or reliable technical knowhow to our trainees.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow me to call upon the hon. Member for Adu Ward to second the Motion.

(Hon. Kenga stood at his place to second the Motion)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Members, a Motion has been laid out by hon. Teddy Mwambire and the same has been seconded by hon. Stanley Kenga.

(Question Proposed)

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

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I wish to make the following contributions as regards to the Motion that is before the Floor of the House. The Constitution is very clear on the mandates that have been given to the County Government and issues of youth polytechnics are some of the functions that have been devolved to the County Governments. But again, we have seen the challenges that we face as a county in regards to the issues of youth polytechnics in that most of these polytechnics lack the proper facilities that can enable the tutors provide the necessary knowledge that is required to pass to the students within the polytechnics.

Mr. Speaker, some of the equipment or tools or materials that are required as outlined in the Motion, for them to be able to get the technical knowhow and the practical expertise that is required for them to be able to move forward, there is need that a necessary provision of those materials is accorded to all the youth polytechnics within the county.

Therefore, if the county has unused machinery that could be of vital use to the students and to the youth polytechnics within the county, this is an opportunity that a policy is developed. It is not about the CEC in charge or any other person to give out a machine to a polytechnic but there is now a policy that regulates activity to make sure our students have all that is required to be able to undertake the various courses that are offered in the youth polytechnics.

In that regard Mr. Speaker, I beg to support but as I make these contributions, I know some Members of this Assembly have gone through youth polytechnics and they have been able to acquire knowledge and that is why they are here. Kakuyuni is one of the areas where we have a youth polytechnic and I have seen the Members who for many times have been urging this county for proper provision...

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

Hon. Mramba: Mr. Speaker, can the Member on the Floor substantiate. If he says some of the Members in Kilifi County Assembly passed through polytechnics, can he name at least two who passed through youth polytechnics? Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I think he has already named you hon. Mramba.

Hon. Mramba: No Mr. Speaker. I did not attend a youth polytechnic.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Stanley Kenga can you withdraw that. Hon. Mramba says he never went to a polytechnic.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. He used to tell me but that may have been a joke anyway. So I withdraw but it is good that as we contribute if you know you went through the youth polytechnics then this is your opportunity, so that we can know the kind of people the youth polytechnics bring. In this Assembly, we have people who have gone through youth polytechnics. That is a plus for us. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Japheth Nzaro, you went to which youth polytechnic?

Hon. Nzaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support the adoption of this Motion. The Member who was on the Floor of the Assembly has raised patent issues about youth polytechnics because he is one of the beneficiaries of youth polytechnics. He did an ICT course in a youth polytechnic. Why I am supporting this Motion is because if you look at the way we have been disposing the government vehicles in our county, I think there are very many vehicles that are grounded in this county and these vehicles are a source of material for learning in these youth polytechnics in this county. If we develop a policy to enable us to make sure these grounded government vehicles and the likes can form part of learning materials, I think we will

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be going in the right direction to provide the necessary equipment for learning in our youth polytechnics.

There are also machines in our hospitals that are obsolete. If you go round our hospitals you will find them just discarded there in some of these hospitals. When we send these machines to those youth polytechnics our youths can get materials for learning. The credible theme that this Motion is trying to portray is the issue of attachment of these youth trainees and I think this Assembly can stand to be counted as one of the institutions in this country which is offering trainees an opportunity to train.

I think you have seen very new faces among our Assembly staff and these people have tags written trainees; they are benefiting. So, this Motion is trying to address these issues and by the way when our youths are seeking employment, there are documents that they are normally required to attach and these are documents of showing working experience and where they went for attachment. All these documents uplift their CV's so if we can grant these youth an opportunity through this Motion and the policy that will be made, we will be building a very good workforce in this county. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to support.

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

Hon. Nzaka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance. I would first of all take this opportunity, if you allow me, to congratulate the Mover of this Motion. Initially, the people who used to go to youth polytechnics were thought to have not gone to school and that they do not know anything but I will take this opportunity to tell the House that those people going to the polytechnics can attain masters' degrees or become PhD holders if at all they learn as per their grades.

This Motion is going to reduce the transition for students after doing their class eight. Not all students go for O levels; some sit idle at home and may be get involved in these illegal groups. If they can attend these polytechnics, they can even get their source of income. This government cannot employ everybody but there are talented youth seated at home. If at all we are going to encourage them to go to these youths polytechnics, we are going to stop them from joining harmful groups and even our revenue ...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Stanley Kenga, you have a Point of Order?

Hon. Kenga: I am rising on a Point of Information to the Member.

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

Hon. Nzaka: I am sorry. I do not want to be informed.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Nzaka: Mr. Speaker, Sir, these youth polytechnics, for instance in my Ward there is one known as Mwamtsunga, there are ladies training on dressmaking and we have started computer packages. People in my Ward were going all the way to Kaloleni at Mwabaya Nyundo polytechnic to learn. If we are going to create these youth polytechnics and encourage our youths to join, we are going to improve the living standards of these young people. I stand to support it. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you hon. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to contribute...

(Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi's microphone went off)

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The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Sorry (Dr.) Chitibwi, press your mic again.

Hon. (Dr.) Chitibwi: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Sir. I wish to contribute and support the adoption of this Motion. This country and particularly this county is in a crisis. We may not be able to notice this depending on how we look at it but we are aware that the youth form the majority of the population of the county but very few of them are able to proceed to the universities and few are able to proceed to secondary schools. So, we have a very big number that is not transiting fast from primary to secondary school. After secondary school, there are those who are not able to transit to university but in between even during the secondary school, very many drop out. We have not found out where these people are going, but all these young people are within the communities or they go to the nearest towns like Mombasa or Malindi.

Unfortunately, when they come back home, we see changed young people because when they go out there they face a very hostile world which changes them completely. They come back to our homes where we do not know them and we ask ourselves, is this the so and so that I raised? Is this the son or the girl of so and so? We need to find a place to put these children and they cannot fit anywhere in Kenya unless they got some kind of skills and training for them to have papers to show for it. We have been able to start implementing this noble idea but as the Motion states our youth polytechnics are just there in name but they do not have the facilities to be able to impact the knowledge that is required.

We know it is not easy to find the money to do what is required within a short time but there is something we as a government can do and that is by using the resources that we have to get the teaching facilities. In this case there are resources which are not useful to the people that we can send to them like the motor vehicles. What we do is that we just sell them at a throw away price while we forget they can be very useful to a good number of people in this county. I support this Motion and I hope my colleagues are going to support it too and on passing this Motion, my hope is that there is going to be a quick follow up so that it can be implemented. This is only a step knowing that we have much more to do. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Yes, hon. Mupe.

Hon. Mupe: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi nasimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii. Kwa kusema kweli, hivi vyuo vya ufundi vinasaidia sana vijana wetu mashinani. Na si wale tu ambao hawakufaulu katika mitihani ya kitaifa lakini hata kuna wale ambao wamemaliza kidato cha nne pia huwa wanaenda kujiunga na hivi vyuo vya ufundi kupata ujuzi. Tunaona kwamba vyuo vyetu vya ufundi siku hizi hususan katika Kaunti yetu ya Kilifi kwa hakika viko lakini havina vifaa vya kutosha. Ikiwa ni kuwawezesha hawa vijana wetu waweze kupata ujuzi ambao utaweza kuwasaidia maishani, kwa hakika ni tuhakikishe kwamba vifaa vya kutosha vimeweza kupelekwa pale ndio hawa vijana wetu wapate ujuzi. Vifaa hivi vinapopelekwa pale, vitawezesha vijana wetu kutoka na ujuzi kama wa useremala, kujenga na kadhhalika.

Mheshimiwa Spika, mimi nikiwa mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Rabai Kisurutini, nataka kusema kwamba tuko na chuo cha ufundi ambacho kimejengwa na kimechukua muda kupata vifaa hivi. Unakuta wanafunzi wako pale na hawapati ile elimu ambayo wangepata ya kutosha. Kwa hivyo mimi naunga mkono kutengwe pesa ambazo zitawezesha Kaunti yetu kununua vifaa hivi na kupeleka katika hivi vyuo vyetu vya ufundi. Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika.

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

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to contribute on this Motion that is before this House. Let me take my earliest

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opportunity to congratulate that Member who brought this Motion. Many of us will agree with me that the village polytechnics have for long been taken as dumping grounds for our youth and those who go to take some courses in these institutions are not accorded the due respect. When we went round, many of the village polytechnics were in very poor state and lacked the necessary facilities that would necessitate them to do the courses that they were intended to do. This is the time for us as a County Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that we equip or rather provide a very good environment for these youths to excel in their courses. This Motion calls for...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Order! Order! hon...Hon. Foleni you have a ...

Hon. Foleni: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I have an issue with the Leader of Minority. He seems to be reading from a script because his eyes are glued to the paper that he is holding. Can he please stop reading? Thank you.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Mr. Speaker, the Motion is written on this paper...

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

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Okay, thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. This Motion calls for unused county materials like vehicles and computers and all that to be given; a law that will see all these unused materials go to the polytechnics so that we can have...

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

Hon. Kenga: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I am seeing that when most Members rise to make contributions, they are straining and they are bending. It is like these gadgets are not doing their work properly. They can even speak while standing straight, there is no need of them straining. I feel the pain he is going through straining just to... please. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): You think he is getting tired?

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Mr. Speaker, any Member can actually...

(Laughter)

Any member can actually take any position that they feel appropriate.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): I agree with you.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): The only need is to actually present the message to this House and so nobody should get worried Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Proceed.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pascal): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Therefore, I think it will be in order for this hon. House to pass this Motion so that we can have our youths getting the necessary materials in the various fields of study so that they can excel and actually get what they deserve. I stand in support of the adoption of this Motion. Thank you so much.

Hon. Mlanda: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the adoption of this Motion as brought by hon. Teddy Mwambire who is the MCA for Sokoke Ward.

Mr. Speaker, this Motion has come at the right time as most of the polytechnics which we have in our Wards do not have courses like the motor vehicle which most of the polytechnics now need. So, it is the right time as requested by hon. Mwambire that most of the vehicles be sent to the polytechnics so that the youths can learn automotive engineering.

I urge the Chief Executive Committee Member for Education, that, these motor vehicles that are lying in different Departments which are getting "rotten" and depreciating further be

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supplied to the polytechnics so that we can have new courses within the polytechnics. Most of the courses that we have right now are carpentry and dress making. We do not have these courses which hon. Mwambire is requesting the CEC to supply all the material and vehicles to the polytechnics. I stand in support of this Motion.

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

Hon. Bakari: Asante sana. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja iliyoletwa na mheshimiwa Mwambire. Kwa kweli, yale maombi ya Hoja hii yakitekelezwa vilivyo basi yatasaidia vijana wetu ambao hawakupata bahati ya kuendeleza masomo yao. Sio kwamba wote watakuwa wamefanya vibaya shuleni; wengine wanafanya vyema lakini zile familia wanazotoka wanashindwa kuendelea na masomo.

Iwapo tutakuwa na hivi vyuo vya ufundi ambavyo ni *model* na viwekwe vifaa vya kutosha, vitawasaidia vijana wetu kupata ujuzi. Vijana wakipata ujuzi watajiajiri wenyewe na ile hali ya kuwa na idadi kubwa ya ukosefu wa kazi itapungua. Hii Hoja ni ya maana na pia naomba waheshimiwa tuiptishe ili sisi na vijana wetu tufaidike.

Hon. Gambo: Asante sana kwa kunipa nafasi hii ya kuchangia Mswada huu ulioletwa na mheshimiwa Mwambire. Nataka kumpongeza, ikiwa kutakuwa na sheria ambazo zitawezesha vyuo vya kiufundi. Vinapojengwa vifaa vya mazoezi viandaliwe ili kuendesha masoma vizuri katika vyuo hivyo.

Hapo tutakuwa tumeongeza maendeleo katika serikali yetu ya Kilifi. Katika matembezi kwenye hizi afisi zetu za serikali, utakuta kuna mitambo ambayo iko pale na haitumiki. Ninampongeza zaidi mheshimiwa Mwambire maana inaonekana pia yeye akitembea anaangalia kila pembe na ameona vitu hivyo. Iwapo mitambo hiyo itapelekwa kwenye hivi vyuo vya ufundi hapo tutakuwa tumefanya jambo la busara.

Vijana wetu watakuwa na mazoezi mazuri na wakipata uzoefu na mafunzo haya yatasaidia hata kupeana motisha kwa wale wengine ambao hawafikirii kwenda katika vyuo hivyo vya ufundi. Wakipata ujuzi, ni matumaini yangu kwamba hata hawa wanakandarasi ambao wanapewa kandarasi za kuchonga mbao ama madawati katika shule zetu za chekechea, watakuwa vijana kutoka kwa vyuo vya ufundi; hapo hata hicho chuo cha ufundi kitapata nafasi ya kujijenga.

Wakati huu wa ugatuzi tumeangazia sana shule za chekechea kujengwa na kuna haja ya madawati mengi katika shule hizo. Kwa hivyo, hivi vyuo vya ufundi vingekuwa vinapelekwa hii mitambo, pia kuwe na sheria ambazo kila wakati vyuo vya ufundi vikijengwa mitambo ambayo inawasaidia katika mafunzo ipelekwa hapo. Hivyo basi tutakuwa tumepiga hatua kubwa katika gatuzi letu la Kilifi. Nasimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu.

Hon. (Ms.) Chiku: Thank you Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Motion and congratulate hon. Mwambire for bringing this Motion to this House. These polytechnics are good institutions and they give chances to children who are not able to do science subjects to do technical subjects. There are some parents who do force children to do physics or chemistry in order to become lawyers or doctors while this child has got another talent all together, maybe a mechanical or welder and they do well in these areas. So, having polytechnics in our county will assist the children at least capture their talents and innovation. Therefore, it is good for the parents to encourage their children to do their talent, even if it means dancing naked.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay, I did not know dancing naked was a talent. Yes hon. Chai.

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Hon. Chai: Thank you for allowing me to stand and support the Motion which has been brought to this Assembly by hon. Mwambire. I will take some seconds to congratulate the hon. Member for doing his oversight role on what is happening in most of our offices. Most of the Departments are congested with old machines which are just lying there, and you will find that the compounds are like... I do not know how I can tell because they are very rough. Hon. Mwambire was wise enough in bringing this Motion, which also help in clearing the compounds so that they look like honourable offices of Kilifi County. I was thinking twice on where to take the machines but thanks to hon. Mwambire who has brought forth this request that they can be used in the polytechnics and that is why I am standing in support and if all this happens these students will have some knowledge on these machines and also make our offices clean. Thank you very much. I stand in support of it.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Muhambi: Asante sana Bw. Spika kwa kunipatia hii nafasi nami nimesimama kuunga mkono hoja hii. Bw. Spika, juzi tu tulikuwa pale Chuo cha ufundi cha Mkwajuni na mheshimiwa Gavana kwa ajili ya sherehe ya kufuzu kwa vijana wetu wa chuo cha kiufundi. Katika yale ambayo yalijiri siku hiyo ilionyesha wazi kuwa katika vile vyuo ambavyo viko kwa wakati huu ile mijengo ambayo inatumika ni mijengo ambayo imepitwa na wakati.

Tulikuwa na mheshimiwa Teddy Mwambire na yote yaliyojiri sote tulijionea mpaka tukapendekeza kwamba itakuwa ni vizuri tuongee na mheshimiwa Gavana tuwe tutajenga vyuo vingine saba ambavyo ni vya kimataifa. Lakini tulipoongea naye mheshimiwa Gavana alisema kuwa....

The Speaker (Hon. Kenga): Yes hon. Stanely Kenga.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a Point of Order.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes.

Hon. Kenga: The first time I stood on a Point of Information, the hon. Member who was on the Floor denied getting informed but I have observed a trend. Hon. Teddy Mwambire today is tabling two Motions and they seem to be a bit similar and I am worried because Members are making contributions on the other Motion. Before, the Chairperson for Education Committee made contributions on the other Motion which has not yet been tabled for us to be able to debate. Hon. (Ms) Chiku was also making contributions on a Motion which is yet to be tabled though it is in the Order Paper; same to what we are hearing from hon. Muhambi. Can we be clear so that we know which Motion we are deliberating on? They seem to be a bit similar but they are very different.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes.

Hon. Muhambi: Asante sana mheshimiwa Spika. Bw. Spika, kwa kweli mimi nimeingia kuchelewa kidogo...

(Laughter)

...sasa nilikuwa nimechanganyikiwa kwa hivyo nilikuwa ninachangia ule mjadala mwengine kumbe sio ule unaoendelea. Kwa hivyo tukija ule ambao unastahili uchangiwe pia mimi ninaunga mkono....

(Laughter)

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...kama ni vifaa viwe vitanunuliwa vipelekwe kwa vile vyuo ambavyo viko na tukipita hizi sehemu za ofisi za serikali utaona kuna yale magari ambayo hayatumiki kwa sasa na itakuwa vizuri endapo magari kama yale yawe yatapelekwa katika vyuo vile vya kiufundi ili wawe wakifanyia mazoezi.

Ni jambo la kusikitisha kuona kuwa kuna siku moja nilikuwa napeleka hundi ya fedha pale...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes, hon. Foleni?

Hon. Foleni: Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform the House if I am allowed to? I have noticed that people are discussing about purchase of vehicles and the Motion is strictly on making of policies in regards to used vehicles....

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Order! You do not need to inform the House. Order! Order! Hon. Foleni. You know you do not inform the House but you inform the Member who is reading out of context. Hon. Members, I think this Motion is in a very simple form and it is not even complicated.

What hon. Teddy Mwambire is simply saying is; what you are not using in your offices, that is, the vehicles and other things collect it to the youth polytechnics. I do not know where we are reading from or we had very heavy lunch we are resting our eyes. Hon. Foleni, you do not need to inform the House but you actually need to inform the Member who is on the Floor. Hon. Teddy Mwambire is not asking the County Government to buy vehicles but he is talking about the vehicles which are already there and the machines and everything that is not being used currently which could be of value to the youth polytechnics and I am hearing different stories. So hon. Muhambi just conclude.

Hon. Muhambi: Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa nimesema siku nyengine nilitembea pale Chuo cha ufundi cha Mkwajuni na kwa sababu wale wanafunzi walikuwa hawana magari ya kufanyia mazoezi ikabidi nisimame kidogo ili watumie ile gari yangu kufanya mazoezi yao....

(Laughter)

Asante sana Bw. Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy Mwambire can you just give your final submission.

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

Hon. Mwambire: Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. We want to transform this county and in the process of transformation, all the able organizations in this county have a great value that can be used to transform this county. Mr. Speaker, this Motion came out of a benchmarking trip that I made around this county because I wanted to see how our youth polytechnics are and I was very surprised.

I am going to share some of my findings. When I visited Mariakani youth polytechnic, I discovered they were using a vehicle which was used in 1925. When I went to Dzitsoni youth polytechnic I discovered that the students are using a vehicle which was used in 1945. When I went to Muyeye youth polytechnic which is just in our neighborhood the vehicle could not be traced the year that it was manufactured because the way it was you cannot claim that the trainees are using it for their studies.

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Mr. Speaker, I am very sure that in this county, from the hospital and all the devolved units we have, including the wards and Departments, we have a number of vehicles among other machines which can be used by our trainees. People have very wrong perceptions including some of the contributions which have been shared in this House. Those are no longer village polytechnics but they are youth polytechnics which are not just for those who never made it in their national examinations but for people to get technical knowhow which they can use to get a number of issue.

If you look at this Assembly, the way it is, a good number of youth polytechnics trainees can do quite a number of what we have. There is a tendency of people thinking that you must have completed at least primary education which is not true. If one is jailed whether learned or not learned that person gets an opportunity to be trained on a technical course so by the end of the jail term that person becomes a professional in a certain field. By this realization, the youth polytechnics today offers two examinations. Those who managed to complete primary education or secondary education, do the Kenya National Examination Council exams while the class five, six or seven dropout...

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Yes hon. Stanley Kenga you have an interjection?

Hon. Kenga: Yes, thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Just to inform the Member though it is an intervention that “village polytechnics” is a term found in the Constitution; the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution. We have a term talking about pre-primary education and village polytechnics. So, it is a term that is enshrined in the Constitution and therefore we have to accept it.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Okay.

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Joseph and Kazungu are all names used by male persons in this country so there is not much objection on that. I was giving a reference on the examination which is being offered by the youth polytechnics. So, there is Kenya National Examination Councils (KNEC) exams, done by those who managed to complete class eight or secondary education and there is also National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) which gives examinations to those who did not manage to complete either primary or secondary education.

This gives an avenue for a number of students to go to these youth polytechnics to get technical skills, but it is a very big challenge in this county because most of our trainees especially those I have mentioned among others are trained using vehicles of 1925, 1945 and alike. When they go for industrial attachment especially those in Mariakani, I am told they went to DT Dobie in Mombasa and they got it very rough because the current models cannot match with the model that they have been taught with. So, we want a way out, whereby our trainees will be getting up to date information regarding all the technical subjects that they are taking.

Mr. Speaker, apart from that, instead of having a number of machines “rotting” in the field, the Motion touches on the County Secretary because we want even to engage also the National Government so that these vehicles can be taken to the youth polytechnics so that they can get scrap metals to do a number of issues. When I visited Mapimo youth polytechnic, which is in Gongoni Ward, we discovered that they had managed to make some machines including refrigerators using scrap metals and they are working. So, if they can come up with such machines using scrap metals, if they are given such materials I believe even by the time they leave those institutions they will be very great people who will be used to transform this county among other counties because they will be in a position to work in different fields.

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Mr. Speaker, today I want to give an example of three brothers, these brothers come from Sokoke Ward. Two managed to go to secondary school and one went to a youth polytechnic. The elder brother went to secondary school and got a mean grade of D and this one is employed by Securicor and is earning Ksh. 10,000 per month. We sponsored the other brother to go to a youth polytechnic and did masonry.

He is now employed and he gets Ksh. 800 per day which translates to Ksh. 24,000 per month. The other brother completed form four last year and got a mean grade of C. He is now employed in a private school in Mombasa and he is earning Ksh. 3,000. So, if you look at these three brothers, the one who went to a youth polytechnic can pay all the two brothers. He can give the elder brother Ksh. 10,000 and the other one Ksh. 3,000 and he will be remaining with Ksh. 11,000. So, this is an indication that if you give a chance to our youth to go to polytechnics, they will be very important people in the society.

So, I believe by passing this Motion, we will ensure that we do not condemn those who fail in exams including those who get Es and Ds. We can direct them to youth polytechnics so that they can get technical skills like what other countries like United States do, because those who cannot make it in the other fields are directed to technical skills so that they can be useful people in the world. Those are some of the basic principles which informed me to come up with this Motion so that we can make sure we have adequate training materials in all the youth polytechnics so that Kilifi can produce the best artisans who can transform not just the county but the whole country or even the region. With those few remarks, I beg my dearest hon. Members to support this Motion so that we can have a shining county in a short while. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you hon. Teddy (Mwambire) for your submissions.

(Question put and agreed to)

REFURBISHING OR BUILDING OF SEVEN MODEL YOUTH POLYTECHNICS

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to move a Motion directed to the County Executive Member for Education:-

AWARE THAT, the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya, 2010 schedule four part two, number nine gives mandate to pre-primary education, village polytechnic, home craft centres and children facilities to be devolved.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Article 55 (a) of the Constitution assures the youths in accessing relevant education and training.

NOTING THAT, this County established model early childhood education centres in each ward.

AWARE THAT, most or all the youth polytechnic in the county are not attractive to even the instructors.

This County Assembly, urges the County Executive Member for Education to consider either refurbishing or building at least seven model youth polytechnics so as to boost the provision of technical training in the county.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I call upon hon. Antony Ndune Nzaka to second the Motion.

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(Hon. Nzaka stood at his place to second)

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you. Hon. Members a Motion has been moved and I do now propose that the same is ready for debate. Hon. Nzaka please proceed.

(Question Proposed)

Hon. Nzaka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance to support the Motion before the House. It is like the Mover of the Motion was reading my mind because I was thinking about it. Before this new Constitution that is 2010, we had *harambees* so that we could build these polytechnics. But after the passages of the new Constitution after the County Governments were given full mandate of these youth polytechnic and I started seeing them doing their best.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I managed to visit one of the youth polytechnics, that is Jilore youth polytechnic and I saw four modern class rooms which were constructed and after asking, I was told by the members of that particular area that it was through the Ward Development Fund. Stakeholders came together and decided to make this through the leadership of their able hon. MCA of that area. They constructed a very modern polytechnic.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in my area as I said earlier, I had a rough time in the times we had to conduct *harambees* and people did not have money. Just educating their children is a problem, so it was a problem to make a single class room, but since we started these county governments; last financial year, the County Public Service Board recruited 50 instructors. These instructors cannot be recruited and then go to a temporary building and just name it a polytechnic. It is a shame to the County Government but if we are going to build these seven model polytechnics and the Executive comes up with the RRI (Rapid Results Initiative) system so that these polytechnics can be constructed within 100 days then these facilities will assist our youths.

I really urge my fellow hon. Members to support this Motion so that we can have these facilities like the one I saw in Jilore. It is very good. They motivate our youths so that they can join and get the practical knowledge required. Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Allow me to support the Motion that is before this Assembly. There is one famous proverb in Nigeria that goes like “when a man hangs around a beautiful lady without saying a word that man ends up serving water or drinks at the wedding of that lady.” Why am I saying this? The impact of devolution has been felt at the pre-primary level in the County of Kilifi and given that village polytechnics is a function of the County Government those who have been lamenting that these institutions have been left for so long, we are now saying something so that we do not end up serving drinks.

We want to be the bridegroom so that we take the bride home. That is why I strongly support this Motion that for us to be able as a county to have our impact felt at all levels then we should not ignore the issues of the youth polytechnics or village polytechnics as spelt out clearly in the Constitution.

These are not institutions where the failures in the society are supposed to go to acquire skills but they are institutions that offer valuable technical knowhow. Once this knowledge is given to the youth within our villages and county, it is greatly going to transform this county. Many are the people we have heard who have talked about the issue of street lighting that was

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put in Kakuyuni; that we want Kakuyuni to be a 24-hour economy. All this is important but it is equally important when we make model village polytechnics within our areas so that the youth in our county are in a position to acquire knowledge. This knowledge that is acquired is the knowledge that is going to be used by these people to transform this county into the county that we aspire to see in Kilifi; the levels that we want Kilifi to move.

Therefore, I wish to support and I beg hon. Members to also support this Motion and I will be very happy that as we make these contributions, I have already said this, that there are those of us who went through these youth polytechnics. It is good to go on record that yes I am here in the County Assembly and I also went through the youth polytechnics; we are going to appreciate and acknowledge that. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Chai: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for allowing me to contribute on this Motion. The first Motion that came could have come second because we need to have polytechnics first before sending these machines to the places. I am very sure some of these machines will not see Jaribuni Ward if the polytechnics are not constructed first.

It is very good that hon. Teddy Mwambire has come again with the issue of the polytechnics at least in every ward because in most of the wards youth are travelling long distances to find such like institutions. It will be very good if this Motion is passed in this Assembly at least some of the wards will see the light of polytechnics and some of the Members here...

Hon. Mramba: Point of Information Mr. Speaker.

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

Hon. Chai: Yes, he can inform me Sir.

Hon. Mramba: I wish to inform the Member on the Floor that this Motion calls for the establishment of seven model youth polytechnic, that means one polytechnic per Sub County and not in every ward.

Hon. Chai: Thank you for informing me hon. Member for Kakuyuni. It will also be good if we say that maybe I will be lucky to have that one to be in Jaribuni. So it is good to have these institutions so that we at least equip our youths in some of these Wards. It is good to have technical knowledge so that at least we do not just concentrate on sending people to secondary schools; it will be fair enough to give some knowledge to those who cannot grab what is taught in secondary schools or universities. I strongly stand to support this Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Hon. Teddy (Mwambire) Can we have the submissions?

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

Hon. Mwambire: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. To give the background of how and why I came up with this Motion is by looking at how this county has been performing in regards to its mandate and especially in education. We have been going full blast in coming up with model ECD centres; we have also managed to employ a number of ECD caregivers. It is now this time that this county is employing instructors who will be taken to youth polytechnics but we want a way whereby we can appreciate the youth polytechnics in the county. We are going to be the model county in this country which appreciates technical education as stipulated in Article (55) of the Constitution because the youth are supposed to get employment and it can be attained if they have skills. To have this, we must come up with modalities of giving the best education and giving best education is not just the model ECD centres and the model ECD

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training centre which is coming up now in Kilifi in Kibarani Ward but we also need to have model youth polytechnics which will be having state-of-the-art training materials and lecture rooms which will also be appealing to the trainees and instructors. This will give an opportunity to the youth to be housed in those polytechnics and even people coming to benchmark in those polytechnics so that it can be appealing in the technical world.

We want to have youth polytechnics which are not far from what we have in the developed countries. Although it is good to have youth polytechnics in all wards but having a state-of-the-art youth polytechnic in each Sub County will bring a good face to this county because it will bring the seriousness that we deserve in relation to trainings and technical skills. This is the reason we think if we have this, for instance in Malindi, we have one of the youth polytechnics or we build a new one which will be the state-of-the-art, if you go to Magarini and all the Sub Counties we do that. I am very sure for those in Magarini who will not be willing to study in Magarini because of reasons well known to them; they can as well go to Rabai Sub County and do the same. For those who will be unable to do that in Ganze they can as well come to Malindi and study in those modern youth polytechnics.

Again, it will also be an investment in this county because we believe most counties will not come up with such modalities. So, those who will be coming from outside the county can be charged a higher fee so that our county can get a lot of revenue because I believe even in the universities, when they advertise they claim that Kenyans are supposed to pay this kind of fees and non-Kenyans are also paying different kind of fees. We can do the same even if we have cohesion and integration in this country; we need to look on how best our resources are being utilized in this county. In one way or the other, we will be showing this country that devolution truly can work and as a county we are appreciating technical education and moving in another direction instead of just leaving it the way it is. If you walk around the youth polytechnics, it is courtesy of donors that some of the technical polytechnics have some buildings that can be looked at.

Leave alone the county but even the country has never since independence become serious in developing youth polytechnics while they are the best training institutions that we have at the ground whereby even kids of hustlers can get an opportunity to be trained. So, that is the reason why I think it is justified for this county to think twice and invest heavily in the youth polytechnics. With those few remarks, I call upon my colleagues to support this Motion so that in the coming Budgets, this county can consider coming up with state-of-the-art youth polytechnics. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Kahindi): Thank you very much hon. Teddy.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members in the absence of any other business in the Order Paper, I move to adjourn the House until next week on Monday. Thank you very much.

The House rose at 3:44 p.m.

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