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## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA

## THE HANSARD

**Wednesday, 22nd September, 2021**

*The House met at the Assembly Chambers at 2.30 p.m.*

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

PRAYERS

**QUORUM CALL**

**Speaker:** Clerk confirm whether we have quorum?

*(Lack of quorum confirmed)*

**Speaker:** Serjeant at Arms to ring the quorum bell for ten minutes or until we achieve quorum.

*(Quorum bell rang for three minutes)*

**Speaker:** Clerk confirm whether we have achieved quorum.

*(Quorum confirmed)*

**MOTION**

QUARTERLY REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST DECEMBER, 2019 FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was wondering whether I can take over from the Chair but since she has arrived and she is very ready to take us through the report, I will give her the opportunity. Thank you.

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to move this motion. I also thank Hon. Suge because you were ready to take over on my behalf. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following motion;

THAT this Assembly adopts the report of the Committee on Finance and County Planning on County Government of Laikipia (Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the period ended 31st December, 2019 dated 6th September, 2021.

*(The Speaker (Hon. Patrick Waigwa) left the Chair)*

*(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Daniel Nyausi) took the Chair)*

**Committee Membership**

1. Hon. Mary Samken -Chairperson
2. Hon. George Karuiru -Vice chairperson
3. Hon. Joseph Kiguru -Member

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4. Hon. Joseph Suge -Member
5. Hon. Chalumbo Kaparo -Member

Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee for their valuable contributions during the entire process and your office and that of the Clerk for the support given to the committee.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on page 4.0 The funds financial statements, the County Government Financial Statement presents the recent actual fiscal performance for the quarter of FY 2019/2020 and makes comparison to the Budget Appropriation for the same year. It further provides a comprehensive and financial review with sufficient information to show changes from the projections outlined in the latest County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019/2020.

The statements provide an overview of how the actual performance of first quarter of 2019/2020 affected the compliance with the fiscal responsibility principles and the financial objectives as detailed in the 2019/2020 County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Mr. Speaker, table 4.1 is budget execution by programmes and sub-programmes and I will not go through the table because I know the members have the report but there are some sub-programmes where money was never utilised. Mr. Speaker, it is well indicated in the report.

On page 6 Mr. Speaker, Sir, the department had an absorption rate of 8.0% Kshs. 96,666,601 was spent against a budget of Kshs. 1,203,674,823. Monitoring and evaluation programme which has the highest absorption rate during the second quarter has an absorption rate of 42.1% whereas the financial services programme has lowest absorption rate at 2.8%. Revenue Management Services sub-programme has not utilised any of its budgeted Kshs. 32,600,000 during this second quarter. This is similar to the first quarter period as the budgeted amount was also not utilised.

**Committee Observations**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee made the following observations;

1. There is low absorption in almost all the programmes with some programmes like Revenue Management Services, corporate Governance, Car and Mortgage- state officer and youth development empowerment services not utilising any of the budgeted amount for two consecutive quarters.
2. Financial Services programme has the lowest absorption rate at 2.8%. The three sub-programmes had a high budget allocation. However, for the first two quarters they did not utilise these funds accordingly.

**Committee Recommendations**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance and County Planning Committee made the recommendations that;

1. The Finance, Planning and County Development should ensure that the budgeted funds are utilised for their intended programmes.

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2. The County Government to ensure that they develop a work plan for the programmes being budgeted for before use. The work plans would guide utilisation of funds in the department accordingly.

**Committee Conclusion**

That this House adopts report of the Committee on Finance and County Planning on the County Government of Laikipia (County Executive) quarterly report and financial statements for the quarter ended 31st December, 2019.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to call the Hon. Member for Rumuruti Ward Hon. Suge to second the report. Thank you.

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stand to second the report, allow me to congratulate the mover as well as the Committee on Finance and County Planning for considering the report before this Assembly as received from the Executive and thereafter interrogation by Members of this committee. This is the report of the 1st quarter of the financial year 2019/2020 by the Department of Finance and Planning. This shows how the department utilized their funds allocation in the department probably in the expenditures on recurrent.

Mr. Speaker, as you have seen from the table, there was low utilization of funds. As you can see the department had been budgeted for Kshs.1.2 billion and in the 1st quarter the department had already spent Kshs. 96 million. Maybe there were some reasons behind this because of the delay of disbursement of funds by the controller as well as deliberation of forum and that also affected the disbursement in the months of August, September and October.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to react on committee's observation number one that; *there was low absorption rate in almost all the programmes with some programmes with some programmes like revenue management services, corporate governance and car and mortgage in the expenditure in the 1st quarter.* I just want to say that utilization of funds is very important because there is no need for the department to ask for funds which is not being utilized the right way.

Mr. Speaker, we also noted that there is need for the work plans so that the Executive proposes the budget for the right activities. I would urge the Executive to take into consideration the issues of staff as we have seen in the issue of staff welfare, there was Kshs.30 million which was not spent for three months. We know that there is need for our staff to be motivated because they are trying to work hard serving the Laikipians and therefore motivation is very important.

There is also the issue of car and mortgages as you can see in the three months, no money was spent. We know that our staff also deserve these services to be given so that this fund can support in their development activities. So I second the report and urge the Hon. Members to contribute and support the report. Thank you. I urge the Members to support.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Catherine Nyawira:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First I want to congratulate the committee for this report which they have brought to the House that has been submitted to them by the Executive. I note with a lot of concern wanting to know because the Executive submits very huge documents to this House. However, what comes before this House is a mere document. Take for example on page 5 where they say monitoring and evaluation services had an absorption of 42.1%.

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Hon. Speaker, I believe that the committee has a mandate to explain to this House the services which were monitored and evaluated. Where intergovernmental relationships had another 11.2% absorption, I believe that the committee should indicate how intergovernmental relationships consumed this money.

On page six, the committee tells us that the revenue management services sub-programme had not utilized any of its budget amounting to Kshs.32, 600,000 during this 2nd quarter. They continue to say that this is similar to the 1st quarter period as the budget amount also was not utilized which then leads to the question, in their work plan, do they have a plan to utilize this money? Why wasn't the money utilized in two consecutive quarters? Probably from their work plan, the committee instead of giving us a blank statement, they should be able to tell us why this amount was not utilized. That would mean that they would had to look at their work plan so that they explain this in details.

Mr. Speaker, on abbreviation a(r) on page 5, the committee does not explain what a(r) is and therefore a new Member of this House would find it very hard to understand what that column means. I believe that a column or a page with any abbreviation that is used in the document should be accompanied so that whine one is referring, they can go to preface and get that explanation. Thank you.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nawashukuru wanakamati kwa sababu walikaa na kuweza kujadili hili swala lakini kidogo tuelezane ukweli. Kuna mshakiri kidogo kwenye hii ripoti. Mimi naamini kamati na sijui ni wasaidizi wa kamati kwa sababu sio kamati yenyewe.

Nataka niende katika ukurasa wa tano kipengele cha 4.1 *budget execution and programme.* Naamini ya kwamba hii ni *vote head ya 700706M. Sub-programme* ndiyo hiyo ingine. *Description* ni vile kazi ilivyofanyika lakini nataka niende *vote head 7180000 enhance staff welfare.* Mimi namuomba mwenyekiti atakapokuja kujumuisha na anifuatilie kidogo*, the approved budget was 30M* na robo ya kwanza wamemalizia hiyo pesa.

Niende kwa *departmental administrative services and centralized services.* Kama sielewi, *approved budget was 37 million.* Mheshimiwa Spika…

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Mutahi?

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Dada yangu hapa anataka kunipa mwongozo. Naona akibonyeza kitufe hapa na kunizuia kuongea kwa sababu naongea sauti ikitokea huko kwake.

**Deputy Speaker:** You know that it is the Speaker who controls the House and you are the one on the floor. So I really wonder.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Nilikuwa naelezea ya kwamba hizi *vote head* zote kuna zingine ambazo zinaonekana ni kama zina maslahi tofauti kabisa na zingine kwa sababu…

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Mary?

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to give information to Hon. Mutahi.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mutahi, do you need some information?

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**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Ndiyo nahitaji sana ndio niweze kuendelea.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Mary, you may continue.

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Mr. Speaker, I think that during my presentation I did not explain the table properly and that is maybe why the Hon. Member is having problem in understanding. We have the programmes, sub-programmes, description, and approved budget minus 1st quarter, because we already brought the report on 1st quarter, 2nd quarter and actual payment, now what is utilized. Now the difference between the approved budget minus 1st quarter and what is utilized which is in 2nd quarter and we get the difference and the absorption rate.

I would like to tell the Hon. Member that on vote head 718 on enhanced staff welfare, there was Kshs. 30 million which was allocated and nothing was utilized. So zero does not mean that everything was utilized but it means that there was no money used in that programme. So I think that the Hon. Member now understands and that is why the difference is Kshs. 30 million. Thank you.

**Hon. Catherine Nyawira:** Hon. Speaker, I am rising on a point of information on issues with House procedure. I wanted to understand whether a mover of a motion can rise on the floor of this House and answer the question as opposed to replying to the motion. Thank you.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Catherine, I think the answer is no but anyone can give information at any time. I believe that the Member was giving information but not contributing towards the motion. Hon. John, you may proceed.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Mheshimiwa Spika, kidogo sidhani utanifukuza kutoka kwa Bunge lakini nitatofautiana nawe siku ya leo kwa sababu mtoa hoja hawezi simama tena kuja kunipa taarifa ilhali ulimpa nafasi alipokuwa anawasilisha. Alipokuwa anawasilisha, angenisubiri wakati atakapokuja kufanya majumuisho yake lakini la.

Mheshimiwa Spika, nimshukuru sana mwenyekiti kwa sababu ameweza kunifafanulia zaidi lakini kidogo napata shida na kigugumizi kuelewa. Utaratibu wa bajeti huwa unatoka kwa awamu. Bajeti tunavyoelewa katika hili Bunge, tukishaipitisha huwa inatoka kwa awamu nne. Kuna awamu ya kwanza, pili, tatu hadi ya nne. Ameelezea vizuri sana ya kwamba fedha zilizopitishwa ni milioni 37 na saba tukichukulia kwa mfano, lakini zile pesa ambazo walipewa ni milioni sita. Ukiangalia mwisho, nafikiri ni 100% kama sikosei.

Ukiangalia kama Idara ya Fedha na Mipango katika Kaunti yetu, matumizi yao inavyoonekana, mwenyekiti aelewe ya kwamba panatakikana kuchukuliwa hatua zaidi. Tunaona kama tuko karibu awamu ya pili sasa na kama mwenendo wa hizi fedha utakuwa hivi, basi mbele ya safari hakuna kitu kitakuwa kimefanyika na pesa zitarudi katika hazina. Ukiangalia *vote* ambazo ni muhimu sana, pesa zilipitishwa lakini hazikutoka na kama zinatoka basi zinatoka pesa za ushee. Kwa hivyo inaonekana ya kwamba haikidhi haja.

Mimi kwa sababu niko na ndugu zangu hapa, ukiangalia kwa maoni yao wanasema ya kwamba "*There is now low absorption rate in almost all the programmes with some programmes like revenue management service, corporate governance, car and mortgage, state officer and youth development empowerment service not utilizing any of the budgeted amount for the consecutive quarter"*. Bajeti iliyopita, tulisema ya kwamba kulikuwa na kazi ilikuwa ifanyike ya

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vijana kule mashinani kwa sababu kulikuwa na tatizo la korona. Unaona idara hiyo ambayo imepewa ridhaa ya kusimamia mabilioni ya fedha inajikokota katika utekelezaji wake.

Hilo nakubaliana nalo na mwenyekiti namuomba atakapokuja kufanya majumuisho yake, anieleze ili niridhike ni hatua ipi kwa sababu ameliona hilo na anajua ile shida iko hapa, aeleze hili katika Bunge ni hatua ipi waliochukua kwa sababu kama mwaka jana tulipewa zaidi ya milioni mbili kila wodi. Nadhani zile wodi ambazo zilitekelezwa ni wodi tatu zikiwemo Nanyuki, Nyahururu na Rumuruti. Sasa kule mashinani kutakuwa namna gani?

La pili, ukienda kwa maoni yao, wanasema ya kwamba *financial services programme had the lowest absorption rate at 2.8% . The three sub- programmes had the highest budget allocations, however for the first two quarters they did not utilize these funds accordingly.* Itabidi uweze kunieleza zaidi. Unajua swali ninalojiuliza ni kwamba, kamati kulingana na kanuni ya 161(g), ni kweli hiyo taarifa wanaotoa upande wa serikali ni ya kweli au sio ya kweli.

Hii ni karatasi na hatuoni vile kwa bajeti yetu waliagiza hizo pesa kwenye hazina kuu, kwa sababu tunaweza kuja tukasoma taarifa hapa ilivyo na sisi kama kamati tukaichukulia hivyo, lakini tujue ya kwamba zile pesa zilizoagizwa kutoka hazina kuu katika hizi *vote heads* ambazo tumeona na zile fedha ambazo ziliagizwa kutoka Serikali Kuu, iwe ni kweli tusije tukaandika tu kwa maandishi hapa na kupitisha ripoti lakini hatujui.

Unajua hizi taarifa wakati mwingine ni nyepesi sana na tuko na hadhi na haki ya kuweza kufikia hizi vitu zote ili tujiridhishe. Tusije tukaandikiwa hapa ya kwamba *vote head* nambari *726000 development planning* ilipewa milioni 45 lakini zile pesa waliochukua ni milioni nane na imebaki milioni 36 katika awamu tunayokuja. Tujue kama ni kweli na hatutaji hakiki namna gani ili tusije mbele ya safari. Ukiangalia kama hizo robo zimepita, tusije mbele ya safari na kupata ya kwamba hizo fedha zilitoka lakini kamati wakija inakuwa hairidhishi.

Kwa hivyo mimi naungana kabisa na kamati kwa kuweza kuwasilisha ripoti lakini pia tuko mwisho wa safari. Nakubali kabisa niko mwisho wa safari na singetaka siku za baadaye nikaonekana bwege kwa sababu sikuitisha nyaraka ambazo ni haki kikatiba hata kama ni kwa mwananchi wowote au mtandao iwe hizi pesa ndizo zilitoka. Tutajiridhisha namna gani?

Tuko na CRF, hazina kuu ya Kaunti na zile pesa ambazo ziliagiwa na msimamizi wa bajeti kutoka Nairobi, turidhike ya kwamba hizi ndizo zile fedha ambazo zilitoka. Mwenyekiti atakapokuja kufanya hayo majumuisho aweze kunieleza vile nitajidhilisha zaidi kwa sababu hii ripoti ni ya Bunge na tunategemea habari zaidi au tunatafuta taarifa kutoka kwa serikali. Yeye amefika wapi kuweza kujua hiyo taarifa ili aitisha na kama ameitisha ikazindikana, sisi tuko kwa Bunge na tutaweza kuchukua hatua.

Mwenyekiti na kamati wote wametuletea ripoti na hizo *vote head* zote, ukienda katika kila idara iko na *vote head* yake. Hili swala tulijue kabisa mwenyekiti kwa sababu mimi niko na hasira sana. Mwaka jana nilipewa milioni mbili kwa sababu ya vijana na hazikutekelezwa. Ilitekelezwa miji mitatu tu ikiwemo Nanyuki, Nyahururu na Rumuruti. Hao ndio walienda kuzibua mitaro. Hata kwetu na Mashariki mwa Mukogodo kuna mitaro. Hao vijana ambao walikuwa wametengewa hizo fedha zilienda wapi? Kwa hivyo mwenyekiti na kamati kwa ujumla atakapokuwa anatoa ufafanuzi zaidi, niweze kuelewa.

Ukiangalia kuna watu ambao wako na 42.1% ambazo ni peza za kawaida tu katika idara lakini ikija ni upande wa maendeleo, unakuta ya kwamba asilimia yenyewe iko chini sana. Hapa

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tutendeane haki na kwa hivyo mimi naunga mkono maoni yao lakini tuliangalie hili kwa sababu tunaenda kwa awamu moja kwa ingine. Sasa kwa awamu ya pili pesa zimebaki nyingi zaidi. Tutafikia wapi? Asante.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Nasimama kuunga mkono ripoti ambayo iko katika hili Bunge kutoka kamati ya Fedha na Mipango. Ni ripoti ambayo kwa kweli inaelezea matumizi ya pesa za serikali na ripoti yenyewe tunaipitia halafu mwishowe tunaangalia maoni na mapendekezo ya kamati. Mimi naamini ya kwamba kamati inafanya kazi kwa niaba ya hili Bunge na ndio maana wamekuja hapa ili tuweze kuipitisha.

Bwana Spika, mambo mengine naweza kukubaliana na Mheshimiwa Mutahi kwa sababu ripoti kama hizi wakati mwingine tutapitisha hapa lakini kwa siku za usoni sisi wenyewe ndio tutaulizwa maswali na vizazi ambazo zinakuja.

Kweli tutakuwa tukileta ripoti na kupitisha lakini Bwana Spika, ripoti iko hapa na wanachama wako hapa na ninakubaliana na Mheshimiwa Mutahi ya kwamba hiyo ni pesa ya serikali. Pia nakubaliana na kamati ya kwamba pesa hazikutumika robo ya kwanza kwa njia ambayo ni kubwa vile. Kwa sababu tunajua bajeti inapita Juni na ikichelewa inapitishwa Julai/Septemba, hapo tunajua kuna matumizi ya chini ya zile pesa lakini robo ya pili unaona pesa imetumika.

Swali langu ni moja, kweli tumesoma ripoti na tumeambiwa pesa hizi na tumeelezwa lakini Bwana Spika, jambo ambalo nauliza sisi kama kamati ndio tukubali hii hesabu ndio ilitumika, tunakubali na nini, tunaangalia wapi, isipokuwa tu makaratasi tunaletewa hapa na ni nakala, asili iko wapi?

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, tunaweza onekana ovyo kwa kupitisha ripoti hivyo tu bila kuwa na nyaraka ambazo ni muhimu kwa matumizi yote ya pesa ya serikali. Kwa mfano kama mmetumia, nikiangalia upigaji kura naona hapa mipango ya maendeleo ya elfu sabini na mbili, na elfu mia sita. Lakini nitajiuliza wametumia vipi, wapi nakala ya kuonyesha ni hizo pesa ndio zilitoka?

Bwana Spika mimi naomba kama Mbunge, kamati imeletewa ripoti kama hii, wacha iandamane na *exchequer.* Kwa sababu hiyo...

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Naomba nimpe Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti taarifa kidogo...

**Deputy speaker:** Do you need the information?

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Yes Mr. Speaker, I need more information, if he thinks he has it, it is good.

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Nataka nimfahamishe Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti kile kinatia uchungu zaidi ni kwamba hata serikali haielezei inapo patia kamati taarifa kwamba kuna tofauti ya bajeti na mzunguko wa fedha. Hapo ndipo tunachanganyikiwa sana kwamba kuna Bajeti na Mzunguko wa fedha. Watakapo toa taarifa hawaelezei wakikutana na kamati ili aelewe kabisa kwa maana pia yeye ni Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Bajeti.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Wakati mwingine ni vizuri kama mtu ana taarifa ambayo anaelewa zaidi ya yule mwingine kuueleza kama vile Hon. Mutahi anavyoeleza.

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Huwezi kuwa unajua kila kitu. Kama mimi naweza kuwa nilipitisha bajeti ya bilioni nane na Mheshimiwa Mutahi awe hajui lile jambo kwa mfano. Ni muhimu kuelezwa wakati mwingine.

Jambo ambalo nilikuwa naongelea kuhusu hizi ripoti ni moja tu. Unaweza kuwa ulitumia pesa kiwango fulani na narejelea nakala ambayo iko hapa. Bwana Spika utekelezaji, mpango na programu ndogo laini ya tatu naona ni usanifu wa muundo na mipango ulipitishwa milioni saba, robo ya pili walitumia milioni mbili, wastani wa robo ya pili ulikuwa ni milioni nne. Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika, najiuliza ni kweli umetwambia hivyo na umeandika hapa na kalamu nyeusi. Inamaanisha ya kwamba hatujapatiwa nakala mzuri ambayo itaweza kuonesha Wabunge vilivyo.

Jambo lingine ni je, *exchequer* huwa ni ya mtu binafsi ama huwa ya nini maanake hakuna wakati utaiitisha *exchequer* na upewe, kwa nini? Hii ni Bunge na ina mamlaka yote kisheria. Kwa hivyo natoa changamoto kwa kamati ambazo zinaleta ripoti kama hizi. Wakati mnaletewa ripoti ya taarifa ya kifedha inaeleza vile pesa imetumika na si kusema kwa mdomo wala kuandika kwa karatasi ila ni ulete ile nakala inaonesha vile pesa ilitumika na *exchequer* ambayo ilitoa zile pesa imeidhinishwa na Mdhibiti wa Bajeti ndio hii.

Kwa hivyo utakuwa na nakala na nyaraka muhimu ambazo zitaweza kuelekeza na kukagua matumizi ya hizo pesa. Bwana Spika, kwa mfano nikipewa na Kiongozi wa Walio Wengi Bungeni *ngiri* moja, halafu jioni nimwambie kwa zile pesa ulinipa, nimetumia mia mbili, hata nikimwambia ni nini...

**Deputy speaker:** What is it Hon. Joseph Suge?

**Hon. Joseph Suge:** Mheshimiwa Spika, unajua Mheshimiwa amechangia na akatumia lugha ingine. Ningetaka aweze kueleza *ngiri* ni lugha ya Kiswahili, Kiingereza ama ni lugha gani? Kwa sababu sisi wote hatuelewi *ngiri* ni nini Mheshimiwa Spika.

**Deputy Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Suge for raising that. It was actually crossing my mind, because Hon. Stephen is using two different languages which is very clear in our Standing Orders that you should only use one. So please commit to one language for flow of information? What is it Hon. John...

**Hon. Mutahi Muritu:** Mheshimiwa Spika, kupitia kiti chako ameeleza vizuri sana pengine asichukuliwe kwamba labda anamaanisha yule mnyama ambaye anaitwa ngiri. Unajua ngiri wakati mwingine hana kichwa mzuri. Labda anasema ngiri amemtoa mia mbili. Ngiri ni yule mnyama ambaye huonekana kama hana akili. Atafafanua vizuri aseme kama anaanisha huyo mnyama.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. John, you are trying to go away from the debate. Our standing Orders clearly states that once you start in Kiswahili you finish with it and when you start in English you finish with English. So either way whether the Hon. Member means *ngiri* as one thousand, he should have said one thousand in English.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Nafikiri wewe unaelewa hii lugha kuliko mimi kwa sababu wewe mwenyewe umesema *ngiri* ni elfu moja na Hon. Mutahi hakuelezea vile. Bwana Spika mimi nikiongea, naongea kupitia Mwenyekiti na kwa sababu umeelewa, hao pia wameelewa. Nimefurahia na vile umeeleza, hiyo ni lugha ya *Sheng* ambayo inamaanisha elfu moja, na kwa sababu haijaruhusiwa kisheria katika Bunge, natoa hayo matamshi ya kusema hilo jina, ndio niweze kubadilisha na elfu moja.

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Ninapotumia ile elfu moja na iwe yeye atafuatilia, nikija nimwambie nilitumia mia nane kwa ile elfu moja, kula chakula cha mchana na mimi na yeye tumezoea kula hoteli ambayo yalipisha elfu thelathini, atakuwa na swali. Kile kitadhibitisha ni risiti ambayo utapewa na ambayo ni halali. Nitamkabidhi ndio ahakikishe nilitumia ile pesa kwa njia ambayo inafaa.

Kwa hili, naona tunaweza tumiwa na hii serikali vibaya kama tutakubali kutumiwa. "Mgala muue na haki umpe" mwananchi aliye huko chini ana uhakika ya kwamba ripoti kama hii inapokuja katika Bunge hili, mimi mwenyewe pamoja na Wabunge wenzangu ambao wamekabidhiwa majukumu ya kuingia katika hili Bunge, wana uwezo na akili ya kuitisha zile nakala ambazo zinahitajika. Nasema hivyo kwa sababu kila mtu ana akili na akili ni nywele, kila mtu ana zake, na akili ni mali.

Bwana Spika, nikisema akili ni nywele simaanishi ya kwamba kwa sababu Hon. Kanyutu. Hana nywele hana akili, ana akili ya kutosha lakini ni vizuri tuwe tunaelewa ya kwamba mambo tunayozungumzia hapa ama nyaraka ambazo tunazungumzia ni nyaraka ambazo tunafaa kuangalia kwa makini. Bwana spika naona mwenzangu amefinya...

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it Hon. Simon Kanyutu?

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Asante sana, Bwana. Spika. Sijui kama yeye ni msemo ametumia, ya akili ni nywele kwa maana vile ameilenga ni kama ni msemo. Hiyo ni sawa lakini akisema wale watu wenye vipara hatuna akili ya kutosha ningependa afafanue hilo.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Nafikiri huo ulikuwa wakati tulisoma mambo ya methali na hata yeye mwenyewe alipitia darasa na akasoma ya kwamba akili ni nywele. Huo ni mfano wa msemo. Kama yeye ana kipara, simaanishi kwamba hana akili. Huo ni msemo unasemwa vile. Naomba Bunge wakati wowote tunapo jadili ripoti hizi tuwe makini.

Tuwe watu ambao wanaelewa kile wanafanya. Wakati mwingine nafikiri kuungana na wahenga, kwa sababu leo uko hapo kwenye hicho kiti cha Spika na uko na nywele, kumaanisha uko kwenye hicho kiti maana una akili ya kutosha, ndio maana unatuongoza.

Bwana Spika, mimi ningeomba wakati mwingine kwa hii ripoti twende kupindukia ili tuweze kufuatilia nyaraka zote. Ukiletewa hii, unaletewa pamoja na bajeti ili uweze kulinganisha kisha unaitisha stakabadhi ambazo zitakupatia nafasi. Nafikiria ya kwamba Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Fedha akisimama hapa ananiambia ya kwamba hizi pesa wametumia milioni mbili, yuko na ile nyaraka ya kudhibitisha walitumia lakini asiniambie eti aliletewa karatasi ambayo imeandikwa milioni mbili.

Kwa hivyo ningeomba kama leo hana pole, lakini siku ingine ukiletewa nyaraka kama hii inayoonyesha pesa kama hizi, unafaa kuitisha *exchequer*. Ndio maana kwa hili Bunge tumekuwa tukiuliza iko wapi ile stakabadhi ambayo inaitwa *exchequer* lakini wakati mwingine huwa inafichwa hadi unashangaa. Singetaka tuendelee na huo mwenendo kwa sababu hizi pesa ambazo tunazungumzia ni za mwananchi na yuko na haki ya kuona *exchequer* ili aweze kujua siku fulani Kagondu alilipwa pesa fulani, kwa sababu kwa haya yote hakuna siri.

Mshahara wangu, marupurupu yangu na pia matumizi yangu haina siri. Kwa hivyo ni vizuri tuwe na nyaraka ambazo zinaweza kutusaidia. Naamini ya kwamba mwenyekiti atakapokuwa akitoa maoni yake ya mwisho ataweza kunielezea ya kwamba hizi pesa ambazo naona hapa kama

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yuko na nyaraka ambayo inaonyesha kuwa hizo pesa zilitoka na zililipwa, kwa sababu pesa inaweza toka na ikose kulipwa.

Pengine ndio maana wakati mwingine tunakuwa na madeni mengi ambayo yamesalia kulipwa. Kuna uwezekano ya kwamba pesa inaweza kuwa imetoka lakini haijafikiwa mwenyewe. Hayo ndiyo mambo ambayo ningeuliza Bunge tuweze kuyaangalia na kuifuatilia ili baada ya siku wale wananchi ambao wako huko, wataona ya kwamba pesa yao imetumika kwa njia ambayo inastahili. Kwa hayo machache ninashukuru kwa wakati ambao umenipatia na Mungu akubariki.

**Deputy Speaker:** So probably if there is no other Member wishing to give their contribution, I would like to call upon the mover to give a reply.

**Hon. Mary Samken:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to say that as the Chair rose and the Members present of the Committee, we have heard the issues that the Members have raised. I promise that we are going to take into consideration to ensure that next time when we bring the 3rd and 4th quarter report for finance from the Executive, we are going to answer all their questions.

Mr. Speaker, on what Hon. Nyawira had raised, it is true that we should have a table for abbreviations so that all the Members can understand what r (a), r (b) or q (1) means. I want to say that next time we are going to look into it. We are all aware of what happened in 2019 on revenue division in Senate. This is what has resulted to this delay in the finance. We all understand that there was that delay and the 1st quarter ended whereby I am also sure that this county is now dealing with the same problem because we are heading towards the 1st financial year.

I know that the Hon. Members have not received their allowances and probably there are also people in this county who have not received their salaries due to the delay of approval of budget in this Assembly. Some of these things you may not have control over because we know there is delay in the release of funds from the treasury. We understand that Counties are now in another Financial Year, but Counties have not received their whole amount for the last year financial year.

That is what resulted in this program not utilizing money and resulting to pending bills. As a county and also as people in the Finance Offices they may not have control. As the Hon. Stephen, said, we are very much aware. If you need some documents in this County and even in this Assembly, Members have been requesting the *exchequer* for the last three years and I have never seen it.

We are also supporting that, if we request for these documents, it will result in the delaying of these reports. When we raise a statement in this House, a Statement should take at least one week and report back. At times you get a committee taking a whole year to respond to a statement because they cannot get the document.

Am so happy that the Members now have realized that these documents are very crucial, and we should fight as a House. It is our work and next time I promise when I bring this report, I will make sure that I bring it with supporting documents which Members will see the expenditure of this money. The reason being when the Executive bring this Financial Report to this Assembly, they bring it without any supporting document.

I am not the only Chair who has brought this Financial Statements, most of the Chairs if not all, we have never seen supporting documents not because they do not want to bring, but

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because the Financial Reports from the Executive were brought to this Assembly without any supporting documents.

I think it is now the high time that we should demand for these financial documents, because I suppose there are no documents that are personal. I think they should provide these documents so that they can be supporting these reports. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge the Members to support the report to go through and we shall continue working together.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we proceed to the next order of the day, I have got some reservations to make;

1. I was asked whether it is in order to give a mover of the motion, to give information in the course he/ she respond to
2. We have a Member who feels that another Member, used a different language while making his contribution.

Hon. Members, let us remember that we are in a House of Law and Order. We are in a House where we have a role accepted or approved Standing order that guides the conduct of Members in this House, including the Chairperson, who is the Speaker. In that process I heard a person who is kind of directly attacking the Speaker thinking am not of that opinion.

Hon. Members let us not wish to think that way because I know you have these Standing Orders. No Speaker, shall compromise any Member, for no reasons because the rules are Clearly set and we will follow them to the letter. I request you in future that we challenge things basing on our Standing Order, so then it is not seen as a favour to anyone.

The Speaker shall not give favour to anyone, my recommendation is that let us challenge everything by our Standing Orders. Am very sure this is an accepted Standing Order, in this House. Let us not speak from the blues thinking, please go ahead and see part fifteen the rules of the debate for example, part (74) which states "*All proceedings of this House, shall be conducted in Swahili and English or Kenyan sign language".*

Hon. Stephen used a different language that is in form of Sheng which was definitely out of order. That point of giving a mover a chance of giving a point of information is wrong. Just quote from the Standing Order and then we will be able to say and we get moving. I am just saying that for the continuity of this House because we want to remain a House of Order all the time and not anyone seeing as if he has been granted some special order.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION HOUSE OF SITTINGS

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following procedural motion;

THAT, this Assembly approves the application of Standing Order No. 31 (3) to allow it change its sitting for Thursday 23rd September, 2021 from 2.30 p.m. to 9.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, this Order Paper comes up after the HBC, which is the House Business Committee sits in the morning and as a result, I can mention here that this is a decision that maybe

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has come from our Members that we have tomorrow's sitting come in the morning as from 9.00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, because these Members have their rights and know their roles, I believe tomorrow in the afternoon there could be other business with these Members. I stand here in my position to urge and request the Hon. Members in the House to allow that tomorrow we have the sitting in the morning. It is well known that on Thursdays the sittings are always meant to be in the afternoon, but for now the House requests that this House meets tomorrow as from 9.00 a.m. so that in the better part of the day there will be other activities. To add weight on this, I want to call upon the Deputy Majority Leader, Hon. Mutahi Muritu to second this procedural motion. Thank you.

*(Hon. Mutahi Muritu seconded the procedural motion)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the motion has been moved and seconded. Now I wish to propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

**Deputy Speaker:** Member representing the people of Marmanet followed by the Member representing the people of Thingithu.

**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the procedural motion, but if I were to be asked, it would change from 2.30 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. Sometimes those of us who just come and look for a place to reside within this area, in the morning we just move around the town. If it were possible, we start our business at 8.00 a.m. I am used to working even from five. If it is possible here, as an official duty, we can start at 8.00 a.m. I would say that is a bit better, and because we are from far, we would even have ample time to travel back. Thank you.

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Asante, Bwana Spika. Mimi pia ningependa kuunga mkono kubadilishwa kwa vikao vya Bunge kutoka saa nane hadi saa tatu. Nikikubaliana na huu mswada, kama ingewezekana, aliyeupitisha mswada atoe muda wote uliobaki tuweze kurudisha Bunge wakati huo kwa sababu wakati huu, na Wajumbe watakubaliana nami, tuna majukumu mengi sana katika maeneo tunayowakilisha.

Ni vizuri kama tungekuwa tunakuja hapa mapema tunamaliza hiyo biashara halafu tunaenda kuhudumia wananchi walio mashinani ambao baadhi yao wanataka kutuona na hata kuhudhuria vikao vyao. Hilo lingekuwa jambo mwafaka. Wakati tulipokuwa kwenye *House Business Committee*, niliacha ikiwa kwamba tutahamisha vikao vya Bunge hili kutoka saa nane hadi saa tatu kwa muda uliobaki hadi twende likizoni.

Mimi nakubali lakini ningemwomba zaidi Kiongozi Wa Walio Wengi Bungeni, kama ingewezekana katika muda wote uliobaki, tuketi vikao vyote vya Alhamisi masaa ya asubuhi kwa sababu tumekuwa na changamoto wakati mwingine masaa ya saa nane kwa sababu Wajumbe wengi wanaenda mbali. Bwana Spika, ningeomba unilinde kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Kanyutu ananipigia makelele hadi nashindwa kumakinika kwa ninayoyasema. Ananiambia anaitwa nyumbani. Mimi sitaki kujua kama anaitwa kwa sababu yeye ndiye anajua majukumu yake yanayomngoja.

**Deputy Speaker:** What is it, Hon. Simon?

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**Hon. Simon Kanyutu:** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is just after me. I have not talked. I am just silent here watching my phone but he is claiming that I have spoken. Can he substantiate?

**Hon. Stephen Ndiritu:** Bwana Spika, nafikiri hayo ndiyo niliyosikia nami nina masikio, na ni yeye aliye karibu nami. Hivyo ndivyo amesema, nami nikaona ni vizuri kama wengine wana majukumu mengine zaidi ya hayo kushughulikia wananchi; najua wengine walikuja hapa tangu Jumanne. Sasa watakaa hapa siku saba na pengine hawajazoea kukaa muda mrefu bila kutekeleza majukumu mengine wanayofaa kutekeleza huko.

Sisi tuko sawa, hata nikiulizwa nije saa nane wakati mwingine nitakubali kwa sababu nakamilisha majukumu yangu kila siku. Hata kuwaona wananchi wangu naweza kuwaona kila wakati kwa sababu niko karibu na hao wananchi. Kwa wale wanaoenda mbali, wale ambao majukumu yao ni mengi, nawatakia kila la heri na ni vizuri tuweze kuhamisha Bunge kutoka saa nane hadi saa hizi kwa sababu najua hivyo ndivyo mambo yalivyo. Asante.

**Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, if there is no Member willing to give more contribution on the same, I would like to inform you that amendments to a motion are provided for in our Standing Orders. In any case that a Member feels that he/she needs to make some amendments, please let us use what is provided in our Standing Orders so that we do not seem to be helpless people whereas all things have been provided for. In the very near future, let us try to use that amendment if need be. Hon. Leader of the Majority Party, you may give a reply.

**Hon. Peter Thomi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have concluded well on how we can come together and ensure that the Thursday sitting comes in the morning. Mr. Speaker, a procedural motion is equally important. As I am seated here, I am having my colleague in mind, the Hon. Representative of the people of Olmoran, Hon. Karuiru who is not here. There are times we need to call for procedural motions because as we are seated here, thugs have just raided just two or three kilometres from his home.

Even if I wanted to be here tomorrow in the afternoon, yet he is my neighbour, we need to go and team up with our people who have really been harassed, who have been disturbed. In fact, as I am talking here I can see him calling me. Sometimes we shall urge Members to allow us to go on a procedural motion to get time to team up with our people because we need one another. Thank you very much, Members, for the support.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Deputy Speaker:** The sittings of this House now stand adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 23rd September, 2021 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.42 p.m.

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