

COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU



THE HANSARD

Thursday, 7th June, 2018

The Assembly met at the County Assembly chambers at 2:30 p.m.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale) in the Chair

PRAYER

MOTION

**DEBATE ON THE SENATOR'S SAMBURU COUNTY ADDRESS TO THE ASSEMBLY ON 5TH JUNE
2018**

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon. Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion. Pursuant to provision of County Assembly of Samburu Standing Order 25 (4) the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of Public Policy contained in the address of the Senator delivered on Tuesday 5th June, 2018, I beg to move

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwale): Members are at liberty to deliberate. I now propose the question that Pursuant to provisions of County Assembly of Samburu Standing Order 25 (4) the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of Public Policy contained in the address of the Senator delivered on Tuesday 5th June, 2018.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand to congratulate the Senator for coming to this hon. House and share with us his vision on where he wants Samburu County to go. Mr. Speaker, as he said we are a marginalized County but through devolution, it opened up services, powers and empowerment to every County. Our County was allocated more than 4.4 Billion from the National Government.

He said that for the last four or five years we have been allocated more than 17 Billion compared to the value of money, we are learned hon. Members and during our campaigns we were of the idea that we will improve the livelihood and development of our County as locals. With that much amount of money, 17 Billion compared to development done we ask ourselves the question, where are we as Leaders or governors of Samburu County.

Have we taken them out of the darkness they were enclosed during marginalization? Mr. Speaker, this is another financial year of allocating money 2018/2019 and we will get more money. The National Government has decided to add Kshs.6.8 Billion for improvement of eight Counties, one being our County. So, we have been empowered.

We are the men and women of this County, we have the powers and money as given and also decision, I like the address by the Senator because it showed us direction. The Senator also said that we should not be like beggars only waiting for the National allocation but let us improve the ways of collecting our own resources because while we were County Council we collected a lot compared to now that we have a top up same people, same area and now we are in the leadership position. I urge this honorable house, at least, to be with the Hon Senator in his vision as he has addressed us, we improve the livelihood of our people. We are rated at 42% in poverty. With all that we have why can't we at least move from there, reduce that number? The community is ready. Our duty is assisting them by showing the way. That way we shall improve. We have the livestock which we are not using. They need to be told that in business you need to make profit and you need to benefit.

What's the use of having many camels, cows and goats that are not for business? They are just there for showing off. They must use the animals to profit them. Who are going to tell our people, to influence and direct our people? It is us; this honorable house. Our county is also rich in minerals. Using all the resources we have given by God and the additional national allocation, by the end of our term, we shall leave a legacy that we improved the lives of our people and the land of Samburu County.

Mr. Speaker with those few observations, I beg this honorable house to be vibrant. Unlike the last house, this house is full of professionals. They have got skills, knowledge and they need to put it into practice so that we give back to our people what we got from schools. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I stand to congratulate the Senator of Samburu County, Dr. Steven Lelegwe, for his speech on the 5th of June. Mr. Speaker, we know how hard the Senator has worked for this county. And in his speech, when you read it, you can see that he is a man who has carried the people of Samburu County in his heart. There's a lot of wisdom in his speech and we appreciate it.

Lastly, I want to thank this Assembly for the good work they have done. You have heard in the Senator's speech, they started from scratch and today when you look at this honorable house it is in the modern style how other assemblies are run. I want to congratulate the first assembly and I really appreciate the speech of the Senator of Samburu County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MCA Lodokejek Ward, (Hon Jerias Leshoomo): Thank you hon. Speaker. I stand to thank our honorable Senator for his inaugural address to our Assembly. I concur with what hon. Lorunyei has said on our honorable Senator. He really touched us on his speech. He touched on issues that affect our County at the national level. He also shared his aspirations and expectations for our county while linking them with the constitution and the big four Agenda. I want to thank the Senator for his speech and we wish him a good stay in the Senate so that he can assist this county.

Mr. Speaker, if you follow the speech of the Senator, he really touched us when he said he wants to work with us and the executive for the benefit of the Samburu people. The Senator also shared with us the challenges that counties have and in particular our County on revenue projection that we are unable to meet due to some challenges. He said we need to carry out the mandate as an Assembly. With those few remarks, I want to urge our honorable Members to appreciate the speech made by the honorable Senator. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): What is it hon. Lorunyei?

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker if I can just change and come and come back to this hon. House, the Senator gave us a challenge on our responsibility of oversight where the PIC and PAC Committee is the one that oversights the Executive. As the Senator has said, I want us to oversee on the resources and performance on what we have. If the PIC and PAC Committee is sleeping, then we have no other way to show that we are overseeing.

(Applause).

It is true that we have these billions of shillings and priorities from the communities through Public Participation where we have itemized everything, allocated money and approved yet we have no information on the status of the projects and the expenditure of these funds or whether the projects equal the money. This is why am trying to be a bit diplomatic on what the Senator said...

(Point of Order by Hon. Zamzam Ismail)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): What is it Mheshimiwa Zamzam?

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Zamzam Ismail): Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to correct the hon. Member for Nachola Ward, the PIC and PAC Committee is not sleeping. This is a procedural House where the procedures have been followed. The PIC and PAC Committee is vibrant and active, thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Thank you hon. Member. You are leading me to a long talk. The PIC and PAC get their report from the Auditor General of every department on how money is...

(Interjection by the Temporary Speaker)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Hon. Lorunyei we are actually discussing the Senator's speech.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): He talked about oversight and the Committee where it is the role of the PIC ad PAC in this hon. House.

(Point of Order by Hon. Silapia Lenamaltia)

Specially Elected MCA, (Hon. Silapia Lenamaltia): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Senator of Samburu County on his speech but I also want to correct the hon. Member for Nachola Ward that oversight role is for all Members of this House

and not only for the PIC and PAC. The hon. Member should as well as urge all the Members to play that their role of oversight, thank you.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): Mr. Speaker this House works in Committees and every Committee has been given mandates, Agriculture Committee gives reports on Agriculture, the Roads Committee brings reports on the Roads to this hon. House and the PIC and PAC Committee brings the Auditor's General report to this House on how money has been used and whether it has been used according to what we budgeted or not. When this report comes to a Plenary like this then we discuss as Members as a whole.

We cannot all be the PIC and PAC Committee. To give some light to our hon. Members, if we want a report or information of our County to this hon. House then we divide ourselves so that those who go to the North will bring the report, those in the East will bring their report, then we come to this House and discuss the report of the whole County. That is how departments work. On the part of the Auditor's General report concerning how the departments are working then that is the only time that we will know whether the money has been spent accordingly.

This is why the report is taken to the Auditor General, discussed and brought back to this House for discussion and appropriation on the expenditure of these funds. If there are gaps noticed by the Auditor General, then that is when we ask...

(Interrupted by the Speaker)

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Hon. Lorunyei now you can proceed to conclude.

MCA Nachola Ward, (Hon. Lawrence Lorunyei): That is now the time that we ask the relevant Committee how these gaps in these projects have not been met. You saw the report given by the Committee on Implementation they said that the 80% not met, then that is when we ask that what happened to the 80%. That is why we work. The Senator urged us that we wake up on oversight during his address and this is why I am talking about the PIC and PAC Committee, thank you Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Lucas Lekwaale): Thank you. I want to remind all the Members that we have a responsibility as Members. I agree on the Auditor's General report that the PIC and PAC Committee should wake up and make sure that they do their oversight role. We also agree that all the Members take responsibility to represent, legislate and oversee. It is the tradition of this House that every speech be it from the Governor or Senator be discussed in three sessions so from here we will have two more sessions to discuss the Senator's speech, thank you.

Hon. Members the time being 30 minutes past 3 o'clock and there being no any other business, this Assembly stands adjourned until Tuesday, June 12th, 2018 at 2:30 pm.