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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9.30 a.m.

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I have noticed that you don't know these rules, and therefore I will take it upon myself to keep reminding you, because the worst thing is to imagine that you know when you don't. The Speaker's procession is where the Speaker and his team are coming into the chambers. That procession if you go to the National Assembly, the way is cleared. That is the reason for that shout; that you clear the way and nobody should be on the way.

At that time even if it's the president on the way he is cleared, and if you go one day to Parliament in Nairobi you realize that even the Duales of this world will not be on the pathway. And when the Speaker has gotten in, you don't come in, leave alone tip toe, tip toeing doesn't make it even better.

So you just wait out there until the procession is complete, the Speaker has read the prayer, and has sat down. Same time when the Speaker is on his feet like now, you just have to wait outside until he finishes that's when you come in. so it's important to know.

The other thing is that I know we interrupted debate yesterday, so this session will be a short one. We will finish, we will resume and convert into an informal meeting to discuss a few in House matters. Debate was interrupted yesterday, so we will proceed from where we adjourned the debate. So in any contribution remember the rules are you don't speak more than once on the same Motion unless it's for clarification and with permission from the Chair. So if you had spoken on that Motion that is it. Yes, Hon. Vincent.

Hon. V. Odawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am a Member of the Health Committee and I was part of the group that went round getting the information on the ground, and I can tell thus House that the report you had yesterday is the true picture of what was on the ground. So there is nothing much to add on it, and I can only urge my colleagues to support the report.

I don't want to repeat myself or say what was said yesterday. I wanted to contribute before that interruption yesterday, I don't know why because I was decently dressed.

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(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Odawa, it is misconduct not to state facts. When you lie to the House there are penalties accorded to it. Take your seat! When the Speaker is talking you sit. In fact they say when the Speaker is on his feet you freeze, that is the word. It's not Okode it is the holder of that office at that time.

(Laughter)

So they say in parliament you have to be responsible for your word, so when you want to bring papers and they are fault, you will be required to substantiate and explain that they are factual. Failure to which you are subjected to disciplinary issue within the House, but proceed, Vincent.

Hon. V.Odawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know I cannot match you in matters of rules and Order of the House but I apologies. I was standing because you were seated in your Otherwise I would have frozen.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: So I would have risen? I will not rule you out of Order because you said that you are smartly dressed which some people when they are naked they think that they are smartly dressed. So maybe you are smartly dressed but not for the occasion of the legislature. Just proceed.

Hon.V. Odawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Otherwise I urge my colleagues to support this report. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Oor, the majority leader.

Hon. Oor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mine is just concerned with the report which the Committee has just gone through, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the good report. I would also like to request Members to support the report as it is.

What I saw about the comparison in cost between the new vehicle and old one, because what I saw in the report is that the old ones will cost Kshs. 21 million while they are only three vehicles. Why not buy new ones instead of repairing the old ones which will cost more?

I may ask the Committee to move to all hospitals as well as dispensaries and check on cleanness. You notice that they only clean the places when they know that there is an inspection going on but after that nothing really happens.

Hon. Ochieng': Point of Order, Mr. Speaker, Sir!

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ochieng'.

Hon. Ochieng': Mr. Speaker, Sir. The majority is as if is misleading the House. In the report there was Kshs. 21 million for purchase of 3 new ambulances and not Kshs. 21 million for the repair of the 3 broken ambulances unless he is having a report that we don't have, but he can stand and clear that.

Hon. Speaker: Majority leader do you have the report with you?

Hon. Oor: The report is not with me but.....

(Laughter)

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Hon. Speaker: So it is true you are contributing to a report which you don't have.

Hon. Oor: It is not for today but the information I have from a concerned Member it was Kshs. 21 million to repair 3 vehicles. So I am sorry if I misquoted anything. That aside, if we compare the cost of repair versus the cost of buying new ones, in which option are we saving money? Lastly, I want to talk about the vehicle that has been stuck at Toyota Kenya. Do we pay extra money on top of the amount they were given? If its extra payment we should know---

Hon. Member: Point of Order!

Hon. Speaker: Yes!

Hon. Siguru: I am of the opinion that the Majority Leader is discussing facts that he doesn't have completely being that an interruption has been done and he is continuing on the same Report which he doesn't have or understand being that he is not supposed to proceed with his submissions.

I don't think that was my Point of Order because basically the things that the Majority Leader has discussed all through doesn't tally with part of the Report completely. The Report has a provision of Kshs.21million for the purchase of the 3ambulances and the Report suggests here that at least we don't need to spend Kshs 21million in buying new ambulances while we are supposed to repair the existing ambulances which have stalled at different levels.

I just wanted to stand on a Point of Order and probably if it is in Order I do my submission at the same time.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Siguru, the Majority Leader had asked for forgiveness, did you forgive him?

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Put a side all this arguments then you will be given time to contribute. Did you finalize Majority Leader or you are done?

Hon. Oor: Sorry Hon. Siguru but I will repeat the same which I have put aside which means maybe he hasn't taken my point clearly. I support the Report and I also urge Members to support it.

Hon. Siguru: Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker, Sir; I rise to support the Report done by the Health Committee on the scrutiny for the year 2018/19. What I have realized from the Report is that we are failing to have our priorities right.

I tend to think that in our oversight role we need to have what becomes a priority in terms of service delivery to our County as compared to all these that we are having on the Report. Tabled and enumerated well; buying three ambulances for Kshs. 21million; we are also told a particular ambulance is grounded because of drums means that we have low priorities.

When it comes to employing pediatricians basically remunerated for two pediatricians at a cost of Kshs. 9.3million; meaning one will earn Kshs. 400,000 annually which I think is very unreasonable. My understanding here is probably these provisions are done to benefit particular

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identified people where they should be fail to adopt this Report in case they proceed and what I'm seeing in this is that we may be rewarding people at the expense of serving the community and by all their submissions let's say that at least we need to adopt the Report as it is and then probably see to it that these projects are done today scrutiny FY 2018/19, thank you!

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Booker.

Hon. Booker: Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, Sir; Hon. Adalla asked the Speaker to read the mood of the House and maybe put a question so that we conclude the debate. Continuing is like we are going to bombard the enemy who has already been bombed. I will also ask you to read the mood of the House and maybe put a question so that we proceed with other businesses, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: What is your reading on the mood of the House?

(Laughter)

Hon. Booker: The mood of the House is that everyone here would want that we support the Report.

Hon. Madame: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir; protect me from learned fellow Members.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: You are protected.

Hon. Madame: On HIV/AIDS; this Kshs. 5million is a lot of money and I think the County Government should use this money to buy condoms for women. We are dying because of the disease and so I would recommend that the money be used for buying condoms especially for women or people with disabilities or should be used to employ health workers. I support the Report.

(Laughter)

Hon. Booker: Point of Order!

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Booker!

Hon. Booker: ---don't expect a man to put on a condom---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members; you reserve the condom discussion to the bedrooms please.

(Laughter)

Hon. Akoth: Mr. Speaker, Sir; I highly support the Committee on Health over the issue of blood bank being a project constructed and equipped. The project is a non-existent, the department budgets and equips the project which is highly a non-existent project.

Hon. Speaker: May I call upon the Mover to Reply.

Hon. Odinga: Mr. Speaker, Sir; I would wish to commend this House for the immense contribution regarding this Motion which actually acts as an oversight tool so that our people can

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receive quality services. I would also wish to quote one of our leaders and say; money coming to the County must be used in projects that benefit the Wananchi directly and thus devolution was introduced to enhance welfare of the people that have in the previous years be yearning for development. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir; I pray that this House approves this Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members I would like to put the question and before I do that let me explain how we vote because yesterday along the corridors, I heard one Member whispering to another Member telling them this Report is so bad and we must reject it. Then I asked him what did he say and he answered that the Report is so bad and we must reject it.

I am afraid if I put the question and you freely want to concur that paints a very bad picture therefore you are going to reject it, No; when I put the question will as many as of that opinion when you say; yes, you will be agreeing with the content of the Report which content means the observations which were made and recommendations.

When we say; Aye, you agree that it the true position of things which the Committee has revealed and you agreed with. If nay, it means those observations and the recommendations you disagree with. It has confused some people before and from that communication I heard yesterday I was afraid you might put the, aye to the wrong position.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I said that we remain seated after adjourning so that we converge into an informal meeting. Be upstanding for adjournment. Hon. Members, there being no other business this House stands adjourned until today Wednesday, 21st February, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. at the Chamber.

The House rose at 10.17 a.m.