



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MAKUENI

MAKUENI COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

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Tuesday, 20th February, 2018

(The House met at 2.30 p.m.)

[The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS LAID

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Public Investments Account Committee to lay a report on County Public Investment and Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Wote Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2016.

WOTE WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Member for Kitise/Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kevin Mutuku): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to lay the following Paper on the Table. Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 202 (6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday 20th February, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.; The Report of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of Wote Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2016. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Committee Public Investments and Accounts Committee on Kibwezi/ Makindu Water and Sanitation Company.

KIBWEZI/MAKINDU WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Member for Kitise/Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kevin Mutuku): Mr. Speaker sir, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 202 (6), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of Assembly today Tuesday 20th February, 2018 at 2.30p.m.; The Report of the County Public Investment and Accounts committee on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of Kibwezi / Makindu Water and Sanitation Company for the year ended 30th June, 2016. Thank you.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

WOTE WATER AND SEWERAGE COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Member for Kitise/Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kevin Mutuku): Hon. Speaker I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:-

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Article 229 (8) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, this Assembly resolves to adopt the Report of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of Wote Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2016 laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

Thank you Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Public Investments and Accounts Committee.

KIBWEZI/MAKINDU WATER AND SANITATION COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Member for Kitise/Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kevin Mutuku): Hon. Speaker I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:-

THAT pursuant to the provision of Article 229 (8) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 this Assembly resolves to adopt the Report of the County Public Investments and Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial Statements of Kibwezi / Makindu Water and Sanitation Company for

the year ended 30th June, 2016 laid on the Table of the Assembly today Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

Thank you Mr. Speaker

MOTION

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee.

COUNTY BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just before I move the Motion I would like Hon. Members to go to number 151 to 153 in the booklet you have. You will find the County Budget Implementation review report for the nine months. The whole document comprises all the Counties of Kenya but we are particularly interested in Makueni County. Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Article 228 (4) subsection 6 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, this Assembly resolves to adopt the Report of the Budget and Appropriation Committee on the County Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months for the year 2016/2017 from the Office of the Controller of Budget laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 14th February, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to go through the Report. On behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee it is my pleasure to present to this house the Committee's Report on the County Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months for the year 2016/2017 from the Office of the Controller of Budget. The County Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months for FY 2016/2017 from the Office of the Controller of Budget was tabled at the County Assembly on Thursday 28th September, 2017 by the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Kyalo Mumo. The document was then committed to the Budget and Appropriation Committee for consideration.

Mr. Speaker sir, The Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations was constituted pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 211. The Committee currently comprises of the following Members:-

1. Hon. Dennis Mutinda Musyoka, MCA - Chairperson
2. Hon. Harris Musau Ngui, MCA - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Richard Munywoki Kasyoki, MCA – Member
4. Hon. Julius Tangai Munari, MCA- Member
5. Hon. Ben Kyengo Kilonzi, MCA- Member

6. Hon. Magdalene Nduku Mulwa, MCA- Member
7. Hon. Martina Ngusye Kimilu, MCA - Member
8. Hon. Janet Ngina Wambua, MCA- Member
9. Hon. Justus Mutua Masesi, MCA- Member

Mr. Speaker sir, the functions of the Committee according to Standing Order 211 shall be to-

- i. Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related to coordination, control and monitoring of the county budget,*
- ii. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendations to the County Assembly;*
- iii. Examine the County Budget Policy Statement presented to the County Assembly;*
- iv. Examine Bills related to the national budget, including Appropriations Bills; and*
- v. Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programmes with direct budget outlays.*

Mr. Speaker sir, I would like to thank Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee for their dedication, untiring commitment and valuable contributions during deliberations. It is because of their dedication that we have been able to complete this demanding task. On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the Offices of the Speaker and that of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the support accorded as it discharged its mandate.

We went through the Budget Review Implementation Report and we did some recommendations which I will stress and after that check on recurrent expenditure and development expenditure. The entire document comprises all what we deliberated and what we came up with as recommendations according to our investigation.

Mr. Speaker sir, the Committee made recommendations that one, the legal framework and policy instruments should be developed before the initiation of expenditures and implementation of programmes. This will provide the framework for identifying target group(s), administration and accounting for the funds as per Section 116 of the PFM Act, 2012. As you are aware, most on the programmes we are undertaking in this County Government of Makueni some of them as we have said before lack policies like Tetheka Fund. We also know very well for ENE Microfinance there is no policy which has been brought to this Assembly and also ENE Radio FM which has no policy which has been brought to this Assembly for adoption. Therefore, the Committee thought it is very wise for every program to be actualized or implemented, it must have a policy. Also, a project which has been started in 2013

should have its expiry date or date of completion. If that policy does not capture that then it means that we are going to do one project for ten years and you know the term of serving for the Members of Makueni County is five years. If that project not completed with that period then it rises some questions to the common mwananchi ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation. You referred this House to page 151 of the Report from the Office of the Controller of the Budget on Budget Implementation Review Report and THE Report has segments on development expenditure analysis, budget and budget performance analysis by Department and then there is observation and recommendations by the Office of the Controller of Budget. Presumably you are the representative of the Office of the Controller in this House and for the purposes of record and HANSARD I thought it is very important that you take us through these recommendations and observations by the Office of the Controller of Budget and then now introduce the observation of the Committee; your own opinion as the Committee against those of Controller of Budget. Then as a House we can follow your observations and deliberations as a Committee against the Report that was tabled to be considered by your Committee a while back. If you may, take that route and considering the Business before this House we set aside not any other Business to consider with this particular matter because it refers to the Makueni County Government Budget Implementation Review for the financial year ended 2016 so take you time as you did last week.

The Member for Kako Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker and sorry for interruption. I stand guided and I would like to take the House through the recommendations from the Controller of Budget on 154. I will just read and Members as you have heard I should take my sweet time to digest all this. The County has made progress in addressing some of the challenges previously identified as affecting Budget Implementation. Some of the progress made included establishment of internal audit Committee and strengthening of internal audit Department to oversee financial operations as required by Section 155 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012. Those are the observation the Controller of Budget is making. Two, improvement in absorption of development budget from 14% in the similar period of the year 2015-2016 to 43.4% in the reporting period. That is a comparison for the year 2014-2015 as compared to 2015-2016 whereby there is an improvement from 14.9 which is almost 15% to 43.4%.

Despite the above progress, the following challenges continued to hamper effect of budget and implementation. Although there was that small achievement there are some areas whereby the Controller is saying there were challenges to the County Government. Delay in disbursement of equitable share of revenue raised nationally

by the National treasury. As at the end of reporting period Kshs.3.76billion had been disbursed against an expected disbursement of Kshs.4.86 billion. Number two, under performance in local revenue collection the local revenue collected in the first nine months for year 2016-2017 was 153.41million which was 30.7% of the annual local revenue target of Kshs.500million. You see we are not doing well on collection of revenue as we discussed last time; that is an observation which has been made by the Controller of Budget. Three, delays of funds administrators to submit expenditure reports on the establishment of County Funds such as Bursary Funds, Emergency Funds, Assembly Car and Mortgage funds and Tetheka fund.

Also you can see that there is lack of fund administrators who can expedite process of disbursement of funds to respective County Funds like Tetheka Fund, Bursary fund and you will bear me witness that since the bursary were given up to this moment we have not received cheques in those respective schools where those candidates were given bursaries. This is an observation or recommendation which is being made by the Controller of budget. Number four, there was IFMIS connectivity challenges which slow down approval of procurement request and payments to suppliers. The system was a challenge to them. Number five was another observation of failure of the County Assembly Members to regulate/repay the car and mortgage loans as required by the Makueni County Assembly Car Mortgage Scheme Regulation 2014. The County Assembly Members were not able to regulate and repay the car and mortgage loans and that is the previous regime. This regime is doing very well on that.

The County should implement the following recommendations in order to improve the budget execution that is the recommendations being made by the Controller of Budget;

1. The County Treasury should liaise well with the National Treasury so that they get their money which has been budgeted for.
2. The County Treasury should formulate and implement strategies to enhance local revenue collection. They should come up with strategies something we have said in several reports about how they should come up with strategies on how they are going to get revenue. I think it also being observed or recommended by the Controller of Budget on the same.
3. The fund administrators should ensure timely submission of financial reports in line with Section 168 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012. They should also give us financial reports on such funds which are being distributed to people of Makueni.
4. The County Treasury should liaise with the IFMIS Directorate for support in application of IFMIS and e-procurement modules. Also they should liaise with

the National people on the IFMIS who are doing that so that they can be very conversant with IFMIS to execute their duties as required.

5. The administrator of the car loan and the mortgage fund should ensure all disbursed loans are repaid as per the approved regulation. That is touching the old regime whereby to repay their mortgages and all that was a problem.

Therefore, those are the recommendations the Controller of Budget is making and now as I was guided, I want to go through recommendations of this Committee of Budget and what we observed when we went through the document. As we said first we need a legal framework and policy instruments to be developed before the initiation of expenditure and implementation programs whereby we have said no programs will be actualized or implemented if some of these frameworks are not there like the Tetheka Fund and we have also seen the Controller of Budget is mentioning that as well as ENE Microfinance, ENE Radio, Sand Authority and all that. If those policies are not brought to this Assembly and there is no framework on how we are going to execute some of this programs then that becomes a problem to us.

Why do we move this legal frameworks? As you are aware Members some of these projects were started in 2013. Up to this moment they have not been completed. And they are in our Wards and we know that. When you go through all those documents if they had an expiry period or a completion period may be for two years, we could be asking why was it not completed within stipulated time but now there is no document to show when a project is started like a bore hole how long should it take for it to be completed. Therefore, we need those policies and they are very critical to us Members because if those projects are not completed what does that mean. It means they were initiated by the old regime, when I talked about old regime you were laughing, but at the end of the five years term they will say we started these projects and they have not been completed although a new regime was in place but they did not complete it so what will happen? I think if there is no implementation of those projects there will be impeachment by the common *wananchi* of Makueni.

Number two, some departments have recorded very low development Budget absorption rates. In future budget allocation should be based on each department development absorption of the previous financial years. When we went through the document we have seen that some of the absorption rates especially on development areas you find that it is very low or it is below average and if the absorption rates are going to be low it means that we are not going to make those projects to completion. Therefore as a Committee we have recommended that we will give budgets based on the absorption rate and to stress this I have checked the money which has been released to this County of Makueni up to 31st January 2018 and I have seen that there is water which we gave one billion but only 92 million has been requested for that

period and we have only about three months to June 30th 2018. I think from January it was Cabinet Paper, February was Cabinet Paper, March was Cabinet Paper. I think April it will be Cabinet Paper and June will be Cabinet Paper. If that is not done within this period what are we doing because that is a problem and absorption rates are too low? 92 million of one billion is like 9%; that is the money that has been requested.

In simple terms Hon. Members it is like giving a child a Kshs.100,000 to go and buy sweets. A budget for a sweet is about five bob and you are giving Kshs.100,000. If they cannot consume this budget we have given them, I think we should make sure the implementation is done. Note implementation starts with I and impeachment starts with I.

Number three, the Sectoral Committees should enhance oversight on corresponding Departments ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward. (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): I wish Members who are seriously following you through the recommendations had the benefit of understanding and taking them through the financial analysis, expenditure analysis and the departmental Budget performance analysis and development performance analysis. I am listening to you and because I am here to preside over the plenary and we do not have this business in this House when the recommendations makes a lot of sense it is far much better because you are on the microphone. I would have wished you had taken Members through this particular expenditure review report. I think this sections are important for purposes of record and further explanation that you are giving to benefit the Members so that they can digest and they may plan and organize themselves on how they are going to interrogate the Report, ask questions and make further recommendations. If you do not mind.

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward. (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): You did indicate that the time is sweet and you have your sweet time. You are making it bitter.

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward. (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Mr. Speaker sir I would like to go through recommendations because I am left with only two then I go to recurrent and development expenditure and I rest my case.

(Hon. Alfred Kituku stood in his place)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well. Member for Makindu on a Point of Order, Information?

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Mutuku): Thank you Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. I would like to inform the Chairperson for the Committee that is presenting the Budget Implementation Report that he is trying to excite the House with news of impeachment and it looks like we are gauging the current ECMs with a Report that is spanning from the month of June in 2016 to 2017 around March. I do not think it is in order for the Chairperson to excite us with giving us a Report for that time when we have different ECMs that are currently sitting. I kindly request the Chairperson to guide us appropriately so that we can make our judgement based on this Report and not based on imaginary report that is spanning from August in 2017 to maybe the time that we are sitting here in February so it is important for the Chairman to deal with that.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well, Chairperson Budget and Committee you are informed by your colleague to restrain to the County Budget Implementation Review Report for the first nine months for financial year 2016/2017.

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward. (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to respond to my Hon. Member for Makindu that in the budget there are spill over projects. According to us we say those budgets should be completed first before we start new ones. Like in my Ward there is a project which was started in 2013 and has not been completed. No matter who is in the office right now he has to carry the baggage. If you buy a company you buy together with the liabilities and we did a Supplementary Budget 1 which we had already indicated one billion to a certain department and only 92 million has been requested from the exchequer so I am talking from perspective on 2013 all the way to 2018 but I will constrain myself to 2016/2017 so just note it is a spillover of 2015, 2016, 2017 and all that. When I say impeachment I am not referring to ECM. I am saying if we do not implement, if we do not oversight well Makueni citizens will impeach us come 2022.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee you are very much in order. There is only one Government since 2013 up to now irrespective of the holders of the office. Proceed.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting me.

(Laughter)

The third recommendation is that the Sectoral Committees should enhance oversight on the corresponding department budget implementation guided by the programme based budget with a view to improve the pace of budget implementation and absorption rates. In recommendation number 3 we mean that we have Sectoral

Committees, Department of Water, Department of Lands, Department of Agriculture and all that. You sit down and go through and oversight how your Department is performing because if you get like the one I was saying 1 billion versus 92 million which has been released, you ask why are you not requesting for more money because our people in Makueni need water. Why are you requesting 92 million whereas there is one billion budgeted for? The Committee is saying that the Sectoral Committees please oversight the Executive based on there are areas of performance. If the absorption rate is down there, then ask some questions and also you are able to tell us why projects have not been done.

Let me go to recommendation number four. The Finance and Socio-Economic Planning Department should streamline the procurement unit and the monitoring and evaluation unit to improve efficiency. As I have said the absorption rates are down and below average. It is our view as the Budget Committee to see that the implementation is done and through procurement and monitoring evaluation unit to improve the efficiency. Therefore, if these units are put in place it means that they are going to monitor and evaluate every project and efficiency and absorption rate will go up because it does not make sense as I have said in my Ward that most of the project for 2013/2014, 2015/2016 have not been done and if there is that monitoring and evaluation which is efficient it means that the absorption rate will go up.

Hon. Speaker allow me go direct to performance analysis on the recurrent and also development analysis before I call one of the Members to second. On 2.3.0 page 7 for those who are following on departmental budget performance analysis. An analysis of the overall departmental recurrent expenditure indicates that Sand Authority recorded the highest absorption rate at 87.8% closely followed by Department of Health at 76.6%. County Attorney's Office recorded the lowest recurrent absorption rate at 52.8%, closely followed by Department of Finance and Socio-Economic Planning at 56.4%. When we say recurrent we mean those funds which are used to pay salaries, the per diems and subsistence. The Sand Authority recorded the highest 87.8 % under Water Department, followed by the Department of Health which I have said is 76.6 % and the lowest I have indicated there.

However, with respect to the exchequer releases for the period under review, recurrent over-expenditures were noted. Some Departments such as Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives where the Department spent Kshs.35.92 million despite it having received Kshs. 33.99 million from the exchequer. We have noted on that under recurrent that we budgeted for Kshs.33.99 million for the Department of Trade, Tourism and Cooperatives but they over spent by Kshs.35.92 million. Hon. Members through the Speaker these are the questions we should ask ourselves, where they got this money from. It means they got the money from development

and they boosted the recurrent expenditure in simple terms because we budgeted for the Kshs.33.99 million but they spent Kshs.35.92. You cannot spend what you do not have. Therefore, this is an over expenditure which was removed from development to recurrent. Department of Finance and Socio-Economic Planning where the Department spent Kshs.309.99 million despite it having received Kshs.298.26 million from the exchequer. Where did they get this money because we budgeted for them Kshs. 298.26 million but they overspent to a tune of Kshs.309.99 million from the exchequer. That means they got money from development to boost their recurrent expenditure. Department of Education and ICT where the Department spent Kshs.159.17 million despite it having received Kshs.144.79 million from the exchequer. You can see all these Departments we are mentioning here over spent but where did they get the money to over spend because you can only spend what you have budgeted for and you cannot overspend which means you are getting money from the development projects. Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development where the Department spent Kshs.185.94 million ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee, on the over expenditures, is it an assumption that they spent money or you went further and substantiated that there was expenditure from development to recurrent? When we sent this report to you for investigation we are expecting you to substantiate where that money was got from and to an extent whether it was procedural or not.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This goes without doubt because where do you expect ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Chairperson. The Assembly operates with substantiation. It is assumed or it is expected that when this report was referred to the Budget and Appropriation Committee and a certain Department has spent more on recurrent than it ought to have, it is presumably in public that they got that money from development but the Committee on Budget and Appropriation have powers to investigate and require authenticated and substantiated reports so that then you will be tabling document and evidence before this House indicating where this money was got from and whether it was procedural or not. Otherwise if you cannot substantiate it then you cannot quote it unless we give you more time to go and substantiate that material so that PAC may have an opportunity to find out what exactly happened.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Hon. Speaker thank you for that guidance. This is something we are going to substantiate and bring evidence to this House so that PAC can carry on their duties ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): What I am trying to say Chairperson for purposes of HANSARD and record, the HANSARD only absorbs that which can be evidenced and that is why these reports are referred to the Committees and Committees have powers to invite any person or office that they deem responsible and get that information. No one is in doubt that there is an expenditure but the Committee ought to have gone further and establish from County Executive Committee Member in charge of Trade where did you get this money and who authorized you to get this money from development to recurrent expenditure and then you table evidence and information. Otherwise without that then you can table as it is but you cannot quote figures that you cannot substantiate with documents because you have the privilege and powers to do so.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just allow me to continue with these figures because we have evidence in our records and we cannot amend this booklet from the Controller of the Budget, you cannot amend the Budget because it has been prepared and it is there; it is just to table in the Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson, for purposes of managing the business of the House without emotion because unfortunately because you allowed yourself to be in a House of procedure. It is very important that in your Report you make reference to an extract whether you are referring according to the report of the Controller of Budget for 2016/2017 page this on this table, the Executive Committee for this Department spent so much on this which is an over expenditure or upon our enquiry with the respective Committee Member we established from the records or maybe from the response from the Minister this information. Its only on that basis that Report can be utilized and consumed by another Committee for purpose of furthering that, whether is Committee on Trade or Committee on PAC but without that you cannot mention it off-cuff unless you are referring to the reference material which is of importance to this House.

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward (Hon. Denis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker I understand what you are trying to guide me on and I have said, this is an assumption based on the notion that we only use money on our recurrent or development. If there is an over expenditure it means it is a debit and credit; you borrow from the other side but all the same we can give evidence but what I am making here is an assumption this money must have been gotten from development--

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation you have powers, opportunity, time and privileges and immunity to substantiate. Assumptions are left for the civilians not for Members of this County

Assembly because you have the powers to summon anyone in this republic to substantiate and therefore an assumption in a decision or resolution of a Committee is not admissible. Member for Makindu Ward.

The Member for Kako/Waia Ward (Hon. Denis Musyoka): As I have said ---

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I am also reading from the same script that the Hon. Chairperson is giving us analysis of recurrent performance which shows a lot of deviations from the amounts that were allocated to the Departments and if the Committee assumes that the excess money that has been used comes from the development and you come down to the 2.32 development analysis performance although I look like I am being too fast-----

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): I hope you are on a Point of Information?

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): Yes, I am. Thank you Mr. Speaker. If you look at the Departments that are analyzed there, you will find that some of the Departments that have used money that we assume comes from the development money are also using more money in the development analysis. Like the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development spent Kshs.437.82 million for development despite it having received Kshs.314.95 million from the from the exchequer which shows that in the development they have used more money and in recurrent they have used more money than allocated. The Committee must be very sure of what they are giving this Hon. House so that we understand where the money came from because the recurrent used more money and development used more money. Where did the money come from or are we looking at computer errors like the National Government showed us some few years back. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Hon. Harrison Mutie stood in his place)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well. Member for Nzambani/Ivingoni Ward on what?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Point of Information.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Thank you Mr. Speaker. What I intended this House to understand is that, we are looking at the budget for 2016-2017 and remember there were amounts that were for 2015-2016 that were never spent so that money was carried forward to the year 2016-2017 plus that year's national allocation. For example, if in 2016-2017 we were allocated Kshs.50 million and we carried over Kshs.20million it means that, that year we can spend the Kshs.50 million

allocated for that year plus Kshs.10 million carried over and maybe we carry over another 10 million to the next year and that is usually how the County Government operates. In a situation whereby you find there is an expenditure whether it is from recurrent or development we can assume that from the books some money was carried over to the next financial year. Thank you very much Mr. Speaker.

The Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): Point of Information.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward.

The Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I think this House is a House of order and procedure. In my opinion I think it would be wrong for us to make assumption as to where the expenditure emanated from. I think it is only prudent---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward I doubt whether that is a Point of Information you are now on a Point of Order.

The Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): I thought it was a Point of Order Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): You cannot raise a Point of Order because the Motion is still being moved but we did not want to interfere with the moving of the Motion only to inform the respective Mover of the Motion on how to guide process of moving.

The Member for Nzai/ Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): Most obliged Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well. Member for Makindu Ward.

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): On a Point of Information Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): We cannot as a House move with assumptions like one of the Members stood and wanted to insinuate that we should assume that the money came from this financial year carried forward---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Member for Makindu Ward. You are now a seasoned Member. Execute your Point of Information in the right format, that you wish to inform the Chairperson for Budget and Appropriation Committee that there are records and evidence anywhere whether in the Assembly or in Executive to substantiate and therefore we cannot refer to it without asking a question.

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I would like maybe to inform the Chairperson that it is quite important if we are given a Report in this House we have substantive evidence to show whatever statics we are giving here because they will be captured by the HANSARD and Members of the fourth estate are here and they are going to capture whatever we are going to discuss in this Hon. House. It is very important we get proper evidence of the statics that we give in this House so that we can in future may be look back and say, this is the best that we did for the County as one of the Members insinuated. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Very well Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation for the purposes of HANSARD you may withdraw the assumption and present your report as it is. Should you want to make further clarification and evidence substantiated you can do that in the course of the debate but at the moment you must withdraw and substantiate the assumptions which are not on record.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The evidence is there on page 152 ----

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson for Budget and Appropriation Committee, what we are saying is that in the process of moving your Motion you made an assumption without referring to that booklet. At that time it was an assumption which was not substantiated. If it goes on record as such one will not be able to listen to that and get back to what you want to substantiate. Withdraw that assumption and then get back to your report and read the two Reports together as you read and substantiate. You will be in order for the purposes of HANSARD and record.

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): I withdraw the assumption with evidence to follow.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed now.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kako/ Waia Ward (Hon. Dennis Musyoka): Let me go to the over expenditure. I think we had already tackled Finance and Socio-Economic Planning and the Department of Education and ICT. Department of Agriculture also there was over expenditure. The Department spent Kshs.185 million and the budget was Kshs.172.37 million. Sand Authority where the Authority spent Kshs.45.41 million despite it having received Kshs.36.74 million from the exchequer. This over expenditure should be discouraged and each Department should spend within its budget. That is a recommendation we are making. The overall absorption rate for

the recurrent expenditure for the period under review was 71% for their approved annual recurrent budget. As I have said that is recurrent expenditures and I would like you to take you to the development and performance analysis.

An analysis of the overall departmental development expenditure indicates that Sand Authority recorded the highest absorption rate at 195.8% closely followed by County Assembly at 67.4%. You will note that the Sand Authority spent more than 100% and almost double because it spent 195.8% and closely followed though I do not know whether it is closely followed because the County Assembly is at 67.4%; that is a big difference. Department of Finance and Socio Economic Planning recorded the lowest development absorption rate of 26.2% also closely followed by the Department of Devolution and Public Service at 33.3%. Those are the development analysis. However, with respect to the exchequer releases for the period under review development over expenditure were noted. Some Departments such as Department of Youth and Gender, Sports and Social Services where the Department spent Kshs.262.81 million despite it having received Kshs.192.16. Also Hon. Members you note that on development there are also some over expenditures where the budget was Kshs.192 million but the Gender and Sports and Social Services spent Kshs.262 million. Also at the Department of Agriculture you find that the budget was Kshs.314 million and they spent Kshs.427.2.

Department of Devolution there was also over expenditure whereby the budget was Kshs.43.66 million and they spent Kshs.47.11 million. Finally Sand Authority spent Kshs.16.25 million despite it having received Kshs.5.7 million from the exchequer. Also you will note that there was over expenditure when it comes to development and you can guess where the money is coming from. The reasons for the deviation are not provided, however adjustments were done in the financial year 2016/2017 Supplementary Budget approved in April 2017 to regulate the deviation. The overall absorption rate for the development expenditure for the period under review was Kshs.47.4% of the approved annual development budget. As we have seen development was 47.4% compared to the recurrent expenditure which was at 70% then. That means the appetite is more on recurrent than development when it comes to the execution of the budget which was for 2016/2017 for the last nine months. With those few remarks I would like to call Hon. Col. Munywoki to second the Motion. Thank you.

The Deputy Majority Leader (Hon. Richard Munywoki): Thank You Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to second the Motion. First of all I want to thank the Chairman Budget Committee for a comprehensive Report. I want make my contribution on water and sewerage. During the period under review Kshs.489,205,450.00 were used to construct dams and earth dams. However there was no list provided. We are not really sure whether the end result which was

intended to be achieved was really achieved. The other area is the emergency fund. Kshs.23,292,044 were used but there was no exact list showing the activities undertaken and where they were undertaken. The other one is access of roads. Kshs.183,059,067 was used to implement both heavy and light grading but it is evident in our Wards that some roads were poorly done and today some parts are not passable so we ask for more improvement on these particular areas. I want to stop there and I second this Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): The Floor is open. Member for Thange.

The Member for Thange Ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support this Motion and before I start I wish to thank the Chairperson Budget Committee for work well done. It is quite unfortunate that today we took him round in circles but I am sure he is a very competent Chairperson and it is only that he is talking about a budget that is 2016/2017. If it was 2017/2018 I am sure he would be very conversant with it. Going through this document I wish to talk about the Emergency Fund. From the Report we were given Kshs.23,292,044 and from my understanding this is very little money so may be in future Chairperson Budget Committee we can see how we can increase the money for emergency because emergency caters for our roads, it caters for some of the Houses that are blown by wind and other catastrophes. It is my understanding that we need to put some more money for the emergencies and make sure that once these emergencies occur it is well distributed in all our Wards because I am sure almost all the Wards are affected.

On the access roads in this particular report Kshs.183,059,067 was spent on the same but as it is in the Report we are told that some of the roads done are still impassable. Last week we went to Kilungu and Ilima Wards and I used my four wheel drive; I have a Nissan X trail ---

(Laughter)

The Member for Thange Ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): But it is so discouraging that these vehicles could not move and it is my request Chairperson Budget Committee that any moment we are talking about our roads we put a lot of money to Ilima and Kilungu Wards because these are the only Wards that are heavily affected by this menace on the issue of roads. Looking at the Kshs.183 million that was spent on our roads and looking at a budget of over three hundred million that was spend on health I think we need to do something on this and may be increase the amount for our roads. We also need to talk or see how we can do our roads instead of grading them every time, we can have murruming of the roads so that they are permanent and they can last for at least five or ten years and I am sure when we do

that most of our roads will be passable for quite a long time. Looking at the budget performance analysis I must say that for the analysis of all departmental recurrent expenditure indicates that the Sand Authority recorded the highest absorption rate of 87.8 %. It is important to note that the absorption being so high at 87.8 % then what results did we see from the Sand Authority. It is quite discouraging that they are spending a lot of money but what we see on the ground is very little. May be we need to work and see that as much as they absorb money in whatever they do we also see the result of absorption of money because it is meant to make them run and give us results.

Over Kshs.172 .37 million was received from the exchequer and finally Sand Authority where the Authority spent Kshs.45.41 million despite of it having been allocated Kshs.36.4 million. I remember the Chairperson indicated earlier that some Departments were spending more than they had been allocated and if this continues, I am sure we are likely to find ourselves in a crisis and it is important that all the Departments spend what they have been allocated or what is within their Budget. Looking at the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, where the Department spent Kshs.427 million despite having received Kshs.314 million, that is variation of about almost 80- 90 million. It is lot money and with such a huge amount of money being spent when it had not been allocated is quite a serious problem in the County. In the Report it is very clear that there are no reasons given for the variations and it is my humble request that whoever prepared this Report should have come with a reason, should have found time to go interrogate the whole document and come up with reasons why there were such variations.

Finally, there are some recommendations from the Controller of Budget one of them being that the County Treasury should liaise with the National Treasury to ensure that funds allocated to the County are released in a timely manner in line with CRA 2016. I am sure you know the problems we are having at the County Assembly at the moment, there are no funds, Members are going for site visits and other commitments and they have not been paid money simply because there are very tight procedures. Therefore, I think as it has been advised or recommended by the Controller of the Budget, we make arrangements, plan for our activities so that anytime Members are going out they immediately get their allowances and I am sure it is going to help us work in a better manner.

Finally, on point two on the recommendations from the Controller of Budget, the County Treasurer should formulate and implement strategies to enhance local revenue collection. Last week we talked about this and we said we must look for better streams that can give us revenue and see what we can do so that we collect more than 600 or 500 million that we are supposed to collect and even take it up to a billion or so. Finally, on the Committee recommendations part 2, some Departments

have recorded very low development budget absorption rates. In future budget allocations should be based on each Department development absorption of the previous financial year. Some of the departments absorbed very little money that means there need to be allocated a budget that is equivalent to the amount of money that they spent and Departments that spend a lot of money even surpassing what they had been allocated, then their budget must also come up. Thank you Mr. Speaker and I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Makindu.

The Member for Makindu Ward (Hon. Alfred Kituku): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the Report although I would like to make a few comments on the same. I would like to appreciate the support that you have given as the Hon. Speaker for this House to the Committee on Budget and I would may be ask the Committee to be more serious in interrogating these Reports. I was trying to look at the summary reports that they have given us on paper and I am seeing that they have done a lot of lifting from the actual report that the Controller of Budget has given us in the larger booklet. It is very important for our Committees to interrogate even the Report that we get from the Controller of Budget so that we do not get a case that a Chairperson of a Committee in this Honorable House is coming here without substantive evidence as we saw. Again we should now going forward, as we continue adopting these Reports because I assume by the mood of the House that we are going to adopt this report but I would also like to see the Committee on Budget giving us a report starting June last year up to the time that we are now here which is around 8 months to 9 months so that we know where we are.

We may not be doing as well as we think on the absorption rates and the local revenue collection. If you look at the local revenue collection for the month spanning June 2016 to March 2017, that is the report that we are discussing today, we got only Kshs.153 million in local revenue with a target of 500 million in that financial year and this year we are projecting Kshs.600 million and we may not even have achieved the Kshs.100 million mark during that period considering that it was an electioneering period and it was not easy to achieve such. I was trying to sum up the amounts that we saw in deviations from development to recurrent and I saw that in recurrent we had a deviation of around Kshs.52.57 million from all the Departments and we had also deviations of around Kshs.197.58 million in development. In future and in any other Report that this House is going to adopt, we expect the Committee on Budget to give us reasons for these deviations without any assumptions.

Again the Committee on Budget which I said earlier that I appreciate the support that you give this Committee considering this is a very serious Committee that we should support in this House. I think it is important that they tap the expertise that we have

in this House. Starting with the people who are not in this Committee that are accountants or people that understand statistics and numbers so that we can easily come in this House and just adopt a Report without much interrogation so that we do not look as if we do not know what we are doing as a House when the members of the fourth estate are in the House. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kitise.

The Member for Kitise / Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kelvin Mutuku): Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. Just before I say anything in the absentia of the Leader of the Majority, let me pass my heartfelt condolences for having lost their loved one yester night here at Level 4 Hospital. I stand here to oppose this Motion. Chairperson on Committee on Budget, please get me right on this and I want the House to be very careful on this matter. I do not take the work that this Committee has done for granted. Indeed they have done a lot of work to introduce this Report to this House. Adopting this report as it is with so many things not explained will set some one free and uncountable to this House. There is an over expenditure. I sit in the Public Investments and Accounts Committee. When people do not spend within the budget what happens? IFMIS does not balance. No reconciliation. What happens after? Audit queries and we start sending the Governor to the Senate for no good reason simply because someone did not want to spend within the budget.

Why should we adopt this Report without this Committee having sat with the Minister, the Minister to explain why there is over expenditure, where did it come from, where did they get the money from and what is the purpose of this House making a budget if you cannot comply with the Budget. The only thing and the justice that we can do to this House is to return this Report so that we give this Committee more time to go and sit with the Minister and the respective Departments so that they can explain the gaps. If we pass this Motion as it is, if we adopt this report, somebody will not be accountable and we will fail as the County Assembly of Makueni. If there are no legal frameworks just like the Committee is telling us, we have ENE Microfinance, no legal framework it is an audit query right now. We have other thing, Bursary Fund, these are monies that are being run without a policy; no legal framework. By just recommending that they go and prepare a legal framework and they have not explained to this House why people are spending money without necessarily having a legal framework so what? This House needs to know why someone is spending public money without a policy.

I wish that this Committee goes back, calls the Minister to explain all these things and come here with substantive issues on why these gaps are existing, why are there no policies, why are there no regulations on public funds so that they can come and tell us this House so that someone is strictly accountable. By the time we are looking at

this Report Mr. Speaker it will be another financial year, we will be looking at the same gaps, someone has not explained and they have run away with the same mistakes. As a House we are not progressing; we are not moving anywhere. This House business is to ensure that people are accountable. Let the Committee bring an accountable Report to this House but not just a recommendation of go do this and that. If they take the next one year without implementing so what and who are we blaming and who are we asking as House.

There gaps in the procurement just like we have been told. What this Committee should be telling us is what is being done to ensure that projects are procured and things within this County are procured within the legal framework. We are telling them in this Report if we adopt it go and do procurement within the law. So what if they have not done it so far and this Report says they have not done it. This Committee should go back and find out whoever is responsible and bring answers to this House why people cannot procure within the law. We have no business adopting a report with substantive reasons and we should not let anyone go away with these gaps. With that, I oppose and I request the Members of this House to help me in opposing this Report. Let it be returned so that the Committee can sit with whoever is responsible to bring a clear Report to this House with reasons and supporting documents. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to contribute. I stand to oppose this Motion based on many factors. Before I continue, I wish also to appreciate the fact that, even Hon. Deputy Speaker has been standing to get an opportunity but I stood the last and I got it so you will get it next.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): I hope it is clear now. One, I want to---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Hon. Kalunda. Resume your seat. Why the Deputy Speaker has been on feet and is not able to get an opportunity is because he is assured of one unlike you so if you do not exploit it now or you go out of order you may lose your opportunity yet the Deputy Speaker may have more than five options to take. Proceed.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker for the guidance. One, I said I stand to oppose this Motion. I could have even started with appreciating the Committee starting with the Chairperson and his team but they have not done up to standard Report because when you look at the

gaps as the Member of the Committee Public Investment Accounts and also my background as an educationist and an ICT person and background with cyber forensic I would say, you cannot even tell the originality of anything they are trying to pass through. When you look at the figures, those figures have just being floated you cannot even tell which financial year and even the Chairman before we got into the plenary he was talking about the current financial year. I am even disappointed to note that it was 2016-2017 that means that Report has not sunk into their mind very correctly and we want to give them more time so that we do not misuse this opportunity we have been given by the electorate to look at what they are supposed to benefit from.

When you look at this Report we want to make sure the Governor and his team can get the support they require from this Assembly. If we do not identify those gaps with a lot of evidence that means this Report will not help the County Government of Makueni County and that means we have to oppose this Motion with all our effort and with all our voice. Number two, it is about setting precedence. It does not mean that whenever we introduce a Motion into this House it has to pass the test. We want to set the precedence for any other Motion which will be introduced whether money Bill or any other Motion and we want to specifically be very clear that whenever you are bringing a Motion here or a Report for adoption or anything any resolution because it will be taken up by Committee of Implementation which I chair it means that you have to be very specific with whatever you are doing with it. We want this Report to be struck out of the HANSARD with immediate effect.

Number three, we want also to get to understand why the Committee is acting as a toothless Committee. We want to have a very powerful Committee of Budget where they can interrogate Reports not plucking, not getting exact copy paste from the Controller of Budget to their Report and maybe there coming up with this Report has been invoked by the Controller of Budget sending a Report on the same financial year. Maybe, if the report from the Controller of Budget did not make itself to this Assembly they will not even have come up with this kind of a Report. That means without the Controller of Budget they could not even tell anything about this Report. Therefore, we want to give them a lot of responsibility and duties even with my good friend Hon. Muniyoki, my good Hon. Dennis will not now put anything else expect for finality of a good Report. I would wish Members you support opposing this Motion. Before I resume my seat, we have also looked at the figures and absorption rates; everything is about absorption. Why don't we get into where the problem is? If it is about absorption why don't we put three hundred million shillings on bursaries and I know all elected Members here have bigger problems than even the MPs, Senators and Governors when it comes to bursaries.

Like when I was leaving in the morning from Kikumbulyu South Ward, I left twenty people in my House waiting for me to give them bursary the same case is happening with everybody. We would even put three hundred million shillings on bursaries with a policy, I saw Trans Mara is having four hundred million, West Pokot is having four hundred million and that means within a very short while they will even by-pass us in terms of education. We would even put that much so that we absorb all of it and will be very easy. Let us put more money on transport. I can advise my Hon. Members that, without good roads you will never come back to this Assembly. We were in Kilungu and Ilima Wards courtesy of Hon. Maitha Chairperson for Education and ICT Committee. It was impossible for my Mercedes Benz to drive through those bad roads. I am telling you guys if you do not put more money in transport you will all get a lot of issues in 2022. You see what I am doing to the Chairperson on Budget and Appropriation Committee is to advise him because is a good friend of mine and I can see and I can tell he does not want to retire this early, that is in 2022, that is the reason as to why I am trying to beseech him to put more efforts in terms of what we want us to absorb and will help this County.

When it comes to collecting this taxes for the County, we would even do a good service to this County by getting a responsibility and within a week everybody to visit their Wards and see how much they are collecting. I am telling you if all of us get to the ground every Hon. Member here gets to the ground, not the way the Councilors used to do it, but gets to the ground to watch and oversee what is happening with the collections I am telling you like in Kibwezi market where there is all sorts of good business you will be getting 20 million every week along that Mombasa road. I would also wish the Speaker to facilitate us to get to the ground and help this ECM Finance get what is required on the ground and everybody here will be seeing about one billion shillings every year being collected from Makueni County otherwise we will stay here singing about anything else but not about collection. Therefore, I wish to stop at that moment and ask Hon. Members to shoot down this Motion not because of bad blood but to help the Committee on Budget to do something better than what they have done today. Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity and protecting me against Hon. Kituku Kalunde and Hon. Mbalu.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Elizabeth Mutindi.

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to oppose this Motion and that we do not adopt this Report as it is but before that I want to recognize the competence of my able Member for Kako/Waia in his absence. The Member is a Certified Public Accountant so Hon. Kalunde please mind your words. I want to come to his defense because probably they did not have enough time to interrogate or to

question the ECM in question and determine where the variances between the allocations and expenditures are coming from. Otherwise this is a god Report and the reason it looks almost the same as the Controller of Budget Report is because these are facts so the same facts they established that is why they look almost the same. That notwithstanding, I think also the Office of Controller of Budget has a role to play in such low absorption rates because they seemed to delay sometime in the disbursement of funds so if they delay it means that implementation will also delay.

I have observed that only 30.7% of the annual target of Kshs.500 million had been achieved by the end of the nine months. That means we are doing very badly in terms of revenue collection. That was the topic last week and everybody questioned what the County Government is doing regarding raising this collection of revenue and they always defend themselves saying that they are doing automation but that has become cliché. We are not seeing any difference and that is because they are not embracing the Department of ICT. If you do not embrace ICT there is no way this automation is going to work. We have to invest in this system so that we have less manpower and let the system do things for us. That is when we are going to reduce the number of people that have to go and collect revenue that also increases the salary allocations. If the systems are working I think we are going to have more revenue collected so the Government needs to invest in this system. I remember in Panari we slashed half the Budget of the ICT Department. That is very demotivating and if we must go digital as a County I do not think that was very healthy. I do not know if it is a case of inefficiency or over ambition because we keep putting the target so high and we get very little in revenue collection.

I want to support the Members of the Education Committee that we went with. Some Wards require more budgetary allocations on what they really need. The allocations must be based on the needs that those Wards need rather than just giving equal allocations to all Wards because some Wards do not need some things. For example I want to say that I am impressed by my Chairperson Hon. Maitha. We were discussing that when we were getting stuck at Hon. Mbevi's Ward and I told him that Hon. Mbevi needs more allocation on roads than him and he did not agree with me at that point but if you give Hon. Maitha Member for Thange more allocation on water and Hon. Mbevi more allocation on roads we are not going to have this kind of absorption rates. Obviously the money will be used up. We will be talking about go to 100% absorption. I want to support the Chairperson because they have said that budgetary allocation will be based on the absorption. If you cannot absorb what you are given it means that you do not need that kind of project.

Regarding the performance on recurrent the Chairperson was assuming that the money on development has been borrowed to be spent on recurrent. The Departments that are over borrowing from the development if that is the case they

have nothing to show. They are the Departments which are not helping this County to grow. For example the Department of trade. I do not know where exactly we get revenue in the Department of Trade. The only thing I see is the thriving lifestyles of the officers in the Department---

(Laughter)

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: I beg to ask the Members not to support this Report until the officers are interrogated so that they can explain these differences. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward.

The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward (Hon. Dennis Masavu): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Wacha kwanza nimshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu mwenye kuneemesha neema dogo dogo na neema kubwa kubwa kwa sababu leo ningekuwa nikizunguka huku nje ya ukuta lakini saa hii niko ndani ya Bunge ---

(Laughter)

The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward (Hon. Dennis Masavu): Kwa sababu ya mwenyezi mungu. Nikishukuru Spika mwenyewe uliniunga mkono wakati nilikuwa kwa kilio. Niwashukuru Wabunge wote wa Bunge la Makueni na wafanyi kazi kwa kuniunga mkono wakati nilikuwa kwa kilio. Yangu ni machache, nilishinda kesi kortini---

(Hon. Elizabeth Kiio stood in her place)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): What is it Hon. Mutindi?

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: Mr. Speaker is the Member for Kiteta Kisau in order to start giving us stories about the verdict which I am very happy about before he supports or opposes the Motion?

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kisau Kiteta Mheshimiwa Elizabeth Mutindi anauliza kwamba hauko katika hali ya nidhamu kwa kuanza kutupatia rambi rambi zako za kusherekea iwapo kwanza hujasema kama unaunga mkono ama haungi mkono na basi ungeendelea kunena yale mengine.

The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward (Hon. Dennis Masavu): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Mimi napinga huu Mjadala ---

(Laughter)

The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward (Hon. Dennis Masavu): Nilikuwa ninasema niko na furaha. Watoto na bibi nyumbani wako na furaha, mama nyumbani wakati nilishtakiwa shinikizo la damu ilipanda mpaka mia mbili na thelathini na moja. Ikawa mahali amelala kwa kitanda ninalia nikiwa kando lakini sasa wakati nimeshida

kesi shinikizo la damu imeenda chini kwahivyo ndio umeona nimeanza hapo kwasababu ningekuwa huko nje mitini ningepinga hii kitu nikiwa wapi?

(Laughter)

The Member for Kisau/Kiteta Ward (Hon. Dennis Masavu): Unasema kwanza mungu amekusadia, unaleta mungu mbele. Hii maneno ingine kidogo kidogo tunarekebisha baadaye. Kwahivyo napinga hii Mjadala. Unajua wakati tulikuwa La Mada hoteli kuna miradi iliwekwa pesa na kwangu sijaona moja imeanza. Sasa tunaongea kuhusu pesa zingine na hiyo kwanza hijaanza. Ningeomba utupatie muda kidogo tuende tusomesome na hii Kamati inayosimamiwa na jirani yangu kutoka huko Kako, waite Waziri wakae chini wamuonyeshe mahali iko makosa turekebishe kidogo ndio tukuje hii kitu tupitishie pamoja kwasababu hatutakuwa tunaangalia makosa iingie. Ulisikia juzi Gavana alitwa huko Nairobi kwa Senate aende akajibu maswali na yeye sio Waziri wa Fedha. Sisi hatutaki hiyo. Tunataka Mzee Mheshimiwa Gavana wa Makukeni akae na raha, Wabunge wa Makueni tukae na raha na kila mtu afanye kazi yake. Kwahivyo Mheshimiwa Spika nakuomba tupewe muda kidogo kamati wakutane na Waziri halfu turekebishe hii maneno. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kikumbulyu North.

The Member for Kikumbulyu North (Hon. Jackson Mbalu): Mr. Speaker I stand to oppose this Motion. The Chairman Budget Committee raised sentiments which were not in agreement with the Report itself. Following the PAC Chairman, it was very clear that he raised very important issues which every Member should capture because if we stand here to pass an illegality, how shall we be able to stand and tell the public that we are standing for what is right? It was very clear from the sentiments raised by the PAC Chairman, we cannot pass such a Motion because it will be trying to tell the public that we are not standing to fight for what they expect us to fight for. Therefore, it is very important that we return this Motion and they interrogate the Minister Finance and the people concerned to avoid cases where our Governor is being embarrassed by the Senate.

The Governor has employed competent people and they should be able to take responsibility and unless we show them the seriousness of what we are doing, they will take business as usual. Therefore, I believe we should be able to return this Report they interrogate it and be able to take responsibility and explain anomalies where they are arising and that way we can be able to pass it when it comes back. Having explained the areas which are grey. I want to say that we have many things which have been done without legal frameworks. We have Universal Health Care, ENE Finance just as the Chairman PAC has mentioned. The other day we were benchmarking in Nairobi and we got it very clearly when a Bill originates from the Executive, they fund it fully for Members to go out and they are paid fully to be able

follow these issues and I feel this should be done the same. Most of these Bills are coming from the Executive and Mr. Speaker you will do to help us and get the Executive funding these Bills, taking us out even when we do not have money so that we may be able to interrogate these Reports and clearly come up with good regulations.

I want to say on revenue collection, it is going to be business as usual unless a radical operation is done. Hon. Members when you walk around and see people who are collecting the revenue to them it is a normal game. They pass by they do not pick money, they pick the money later and they do not issue receipts. That money goes to their pockets unless the Minister comes up with clear serious changes whereby every area employee will be having a target. A target must be set and I raised this issue sometimes back when I said the former president; His Excellency Hon. Kibaki when he was president did an overhaul of Kenya Revenue and many people did not like it because radical surgery is not sweet. It cuts both sides. It corrects and it is also painful but when he did that Kenya Revenue changed. We were respected by outside countries because we were able to fund our own operations and now Makeni will not be respected until we raise our own revenue because as it is now it is a total joke and I do not even think the Minister for Finance has the capacity to do that surgery because it needs toughness.

Therefore, we have to raise these issues and we must question unless they do serious changes and ultimatums and give clear guidelines and even demand targets be attained. If you cannot meet targets then you have no business being there. Therefore, we must give that seriousness it deserves. I want to say we have a serious problem of absorption of money and as it is now, this was happening then but as it is now I come from Kikumbulyu North, there is no water. There was no water last year, nothing is happening, money is given, we pass the budget, we give them the supplementary but nothing is happening on the ground and we are remaining with few months to start preparing budget of 2018/2019. Therefore, when will this money ever be absorbed in development? I am raising questions on budgets which I do not understand and therefore Hon. Members you must come to our help. As it is we are wondering when the money we passed in the Supplementary Budget last year will be used because on the ground nothing is happening. Our people are lacking the projects they voted for and which money was allocated; nothing is happening and it is us who are being looked down upon because they think we are condoning this.

Therefore, as Members we have to come out clearly and put the officers who are supposed to implement these project to do it with seriousness they deserve. If they cannot do it then that is a clear picture that they are not competent and if they are not competent, they should be impeached because if we do not impeach incompetent officers, the citizens will impeach you in 2022. Therefore, the question

of who are you going to wait for, we must deal with the people before then and it is a serious issue. Ministers must realize if you do not do what you are not supposed to do, there will be no peace because I have no peace from my residents. They are questioning what is happening yet it is not me who is supposed to implement. Mine is oversight. Therefore, Hon. Members we have to be very serious on this and there is nobody who should be spared if he is not. I want to give an example. The Minister for Roads when he took over he went round and he went to every Ward checking the status quo and he was able to know where it bites such that when you tell him there is a problem he responds but we have a problem with water and nobody is responding.

I put my questions long ago on the issues of implementation. I am expecting Implementation Committee to do something otherwise things are not worth it and I am feeling impatient about that. We want to see things rolling. We want to see actions being taken otherwise Members are going to be taken for granted. Former Members we floored are starting to think that we are chickens and it is the time we should show the Members we floored and also the citizens that we are able to this task. Therefore, we can only do that by taking into account the people who are tasked to do this job; they must be taken to do the responsible thing they are supposed to. If they do not do, we remove them. I just want to say it is so unfortunate that as you read here you see in every Ward there were gravelling, heavy grading and light grading. Light grading I understand. In my Ward there was no heavy grading, yet they are saying every Ward. That tells you Members we must take our oversight work seriously because people will say heavy grading has been done when it has not. I request to continue what you have been doing and assisting Members to go out and do what they are supposed to do and I request you to do so because we have a heavy task to oversight and for us to oversight we need to continue going out checking what they are doing. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I oppose.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Ukia Ward.

The Member for Ukia Ward (Hon. Japheth Katumo): Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support this Motion. Looking at this Report the animal that we are talking about doing surgery on died long time ago and this House can only be a mortician. Looking at the Report that we are trying to interrogate it is the Report of the financial period July 2016 to March 2017. This is baggage of the last House and is of little consequence to this House. I do appreciate that, mistakes were done that time ---

(Hon. Kevin Mutuku interjects)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kitise/ Kithuki Ward.

The Member for Kitise/ Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kevin Mutuku): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the Member for Ukia Ward that this report from the

Controller of Budget was presented to this House in May 2017. If you look at that booklet it is for May 2017. It is reporting for things that happened in 2015-2016 financial year. If you look at how these timelines come in you realize that this cow he is talking about sure is died but does it mean that we need to allow, because it died, that whoever killed it should not be accountable to this House? I wish to inform him that the cow that is living right now for 2017-2018 will not be presented to this House tomorrow it will go to the Controller of Budget and it will be presented to this House in 2019 or 2020. By the time we start questioning about it someone will have already run away with people's property and not only people's property but run away without having been accountable to this House. Please be informed.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Ukia Ward.

The Member for Ukia Ward (Hon. Japheth Katumo): Thank you Mr. Speaker I do appreciate what the Member is talking about and for your information I do sit in Public Investment and Account Committee together with the Hon. Member for Kitise/ Kithuki Ward who is the Chairperson. I do understand that this is a weighty issues and they are also contained in the Auditor General's report and very soon they will be coming to this House in fact during this Session. Instead of taking a lot of time debating this and why I am saying it is of little consequence is because this is a Report that was supposed to be handled by the last Assembly. I do understand that there is no vacuum in Government, there is no vacuum in Assemblies this is a continuation of the last Assembly but I am asking myself what measures can be taken because damage is already incurred and because those things have been raised by the Auditor General we can only handle them during that time ---

(Several Members stood in their places)

The Member for Ukia Ward (Hon. Japheth Katumo): Mr. Speaker I do not want to benefit from their information.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Point of Order. The Point of Information have been rejected, what is the Point of Order?

Hon. Jonathan Mwaniki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am standing on a Point of Order number 211 which states that, the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriation was constituted pursuant to this Standing Order 211 and purpose of the Committee is to investigate, inquire into and report on all matters related coordination, control and monitoring of the County Budget. There was no time the Government of Makueni County was dead. The Government of Makueni has been there from 2013. I do not find the Hon. Member for Ukia Ward in order to say that, we are talking of dead cow.

(Laughter)

Hon. Jonathan Mwaniki: We are talking of a Government in progression and what the Hon. Member and Chairperson for Budget and Appropriation Committee is reporting to us is the mistakes which have been done by the people who are there. The Governor of Makueni County was elected by the people of Makueni County on a platform of development and Hon. Members who are here were elected by the people of Makueni from their respective Wards on platform of development. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 provided for devolution I prescribe revolution in this County and it only by this House that we can resolve the direction of Makueni County. I find the Member for Ukia Ward who is the Chairperson for Agriculture the backbone of this County and our stomachs not in order to---

(Laughter)

The Member for Thange Ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): Point of Order.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Thange Ward.

The Member for Thange Ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand on a Point of Order and seek your guidance. From my understanding when a Member calls for a Point of Order they only need to stand up and point out the place where he thinks the order has not been followed. It is not the opportunity for that particular Member to have time to contribute on a particular Motion. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Jonathan Muoki.

Hon. Jonathan Mwaniki: Mr. Speaker I would like to inform the Hon. Member for Thange Ward that I am the Vice Chairperson on Committee on Rules and Procedure and he belongs to that Committee and he knows what it means by Standing Order. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Ukia Ward.

The Member for Ukia Ward (Hon. Japheth Katumo): Thank you Mr. Speaker --- *(Laughs)*. I can see that, the whole House is awake. All what I was trying to talk about is that looking at the period and review it is actually July 2016 to March 2017. These Reports are made for the consumption of the House to review how implementation is taking place and maybe if there some changes that can be made within that financial year they are proposed and implemented. Why I am saying that is because the animal that we are trying to do surgery on is already dead. In fact, in the next one month we are supposed to be discussing the County Budget Review for the period 2017-2018. Mr. Speaker because these things have been overtaken by events and I have said that most of these things have been captured in the Auditor

General's Report and we can only spare our energy because that Report will be presented in the next few weeks then we can correct things at that point. Mr. Speaker I stand to support the Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Nzau/Kilili/ Kalamba Ward.

The Member for Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): Mr. Speaker sir, I wish to thank you for the opportunity. I rise to oppose the adoption of this Report.

(Applause)

The Member for Kilili/ Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Matheka): I want to do that on several grounds. This House is an institution which is supposed to have institutional memory. What happened in 2016-2017, what happen in 2015-2016 has at some kind of a bearing on what is happening currently. The fact that we are opposing this Motion does not mean that the Chairperson and his team did not do a good job. Of course it is a good job to point out the kind of loopholes, the lapses, the shortcomings in the performance of some of these Departments so congratulations Mr. Chairperson. We are not opposing whatever you did in fact we are trying to congratulate you very much for pointing out these things.

Allow me to highlight a few things which several Members have talked about. The absorption rate of our budget is extremely low. If we can interrogate the Report we should get to the bottom of why we are not absorbing the funds. We have been allocated funds, the funds are lying in the County Revenue Fund why have they not been utilized? Is it pointing at some kind of incompetence? I do not want to insinuate so but it is still pointing towards that. Why can we not absorb these funds? What we are talking about is that we want to give this Committee ample time to go and interrogate whatever happened in the various Departments. On the issue of revenue I am the Chairman of Finance Committee. We have been crying year in year out in Makueni for the last five or four years. Revenue collection is below par and we cannot talk of development if our revenue levels are still as low as we can witness. The current projection of 500 million and yet we are talking of 153 million. When will we ever reach there? I was reading the newspaper today Daily Nation and I think I sent a caption to the Speakers forum. In Nairobi the Governor is talking of having surpassed his own targets of 1.6 billion and talking about going to going up to 1.7 billion ---

(Hon. Nicodemus Muthoka interjected)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): What is it Member for Emali?

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF TIME

The Member for Emali/Mulala Ward (Hon. Nicodemus Muthoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion with regard to the time management:-

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 33 (3) (a) this Assembly resolves to extend its sitting time until the business that appears in the Order Paper is dispensed.

Considering what we are discussing we wish to move to extend time so that we may finish. I call upon Hon. Mulwa to come and second the Motion.

The Member for Mtito/Andei Ward (Hon. Francis Mwanja) Seconded.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Member for Mtito Andei Ward.

The Member for Mtito/Andei Ward (Hon. Francis Mwanja): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I wish to quote Article 228 (6) of the Constitution of Kenya which says, *The Controller of Budget should submit ---*

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Mtito/Andei you seconded the Motion and now you are on the Floor to support or oppose the Motion that you have seconded so now start ---

The Member for Mtito/Andei Ward (Hon. Francis Mwanja): I wish to support the Motion ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Member for Mtito/Andei Ward (Hon. Francis Mwanja): I request Hon. Members to be clear on the issues at hand today and debate to the conclusion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Thange.

The Member for Thange ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support this Motion. Looking at the seriousness of the matter that is before us, it is of importance that we give ourselves time to discuss it. It is unfortunate that I supported and I wish to not support now but that cannot come in now.

(Laughter)

The Member for Thange ward (Hon. Nicholas Maitha): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I support.

(Laughter)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Nzai.

The Member for Kili/Kalamba Ward (Hon. Julius Mutula): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also wish to thank the Members who have contributed to this Motion that we extend time so that we can dispense the business which is before us. I was on the issue of revenue and I was giving the example of Nairobi where the Governor of Nairobi is ready and willing to beat his own target 1.63 billion. This month he said he is going to collect 1.7 billion. We realize we cannot develop as a County unless we raise our revenue. It is important that we put strategies in place to do the same and I am proposing that we start by looking at each and every single market we have in this County. We have to audit the revenue that has been coming out of those markets and if need be, I think because of the importance of this issue of revenue, it is of paramount importance that we form a Committee of this House which is going to look at the issue of revenue and unless we do that we will keep on crying about low revenue until we finish our term by 2022 and I think none of us wants to be voted out. We want to come back and the bottom line is revenue.

The issue of over expenditure is very serious. We cannot spend more than what we have been allocated. Where did they get this money for the over expenditure? This is lack of financial discipline and we need a proper explanation from the Committee as to what was the source of these funds. Lastly, the issue of procurement. I think we also need to look at that and streamline issues of procurement because I believe they are taking too long to procure services in this County because we passed the Appropriation Bill for Supplementary Budget way back in October last year. As many of the Members have put, the argument has been we are trying to compile the Cabinet Paper and since October it was the Cabinet Paper, November it was the Cabinet Paper. December Cabinet Paper, January Cabinet Paper. We are in February, we are going to March. For how long?

I think some people somewhere need to be held to account and the only way to do that is to insist on getting straight answers from these officers. Lastly I think when you look at what is happening, I was reading the newspaper about cancellation of tenders for the roads. We cannot understand what this is all about. Why can't we do things the way they are supposed to be done? We want to be different from the last Assembly because when you listen to what the Members of the last Assembly are saying, they are saying we initiated projects and we left them for you to finish. What is happening? Are we toothless in this case? We must show our teeth. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Mavindini.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to oppose this Motion for three reasons. One, I do not know whether these Members were in a hurry or they just chose to assume things because the Chairperson cannot come to say he is assuming that the over expenditure is because of this or that. They must get facts and especially on an issue like this that is of paramount importance. Number two, I am making an observation that I think if they were really keen, they would have captured and may be made a recommendation. You realize that Sand Authority have the highest absorption and recently the same Committee told us that Sand Authority collected the least revenue. In fact zero so they are good in receiving or in getting and they cannot give anything so they must make a serious recommendation on this but they chose either to ignore or give a blind eye and I am surprised that the Chairman is saying a big yes.

(Laughter)

The Majority Whip (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): There is a recommendation that they propose that Departments that have low absorption rates be allocated less amounts of money. This is something that I cannot take. I will give an example on Devolution. You may say they have absorbed more and they should be allocated more and a Committee on Water has absorbed less therefore should be given less. I do not think we should go this way. If it is a Department that has not absorbed as required, they should be made to account. They should be brought to book. I mean if you cannot perform you should be shown the door. Like in my Ward, you cannot tell me that since we want water and most of our budget proposals are on water, if the Committee on Water cannot absorb as expected, the Committee on Devolution should be given more money maybe to come and build Ward Administrators Office that my people do not need, they need water or ---

The Member for Kitise / Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kelvin Mutuku): Point of Order.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kitise.

The Member for Kitise / Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kelvin Mutuku): Mr. Speaker is the Member for Mavindini in Order to tell us about Committees and absorption because I thought what we were dealing with here was Departmental absorption rates across the other side. Committees belong to the Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Mavindini.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. If I mentioned Committee may be I got mixed up. I know he knows what I meant but he just wants to be cheeky.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Majority Whip (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): Mr. Speaker, if it is a Department that is not performing whether the Head or whichever level, they should be made to perform. If they cannot perform they should be shown the door Instead of proposing that the budget be slashed. The other thing which I find a little bit not in place about these recommendations is that last recommendation about monitoring and evaluation. I tend to think the Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation is either on slumber or toothless or both --- (*Laughs*) because I do not see them do anything and this is a very important Directorate. They are the ones who should put the implementing agencies on toes but I see them doing nothing. I think the Committee should do more on this than just recommending that they up their game. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Ivingoni/ Nzambani.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Reading from the mood of this House, it is very clear that the Department of Finance has really let us down ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Member for Nzambani. Hon. Members there was a discussion whether the Report we are discussing in this House is valid or it has been overtaken by events. I wish to communicate to this House that the Report before this House was committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation and they were supposed to report back to this House and they are still in the process of reporting back to this House and therefore, this Report is not overtaken by events. Proceed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE UNDER STANDING ORDER 116 (1)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I started by saying that it is very clear from the mood of this House that the Department of Finance has truly let this House down and therefore I beg to move the following Motion:-

THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 116 (1), this Assembly resolves to adjourn the debate on the Motion which is before this Assembly.

The reason why I moving this Motion as it is provided in the Standing Orders is because of the two main reasons. Number one, I would think that if this Committee was to be given more time ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Nzambani Hon. Members may not be advantaged to have copies to refer to the respective Standing Order that you have referred. May you take us through that?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. Standing Order 116 (1) talks of about Adjournment of debate and it reads, *A Member who wishes to postpone to some future occasion the further discussion of a question which has been proposed by the Chair may claim to move that the debate be adjourned on in the Committee of the Whole County Assembly that the Chairperson do report progress.* That is the Standing Order.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed and execute the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Harrison Mutie): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was saying the reason why I moved this Motion and I would request the House to support it because one, it is provided in the Standing Order, two, I think we need to allow the Committee to do more consultation with the department because the Report that is being tabled here is of great importance to this House and again to the other external consumers outside there. If I check, for example, the recurrent performance analysis that the Report talks about, it shows the recurrent expenditures were exceeded. I started by saying that in a normal situation if in a financial year and currently we are talking financial year 2016/ 2017, in the financial year 20-15/2016 if there were spill overs from the current expenditure, and I would want the House to get me right on this one, when we close that year that amount in those accounts or those votes are moved to development. Therefore the following year, the Departments are allocated new amounts and therefore they are supposed, within the law, to spend within those votes. The law is very clear that you should not over spend on a recurrent so how they went ahead and over spent it is not clear to me and to the House. Again, the House also needs to know where the Department got these amounts because again according to the law, you cannot borrow money from development to spend as recurrent.

Number two, when you look at the development expenditure analysis, the Report says and I quote from the Department of Youth, Gender, Sports and Social Services where the Department spent Kshs.262.81 million despite it having received Kshs.192.16 million from the exchequer. It is normal from development part of it to overspend what has been annotated for that financial year simply because there were some amount that spilt over from the previous financial year but the Committee fails to substantiate one item. When the Report talks about Kshs.192.16 million coming from the exchequer that is the Controller of Budget, then where is the difference between Kshs.262 million and Kshs.192 million coming from because in simple terms according to the Report that amount needs to come from the exchequer. Therefore,

why did it come from? Therefore the Committee needs to question the ECM, in fact they need to summon the ECM and the technical staff in that Department to come and shed more light on this Report.

Thirdly, for example when we go to page seven roman 1, it talks about water supplies and sewerage, a total of Kshs.489, 205, 450 was used for constructing sand dams and earth dams. However, a list of specific dams is not provided. Was the list requested and therefore the Department was unable to provide? This House needs answers to those questions. Emergency Fund a total Kshs.23 million plus was spent on emergency cases however, the details of the exact activities funded are not provided. Again did the Committee request for this information and it was not provided? That is why, I beg this House to support this Motion to allow the Committee sometime to summon the ECM Finance to answer these substantial questions for this House to proceed. The answers we are going to get from this Report will help us budget or prepare the budget or even support the budget that is being prepared for this financial year. Secondly, if we happen to make a mistake to shoot down this Motion then the law provides that it can only be introduced to the House after six months. If you do proper calculations from now, six months will be way after and this Report will not have benefitted this House in anyway. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I therefore request Chairperson Budget Committee; Denis Musyoka to second me.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Chairperson Budget and Appropriation Committee; Member for Kako Ward.

The Member for Kako / Waia Ward (Hon. Denis Musyoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker it is Waia/Kako. I stand to second the Motion and as you have seen from the spirit of the Members when I said there are two eyes and there is impeachment and we may be impeached in 2022. I think the spirit is high and we need to interrogate this Report further and come up with a detailed Report. Ours was a just an eye opener to PAC because they are the ones to audit and also to Implementation Committee if the PAC as made recommendation. However, being a Certified Public Accountant of Kenya and also a Bachelor Commence of Finance and Master of Science in Finance I can go further and audit, investigate and also bring a good recommendation on the way forward on implementation. My credentials are good Hon. Kalunda through the Speaker and the experience you can get from Dr. Makau also ECM Gender and Sports.

What I am saying is please Hon. Members, I know the spirit is we need to know these things are being implemented because if development is not done then this is a problem to us. What I can say also is, if we shoot this Motion down it means that it will come after six months in which will be dealing with other things. It is good to give us more time to investigate, interrogate, audit and also summon the respective ECMs

and some of whom will be audited or summoned by respective Sectoral Committees because as I have said, if it is in broadcasting ENE Radio FM does not have policies and regulations then that respective Department will be able to do that. However, we are going to do it because we have the muscles and Hon. Members support this Motion just to adjourn and give us more time so that we can do a thorough investigation and detailed report to bring to this House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Tangai Munari.

The Deputy Minority Whip (Hon. Julius Munari): Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand to support the Motion of Adjournment---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Hon. Tangai. Hon. Tangai resume your seat.

(Question proposed)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): The Floor is open. Hon. Tangai Munari.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First Hon. Members as you are aware this budget is given some timeline ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Tangai are you supporting the Motion or you are opposing?

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): I am supporting Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): I need to guide some Members here like Hon. Kalunda and Kalunde they have the same names and they behave just the same. One, they should know how to respect ---

(Hon. Jades Kalunda interjects on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): What is Hon. Kalunda?

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Hon. Speaker I wish to get your guidance whether it is prudent enough to mention Members who are not within the House and whether it is possible---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Kalunda you are now a seasoned Member in a debate in this House. *'Is Hon. Munari to mention Members who are not in this House,'* the simple as that.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): That is correct and I wanted to add something ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Oder Hon. Kalunda. I cannot put a Point of Order on your behalf, proceed and execute your Point of Order first.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker for the guidance. I am asking whether Hon. Tangai who has been an absentee in this House is in order to mention Members who are not in the plenary. That my Point of Order and may be you can guide him.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Tangai.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): Mr. Speaker I am not aware if there some Members who are present or not present. The fact is they have debated on this Motion. Mine is to guide them at least to show some respect when they are saying we are incompetent in the Committee and we do not know what we are doing, we are copy-pasting from the Auditor General ---

(Laughter)

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): As you are aware, we are given timelines and the timeline may be fourteen days and according to the procedure to summon the ECM of this relevant Department it has to take some time ---

(Hon. Nicodemus Muthoka interjects on a Point of Information)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Emali/ Mulala Ward.

(Laughter)

The Member for Emali/ Mulala Ward (Hon. Nicodemus Muthoka): Mr. Speaker I want to get it clearly. The Hon. Member Hon. Tangai is he supporting THAT the Motion has been deferred or supporting the Motion on the Report on County Budget?

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Tangai.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): My point was because you have said you will give us more time to call the relevant ECM as the Member of that Committee I think we will do it but also you have to consider the time in which we are supposed to submit this Report. I think it is also inappropriate for you Members to say the Chairperson did not do his work to his best. As you are aware and from the way you have seen him when he was reading the Report he was in a lot of pain and he even went to ahead to say we would either be impeached or the ECM be impeached. Then, you wonder how somebody who is calling himself a Doctor stands up and says this Committee does not know how it is supposed to do its work---

(Laughter)

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): As a business person I wonder if I am incompetent. Mr. Speaker you aware I was the first person to complain about the Finance ECM. I said these guys they are only sitting at their desks waiting for the Central Government to send money to their accounts, they do not want to do their job yet you are saying we do not know what we are doing. I do not have much to say it is only that I support the Motion we be given more time to get the exact figures. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Tangai you may wish to clarify during your contributions you did mention an audit report. You may wish to expunge that from your contribution because subject is the Controller of Budget's report not Audit Report for purposes of record. You resume back to the microphone and clarify whether you are referring to the Audit Report during your contribution or you withdraw that bit.

The Deputy Minority Leader (Hon. Julius Munari): I withdraw.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Thank you very much.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kalawa Ward.

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. I stand to support the Motion. Once upon a time I was a head of an institution and I was also the Accounting Officer of the same. I used to be given money like this Finance Officer. I do not know whether this money is given using vote heads or what. If I borrow from one ---

(Hon. Member interjects on a Point of Information)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kalawa Ward do you wish to get Information.

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): No I do not want.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): Let him give it tomorrow.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): If I borrow from one vote head, I had to give a reason to the Auditor why I did so and also to get permission from the authority. I am worried because for example, Education and ICT was given Kshs.144.79 million and it rose to Kshs.159.17. million. Where did that money come from and where did the Finance ECM get the permission from? There is foul play of

numbers here. Yesterday I did my own oversight in my Ward. I visited several ECDEs and I found some for example Itumbule was supposed to have two classes only one was constructed and some materials are down there. I also went to another one called Nthilani I found that there were several bags of cements that were taken there in 2014 and they have expired and the class is not complete. Why did this one go up as well as many others?

If somebody somewhere feels that he has overworked why can't he leave the place and we get somebody else because I understand that, whoever brings this information where our Chairperson gets it is somebody who knows what he is doing and he was vetted by the Committee. We want this Committee to go back---

(Hon. Jonathan Kimongo interjects)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Mavindini Ward. On a Point of what?

The Majority Whip (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): Clarification.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kalawa Ward.

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): No there is no time let him clarify tomorrow. We want to finish.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Jonathan Kimongo): Proceed Member for Kalawa Ward and finish.

The Member for Kalawa Ward (Hon. Kyalo Muthoka): Coming down to the revenue, we also want to know from the Finance Minister whether they have a plan of employing people to do enforcement in the market and whether they have a good way of collecting the money and without doing that we shall keep on talking about the revenue. The other one is about transfer of the people like in Kathonzweni market. I am trying to guide the Chairman because he will interrogate the Finance Minister and I will not be there. Those are the things we want to come here and listen to. Thank you and I support.

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: Point of Order.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Elizabeth you cannot raise a Point of Order because the Member has already sat.

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: Okay.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Thank you very much. Member for Kathonzweni.

The Member for Kathonzweni Ward (Hon. Francis Mutungi): Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hoja hii lakini ninayo dukuduku moyoni kwamba ni kama kuna Mabunge mawili katika Jimbo la Makueni. Bunge hili linalo majukumu yanayojulikana kisheria na kikatiba. Jukumu moja ni kupitisha makadirio ya bajeti katika kila Jimbo. Sasa ukiangalia Ripoti hii inaonyesha kwamba kuna matumizi ya fedha zilizotoka katika Serikali Kuu na kuna zingine ambazo zimepita mipaka zikatumiwa. Hizo fedha zilipitishwa na nani kwa sababu ni ushauri mkubwa kwamba kila senti, kila hela inayotumika katika Jimbo iwe ni la serikali kuu lazima ipitishwe na Bunge kwa hio ninao wasiwasi kuwa cheo chako na cheo cha Bunge hili kimeenda upande wa serikali kuu ya Kaunti. Ni nani huyu aliyepitisha hayo makadirio na hali huku tunapitisha zile fedha ambazo ziko katika sharia? Ni ombi langu kuwa hawa mawaziri wa sekta yoyote katika serikali ya Jimbo la Makueni ni ombi langu kupitia kwa cheo chako waje hapa wote wajibu maswali kwa sababu huu ukiukaji mkubwa wa sheria. Huu ndio tunaita ukiritimba wa hali ya juu na haukubaliki. Hatutakubali kutumiwa kama tambara mbovu na kisha baadaye linawekwa katika kapu la sahu.

Majukumu yetu mengine ni kuinua hali ya uchumi katika Jimbo letu kupitia bajeti ambayo imepitishwa katika Bunge hili. Hii inaonekana dhairi shairi kwamba uchochole hautaisha katika Jimbo hili. Hautaisha kwa sababu jambo kubwa na jukumu kubwa ni kuondoa hali ya umaskini katika Jimbo la Makueni na jinsi ilivyo ukiangalia taarifa hii, utapata kuwa hali ya umasikini inachangiwa sana na upande wa serikali kuu ya Kaunti. Kama bajeti hii inapitishwa, fedha zinatumiwa, wanakiuka mipaka, hawawezi kuelezea hizi pesa zinatoka wapi, kuna majini kule? Nina mshangao ikiwa kuna uundaji wa fedha katika Jimbo la Makueni. Tuambiwe tuache kupitisha mabajeti hapa tuwapatie hayo majukumu wawe wakipitisha wao kwa sababu wametupokonya madaraka yetu na kuwa wao wanapitisha bajeti. Nimemwangalia mwenyekiti akisoma hii taarifa na alikuwa analia moyoni. Alikuwa na shauku kubwa moyoni kwa jinsi ambavyo alikuwa na fedha kubwa kuisoma taarifa ambayo ni taarifa duni sana ---

The Minority Whip (Hon. Joseph Kivinda): Point of Information.

The Member for Kathonzweni Ward (Hon. Francis Mutungi): Mheshimiwa Spika sitaki hio taarifa. Siipendi. Hiyo taarifa ninaikana.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kathonzweni Ward (Hon. Francis Mutungi): Mheshimiwa Spika ni ombi langu kwamba hapa hakuna Bunge la mzaha. Hapa kuna wataalamu, hapa kuna wasomi, hapa kuna waunda sera sio hali ya chini kama inavyoeleweka na

upande wa pili na hii inapelekea kuwa Gavana kila wakati yeye yuaitwa na Bunge la Seneti. Anazungushwa kila wakati na na ni kupitia hali kama hii ambayo Gavana anaenda kujibu maswali ambayo hayaishi, hayakamiliki na hii ni hali inayochangiwa na watu ambao wanataka kuzungusha mbuyu. Sasa hapa hakuna haja ya kuzungusha mtu mbuyu. Kila mmoja na hali zake na abebe mzigo wake. Asante sana. Mimi ninayo dukuduku kubwa sana moyoni na ninafedheheka, nasononeka. Bwana Mwenyekiti ninamuenzi sana pamoja na Kamati yako, tunawaheshimu sana lakini hali hii haikubaliki tena. Asante.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Justus Masesi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I stand here to support the Motion for Adjournment and take this opportunity to thank the Deputy Speaker, Member for Ivingoni/ Nzambani Ward for bringing up this Motion because we need to go back as a Committee, because I belong to the Committee, and do more as the House expects. If there is any Member who said that the Committee is incompetent that should be withdrawn because the Committee on Budget is very competent led by the Chairman. We know that the Chairman is also an accountant, he is also an auditor, a farmer and also a pastor. The Chairman is also a Member of County Assembly of this County. Therefore, it is not right to say that the Committee is competent while led by a very wise man as we all know. I would also like to say that this was an eye opener for us. The previous Motion was an eye opener for us all the Members because even when the Members who were opposing the Motion was standing in front here to oppose they were really also congratulating the Committee and the Chairman for good work done. We are all learning and it is also good to appreciate each other as we continue learning together as a House. I am very happy because Mr. Speaker you have united this House to be one and we are going forward together. We do not want to see Departments which are reluctant. We need to see all the Departments ---

Hon. Jonathan Muoki: Point of Order Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): What is it Hon. Muoki?

Hon. Jonathan Muoki: Mr. Speaker I am standing in Order no. 116 (2) which states that, *the debate on a dilatory Motion shall be confined to the matter of the Motion*. The Motion which was on the floor is for adjournment.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Members, you are so guided by your colleague, please be within Standing Order No. 116 (2)

Hon. Justus Masesi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Thank you for your guidance Hon. Member. I do support this Motion and I ask you to put the question because

according to the mood of the House, we are all supporting the Motion of adjournment. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kitise.

The Member for Kitise/Kithuki Ward (Hon. Kelvin Mutuku): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support this Motion. Standing Order no. 211 gives this Committee the mandate to investigate, inquire into and report into all matters related to the coordination, control and monitoring of the County budget. We need to allow this Committee to go back and investigate and inquire and give us a comprehensive Report on this because from some of the recommendations that have been put here or rather some of the observations that the Committee what we are reading here is that from the previous Motion that Committee did not get adequate time or rather did not investigate on the gaps that are existing in this Motion. If there is an over expenditure I urge the Committee to go and inquire and find out from the Minister and that is why we are giving them more time. Why did you overspend, where did the money come from and who approved such things? If there are no legal frame works, let the Committee go back and find out, why are you spending money without the confines of the law.

Mr. Speaker, if it is a matter of low absorption it is true that we are talking of 48 % absorption development budget. Recurrent budget absorption of 70%. Why should people be paid for not doing development? We should be seeing the percentages going at par. These are the questions that we are giving this Committee more time to go and enquire; why people are spending on recurrent and development is going to zero. I support that we give them more time, they go bring out precise answers to this Assembly so that by the time we are adopting the Report that they will have brought here, and we will have already gotten solutions to the numerous problems because some of these things are translating to audit queries. When they translate to audit queries, we go back and do things that the Budget Committee should have handled with the Minister for Finance. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Leader of the Majority, before the Leader of the Majority, Member for Emali.

The Member for Emali/ Mulala Ward (Hon. Nicodemus Muthoka): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand here to support that we give the Chairperson Budget Committee some time with his team to go back and be able to get the information. I am sure he already knows what he is supposed to present in this House. I would like to raise as an assignment two issues that I have not heard from the Report. One is the issue to do with wage bill that something that the Committee needs to go back and see and scrutinize and get information. Secondly, we have an Internal Auditor and there must be a Report from the Internal Auditor before the Report from the

Controller. We need to see what the Report is from the internal Auditor and what his recommendation was and did the ECM comply with the recommendation and if not and from there the Committee can take action on that. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): The Leader of Majority will have an opportunity. Hon. Isaac Muoki.

Hon. Jonathan Mwaniki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the Motion on adjournment on the report of the Committee on Budget. Mr. Speaker my name is Jonathan Muoki not Isaac; Isaac is my son. Mr. Speaker because I am ISO-certified ---

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Hon. Muoki for purposes of record Speaker did call Hon. Jonathan Muoki as Isaac Muoki I wish to withdraw that from the record. Proceed Hon. Jonathan Muoki and you may wish to produce the document on ISO- certification for further accreditation otherwise proceed.

Hon. Jonathan Mwaniki: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support to adjourn the Report on the Committee by the Chairperson for Budget and Appropriation Committee. I thank the Mover of the Motion the Hon. Member for Ivingoni/Nzambani Ward Hon. Mutie because the reason for the adjournment on the Motion is that, if we shoot the Motion down it will takes six months for it to be reintroduced in the House and for the purposes of preparing this House on budget making and budget consumption which we are about to do, its good that we give the Chairperson Committee on Budget and Appropriation time to go and scrutinize further and give a detailed Report to the House so that we can consume in to help in the making of the 2018-2019 budget. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Janet Kitunga.

Hon. Janet Kitunga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. I stand to support the Motion which has been deferred by the Deputy Speaker ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Hon. Janet Kitunga. The Motion can only be deferred by the County Assembly. The Motion was moved and it was seconded.

Hon. Janet Kitunga: Obligated Hon. Speaker, thank you for the correction. I support the Motion which was moved so that the Members of the Budget and Appropriation Committee can have ample time to interrogate that document. We have noticed that the document has so many variances and they need to know why. They also need to know why the over expenditure and we also need know as a House where are the supporting document for this expenditures. We need evidence. This a

Hon. House and we cannot listen to allegations Mr. Speaker. Wherever there is expenditure we need to see supporting documents so that we are not questioning a lot. The other side of the County they are giving that Committee difficult time being asked questions in this House which they cannot respond to. I find it very prudent for this Committee to be given more time. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Jades Kalunda.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion by Hon. Deputy Speaker my good neighbor in Kibwezi. One, I wish to appreciate the fact that this is a House of debate so anything which is brought here we must debate and that is the reason as to why--
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The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Kalunda are you supporting the Motion or opposing?

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Yes I did that.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Proceed.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Sorry Hon. Speaker I may not have been audible enough. I am saying the first thing is to appreciate that this is a House of debate and that is the reason as to why we are debating on all Motions which are coming here. We want to even tell the public that we are not rubberstamps; we will always debate and get a solution. That resolution will be taken to my Implementation Committee which I chair. Two, I also want to appreciate the efforts of CPA Denis Mutinda for the good job he has been doing. We do not even need to tell people your qualifications but they will even identify by whatever you are doing. Do not take a lot of effort explaining to us you are a CPA K. We want to appreciate you for the good job you have been doing but sometimes because it is a House of debate you will be sometimes forced to remind us that you have the qualification ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Confine yourself Hon. Kalunda to the debate or to the Motion at hand. If you are exhausted just conclude and resume your seat.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am doing some preliminary ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Which are out of order.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): --- *(Laughs)*
Thank you for the guidance. When you look at what the Hon. Deputy Speaker is

asking us to do is to avoid the six months waiting period that is a lot of time. Even when it comes to systems and softwares when it gets late by six months it may be out of operation. It is prudent enough because this Committee has got other business to do, we give them more time they interrogate so that those ECMs do not run away they have to be accountable for everything we have to pass as a resolution or Report in this House. Two, we also do not want to imply that you can have shortcuts you can get away with. There is no way ---

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward you are getting outside the subject matter; you are debating on the previous Motion.

The Member for Kikumbulyu South Ward (Hon. Jades Kalunda): Thank you Hon. Speaker for the guidance. The second point after the six-month we will also want to give them enough time so that when they come here I want to promise them if we do not bring a good Report I promise you we will shoot it down and we will start impeaching before we are impeached by the electorate. Thank you Hon. Speaker for good opportunity and I want to acknowledge the efforts of Deputy Speaker for rescuing and salvaging the situation. Thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Elizabeth Mutindi.

Hon. Elizabeth Kiio: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to support the adjournment Motion so that the Committee can have time to interrogate the relevant officers so that they can explain why they are spending more time behind conference halls and not on the ground implementing the funds that they have been disbursed with to benefit the common person. If they do have implementation is just as good as non-implementation and that is injustice to the people of Makueni. The Committee is supposed to sit down and interrogate why the variances are there and why the money is not being used for the purpose it was disbursed. Reading the mood of the House I will ask you to please put the question. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Deputy Majority Whip. Leader of Majority you are not the Deputy today.

The Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Joseph Muema): Thank you Mr. Speaker I kindly beg that you put the question we all want----

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Order Hon. Deputy Majority Whip. Your boss was on his feet and therefore you cannot propose. The Deputy Leader of Majority was on his feet and therefore, I gave you an opportunity so that you can usher him in however, Deputy Leader of Majority proceed and conclude this business.

The Deputy Majority Leader (Hon. Richard Munywoki): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I stand to support the Motion. Before I make any comment, I want first of all to thank my able Chairperson for Budget and

Appropriation Committee. Secondly, to thank Deputy Speaker for moving this Motion. This Motion is very important because if we do not allow my Committee it will affect other subsequent activities which will affect this House. I am sure Budget and Appropriation Committee is a capable Committee, it will be able to deliver. Hon. Members we have heard you loud and clear. Be assured if given time we are going to come with a detailed report and recommendations to PAC and other institutions so that they can take necessary actions. I finish by saying, I pray you give us 30 days and we shall be able to bring a detailed report. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Douglas Mbilu): Hon. Members the time being 17.18 hours the House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 21st February, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

(The House rose at 17.18 hours)