

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 27th June, 2018

The House met at 6.36pm

[The Deputy Speaker

Hon. (Mr. John Dawe Killo) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION(S) FROM THE CHAIR

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Members, I have one communication to make, which is we are all invited to Loiyangalani Cultural festival which will be from 28th June tomorrow. So members are welcomed after our business. Let's meet there.

Next Order,

PAPER LAID BY HONOURABLE ASUNTA GALGITHELE, CHAIR HEALTH COMMITTEE

Hon. Asunta Galgitele: Mr. Speaker, I did not receive that report!

Hon. Speaker: Okay, that is deferred to the next sitting.

PAPER LAID BY HONOURABLE HASSAN WAKO JARSO, CHAIR WATER,
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso: I have not yet received the report.

Hon. Speaker: That is also deferred to the next sitting.

PAPER LAID BY HONOURABLE LEADO STEPHEN, CHAIR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
COMMITTEE.

Hon. Speaker: Deferred to the next sitting.

PAPER LAID BY HONOURABLE ELEMA DIBA GUYO, CHAIR AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK
AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE.

Hon. Speaker: Deferred to the next sitting.

MOTION

MARSABIT MUNICIPAL CHARTER

Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir: Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

Mr. Speaker, On behalf of Lands, Energy and Urban Development Committee, and pursuant to Section 9 of the urban areas and Cities Act, it is my pleasure to present to this House, the Committee's report on the Marsabit Municipal Charter.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Section 9(1) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 states:

'The County Governor may, on the resolution of the County Assembly, confer the status of a municipality on a town that meets the criteria set out in subsection (3), by grant of a charter in the prescribed form.'

Pursuant to the above provision, H.E. the Governor, submitted the Marsabit Municipal Charter via letter dated 22nd May, 2018 but received on 04th June, 2018 to the Assembly for consideration and approval. The House was on a short recess and only resumed on 12th June, 2018 where the Charter was then committed before the Lands, Energy and Urban Development Committee for consideration and reporting back to the house.

Therefore, I urge the Honourable members to pass this Charter which has been requested by the Executive after a long consultation and work through experts, they came up with this charter and they handed over to this Committee. As a committee, through our mandate, we have looked at it with the help of our legal advisor...May I bring it to the attention of the House that this is a special municipality but not like any other town requesting for municipality status...like Moyale which is not a County headquarter requesting for Municipality status, it could have been a different issue because there are several laid down procedures which are to be followed.

Section 9 (4) gives us the lee way for example population. We are given special consideration because it is not only your headquarter mind you, other Counties have already gone through this process and are getting benefits as a result of that.

The Municipality status will cover Saku Sub County which includes Marsabit Central, Karare, Sagante/Jaldesa and all the surrounding areas. It is there in the report and members must have gone through.

When Saku becomes a municipality, the department of Lands which already following up will get 50 Million shillings from their door step and will be benefiting from that immediately after we pass this charter.

Some other Counties which have already passed this charter have gone far and receiving to the tune of Kshs.200 Million Honourable Members.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, with the support of the members, we had some few amendments with the support of the legal office which involved some typing otherwise we have to pass this charter to make Saku a Municipality.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Someone to second Honourable Sheikh Bashir! Honourable Tamasot...

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I second the Motion by Honourable Sheikh Bashir.

We inquired on the benefit we get when we make Marsabit town a municipal charter. Municipality will get around Kshs.50 Million and will also get a manager that will manage the resources of the town and we thought it was imperative we pass this report. We also asked the step in case of challenges and the legal officer told us we will still amend to cover the challenges if there are any, which we can experience through the process of implementing the municipality.

Instead of denying Marsabit the benefits that comes with the approval of the Municipality, let's pass it. Thank you.

Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako: I also stand to support the motion by the Land committee bearing in mind that even after the formation of this Municipality, there shall be a board which will be constituted and as a County Assembly we shall have a direct oversight role on the work of the board.

We also have to realize that for a town to get this status, it has advantages to the locals as it has been stipulated earlier. Our people will get employment. As we already know, this charter will change the face of Marsabit and even the people who reside in the area.

Therefore, up to now, the House has the opportunity to amend as said by the Honourable Tamasot but it is important to pass this report so that we shall not miss on the benefits of the Municipality status.

Thank you.

Hon. Beranado Bata Leakono: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also support my colleagues that Marsabit being a Municipality is an advantage to the locals. We better give Kshs.50 Million to the people of Marsabit but the Kshs.50 million should also give service to the people of Marsabit.

In the report tabled by the Chair, I am not opposing the Motion but I want to make some clarifications because if we want to make Marsabit a municipality, it should be the one that gives people the services required. Now, one of the requirements for a town to become a Municipality is an Integrated Development Plan. I expected the report to be accompanied by the plan for me to ascertain if the plan is there and then we pass it.

Also it must have capacity for functional and effective waste disposal. Does Marsabit have that capacity for us to accept the Municipality? If there is, the members for Land committee should convince us that it has the capacity then we adopt the report.

Has infrastructure facilities including but not limited to street light, Market and fire station...do we have one? I might have not gone around but if there is a fire station in Sagante let us know. So we pass, get a municipality and we know the services we get will help the people of Marsabit County.

When we talk about revenue, let them tell us there is revenue collection potential where Loiyangalani will get 10 Million from fisheries, where Moyale will get 20 Million...if they give us that report, then we have no option to pass. Thank you.

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Mr. Speaker, I just want to make an input. When we were taken through the charter, we asked all those queries raised by the Honourable member. Mr. Speaker section 9 (4) exempts all those issues raised from the charter.

We also inquired what if we would not conduct public participation of the charter! What will happen? In this case, that section will cover all those scenarios. We even asked what if someone runs to Court to stop arguing we did not do 1, 2, and 3! Then that section will cover and it was approval from the National Assembly. They exempted all those areas. After the Municipality gets money is when they will get a fire station, disposal site.

Thank you.

Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo: I have one or two concerns about the Municipal Charter. I remember one time we were in a presentation from the department on the zoning and readjustment of the zones. As for the Municipal Charter, on that day we agreed that a lot of public participation needs to be done. Guidance has been given by the Honorable member for Ngurunit but this is something that we need to consult deeply about it. As much as there is an exemption in law, it's an area of concern.

If a Municipality is approved, then definitely it means a lot of rates will be collected that will be imposed. Municipality not only covers Marsabit Central but to the extent of Saku Constituency and you are aware that quite a large part of the Constituency is pre-urban and pastoralists occupied where the land ownership is not properly dealt with, title deeds not yet finished and if they have titles, there will be some rates that will be imposed on areas that are under municipality.

I hope that deeper consultations in future is going to take place. You can only get rates from where you are providing service and it's my pleasure that before such

action is taken, proper service delivery is considered. Especially we will not stand a situation where a common *mwana* in Sagante will be told to pay land rates or plot rates if services are not to the standard of a municipality.

Number two, the department is in the right direction and it has tried. Marsabit County has been on papers for collection revenues and meeting their target. A good indicator has been given. In yesterday's paper, we read that fire marshals and more enforcement officers have been put in place. I think with time, we can improve and make Marsabit a better municipality. With those few inputs and considerations that need to be taken, I support the adoption of the report.

Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso: Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

I stand here to add my voice on Municipal charter in Marsabit. It is important to note that whenever certain project is initiated in a certain place, we must go for the good and bad sides Mr. Speaker.

While it is good to adopt Municipal charter particular in Saku, this would actually mean a new baby is actually going to be born within the headquarter and this is a positive thing, a very good thing and definitely it will meet the wits of the entire population of Marsabit County Mr. Speaker.

There are certain things that we want to iron out, among them is definitely when this charter is going to be introduced, there must be people celebrating good things coming.

With the same plan the department was able to tell us that they have set certain portion of the area terming it green zone which will be identified at a place called *Kofia mbaya*. When this is going to happen, movement of people due to expansion of the zone is going to happen. Within the town, the department is talking of a huge parking for buses and with it they have promised, that where the Kenya Power is currently located is where they are eyeing to make a stage...meaning Kenya Power will

shift which in turn means that where people reside along the *Kofia Mbaya* and around shrine are targeted. Whenever you target a certain population, it is always good to make prior information which means that proper public participation needs to be done.

The way the department shared this information with us is actually the way the entire information on charter should be shared with the population of Marsabit Central, Sagante/Jaldesa and Karare for them to give their views.

We don't want to deny our population the benefits of the Kshs.50 Million that comes with Municipality and many other developments will come up on a fifty-fifty ratio both for the advantage and disadvantage and we don't want our people to cry later. At this juncture I want to ask the department to make a proper public participation for the people of Saku Constituency particularly for the people of Saku constituency so that in future whenever any level of activity occurs, people will actually be prepared for this.

Finally Mr. Speaker, maybe other basic amenities like fire station, sewerage are coming. Through departmental priorities, Marsabit Central has already set aside Kshs.20 Million shillings for fire station within Marsabit. All this issues are development that our people have never seen before.

My only appeal is that the department needs to make a lot of public participation so that our population will not be displaced because of people not taking the right direction at initial stage. With those few remarks, I support the Municipal Charter but with a request that a lot of public participation needs to be done fully.

(Several Honourable Members stand up)

Hon. Speaker: Honourable Bashir you already contributed. Honourable Elema take your seat! I think we have another motion to debate but I will give you just a minute. Honourable Bashir!

Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for generously awarding me this one minute.

Honourable Members who raised some concerns are in order and may I take this opportunity to assure the members that the Committee which had been going into this report had also the same sentiments and they really inquired everything about it and Integrated Development Plan is in progress and it will be presented very soon. Something like infrastructure is something that we have already seen and it's on going and sewerage system is already there and it will be upgraded. Fire station is already in the Budget as Honourable Hassan already stated and there are also other things that maybe you did mention but may I give you the assurance that public participation will be done in full, advertised and for every location that this Municipality will be affecting, the department will reach and this will not go without the oversight of these members. Like the rates, Finance Bill will be covering the Municipality like any other areas of this County. Therefore is it not something that will just be endorsed without the members.

This thing will be coming gradually, first year some processes will be followed, second year they will be getting more allocations and one thing which will be coming up is...

Hon. Speaker: One Minute is over Honourable Bashir...!

Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir: A board of nine members will be in place and those nine members, four will be advertised and five will be from the local communities...business community and all those things. So you will be having full engagements...the youths and all those who are there. Therefore all those concerns were raised and we have inquired deeply and we were assured.

I therefore feel that this will benefit our County and other Counties are getting to the tune of 200 Million for upgrading and all those things. So I urge the members not to look at things that are can be adjusted in future and therefore pass this charter as it is.

Thank you.

Hon. Elema Diba Guyo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

I will not take long Mr. Speaker, sir, adopting a Municipal charter means that at one point we have made a progress. Of course in the stages of life, we know we must graduate and now Marsabit is about to graduate meaning that we are making progress.

Having said that, Section 9 (1) of the urban areas and Cities Act confers powers with the County Assembly in establishing the Municipality.

I am surprised that the leadership of the House and the Committee is committing this report when already the advert for the board is out! What will happen if the House fails to adopt this report? Does it mean that role of this House has been usurped!

If the House leadership and the Committee have already seen this advert, why are they presenting a report that is already half adapted to the House! This is a challenge and this is already half done because till we adopt the Municipal charter, how then is the Board advertised?

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I think we are through with...

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Sadia Araru: I think as gender representatives, we need to be given a chance and to add on what has been said here, Mr. Speaker, I don't know how a map can be drawn or be prepared to target a place like *Kofia Mbaya* because people have already settled there. Instead of moving people from there, the County Government can buy the Land from the Community.

I support the Charter but it is my fear that the CIDP which is not here with us might be changed after adopting this report and the budget. We need to be very careful. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I think we have deliberated enough and those points mentioned by Honourable Members, will be taken into account by the Committee concerned and they have promised the House to do so.

So, we put the question that this County Assembly adopts the report of Lands, Energy and Urban development Committee on Marsabit Municipal Charter.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Honourable Speaker in the Chair)

MOTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion that this County Assembly adopts the report by Budget and Appropriation Committee on the 2018/19 budget estimates for both the County Government and the County Assembly tabled in the County Assembly.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Killo) left the Chair]

[The Speaker (Hon. Loltome) took the Chair]

The Speaker: Yes Honourable Member you need to tell us a brief about this and then I go straight and put the question for this.

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Mr. Speaker, the Budget Committee went ahead with the budget presented to this House by the executive by 30th April.

Mr. Speaker in all stages of the public participation and consultation with other stake holders and also meeting the CEC's concerned, Mr. Speaker, the same committee also managed to call for other Sectoral Committees after their meeting with CEC's to get the report.

Mr. Speaker, all Members have a copy of the report therefore on behalf of the Budget and Appropriation Committee, pursuant to section 131 of the PFM Act, it's my pleasure to table the Committee report on the Marsabit County Budget estimates 2018/19.
(inaudible).

Standing Order No. 187 (1) establishes the County Budget and Appropriation Committee..... *(inaudible)*

Every financial year, the CEC Finance and Economic planning department is mandated to forward the budget estimates... *(inaudible)* I go to Budget Committee observations. The legal compliance of the..... *(inaudible)*

The budget estimates meets the threshold set out in section... *(inaudible)* let members continue with that one and I go to budget trend. Mr. Speaker, this is an increase in the total County resource envelope 2018/19...*(inaudible)* Sport development programme is 15 Million...Members you can read the rest.

Mr. Speaker, in the previous budget, certain expenditures was wrongly classified and the controller of budget questioned the County against such wrongful classification in the 2018/19, despite there being some improvement, the budget committee noted

that there are certain recurrent expenditures that are still being classified under development expenditure.

Specific observations on the recurrent expenditure...a huge sums of public money is being spent on salaries....Sectoral committee submissions report is here, so it is bulky to produce but it will be issued later on.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 211 (4), the Sectoral Committee presented their observations.....

The areas of reduction, one, construction of Gadamoji cultural center..... *(inaudible)*

The key issues arising from public participation.....*(inaudible)* as we were going and we had some of the Honourable Members joining us at their Wards, Like Hon. Guyo, Minority leader, Honourable Kiya and Honourable Deputy Speaker, we were challenged by the Community. They asked, are you here to rectify the mistake which was done by your friends from the Executive or you are here to rubberstamp the same mistake? We were even told, 'if you are here to rubberstamp please we are not ready to listen to you, can you just go your way.' in other cases we were told a community has budgeted for a particular project may be for example 5 million for a particular project like drilling of a borehole. The Executive went further and reduced the allocation to 3 million.

I am just giving an example- like in Ngurunit, we were asked, 'what is the purpose of calling them all the way to Korr and instead of considering the views that they have

given on projects and their costing, you do your own amendments here?' Then Mr. Speaker the committee felt that if they will not listen to the outcry of the public and cannot amend what was communicated to the public- not by this House Mr. Speaker, it was the Executive which communicated that each ward will receive 75 million.

They went ahead and reduced some wards to twenty something million, thirty million, may be some were added two or three million above the 75 million. Mr. Speaker then we decided that we shall stick to what was communicated at least to save the face of this County. Otherwise if we are not going to do so, then there is no need of doing public participation.

Those are the issue which were raised during public participation. Then the recommendation from the Budget Committee.

The County Treasury and the department of Finance and Economic Planning should ensure timely review, formulation of development plans and publication of said plans.

County Treasury and the CEC Finance to also ensure that planning documents particularly the..... (*inaudible*) and ADP, each of the County Assembly are required by the law.

Public Participation report by the County Executive to be submitted to the County Assembly together with the budget estimate

For the Public Participation to be considered sufficient, the following minimum requirements should be met;

Sufficient notice should be issued through different media including the decentralized units, village, ward administrators, copies of the circular that was circulate in advance and feedback measures established to communicate the resolution o the Assembly or

Executive to the public. Members you can read up to 'H'. those are the recommendations of the Budget Committee.

Then the adoption of the Budget estimates 2018 – 2019, we the members of the County Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee pursuant to Standing Order 180 adopt and table this report and affixed are signatures to confirm our approval, its accuracy and validity on 25th June 2018. Mr. Speaker the names are there. It is only Hon. Konchora who went for another official duty that did not sign.

I beg the members of the Budget Committee to second the report Mr. Speaker.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you honourable Tamasot. since are going to do the second reading of the Bill you can minimize the debate now on the Budget estimates so that we have more time later. Secondment on that particular motion to adopt the Budget committee report preferably by a member of the committee?

(Motion seconded by Hon. Hussein)

Hon. Hussein Abdi Wako: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and I also urge fellow honourable members to do so. The report has met the threshold required although there are shortcomings. With the recommendations that we have put there, I hope the members will adopt this report and pass this budget for the County to realize its development agenda.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you honourable Hussein, member representing the youth.

Can I then propose the question that this County Assembly adopts the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the 2018/19 budget estimates for the County Government and County Assembly tabled before the County Assembly on 26th June 2018.

Members, the motion is on the floor of the House. You can ventilate on it.

Hon. Buke Diba (Minority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to thank the Budget Committee for the work they have done but I have some concern. My concern is particularly on the health sector. Many a times, we have been insensitive to the needs of our people as far as the health sector is concerned. Our budget still lacks funding for our preventive services. I will address this to the Budget Committee that they take into account- that they reduce money from certain areas and allocate it for employment of staff to ensure that the health centres, dispensaries which are not operational now become operational and provide the necessary services to the people.

This will actually go a long way in reducing money spent on ambulances for referrals.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you the Honourable Member for Maikona.

Honourable Member for Turbi?

Hon. Guyo Duba Yaro: Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity. First, let me take this opportunity to thank our able Budget Committee for listening to the needs and priorities of our people especially at the ward level. Thank you very much.

After going through the budget I have not seen anything about the abattoir. The abattoir is a flagship project that was started around July 2014. The County Government saw there was a need to improve the livestock sector in this County. It is unfortunate that the Budget for 2018/19 has nothing concerning this project. The

taxpayers money was used, the project is incomplete and if we leave it like that, it will become a white elephant Mr. Speaker.

Just a concern, IT IS unfortunate that the department did not put it as a priority. As we speak there is an ongoing construction by the National Government. There is a lot of money that was spent on this project Mr. Speaker. Leaving such a big project just like that worries the whole of Marsabit County and in particular the livestock keepers. That is my concern.

It is this House that gave committees the power to interrogate departments. As the Chair for Trade, Enterprise and Development, we sat with the department and noted a number of problems. The only development project that we have is to complete this modern market in central, renovation of Moyale market. Those are the only projects that we have as a department.

To complete this modern market, they require 150,000,000. The Executive gave them 74M. In our report we requested the budget committee to increase this amount. It is unfortunate that in their recommendation number 5- completion of Marsabit Modern Market at a cost of 74 Million is to be reduced by 9 million. This modern market is incomplete. It has around 720 stalls. How many people are waiting for this modern market? It is unfortunate that as a department they are paying 6.9 million annually to lease land while we are not completing the modern market. 6.9 million annually because one plot is 116,000 and there are 5 such plots. They pay 580,000 monthly and 6.9 million annually.

It is unfortunate that the committee reduced this amount. The Honourable Members from Moyale, the market is leaking. It was the cry of the people that the department

puts aside 15M for renovation. This money is not here now. So it means the department is idle the whole of this year.

As the Chair, I feel without trade, there is no development. As I adopt this report, I kindly request our able budget committee to recommend this department so that they also deliver services.

Thank you very much.

The Speaker: Thank you Honourable Member from Turbi.

Honourable Asunta?

Hon. Asunta Galgitele: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also congratulate the budget committee for the good work that they have done but I also have a lot of things to comment on. I would like to ask the same question that they were asked when they went for public participation. What is our work as committees?

If we interrogate the CEC's and the departments and they tell us the challenges they have and forward it to the budget committee, they do not even take a single challenge. In a department like Health, when the CEC and other members from the department came here, they tabled around 8 challenges that the department faced. First is that they are many long serving staff who have never been..... (*inaudible*).

Secondly, there are 23 health facilities that were built and are not operational. There are 400 casual workers across all the facilities. Some have even worked for 9 to 14 years. I think these people need to be considered. They sometimes go for 3 to 4 months without a salary. I think we are not doing anything good to these citizens.

In the referral hospital there is only one theatre and now that we are receiving two doctors from Cuba, the workload will be high in the theatre. We already have surgeon who is always at the theatre. We have a gynaecologist. How will one person handle

four operations? It is hectic. That person works day and night. We should check on that.

The facility also needs specialists like paediatricians, orthopaedic doctors and other cadres but they have not been employed yet. In our sub counties and dispensaries mothers are coming to the referral hospital for only lab services. They cannot even get to know their HB's two months ago we lost two mothers from Mount Kulal after delivery because of anaemia. In Arge and Kargi we lost two mothers. I am living with twin kids who are now being taken care of by Charity Sisters. We have a lot of patients suffering from cancer. They have no place to go.

HIV/AIDS prevalence is very high in our Sub-counties. We have no allocation for this in our budget. What are we doing for our electorates?

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I wish to commend the budget committee for trying their best against the constraints of time and limited resources. Having said that, this is a progressive budget that has gone through intensive public participation and further second participation by members of budget committee. It is also a budget that has tried to meet the threshold ratio of 40-60 for recurrent and development. We are not doing badly as a County.

I also appreciate the fact that this is a fair budget in terms of making the wards balanced especially at the ward priority level of 75M. This is a very good gesture that the budget equally serves every ward in this County.

I wish to make the following statement. I am saddened today as we pass this budget for one very reason which is now a song we have been singing around this County Assembly. Unfortunately we have not allocated anything for internship and attachment program for our youth basically because of lack of a policy. There are national policies that guide youth attachments and internship.

The youths of this County may not forgive us for not starting with them as we begin this financial year to address the plight of their unemployment. Youths have been asked for experience when they look for job opportunities. Where do they get this experience from? Where do they get to practice their skills? If it is not in this County, where will our youths get internship or even attachment opportunities for those who are in the process of learning? I wish we learn and adapt the example of National Land Commission, Elgeyo Marakwet County and many other institutions that have heeded to the cry of the youths by providing internships and attachment opportunities.

This is one fact that reduces my happiness of celebrating this wonderful and well orchestrated budget process. It is my hope that this Honourable House will listen to the voices of this youth. Honourable Speaker I am aware that a petition has been sent to you by the youth of this County. Progressively, we need to put into consideration the plight of this youth. Personally I am saddened to the extent that this proposal is not given attention.

To start in a small way, I decided to crush a project from Sagante Jaldesa ward so that I can be an example in starting this project. Others may come in and support us. The plight of the youth is something that we cannot ignore. Our youths who are going into drugs and mischief is not as a result of any other thing. It is as a result of lack of opportunity.

I urge this Honourable House to put into consideration the plight of these youths. Honourable speaker I am also concerned that vocational training has been made free in this County. That has greatly improved the number of our young ones who are going to the six polytechnics that we have in this County. Previously we used to have

around three of them that were working but the last government made it to five and now we have six. This is progressive in number and in terms of the number of trainees who are going to these polytechnics.

Industrialization is one of the big four agenda. We cannot achieve industrialization in Marsabit County or even take care of the small repairs in our own homes if we don't train our youths in this area. I am concerned that very little attention has been given to making them free and it is my humble request that this will fall into our ears and get a space in our hearts.

I am happy that the road sector has some allocation. The current state of roads in our wards and County is wanting. I am concerned that common motorbike operators have stopped or changed their business. They cannot move from Manyatta Jillo to town because of the nature of rough road. I assume the same applies to other parts of our County. I am happy that the road sector has something however little it is to repair the bad roads after the effect of long rains.

As the Chair of education, in the departmental reports, education is a very big sector. In the report we have submitted, they did re-organization within their own budget to make sure that it is moving. A department that has got about four sub-sectors is only served by one vehicle since the inception of devolution. At the right stage, I will propose those amendments so that they are captured because I don't see them in the report of the committee.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you the Honourable Member for Sagante for those remarks.

Honourable Member for Saku?

Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Budget Committee. I would also like to express my disappointment. A healthy nation is the one that takes care of its population and particularly the youths and women.

Just as my colleague Honourable Sora has said, the youth of this County have travelled through a very unprecedented journey. Most of our population and particularly when we refer to our youth, we must narrate how the youth of this County were educated in the first place. They are sons and daughters of poor parents. With devolution this House cannot afford to make them smile. It is a sad day indeed!

Why am I saying this? Most of our youth are sons and daughters of pastoralists, watchmen, charcoal burners, *changaa* brewers and *miraa* sellers. I believe 78% of the entire population lives below a dollar a day. With the huge resources we are unable to allocate at least 5 or 10% to the youth. We are not going to be forgiven. We have sung this song severally. Several Honourable Members of this House expressed their views in the first place and I am actually wondering why the Budget Committee was unable to capture these concerns.

The second issue is about the modern market in Marsabit. Upon completion of Marsabit Modern Market I am sure our poor mothers will benefit. This population lacks enough resources to conduct their businesses. Most of them are SME business people. They operate without any support from other sectors. It is through their own survival skills that they educated their children who by virtue of being not employed both at the County and National level have turned to *bodaboda* business, some are drug addicts.

We must look for alternative measures so that we can drive this population out of this mess Mr. Speaker. All is not lost. If we are to be touched by the population that we represent, much needs to be done particularly during this eleventh hour. If we have

nothing to show for our youth then I doubt what this House is going to celebrate about.

About the modern market, the projection we should focus on is that Marsabit Central is the face of Marsabit County. Any basic amenities should actually be supported. When our poor fathers, mothers, daughters and wives make struggles to educate their kids and to make ends meet, you can imagine a 116,000 for five plots. This is a slap on the face of our poor mothers and youths.

Thirdly, the 500 casual workers in the Health department.... When departments or the CECs appear before their respective committees, they air out their grievances. Most of these people have been on casual basis for close to 5 to 15 years. We can single out individuals who are on casual basis for 16 years. When the officials from that department appeared before the committee, we thought their plight was to be captured. We have a population that needs to benefit from our input and mercy.

We need to give much priority to the youth in Marsabit County. If you move within this town, you cannot imagine this being a County headquarters. Our youth are all over dressed in funny clothes and sitting on verandas because they have no job to do and nowhere to turn their attention to. Then here we are reading the budget and have nothing to give to the youth of Marsabit County.

All is not lost. I still urge the budget committee and the entire House to make sure that we do something. The only thing that we need to do is to put our intellectual wit together and drive a positive achievement.

With those few remarks, I am actually not happy but I believe at the end of this, I may afford a smile Mr. Speaker.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank Honourable Jarso.

Honourable Leakono- Member for Logologo?

Hon Beranado Bata Leakono: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also join my colleagues to commend the budget committee for the report. We went through the report and the recommendation given but it was the same as what they gave last year. So there are no changes in the department of finance.

Let me give my views. In this budget there are areas that we expected the committee to look at and add some money and especially to the youth as Hon. Sora said. I think we talked lengthily about internship program. If today we are not going to help the youth of Marsabit, who are they going to cry to? I am urging this Hon. House that the internship program for the youth should be our first consideration so that 200 or 300 youths that we are going to give internship will smile and have experience and when they go for interviews no one will tell them that they have failed because they don't have experience.

Concerning the livestock sector, there is outcry about rift valley fever that affects both the livestock and human beings. When you look at the livestock department, the money allocated to vaccination is 500,000. The same department which is Agriculture the money allocated for seeds is 1M. Which is our priority? The seeds or the vaccines?

We expect the committee to look at the budget critically and make such amendments and not to look at only the development but also recurrent. Today we are crying about rift valley fever because there no vaccines.

We have a department of public health and it has no allocation. How can we prevent diseases when the department of public health is not allocated money? We expect diseases to attack us and then go to hospital for treatment? Such a department with its own directorate needs funding.

I urge this House to look at the budget critically and allocate money to the department of public health if we are to prevent diseases. Prevention is better than cure. I remember when we gave out our report, Honourable Sadia cried and asked the members of budget committee to allocate some money towards people living with HIV/AIDS. There is no allocation! The casual workers stay for six or seven months without pay. Before they were paid 9,000 and now this has been reduced to 5,000. If we pass this budget and give out money, we need to make a follow-up. I am sure the money they are supposed to be paid is captured in the budget but they are not getting it.

Lastly, I repeat that the youth of this County depend on us and we need to give priority to setting aside money for youth internship projects.

The Speaker: Thank you Honourable Leakono.

Honourable Sadia?

Hon. Sadia Osman Araru: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the budget committees who have considered the ward and citizen priorities. It is unfair to deny the citizens their rights and we are lucky that the County Assembly can rectify that. I salute you the Budget Committee for the work done and balancing all the ward priorities properly.

I also thank the budget committee for increasing the budget of the gender department- Ministry of Culture and Social Services, women and people with disability budget to 20.5M. I believe this year the County did not celebrate women's day which is a function that this County is also to celebrate because there was no budget. It is only the disability day that was celebrated.

I also want to touch on the HIV/AIDS victims. I raised this with the Budget Committee and I believe there will be an amendment so that these people are considered because they live with us and that they need support.

On the abattoir, I believe there is some research to be done for it to be completed. A facility like an airport that will facilitate transport of the meat to other places is necessary.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you Honourable Sadia.

Hon. Tura Ruru Elema: Thank you Mr. Speaker.

I wish to contribute to this motion. An issue was raised by a Hon. Member on this floor that committees do interrogate the departments on their needs. As a member of the Budget Committee, I appreciate their effort. They have done a good job and brought good reports but the challenge that the Budget Committee faced is that the committees wanted to overhaul their budgets.

I thought while this report on Budget is brought before this House and handed over to the Budget Committee, the Executive should have consulted enough and see the areas that need to be considered. Interestingly, that consultation was not there and that was the challenge that the Budget Committee faced while addressing the need of every department. I think they need to consult and what is brought before us should be consultative.

The other area I want to shade light on is about how we share these resources. When this budget went for public participation, the Executive gave a ceiling of Kshs.75M per ward. When it was brought back to the House, it was moved. Others had Kshs.28M, Kshs.34M and everything was changed. The priorities given by the public were changed. I believe there is a formula or a guideline that we are missing. I want to ask this Honourable House to come up with a formula so that we can share these resources equally.

These resources cannot be shared equally because there are issues that need to be considered. This is a replica of the National House that considered giving money to

Counties while considering many factors such as land size, poverty and population index. Giving each ward a blanket amount is not fair.

Looking at the ward and departmental share that was given, if you look at the share was allocated which is 1.2m and the departmental share- 2.4m, you see it is only shared between 2 to 3 wards. This is challenging and I hope this House will come up with a formula to allocate wards and the department an equal share.

While looking at annex 7 of this report, the reduction made on North-Horr Ward that stands at Kshs. 20.62M.... *(inaudible)*, procuring of plastic tanks (10,000ltrs) and piping of water form Chalbi Muslim to Dakhaboji at a cost of Kshs.600,000 be reduced by 100,000... This reduction equals the funding. I think the 'G' part needs to be removed for this report to be accurate.

Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Elema Diba: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I recommend the Budget Committee for the good report and assuring this House that the Ward priorities according to the public participation exercise that was conducted still holds. Giving us that shortfall means taking money from other areas. We must admit that there is no department or ward that wants its money reduced from what it has forwarded. This was a struggle and since they have made it, I thank them.

I want to touch on the Health Department. There has been a cry every other time that we are neglecting public health. I remember and there is a Hansard to that effect that the department itself blamed this House. I am happy that when we were in Nanyuki the director was there and he blamed the House for reducing their budget and neglecting public health. We also pointed at where the blame was.

The case is still arising. We have no vote for public health in this budget. Public health is the department that does disease surveillance. We cannot only be dealing with treatment. It is my humble plea to this House that we correct that mistake and allocating some money however little for a start.

The department has also raised a concern that their staff have stagnated on one job group over years. These are public servants and have right to grow in their field of work. Keeping them in the same job group over years is tantamount to violating their rights. That is why Kenya is faced with industrial action. We don't want our County to take this direction. We have raised that issue in our report that we need a provision to promote the staff/.

Secondly, as Honourable Asunta has mentioned, there are some crucial staff that the department needs. They say they need close to 200 million only for staff recruitment in their proposal and now there is nothing for the same. That is to say they will not employ a single nurse. If we can just swallow it and leave it like that is a matter that we need to put our heads together and deliberate on it.

There is a tendency that has kept on occurring during the budget season. I cannot remember the first time it started but I can say it has been with us for the last five years. This tendency that the departments prepare their budget and when it is approved, a different budget finds its way to this House. You cannot imagine that when we summoned the CECs and the COs, they lamented about the budget they saw. They were actually surprised. We had to hold series of meetings to correct these anomalies. When we met, they could not even acknowledge that it was their budget. It was totally different from what they were tabling. This is a matter that the County Assembly has powers to correct. We have left it to go on for a long time. We need to correct this matter once and for all.

On the same, there is this project that we call pro-poor. I remember there was a time it was coming as it is in block and the House in one voice said that it has to be itemized. It was later itemized. The last budget and this one again has it in block. I remember there was a time we asked for the report. The supplementary budget had a request that money be added. I am surprised the Executive is asking for 50M for pro-poor but the committee is giving out an additional 30M. What really prompted this addition when it is not even itemized? We cannot even tell!

Last year we had Kshs. 80M, this year there is Kshs.80M then an additional Kshs.30M which adds up to Kshs.110M. We cannot account for such an amount because even if it was directed to the right projects, this House did not receive any report. Leaving it in block is just like giving a blank cheque. This needs to be itemized for easy auditing and confirmation. We are here to represent people and oversight these funds. We cannot tell how this fund is used when it is put in block.

There is an issue of pending bill that the committee recommended removal. I want to understand what they are and why the committee thought of removing them. I know during the last financial year, there was the pending bill that was left by the former government and the Governor had made a statement that he will only pay those that are confirmed.

The government must own its debts by all means. What has prompted removal of all the pending bills? Those people who are the debtors are still those that we represent. They have no any other representatives elsewhere. I know there are a number of projects that were not done. I am not asking for those ones to be paid. But for those that were confirmed, they have the right to be paid.

Number three, in the Department of education, one thing is very important as Honourable Sora and other members have mentioned, leaving out our youths that form the bulk of our population, an energetic lot, a new generation and leaving them out, may mean that the budget lacks sight. Internship for our youth is in order and the

House with the power vested on it should allocate certain amount of money for our youth internship.

In the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock, this department is the backbone of this County. This is what people rely on for their livelihood. Our population is 90% livestock keepers and a few farmers. We cannot leave out the two segments. Both are important. If you look at the ceiling that was set by the CFSP, it is wanting compared to the other departments. It is as good as leaving out the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. Look at what we have, the whole Department of Fisheries only managed Kshs. 13 million and its only salary that goes to Kshs. 6.4 million and allowances as part of the salaries goes up to Kshs 2.6 million, this makes a total of Kshs. 10 million.(inaudible) left with Kshs. 3 million to manage, what does it mean then? It means this Department is going to pay only salaries! At some point you would even think why we have a (CO) Chief Officer there?

Look at the Department of Livestock, the fuel a cross the year is only Kshs 700,000! The Department covers Moyale, Illeret, Laisamis and other Sub Counties, how will they operate on Kshs 700,000? Like Hon. Leado was saying, look at vaccination services, last year it was allocated Kshs 25 million, this year it is Kshs. 10million and then the vaccination exercises, payment to the staff that will be doing the vaccination is only Kshs. 500,000 that is not even enough for Dukana Ward! Leave the other Wards.

That is to say they will only attend to the first quarter of the next Financial Year, the rest will not even report case of diseases in our livestock and we don't need to report cases of livestock diseases to the Department because..... (inaudible) it cannot! It has very little to do.

I think vaccination exercise is very important, especially talk of now when we are facing deadly diseases all over Rift Valley Fever is one, there are other diseases that are killing livestock, talk of Dukana those camels are still dying, even last night I spent about three hours with some herders because those camels cannot get back home!

One died while I was there, we have lost over fifty camels only in Balesa location for a period of two months and we have Rift Valley Fever with us, but what we have is Kshs.500, 000!

Today I'll not talk about abattoir, but we have no priorities for livestock, we are livestock keepers, the backbone of Marsabit County is livestock, why don't we think of a lab in Marsabit..... *(inaudible)*, why are we taking our blood samples to Kabete? Waiting for three weeks or so for them to report back.....*(inaudible)* yes! What do we have for our livestock, we have nothing, no market for our livestock, no priorities in terms of livestock health, we have nothing for our livestock! That is much I will put to Members, I think Public Health must be considered this time, health staffing is one key thing we must consider....

(The Speaker interjects)

Thank you!

Hon. Abdirahman Sheikh Bashir: Thank you Mr. Speaker....

(The Speaker interjects)

Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, may I also take this opportunity to support the budget as committed here, I would here the good kind words of Hon, Members congratulating other Members of which I am one of them! I say thank you!

May I say that this time unlike other times, when we had this budget, we have seen a lot of good things in this budget as we observed as Members of this Committee, for example if you check when we try to compare the Development and Recurrent, the Development stands at 47% and the Recurrent at 53% which almost 50-50, that is quite commendable! For the first time we have been getting a lot of congratulations from the public that this time, actually our Committee of which with the support of the House we did a very nice public participation as compared to previous years! In fact there were a lot of touching issues which came from those Public Participations. For

example when we were in Ngurunit, Moyale, there was this idea which came up, the public were requesting that there is need for technical people to be at the ground when the Executive will be reviewing their public participation because the members of the public are just.... *(inaudible)*! You have Kshs. 75 million go and share and then it came to our notice that the public who are not aware of the costing of these projects that they are trying to identify actually became very difficult to the extent that some of them were underfunded others were overfunded! For example when we visited some areas, we found out that an ECD classroom which is Kshs 2.5 million in one area, then in another area you'll find it is Kshs 1.7 million for the same work, then you wonder! One kilometre road you'll find in one area they record Kshs. 3 million and other areas you'll see it at Kshs. 10 million, and you wonder how were the costing done? And it has come to the extent that some members of the public have noticed these issues and it is becoming a problem!

One other thing that we got from the public participation and which I found very important is that there is this idea of splitting money into so many small projects, so that at least people benefit.

Some Members like Hon. Tamasot said, you know Korr-Ngurunit has four locations, so they said Kshs 75 million, maybe we give one area, let's say water Kshs. 20-35 million, the drilling, machines, piping and all other things and then we finish once and for all and don't talk about it! SO, there all these things which came up and I think it should be looked at.

One other thing we observed during the public participations, there are some Sectors/Department where a lot of construction is being done without consideration, for example construction of ECD classes, dispensaries is becoming too much! Like in my area we have four dispensaries constructed and there are no nurses up-to-date! In this Financial Year they have requested to construct three other dispensaries, while in four others which are already there! It is high time for the public to be guided on

those projects already in existence to be well furnished than going for other things all together which will stall and will have no meaning to the community!

It is good that some ECD teachers were recruited recently, otherwise in my area I was crying the last time around six ECD classes-well furnished and they were idle with a lot of children, there is a place called Qolob, recently a teacher was posted there and then you find out there were 210 pupils-Three classes! And he could not know what to do! There was also a lot of concern from the department's priorities and what was given to the Department, I think this is an area we need to look at different levels, as a House we are only allowed to amend, we have some restrictions, you know what we can amend, if we amend for every department and try to do this and that, then it becomes a very big challenge, this Committee has really weighed on all sides and came up with these report, and I feel that it is a good report which needs to be adopted by this House.

About the Departments, I feel that we have already given out these sentiments and this is an Executive issue and it should go back to them! Just look at the Health sector, we even called the Chair Health and even one other Member today, and discussed issues with them! The Committee failed to understand how this budgeting from what we had last year, we need to even project for next year. If it is salaries or any other recurrent issue, but we fail to understand how that Department could not project the salaries of their casuals and other workers and now they are complaining about the salaries for the workers, we don't see that reason. And we said go back to them find out and do a lot of investigation.... *(inaudible)* enough proof and then come back to this Members so that we see what we can do maybe in the next issue for example the Supplementary and others we don't see that.....*(inaudible)* . Four hundred casual workers not getting their salaries, something like promotion is in-house-departmental issue, something like Livestock department not allocated enough funds! And it is not suppose to be coming here and one thing a Member should be aware is that some of

these Departments are having flagship projects, like Agriculture, Livestock and other Departments. We should be aware because they have those funds with them.

About the ten Departments personally I feel that, there are departments which are under-funded but I think it is not the mistake of these Committees or the House, all the Department when they were called,.... *(inaudible)*, when we called the Finance team they showed us, we signed and agreed to pass this thing, why should they lament to our sectoral Committee, when we already know that we are with them? They gave consent, so that is where the problem is coming.

As an Executive, we should assist them or through our Speaker and some other Members and try to solve their issues.....*(inaudible)* before opening to us so many windows which you could not solve.

About Trade, Culture, Social Services and Land Department is really underfunded, it is true!, But this House should advocate and shown the Executive that this Departments are the backbone of this County in future!

(Applause)

Like Trade, Culture, Social Services and Land there are a lot of programmes which are coming up but it is given a low profile when it comes to their meeting in the Executive, I think we should assist them in one way or another in future but for now if we say that we do amendment for every department, I think we will go beyond the ceilings which will not be possible! Trade requested for that but we felt, those kiosks that were leased, the *wananchi* given the stalls will pay for the stalls to the County government. But it is not the County government which is paying directly.

On the completion of the Modern Market it is an ongoing project and there is no way it can be given Kshs. 150 million at ago and we felt that the Kshs.65 million, when we inquired on all corners which was now allocated can finish the ground floor and those

people.....(*inaudible*) floor can be completed and I am sure that project can be completed!

(Applause)

For Moyale Market, I think that one two things came, we had a bit of.....(*inaudible*) but there was this outcry from El Molo community who were disadvantaged in all corners to the extent that they were not getting clean water and their bones were even deformed! We had a balance of Kshs.8 million which we wanted to give to the Moyale Market and we found it to be small, (*inaudible*) prioritise the community who were disadvantaged, we called the MCA and we told him to allocate more funds from his kitty of the Kshs.75 million to top up and assist those people! We have been checking on all corners and we have done all that we could do.

About the Pending Bills, I always expect a Member to stand here and say pending bills are there, these are debts! Pending Bills are being cleared up to now if money will be here this evening, there are a lot of them and payment is on-going! There is no need of saying that we felt Kshs 130million will be just another Pro-poor!

(Applause)

That is why we took it and directed it to your Wards we should appreciate that!

(Applause)

Payments of ongoing projects are there, some which were restricted by that Adhoc Committee and they said that people should be paid and cleared, we were with the CEC and Chief Officer Finance and they said it will be cleared those that were recommended!.....(*inaudible*) under former Governor's office and unless it is look at a fresh, because it had some anomalies.....(*inaudible*) we are yet to make a follow-up and see how those ones will also be cleared! Because the *Wananchi* were made to do those projects, it is there and we don't see the reason as to why they should not be paid!

About Youth Fund, this Committee felt that it is very important to Fund our youth and give them this money, but we couldn't figure out, if we've given out this money and then we say this is Youth Fund for internship! I assure you the first people who will complain are the Hon. Members, because they'll be saying my area has not benefited, none of my people were considered and a lot of problem will crop up!

Every Fund that has to be in place should have some legality, so we found that nothing was in place to protect that fund, there was nothing in place for the fund to be used and appropriated in the right manner. We found out that it will be misused..... *(inaudible)* and it will bring a lot of problem and commotion in the County and among our Hon. Members! That is why we put a break to that but we now want out youths to benefit, and this thing should be in order and as a House kindly assist us with a Bill here! When you have those rules and regulations then tell us to pass! It will be there, so that is what we considered.

About the Pro-poor, I am not defending it but we inquired the Kshs. 50 million which was there and we got the signal that the Governor promised every Sub County a bus, when you calculate Kshs.13million multiply by four, it will always be coming to almost Kshs.50m, if that is the thing then the Governor for that Pro-poor the only..... *(inaudible)* in that.... *(inaudible)* drought mitigation we draw Kshs. 50 million, we invested somewhere else.....*(inaudible)* tomorrow it will be the same Members..... *(inaudible)* that is our take.

Because of all those remarks, I feel that this House should pass this report as it is, thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. John Killo Dawe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, mine will be very brief, Hon. Bashir has explained much on what the Budget Committee. That was a good insight, from my side the Budget Committee did a good job, though it is their job they did it so well!

Am saying so because, they have really worked hard to make sure that my Ward which had only Kshs.37 million was raised to Kshs. 75 million!

(Applause)

Secondly, when we allocate Kshs.75 million for the Wards, but still we insist why some of the Wards do not have single Departmental priorities, of which we are, hearing Kshs.2.5 million is for Departmental priorities and Kshs. 1.2m is Ward allocation. So, budget Committee should also take note of the same or I don't know the way forward you're going to give us on that.

Coming to the Youths, Women and people with special abilities are combined together, all what is to be given, whether it is employment, project, I think the Constitution clearly states that the youths should get 30%, if department and others areas are not considering the youths, they should consider that.

We talk of wage Bill,...(*inaudible*) from the reports that we have, there are those employees or workers who have been working in the County Government, a number of them- of which their contract ended, others whose contract were renewed and others were not renewed! So, they were just left out, those people need to be considered, because every day and night we hear employment going on, we cannot stop the Public Service Board from employing people, if they have a lot of money to employ people, let them continue employing but through advertisement.

It seems if I may look at the area of projects in the Ward, I think all MCAs will agree on that, all the projects are given to only people who are well off! The poor and the needy are left out. So, those who are able, who have *God-Fathers*, the cartels, brokers, they have a say in the office of the Governor, procurement, anywhere they can manipulate those offices and they get the contracts, of which they are people on the ground...

(Hon Sora Katelo stood in his place)

(Laughter)

.....When we are going back to this budget any amendments we are going to do it together and we have only today, tonight we are going to Loiyangalani, I think we need to prepare and save time, thank you.

Hon. Stephen Leado: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to congratulate the team led by Hon. Tamasot on the County government Budget 2018/2019. I would like to tell the Budget Committee....*(inaudible)* I remember when we are in Nairobi what happened to our Ward priorities from 75 to some 40, 30, I was at level 50 they have ensured that....*(inaudible)* reached the ceiling. I know some people have tried to interfere with the budget but I congratulate you for the good work.

My second concern is about the internship, what I saw yesterday in the County Public Service Board advertisement on County Enforcement Officers, one of the qualification is experience....*(inaudible)* when can he get the experience if.....*(inaudible)* I still urge this House to do something..... *(inaudible)* every day we promise them, we'll do something for them, but up to now nothing has been done. So, let us do something on internship. Maybe because of the time I am not going to repeat anything, but I would like maybe the Hon. Chairman, there is some amendment to be put in place.....

(The Speaker interjects)

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let me thank the Members, who have given the approvals on the same.

On the Department of Health, if I were in that sector within tomorrow or next week, I could have asked the CEC and the CO to go home!

(Applause)

And I am saying that because they do not know what they are doing! Who is supposed to budget for the sector is it the CECs, COs or the Directors? The Committee and the senior persons in that Department are telling us 400 casuals were not considered, whose mandate is that? If they don't know what to do, shouldn't they just go home and leave the spaces to others!

(Laughter)

(Hon. Leakono Bata stood in his place)

(Loud consultations)

(Hon. Hussein Wako stood in his place)

(Hon. Tura Ruru stood in his place)

(Hon. Sadia Araru stood in her place)

(The Speaker interjects)

(Hon. Elema Diba stood in his place)

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was specifically on casuals, the other areas of shortfalls.....*(inaudible)* the area of casuals- and Kshs. 10m was given which are these other casuals, we are talking about?

Secondly, do these persons know the number of casuals in this County?.....*(inaudible)* ghost workers? Because, in this world we have so many ghost workers why they are not budgeted for?

(Applause)

(Laughter)

Secondly, on the issue of promotion, this was not only coming from Health, it was.... *(inaudible)* from all the Departments. Since Devolution none did any promotion! If that is the case, we cannot give one Department and leave others, because all of them requested! But we are also not fair to give one Department some Kshs. 2M and leave the other ten! Even the County Assembly maybe they have taken into consideration, let us avoid all of them!

On the issue of Pro-poor was well explained, but yesterday Hon. Elema requested, we have just given these money, without knowing what it is going to do, yesterday there was a report which was given by the concerned Department. But that report is not on..... *(inaudible)* every Member here confessed we have those copies, it is not telling us anything!

(Applause)

As Budget Committee we requested to be given a report which at least has some follow up. If a Member wants to verify a project they have done and they have used this money, something which you can follow and verify, we are waiting for that!

On the issue of Pending Bills, it was done I would not touch on that and let us go to the Committee of Supplies so that we make few amendments where possible, thank you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for the Committee read)

[The Speaker (Hon. Loltome) left the Chair

IN THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman (Hon. Killo) took the Chair)

THE 2018/2019 BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MARSABIT

THAT, Clause 2, 3 and 4 be part of the Bill

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Clauses 2, 3 and 4 agreed to)

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Hon. Sadia Araru: I am proposing to move an amendment motion on vote 3467 of Health Service be amended by decreasing the amount allocated to ambulance service from Kshs.40 million to Kshs.35 million and allocate the reduced amount of Kshs.5 million to HIV and Aids support programme.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Stephen Sora Katelo: Mr. Speaker, under Education, allow to reduce hire of transport by Kshs. 1 million, Other Operational Expense be reduced by Kshs. 2 million and pre-feasibility and Appraisal Studies be reduced by Kshs. 4 million. That total of Kshs. 7 million to purchase a land cruiser. This is in our report and it is in the department request.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Hassan Wako Jarso: I propose to correct that the ten thousand litres masonry tank at Shauri Yako at Kshs 2.5 million is erroneous and it should be a 100,000 litre-tank.

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Honourable members we are now true with the few amendments and considerations. I wish, Hon. Chair, that the Committee reports its deliberations on The Marsabit County Appropriation Bill 2018/19 and its approval and amendment thereof.

Hon. John Kilo Dawe: Honourable Speaker, I wish to report that the Committee of the whole House has considered The Marsabit County Appropriation Bill 2018/19 and approved the same with amendments.

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Mr. Speaker, I wish to report that the committee of the whole house does agree with the deliberations of budget and appropriation committee. The members made some few amendments and we are in agreement. We can now move and go to third reading.

Hon. Speaker: I propose that the House does agree with Budget and Appropriation Committee on the Appropriation bill 2018/2019.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: I now propose that The Marsabit County Appropriation Bill be read a third time. Chairman, any comment?

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to give words of thanks to the Honourable Members who are staying up to eleven of the night to assist our people. Congratulations for approving and adopting our report. When have scratched our heads to consider all levels; Ward level, Department level to share the resources.

Thank you.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: The Marsabit County Appropriation Bill 2018/19 is now considered passed by the Assembly.

Assembly rose at 11.40pm