

COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at 2.40P.M

(The Speaker)

Hon. (Mr. Edin Dida Wario) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon: Edin Wario): Honorable members, the first communication from the Chair is that, we have received the Budget, but we have not formed our committees. I will not commit it yet, but will give direction once the Committee is formed for the budget process to start.

MOTION

Hon: Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

That, pursuant to Standing Order 232, exemption of the business from this Standing Order, this House resolves to exempt the business appearing as order number No.8 and No.9 from the provision of Standing Order No. 44, notices of motion in order to allow the approval of the House Business, the Selection, Vetting and Appointment Committee members to serve in the aforesaid committees.

Now Honorable members, that is a procedural motion and a procedural motion means a motion which is shortened, that does not allow notices of motion. So if you give a notice of motion to order No.8 and 9, then it will take us up to next week. We are only approving the House Business, Vetting, Appointment, and selection Committee.

So for us to do this, without giving a notice of motion, we normally pass a procedural motion. Thank you, Honourable members.

{Question put and agreed to}

Hon: Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): That, pursuant to Standing Orders 152, the County Assembly approves the following members of the County Assembly nominated to serve in the County Assembly House Business Committee, the Speaker of the County Assembly shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the County Assembly Majority Leader, the County Assembly Minority Leader, the County Assembly Majority Whip and the County Assembly Minority Whip. The other members of the Committee are;

Dida Omar Hapicha, Adano Boru, Adhi Bino, Jacob Elisha, Daniela Lenatiama, Amos Wako, Miriam Chawle, Lucy Kargiya, Huka Galgalo Mamo, Christopher Ogom, Kiya Jillo, Josephine Leado, SibaHaila Michael, John Boru.

Honorable members, last time we gave a notice of motion on House Business Committee. It is now the duty of this House to approve the Committee, today. Thank you.

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{Motion seconded by Hon. Halkano Konso}

{The Speaker proposes the Motion}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable members, we can now proceed for debate.

Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 152, we selected the House Business Committee. No business will start in the House without House Business Committee. Yesterday, we have given a notice of motion on the same and today we call upon the Honorable members to approve the names.

When you look at the membership of the House Business Committee, all parties were given their rightful share according to the law and the Standing Order. The membership is correct and I think during our `Kamukunji,` we had only one issue which we have sorted-out this morning. So I urge the honorable House to approve this Committee. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable Christopher Ogom?

Hon. Christopher Ogom: Mine is just a point of clarification. In a situation where a member feels to change membership within the party, after adoption, what is the procedure? Is it allowed for a member to change the membership within their own party?

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): The Majority Leader?

Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House Business Committee will only conduct the Business of the House this session. In the next session, if a member would like to change this, and since during every session, we begin with the House Business Committee, parties will still sit and appoint members to the Committee. So the Committee will change next time when a new session starts.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable Amos?

Hon. Amos Wako: A question and may be a clarification. Is there difference between a communication and a ruling? As I can see here, there is a Leader of Majority and a Leader of Minority. The Speaker communicated about a letter from a party. So what is the difference between a communication and a ruling? That is one. If the Speaker ruled according to the party, please provide us with a written copy of the ruling. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable Daniela?

Hon. Daniela Lenatiama: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The member is jumping the gun because the next motion will clarify that. So let us continue. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable members, on the question put across by honorable Amos, the letter that I read yesterday was from a Political Party and in case a member has a different letter from the one that I read, he or she is free to bring it over so that I communicate. As per now, if there is no any other communication, my yesterday's communication stands as it is.

{The Speaker puts the question on approval of the House Business Committee}

{Question put and agreed to}

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Next order?

Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That pursuant to Standing Order 153, the County Assembly approves the following members of County Assembly nominated to serve in the County Assembly Committee on selection consisting of Leader of Majority Party who shall be the Chairperson and the Leader of Minority Party and not less than eleven and not more than thirteen members as listed below;

Bernard Leakono- Leader of Majority- (UPIA).

Halkano Konso- Leader of Minority- (UDA).

Buke Diba- Member- (UPIA).

Darare Goche Member- (UPIA).

Mohamed Isack- Member (UPIA).

Ebise wako- Member (UDA).

Miriam Chawle- Member (UDA).

One slot was reserved for UDA and the membership not given.

Hisidin Ali Abdullah- Member (JUBILEE).

Diramu Hussein- Member (JUBILEE). .

Hindia Salat Mohammed- Member (UDM).

Halkano Sora Rare- Member (UDM).

Edin Adhi- Member- (KANU).

{Motion seconded by Hon. Halkano Konso}

{The Speaker proposes the question}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable members, we can debate the matter. The honorable Majority Leader.

Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That, pursuant to Standing Order 153, the County Assembly establishes the Committee on Selection. This is the Committee that sits down to look at other Committees, apart from the Committee on Vetting, Appointments and House Business Committee.

So all the other cluster committees will be considered by the selection Committee where they will be balanced in terms of gender, where there will be corrections, where there is a member with any complain, I think that is the purpose of Selection Committee. So these are the members of the Selection Committee as given out by the parties.

I went ahead and looked at the membership of the Committee and the only place where a member is missing is number eight. I thank the UDA Party for reserving a place for any other member who will come after the matter

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that is in court. So I urge the Honorable House that if there is no any objection or complain, we approve and pass this committee. Thank you.

{The Speaker puts the question on approval of the Select Committee}

{Question put and agreed to}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Next Order?

Hon: Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you, honorable Speaker, that pursuant to the Standing Order 185, the County Assembly approves the following members of County Assembly nominated to serve in the County assembly Committee on Vetting and Appointments consisting of the Speaker as the Chairperson, the Leader of Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, the Deputy Speaker and not more than seven other members as listed below;

Edin Wario- The Speaker.

Dida Omar Apicha- The Deputy Speaker (UDA).

Bernard Leakono- Majority Leader (UPIA).

Halkano Konso- Minority Leader (UDA).

Joseph Leruk-(UPIA).

Darare Goche- (UPIA).

Ebise Wako- (UDA).

Daniel Emojo - (UDA).

Burcha Daniel (JUBILEE).

James Korie -(UDM).

Josephine Leado- (KANU).

Honourable members, these are members of the Vetting and Appointments Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

{Motion seconded by Hon. Halkano Konso}

{The Speaker proposes the Motion}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable members, we can debate the motion. Honorable Tamasot.

Hon: Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What I just wanted to tell the honorable members is that this is one of the crucial committees for a short period. The members of this Committee will be dealing with appointments done by his Excellency the Governor. They will vet these members and bring their report to the plenary.

In this case, I just beg the Honorable members who are listed as members of this Committee to do their work without any favor or any bad intention. Just do your vetting regardless of who the person may be. If a candidate is

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not qualified to the position that he is appointed to, then just say he or she is not qualified whether she is from your community or any other.

If we just close our eyes and maybe I am in this committee and the person who is not qualified is a Rendille and that I close my eyes, and then we later complain by saying this guy is not capable, this guy is not qualified and so on. Please, let us stay objective. That is my advice. Thank you.

Hon: Halkano Konso (Minority Leader): Mr. Speaker, I stand to provide some small input on what the honorable member has said by giving an example. My brothers and sisters, who are new to the House, need to do a lot of benchmarking. I am hundred percent sure about that....

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order, Honorable Halkano; please make sure that you rightly use the microphone for the purpose of recording.

Hon. Halkano Konso (Minority Leader): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 2019, during the Second County Assembly, the positions for the County Service Board were advertised. They were interviewed by a panel appointed by His Excellency the Governor of the time. They were shortlisted and the names of the nominees arrived at this House.

By then, I being the blue eyed boy of the Governor, a member by the name, Adan Mohammed Suleiman, who had applied for the position of the Chair, was listed as a member of the County Public Service Board. He was the most senior and most experienced. The Governor was in Netherlands at that time. Nine members who were in that House are present here today. I kept on receiving calls from His Excellency the Governor all the way from Netherlands, but whatever, we were asked to do was illegal and unconstitutional.

Regardless of greater support I had for the Government and my beloved brother who is still the Governor of Marsabit, I stood my ground, protected the image of the County Assembly of Marsabit. I stand to be corrected on this floor, Mr. Speaker.

I protected the Assembly when the candidate who applied as a Chair was brought in as a member. We would have put ourselves into a big problem Mr. Speaker. Immediately, we finished the recruitment, all the members were summoned by EACC and we recorded statements for over twelve hours. When the investigations were done, the Vetting Committee was found not culpable. We were clean and had protected the image of Marsabit County Assembly. We have protected the integrity, dignity and independence of the committee that vetted the County Public Service Board Members.

I want to call upon the members of the Third County Assembly to look at their integrity, dignity and independence the way we did or I did. Immediately, those members were forwarded to this House regardless of the love that I had for that Government, Mr. Speaker. Having said this, the intention of those who are elected and nominated to this House is to give best service delivery. To me these are the demands and expectations of the people of Marsabit County.

I am not in doubt about the capacity and capability of the members. The only request is that let no one confuse you, compromise you based on what you are given. We have to keep our integrity, independence and dignity as honorable members. I would still appeal to them to be honorable. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

{Applause}

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{The Speaker puts the question on approval of the Vetting and Appointments Committee}

{Question put and agreed to}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Next order?

Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Honorable Speaker, I rise to move a procedural motion on limitation of debate on the motion on of the Governor`s address. That pursuant to Standing Order 20, the County Assembly resolves to limit the debate on the address of the governor to a maximum of three sittings and not more than five minutes for each member excluding the mover of the motion and respondent who shall be limited to ten minutes in either case.

{Motion seconded by Hon. Halkano Konso}

Bernard Leakono (Majority leader): Thank you, honorable speaker

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of standing order 20 (5) , the thanks of the county assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor during the opening of the 3rd county Assembly delivered on Tuesday 04th October 2022.

Hon. Speaker we had a procedural motion on the same and yesterday we discussed about Governors speech. There was also a request from the members, I don't know whether there is any communications to sub- divide the session. Thank you.

{The Speaker puts the question}

{Question put and agreed to}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable members yesterday we requested that we cannot discuss the full report in one sitting. Some members had requested that we subdivide the 10 or 12 points from the Governor. We have divided as today being the second sitting. I am requesting the house as per the speech of the governor, we shall discuss and debate.

No. 1: The mitigating effects of the drought

No. 2: Climate change

No. 3: Health care services

No.4: Education

The rest of the agendas shall be debated on the 3rd and 4th sitting. Honorable members, we can proceed with our debate.

Order Honorable members, before I forget as per yesterday`s ruling,, we adjourned the motion as one member on the floor of the house ----- I think we can proceed from there. Honourable Tura from North-Horr, you can start.

Hon: Tura Ruru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected the speaker. I also wish to congratulate all members who were elected and also nominated for their well deserved positions to serve this County Government of Marsabit.

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The Governor's speech is good. Obviously, an attempt to capture everything 100% might not be that easy. Generally the speech was good and if I dwell on what he spoke of mitigating effects of drought, is the first things that need to be catered for by this county Assembly. It is a problem that is really bedeviling this county as animals and human life has been critically threatened and I think it is proper that this house takes up the matter and ensure our people about the safety of their animals inasmuch as we are able to do.

Secondly I want to comment on climate change. Mr. Speaker, climate change is real. Previously, we simply talk about it, but now we directly experience the effect of climate change. When it rains you can see a lot of floods and destruction. Why we didn't get rain for this season is due to critical effect of climate change and we have to talk every day about it so as to save our county and the world. This county is the hardest hit county in terms of climate change following prolonged drought and we are now in the list of those counties that remain to suffer. And therefore it is good that this house takes up the matter and tries to mitigate the effect of climate change amidst us.

He also mentioned about the irrigation where we don't wait for rain-fed agriculture and subsequently it is important to improvise ways and means of becoming food secure. I think the only way this can be achieved is for members to support such plans for our people to be saved from hunger. Mr. speaker, in his speech the Governor mention some areas for irrigation, but forgot to mention Bura irrigation in North-Horr ward where people have earlier injected money and even now needs more of the same. Additionally, I also appeal to this house that in the list of areas mentioned, Bura irrigation be given consideration during budgeting.

On health issues its true a lot has been done in terms of health, though challenges were there. I think the issues of people talking about KEMSA monopoly is widespread and it's a true thing since the council of governors have taken the matter to court and they have been even granted a leeway to purchase the drugs. I think those challenges are there and with governor to saving our situation for lack of Ambulance. And I think, it's high time for this house to look into getting the county new ambulances. The Ambulances I was previously talking about are old enough to be grounded. It is an issue this Assembly needs to talk about and even finance it as requested by the Governor.

On the issue of education when I was in the second county Assembly a lot has been done in education. I can proudly say in North-Horr ward from 9 ECD'S, we have 23 ECD'S. These are nomads moving up and down and many-----have been built and teachers employed. I think, if we continue doing that, then we will save this county, and in so doing this county Government will achieve more in terms of education.

Scholarship-----there is a great improvement done here, where so many poor people who couldn't have made to school reportedly benefitted. I think that is also an idea we need to look at and sustain it. And on the side of the teachers, so many teachers are also employed through either formal or internship employment. And immediately honorable members decide to put ward money for employing teachers, know the whole world will embrace it-----I think to support this idea.

Hon: John: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir; first i congratulate you to be the speaker of third county assembly of Marsabit. And i also further thank people of sololo ward for electing me to represent them as their mca. i want to talk about the drought. The drought is real, our people are really suffering, animals are dying in large numbers and the mitigation measures should be put in place whether in short or long term. in future we should think of drilling boreholes with a long term plan, expansion of earth pans and its sustainability and also water-trucking (water bowsers) are very critical, because like now i am undergoing hectic time where in some areas they are actually

dying of water and we are appealing to the relevant department and various stakeholders to assist us with water bowsers. therefore we need to have one at least for each ward. we have 20 wards in our county.

On Health sectors many of my colleagues can attest to this, that we have run out of drugs for so long periods of time, because of KEMSA enjoying monopoly, but as His Excellency the Governor has told us in his speech; the monopoly issue of KEMSA has been quashed by high court and actually we have to seriously purchase drugs to effectively deal with an opportunistic diseases which is cropping up as a result of people having no enough food or nutrients in their body.

Secondly, on the side of Education, I want to comment the way the needy students are being selected. I have seen or heard complain from various needy students that they were selected on the basis of who supported who during campaign periods of particularly MCAs. So, even the committee on the ground must be impartial, and must not select the bright students on the basis of who supported them, or otherwise their relatives or families for that matter. It's clearly indicated, brilliant needy students must not be your family, or your relatives in this case.

I also like to talk about peace, although it is not in this agenda. It is something which is seriously emerging. Martin Luther King said in his speech said I am increasingly compelling war about as the enemy of the poor when he condemned Vietnam War. Therefore, as honorable members let us see war as the enemy of humanity. War will take us 20 years backward, I think you can concur with me that we have children to compete with the rest of Kenyans. We have our siblings, brothers and sisters who are competing with the rest of Kenyans and if they are not actually enjoying peace they will suffer in future and their future will be rolled back 20 years downward the line, therefore they should let us actually condemn.

Hon: Speaker. Point of order

Hon: Majority Leader: Mr. speaker, I just want to give information from the honorable member over what he said during the selection of needy students that the scholarship and bursaries funds which the members are involved is baseless, especially MCAs selecting students who their parents supported them, This is because I am sure students don't vote although some in universities vote-----in that committee we passed a law where MCA is not a member of the committee.

We have 3- committee members totaling between 3 – 5 persons to do that work and together with their own chair may report to department of education not to the Assembly. I don't know where the member got the information! Or was it just an hearsay; because I cannot allow MCAs` to be blamed and where does the member of the committee come in to give bursaries to students whom their parents supported certain politicians and he/she is not a member of the committee, and I just want to treat that information as a hearsay and I ask honorable members not to bring such information to the house because it is just an hearsay, Thank you.

Hon: John: It's not the MCAs, who select the students, but they actually select their own committees at village level and they work with them and actually I will frankly say they were biased.

Hon: Tura. Point of order: the creation of the ward members is done by the department of education and not by MCA's. I think possibly we should blame the Executives than blaming the MCA'S. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon: Ogom: Mine is just an acknowledgement. I think based on this discussion; there is need for us to travelling Mombasa for an induction course.

(Laughter)

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Hon: Emoji: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir; I need to support my fellow honorable member Tura and Leakono. Before I came to this house, I was an active member of the scholarship ward committee and there was no political interference in the selection of needy children. So, there were no political interferences in the ward since we even coordinated with other committees in other various wards. as a matter of fact the needy students were selected without interference and without biasness. I think the Marsabit county scholarship is one of the best. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon: Rare: Thank you, Mr. Speaker concerning drought mitigation, I think the first thing is to save the life of our people which calls for an immediate passing of the budget as a priority. The second option is looking for the private partners, non-state and other governmental organizations. The other things I wish talk are about climate change and governor's speech where he particularly mentions about the irrigation.

We have a fertile soil, but most of the time when it rains we cry over flash- floods. And immediately following two months we again cry for water shortages. So it is very important to harvest the run-off water which when damage comes to us, we cry and when it disappears, we again cry for the same. Now, it is very important to harvest the rain water or the surface water for the purpose of irrigation and for both human and livestock population as have been mentioned in his speech by the Governor.

In addition we can have as many boreholes as possible, but most of the time drilling boreholes costs between KHS 6-7 million, and with no availability of underground water, we get no benefit. So it's very important to harvest the rain water. Then about education, I congratulate this honorable house for passing scholarship policy, it has really helped our people. Therefore, we proceed with that spirit. Thank you, honorable members.

Over the same, we have several ECD teachers who are human being like us and from what I have experienced they are under paid. I don't know their job group, but they are seriously under paid. Some of them even work from far places of their homeland. What they receive as salaries is not enough, even to assist their livelihood, let alone about their dependant. So, their job group should be scaled-up. Secondly, all of them are under contract and they don't know their fate and they should be confirmed as a Permanent and Pensionable personnel.

(Applause)

Finally, the other one is about health. We have several health facilities in the county which most of them remain non-operational. We may have in health centre and in dispensaries like for example the Obbu ward; I have health centre in Damballa Fachana where there is laboratory constructed 5 years ago and up to now it is not operational. There is a ward constructed 3 years ago and up to now it is not operational. Then why are we wasting all that amount of money in projects which does not serve our people.

Then, all the health centers should operate and equipped with drugs prevalent all the time. Then yesterday Hon. Tamasot mention about Sololo level 4 Hospital and that hospital is complete and the only thing that remained is for it to be equipped and subsequently delivered drugs. So, let us make a follow up of even all other flagship projects in which we ensure they are complete and equipped in readiness to serve the desire of our people. Thank you.

Hon: Daniella: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I want to thank my brother mwaheshimiwa **ogom** for telling members that induction is a priority. Thank you.

(Laughter)

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Going to the Business of drought mitigation mwaheshimiwa rare, my former vice chair, when coming to this Government----- I want to --- since you like the passing of budget can it then be cash transfer not food for the people. Thank you.

Hon: Hadija: First of all I want to thank God. Secondly I want to congratulate all those who are elected and nominated to serve in this house. If I may go by the speech of the Governor -----

Hon: Speaker: Honourable member, once point of order is raised, you take your seat

Hon: Tura Ruru: I think my sister just walked out, because she has not been inducted. I suppose induction is a must-----

Hon: Speaker: Point taken, Darare continue.

Hon: Darare: I think you are right, Hon. Tura. We need to go for an induction course and in relation to the Governor's speech, I want to say what was read was fairly good, but I want to bring to your attention that on many occasion, we speak of doing different projects which will be carried out in different wards, but I have realized that there are gaps following critical imbalance especially in relation to how resource allocations are made in view of my observation.

Going back to the drought I think we are all experiencing even at our own personal level leave alone at community level even at our own personal level. the effect is quite much and if it is not food aid which were given out by civil set organization I don't know what would be saying or what will happen today so the food aid, water tracking, animal feeds has been of course distributed both by civil set organization and even NDMA we have just realized yesterday so that is a big clamp for civil set organization but much still need to be done we don't need to just sit back and watch.

The request have already been made, of course a budget was presented and we say we need to give our support so that the intervention reaches the community members the earliest possible time so we don't need to take a lot of time.

Secondly in relation to the Health about the Ambulance..... about the drug but there is something which I feel is missing many time when a project in relation to health is being like construction of let say hospitals at my personal level i have already realized that if a maternity wing is being put up all is not done to make sure that everything is available in that particular maternity this I was in kargi dispensary in Maikona the women are delivering in a room without a light. the nurses are using **mulika mwizi** so let's not just talk of infrastructure or putting up an structure it should be complete it should be agenda responsive kind of budgeting how are we responding to different gender. About Agriculture and fisheries we very well know that 80% of our economy

Hon: Speaker: I think we had categorized the question for today; we are discussing or debating mainly on mitigation, climate change, health services and education and for agriculture it will be the 3rd sitting

Hon: Darare: Thank you, you know when I talk of agriculture it is farming, and when I talk of livestock you know there is no enough pasture and water for them and this is as a result of climate change that brought droughts. It is in this regard why I brought aforesaid issues forward as most of our communities depend on livestock and livestock products, which, if missing in us may lead into bad consequences ,as it happen at the grass-root.

So, if its real then there are few things that need to be done, if it is climate change we need to talk about mitigation, adaptation, financing and technological transfer and if you are talking of irrigation, just irrigation and you want to mitigate climate change that is not enough. I think we need to do more about this as the house come up with so many proposals which come from the community not from ourselves, so that the community whom we are serving would be much better because climate change is real it is nothing to joke about . Thank you so much.

Hon: Ebise: First of all, I want to congratulate you for being elected as the speaker and all the members especially the elected members. Mine is on health and I would like to quote the speech of the Governor. I am also new member and if I made a mistake, I stand to be corrected. It says about health that when we took over in 2017, out of the total deliveries in Marsabit, only 37 were constructed as health facilities between 2018 and 2022. We constructed 8- new maternity unit across this county bringing it to 75% deliveries in the health facilities, while this could be true, there is a bigger problem at hand when it comes to maternity services of the County.

We have so many maternal death at our health facilities, particularly due to lack of blood bank even at referral Hospitals that is not affecting only maternal health, but also affecting all the other patients brought at the facility- which is something that I feel as a burden on me, because I am health practitioner. We as Marsabit, we are at 3 times the maternal ratio death of mothers is 3 times the one of the county.

So we are backsliding in such a big way and so this is not just statistic. I would like go to the research done by UNDP. There is a man who lost his wife due to post-mortem hemorrhage - that is losing blood after delivery and I am concerned also of his neighbor who just told us how bad the situation have been; and this was not also captured in the Governor's speech, and subsequently that tells maternal health in future is in jeopardy.

Therefore, we need to do more especially about the blood bank and good facilities that are actually functioning in serving our people to the best standards available in this country. we don't have to have worries, I know of expectant mothers who on delivery of their babies become worried, instead of being happy and a moment of good news to others in the county following critical absence of appropriate health facilities and consequently, God forbid, if you are to bleed to death your kids are going to left motherless so let us take this matter very seriously not only for mothers but also all the patients that might be needing blood. Our referral hospital the biggest facility we have doesn't have a functioning blood bank. Thank you

Hon: Elisha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would like to thank Almighty God for giving me this opportunity and to say congratulation to my good friend the speaker and the honorable members. Mine is to just go to the issue of mitigation. I think the best thing we can do is to pass the budget and follow the right procedure and as Hon: Daniella suggested, we go for induction because some Honorable members are new.

The issue of health in reference to Marsabit county referral hospital which I normally make visit every day of the week has about 106 rural facilities in its environs. However, According to the Governor's speech it is a bit dangerous for him to withdraw from KEMSA, because it surprises what type of another supplier will be there to provide 106 rural facilities of Marsabit County.

And on the issue of pending bills Mr. Speaker, I think the workers of Marsabit county referral Hospital deserve congratulations for their tolerance of working in pathetic situation, and I urge Honorable members to kindly visit the same. Those workers have done a lot of works. I lost my grandmother about a month in the same Hospital and what I found challenging was not the nature of the facility, but no essential medical services, and in fact the staffs I felt sympathetic and subsequently I met a lady whom I never met for 14years, not promoted to date. So the staffs are frustrated in that hospital.

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The challenge is not about the construction of those buildings in respect to my visits in laisamis, and Maikona. The problems of health facilities in Marsabit involves an inadequate technical staffs, delays in salaries, and promotions especially the hospital casual workers operating under high risks and therefore, there is need to come in their Aid.

Mr. Speaker, if you listen to what the Governor had said about the medical training college and sololo level 4 hospitals, I think there is a problem between the Executives, Mr. Speaker I live in Marsabit used to walk and see what is happening with the medical training college. Most of the members, I know travel to isiolo, kindly visit the isiolo medical training college Ni nyumba kidogo tunaimeanzaku function. I would like to please request the honorable members, if there is any challenge and I suppose no pending bill has been paid yet to date.

Hon: Speaker: point of order

Hon: Elisha: lastly Mr. Speaker the following is what is missing in the Governor's speech among them include pending bills issue. You know before I came to this house, I was working for the private sector; I know the challenges facing the business communities, I know of about 100 Business communities who are not in business today. And in addition other issues of concern include vocational training for youths and county enterprise fund which the Governor has neglected and therefore needed us to discuss. The last time we came across the county enterprise fund was in November, 2016, during the tenure of the former Governor. It is really unfortunate to missing it it is not there and we need to request if there are any provision as we wait in for the budget those few which were left by the governor i think we need to discuss. Thank you

Hon: Deputy Speaker: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir first of all I thank my almighty God. First I want to comment on mitigating effect of drought by saying this; this is a serious issue affecting our people and the animals for that matter.

We have to make a very quick response to this in relation to that one is by passing the budget. Number 2 we have to appeal to even the national Government I know the other day His Excellency the president of the republic of Kenya gave out some food to the affected counties. And still this is not enough, and we further appeal even to the National Government, local stakeholders and other humanitarians groups to intervene and assist our people at this time of need. Therefore as we do what is required of us; let us put into consideration about water- trucking, relief foods and animal feeds for respectively human beings and livestock population of the region.

When I come to the climate change this is also another serious matter which need a long term solution for that case so for one reason or the other in many areas we have to dig several dams which will be use for irrigation purposes and also as the honorable members in the house we have to think critically

Hon. Josephine: thank you Mr. Speaker I want to take this opportunity to thank you to congratulate you for being elected as the county assembly speaker and the members elected and nominated congratulations. Now Mr. Speaker I observe something about education from governors ECD and I know it is an issue that has been taken over by the County Government.

There was an argument before on whether it was TSC or the County Government and the County Government wanted to employ ECD teachers. From that address, there are two hundred regular ECD teachers and then there are three hundred and sixty interns. The regular are less than the interns. So when it comes to a matter of debate or voting, the interns will have it and the regular ECD teachers will lose. This is a red light.

Regular teachers should be more than the interns. The interns may not be there all the times because they are not employed. This is something we have to know...

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{Applause}

Another observation is that we have fifteen ECD educators. There are twenty wards in this County which means, there are MCAs here who don't have even one single ECD Educator. An ECD Educator has a lot on educating communities on importance of early childhood development, educating teachers, board of schools about the importance of ECD....

Something else that I have not seen in that address, even though I know ECD is a mandate of the County, it has not touched on primary, secondary schools and the colleges that we have and whether we have enough materials, enough teaching staff and enough educators. I was hoping that when the Governors address touched on education, we would have broad information on the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honorable, Emojo?

Hon Daniel Musa Emojo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also congratulate you on your election as the Speaker of the County Assembly of Marsabit. I also take this opportunity to thank all the elected and nominated members of this House. I also personally take this opportunity to thank the electorate of Loiyangalani Ward for electing me to this House.

Concerning the Governors speech, being a teacher I will start with education. The County Government in regard to ECDS needs to do more. There are teachers but their terms of service are not clear. Most of them do not get their salaries despite working in hardship areas. There are issues of salaries also being paid late.

I congratulate Marsabit County for establishing County Scholarship Fund. But we still need to look at it. There are very many needy and bright students who are left out. The Assembly needs to come out with an additional scheme so as to help these needy cases.

{Applause}

About our learning institutions and this is in reference to Loiyangalani Ward, ECD learners are sitting on the floor. They don't have desks. Learning materials are not available in places like **Moite, Dakaiye, Elmollo, Sarima, and Naweiturong**... There is need for that.

We have constructed many health facilities, but we need working health professionals. This K.M.T.C that has been proposed will help us because some personnel who are brought here to work at our places cannot withstand the hardship that we experience. There was a case in Moite Dispensary where the nurse was from Isiolo and he left. Since 2014, the facility is not working because it is lacking health practitioners. This is unlike if we take one of our own from Marsabit...

{The bell rings}

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable member, your time is up.

Hon. Amos?

Hon. Amos Wako: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me take this ample moment to congratulate all the elected and specially elected members including you, Mr. Speaker.

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Now on matters health, we have preventive and curative services. On preventive side, that is drug dispensation, treatment, provision of blood, we are not badly off. When it comes to public health, we have less action. We focus much on curative rather than preventive measures which need to take centre stage. The moment we take stern measures on prevention, we would have reduced the backlog on curative.

On education, we need to focus on payment of our interns. There is a lot of delay when it comes to paying interns. These people help a lot in our ECDs and in our health facilities and therefore we need to know why there is delay in their payments.

On matters of drought, the Governor mentioned of areas where we need to practice irrigation. I ask the Governor or this honorable House that we need to include areas that have adequate and plenty of water. We have Dokatu, Jaldesa and Qupi Qalo as examples. I would like these areas to be irrigated so that we will be able to produce food.

On animal feeds, remember we are importing a lot when we have local producers in Moyale. The honorable Deputy Speaker, we have one in your Ward. The people are from Sessi. In the year 2019, I was working for ADESO. We funded these people and they produced local animal feeds. Donkey, Chicken, Cow feeds... So if we strengthen these people, they will be able to produce more of local feeds.

{The bell rings}

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable Wako, next time!

Hon. Amos Wako: Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Thank you. Honourable Daniela?

Hon. Daniella Lenatiama: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am rising to move an adjournment motion because of time issues. It is late and we are having a Kamukunji. I therefore request for an adjournment until 18/10/2022, so that we also go for induction. Thank you.

{Motion seconded}

Hon. Tura Ruru Elema: While I support the adjournment, I would also like to move a procedural motion to discuss on the fate of our induction in this House as opposed to a Kamukunji.

{Applause}

That is, whether we are going for an induction or not. I think it is important and we need to discuss this.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable members, we have a motion of adjournment and induction. The motion was not on the Order Paper but honorable Daniela has raised it and that I will later lay it for more debate, so that we have the way forward. Honourable Hadija!

Hon. Hadija Kontoma: Mr. Speaker the discussion on the Governor's Speech for today is enough. You know there is insecurity in Marsabit. We need to discuss more on our induction and whether we are going to Mombasa or not. I think we have to proceed for induction...

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable members, I am sorry for the mix-up. I have skipped a paragraph. I now propose that this motion for adjournment and induction be debated.

Hon. Daud Tamasot Arakhole: The honorable members have deliberated on the Governor's speech and mostly on drought mitigation, climate change, health, water and we will still continue in the next sitting.

On the adjournment motion, it is very critical that since 93% of our members are new and that when we are discussing such matters, members would have been already inducted and they know when and how to debate. When debating, ten members can be on their feet, but it is the Speaker to decide who will be on the floor.

Again, even when we are going to discuss about this budget, there are terminologies Mr. Speaker and the Committee selected to undertake the process will not be educating the members on each and every terminology that is to be used in this House. They will not have that time. So, let us allow the members to go so that they can learn about such terminologies in order that whenever they come across it, they know what they are talking about.

{Applause}

Mr. Speaker again we know that the drought is real and our people need food. Our livestock also need supplements, if need be and if we have enough money to do this. We cannot go into a problem without knowing a thing or two about it. Reversing this will be difficult. Let us go for induction. A week is a few days. We will come back and handle other issues. Mr. Speaker, I beg the members and mostly those who were in the Second Assembly that whatever has happened has happened. Instead of blaming this, let us correct it from a common turning-point.

That is my request. Let us not blame them. Whatever has happened cannot be reversed. Let us correct the mess from where we are. Did I say this yesterday or the day before yesterday? You have that mandate and you can avoid that mess. But if the members will also join hands and encourage the same, what will happen? It will continue. Those young kids, we are talking, about for sure, if we allocate money....

You know those young children have no voices. Who are the voices of those kids? It is we. If we fail to voice so that they cannot get their rightful share, they will just suffer. Their parents even don't know that there is that budget. Who knows the budget? It is me and you, because we are the ones who give out that money.

For those few remarks, we shall learn more and talk more. Let each of us look for a shoe that we can wear, because we have no shoes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the motion.

{Applause}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Honourable Edin!

Hon. Edin Wario: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would wish to contribute to the Governor's debate and the motion of adjournment...

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order honorable member!

We are only debating the adjournment motion.

Hon. Edin: OK. I am just from the prayers. I am not aware. Equally, I can still talk about that. It is fair enough to get orientated and inducted to new undertakings, and then we will be good enough to debate. I have no objection with that.

Before I went for prayers, I wanted to contribute to the Governor's speech. Unfortunately.... May be if I can touch just a bit, if I can be allowed...

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order! Order! Order! Just finish

Hon. Edin: I have contributed to the induction because it affects me and each one of us. Now to be brief on the speech...

{The Speaker interjects}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order!

{The bell rings}

Honourable Tura?

Hon. Tura Ruru Elema: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the issue on induction is very crucial. As we were debating in this House, several things have happened. The honorable member just walked from her seat and came to the floor to debate. That is not the way to do. We have to respect the mace and bow down before coming over to debate. Others are mixing different languages while debating and this is also not allowed. Many things have happened. Others just walked in and sat like my brother honorable Jack Elisha. I think with induction, all this will be taken care of.

Again we are getting into Committees and you don't know what will happen. Even choosing a Committee is becoming another problem. I think we need an induction. What was challenging us a bit was how to respond to the drought situation as we go to Mombasa. People are suffering. I repeat again that this honorable House has an obligation and possibly since budgeting process will take long time which is a month or more and I think under your guidance and the leadership of this House, we need to sit down and see how best our people can be assisted .

I already contributed to what needs to be done and if we look in that direction then we will give out something to our people as we go out to learn about the procedures of the House in order to lead our people well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order honorable Tura! In that case you mean are, we going for the induction or for the budget process? Which is which? We put the budget process, after the induction or the induction after the budget process?

Hon. Tura Ruru Elema: Mr. Speaker, I need to repeat this again. I have made my contribution on the floor of this House. We can actually undertake both activities. What I was saying is that, this honorable House with its good will can still respond to the drought by consulting the Executive. We can still do some mitigation. That is what I suggest. But we have to go for the induction. This is an obvious thing and if the budget is presented, nothing will stop us from giving it an attention. We will sit and digest what have been brought before this House.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Thank you. The Majority Leader?

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Hon. Bernard Leakono (Majority Leader): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the motion of adjournment and the induction. Honourable members, this is a critical time and we need to think hard and critical. We need to save our drought-strick people and also know the ways of saving these people. One way of knowing how to save these people or our electorate is by us having an induction.

When we go for the induction, the House will be adjourned, just for it to resume next Tuesday in the afternoon. We shall respectively have two sessions on Wednesday and Thursday during afternoon hrs. When we combine this, there will only be two days missing, because we are not going to be around on Monday and Thursday. This will be for us to learn properly and come back energized to serve the people of Marsabit. I therefore support the adjournment motion and the induction. Thank you.

Hon. Amos Wako: Mr. Speaker, I have indeed seen that there is a gap when it comes to our conduct and the way we move motions in the House. So, I have indeed concluded that an induction is dire and that we need to go for an induction.

{Applause}

Now this is a request. I think Public Participation on the Budget was done. Is it possible that we can get copies of the report as we go for induction in readiness to analyze and save time?

I stand to be corrected, but I think there is Public Participation 2. So can we get that report so that we go with it, look at it, analyze and then we save the seven days that the Committee will conduct Public Participation. That is one.

Secondly, I think we need to get a copy of the Budget so that when I go for the induction, I analyze this. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): The honorable Deputy Speaker?

Hon. Apicha (Deputy Speaker): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say this. When we are looking at an issue, we have to look at it from both sides. The advantage and disadvantage... In that case, what is the advantage or disadvantage of going for an induction? One is that we are prolonging the time at the expense of our people's suffering. Two, our people will think that we enjoy ourselves, while they are dying.

When we look at the other side, the disadvantage of not going for an induction is that we only remain making procedural mistakes in the House. In this case, I want to inquire whether it is possible, if we cannot be in agreement, let those members who would want to go for an induction go, and I remain behind so that I go for the same next time.

{Laughter}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Order!

Honourable Tamasot, you are on your feet?

Hon:Daud Tamasot Arakhole: Honourable Speaker I have (inaudible) what I wanted to say.

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Okay. Honorable Rare!

Hon. Halkano Sora Rare: Thank you Mr. Speaker. My proposal is that we are surely going for an induction course. It is our right. The budget is something that affects human lives. So we have to move it first and go for an induction thereafter.

{The Speaker puts the question}

{Question put and agreed to}

The Speaker (Hon. Edin Wario): Next Order!

{Silence}

Honourable members, the house stands adjourned until Tuesday 18th October at 2:30PM.

{The House rose at 4:30PM}