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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Nyumu) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms, there is no quorum, ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell was rung)

Clerk, proceed, we have the quorum

STATEMENT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC LAND

Hon. Millicent Okatch: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 45 2 (c) I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Sectorial Committee on Planning and Housing regarding ownership status of Public Land.

Hon. Speaker, property LR. 209/24092 along Mombasa road is a public property that belongs to Kenya Airport Authority but currently developed and occupied by a private developer Manchester Outfitters. The above-developed property lies on the flying path of landing aircraft from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport thus posing a big threat to the company, its clients and members of the public and the aircraft,

Hon. Speaker, in 2001 Manchester Outfitters were advised by Kenya Airport Authority to bring down the fence but instead proceeded to erect a whole building.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into the report on:

1. Who approved the construction by Manchester Outfitters on riparian land,
2. Who registered owners of the properties in question; and
3. Measures put in place by the County Executives to address the matter. Thank you.

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chair Planning!

Hon. Joseph Wambugu: Hon. Speaker, on behalf of Chairperson Planning we would like to request for at least two weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Okatch two week is that okay.

Hon. Millicent Okatch: That is fine.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

A SITTING ON TUESDAY, 30TH APRIL 2019 AT 10.30 A.M.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Majority Leader.

Hon. Elias Otieno: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I want to move the provision that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31 (3) (b), this Assembly resolves to sit on Tuesday, 30th April 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

Hon. Speaker, because of the supplementary budget, which is supposed to be discussed on that day that is the reason we are requesting for this special sitting. Therefore, I am calling upon Members to accept and support this special meeting because it is going to help this County. I will call upon bulldozer to come and second this motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Otieno, who is the bulldozer please can you elaborate further since we do not have a bulldozer in this House.

Hon. Elias Otieno: Hon. Speaker always when I am walking around my Ward he is always walking with point range in my ward so that is the reason. There is a time I thought it was a gun and I discovered it is a point range.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I am sure the bulldozer must have a name what is the name.

Hon. Elias Otieno: Mr. Kiriba

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kiriba proceeds!

(Laughter)

Hon. James Kiriba: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I would want my Hon. Member to elaborate what a bulldozer and point range signify in this House, to relate and appreciate the same before I support the motion.

As I rise to second the motion, it is important for the House to enable the Government to run its business as we prepare for the main budget that is due in the next month or so. I stand to second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I rise to support the motion. Nairobi County cannot transact any business without funds. Therefore, I see it is good to discuss issues concerning supplementary budget so that the County can be able to proceed to do the business of developing Nairobi and our wards. Therefore, Hon. Speaker, I beg to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Is there any other Member who wants to contribute. Hon. Mbugua Kabiro!

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: I would want to support this motion noting that next Wednesday is a Holiday; I think it is prudent enough that we sit on that Tuesday in the morning. Sitting on Tuesday is rare for this Assembly but I think it is a good thing that Members will be forced to wake up very early on that day so that

they can be able to come to the Assembly and then we transact matters of importance. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Warutere do you have anything to say, in support or not in support?

Hon. Peter Warutere: Hon. Speaker thank for catching my eye I think I have done it accidentally, though I rise to support the motion. I agree that it is key we dispense off with urgent matters before us and before the holiday on Wednesday. I rise to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The mover, Hon. Otieno.

Hon. Elias Otieno: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and before I reply, I would like to inform you that we have some guest at the gallery.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I just wanted you to reply first

Hon. Elias Otieno: Hon. Speaker, it is a routine that before you start anything in the Assembly you should inform the Members who are the guests in the gallery.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Otieno please can you proceed!

Hon. Elias Otieno: Hon. Speaker, you want to be turf, but today you are not. Hon. Speaker I would like to thank Members for supporting this motion by accepting sitting on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. because we want to do away with this supplementary budget.

It is also important for you to notify the House that we have visitors here. We know that age is catching up with you therefore we have to inform you that something is wrong or good. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members let me take this opportunity and allow me to recognize the presence of our guests from Europe who are at the Speaker's gallery. The team from the UK have come under the courtesy of Chairman of Health Hon. Warutere.

I would like to recognize their names: We have Juan XI and Liu Zhang *(Applause)* on behalf of the House let me take this opportunity to welcome you and feel part of us and you are welcomed in Nairobi. Thank you very much. Karibuni.

(Applause)

MOTION

PROVISION OF FULLY EQUIPPED AMBULANCES IN WARDS

Hon. Daniel Ngengi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following motion that, aware that Article 43 Sub-Article (1) (a) and (2) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that every person has the right, to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services and that a person shall not be denied emergency medical treatment; further aware that Health Services including County Health facilities, promotion of primary health care and ambulance services have been devolved to the County Governments pursuant to paragraph 2 of Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution;

Concerned that emergency care still remains underdeveloped and underequipped both in public and private health facilities where victims and survivors of road accidents, terrorism, poisoning, fires, collapsed buildings, disease or epidemics are exposed to avoidable death;

Acknowledging that Ambulance services are the primary providers of a 24/7 response to medical and trauma-related emergencies; noting that lack of proper emergency services in Nairobi County contributes significantly as the cause of thousands of deaths every year, this Assembly urges the County Executive to provide at least one fully equipped ambulance with well-trained emergency medical care personnel in every Ward and establish medical emergency policy and charter in the County.

Hon Speaker following the dawn inferno that tore through the Grenfell Tower, a high-rise residential apartment in West London in 2017 leaving a dozen people dead the whole world witnessed with awe as members of the London Fire brigade combatted the defiant blaze with both a sense of duty and patriotism, having arrived at the scene in a record six minutes after the first emergency call.

Hon Speaker ambulances are used to respond to medical emergencies. Cases of road accidents, poisoning, collapsed buildings, disease and epidemics are some of the issues affecting residents of the county.

These unfortunate occurrences brutally put into the spotlight the level of preparedness of our very own county emergencies. Such emergencies services sometimes take hours to respond.

Hon Speaker ambulances are used to respond to medical emergencies with medical care. They can be very quick-lily moved to the point where they are needed. With the provision of at least one fully equipped ambulance with well-equipped emergency medical care personnel in every ward and establishment of medical emergencies and charter in the county will go a long way in reducing death cases due to such catastrophes?

Hon Speaker I call upon Hon Akama MCA to second the motion.

Hon. Jared Akama: Thank you Hon Speaker. First I rise to second the motion. The motion is self-explanatory. I will therefore not like to take much time. However, it is a fact that we do experience emergencies, especially in our various wards. The motion has come on time. We need these facilities and before we even talk of them the essence of devolution is to bring services closer to people. The essence of devolving health facilities and services is to save lives and therefore devolving is not about structures. It also entails bringing services closer to the people and therefore in the spirit of this motion, I want to believe it is high time that we have these facilities. I second the motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker thank you for giving me this chance. I rise to support this motion and say *Mheshimiwa* Ngengi is one of the few members from the CBD who have exhibited leadership, character and substance in your thoughts and minds, plus your seconder Hon. Akama whom I respect so much.

With humility, this is the best motion for the assembly. As I continue, I want to bring to your attention Standing Order 44(1) for your guidance, later on.

This motion is envisaged on what we have gone through. Health care in our county- as much as it has improved time and again- emergencies are unavoidable. These emergencies should have been taken to a higher level because health care is a devolved function and no one else will know the villages, the slums other than the leaders of respective wards.

I expected when this motion is being dispensed off before this assembly the chair of Health could be in presence so that we can convert this motion into a proper emergency Bill in this county. I look forward to a day that emergency in Nairobi is a priority. If you go to Kenyatta National hospital past midnight you really feel what it is to attend to an emergency. If you go to causality past midnight you will leave there a sick person because the rate at which ambulances are clogged to be released back to collect other emergencies is wanting. I urge the entire house as we pass this motion we task the relevant chairperson of the committee to give us a proper undertaking that going forward after the motion that possibly *Mheshimiwa* Ngengi can come up with a bill that handles an emergency in our county.

As president of Casa in the last Casa games, there is one lady Thumbi who is a member. In my life since we were sworn in, I never knew we have doctors here who are qualified to save lives. She can stand up to wave. (*Hon. Thumbi rose and waved to applause*). I did not know how to manage emergencies. On that day we had four causalities – one who broke the arm, another one the chin went inside. We had nothing to do until *Mheshimiwa* Thumbi came to hand and called for us ambulances.

We are not just looking at this motion to be another motion. It should be a law that is binding to every county assembly or governments, the current ones and others to come.

Mr. Speaker as I sit I want your interpretation on Standing Order 44 because there are pertinent issues we need to raise in this assembly. As you are aware we are going to recess in a few days to come. It is not business as normal. We will pass motions, bills, budgets and they go unattended to and not fulfilling aspirations of Nairobians. Under Standing Order 44 I am speaking about a personal concern that 85 elected members need bursaries. They need it before we go on recess. No amount of intimidation either from incompetent chairpersons or from people who think they speak on behalf of the government than the government itself. It cannot be business as usual. Our children are at home. They have no bursaries and schools are opening next week. We cannot adjourn the government for recess if the government side led by Majority Leader, leave alone chairperson of Education who is the most incompetent member. Failing to deliver to the peasant of Nairobi shows how ineptitude you are. You cannot have worth to speak to as the chairperson of any committee.

Chair, I also must accept that the membership of the Education Committee has done extremely well but they are let down by the leadership of the committee which has decided to sleep with the government. They want to become spokesmen and spokeswomen of the government. They want to know when the government slept when to wake up, when to do a catwalk and when to run.

(Applause)

As the Hon. Members of Nairobi, we want bursaries Mr. Speaker as a matter of urgency at 2.30 p.m. tomorrow we will be here and we will not entertain anything short of bursaries for our people. We budgeted for it, we came here for the supplementary budget, another supplementary budget is coming and we are going to budget for it. Tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Speaker, there is nothing we are going to discuss in this County Assembly other than the bursaries for our children in our Wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Noted.

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this very important motion. I rise to support for various reasons; First and foremost we all know that on daily basis there are a lot of emergencies in Nairobi County and we find that in most cases those people who are

affected by those emergencies cannot afford to pay for private ambulances. They depend on the county ones and you that they take like forever or they don't show up when they are needed.

If this is implemented, I think it will go far in handling emergencies in Wards. But I would like to add that, let us not discuss this motion for the sake of discussing it, because since I came into this House I have seen good motions come on the floor and are discussed, Members support but they end up gathering dust somewhere on a shelf. I would like to take this opportunity to also urge the Implementation Committee to follow up on this motion and make sure that it becomes a law so that if we have the 85 Wards with well-equipped ambulances across Nairobi County they will alleviate a lot of suffering and help in handling the emergencies.

Before I sit down, I would like to congratulate the Member for bringing this well thought our motion and I believe every Member in this House will support. Thank you.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am rising to support the motion and I want to compliment the Hon. Ngengi Miugai, this is a very good motion. Hon. Speaker as a representative of Imara Daima which is in Embakasi South Constituency we happen to have one health facility, Mukuru Community Health Centre, which actually serves the entire Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, I have felt the challenges of lack of ambulances. We thank the Governor because he had given us one ambulance which is not enough because the facility serves the entire Constituency. But interestingly as much as I support this, it is worrying that even that one ambulance that we were given by the Governor it has only one driver who does not have a reliever. As much as we want to support this Mr. Speaker, we also want to engage with the stakeholders so that they can give us ambulances plus drivers and their relievers. I beg to support, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Leah Supuko: Thank you Mr., Speaker sir. I rise to support this beautiful motion. It is a well thought out motion and I want to thank Hon. Ngengi for bringing it to this House. I would urge the House to support it and also the Executive to implement on what the motion entails them to do.

When it comes to health matters, it is very important to the nation and to the Nairobians as a whole because, without good health in a nation or a County like Nairobi, things can be difficult if we can't look on matters health. I support the motion.

Hon. Anthony Gathumbi: *Nakushuru sana Bwana Naibu Spika. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Mswada huu ambao umeletwa na shoga wangu Bwana Ngengi na niseme ni Mswada ambao unatusaidia sana sisi watu wa mtaani kwani tunapata magonjwa na hatuna usaidizi wa karibu---*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Mhesimiwa we have no quorum, please. Why don't you give us 15 minutes and we will be through. Please, Serjeant-at-Arms, do not allow anybody to go out. What I am saying is that we need to maintain the quorum. Proceed.

Hon. Anthony Gathumbi: *Mheshimiwa Obuya Spika naomba tafadhali usi---* (laughed) *Yangu ni kuunga huu Mswada mkono, nashukuru sana.*

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to share the sentiments of other Hon. Members in supporting the motion and to congratulate Hon. Ngengi for thinking of such an important initiative at this time and place. However, Hon. Speaker, it is important to note that some of the Wards have no County hospitals and institutions, so as we think about this motion, it is also important to go into partnership with other institutions that offer health services like in my Ward Laini Saba, so that people mostly from informal settlements can benefit from these services. You realize that health is a fundamental concern of every citizen and therefore we have to put in place structures that assist even in places where we don't have County hospitals. I beg to support.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. As we all know, good health is essential to sustainable development. Again under the Sustainable Development Goals No. 3,

requires good health and emergency services. We are called upon to ensure that health has been made sustainable and with the motion that is before us, I support it because we find that in Nairobi most of the Wards do not have the ambulances and the few that have, are not being supported by the County government or are not functional. They do not have the required equipment and do not have even drivers, they don't have support staff.

We urge the Executive that upon the passing of this motion they should ensure that those ambulances are well equipped. If I remember last year we passed a similar report on Culture whereby we made the recommendations that staff needed to be increased and also the ambulance services because the ones that are there are not functional. I rise to support the motion.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My Chair reminds me that --- Hon. Speaker, the spirit of this motion is the 24-hour economy. For this House to have such motions that have been passed we must acknowledge a 24-hour economy, a 24/7 ambulance services. The motions which we have passed must be implemented.

Hon. Speaker, without that it would be ridiculous for Nairobians that this assembly sits every day passes motions, and then the Executive fails to implement them. The Executive only takes interest in motions which favour them. It would be very ridiculous for this House to equip a 24/7 ambulances response units like the ones we have for the Fire department, for Nairobians it is a good idea, but Hon. Speaker as the Chair of Chairs, who will be responsible for the implementation of such motions.

Hon. Speaker, as I conclude I come from a place which is well established and has big hospitals. I believe even you one time though I don't want you to be admitted, we want to wish you good health so that you won't go there. They have ambulances, what we are worried about Hon. Speaker is even what happens in our facilities. Hon. Speaker, there was some massacre of babies in Pumwani Maternity Hospital but there were no ambulances. It is very unfortunate but let us ensure that every Ward as we proceed with the Supplementary Budget which is before this House, to ensure that every Ward has been captured.

As we pass this motion, let them be in tandem with the budget we pass in this House or it will be just making noise in this assembly coming here we clap, pass the motions but they are not inconsistent with the budget estimates that we pass. Mr. Speaker as we consider this, and the Chairman for Budget, and the members of that committee, let them also assist us in implementing such motions by ensuring that the budget estimates have captured the said 85 ambulances in those estimates. Because it would be very ridiculous for this House when you rule that the 'ayes' have it, then in the next financial year we will not have a budget of even buying one ambulance. We will be doing injustice to Nairobians.

Hon. Speaker as I support this motion which has been brought by my good colleague, Hon. Ngengi Member for the CBD, Hon. Speaker which need only a few ambulances, not like other members like my Whip and my Chair who comes from a very isolated place of this city--- Hon. Speaker protects me from Hon. Minority Whip. Mr. Speaker, I mean slum areas where we need---

(Point of Order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of Order Hon. Anyule!

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker---

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: Hon. Speaker, with all due respect can you please guide the Hon. Member. In this time and error we don't refer to any place as a slum but as informal settlement' where people like Hon. Cecilia Ayot represents, so he must withdraw Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Anyule!

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker. I want to confirm to my Deputy Hon. Ogeto Her Highness the Queen of England in 1924 spent two days in Kaloleni. Kaloleni has never been a slum; Makongeni is one of the estates, which was built in 1902 when Kenya Railways was passing to Uganda.

Therefore, Makongeni has never been a slum, Mbotela was built in 1934, comprising of Timsales, Posta, Nairobi City Council and so it has never been a slum. I lead award which is a middle class. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed and apologize.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I don't know which word you want me to withdraw?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Slums.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: We have the definition of 'slum' in Wikipedia. I am saying the places which are slum areas---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: I have not mentioned a name.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I am very particular with mentioning of where the Minority Whip represents as a slum. I want the Minority Deputy Whip to withdraw the word 'Makongeni is a slum'.

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: Hon. Speaker, if I read my definition, it says; "A slum is a highly populated urban residential area consisting mostly of closely packed, decrepit housing units in a situation of deteriorated or incomplete infrastructure, inhabited primarily by impoverished persons." In this case, when you want to say that I am an impoverished person coming from Laini Saba Ward, there is something terribly wrong with you. Withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What you are saying, we have a slum and informal settlement?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Mutheu, what do you want to say?

Hon. Patricia Mutheu: We can't allow people to disrespect where we represent, they are also humans.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ogeto, can you conclude, please? He has already withdrawn.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I thought slum is an English word and we all know the meaning.

(Loud consultations)

Can I rule, please? What Hon. Ogeto is saying, a slum is an English word. So, I cannot force him to withdraw. Hon. Ogeto, have you concluded?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, send this one out.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Anyule, as much as we respect you, please sit down.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Looking at the spirit of the motion, I wish these members who are making noise and don't understand what is in the motion---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can you conclude, please?

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for protecting me. Members should interject by raising a point of order and not by shouting.

The spirit of the motion is saying that epidemics are exposed. Most of these members go to good hospitals in this City for treatment like Nairobi Hospital which has about five ambulances. Aga Khan Hospital

has more than 20 ambulances on standby. Overcrowded places like Mathare, Kawangware, and Kibera should have ambulances on standby. We are requesting this in the next financial budget. This will help in case of a fire disaster or an emergency. I beg to support, thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wamboi.

Hon. James Wamboi: *Bwana Spika, ninasimama kuchangia hii hoja. Ninahisi machungu mengi watu wakibishana hapa na lugha ya kigeni ambayo wenyewe pia hawaitambui. Karibu vita ianze kwa sababu ya hoja ambayo hatufahi kung'ang'ania. Wazungu, nimetembea kwao, hawaielewi lugha yenyewe. Nashangaa hapa tukipingana kwa lugha ambayo hatujui. Naomba hii Bunge ipitishie kwamba tuwe tukiongea Kiswahili, Kikuyu ama lugha zetu tunazozielewa kuliko kutumia lugha inayochanganya kila mtu.*

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Moseiya.

Hon. Silvy Moseiya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion and to make my reservations. As a member of this Assembly, I am worried at the trend at which we are moving, which is establishing the new department, new councils, new expenses and development agenda when we can barely speak on what we have. A case in point is what the Minority Whip was speaking about. We have not even exhausted the issue of bursaries that is to be given to children who are going back to school before we say we need ambulances per ward.

The facilities that are already at the hospital are wanting. As much as I support this motion, we do not even have adequate funds for the emergency kitty of the members who represent especially areas in slums or informal settlements. Both words are provided for by the Oxford Dictionary. We do not even have funds to run the emergency crisis that hits each and every member in terms of fire, floods, in order for us to establish another budget expense that is supposed to buy ambulances. We have not even spoken about how those ambulances will be run. We have not covered the issue of volunteer health workers. That was one of the things that we were discussing when we were launching the free breast milk.

Now going forward, I want to request you as the Speaker today and members that we should be given adequate time to discuss budget and to adequately involve ourselves in the budget-making process because we always seem to be rushing through the supplementary or main budget and we do not even understand the content of that budget. It is a very dangerous precedent that we are introducing new items and we cannot cater for existing and very important items that are in the budget. It is a crisis. I don't know when we are going to speak about the supplementary budget or you are going to shove it down our throats in the last minute. We later come and find even money to go to Tanzania is a problem. We have to go and seek money from other sources.

I support the motion. I echo the words of Minority Deputy Whip that we need to be realistic in items that we introduce every now and then. That we need to take the budget-making process more seriously even as we speak about the supplementary budget hopefully next week so that we are able to be in a realistic House. Otherwise, in 2022 most of us will not come back because there is very little that we are going to say we were able to achieve. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Maiden speech from Hon. Gakunyi Beatrice.

Hon. Beatrice Gakunyi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion because health is a right to every Kenyan. As we all know, the ambulance service plays a very vital role in saving in saving lives. Thank you, I support.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: *Mheshimiwa* Sussie Kavanga.

Hon. James Wamboi: Can I stand for him because she is out?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Susan, you have nothing? Why did you request? Hon Anita.

Hon. Anita Thumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Ngengi for bringing this noble motion. I am an emergency nurse and I think this is the best motion since I joined this assembly. The right to health is in the Constitution. Article 43 is clear on the right to healthcare. We all agree there is a big challenge in emergency healthcare. Even the ambulances we have don't have the right equipment. We also have the challenge of personnel. In Nairobi County, we don't have emergency care technicians. The ambulances we have don't have the right people.

We still don't have an ambulance act, whether in the National or the County level. We don't have rules or regulations on ambulances. That is why you find that even in some ambulances we have taxi drivers which is a bad thing because you realize we are losing a lot of lives between the emergency site and the hospital. And I agree with all Members who have said that we need to support this motion because it is a noble one. I want to urge all Members to kindly lobby for this motion and support it. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Clarence Munga.

Hon. Clarence Munga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to support this motion with one or two points. When we ushered in the new constitution, health services were devolved. Kenyans will judge us harshly when it comes to devolving these functions basically to each ward. Mr. Speaker, we need to take stock of what we have done in terms of ensuring that every ward is equipped with the health facility, an ambulance and all other services that are supposed to be devolved to the wards. Another reason why I support this motion is that sometimes we have casualties in our wards and you find that we lose lives because of lack of ambulances. Mr. Speaker, I know this motion has a financial implication when it comes to implementation and that is why I want to urge the budget and appropriation committee as well health committee to ensure that they factor in this ambulances per ward to ensure that we give proper services to *wananchi*, especially the informal sector. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kabiru Mbugua.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Mr. Speaker, thank you for catching my eye. Yesterday, while we were debating on the issue of the speaker, we resolved that the office of the Speaker is what needs to be addressed. I wish to put this into perspective. Ngengi's motion is very clear. It speaks of one ambulance for one ward. That is the only thing that I am getting from this motion. It is 85, yes. Is it doable? Yes. If our budget is 33.34 billion, what is the price of an ambulance? What is the price of the cost of the life of one Nairobiian? If you divide 33 billion by the number of Nairobiians who are getting ill or knocked down by a car or even suffering or dying on their bed because of a simple medical condition that could have been solved by the presence of an emergency unit within the area, that is something that we can do for Nairobiians. We are talking about affordable health care. It will never be a reality unless we fix the simple things that we can fix. Nairobi is at a stage where a simple emergency like fire razes a whole block of buildings whether in slums,

formal settlements or wherever. The fact remains that it is a disaster and the people that can solve this disaster is us. One ambulance, one ward needs to be a reality whether in supplementary budget or in the budget to come. We have to be assured that this thing is going to be put in place.

Mr. Speaker, I have read a lot, and among the articles I have read is that in some places like the commonwealth where I seek to visit one day, there are many ambulances and strategies to solve disaster. They are spread all over. If you google the emergency services in a place like London, you will see pop up points of a hotline number, toll-free, that you can call. If there is a gas leaking, if there is a fire disaster, you can call and it will be free of charge. We suffer so much as residents of Nairobi. Just to get airtime to call an ambulance is a problem. Yes, an ambulance is something that we can do that will help the people leaving around, but it will not solve their economic challenges. Therefore, we need to do the least that we can do and this is to provide the ambulances. Let us provide the ambulances and see if they will not be used rather than not having an ambulance altogether. Mr. Speaker, I rest my case and still say "one ambulance, one ward". Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Finally, Hon. Mary Ariviza.

Hon. Mary Mwami: thank you Mr. Speaker sir. This is a great motion by a great man from the CBD ward. We are in his ward. It is one of the best motions that we have had. We should also have a caveat and an insert because even if we get these ambulances and we get our people to the hospitals, as long as those people want a deposit, then our people will not be accepted. We need to expand it to the extent that we say that if it is an emergency case, the hospitals should not be asking for deposit within Nairobi. Those are things we can do and pass for Nairobi County because health is a devolved function. So, it is a very good motion, but we need to add that because even if they get the ambulance and go up to Aga Khan and the hospital says you must put a deposit, then we would have wasted ourselves. We need to put the fact that when it is an emergency case, the people who have taken these ambulances must be accepted unconditionally and be treated, and then money sought later on. I know very many cases where people and they are not treated. Otherwise, I support this motion.

Secondly, and I may be corrected here, some of the wards may not also have dispensaries and so on. We need to improve on those dispensaries like the ones in Westlands, Ngong Road etc. Let us equip them and put them up to date because if it is an emergency, we don't need to go very far with the traffic jams in Nairobi. So, we need to also improve our facilities as a county so that when our people are rushed there, they are treated and given first aid before they can be transferred.

Thirdly and lastly, I would like to support my brother Kabiro. If you want to do something, you will always find a reason to do. When we fell in love during our teenage days, we always found the person we love by whichever means. That means if we feel being able to treat our people in Nairobi is a very important thing, we will prioritize it, put it in the budget and it will be the first one. So, with about a million of each, we can be able to set aside these ambulances and we set rolling. We have to make sure that the executive is implementing what we discuss here. Implementation committee, please follow up with this. This is a very important motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngengi, the mover.

Hon. Daniel Muturi: Hon. Speaker, I thank all the Members of the Assembly and those who have supported this motion, particularly Hon. Akama for seconding the motion. Hon. Imwatok, I have to say that I have heard your words of wisdom on how we need to turn this into law. Hon. Samora from Clay City. Hon. Obuya from Imara Daima. Hon. Leah, special elect. Hon. Kimemia from Harambee. Hon. Ayot from Laini Saba. Hon. Jagero, Special elect. Hon. Ogeto, our very able deputy minority whip. Hon. Wambo, Kiamaiko.

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Hon. Mary Ariviza, special elect. Hon. Kabiro, special elect for the youth. Hon. Museiya. Hon. Beatrice Gakunyi. Hon. Anita. Hon. Clarence Munga from Kabiru Ward.

Hon. Speaker, this is a very memorable day because if we are able to provide these services to the people of Nairobi, our work shall be done. I would also like to mention that I am in the implementation committee. I am also in the budget committee. I will also be seeking their help as we push this motion. With those few remarks, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There being no other business, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. God bless you.

The House rose at 4.17 p.m.