



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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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: Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the bell for ten minutes.

(Quorum bell was rang)

Order! Hon. Members, please take your seats! Clerk, proceed, we have the quorum.

STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Samora.

REQUEST TO A STATEMENT REGARDING DELAYED PAYMENTS TO PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANIES CONTRACTED BY THE COUNTY

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c) I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding delayed payments to private security companies contracted by the County, for instance Magic Security Group.

Hon. Speaker, the said private security firm has been providing security to County institutions as per the contract but the County takes longer than expected to release payments. This challenge has reportedly subjected the County institutions to security risk owing to the fact that the firms are currently not providing security services optimally as required. Employees of some of these firms have reportedly not been paid for the last four months.

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

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- i. Why the County takes longer through these security firms than expected to release payment to the contracted security firms;
- ii. The list of private security firms that the County had contracted to provide security to the County institutions;
- iii. The latest status report of payment to the said firms as per the contract terms.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson of Legal.

Hon. Jayendra Malde: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I request for two weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mwaura, are you comfortable with two weeks?

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Yes.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL POLICY

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, aware that Article 55 of the Constitution provides for the State to take measures, including affirmative action programmes to ensure that the youth have opportunities to associate, be represented and participate in political, social, economic and other spheres of life, access employment and are protected from harmful cultural practices and exploitation; further aware that Part Two of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya provides for the functions of the County Government which include ensuring and coordinating the participation of communities and locations in governance at the local level and assisting communities and locations to develop the administrative capacity for the effective exercise of the functions and powers and participation in governance at the local level; concerned that a majority of young people in Nairobi and Kenya at large have high hopes and ambitions, however, poor macroeconomic performance, a lack of labor market opportunities, an education system that suffers from problems of access, quality, and relevance, and a society that negates the self-expression of young people mean that many young people are unable to translate their aspirations into a productive and fulfilling future; noting that high expectations, disappointing employment and life prospects, and marginalization among young people fuels frustration and desperation and in response, some of these youths have turned to criminal behavior, violence, substance abuse, commercial sex work and even suicide, which have negative repercussions on the young people themselves and contribute to growing physical insecurity for society as a whole; this Assembly urges the County Executive to develop a policy to establish Nairobi City County Youth Council to address issues bedeviling youth in the County.

Mr. Speaker, they say that English came through the ship and Swahili was born in Tanzania, suffered a lifestyle disease in Kenya and later died in Uganda. I went to Kisumu and confirmed that Kiswahili is on its deathbed. Communication can be a challenge but the subject matter, the issues that are being communicated will always be communicated nevertheless, whether in Swahili, mother tongue or whatever language you chose to use.

I like to start by summarizing my Motion. In case someone distracts you or you be distracted by my very good English, I want you to remember that this Motion is setting up a Nairobi Youth Council that will facilitate, promote, monitor and advocate for youth issues in this County. Youth is a face that quickly depletes but highly productive.

(Applause)

It is highly volatile but full of dreams and ambitions. I dare say before this House that the age between 18 and 35 years is the one that determines your life. That face determines where you will live, who you will marry, where you work and also who your friends will be. This face is critical for the development in a country.

Mr. Speaker, Kenya has had very many initiatives to help the youth in this country. From setting up the Ministry of Youth, Gender and Public Service to setting of Youth Fund and many other funds that have since been distracted by time. But the fact is that the youth continue to become a challenge that if let alone, it will bulge and later on consume this country. Youth problems include unemployment, crime, violence, and substance abuse. Lack of opportunities is something that is critical. It is very clear that we cannot continue to manage this population without considering these very critical challenges.

Mr. Speaker, the population of youth in this country is about 35%, this translates to 16.8 million. Come to Nairobi, it translates to about 2.5 million people who are in the youth bracket. The youth face that is quickly depleting and quickly diminishing--- Mr. Speaker, I think you are probably in the same age group. *(Laughter)* Just the other day, we celebrated your 35th birthday. Bang! There is no youth anymore. You are no longer a youth. Just like that it has quickly faded away. You are and can only be a youth at heart.

Whatever we are setting out today is going to take roots in the wards, in the constituencies and later on culminate at the county level where we are going to have an office that we will call the Nairobi Youth Council office that is going to advise on youth matters. Who in this Assembly will not like such? Who will not want to benefit their youth in their villages and in any part of life?

As I conclude, Mr. Speaker, let us be in line with the Vision 2030 of a prosperous youth that is well mentored and benefit from the youth centers that are around. One that benefits from the developed creative industries and one whose issues of finances has been settled by the youth enterprise financing.

Hon. Speaker, I rest my case and pray that every Member in this House will help to make sure that the formation of a Nairobi Youth Council is a reality. I would like to call upon my friend and Nominated colleague in the same ticket Susan Makungu.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Susan!

Hon. Susan Makungu: Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity to Speak about this Motion. Kindly allow me to reintroduce myself because this House does not know about me.

Hon. Speaker, I am so passionate about youth especially looking at my background where I came from and the struggle that I had as a young girl.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, I second the Motion. Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, you may contribute.

(Point of order)

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, for giving me this opportunity. I am standing on a point of order whereby, while you were upstanding and reading the motion of Hon. Mbugua, a senior Member of this House who happens to be a leader in this Assembly was majestically walking in the House going against the rules and procedures of this House. Therefore, I kindly request that the Member bows as it is the procedures of this House. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Matara, point noted. I understand you have been accused---

(Hon. Imwatok spoke off the record)

I have not finished what you have been accused of, therefore sit down. You want to answer the same? Proceed.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you wise man, I appreciate you every much. Hon. Speaker, just to inform that it is a common practice of the Parliament for a Minority Whip or a Majority Whip to walk in and out of Assembly at any particular moment, either to attend to a Member or distress outside whether the Speaker is on feet or not *(Laughter)* or to whip the Members in the House. Also, I am trying to enshrine and teach parliament practices. Bowing is not only to the mace but also to appreciate your fellow Members on both sides.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Which Standing Order is that?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: It is a common practice, I have not said it is in the Standing Order. It is a commonwealth parliamentary practice derived from Indian Parliament and UK Parliament.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: As much as I respect you as a leader of this House, you must adhere to the rules of the House but unfortunately, the eye of the Speaker did not see you.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You may sit now. Hon. Mugambi.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as a youth of this County and with all problems the youths are facing of unemployment, drug abuse, associating in crimes---

(Point of Order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You have requested after him. What is the point of order, Hon. Ndonji? Can you sit Bwana Mugambi, there is a point of order.

Hon. Joseph Ndonji: Hon. Speaker, the MCA of Umoja 1 is not properly dressed and he should not contribute on this House. It has now become a culture; he is casually dressed and put on loafers' shoes without shocks. This is a common practice because these young MCAs do the same. Hon. Speaker, you can confirm if he is having any shocks and casual shoes in the House.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can the Sejeant-At-Arms confirm the same and report to me.

(Laughter)

(Serjeant-at-Arms confirmed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members it is confirmed that Hon. Mugambi is not properly dressed and I order him to go out and get properly dressed. Thank you.

(Loud Consultations)

(Hon. Mugambi walked out of the Assembly)

Hon. Rose Ogonda: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I stand up to support Mheshimiwa Ronaldo as a mother because he was standing to support the motion of the youth. I want to thank you for notifying some things and other things you are not seeing like on dress code among women. It is good that you have started to notify each and everything but next month in June after recess, just when we walk inside the House, you should start monitoring on how women are dressing in this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We have heard the complaint of Hon. Rose. We are going to be serious on dressing code, it is important to note that this is an Assembly and not a gathering. Therefore, be advised come next session we shall be very much concerned about dressing code.

(Hon. Mugambi walked back to the Assembly)

Hon. Mugambi, Proceed.

Hon. Mark Mugambi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, as I was supporting the motion, I sensed a lot of disturbances from members that are supporting this Motion. Some of them are elderly *waheshimiwa* like Ndonji. I am not sure if he is supporting the same because it is a very bad habit of fighting junior *waheshimiwa* in the House. He has a tendency of even calling me *mtoto*. What did I do to him?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please address the issues related to the motion.

Hon. Mark Macharia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. He should know I got three times the votes he got. As I support the motion as a young elected leader in this Assembly, I know of vast challenges the youth are facing. As I mentioned earlier before I was rudely interrupted, we are losing a lot of youth through drug abuse, crime and illicit sex. All this is due to unemployment.

As leaders we must stop the notion of using our youth during politics and when we want to ascend to power. We must formulate bills that are supposed to enhance their livelihoods within our respective wards and as county at large. It will be of great pleasure if I find the youth that assisted me in getting elected within Umoja 1 Ward getting jobs and opportunities in the facilities we have within the County. I support the motion.

(Point of order)

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, thank you and also thank you Hon. Jagero for respecting my white hair. Wisdom comes with knowledge. I rise to support the motion brought by one of the youngest and brilliant young men of our Assembly. Before I knew *Mheshimiwa* Kabiro, I thought he was a young man who

has unkempt head. I didn't know that inside the unkempt head there was something beyond that most of us did not know. I went to dig his history and I realized Kabiro is the most respected young man we have in the Assembly. His thought on things is so unique. He is never a shallow thinker. Most time I have met him in study room, not on corridor taking tea or anyway waiting to sign an impress but always thinking on his laptop. Young man, this is what the Assembly will remember you for bringing well-polished motions.

On top of that Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to your attention that yesterday under Standing Order 44(1), I asked for a very pertinent issue. This morning I drafted a motion seeking this Assembly to adjourn so that we discuss matters of importance of the County, primarily the issue of the bursaries to our respective wards and the beneficiaries.

Mr. Speaker, as I was drafting this motion, let it go on record before the media and everyone else that I was largely informed that the reason as to why we have never received bursaries is that one Agnes Odhiambo has refused with the money we approved in this Assembly as bursaries. I am also asking your Chair, through your wisdom, why the motion is not before this House. This is a motion of importance to our kids who are going to school in next one week or so. We can't afford or imagine we can sit here debate a motion of youth when we can't help the youth in secondary level. I respect my brother Kabiro; this is a pertinent motion but we must raise a generation from high school to college, to university.

I am bit perturbed why this motion is not before this house. We want to understand the role of Agnes Odhiambo as per the Constitution. What is her role as per the Public Finance Management Act? It is to validate and release the money as approved by the County Assembly. If it is true that she has not released the money to the County Government and the members cannot get bursary courtesy of her, then it is prudent for us under Article 195--- This House has 25 committees and every committee chair has powers of the High Court under Article 195 of the Constitution.

Therefore it is prudent to the committee of Education or Budget to summon Agnes Odhiambo to explain to this Assembly and entire Nairobians why she has refused to hand over the money for our children. Mr. Speaker, I leave it to your wisdom.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much Hon Imwatok. Now that the motion is not here, we shall make sure it comes on Tuesday April 30, 2019 in the House. Proceed. Hon. Maingi?

Hon. Ruth Maingi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this motion and I want to support the youth because this is a very nice motion. As you know, many youth are suffering and they have no jobs. I stand to support them.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Hon. Imwatok because he spoke well yesterday. These are the people we need in Nairobi. Hon. Imwatok, keep it up. We need people like you to fight for our county and Governor and Nairobi. You did it well, I congratulate you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Leah Supuko: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support this beautiful motion from Hon. Kabiro. We know the youth are the backbone of our County. Because I am not any longer in the bracket of youth but I would like to advise the youth of this County to not only rely on white collar jobs. They should go to technical schools for them to get the skills. For example, there are so many jobs out there that need the youth or others who are energetic like mechanics. That is why in the manifesto of Jubilee we are building a lot of technical skills for the youth and not just rely on white collar jobs.

Lastly, I also like to thank the youth who made it through being elected and those who came as nominated because they also played a big role in the campaign. That is why they were recognized to come to this House. I would like to support them by advising them that they should use their youthful age in holding the other youths out there and advising them on those technical skills are there.

I would also like to recommend the good job that Hon. Kabiro has done by bringing the motion. I know this young man; I worked with him in Jubilee house and actually this County should use his skills. He is an expert in IT. I would like to thank him for bringing this motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jackline Apondi? Hon. Silas Matara?

Hon. Silas Matara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Kabiro for this well thought-out motion and for putting effort towards advancing the issues of the youth in this House.

First and most, Hon. Speaker, it is my prayer that this motion does not go the way the other motions that I brought to this House during last year. I brought around four motions with regards to the youth affairs, for example, putting up of a directorate of the youth, setting up of the youth fund to support the youth initiatives and programmes.

It is also important that this is a perennial problem that we have been experiencing in this House. That this House unanimously passes and approves motions and when they get to the Executive nothing is done to effect and implement the same. I wish that at the end of it all, you employ some wisdom in doing a directive to the Executive so that they get to do a report to your office in terms of the number of motions that this House in this 2nd Assembly passed, the progress and updates of the same so that we know going forward it is not in futility that we get to put a lot of thoughts and time in developing these motions but nothing is done to effect the same.

Secondly, Hon. Speaker, on August 8th 2017, every elected member in this House and a lot of youths in Nairobi had to withstand the scorching sun and the long queues to vote us to this House. The youth is the biggest segment of the population in Nairobi and I believe it is more than a half. I believe this House whatever motion or policy or bill we get to pass or approve that has an effect towards the advancement of the affairs of the youth, should be taken with the importance and urgency that it deserves.

With regards to this motion on the floor of the House today, coming up with the youth policy for the County will have a reflection for the other assemblies who already have policies in place. It is my prayer that since we are in the budget making process, whatever programme that can be expedited towards alleviating the social and economic woes that Nairobi youths get to endure for example drug abuse, alcoholism, betting and the rest can be put--- Hon. Speaker, I am seeking your attention please.

As I was saying, this issue about youths should be taken seriously by every member of this House. I urge the members of this House to support this motion and once that is done, the Implementation Committee or the respective office and departments that the Youth Affairs lies, let's say if it is in the Education Sector, they should put mechanisms to make sure that we realize the import of this motion on the floor of the House. I rise to support, thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Lawrence Odhiambo: I just want to support this motion because it is our responsibility as elders to give our youths this chance to see how may be they can venture into their lives. I don't think there is any of us here who did not pass through this age and it is our responsibility as the elders to give or to show to our youths the good ways that we passed, the good ways that brought us into this Assembly. I want to support my young brother, the motion that you have brought to this House can give our youth better lives. Thank you.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion keeping in mind that we have a National Youth Council Act that is not under operation. It was formed but after some time the youths who were elected to be in that council took in their interests and never represented the youths in diversity. The motion that is before us is a good motion for Nairobi County whereby it will cater for the wellbeing of the Nairobians.

I would like to make some contributions when they will be forming the Bill. The first one, the rights of the youths as stipulated in the Constitution under Articles 55, need to be included. The second one is inclusivity as stipulated under Article 10 of the Constitution whereby they need to be included during this formation of the bill. This needs to be a participatory process so that they don't say that they were left out and yet the bill is meant for them.

The fourth one is gender responsive; they should take the specific actions to promote gender equality and to address gender disparities, then collaborative work with the government, public sector, private sector and other institutions and the stakeholders within the society. Lastly, it should be practical during the implementation. The youth should be included during the monitoring, evaluation and implementation process. I support the motion.

Hon. James Mwangi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Wamboi.

Hon. James Mwangi: Mr. Speaker, I feel like we don't need to pass this motion just for the sake of passing it. I think we need to audit the earlier motions that have been passed in this House. It is not a matter of just passing and keeping them on the shelves. I rise to support but I think we need to have an audit of the same. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Jane Muasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to second this motion. Number one, we have so many youths who are educated and even more educated than us here but they have no employment. That is why you find most of them normally enter into bad company of drinking beer and smoking bhang and so on.

This is a good motion but my worry is if the County Executive can develop a policy. We pass very many good motions here as my friend has said and some of them are not taken seriously. These are the youths that we have here and at home because most of them have nothing to do. I hope the County Executive will come up with the policy we are asking for. For that, I second the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Julius Njoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion. First and foremost, I want to congratulate my fellow youth Hon. Kabiro for coming up with a very nice motion. But the problem is, and it is a relation that we have as youths of this Assembly, the implementation of this motion. We are only hoping that it is going to be implemented because the youths will remain a significant share of Kenya's population. As a County, we must develop strategies, policies and programmes that will mitigate the challenges and risks that we the youths of Nairobi go through. With those few remarks, I rise to support the motion. Thank you.

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to speak about this very important motion. We realize the challenges we are facing as a nation and as a country in terms of addressing youth issues. You realize also that when we talk about policies and legislation, we go further ahead and provide a framework, systems and structures that can help in solving the problems that we have as the youth of this country.

It is very unfortunate that age is catching very much with me but I am a very youthful leader and I would be on the front to support and champion for youth issues. I also want to note the concerns that have been raised by hon. members coming from yesterday in regards to passing motions that are never implemented. I want to remind the hon. members that however much we have motions that have never been implemented, we cannot just stop thinking because people somewhere are sitting on their work. As a very

vibrant House, we will continue providing them to do but also we must engage them also in taking up the responsibility and implement some of the motions that have been passed in this great House. I rise to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Oti, you have already spoken. Can I have the last one? Hon. Wamboi you are still requesting again.

Hon. John Muthiga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Whenever I try to press this buzzer and you are not--

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: Can you proceed or you want to tell stories?

Hon. John Muthiga: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this motion. When we were young kids President Arap Moi used to tell us youths are the leaders of tomorrow and---

(Point of Order)

Hon. James Mwangi: Who is Daniel Arap Moi?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamau, proceed.

Hon. John Muthiga: Mr. Speaker, this is a very important motion because we all know all those who are here that we use youths when we are campaigning and after the campaigns we leave them. It will come to a point, Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamau, are you listening to the member or to me?

Hon. John Muthiga: Mr. Speaker, it will come a time when we are going to have a very big vacuum because our youths will have no jobs, and no families. I know everybody in this House---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I can't see you in my screen by the way.

Hon. John Muthiga: Mr. Speaker, I would really call upon you to call the mover to reply because everybody in this House is supporting this bill. Those making noise in the House are not even youth, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamau, can you address the issue to me!

Hon. John Muthiga: I rise to support, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

(Point of order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ayot, what is all this? Proceed.

Hon. Cecilia Ayot: It is very unfortunate for the honorable member to stand up in this House and say that we politicians use the youths when campaigning. He should have used a more favorable language by saying that we involve the young people in our campaigns. We never use the youths to campaign. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamau, have you heard the sentiments of the member?

Hon. John Muthiga: There is no use making me withdraw that statement because it is known everywhere. We use the youths to campaign then leave them.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Oyugi, proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member who has just sat down should have used his words correctly and not generalize by saying that he uses youths in his ward. Anyway, because Hon. Kabiro is a young member whom I have a lot of trust in---

(Loud consultations)



Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Kennedy Oyugi: Thank you. Indeed we have passed very good bills and motions in this House. I remember the last motion touching on CHW's in our various wards that was moved by Hon. Silas Matara. To date, nothing has happened and I don't know if we are going to go ahead and pass this motion without implementation. Mr. Speaker I want to urge the House to be serious with the motions that we do pass. Mr. Speaker, have you suddenly become a sign language interpreter or what? Anyway, I was lamenting loudly that we have passed very good motions as a House but when it comes to implementation then it is none. So, my question is, are we going to pass this beautiful motion and have it rot in the shelves of the Executive? If that is the case then we better not pass it.

Otherwise, I want to remind us as a House that there is a policy by the government regarding youths with tenders. 30% of all Government tenders are a preserve of the youth and so as a County, what are we doing? Are our youths benefitting from the 30% County tenders? This is food for thought and agree with majority of the speakers by saying that this motion should be passed. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker may I call the mover because---

(Laughter)

(Hon. Oyugi interrupted by the Speaker)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Anita Thumbi, why don't you use Hon. Mbugua's card?

Hon. Anita Thumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion and congratulate Hon. Mbugua for coming up with such a good policy. There is a philosopher who once said that we cannot build the future of our youths but we can build the youths in our future. Article 35 of the constitution is very clear on the age limit which is between 18 and 35 years, but you realize that that is not what is happening in our country. Just as *Mheshimiwa* has said, youths are supposed to get a certain percentage in tenders but you realize that it is not happening in our County. Youths make 70% of the population and most of them are unemployed and not involved in certain issues.

Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to recognize the presence of Edwin and Shitanda who is the president of *Bunge la Wananchi*. They are the people who are always involved in youth matters, we acknowledge and appreciate you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Immapet

Hon. Immapet Kemunto: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity. I rise to support the motion and also encourage Hon. Mbugua on the findings that he got. It is time that we as youths get data on the unemployment rate of all middle aged youths who may want to tender in the County and have not been granted the opportunity. Therefore, by reading the mood of the House, I wish to ask Hon. Mbugua to reply because everyone is supporting the motion

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What did you want to say Hon. Kamau?

Hon. John Kamau: *(inaudible)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Only?

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think we have only one Speaker in the House. Hon. Kamau, sit down! I am reading the mood of the House but again my compute tells me that there are members who wish to contribute like Hon. Emily Wanjiru.

Hon. Emily Wanjiru: I am here, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Emily Wanjiru: Thank you for giving me this chance. First and foremost, I wish to thank Hon. Kabiro for bringing this special motion before the House. Being a mother to youths, I support it and have no more say except for requesting for the mover to reply

Hon. Deputy Speaker: As young as you are. Thank you. Adow, do you want to add anything?

Hon. Osman Adow: Yes.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Osman Adow: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since Hon. Kabiro always opposes my motions, I am going to support him today. This is a good motion but we already have a CEC for youth, a Chief Officer for youth and a department in the Governor's office for the youth while everyone is talking about the Nairobi Youth Council as if it is going to create employment for the youth. This is a wrong mentality. It is going to be another body that is going to have an office collecting salaries that will not be of any benefit or help. We already have the mechanisms to help the youths and we can work within the existing bodies without creating another extra body but I do support the motion, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Looking at the mood of the House, I call upon the mover to reply.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate the Hon. Osman Adow, he has been persuading me to include him in the youth Caucus but I opposed. This is what it has led to. I would like to also appreciate Mofire for being around. This motion is one that I wish will be supported by everybody and I am encouraged by the support it has received. I want to appreciate every member who stood on the floor to speak about this. I would also wish to appreciate Wambogo and the media, Henry Shitanda, Edward Githaiga from National Youth Council and *Bunge la Wananchi*. Thank you very much. I reply

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Having transacted today's business, the House stands adjourned to next week Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 2:30pm. May God bless you and have a nice weekend.

The House rose at 3:45 p.m.

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