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[The Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SPEAKER WELCOMES MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE AFTER RECESS

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I want to take this opportunity first to welcome you from the long recess. I hope it has been a joyous one; you have been able to interact with your constituents so that you can see how they are faring on for the betterment of the people of Uasin Gishu County. So mine, is to welcome you and let us hope that this session will be fruitful and we shall be able to deliberate the business of the House in a manner that is fair to everyone and in a manner that is going to assist the people of Uasin Gishu County.

RECEIPT OF BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FROM THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET

Mr. Speaker: We have several communications to make from the Chair. One is we are in a receipt, from the Controller of Budget, the budget implementation review report for the national government and I have committed the same to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation committee.

RECEIPT OF AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON MORTGAGE AND CAR LOAN SCHEME

Mr. Speaker: We have also in receipt from the office of the Auditor General, which is forwarded to the Clerk of Uasin Gishu County executive; Report of the Auditor General on the financial statement of the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu on mortgage and car loan scheme fund for the year ended 30th June and I am committing the same to the Committee on PIC/PAC.

CEC'S MEMORANDA ON CLASSIFICATION OF URBAN AREAS

Mr. Speaker: Again we have from the County government of Uasin Gishu memoranda from the County Secretary to the Clerk County Assembly of Uasin Gishu County submission of the CEC resolution to the County Assembly on the classification of urban areas and I am committing the same to the Chair Physical Planning and Urban Development, No! To the committee on Physical planning and Urban Development.

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CONFERMENT OF MUNICIPAL CHARTER PROPOSAL AND FORMATION OF A MUNICIPAL BOARD

Mr. Speaker: Lastly from the County Government of Uasin Gishu to the Clerk of the County Assembly of Uasin Gishu County from the County Secretary ; Submission of the CEC resolution to the County Assembly on proposal for the conferment of Municipal Charter to Eldoret town and formation of Eldoret Municipality Board. This one I am committing to the Committee on Physical Planning and Urban Development and we hope that within the next 14 days you should be able to table a Report so that it can be adopted by the House for purposes of implementation. Honourable Edwin Misoi.

MOTION

FORMATION OF A COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

(Hon. Edwin Misoi- Chair Youth Affairs Gender and Sports Committee)

Hon. Misoi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:

Aware that most Counties have volleyball teams that represent them in national league competitions; **Further aware** that this competition is one way of empowering and promoting our Youth; **Concerned that** the non-participation by our County has denied many youth new opportunities of showing their talents and earning some income; **Noting that** according to the County Integrated Development Plan(CIDP 2013/2018) the County committed itself to the nurturing of youth artistic talent: This County Assembly urges the County Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Youth Affairs ,Gender and Sports to form a County Volleyball team that will be representing our County in the national Volleyball League.

As you are aware that this League will help in empowering our youth and again it well help our youth to expose their talents. Mr. Speaker, I beg to call upon Honourable Dr. Catherine to second this Motion.

Mr Speaker: Honourable Catherine.

Hon. Barmao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to salute the mover of this Motion because this Motion is timely bearing in mind that these are the youths in Kenya. The Human Development Index (HDI) on the rate of unemployment in Kenya reveals that Kenya is leading in East Africa in terms of unemployment among the youth at 39.1%.

This initiative would assist the youth because it will be a source of income and employment. It will also help to nurture talents and skills among the youth. This initiative also will help them to develop careers in sporting and it will increase the opportunities in being employed elsewhere like police, armed forces, KCB, among others. This initiative also will help the youth to stay focused and not to indulge themselves in drugs and substance abuse. I therefore second this Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Dr. Catherine. I now want to propose a question.

(Question proposed)

Ensuing debate! Honourable Muya.

Hon. Muya: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. From the onset I want to say that I do support the Motion that is before us brought by the Chair Youth and Sports Honourable Misoi. First of all before I give my submission, allow me to first of all thank my Almighty God for the time I have been on recess. I have been able to walk around, mingle with the people I represent of Langas but because we are in the rainy season, I want to report that our estates are really pathetic but I do thank the County Government of Uasin Gishu because they are looking forward to making sure that the storm water drainages have been addressed in order to safeguard what we saw the other day happening at Saroyot because we have long rains and we have to do something.

I want to take this opportunity again to congratulate our new Clerk. I know this is the first Assembly he is presiding. I want to say that he won among many to be the substantive Clerk after we stayed from the start of this Second Assembly with the Acting Clerk. I therefore say that our substantive Clerk as he will be learning he feels welcomed. We are going to give him moral support; we are going to support him in every area to make sure that he delivers in his mandate of making sure that these Honourable Members deliver what they are supposed to do in this Honourable House.

Nevertheless I want to report that I had requested before we went to recess that in the clerks' table it is always that even in the National Assembly we usually see lady Clerks in the Assembly. We were assured in this House that something is going to be done but that has not been done but I thank God that the substantive Clerk is seated...

(Point of order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order, Honourable Talam?

Hon. Talam: He is out of order because he has just gone out of the agenda of today – the Motion.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Muya, I think he was making some information; maybe you can continue.

Hon. Muya: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for your protection. I know many are learning but they have taken too long. After any recess you are given time to come and give your observation because you have that time and I said before I gave my contribution to the Motion that is before us.

Having said that we had requested that we be having the lady Clerks because in this Honourable House we have both genders; we have men and women and therefore it is not an issue if it is hurting men Honourable Members to have lady Clerks. I wish not to give an apology because that is a right and I usually say when we have a business here we might find ourselves going even into voting. We might find that we need our Honourable Colleagues being assisted in one way or another and therefore I know you are very capable and you are going to address the same because it was promised but it is not forthcoming. Therefore look into that.

Having said that, I embark on the Motion that is before us. I want to congratulate my Honourable brother and colleague Honourable Misoi, Chair, Youth and Sports for having thought wise to come up with this noble agenda. I happened to participate in the said tournament which was held at the Eldoret National Polytechnic, it was so thrilling; it was so encouraging. In fact I do remember that I have been visiting or I have been attending this tournament year in, year out. I want to report to this House that I am always proud to see national champions the like of the international ...he was a volleyballer but now he is a coach- Mr.Bitok who hails from Kipkenyo Ward and so many others.

In fact if you can count the number of players who are playing for GSU and Ulinzi almost half are coming from Kipkenyo ward, so to speak, leave alone the other wards. In Kipkenyo Ward it shows that we have talent in this county of volleyballers. Therefore, the Chair Sports coming up with such an agenda that we need to have a county team, I think this can be very noble because even if you can go for national secondary schools championship, you will see teams like Paul Boit and the likes doing very well in this game, meaning that we have a talent in volleyball from this County.

We can really really create job opportunities for most of our youth because I was surprised to see in the team of Kenya Pipeline –ladies and Kenya Prisons men - there were two brothers from Western- the Makuto and they were the best but before I was even asking who they are. I was told you are just seeing the two but in Prison , Ulinzi , GSU we have more than four brothers – The Maiyo’s and I said wow! What a gift! And therefore I want to say that this was just a two - day event. Therefore we need to have such kind of events in our county because in such teams like GSU, Ulinzi, Prison; people or youth with volleyball talent, whether football or athletics usually get employed in these units.

Therefore, I think this is a good idea but, if my memory serves me well, my Governor when he came to close the tournament I heard him saying that I came because of my county team ; I thought there was a county team but I am made to understand there was not. Therefore if we do not have a county team for this great sport, it is a high time we urge the County Government of Uasin Gishu to establish one so that we can also compete with other counties and other national

teams because I know we have the capability, we have the talent and they only need a platform to show what they can. You can see somebody like Wanyama; Wanyama is an international footballer and I want to tell you that whatever this young man earns from playing for a team outside there called Tottenham, he is earning a lot of money. I am sure back where he came from he is doing a lot to make sure that he is nurturing other youth and the same can happen to our youth from Uasin Gishu.

We have excelled in athletics and we are seeing an opportunity in volleyball. therefore I am supporting this Motion wholesomely that we have a well-established county team, both men and women of different ages not only a team, teams because I want to report here that in the said tournament the women category it is Kenya Pipeline, A and B met in the final meaning that even in this county we can have more than a team which can represent us in different categories; maybe Seniors, Juniors and the likes. Therefore it is a noble idea and I am urging my other Honourable colleagues to support the idea and the Motion to see that we have a strong... not just a team a strong county team which is going to carry the flag of Uasin Gishu County. You know despite us being the home of champions, we can just showcase that we can also produce champions in other fields because we always call ourselves home of champions and indeed all champions from Nandi and Elgeyo/Marakwet live in Uasin Gishu but also we can be the source of champions in volleyball category.

Therefore with all those many many remarks, I want to support the Motion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Muya, for that articulate debate. Maybe what I wanted to clarify from the Chair on the issues of the Clerk which is of the female gender; I think the Clerk's office has been well advised and we hope to see that change being implemented as soon as possible. Otherwise thank you very much.

Honourable Maraswa.

Hon. Korir E, K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Korir, okay you might be right you are up standing, continue, continue, Honourable Korir.

Hon. Korir E, K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know the sound of Maraswa and Boroswa might be the same; it is just but a slight difference. However, I thank you also for this opportunity. I stand to support this Motion that has been brought to this House this afternoon and before I contribute,

I want also to congratulate our new Clerk to this Assembly and welcome him on board and we continue building the nation the same.

This Motion has come at the right time. In this County we need to be all round, we need to be the best, we need to be leading all round; from developments, from everything and even empowering our youth. I am worried that the census that is yet to come in the near future will reflect that more youth are there in our county and country as a whole, they are increasing in number and this is one way of empowering the youth.

If someone is busy it will protect many evil deeds like maybe engaging in drugs and others and this we have been... or last year we were in games that is called KICOSCA games and the county governments normally compete with other counties and end there. When other leagues or volleyball leagues come, no team is representing our county and this Motion has come at the right time such that when we have volleyball leagues and tournaments in our country, we get a team to be representing us.

We normally have executive staff normally competing with other staff from other counties and they have been actually showing and are performing very well. Last year they won in KICOSCA games and we need to empower and add more youth to join this county team such that in the near future we will be celebrating the good performance of our youth.

Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Maraswa. I can now call Honourable Maraswa...Goretti.

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I know the names could be confusing; it is Boroswa verses Maraswa. First of all I want to appreciate the mover of the Motion. It has come at the right time. Before I contribute, I want to congratulate our Clerk for emerging to be our Clerk in this Assembly. We want to appreciate you for that effort that you took to even vie for that position in terms of application; we want to say thank you and welcome.

To contribute over the Motion, I want to say this is a brilliant idea which has come from Honourable Misoi who is the Chair Sports, Culture. We want to say that this being a noble idea is because most of our youth need to be engaged in fields of activities so that they do not engage in other activities which are actually killing them in the society. We want to say that not only volleyball; we want to encourage our county government to support all youth in all events; if it is football, volleyball even those ones who can even take part in athletics so that this County can engage our youth seriously in these activities.

Over the weekend, I was able to support youth from Kipsomba Ward who were going all the way to Moiben Constituency to play football and they were able to share with me experiences that they face and the challenges. They said one of the challenges of youth being idle will actually prompt them to engage in drug abuse and especially alcohol and these other 'smokes' that they do take. Therefore they were requesting that whenever they are having the same events, the same County Government should also facilitate people who are going to speak to them before they start the tournament so that they are encouraged to do activities in a very constructive manner. We are all aware that Wanyama comes from Uasin Gishu County as much as we are bragging to say that we have a good player in the country that Wanyama comes from Uasin Gishu and he hails from Kipsomba Ward. So that is a youth that can also encourage other youth to engage over the same as we have heard also from our Honourable Member from Langas alluding that we have good players from Kipkenyo. So that is an indicator that if this Motion goes through, therefore we are going to be in a better position as a County to nurture our youth and to involve them, to engage them so that they even become more exposed to realize that there are good things outside there. You know when they are just within their wards and their villages, they might not be able to realize that we have somebody known as Wanyama even coming from within us.

So I want to really support this Motion fully and, as a Member of sports committee, I want to urge the rest of the Members to give that full support to this because this is an area that we need to tap our talents and to ensure that when we are having these events amongst them, they should be our own youths. I remember when we were having a marathon, it was very shaming, it was very very shaming because all the gold and the medals that were given on that day none of them came to Uasin Gishu. So we need to pull up our socks and make sure that we engage these youth. I fully support the Motion. Thank you, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Goretti. Honourable Hillary.

Hon. Rono: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity and before I say anything, may I first of all thank the Almighty Father Jehovah Jire for giving us this opportunity as Uasin Gishu County. This is a very important juncture as Members of this County Assembly that we can express the views of those whom we represent here.

As you have heard, volleyball team in Kenya... You cannot be the best volleyballer unless you come from somewhere down there in a place known as Simat. That is the team. If there are six Kenyan volleyballers, four of them come from that area and I congratulate you, Honourable Members, for praising that area because actually we are real volley ballers.

I want to congratulate the Honourable Member; in fact he is also coming from that area and I know he actually means what this Motion says and, Honourable Members, as the County

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Government of Uasin Gishu we always see... in fact in that tournament the Honourable Member Muya was contributing. There were teams from various counties, in the senior most; the category of clubs Uasin Gishu County we were not represented and it was not good for this County government. Honourable Members, because we are the city of champions there is a field for playing indoor games and it is high time for this County of Uasin Gishu to be the real champions to see a way, to budget some money so that we can start that field in this Uasin Gishu County and it will help. I urge all Honourable Members that we will start with volleyball and then next time we go to another field like football, like that until we will be the champions of all the sports. Thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Rono. Honourable Bundotich?

Hon. Bundotich: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As most of my colleagues have said, may I also thank our Almighty God for taking us through the recess despite the fact the rains caused havoc that is actually affecting the county. I want to thank God for all what He took us through. Secondly, I want to thank and appreciate the new clerk to the Assembly for the efforts he put since he applied for the job.

Allow me to support this Motion with amendments that, other than volleyball, let the department concerned, that is, the Youth Affairs, Gender and Sports actually come with County teams and if possible we just major on what is available or what is good for the County of Uasin Gishu - volleyball and maybe athletics so that again we shall not revisit this Motion again by saying we need another team for maybe another Motion for athletics or another Motion for football.

In this House the second Parliament of Uasin Gishu we have very great athletes one namely; David Kiptoo Singoei and Leah Malot who have actually represented this country with a lot of effort and, Mr. Speaker, when I saw this Motion, I want to congratulate the mover of the Motion bringing forth the issue of volleyball, but I wanted to amend by saying let us urge the County government of Uasin Gishu through the relevant department to come with County teams for volleyball and athletics. I know football could have come in and maybe Uasin Gishu is not very good in football but nevertheless my amendment could have been if we can start with actually what is good for Uasin Gishu basically volleyball and..

(Point of Order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order, honourable Sarah?

Hon. Malel: Is it in order for the Honourable Member in the Floor of the House to allude that we are not good in football yet I have a very good team which is a ladies' team that is playing currently national league and it is situated in Kimumu?

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(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Bundotich.

Hon. Bundotich: Mr. Speaker, I think I should withdraw that statement that we don't have good football and I want to thank honourable Malel. If my amendments will serve me well let again urge the County government through the relevant department to come with County teams, let them form the County teams: volleyball, football and all these teams because I know again honourable Nancy Sang will be still on a point of order because I know she is a very good netballer. My amendments, which I want to ask honourable David Singoei Kiptoo to second this Motion and in view of the amendments. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Bundotich, I think if you look at our standing orders clearly, if you look at the orders, amendments have to be in writing and I read it. According to standing order number 52, 'the proposer of an amendment to a Motion shall before moving it hand the proposed amendments in writing signed by the proposer to the clerk at least two hours before the order is read.' So I don't know that puts..

Hon. Bundotich: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I think I pledge with your orders. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: We can proceed, honourable Singoei!

Hon. Singoei: Thank you, honourable Speaker. I want to take this opportunity together with the other Honourable Members to welcome our new clerk or our clerk to the Assembly and also thank the Almighty God for taking us through the break that we had. I was seated with the mover of this Motion and it took me a long time to actually raise my hand because I didn't know whether to support this Motion or to oppose and he has been trying to persuade me because I think he has read my moods. This is a very noble idea or a Motion regarding athletics or sports in general is something that, when it comes to the House, it actually passes without either being opposed.

I have an issue with this Motion and my issue is actually the way it has been worded. In the prayer ... because for me, always a Motion when is passed, those who are implementing will always look at the prayer.

Honourable Speaker, if you look at the prayer of this Motion, this County assembly urges the County government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Youth Affairs, Gender and Sports and this words that I am about to read are actually underlined 'to form a County volleyball team that will be representing our County in the national volleyball league.' In my own layman language or understanding, we are asking so that we don't have any ambiguity or any misunderstanding of what we are asking because a prayer somehow has to be answered or not.

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We need this prayer to be answered and we are asking the County Government, through the department that has been said, to form a County volleyball team. This is where I don't understand what kind of team this Motion is talking about, that we want the County government to form because exactly the implementer of the Motion will not be in the House to know that we have debated and said those words that are not in this Motion. But they will look at the prayer and ask themselves this question: What team is it? From the employees? Is it a team of a primary school? is it a team of some collective individuals that are actually working in various places that are brought together or is just the youth that just play volleyball like the one honourable from Simat or Kipkenyo said that there are very good players and bring them to a place to train and earn a salary or because ...? This is why I am not very fast in actually supporting this Motion, because, honourable members, the idea is very good. We need a very strong volleyball team in Uasin Gishu but when we actually put it in paper and ask for a prayer to be answered, it has to be very clear, it has to be free of ambiguity, it is because, honourable Speaker, this statement is very ambiguous because we do not know whether the mover of the Motion or this Motion actually implies that we need the County government to support the teams that are already in volleyball.

I have a team of girls and I know, honourable Speaker, I requested for transport another time to take very good girls that are very young but very good Girls that went to Bomet and even during the last week tournament, they were terrorizing people though they are still very young. so I do not know what this statement means and I am very sure, when it gets to the person who is supposed to implement, he will be even more confused because we have the privilege of sitting in the House and getting various contributions and somehow we sort of know what the mover of the Motion means when he was actually moving the Motion. There are words that maybe are captured in the Hansard that the implementer of this Motion may not get.

I will not support this Motion based on the ambiguity of the statement because it has what we want to do but how it has been framed does not allow me to support this Motion and I am not saying that members should actually not support it because it is a good idea but I don't know if because I say let us refer it back to the committee, it may not come back again. So I am defeated and I cannot support this Motion.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Whip. Maybe I give the mover of the Motion a right to reply. Honourable Miso!

Hon. Miso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to reply on the statement that has been made by the honourable member our Whip concerning about who these youths are who will be representing us in this Volleyball team. I want to say for now we have the team in our executive which is

representing us in volleyball and I think we can more youths who are at home which can come and assist these other youth.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Misoi. Honourable Tenai!

Hon. Tenai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion but before then I want to join my fellow members of County assembly who have actually congratulated our new Clerk who is before us. We want to wish you well as you start the services to these Honourable Members.

Just as my friend honourable Whip has said, in fact I had actually made some underlining on some wordings here about this Motion. It is a very good Motion; the only problem is the joining of these words which actually could lead to meaning something else. I want to say I do support activities that actually are geared towards the youth because though I am just four years away from that bracket, I would believe even the people who are serving the volleyball team in the executive are no longer youths; majority of them are over 35 years. so when we talk specifically about the youth, these are people by definition who are over 18 but below 35 years and if you want to assist those people, it should come very clearly in this Motion that we are targeting the youth who are still at home because it will be a sort of an investment. bringing that person who is still at home to participate in the County sports they can actually, as honourable Misoi had said, he can secure other employment but if we just leave this Motion the way it is, the County executive can just determine the executive team which is there and say now this is our County team, which will represent us. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want also to join the other member who has just spoken to say that this Motion is okay but the wording is not properly constituted.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I oppose the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Tenai. Honourable Amos!

Hon. Kiptanui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to oppose this Motion and for the following reason. beside the ambiguity that honourable Singoei has cited, I want to say, one, looking at the spirit of the objective of this Motion, it is like creating employment to our youth which, I want to say, if there is a way that we need to create employment there are other ways and means of doing that rather than taking it through the back door in the name of volleyball because I want to believe it is not volleyball alone that is the sporting activity, that is so admirable that it can give our youth an opportunity to earn income as it has been said in this Motion.

If we are really serious about nurturing our talents, I want to believe the very important point here is tapping of these talents and I want to believe even in this County government of Uasin

Gishu, we already have youth who are participating in volleyball and other gaming activity. My question is this: what will happen to other sporting activities? So by allowing this Motion to go the way it is, we shall have opened an open door, we have discriminated against other sporting events. So, Mr. Speaker, I want to believe if the mover of this Motion could have done a research so that he could have used a better terminology rather than volleyball alone, maybe that is the sporting activity that he really likes, some of us we like athletics, some of us we like boxing, some of us we like football so I want to say we need to give opportunity to each and every sporting and talent that are there with our youth, so basically because of that I strongly oppose and I want to request the rest of my colleagues who have not contributed to join me together with honourable Tenai and those who are of the same mind to oppose this Motion so that another Motion can be crafted that will take care of other sporting activities and tap talents and accommodate everybody. I oppose the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Amos for those comments. Honourable Sang!

Hon. Sang, K: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to join my colleagues also in congratulating our new clerk. I welcome him to this House. We know that this is his first session in this House. So we welcome him and we pledge that we will support him. I want to also give my voice to this Motion and first of all I want to congratulate my colleague honourable Misoi for crafting this very important Motion. However, going by what my colleagues have said, it is true that there are ambiguities in this Motion. We have been quietly consulting here and we are saying, we cannot allow to just throw this Motion away and we cannot say we want redraft this Motion because there is so much that we can tap from this activity or this sporting activity.

My suggestion is I would wish that we take back this Motion to the relevant committee because there is so much that we need to discuss in regard to this sporting activity. Apart from forming a team, apart from encouraging our teams to be the best in the country, there are also other activities that come into play. Having said that there is the issue of the facilities, the playing fields because you cannot have a very strong team with those accompanying issues. so I wish that we can take back this Motion to the relevant committee so that it can be fine-tuned, we can interrogate it further so that we can come up with a very, very good activity. So thank you so much and, Mr. Speaker, I urge that we take this Motion back to the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Sang. That one leaves us in a limbo maybe we might need to get a substantive Motion that will move to the relevant committee. Nonetheless at least you have been heard. Maybe we can go to honourable Keitany.

Hon. Keitany: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. First let me congratulate the mover of this Motion but still I want to say that I am standing to oppose this Motion. it is not my wish but it looks like the mover of the Motion who is also the Chair of Youths and Sports has forgotten that he is the

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Chair for the all Uasin Gishu County, not only from his area. I was about to support the Motion, but when I thought of my youth, the youth from my ward that is Sergoit ward and when I remembered on Sunday I had a team from my ward and they were going to Nandi County, they were meeting with a team from Nandi County and I was forced to support this team and when I think of passing this Motion or supporting this Motion, I think to me it is not going to be in order because when my people of Sergoit Ward especially the youth, if they will find out that I was in this House and such a Motion went through, I think it will not be in order to me.

So I stand to oppose this Motion and I want to request the Chair to come up with another Motion in which he can include all the sporting activities in Uasin Gishu County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Keitany. Leader of Government Business.

MOTION

REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE MOTION TO **SECTORAL** COMMITTEE

(Hon Josphat Lowoi, Leader of Majority/MCA Karuna-Meibeki Ward)

Hon. Lowoi: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir. To help this Motion not to die, I wish to move a Motion that this substantive Motion be reverted to the committee of Youths, Sports so that they can repackage it well and bring it back to this House through the Chair who has moved the Motion today. There are a lot of ambiguities in this Motion that need to be discussed because volleyball is not an art and the drafter of this Motion, who is not even the member, decided to use words like ‘nurturing of youths,’ ‘artistic talent.’ You cannot nurture volleyball; volleyball is not an art. It is a misplaced word in this Motion.

(Applause)

I don’t know why using such a word and leaving ambiguity, like the Chief Whip said, somebody can decide to go to western and bring a volleyball team and register them as Uasin Gishu team. What will stop them because the Motion is so open? What of our youth who are from the wards? How can we make sure that they start from the ward level, reach the County level then we select a team for the County so that it can be registered? So those are the things that we need to discuss in the committee so that once the Motion comes here, we will have a Motion that carries everybody on board - those of volleyball, those of football because, as honourable Malel Sarah said, we have a female football team representing Uasin Gishu in the national women league as we speak and they are the best in the region in this side. They also need support.

So I move this Motion and call upon honourable Pius Kigen to second.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Leader of Government Business.

Honourable Pius!

Hon. Kigen: Thank you, honourable Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate our new Clerk and wish him the best. Let me also thank God that he has taken care of us during our recess until today that we have come when we are in one piece.

I stand to second this Motion that we return the Motion back to the committee. I want to appreciate the intention of my Chair, Sports. Indeed it was so embarrassing last week when we were in the field to see a whole County without a volleyball team and we got so frustrated and really blamed ourselves and after a long thought this is why this baby was born today. But in view of the nitty-gritty that we have also seen, even as members of this committee, I want to strongly support that this Motion be reverted to the committee so that we will ventilate on it and also add more flesh. It will also be an opportunity, honourable Speaker, for all members from other committees also to give us their input so that when we return, we will come with a well-polished document, we will come with a Motion that will stand the test of time, a Motion that will serve the interests of all these members because we realised that even as we are here, we have so many funds of various disciplines which we need support. So I wish to kindly and humbly request the honourable House that you allow this Motion be moved back to the committee because all of you appreciate the intention and you don't intend to kill it. After washing the baby you don't throw the water with the baby. So I want to urge members to support the returning of this Motion to the committee. Thank you so much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Pius. I now propose a question.

(Question proposed)

Ensuing Debate!

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Hillary! You were chatting something or you are consulting.

Hon. Rono: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We were consulting. Nonetheless, I support it to be reverted to the committee on Sports, Youth and Gender. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Hillary. Honourable Mariah!

Hon. Kesumo: Thank you, honourable Speaker, for giving me this chance. First I want to congratulate the Clerk for being with us here and congratulations for winning.

Secondly, I want to also support that this Motion be taken back to the committee concerned because actually the objective of the Motion was to benefit the youth of Uasin Gishu County and

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I know the mover of this Motion was actually serious after being affected. After being shamed in the field, he felt very bad as a youth he himself that in Uasin Gishu County volleyball team is not represented, yet we are the champions.

This is where we have teams; this is where we have volleyball teams. It is only that we are lacking the people who are supposed to be training them. I want to say it is important for us as honourable members to go out there and I know honourable Whip knows something there; he can organize to do something about the youth of Uasin Gishu. We need to have volleyball teams that are serious in this County; we need to have netball teams. I am a netballer as I stand here, honourable members, and we want to say all the sporting games, including athletics and all those we need to have serious teams in this County. I want to say the mover of this Motion today, go out more and give us teams that are serious in this County. You can even go there and bring up the teams from primary level. We have young children in primary and secondary; we only need trainers; we only need people who are serious with them.

Therefore I want to support this Motion that it is returned to the committee because we need to benefit from this. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Kesumo. Honourable Sarah!

Hon. Malel: Thank you, honourable Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I want also to echo my colleagues in thanking our new Clerk and welcoming him to this Assembly.

Secondly, I want to support the Motion of reverting this Motion to the relevant committee for further panel beating. It has to be known that recently Uasin Gishu County government hosted an event which was Eldoret City Marathon and this County sponsored that Marathon and you will realize that the beneficiaries who took the money in that marathon were not the **hailers** from this County. So when this Motion gets back to that committee, we would wish the committee of Sports to really dig deeper and sit down with the CEC Sports and Gender and find ways of how to improve sporting activity in our County.

We don't only do these sporting for only exploiting our talent, but also it has been known healthwise that sporting activity helps us to keep us also fit. this one also could be one way of even making some of us the elders - not only the youth - to also exercise and keep us fit always to make us deliberate well in this august House. Thank you and I support the Motion that this Motion be taken back to the relevant committee.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Sarah. Do you have something to add, honourable Amos.

Hon. Kiptanui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to oppose the reason is this: I have tried to convince the member to withdraw but he refused. So I want us to oppose this Motion and then he gets enough time to go and deliberate. As we know as our tradition it will require another six months for this Motion to be re-introduced again, and that is the reason why I want us to oppose. So I oppose this Motion, Mr. Speaker.

(Point of order)

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of order, Leader of Government Business?

Hon. Lowoi: Mr. Speaker, is the member in order to threaten another member with the period that the Motion will be slapped off?

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Amos, I think it is out of order for you to threaten the member on the consequences that he will have thereof. We can proceed.

There being no more deliberations on the Motion, I now put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Substantive motion reverted to the committee of Youth Affairs, Gender and Sport)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Having no other business, the House is hereby adjourned until tomorrow 6th June 2018 at 9.30 AM.

The House rose at 4:50 PM