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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, welcome to this afternoon sitting of Wednesday 27th June 2018. I wish you a healthy debate.

Clerk!

BUDGET READING SCHEDULE

I have one communication to make from the Chair. As you are aware, we are coming to the end of the Government Financial Year which will be ending on 30th June 2018 and, as such, we are supposed to read the budget. We have scheduled the reading of the budget and it will be tomorrow at 2.30PM. Kindly all Members are invited so that they can follow the reading of that budget, then after we shall proceed with the other processes of the approval. Thanks a lot.

Clerk!

Honourable Julius Sang!

NOTICE OF MOTION

UASIN GISHU COUNTY GOVERNMENT URGED TO ENSURE SAFETY OF ITS DAMS

(Hon Julius Sang, MCA Megun Ward)

Hon. Sang, K: Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:

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2. Implement policy guidelines on regular supervision and maintenance of all dams.
3. Provide continuous public awareness for the people living around the dams.
4. Ensure adequate safety for people and livestock by providing perimeter fence around those dams.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Sang.

Clerk!

Honourable Sang!

MOTION

UASIN GISHU COUNTY GOVERNMENT URGED TO ENSURE SAFETY OF ITS DAMS

(Hon Julius Sang, MCA Megun Ward)

Hon. Sang, K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to move this Motion this afternoon. We are aware in that Uasin Gishu we have quite a number of dams and reservoirs which have been a great deal of a resource to us as a county by providing ...

(Point of order)

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

Hon. Dr. Barman: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems that it is raining because we have water in the plenary here. I do not know.

Mr. Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, can you confirm and maybe you can move to a seat that water is not dripping to for now. What is the point of order, Honourable Chomba?

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Hon. Chomba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. The Member who has just that spoken, can she get an umbrella from the car and maybe use it inside here.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Okay thank you for that, Honourable Chomba. Honourable Sang, you can continue. I think Honourable Member you can... for now I think the offer from Honourable Chomba *(laughter)*.... Yeah maybe you can look for a place that is not leaking. Honourable Sang, continue.

Hon. Sang, K: Once again thank you for giving me this opportunity to move this Motion. That

Aware that Uasin Gishu County has several dams and other water bodies spread across the county; **Further aware that** these dams and reservoirs have filled following the ongoing extraordinary heavy rains in several parts of the country; **Concerned that** the lives of people living around these dams and especially those downstream could be at risk ; **Cognizant that** in the recent past a number of dams elsewhere gave into pressure of large volumes of water causing destruction of property, loss of innocent lives and causing untold suffering to survivors: This county assembly urges the county Government of Uasin Gishu through the department of Water, Environment, Natural resources ,Tourism and Wildlife management to;

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Mr. Speaker, water is a great natural resource which, if taken care of properly, can give leverage to development of the people. In Uasin Gishu evidently we have quite a number of dams that were constructed way back during the colonial times; we have those that have been constructed recently and quite a number of dams have over the past been made weak because of the pressure from the water. Due to the rains that we have had recently this year - fortunately we have had some good rains. However, these heavy rains have gone on for so long that the dams have filled up; some have become weak, some are even at the verge of bursting, so we... being aware of this we are... cognizant of the fact that the people living around those dams would actually be at risk. So we are... through this Motion trying to ask the department of Water and Natural resources to carry out an extensive survey of these dams and assess them so that we are made aware of the

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state of those dams at this point in time. We are aware that the department of forecasting is saying that these rains will go on for some time now. So we are afraid that these continuous rains might actually cause these dams to burst and to cause a lot of suffering to our people. So we are asking this department to take measurers - go around the county assess all the dams. I know there have been some efforts by this department to go to visit some of the few dams that we have raised concerns but, through this Motion, we want a comprehensive look at all the dams that we have. We have also the small water reservoirs, we have the water pans and we want all of them to be looked at so that we are assured of the safety of the people living around those dams. Otherwise we are grateful that we have this resource; it is a source for water supply in our county. It is very useful for our people and the ladies in the village and so we want these dams to be protected, we wanted these dams to be properly assessed and their condition... If some of them are found to be weak, measurers have to be taken so that these dams are useful to us. So I urge my Honourable colleagues to support this Motion as we urge this department to move with speed, to act very fast because the lives of our people is much, much more important.

So with those few remarks, I urge this Honourable House to support this Motion and request the Honourable Dr. Catherine Kiptanui to second this Motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Sang. Honourable Dr. Catherine.

Hon. Dr. Barmao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want first of all to salute the mover of this Motion because this Motion indeed is timely bearing in mind that in the last two months we lost lives due to Solai tragedy. So with this Motion now we have seen the four objectives are really achievable and measurable. So, I totally second. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much. Dr. Catherine. I now want to propose;

(Question proposed)

Ensuing debate! Honourable Amos.

Hon. Kiptanui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support this Motion. First and foremost, I want to congratulate the mover of this Motion, Honourable Julius Sang. I want to say this is something that is of great concern especially to the livelihood of the people of Uasin Gishu to be specific. I know one of the agendas of this county is provision of water to each and every household and one of the ways of ensuring that there is adequate water supply is, one, by drilling boreholes and, secondly, the issue of preserving water through such programmes like construction of dams, which I know it is also one of the approaches that the national government has adopted in terms of ensuring there is sufficient water supply especially during the dry season. We are all aware that during the construction of these dams, it is apparent that the workmanship

at some point could be compromised like the recent incident of Solai Dam. When you listen to the reasons that tragedy happened, it is a combination of a lot of factors and especially one is there is no professional know-how of those people who constructed that dam.

Reliably I want to say that I saw somewhere when people were trying to make their observations on why this dam had to burst its banks, is that this dam was not excavated the way it is normally done; what was done was just hipping soil maybe at a very strategic position so that as water flows downstream, it could be reserved. So it is very important that since Uasin Gishu County is in the forefront in terms of provision of water through constructions of dams it is good that some precautions are put in place so that it can serve its purpose and minimize tragedy that the dams can cause.

I want to believe that through such a Motion there will be a structured way of constructing dams. So Mr. Speaker, I do support. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Amos. Honourable Korir.

Hon. Korir, K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this Motion moved by Honourable Sang. I want to say that conservation of dams is a very good idea especially because of dry seasons. You see we have a challenge when we do not have rain and we need to have some dams that can assist the community within our areas of jurisdiction. Also on these dams the only thing we want to do is that some of the dams were erected during the colonial times when this country was a British colony. You will find that most of these dams are old hence the need for a lot of attention. That attention is to check their status. You know every time when it is full during the rainy seasons sometimes the flow or the breathing areas might get blocked and when it blocks it will always accumulate soil and eventually it can collapse and it brings a problem like what the Honourable Member had said the other time we had a problem and we lost lives.

Secondly, is that these new dams we are erecting within Uasin Gishu area, we need to look at the environment also. Sometimes you find that a dam is erected on the way and maybe on the other side there are people living around. Actually a dam should be set aside so that in any case when a problem arises it does not affect the lives of people and the issue can be arrested in advance. Sometimes you find on the way we tap this water by erecting these dams and you find that when that dam bursts the people living around on the lower side will be in danger. That is why we are saying that we also need a very good surveyor and technical personnel when we want to make a good dam.

At the end of the day we need the dams. we have seen even the boreholes sometimes in most areas of our region we do not get water; you can just drill a lot of feet without getting water, but if you go deeper you find the water again is not fit for human consumption and it is salty. So

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sometimes you find that we need to have in our areas 70% should be dams and then maybe areas that can be drilled water and it can be found easily, it will be also good. So as for these dams, the dams are good but we need to take care; we need to have survey and technical personnel very often making sure that they re-visit these dams every year when there is rain so that when there is a place where it is leaking a bit, it can always be addressed in advance.

So I stand to support this Motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Korir.

Honourable Some!

Hon. Some: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I think you did not see my hand. Thank you.

I rise to support this Motion brought by my friend Honourable Sang on the fact that we have a lot of dams in Uasin Gishu that are not even properly fenced. He has brought a good point that we need to maintain these dams. I have a dam in my area called Usalama and the last three years we had huge rains and the people living around were almost moved. I am one of the people who were living around and even now when it is raining I am telling you that people are not sleeping. When it is raining you know people are hearing about Solai and in my area people are not sleeping. So it is very good that we have a structured policy. I know the county Government has gone around a little bit but that is not structured. You know people should be educated; these dams should be fenced. There are certain dams that are almost breaking and everybody is worried. So if we have a structured way of doing this I think that will be the best way and I know that particularly our area, the Ainabkoi part of the area and Kaptagat are on the higher side of the county. Those are areas we can build huge dams and these dams can serve the entire county or rather the lower side of the County. So it is important that this Motion has come at the right time particularly this time when it is raining and it is timely. We know that we have a huge shortage of water in this county. Areas like Burnt Forest are growing towns, areas like Ziwa, Turbo are growing and they need a lot of water. The only way we can harvest huge amounts of water within the shortest time is through dams, so this Motion has come at the right time and we should be able to even put a good inventory of the dams we have.

This Motion will also make sure that as we had said earlier that the County Government should give us a good inventory of the dams that we have, we know we have few dams that have been dead and need de-silting. We have dams that are good but they are almost bursting, you know. How can we get this inventory so that, as we continue to invest in the dams, we are able to know the kind of dams that we are doing. I know again that in this budget we have done for this Financial Year, there are a lot of machines that are coming and these machines should be used for the proper management of the dams and ensuring that everybody in Uasin Gishu can get

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water and this is the core mandate of this House. We cannot only vote for money and then we do not see the value for money.

So I think this Motion is timely. We need to move with speed and ensure that it is done. Otherwise I support the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Some. Honourable Songok?

Hon. Songok: Mr. Speaker Sir. I also rise to support this Motion about these dams in Uasin Gishu County. For sure you know these dams were actually done in the colonial period and most of them, because of lack of maintenance, lack of adequate routine observation, most of these dams may end up also bursting because of the spill ways that have been filled with silt. You find that there are small dams erected in just one river, so you find a dam breaking another dam and ending up also breaking the big dam. For example that which we have in Kesses; we have a very big dam but on the upper side we used to have some dams but those dams were broken and that is bad because of lack of maintenance and observing the spill ways. Recently people were about to move from the lower side because of the dangers that they saw in those dams. So I think this Motion came in the right time that let us also put a lot of resources in these dams because... for example that Keses/Kerita Dam, almost again got broken because of that big rain and you know that it serves the entire Moi University and it serves also two parts of Nandi.

Fencing is where I wanted to add up because we know that for example Kesses there are various habitats that live in that dam like the sitatunga and we find these animals destroying human activities like crops. So it is appropriate that we come up with fencing. Let us fence all our dams in order to have these various habitats living in this water and again this water serving the entire community.

So I want to say that I stand to support this Motion. It is timely and I want to say thank you to the mover. I think you are keen because I know you come from Kesses again, you know the consequences of that dam. So thank you very much.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Songok. Honourable Pius.

Hon. Kigen: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for allowing me this opportunity to support this Motion. This is a Motion that would not have come at a better time bearing in mind the situation now in the ground with the on-going rains. There is indeed a great danger. Most of the dams, as we speak, have really burst their banks and if an assessment is not taken or action is not taken immediately, some of them definitely may cause a lot of havoc to the community around.

I am really happy with the prayer of this Motion and I want to congratulate the mover because the prayers are really precise; the prayer is really going to meet the gap and the missing link that

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we really require. So, honourable Speaker, and even considering our budget in our CFSP and CIDP, we budgeted for several machines in this department. Surely when those machines will come they will actually now have effect because most of these dams need to be de-silted; some of the water banks also need de-siltation.

So I want to say this is a Motion that has come at the right time and I would wish to ask the Chairman Environment Committee to follow up this Motion so that the guidelines, the policies are brought immediately because time is not with us. The rains are still going on and we can see what it has done in some other places. Therefore, so we need a structure, we need policy, we need a framework that the ministry will follow as a guideline or a tool or an organ, or an instrument that is going to assist them to ensure that they do this and ensure also...

I am also happy because of the aspect of maintenance. You will realize that most of the investments that we have done, there are no maintenance; even in our roads we don't have maintenance. That is the same with the dams and several other investments that we have done in the County. So I am happy with this that we need a continuous public awareness; people should be informed of the danger of living around the dams. Also the dams should be fenced.

So, Honourable Speaker, I strongly want to support this Motion and I would wish to ask all members to support. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Pius. Honourable Kirwa.

Hon. Kemboi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity. First and foremost, I take this opportunity to congratulate the member who came up with this noble Motion, as you know prevention is better than cure. As we know we are getting extra ordinary rain at this moment; we are more blessed. Most of our dams need to be taken care of. First we are urging the County executive to find the team which will go and asses all dams and make sure our dams are safe for our people, as we know most of our dams are not safe. As we are approaching the end of the financial year, I am also requesting this County assembly to put more funds on the emergency kitty, as we know the previous budget we did not have enough funds for emergency. For instance now as we have experienced even in the roads department we are not able to even do emergency work because we don't have money. In case any dam now collapses, we are not prepared as the County government to rescue that issue of, if our people are endangered. So my humble request also is that we have enough funds and our team should be prepared for any disaster if it happens.

All dams also should be taken care of – they should be fenced and secured because most of our dams are public utilities.

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I rest there. I support the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Kirwa. Honourable Yego!

Hon. Yego: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for giving me this opportunity to give my contribution. I want to say that if I had gone through this, I might have supported this Motion but I have a contrary opinion. The first statement of this Motion talks of ‘several dams and other water bodies across the County.’ On the prayer of the Motion there are some of the prayers that have actually been catered for since the new dams were constructed. Since the year 2013 all of them were fenced, so I don’t see the reason we should be requesting the County government, the executive side to do the fencing for what is already going on.

Also I want to say that cognitively...

Mr. Speaker: Point of information, honourable Keitany.

Hon. Keitany: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to inform honourable member that in my ward I have several dams which have not been fenced, so maybe if you want to come and confirm, you can just come to Sergoit Ward. So in short I want to say, Mr. Speaker Sir, let the honourable member support the Motion.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Yego!

Hon. Yego: I want to congratulate the honourable from Sergoit for the piece of information he has given me but basing on what I know, those that were constructed on the other end, the other sides of Uasin Gishu were fenced. I was building my case saying that, the people who were in charge of construction of dams are the engineers, so I don’t see the reason we should look for another team of people to go to supervise in the name of assessment.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Some?

Hon. Some: Mr. Speaker Sir, is the member in order by giving an opinion or is he supporting the Motion or opposing, because we are all confused? Is he building his case to oppose the Motion or what is the...

Mr. Speaker: I think the member from Segero Barsombe is opposing the Motion and I think he is building a case of opposing it, if I heard him right. Maybe honourable Yego, you can confirm.

Hon. Yego: Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am building a case to oppose the Motion. Basically I am opposing the Motion. I was saying that prayer number one, that is, ‘to asses all the dams,’ I was saying that the people who are dealing with the construction of dams and the people who are

supposed to assess the dams are the people with specialised skills who are basically the engineers.

Secondly, I was saying that cognitively all people who are at the lower side of the dam in case of anything, what is the prayer requesting for? Is it requesting that the people on the lower side of the dam be displaced or be relocated to other place or what? I don't understand the real meaning of that prayer.

So Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to oppose the Motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Yego. I wanted to be a bit sensitive on gender. Honourable Zipporah.

Hon. Maiyo: Thank you so much, honourable Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to give my input in supporting this Motion. First and foremost I should like to congratulate the mover of the Motion honourable Julius Sang. Mr. Speaker, I came from Segero/ Barsombe where honourable Yego comes from and I am shocked when honourable Yego opposed this Motion. There is a dam honourable Yego called Chelule Dam which needs to be fenced with a very strong perimeter wall.

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of information, honourable Yego?

Hon. Yego: I think the Honourable Member is not aware; the dam is waiting for de-silting. The Kilagan Dam for your information was constructed between the year 2013 and now and it has been fenced, so I wonder. That is the information. The one that she wants to be constructed is being fenced. Those that have not been de-silted, I think the County government is in the process of doing so. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: It seems honourable member Yego knows a lot of this county.

Hon. Maiyo: Honourable Speaker, I need your protection till I finish my sentiment. That dam we have lost a lot of human beings as far as lives of people and livestock are concerned. We have lost about 30 something people since 2013 because of that dam. So, honourable Yego, I don't think you are saying the truth and you are not aware of it.

Mr. Speaker, protect me. I want to continue.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Member.

Hon. Maiyo: Mr. Speaker Sir, what is very important in this Motion, what motivated me so much is the building of the perimeter wall or providing perimeter wall along the dams and I

should also urge that we should have a gateway with a guard to take care of those dams. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support this Motion 100%.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Zipporah. Honourable Bundotich!

Hon. Bundotich: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I stand with my two feet basically to say that this is a good Motion on condition that point number two carries number one, three and four.

Point number two that the mover of the Motion is ‘implement policy guidelines on regular supervision and maintenance of all the dams,’ then again this other stories of one, three and four should not be in this Motion because already there are some policy guidelines which say all dams should be fenced, all dams should be assessed and their structural stability to be monitored, and again, issues of people living within the dams should be given proper protection from any spill way or any bursting. so I think with due respect to the mover of this Motion, maybe what we should actually tell the department concerned is actually to implement the policy guidelines on regular supervision so that again we don’t keep on repeating ourselves. Once you read ‘to implement the policy guidelines ...’ then again the number one, three and four are within those policy guidelines.

So I tend to support this. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Bundotich. You have raised a substantial matter in terms of the points being prayed for. Maybe the mover of the Motion can do some clarification as to one; whether we have a policy in place guiding the maintenance of all the dams and what your view is in terms of what the Honourable Member has raised as pertaining number one, three and four. Honourable Sang.

Hon. Sang, K: Thank you so, much Mr. Speaker. With due respect, my colleague honourable Bundotich, I agree with my brother that the policy actually carries all these prayers that we have said. However, the reason why we have actually separated these points...

Mr. Speaker: What we wanted to know is if you can inform the House if there is a policy already in place that is supposed to be implemented.

Hon. Sang, K: Mr. Speaker, I know there is a policy. I have inquired there is a policy actually on the construction of dams that guides what needs to be done when you are constructing a dam so that it meets the standard. But I am not sure whether we have a policy on public awareness. I am not sure, Mr. Speaker, whether we have a policy on a perimeter fencing because if there was ... I have two dams which have taken the lives of five people in the last three years. So that is an issue that really, really touches our hearts as a House. I am not aware if there is. I stand guided.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Sang. Honourable Bundotich!

Hon. Bundotich: Thank you very much. I like the honest answer the Honourable Member is giving to this House but, Mr. Speaker, the policy guidelines governing dams is well stipulated. The issue of fencing and the issue of awareness to the people living within the dams are there. I want to give you an example of the latest tragedy that occurred in Solai. When the owner one Mr. Patel was to be taken to court, he had done all the necessary as far as the policy guidelines concerning a dam is concerned.

One Mr. Patel is an owner of a large track of a land in Solai and I got a privilege of actually going through the dailies and getting what is supposed to be done when you are putting up a dam and one Mr. Patel had actually adhered to all the rules including actually awareness. Despite the fact that the tragedy was too big, Mr. Patel had actually adhered to all the rules and regulations concerning the dams, including, Mr. Speaker, doing a CSR.

Mr. Speaker, CSR is cooperate social responsibility. One Mr. Patel had actually sponsored a lot of students within his working place, he had done a lot of building good houses to the ... So, Mr. Speaker, the guidelines are there. What I was just saying is that -so that we don't look as if we are not sure what we are doing - we should only maybe remain with the prayer number two.

(Point of order)

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

Hon. Keitany: Mr. Speaker Sir, Maybe the honourable member can tell us if it is true what he is trying to tell us that that dam was legally constructed and he really followed the rules because what I know is that, that dam was illegally constructed. So I don't know where he got information from or maybe we are behind the news.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Bundotich!

Hon. Bundotich: Mr. Speaker, I think it is within the public domain. Mr. Patel doesn't own only one dam. As we are speaking Mr. Patel has several dams in Solai, so those dams are not illegal; they are there legally and he is using those dams in his farms for irrigation. So maybe just to tell my honourable member, the dams that Mr. Patel has are not illegal; in fact if it could have been illegal, the remaining seven or eight dams would have been now been buried by the government. So those are very legal dams.

Thank you. So, Mr. Speaker, I think I have finished my submission. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Okay thank you very, much honourable Bundotich. Honourable Goretti!

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to support this Motion by saying that there should be a policy in place and if there is one, it should actually be able to be implemented to ensure the safety of our people and I want to say that we are all aware that even before the County came up with dams that are currently being constructed, there were already dams that were there before and you find most of the dams that were constructed in the colonial era were considering the flow of water but of late people are not even considering where will this water go in case the dams to burst. so I want to say that, as a County, we should not be just coming up with dams yet when they burst, they have no way and, if there is a way that water will be flowing, let it not flow to people's farm or land and if you check the old dams that were there before, most of them were along the river so that in case they burst at least the same water follows the river and again, alongside the river there was that 30 metre-rule that was actually preserved for the river and no building, no house was there at that particular time.

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that we should be concerned. In fact I have just come from the area of Kimumu and when you go to Kimumu right now, you cannot walk by foot because water is all over. Therefore this is something that we should also be able to support so that we check on the security of our people. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you very much, honourable Goretti. Honourable Yego, do you have something to add?

Hon. Yego: I need some information, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker: What is your point of information?

Hon. Yego: The information that I want to know is that, I want to hear from the relevant committee, the committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, Tourism and Wildlife Management to tell us what exactly they have done because we are currently in the Budget process. So I don't know.

Mr. Speaker: That seeking of information, I think, unless you are asking specifically to the mover of the Motion, because we are currently discussing this Motion which specific honourable member has brought. Unless you want to inquire more from him, the other question can be taken to the relevant committee during their committee sitting.

Hon. Yego: Yes, Mr. Speaker Sir. I just want to inquire from the mover of the Motion whether all these or some of the prayers have been answered through the budget process because we know that we are yet to pass the budget which this department will be carrying a bigger sum amount of money than other departments. Perhaps it must have been put into consideration.

Mr. Speaker: What is the point of information, honourable Bundotich, and to whom specifically?

Hon. Bundotich: I want to inform the mover of the Motion, Mr. Speaker. I wish to inform the mover of the Motion, honourable Julius Sang, if it could be in order to delete one, three and four or alternatively maybe use one then annex one, three and four. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Sang, you can do that clarification.

Hon. Sang: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. they say information is power and therefore, Mr. Speaker, I think I would take the latter option that we annex because all these, although it has been said of are in the policy guidelines, they are equally important. I wish that we could go by the proposal by honourable Bundotich that we take the first and annex the rest of the prayers because I wish to state that it is important that we do all these points because it is very critical at this point in time. Thank you.

(Point of order)

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

Hon. Kigen: Honourable Speaker, I don't think it is in order that prayer number one is annexed. In fact prayer number one is the prime. It is not in order because surely this is what is going to give or to reinforce any existing laws and when you check even number two, it is saying implement. If there is a policy and implementation is lacking, so he is not saying, make a policy. We are saying implement the policy guideline because as we know, Speaker, we are coming from the villages, we have not seen any dam that has been fenced and even if it is in the Law and it has not been done, this Motion is seeking to reinforce the existing guidelines, regulations and policies because we don't see any at all. No information is going round; people are not being informed that they live in a dam and it is dangerous - nothing is going on.

This is a continuous process. This does not contradict the main law. It does not contradict what is existing but it is reinforcing rather that these people should. It is like a wake-up call. So I am seeing that nothing should be removed from here. Honourable Chair, I seek your indulgence. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Pius, thanks a lot. I think the mover of the Motion has clarified that as far as he is concerned, all the items and all the prayers that he has stated should be in the Motion. So with that clearance the members can continue debating, whether you are supporting or opposing. Proceed.

Mr. Speaker: Having no further deliberations on this Motion, I now want to put the question.

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(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Having no further business, the House is hereby adjourned until tomorrow 2.30 PM; that should be 28th of June 2018.

The House rose at 4.10 PM