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UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY
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The House Met at 11:18 AM
[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amos Kiptanui) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Amos Kiptanui): What is out of order, honourable Ramadhan?

QUORUM

Hon. Werambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I am seeing, we don't have a quorum maybe for the business of the House to continue.

Clerk! Kindly confirm if we have the quorum.

Members Present – 12 (Twelve)

Hon. Ramadhan Ali (MCA Kiplombe Ward), Hon. Jeruto Barbengi (Nominated MCA), Hon. Leah Malot (Nominated), Hon. Leah Sambai (Nominated), Hon. Dr. Catherine Barmao (Nominated), Hon. Joan Bittok (Nominated), Hon. Zipporah Maiyo (Nominated), Hon. Nicholas Lelei (Kamagut Ward), Hon. Patrick Bundotich (Tarakwa Ward), Hon. Nancy Sang (Nominated) and Hon. Pius Kigen (MCA Tembelio Ward).

Temporary Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms, kindly ring the Quorum Bell.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Temporary Speaker: Clerk! Kindly confirm the quorum!

(Clerk confirmed 21 Members were Present)

Temporary Speaker: Okay, let us proceed to the next order.

PAPER LAID

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY WATER POLICY

*(Hon. Hillary Rono – Chair, Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Wildlife
Management)*

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Hillary Rono, member representing Kipkenyo Ward.

Hon. Rono: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to table the report of the Committee on Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management on the deliberations of the proposed County water policy that took place between 4th April 2018 and 10th April and 10th April 2018 at Weston Hotel in Nairobi, dated 17th April 2018.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Temporary Speaker: Honourable Hillary, next time you need to be seated at the right place when you are tabling papers. For today we can excuse you but next time it will not be the case. Proceed to table your papers, Honourable Member.

(Hon. Hillary Rono Laid the Paper on the Table)

Temporary Speaker: Clerk!

NOTICE OF MOTION

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON THE DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROPOSED COUNTY WATER POLICY

(Hon. Hillary Rono – Chair, Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Wildlife Management)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Hillary Rono!

Hon. Rono: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

That this County Assembly do adopt the Second Report of the Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management on the deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy that took place between 4th April 2018 and 10th April 2018 at Weston Hotel in Nairobi, dated 17th April 2018, with or without amendments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: Let us turn to the supplementary orders of the day, Honourable members, in the second page.

Clerk!

MOTION

THE SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON THE DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROPOSED COUNTY WATER POLICY

(Hon. Hillary Rono – Chair, Environment, Water and Natural Resources and Wildlife Management)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Hillary Kipkemboi Rono!

Hon. Rono: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I beg to move the following Notice:

That this County Assembly do adopt the Second Report of the Committee On Water, Environment, Natural Resources And Wildlife Management on the deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy that took place between 4th April 2018 and 10th April 2018 at Weston Hotel in Nairobi, dated 17th April 2018, with or without amendments.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, Tourism and Wildlife Management second Report on the deliberations on the proposed County water policy that took place between April 4th 2018 and April 10th 2018 at Weston hotel in Nairobi.

Preliminaries

Acronyms

Honourable members, Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me; on the second page there is table of contents there, there are abbreviations, preface, committee membership and the rest.

On the abbreviations;

CIDP means County Integrated Development Plan.

UGC means Uasin Gishu County.

WSI means Water Sector Institutions.

WSP means Water Service Providers.

ICT means Information Communication Technology.

M&E means Monitoring and Evaluation.

Preface

Mr. Speaker Sir, on behalf of the Members of the Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Tourism and Wildlife Management and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order Nos 42 and 191, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House the Committee's Report on the deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy that took place between April 4, 2018 and April 10, 2018.

Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Tourism and Wildlife Management as constituted by the House comprises of the following honourable Members, and, Honourable members, allow me to move to the next page. Those are the members led by the Honourable Chair, Hillary Rono.

Committee Mandate

The County Assembly is a creation of Article 176 of the Constitution of Kenya. The Constitution under Article 185 provides that the legislative authority of the county is vested in, and exercised by the County Assembly. In order to give effect to Chapter Eleven of the Constitution, Parliament enacted the County Governments' powers, functions and responsibilities to deliver services. The Committee is responsible under Standing Order No. 191(5) to:

- a) Investigate, inquire into and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments.
- b) Study the programme and policy objectives of the departments and the effectiveness of the implementation.
- c) Study, assess and analyse the relative success of the departments as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives.
- d) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly.
- e) Make all reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

THE REPORT ON THE DELIBERATIONS ON THE PROPOSED COUNTY WATER POLICY

Executive Summary

The members of the Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources, Tourism and Wildlife Management went to the Weston Hotel, Nairobi, to conduct in-depth deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy in a bid to familiarize with the document and also give their input on its content. Attached is a copy of the proposed County Water Policy.

Committee Sitings

Mr. Speaker Sir, in-depth deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy took place between April 4, 2018 and April 10, 2018 at the Weston Hotel in Nairobi Kenya.

Observations and Findings

Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee found out that; in Chapter three - and I will elaborate it later Mr. Speaker.

CHAPTER 3

- It is the core agenda of the policy. Those are the findings.
- It emphasizes on water quality.
- It outlines proposals on cheaper technologies available that can be used in supplying water such as solar energy, gravity, etc so that safe water is affordable to all county residents.
- It offers solutions to the water harvesting and improved provision of water services in both rural and urban areas in the county.
- It addresses issues to do with climate change and adaptation with the policy seeking to give solutions to this
- Most of the County's peri-urban and urban areas are not connected to a sewer line.
- Trans-boundary disputes over water resources have been highlighted in the policy.
- That the County shall have various sources of water.

CHAPTER 5

- It outlines how the various water sources shall be managed.
- On Monitoring and Evaluation, there is no database on available water sources in the county.
- Monitoring and Evaluation is meant to aid the WSIs and WSPs to know if they satisfy the needs of the consumers.

CHAPTER 6

- It highlights organizations and bodies that are to be formed and members that shall constitute to them.
- Currently in UGC, there is only one WSP.
- It highlights that County Water Authorities that shall be formed shall work in tandem with the already established National bodies.
- It promises close monitoring of water systems to the smallest unit of water management.

- Annex 1 and 2 of the Policy highlight the roles of the organizations and bodies that shall be formed.
- The WSIs and WSPs will be subject to giving reports to enhance transparency.

The findings and observations of Chapter seven, Mr. Speaker

CHAPTER 7

- After the policy is adopted, to implement it, Chapter 7 details that two bills can be developed from it, namely:
 - i. The County Water Bill.
 - ii. County Wastewater Treatment Bill.
- In terms of water services provision, the urban areas are better covered compared to the rural areas where there are still challenges in accessing safe water.

Conclusion

For the County Water Policy to be effectively effected, the key challenges in the water sector listed in Chapter 2 of the Policy need to be addressed.

Recommendations

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Committee hereby recommends the following:

- i. That some of the key challenges highlighted in Chapter 2 need to be curbed so that they don't hinder implementation of the Policy; some of which can be addressed through motions.
- ii. Cultural issues as a challenge in the water sector can be addressed through involving the communities living around the water source being used as a cultural site in conservation and development.
- iii. That an organizational structure for the County Water Management be drawn showing who reports to who to ensure water is managed properly at all levels up to the ward level.
- iv. That the current coverage of the sewer line be determined and documented.
- v. That a survey on all water sources is done.
- vi. That all dams in the county are conserved as this will ensure sufficiency of water.
- vii. That a database is developed that will capture every detail on the Water Projects in the County - complete and on-going.
- viii. That an ICT system is developed for the County Water Sector and the staff working in WSIs and WSPs to be trained and encouraged to embrace ICT.

On behalf of the Committee, I therefore urge this Honourable House to adopt this Report on the deliberations on the proposed County Water Policy with or without amendments.

Mr. Speaker, the members of the Committee signed the report; in fact there are two members who were not around and have not signed. One member who just arrived some few minutes ago has also committed himself; he is in support of the report.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to start by telling the Honourable House that this is the Committee report and, as you have read it in the first page, the report is about the deliberations of the committee on environment on the water policy. I want to first of all inform the honourable members that today's report is not about adopting the water policy; we are not adopting the water policy. The Committee went to Nairobi Weston Hotel so that we can deliberate on the

contents of this policy and then after our deliberations, the same policy will have to follow the due process and the due process is that we are supposed to take this policy again to the public for public participation so that we can come and pass it later as a report in this assembly.

Again, I want to make the honourable members aware that today in our recommendations as the committee, we are requesting the initiators of this water policy that as an Assembly or as a Committee, we have seen the contents of the report and there are some recommendations we want them to make sure that are incorporated in this report so that when we will be taking this report for the public participation, Honourable members, the input of the Committee is already in the policy.

Mr. Speaker, the policy will actually give the Uasin Gishu County government to do some water.... Thank you. Mr. Speaker, as you have seen in this Report, the Committee agreed or went through, or deliberated on some chapters which is in the Report, whereas there are some chapters which other honourable members have not seen in the report.

As the Committee, we agreed that we want to start with areas that are really touching and are areas of contentions and as the Committee, the other chapters are important but the three chapters that the Committee discussed were of great importance and those are the main areas we saw as the committee that we are supposed to advise the initiators so that when we will be going through the public participation, the input of this Committee is already there.

Mr. Speaker, if you see in chapter three; it gives us the whole area of Uasin Gishu. It gives us information for The County Government to know their boundaries whereby in this Water Policy, we understood that the issues within the town wards and the rural wards are actually prioritised very differently, as you have seen in the town wards on the issue of the sewer line. The sewer line is actually not up to the standard. some of the sewer lines in other areas were only made - I don't know it was when the transformation of the new technology was not around and that is why you have seen in our recommendations that we have asked the concerned department to give us all the measurements of the sewer line within, and the standard of each one so that when we shall be implementing the policy as the County Assembly; we shall know where to start and where to end with.

On the issue of monitoring and evaluation; in this policy ... you know this policy is talking about engaging the common community to always know what is happening in the government and what we will be proposing, when we shall be adopting the policy, is that the management shall be done from the County level up to the Ward level so that the community will be included by the government in regulating some of the issues which are there.

I want to urge these Honourable members that there are so many issues we are supposed to discuss as an Honourable House before we pass this policy. In the near future, we will have to sit down and peruse page by page because the ones that we have already covered as the committee, we shall still have another opportunity to inform you so that we can all of us go through it and give our input and we shall also go for public participation so that our residents down there can understand what we are doing.

Before I finish, honourable members, this policy will give effect to two main Bills. The policy itself; the County Executive after passing this Bill, will use this Bill to give effect to two Bills that now will be making the policy work and this is the Water Bill which cannot come to this House before we approve the policy itself and another Bill that we shall be

expecting is the County Waste Water Treatment Bill; mainly that is on the issue of sewage and the rest.

So I urge these honourable members, let us adopt this report. The much needed work from this Committee will be done later when we shall be having this Bill and taking it to public participation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I want to call upon Honourable Isaac Kemboi who is the Vice Chair to second.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Isaac Kemboi!

Hon. Kemboi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support this Motion which was moved by our able Chair of Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management. As we know, water is life, so before we go for scrutinising the issue of the policy and take it to public participation for our electorate to put their input, because as we know policy is the one which is going to make the County Government ensure that its electorate or the residents of this Country get sufficient water to all those people who do not have enough water. So, I rise and support the Motion and urge this County Assembly to pass this Report as we are requesting as the Committee of Environment.

Thank you, Speaker Sir.

Temporary Speaker: I now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

Temporary Speaker: Ensuing debate!

Honourable Edwin Maraswa, member representing Kapseret/Simat Ward.

Hon. Korir, E. K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I stand to support this Report and before us is this Water Policy and the Report gives input from the Committee on Water and Environment. This one has come at the right time and I want to urge other Honourable Members to support this Report and after supporting, they will also get time to go through the Water Policy before we proceed maybe to public participation, and due process to adopt the water policy maybe later in this House. The input from the Committee is that this Water Policy will actually assist to curb water pollution.

Another good thing with this policy is it will have a database that will actually assist the department to know their sources of water and their clients. You know in Uasin Gishu right now, the number of customers is not known and we have only one water service provider and very soon we will have more of them like Elgarini Dam and the Kipkaren Water Project and so service providers in Uasin Gishu County are increasing. If there will be an adoption of this water policy, it will give a good framework and management of water sources and it will also reduce pollution. Like if you go around the water sources, you will find people maybe washing cars, you will find others washing clothes and you will find others even bathing. This policy is good and it is timely; it has highlighted the collection of water like now when it is the rainy season and we do not have good management on water collection such that during dry season, we will use the same water.

I stand to support this Report and I want to urge my colleagues that let us all support this Report from this Committee on Water and Environment.

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Thank you and I support.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Edwin.

Honourable Korir, Member representing Ziwa Ward!

Hon. Korir, J: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this Report brought by the Chairman of Honourable Rono of Kipkenyo Ward.

I also stand being a Member of that Committee and I want to say that from the reading of the Report that the Honourable Member has presented and read, and from the days we were in Weston, Nairobi trying to go through, this policy has been 'messed' in the Annexure and maybe even Chapter three.

I also want to urge the Honourable House to pass this Report because; remember that this is the core mandate of this County government to see the way how we can manage to get water for our people in Uasin Gishu County. We also we want to see other new technologies of trying to see how we can get water so that it can reach every household especially in the rural areas. When we talk of rural areas, an issue like maybe sewerage has not even reached that place; it is within the urban areas even though it has not reached all areas. So when we were discussing or trying to research on water, we said that we want to see all means whereby we can be in a position as a County to safeguard all this water that is wasted during the rainy season. You see this time round, we have experienced a lot of rain but you see this water is gone; maybe next year we might not have water; we might have drought because most of the water has now gone to the ocean. What are we going to do so that we do not lack water especially in our rural areas? We need to conserve water maybe by constructing more dams within our areas of jurisdiction and also bearing in mind that we need to have very good personnel when erecting dams because it is risky again to our people, So that we have dams within Uasin Gishu either--- Right now, the Uasin Gishu County Government has drilled a lot of boreholes but that is not enough for the people but we also want to see that we can have easy means of getting water. Also taking into consideration; having these dams around is another way of conserving water and also through maybe solar energy; we want to use all these technologies that are there so that we can see how we can have this water so that we can distribute to our people in our areas.

So, as this Report has been brought to the House and it is also subjected maybe to public participation, by then we need to have a very good policy such that when this policy will be brought here to be passed by the House, it will now be a concrete Report and we will have collected all the information. As of now since it has come to this House as a Report, we are also saying that let us pass this Report the way our able Chairman has brought and then now all of us can see the ways which we can have this issue of water solved because water is actually life in the whole world; without water there is no life.

I stand to support this Report that has been brought before this House.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much.

Honourable Leah Menjo, nominated Member!

Hon. Sambai: Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support this Motion that the Honourable Chair has moved on the issue of water policy. As we know, the first agenda in this Uasin Gishu County is actually to have water for all residents. So being in the Committee of Water and

Environment, it is good for us to have a policy with regulations so that as we implement water projects, we have the rules that can govern and assist on how to care for water; how to manage and how to distribute water to all residents. We find that water is always concentrated in urban areas but in rural areas we do not have clean water for our residents. So with this policy, all the Members of this County will be able to benefit from clean water with good management. Once the regulations are set on the issue of water, all of us will have to follow the procedures which will assist in ensuring that water is taken care of and when there is a problem with water, we shall have managers who can solve.

I request the Members of this House to pass this policy with or without amendments because all of us need to discuss the policy for the good of this County.

I stand to support this, Mr. Speaker Sir. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you.

Honourable Boroswa, Nominated Member!

Hon. Boroswa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the Report on the Water Policy. As we are all aware, water is a natural resource which, I want to believe, it is only God who can provide for us, and therefore we do not see the reason our people should not have water in their households. I want to support this policy because, One; as per the Constitution, Schedule Four; it is a mandate of every County Government to ensure that its people receive or get to drink clean water and also the water should be available to all households. I want to say that I really support this is a proposed policy so that we can come up with the Bills that will be able to guide us in the usage of water and also provision of clean water to our people.

As we all know, we have water and especially in Uasin Gishu County we have plenty water, the only problem that we have been facing is because none of us has taken that step to ensure that we preserve our water and ensure that the same water is clean. So this is a Policy that is going to give a guideline to the County government of Uasin Gishu and its stakeholders to ensure that they have preserved the water and ensured that there is clean water. I want to believe that even for the Honourable Members seated in this House, we can all see that we have water on our tables and why are we having this water? This is because water is a necessity to every human being, even to our animals and plants. Therefore, I want to say that this is a policy that has come at the right time and we want to appreciate the Committee together with the Chair of that Committee that has given us this policy so that we really support it. I am one of those people who like water and in a day I even take more than eight glasses of water and when I go to visit maybe somebody, a relative at times, it is a problem to drink water because you never know the source of water and how clean the water is. Therefore, when we have this policy in place and a Bill that will follow it, it will ensure that wherever you go you will always find clean water. We also want to take the sewer line to our rural areas so that we do not have contamination of water in the rural areas because I know those who are in urban areas like Eldoret Town are able to take clean water.

Currently when you go to hotels, you will find that people are saying we want to drink 'Mandago water' because they are sure that that water is very clean and they have no queries about the water they are given in the hotels because our County Government has ensured that the water supplied in all our hotels in Eldoret is clean. The only problem that we still face is that in the rural areas we do not have safe water.

Therefore, I want to urge the Honourable Members in this House to ensure that this policy goes with or without amendments; I do support it a 100%.

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Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Member.

Honourable Talam, Member representing Soy Ward!

Hon. Talam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to give my sentiments as outlined in the Report. The policy read by the Chair is actually a good report for all of us. I think we need to support because in the Agenda Four given by our Governor...

(Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: What is out of order, Honourable Nancy Sang?

Hon. Sang N: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask if we can extend the time. I can see it is already past noon and you know the procedure of this House.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: What is the procedure, Honourable Nancy?

Hon. Sang, N: I would like to ask for an extension so that maybe we can continue debating on this issue.

Temporary Speaker: Order, Honourable Member! You are out of order because if the clock that is at the wall serves me right, it is 10 minutes past noon; it is not yet half past noon. It is only at 12.30PM that you can seek for an extension. So you are out of order to predetermine how long the Members will take in debating this Motion.

Proceed, Honourable Talam!

Hon. Talam: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I was saying that the Report that has been read by the Honourable Chair goes along with the needs of all of us. We all know that water is among the Agenda Four outlined by our Governor. It is going to be given priority in what we are going...

(Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: What is out of Order, Honourable Maraswa?

Hon. Korir, E. K: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can see the Honourable Member on the Floor is out of order to tell us that our Governor has four priorities, highlighting that water is number one.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Talam, can you please elaborate on that.

Hon. Talam: I am saying that the water is anchored in that report, so it is among the priorities in the County and I never said it is number one.

(Applause)

So, I want to say that all of us as Members of this Assembly do support this idea so that all the money that was set aside will go to all wards and all of us will benefit. So I stand to support this Report presented by the Chair and I do not think we should debate on this very much. This is a Report that is needy and all of us have to agree on this. We should not debate on this; it is a matter of just saying we pass it and then we go to other things.

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Temporary Speaker: Okay.

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Honourable Chomba, Member representing Huruma Ward!

Hon. Chomba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I also rise in support of this policy Report even though there have been many policy reports of the same from the water company that have been passed before. On this one, as we were told by the Chair of Environment, Honourable Hillary, that this Report came from the Executive, so apparently I am in support of Honourable Talam. There is nothing that is being changed because even if you heard from the Chair of the same Committee, he spent more time telling us that they went to Weston Hotel. for sure very much on Chapter three, it was already written and there are no changes that they made. So it was more at Weston Hotel... It is more they went to eat and read whatever policy that had been written. So one of the Members mentioned that we were going to have...

(Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: What is out of order, Honourable Pius?

Hon. Kigen: Honourable Speaker, with due respect and the decorum of this House, is it in order for a Member to say that the Committee went to a hotel to feed?

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Chomba, kindly withdraw that statement or you justify it?

(Applause)

Hon. Chomba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I see the name of the Member who is requesting... I did not say anything. It is one of the best hotels in the country and the food is very good. So, apparently it will be wrong for me to say you did not enjoy yourself in the same hotel. They enjoyed, Mr. Speaker Sir.

(Temporary Speaker interjected)

Temporary Speaker: But was that the reason?

Hon. Chomba: So apparently on the same token, they were able to go through the same policy that they have given us to go through.

(Temporary Speaker interjected)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Chomba.

(Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: I have not given the Member who has risen on a point of order. Proceed!

Hon. Chomba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Protect me and I thank you for that; for protecting me.

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Member for Tembelio, you cannot order the Speaker!

Hon. Chomba: Thank you. He needs to know that since he has been here for a long time.

(Point of Order)

Temporary Speaker: What is the point of order, Honourable Pius Kigen?

Hon. Kigen: Honourable Speaker, you have given orders from your Chair that the Member withdraws; he has not done it. He cannot tell us that Weston Hotel has nice food; that is not about the Report!

(Applause)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Chomba, kindly withdraw that statement so that you do not spur a lot of reactions from the Honourable Members. Kindly.

Hon. Chomba: Mr. Speaker Sir, I do it because it is your orders not the Member who has just requested, because I am sure he enjoyed the food.

(Temporary Speaker interjected)

Temporary Speaker: Honourable Chomba, I will...

Hon. Chomba: Mr. Speaker Sir, I withdraw.

Temporary Speaker: He has already withdrawn. Very well, proceed!

Hon. Chomba: I have already withdrawn so he should give me time to make my point. I have already withdrawn.

Temporary Speaker: Hon. Chomba, I have given you direction to proceed.

Hon. Chomba: Yes, thank you. One of the Members mentioned that very soon we are going to have other water companies in the County. That is a dream that is not achievable. It is not possible, and water companies are formed by the National Government not the County Governments, so that one will not happen. On the same water...

Temporary Speaker: You want to be informed?

Hon. Chomba: I do not need his information; I am well informed.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the issue of ELDOWAS, we should be thinking of requesting the national government to disband the water company that we have. We are talking of policies and we have no water in our pipes. In the areas that we live, we have no water. As we adopt this policy, we should also, through our very able Chairman of this Committee, be able to discuss and for him to take our issues that we need water in most of the wards in this County because we have no water and yet the water company is collecting fees or revenue that they should not be collecting because there is no water people are consuming.

Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you.

Honourable Pius Kigen.

Hon. Kigen: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also stand to support this report. This is one of the best reports that of late have come to this House and I want to congratulate the Chair and the Committee. I think this report will give impetus to the formation of several Bills that are going to address the water issues in this County. The proposed policy is going to address a lot of issues including actually the gap that has been seen for a long time in this County. People are saying that we have pipes without water but with this Policy, all these aspects will be addressed. I am happy to see that that the Report actually has widened its scope to the extent that it intends or it is going to allow the formation of several bodies particularly in inter governmental aspects such that the neighbouring counties can just join. We can just form water institutions that will manage water so that it reduces tensions between counties.

The approval of this Motion and the possible outcome of the statute on water policy will really address these issues which have been pending for a long long time.

I am also happy to see that at the same time, this policy is going to address not only the provision of water, the origin of water - the streams, the dams, the water pans and possible rivers - it is also going to address the aspect of waste management. This is a very important tool because in most cases, waste management has been a challenge in many counties and I think this Bill will address this effectively. So I want to support this Policy. I would only want to ask the Committee to fast-track so that we go to *wananchi* so that we give *wananchi* a greater opportunity on public participation to share because some of these; the policy and the possible guidelines that are going to come or regulations out of this are likely to affect the *wananchi* in one way or another both in the urban and rural areas.

So, I would wish to suggest that the Committee gives priority to public participation so that the community will feel that they are part and this thing will become one of the community-driven policies so that it will be easy to implement after the policy has been passed. So I want to thank the Committee and I do support strongly.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you.

The mover for right of reply!

Hon. Rono, H: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable House for agreeing with this Report. If we are going to pass this policy, the issue of implementing the other Bills will be easier and as Uasin Gishu County, we will be sure that safe water will be available almost everywhere in Uasin Gishu County.

Thank you very much, Honourable Members, for supporting this Report. I want also to assure you that within the next few days, we will take the Report to the public participation so that we can come and adopt the policy to give effect to the other Bills to be presented to this House. Honourable Members, thank you very much and God bless you. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker: Thank you very much, Honourable Members. Now I want to put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Temporary Speaker: The ayes have it, so this Motion has been approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Temporary Speaker: So since there is no other Business, this House stands adjourned until 2:30PM today.

The House Rose at 12.20 PM

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