

**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NAKURU****THE HANSARD****Wednesday 12th August, 2015***Assembly Building**The House met at 9.45am**[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Stephen Kiarie) in the Chair]***PRAYERS****MOTION**

CONTROLLER OF BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW REPORT FOR THE  
FIRST HALF OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I wish to move the Motion;-

THAT this House adopts the Report of Budget and Appropriations Committee on the first half of Financial Year 2014/2015 of Controller of Budget Implementation Review Report, tabled before this House on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Someone to second?

**Hon. Newton Wauthi**: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Agnes Salimu**: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I request that because the Report is voluminous we be given time to go through it because we have were given a few minutes ago.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Honourable Salimu, the Paper was tabled on 17<sup>th</sup> of June and we were given copies so we cannot get more time because it is getting late.

**Hon. John Muigai**: Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, in as much as we were given on 17<sup>th</sup>, we have a number of issues that are pushing us to participate in so many fields including preparations for games and this has put us in a position that we have not been able to look at the documents.

And now that we have an afternoon session Mr. Temporary Speaker, I support what my colleague Agnes has said and because we are not opposing the document we are only requesting for some few more hours so that we debate it in the afternoon from a very informed perspective so that we may not be blamed for passing a document whose contents we might not be so conversant with.

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**The Temporary Speaker**(Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Honourable Kafuu.

**Hon. Newton Wauthi:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I disagree with Members who stood before me because this is the third time we are having this document. Honourable Muigai is saying he has no time, yet he is going to class and he will not appear in the afternoon so Mr. Speaker, let us proceed.

**Hon. John Muigai:**(On a point of information) Mr. Temporary Speaker, I have just been mentioned and the calendar of my activities is solely carried by myself and not any other person and for that reason, when I am requesting for an hour or so to look at this document I know the importance of passing a document with contents especially on financial matter and most of all, my colleague should not have stood to mention my name without telling us the contents of this document. He should have clearly given us the content so that we do not require more time to go and look at it. He should have said this is what we have in terms of recurrent expenditure or this is what we passed as Supplementary Budget. He would even be telling us why we have doctors and nurses today striking, that way Mr. Temporary Speaker you will be more comfortable because he will be giving us content but now he is mentioning my name even when he has not gone through the document himself.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): How do you know that he has not gone through the document? But honorable Members this is an important document and the moment we play around with Budget issues we are interfering with the calendar, we are also interfering with the activities of the County government. Yes honorable Moses!

**Hon. Moses Kamau:** I want to inform this House that they debate this Motion which is before this House because if you look at some of the recommendations, they are very favorable even to what we are supposed to be doing as honorable Members. This Report is recommending that any fund that is being requisite by the Executive from the exchequer, thirty percent should go to development, this means that the amount of money that will be going to be released by the National government to the County government of Nakuru will not be delayed and the projects will be implemented.

If you look at recommendation number six, on the creation of the Audit Committee, this will help the County government monitor how the funds we receive are being spend by the Executive and this is not a creation of the Budget Committee but it is a Report from the Controller of Budget, the books were receive from the Controller of Budget, our is just to analyze all the issues and give recommendations. I request that the Members not to adjourn this Motion because these are some of the critical issues that were noted by the Controller of the Budget and therefore let us debate and adopt this Report, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Stephen Kiarie): Thank you, Minority leader.

**Leader of Minority** (Hon. Daniel Ambale): Thank you, there is a reason behind the concern of some Members in this House concerning the document that was tabled here on the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2015. The Report by the Controller of Budget on the implementation of the Budget of this county, which Report in itself is different from the Report of the Committee on Budget.

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The Report of the Committee on the Report of the Controller of Budget is the document that we are currently holding in our hands, this document that we are currently holding in our hands has been given to us a few minutes ago and when that Member was raising that concern is that we need time to see the interpretation of the Committee on the Report that was received from the Controller of Budget, which we hope that, that is what is contained in the document we are holding in our hands, however much we are saying that this is what was tabled here on 17<sup>th</sup> of June, what was tabled here was the Report by the Controller of Budget but the report by the Committee on Budget concerning that particular Rep[ort has not been tabled in this House, it is the one we are having now.

*(Applause)*

So Mr. Temporary Speaker my concern is that we need time to carefully look at these issues but that does not mean that I can rule out any debate on issues raised by the Committee in this Report.

If I look at this Report that I have received a very few minutes ago, and luckily I had a chance to go through the Report by the Controller of Budget and the observation that I can make here is that most of the content of this Report is a summary of what the Controller of Budget reported.

Anyone of us here is able to do such a summary. We do not need a Committee to go and sit down and do that summary for us. What we would have wanted to see here just to give an example is that if you look at the table that they have given in the analysis here for this period, you are able to see that the amount for the ex-checker during that period for example to the office of the Governor was 104.95 Million shillings but during that particular period this office spent 131.4m they are indicating for us very clearly and I think this is an extract of that report which I also saw that there was a variance of 26.45 Million shillings.

The big question that we would be asking this Committee, which I expect them to give as a response here, is where this 26.45 Million shillings came from. If you go down, look at the finance and economic planning, another variance of 25.34 Million amounts spent on recurrent expenditure which was not released by the Controller of Budget to this County, where did that money come from?

Ministry of Public Service Management a variance of 51.65 Million shillings, money that was spent but had not been released by treasury to this County, we are asking why was these kind of variance, what functions were supposed to be provided for that were provided for by this expense. I think that then should be the reasoning of the Committee of Budget.

We did not want them to give us a summary of what is there, we wanted them to give us answers to this issues. I have been looking at the recommendations and I can tell you it is not there. We want to know, I have a feeling that some departments in this County are not functioning simply because no matter how much money they requisition, the money that they are supposed to use in running the affairs of those departments is used by particular departments which are favored or which have some roots in the treasury.

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So we are having a County that is being financed in a skewed manner, for example you will realize that in a department like Education nothing happened simply because money that was supposed to have been spent as part of the budget in Education was spent in the Public Service Management. These are the issues we need to be talking about. So here we want to know, during that period what happened in this Department of Agriculture. Did they not have money? What happened in ICT? They had their budget. What happened in Environment? They had their budget and by the first half of the year we expect them to have executed some of the functions and services

I am very sure that some of this departments had not executed anything simply because they did not have money, and you can see the excesses of money had been spent by office of the Governor, why excesses in their departments? If we are going to endorse this Report as it is here, we are endorsing these evils. We will not be giving direction to this county to grow as per the recommendations of the technical people we hired in this departments. The Budget committee should tell us what progress was made by every department. If there was a failure along the line, we want to know where these people were getting extra money. If you read this Report, it indicates that there was more expenditure in foreign and domestic travels than the previous year. It was very clear that in the 2013/14 the County Assembly made the biggest account of foreign and domestic travels and I believe by half of this financial year that budget particularly in the County Assembly was reduced by a big percentage. If we are claiming that there is extra expenditure is it not speculatively that this money was cut off from other department to finance domestic and foreign travels.

It is very clear that office of the Governor and people in Executive are making foreign travels. We cannot expect education or department of agriculture to collapse at the expense of foreign travels by that office. We want to request Members of the Budget Committee through their chairman to tell us where this extra money came from whereas development fund was not utilized. Why the expenditure mainly on the current and where did this extra Kshs 100 million come from. I want to oppose this Motion at the Moment

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Stephen Kiarie): The debate has now shifted, some Members wanted we suspend the debate but first I want to ask Chair Budget Committee to respond before I make the final decision.

**Hon Moses Kamau:** Thank you Mr. Temporary Speaker, I request to concur with Members that they get more time to peruse the Report.

*(Applause)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Stephen Kiarie): Members, we will differ the Motion to give the Committee on Budget to go through the document and give us satisfactory Report as was suggested by the leader of minority

House stands adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon.

*The House rose at 10.20 am*

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