



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MOMBASA

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 29th May, 2018

The House met at 2:41p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Raphael Bwire) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Hon. Members you may have a seat. Hon. Members welcome back to our today's sitting. Yes Clerk?

MOTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE COUNTY

Yes Hon. Robert Nyiro?

Hon. Nyiro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I rise to move the following Motion;

(Hon. Nyiro moved the Motion)

THAT AWARE that the elderly face constant challenges when it comes to access and affordability of medical care;

FURTHER AWARE that the elderly are often dependent on their children or extended families in order to meet the high costs of medical care;

NOTING that the national government through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) launched a free medical cover aimed at helping the elderly specifically those aged above 70 years.

FURTHER NOTING the free medical cover by the NHIF is yet to be fully implemented and does not cover those below 70 years but those who are aged and are vulnerable to various diseases and are unable to afford paying for the NHIF medical cover;

CONCERNED that the County does not have proper medical scheme or initiative geared towards meeting the medical needs of the elderly;

I therefore urge this Assembly to **RESOLVE**:

1. That the County government set up a medical scheme aimed at meeting the medical needs of the elderly in the County especially those aged 60 years and above;
2. That the County government work closely with NHIF to ensure that the elderly benefits from medical cover to supplement and complement the national government efforts, by subsidizing medical cover for the elderly aged 60 years and above.

Mr. Speaker I kindly request for Hon. Samba to second me in this Motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Yes Hon. Samba?

Hon. Samba: I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you, now Hon. Members I now propose the question that the Motion moved by Hon. Nyiro on establishment of medical scheme for the elderly in the County be considered by this House in the same terms as moved.

(Question put and agreed upon)

Hon. Members now allow me to let Hon. Members debate the Motion, the floor is open for debate. Yes Hon. Nyiro?

Hon. Nyiro: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Ningependa kwanza kuwashukuru waheshimiwa wenzangu kwa kukubali kwamba jambo hili ni la muhimu na tuweze kulijadili ili tuone kwamba mwafaka wa afya ya wazee wetu imelindwa. Mheshimiwa Spika ni jambo la kusikitisha ya kwamba mpaka sasa nimejaribu kufanya utafiti kidogo kuhusiana na Mswada huu kwa sababu kulikuwa na mnong'ono kwamba Serikali kuu iko na mpangilio ya kwamba iweze kutimiza mpangilio huu wa kuangalia afya ya wazee wetu lakini kulingana na utafiti ambao tumeufanya ni kwamba mpaka sasa bado Serikali ya Kitaifa haijatimiza ahadi yake ya kwamba itajumuisha wazee wetu wa miaka 70 na kuendelea katika *scheme* ya NHIF ili waweze kusaidika na hali ya matibabu.

Mheshimiwa Spika na ni kwa sababu hiyo ndio maana nikaona kwamba wazee wetu wanaendelea kuumia katika mahospitali; binafsi niko na zaidi ya wazee sita, saba hivi ambao wako katika vitanda vya hospitali yetu ya Mkoa wa Pwani ama Makadara na wanaendelea kuuguzwa na kuna wengine ambao wamefika wakati wa kwamba wameruhusiwa kwenda nyumbani lakini hawawezi kutoka kwa sababu hawawezi wakasimamia *bill* za matibabu ambayo tayari wamefanyiwa na ukizingatia kwamba wazee wetu wengi si wale ambao wamekuwa wakifanya kazi.

Mheshimiwa Spika nataka niilete katika fikra yako ya kwamba wazee wetu hasa wale wanaoishi maeneo haya yetu wengi si wazee ambao wamekuwa katika ajira zenye nafasi ambazo huenda pengine wakapata manufaa hata baada ya kuacha kazi.

Wazee wetu wengi wamekuwa ni watu wa biashara za hapa na pale na ukulima wa kijungu jiko yaani ukulima wa kupata chakula tu! Hivi wanapoelekea katika siku zao za machweo ama siku zao za uzee wanapata tabu wakati magonjwa mazito mazito yanawavamia ambayo mengine yao huhitaji upasuaji, mengine huhitaji matibabu ya uangalizi wa karibu katika mahospitali yenye haiba nzuri na wengine wao hufa kwa sababu ya ile kusikitika ya kwamba ni wagonjwa na hawana wana ambao wanaweza kuwasaidia. Ninavyojua mimi ni kwamba mji wenye wazee ni mji ambao kwanza una heshima kwa sababu hekima ama heshima imelindwa na wazee wetu lakini itakuwa ni jambo la kusikitisha kwamba wazee wale ambao tunawategemea kwa busara zao tutakuwa hatuwezi kuwafikiria wakati wa mahitaji yao ya kwamba wanahitaji kutibiwa na ni kwa mtazamo huo Mheshimiwa Spika ndio nikaona ya kwamba ingekuwa bora kwa sababu serikali ilisema italeta sera ya kuwasaidia hususan wale wenye miaka 70 na zaidi lakini kufikia sasa nafikiri tungefanya *survey* hapa kwetu Mombasa tukaona wazee wenye miaka 70 ni wangapi? Huenda tukaona ni wachache mno na wazee wenye miaka 60 ni wengi na wengi ni wale ambao wamechoka kabisa.

Kwa hiyo jambo hili naomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuliangalie tuwatizame wazee wetu kwa jicho la huruma ili angalau hata nasi kama Waheshimiwa mzigo uwe mwepesi kule mashinani kwa sababu tunajua fika kwamba wengi wetu tuko na ma *bill* ya wazee ambao wanahitaji kulipiwa hospitalini. Hivyo basi naomba Waheshimiwa tuwaangalie wazee wetu ya kwamba Serikali yetu ya Mombasa izingatia kuangalia jinsi itakavyoweza kuanzisha mfumo wa kuwafidia ama kuwalipia ada za hospitali wazee wetu ambao mara kwa mara wanakumbwa na magonjwa mazito mazito na ieleweke kwamba serikali katika ule mpango wake ilikuwa imesema ya kwamba kuna njia ambazo wataweza kuwasaidia hawa wazee ya kwamba wataweza kuwalipia hizi ada za NHIF hawa wazee na wakaweka mafungu matatu ya jinsi wataavyoweza kupata huduma katika hospitali ya kwamba hospitali za serikali watapata matibabu kamilifu pamoja na upasuaji ile ambayo kimombo wanasema *surgery, maternity* na mambo mengine, ya pili ni kwamba wakienda katika hospitali za kibinafsi wataweza kulipiwa kiasi. Kwa mfano akihitaji matibabu ya upasuaji huyo mzee atalipa nusu kisha baadae NHIF italipa nusu halafu kuna fungu jengine ambalo kwa kimombo ni *under contract* ni ya kwamba watakuwa wanalipiwa tu kiwango maalum kiwango ambacho hakiongezeki in case pengine wawe wamelazwa katika hospitali.

Ukiangalia haya mambo yote ni kwamba hayana ule mshiko wa kwamba mzee atakuwa na hakika kwamba akiwa mgonjwa na pengine ameenda Makadara akaambiwa pengine Aga Khan ndio atapata pengine daktari maalum wa kushughulikia hali yake unaona kwamba serikali ilikuwa imekwepa ya kwamba hawatakuwa wanaweza kuwalipia ada ile ya matibabu kikamilifu ni kwamba wawe na kiwango maalum wajilipie kisha ndio serikali iwalipie kile kiwango kidogo na kilio chetu ni kwamba hawa wazee hawawezi, kwa sababu wengi wao ni wale ambao walikuwa wameishi maisha ya kijungu jiko vile nimesema na hawana mapato na hata wale wenye watoto sasa hivi unaweza kupata kwamba mzee ana watoto lakini kwa sababu yeye mwenyewe hakuweza kujikimu hakuweza kuwaelimisha watoto wake vizuri. Hivyo pia watoto wake kupata ajira ni ngumu na hivyo pia kuwawekea mzigo wale watoto wake wamtibu pia inakuwa ni ngumu inakuwa haiwezekani, sasa itakuwa ni ngumu ya kwamba ikiwa serikali itakuwa na mpango huo tena baadae kama mzee ana ugonjwa ambao unahitaji kupata utaalumu awe na kiwango cha pesa ajilipie kisha nayo serikali ilipe kidogo. Kwa maoni yangu na mtazamo wangu ni kwamba ikiwa tutaweza kupata kiwango cha pesa ama tutaweza kupitisha hoja hii wazee wetu walipiwe kikamilifu matibabu yote ambayo kuwa watakuwa wanahitaji na hapa kunapeana mwanya wa serikali kuweza kupata wafadhili ambao watakuwa wameweza kuwasaidia katika kutekeleza hoja hii.

Kwa hivyo Mheshimiwa Spika naomba kwamba Bunge hili tuweze kuangalia hali hii ya wazee wetu tuwalinde ili zile busara na nasaha ambazo tunazipata kwao waone hata sisi kwamba tunawafikiria maana katika kuja kwetu katika Jumba hili wengi wetu tulipitia katika makongamano ya wazee na wakawa ni wenye kutupa nasaha na kutuombea Mungu. Kwa hivyo nawaomba Waheshimiwa wenzangu tuweze kuwatizama wazee wetu hii itakuwa ni kama kuwapa zawadi na kuwalinda na kuwatambua kwamba tunawajua ya kwamba munapitia haya mambo na tunawafikiria kwa hiyo naomba sana Waheshimiwa muniunge mkono kwa hili ili wazee wetu wapate afueni katika hali zao za uzeeni. Ahsante sana.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you Hon. Member, yes Hon. Shebe?

Hon. Shebe Athman: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipatia fursa hii, ningependa tu kupatia uhai hoja hii ambayo imeletwa na Mheshimiwa Robert Nyiro na nina sababu zangu za msingi...

(Interruption)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): The microphone is on Hon. Member.

Hon. Shebe Athmani: Ahsante Mheshimiwa Spika, nilivyotangulia kusema ningependa kupatia uhai hoja hii iliyoletwa mbele na Mheshimiwa Nyiro na sababu zangu za msingi ni zifuatazo. Kwanza Mheshimiwa Spika ukiangalia maisha tunayoishi sisi saa hii changamoto ni nyingi, hali yetu ya uchumi imedorora kiasi kikubwa na katika umri wa mwanadamu *stage* ni takriban tatu tu; kuna za utoto, kuna za ujana na kuna za uzee na katika *stage* hizi tatu, daraja hii ya uzee ni ya kwamba imetelekezwa kwa kiwango fulani. Ipo naam, sera ya serikali kuu kuwa wazee watakao fikisha takriban miaka 70 Mheshimiwa Spika waweze kukumbukwa vipi wataweza kustaafu wakiwa na amani na raha kuweza kupata matibabu, lakini ni kinaya Mheshimiwa Spika, ni kinaya kwa sababu gani? Ukiangalia maisha tunayoishi sasa wazungu wanasema "*life expectancy*" ni maana maisha kitarajio ya Kenya ni takriban miaka 60, 63 wewe ukiendelea hapo Mheshimiwa Spika unakula *bonus*.

Kwa hivyo ikiwa wazee wanaambiwa miaka 70 ndio wanaweza kupata huduma za kiafya Mheshimiwa Spika mimi naona hatujakuwa makini na kuangalia maslahi ya wazee. Hivyo basi ningependa tuweze kuangalia vipi Bunge hili la pili la Kaunti ya Mombasa tuingie katika kumbu kumbu ya historia kuwa wazee wetu tutaweza kuwakumbuka hata kama tutakuja na mbinu mbadala naam, Bunge limejaaliwa wasomi, kuna wachanganuzi hapa wazuri wa kiuchumi vipi tutaweza kutengeneza mfumo ambao hautaweza kuleta hasara na maana kwa mapato ya Kaunti na vile vile pia Mheshimiwa Spika hautaweza kuleta hasara kwa huu umri wa uzee.

Kwa hivyo nina imani Bunge hili litakalia vizuri hoja hii Mheshimiwa Spika tuangalie vipi kwa sababu huko ndio sisi tunakoelekea. Kwa hivyo cha mwenzako chanyolewa, chako kitie maji, hivyo basi mimi napenda kuunga mkono hoja hii na nikisema kuwa nakuomba pia Bunge hili letu la pili tuijadili kwa makini na tuweze kuipatia uhai na si uhai wa hapa Bungeni kwa sababu kuna masuala mengi tumeyapatia uhai katika Bunge hili la pili lakini uhai wenyewe unabakia katika Bunge. Kwa hivyo tunaomba uhai pia uonekane na nje na wale waliodhamiriwa kupata faida hii Mheshimiwa Spika waweze kufaidika. Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you Member. Yes Hon. Hatimy?

Hon. Mohamed Hatimy: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mine is I rise under Standing Order 28 (1) if we can adjourn this House until tomorrow because of lack of business Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Standing Order twenty...?

Hon. Mohamed Hatimy: 28 (1).

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Will you allow me to go through it or you go through it yourself. Okay Hon. Members, a Member is raising a concern under the Standing Order 28 (1a) which simply states or say something on adjournment of the Assembly. Standing Order 28 (1a) says;

A Member may at anytime for a reason stated seek a leave to move that this County Assembly do now adjourned.

Member at anytime for a reason stated so I think, okay. Thank you. I can see Members are already in agreement but let us follow the procedure, let the normal procedure take its course, it is okay. You have any concern? Your microphone is off Hon. Member.

Hon. Mohamed Hatimy: Am in agreement with the Mover so we can come and discuss this Motion tomorrow.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): So the Mover are you in agreement with the Member?

Hon. Samba: Point of Order Mr. Speaker! Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): What's your point of order Hon. Samba?

Hon. Samba: Mr. Speaker I think Hon. Hatimy is in order but the Motion Mover should at least seek the leave of the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): But the statement says clearly so the process or the Standing Order is all about adjournment and as the Member who has raised concern is in agreement with the Motion Mover. So I will simply put a question on the same to hear the views of the House, generally I think that's the procedure. Hon. Members order now before I put a question, it was a concern raised by a Member now let's have a Member who will second the concern before I put a question.

Hon. Shebe Athman: I second Mr. Speaker Sir.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Bwire): Thank you Hon. Member. Hon. Members now I put a question that the adjournment Motion raised by Hon. Mohammed Hatimy that this County Assembly do now adjourn until Wednesday tomorrow 30th be considered.

(Question put and agreed to)

Now the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, tomorrow at 9:00a.m.

The House rose at 3:04p.m