

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU**  
**THE HANSARD**

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

The County Assembly met at the Assembly  
Chamber at 2.30 PM.

*(County Assembly Temporary Speaker (Hon. Philip Njoroge) in the Chair)*

**PRAYER**

**PAPERS**

**Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip):** I want to call upon the Chairperson, Committee on County Public Service and Administration to report on consideration of the Kiambu Skilled Labour Data base Bill, 2018. Hon. Thithia.

**REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PUBLIC  
SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION ON THE CONSIDERATION OF  
KIAMBU COUNTY SKILLED LABOUR DATA BASE BILL, 2018**

*(Paper Laid by Chairperson, County Public Service and Administration  
Hon. Ngigi)*

**Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip):** Hon. Members, the Paper has been laid and I want to advise that you collect the copies from the Sergeant at Arms office. Next Order!

**STATEMENTS**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT FROM HON KINUTHIA**

**Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Philip):** I want to call upon Hon. Solomon Kinuthia, MCA, to issue a personal Statement.

**Ndenderu MCA, (Hon. Kinuthia):** Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, Pursuant to Standing Order No. 63 (1), I rise to give a Personal Statement regarding an incident that occurred yesterday night 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at KK Promote Restaurant, off Old Limuru Road.

As you might all have heard, I was accosted by two men within the restaurant who threatened me with severe consequences if I persisted in causing trouble within the political circles for their bosses.

I have made the necessary reports with the police and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations early morning today 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. I have also made the necessary report with the Chief Sergeant –at-Arm’s Office within the Assembly precincts, today at noon.

Whereas the events happened outside the Assembly precincts, speculations could be rife that the threats are connected with the discharge of my duties as a Member of County Assembly and as a Chairperson of Members Services, Facilities and Welfare Committee.

I want to however take this earliest opportunity to urge for calm and for Members to stop speculating as we wait for the outcome of the official police investigation. Hopefully the report will expose the faces behind this cowardly act and bring them to justice.

I wish to thank all the Honourable Members for standing with me during these trying times.

May the Almighty God bless you abundantly!

*(Applause)*

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Thank you Hon. Kinuthia, that being a personal Statement, no Member is supposed to comment on that. I now wish to call upon the Chairperson, Committee on Health Services to issue a Statement as per the schedule in the Order Paper. Hon. Eddy. If the Chairperson is not around, we can give room to the vice Chairperson or any other Member of the Committee.

There was a concern that was raised by Hon. Kalpesh and the Committee on Health Services should respond to that which I believe they are well aware.

## **LACK OF AN AMBULANCE AT GACHORORO LEVEL 111**

**Vice Chairperson, Health Committee** (Hon. (M/s) Kimunyi): Thank you Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee, I wish to report the Communication received from the County Executive Committee Member.

That, the department has a total of 22 staff and they have a consent that was run in May 2018 by the Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Health. That the consent operates 24/7 and has a free toll line facility for members of the public calling for assistance and allocation of ambulances.

That for prudent, efficient and more effective management of emergencies, the department has pulled the ambulances together in a virtual pull.

That the Gatundu ambulance was involved in an accident and was repaired but has since been experiencing mechanical problems and is currently in the County garage. Due to the scope of servicing Gatundu Level V and the frequency of emergencies, as compared to Gachororo Level III, the Department found it advisable to allocate Gachororo ambulance to Gatundu Level V for maximum utilization 24/7.

That Gachororo Level III together with the rest 110 facilities have access to 22 ambulances in the Department of Health Services. However, the transport Department is working round the clock to restore the Gatundu ambulance after which Gachororo ambulance will be relocated back.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay this response from the County executive Committee member.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Thank you Hon. Sarah. Hon. Kalpesh, are you satisfied with the response that has been laid in this House?

**Juja MCA,** (Hon. Kalpesh): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I am satisfied with the response.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Okay, next Order.

## **MOTION SECOND READING**

### **The KIAMBU COUNTY SKILKLED LABOUR DATA BASE BILL, (ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11) OF 2018**

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): I want to invite Hon. Taki to move the Motion.

**Witeithie MCA,** (Hon. Taki): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

That, the Kiambu County Skilled Labour Data Base Bill, (Assembly Bill No. 11) of 2018 be now read a second time.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Secunder?

**Witeithie MCA,** (Hon. Taki): Hon. Karuga, Chairperson, Finance Committee.

**Chairperson, Finance Committee,** (Hon. Karuga): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I first of all wish to apologize because it seems my microphone is not working but my good neighbour has always come to my rescue.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to first of all thank the Hon. Taki for this well thought out Bill. Mr. Speaker, this is a Bill that seeks to create a platform for the jobseekers and the interns in this County of ours.

As we are all aware, this County has a large youthful population that is educated and skilled but not employed. This Bill seeks to create that link between the job seekers and the employers for them to get employment, and this will be free of charge.

Mr. Speaker, you realize that this Bill will also assist in the composition of a Committee which will have the CECM as the Chairperson and for the time being the CO for the Department of Youth, Sports and Social Services and five Members who are staff at different levels in this department.

Mr. Speaker, you realize that from the Finance perspective, this thing is also cost effective for the Committee because these Committee members will not be drawing a salary. They are already employees of the County, and what is required of them is to sit down and guide this County in terms of creating this platform for the job seekers.

Mr. Speaker, you realize that the Committees in this Bill will also assist so much in conducting civic education on career guidance and counselling, which most of the youth who wish to embark on various careers dearly need for the future.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks, I beg to second!

### ***(Question Proposed)***

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Phillip): Yes Leader of Majority!

**Leader of Majority,** (Hon. Ikonya): Thank you Mr. Speaker!

I rise to support this Motion, that the Bill before this House be read a second time. It is at this stage that we discuss the Bill as it is. I want to take this early opportunity to thank the Hon. Member for Limuru East who stated that it is a well thought Motion.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill seeks to create a platform. I would like us to pause for a minute and think about this County even as we delve into this Bill. We need to ask ourselves a very pertinent question; how many plumbers woke up in the morning without a place to go, how many carpenters, specialists, mechanics, degree holders and people who are professionals in various sectors woke up this morning without a place to go?

Secondly, how many people today within this County are looking for a carpenter, a plumber or a mechanic? How many times do we want a certain job done, for example you want your fence done, and you have no idea whatsoever on who to call upon to do that.

Mr. Speaker, what this Bill seeks to do is create a platform; it creates a bridge between the employee and the employer. We can do two things with this Bill; we can create what we call a digital platform and a physical platform. On a digital platform, we will have a database that will enumerate all professionals within the County who will be registered in that website.

If you are looking for a plumber for example, at the click of a button, you will be able to find plumbers within a particular area, and I can call one of them at any particular time to come and fix my pipes.

Mr. Speaker, I am in the process of trying to put up one within my Ward, but mine is not going to be digital, it is going to be a physical platform upon which we will set up a small office and put a secretary and a laptop.

Every person who wakes up within my Ward, whatever profession that you belong to and you do not have a place to go that particular day, you will register in that office. For example if you are a plumber and you are not working at that particular moment, you will register in office.

I will be able to know that there is a plumber called Kamau at a place called lockline who is not working today. I will then talk to the residents of Kiambu, that if there is any person who needs a person to work for them, you can go to my office. That office will work as a bridge between the person who needs a plumber and someone who will be able to do that job.

Mr. Speaker, every day within our County we see so many young men ferried from Mathare and all those other places to come and do these manual jobs. We have got so many people, but when an investor comes to put up a certain business in Kiambu, they do not know where to get people to employ as casual labourers. But if we establish a platform upon which we can connect the employer and the employee, this will not be the case. We need a legal framework upon which we can do that.

We should also create a digital platform where we can be able to know the number of computer experts within the County, the number of plumbers, masons, degree holders in a particular discipline within the County.

You can even place your CV on that platform such that when the County needs to employ, it need not invite people to come and apply. They can just go to the digital platform and see; maybe I need a person with a degree in finance in Juja, so I will just go to that platform and contact them.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the merits and demerits of it, you will realize that the merits are so many and that will occasion the passing of this Bill.

I would like to thank the Hon. Member for that, and with those few remarks, I beg to support that Motion.

Thank you!

**Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip):** Thank you!

Hon. Members, it is now time for Hon. Members to debate on the Bill as it is published. This is your time to ventilate on the Bill.

Hon. Mucheke!

**Kalimoni MCA, (Hon. Mucheke):** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute towards this Motion that is before the House.

I would like to say that it is a good move and I would like to thank the Member for bringing this to the House. I remember not long ago in this House, we had a Motion which sought to seek that two third of all jobs within our County should remain within the County. With the formation of such a database within our County, this will be a great idea in trying to solve that problem.

We may try to blame the investors for not employing people from within our areas, but they do not have a platform on which to look for the skilled and unskilled labourers within our County.

Mr. Speaker I rise to support and say that this is a good thing!

**Temporary Speaker, (Hon. Phillip):** Hon. King'ara!

**Mwihoko MCA, (Hon. King'ara):** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity.

I would like to say that I rise to support this Motion. I would also like to congratulate the Member for Witeithie for taking his time to draft this timely Bill.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the issue of skilled and unskilled labourers fighting for jobs can be made easier if we create a platform where employers can easily access the contacts and profiles of the labourers. In my office last week but one, I held a meeting with masons within my Ward and one of the deliberations we had is that we shall come up with a localized version of what we have being presented here by the Hon. Member for Witeithie.

Mr. Speaker, this is a thing that should have come like yesterday. The Governor in his manifesto, which is also the Jubilee manifesto, wants to have a youth polytechnic in every Ward. We are producing skilled labourers ourselves, but what mechanisms are we using to create a market for the facilities that we have and human resources that we create.

By having a database, we are indeed creating a market, not only locally but also nationally. We have seen many work agents going round through social media, seeking for people who can be included in their databases as well.

But if as a County we have a data base and we have these International work agents who are looking for certain categories of labourers, you will be able to provide for them. Not only that, if we have a data base, it can be used even to champion for our skilled labourers and doing it from a

government friendly set up. It will help in coming up with solutions for our labourers. What I am looking forward to is...

## **POINT OF ORDER**

*(By Hon. Ikonya)*

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): What is the point of Order about?

**Leader of Majority,** (Hon. Ikonya): Mr. Speaker, with all due respect, this is a Second Reading of Bill where we dealt into purely issues within the Bill. The said Member should make reference to the Clauses that he is referring to in that Bill because we are supposed to stick and purely discuss on issues within that Bill.

I made a contribution in reference to Section 13 of the said Bill. So, I wish the Hon. Member makes references of his contribution on the Bill so that we cannot get outside the Bill and discuss things which are anticipatory and are not even within the Bill.

So, kindly Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Hon. King'ara you have a copy of the Bill with you?

**Mwihoko MCA,** (Hon. King'ara): Yes I have seen the copy Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Kindly restrict yourself to the Bill.

**Mwihoko MCA,** (Hon. King'ara): Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to thank the Majority Leader for his guidance. With no benefit of a doubt he has not at any point said that I have gone outside the Bill. It is only that he thinks that I have gone outside the Bill if that is his thought that is his domain.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Carry on.

**Mwihoko MCA,** (Hon. King'ara): Mr. Speaker Sir, as I was saying the Bill is timely and our people need it. The point that I was making before I was interrupted though not rudely is that as we come to the Committee of the Whole House, I might be seeking to amend to include unskilled labourers who are also part of our community and who will still feel are let out if we pass the Bill as it may be.

Though it is very good but we also have a very big population of unskilled labourers who also may need inclusion.

With that I support.

**Temporary Speaker,** (Hon. Philip): Thank you Hon. King'ara, you are at liberty to come up with a Bill addressing unskilled labourers in Kiambu County at any given time. Hon. Yvonne.

**Specially Elected MCA,** (Hon. (M/s) Yvonne): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I also join the rest of Hon. Members in congratulating Hon. Taki for coming up with the Bill and I have a copy of it before me and I have noted a few issues that I would like to point out in particular Section 17 which talks about whenever a vacancy arises in the Public Service Board the relevant department can convey details of the vacancy to the Committee.

When you read the title under that Section it talks about the private sector vacancies. So, I will use that typographical error and it should read “Vacancies in the Public Service Board” because it is not talking about vacancies in the private sector.

## **POINT OF ORDER**

*(By Hon. Ikonya)*

**Leader of Majority**, (Hon. Ikonya): Mr. Speaker, we are discussing the Bill as it is and if there are amendments to that Bill, be it typographical, be it anything, you propose an amendment at the Committee of the Whole House. Today we discuss the Bill as it is.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Philip): you stand advised Hon. Yvonne

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. M/s. Yvonne): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I stand advised, I will do that.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Philip): Corrections to be done at a later stage, okay?

**Specially Elected MCA**, (Hon. (M/s) Yvonne): Yes I support the Bill in total and it is also good to note that this data base will be centralized within the Committee that is established under Section 5, the skilled labour in special Committee.

I do note that the ownership to this Committee but I do not know whether at this point but what happens when I as a resident of Kiambu who need a cobbler or an electrician for example but it seems there is no mechanism through which I can access the data base directly from my point of comfort since it is like only the County that has this data base and it is this Committee that can now look for jobs for people listed in that data base.

Perhaps, moving forward we can think of a way whereby this data base will be accessible to all relevant people so that I as a prospective lawyer can be able to log in and look for a particular kind of skills that I need for a particular job.

So, Hon. Speaker at a relevant time we will be making those amendments.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Philip): Thank you Hon. Yvonne, I want to bring to your attention that the report that the Speaker said will be collected from the Serjeant At Arms office as a number of recommendations and collections. So, after you pick your copies there, you will definitely find them there. Any other Member who wish to comment on the report? Hon. Njoroge?

**Chief Whip**, (Hon. Njore): Hon. Speaker, I also rise to support this Bill and Motion. First I congratulate the author of the Bill. Mr. Speaker it is elaborate that the mover of the Bill has been very active and the contents of this Bill are in order according to my review and it is going to help the people of Kiambu mostly when my attention is drawn to the register where Kiambu County will be to keep a register of the non-employed citizens and this will help the County very much.

I wish to support this Motion and also if it pleases you to invoke the Standing Order 118, now that the mood of the House is very clear that we are supporting it and ask the Mover to reply. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Philip): Is that the feeling of the House or for the Hon. Members for that matter? I would like to call the Chairman Taki to reply.



**Witeithie MCA**, (Hon. Taki): Hon. Speaker I am no longer a chairman, I am just a mere Hon. Member. Hon. Speaker, first is to appreciate all Honorable Members who have supported, who in spirit and words, all of them have contributed to this great Bill.

I wish to commend and urge all Hon. Members to take a copy because this is where our future lies. If we do not guide, mentor them we shall be blamed in future. If you can account and recall less than 5% of this House got mentors!

Nobody wanted to mentor us to be where we are, we have all struggled to be where we are but with this kind of a Bill we shall be doing justice to God, justice to the people who are coming after us so that we can hold their hands to struggle how we have struggled.

So, I request you Members to go and pick the Bill so that in the Committee of the Whole we can internalize and give our views, thank you Hon. Speaker.

*(Question Put*

*And Agreed To)*

## **SECOND READING**

### **THE KIAMBU COUNTY SKILLED LABOUR DATA BASE BILL, 2018.**

A Bill for

Kiambu County Assembly to provide for a legal framework for the identification and registration of skills, professionals within the County and connected purposes,  
Second Reading.

## **ADJOURNEMENT**

**Temporary Speaker**, (Hon. Philip): There being no other business to transact this House stands adjourned until Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 2.30 P.M.

The House rose at 3.08 P.M.



