

Kitui County Assembly

THE HANSARD

First County Assembly – First Session

Thursday, 24th July 2013

The County Assembly met at 2:45pm

[The Speaker (Hon. George Ndotto) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk[Mr Mutambuki]: Administration of oath.

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Communication from the Chair.

The Speaker:I have one communication from the Chair. Tomorrow afternoon, we'll not be having a formal sitting, but we will use the afternoon to swear-in our new members; MCAs, Nominated Members who have just been gazetted and we'll do it here in this chamber at 2:30pm. And I would like all of you to be present to witness the occasion, and there after you'll be told what to do next; the Clerk will announce to you the programme after the swearing-in. and I believe, and I'm told you have already arranged those who will escort the new members. They will be escorted; every one of them will be escorted by two members. And I believe the Clerk will, if he has not already informed you, when you escort somebody what you say when you get to the Speaker. I'm sure he'll take you through the motion. So tomorrow we have the swearing-in ceremony in the afternoon and there after you'll be told.

Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Messages.

The Speaker: Do we have any messages?

Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Petitions.

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Papers.

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Notices of Motions.

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Statements.

The Speaker:Next Order.

County Assembly Clerk: Motions; Honourable Nzuki Wambua.

The Speaker: Honourable Nzuki Wambua...

(Motion to propose the movement of the portable bridge across Thua River at Inyuu to be installed at Athi River crossing point at Kanyangi)

Hon. Wambua: Thank you Bwana Speaker Sir for giving me this chance to put through my Motion.

The Speaker:To move the following Motion!

Hon. Wambua: To move the following Motion, Bwana Speaker Sir as per Department of Lands...

The Speaker: No! No! No! Honourable Wambua; “Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion, that aware...” and you continue.

Hon. Wambua: Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move the following Motion;

THAT; aware that the Government is replacing the portable Inyuu bridge across Thua River at Inyuu Market; aware that a drift built during the colonial times at Usai area was washed away many years back; concerned that people from Makueni and Kitui Counties crossing Athi River at that point on foot risk being washed away and expose themselves to repeated attacks by Hippos and Crocodiles; concerned that the inter-county transportation network should be enhanced for efficient growth of our economy and social welfare; appreciating the fact that the Government is working round the clock to ensure responsive, prompt, effective, impartial and equitable provision of services to its citizens as provided for in the Constitution of Kenya; Article 232(1) (c); this Assembly earnestly urges the Government department concerned (Kenya National Highways Authority) to transfer and erect this portable Bridge at Athi River at Nzambia Location (Usai Community Crossing Point) in Lower Yatta District to connect Kitui and Makueni Counties immediately once the Bridge is removed.

The Speaker: Now you tell us your story.

Hon. Wambua: Bwana Speaker, to begin with, to give a background of Kanyangi ward; Kanyangi ward is comprised of five locations – Kali. location, Kanyangi location, Kanyongonyo location and Nzambia location. The ward borders Makueni County by River Athi which has for decades been the entrance to the community’s socio-economic activities. It is against the backdrop of the above challenges that the request to transfer the portable bridge, once the new bridge at Inyuu is completed needs to be addressed Mr Speaker Sir. Perennial deaths along the river; for the last decade, at least 15 deaths have been caused by this river through being

drowned and being attacked by crocodiles and hippopotamuses as members of the community seek to ferry their agricultural commodities to markets in the neighbouring county. This brings fear in the community living near Athi River in my ward. Mr Speaker Sir, most of the other things like healthcare and education; members of the community once in need of healthcare have to travel 85 kilometres where the same service is available at Wote – 42 kilometres away or Makindu Hospital – 65 kilometres away. Children from Kanyangi ward are denied education services from schools in the neighbouring county due to flooding of the river, and if it persists it becomes very costly i.e. a child from Yamunyu Primary School, 15 kilometres from a National School called Kathuni Secondary School, once admitted will travel to Kibwezi then back to Kathuni – a distance of 125 kilometres or Kitui to Machakos through Kwa Vonza to Kathuni – 145 kilometres.

More so Bwana Speaker, the agriculture is also a problem due to the farmers here involved in horticultural farming i.e. five tonnes of chillies, 10 tonnes of onions and five tonnes of tomatoes are produces and marketed with difficulty weekly from this ward, with 35 per cent going to waste due to poor transport networks to the market. The Ministry of Roads is grading the said route with hope that approval of the transfer of the said bridge is taken into consideration. Mr Speaker Sir, also there are several markets which will benefit from the said bridge after its fixed there; the targeted markets which are to be linked after fixing the portable bridge are: Matheuni market, Matiliku market, Yemulwa market, Mbuuvu market, Malili market, Kalaala market. Those are in Makueni County while those in Kitui County that will benefit from the bridge are Kalulini market, Kanyangi market, Nzambia market, Kanyongonyo market, Kiseuni market, Kamuti market, Kavisuni market, Katulani market, Kisasi market, Ikanga market and Kyatune market. The above markets will exchange livestock and farm produce without any difficulty hence improving the economies of the counties and the country as a whole.

Mr Speaker Sir, through those markets and the traditions of Kamba traders of livestock, we commonly just go by foot to take our cattle from one market to another. When the community from Kanyangi, from Kiseuni, from Kanyongonyo, from Katulani, from Kavisuni want to go and buy the herds of cattle at Makindu, they have to go all the way to Kibwezi, then get the murrum road to Ikutha, to Mutomo so that they can reach Kisasi. But if at all the bridge can be erected there Mr Speaker, it would be very easy and the exchange of livestock and agricultural produce through that bridge will improve the economy and living standards of those people and the people of Kitui County as a whole. Mr Speaker Sir, if I go back to the issue of people losing lives at Athi River which stretches from Kwa Vonza where there is a

permanent bridge to Athi around 250 kilometres. There in between, those who have a need of crossing to the other side of Makueni County or partly Machakos County, they have to go the other way round to go to Kibwezi, to go to Machakos so that they can access markets at the other counties. Mr Speaker Sir, I request kindly this assembly through its support to let the people of Kanyangi ward, Kisasi Ward, Ikanga/Kyatune ward, Mutomo ward, Athi ward and Ikutha ward to have access of trading of livestock through Usai Crossing Point by fixing the portable bridge which is at Inyuu after the Kenya National Roads Authority completes its works at Inyuu, which it's doing a good job there.

And I can congratulate the government for seeing the importance of a permanent bridge at Inyuu thereafter the bridge of Inyuu breaking down due to heavy duty vehicles which carry charcoal from Mutitu despite the bridge having a certain level of capacity to carry; that is 25 tonnes. Due to those vehicles which have been passing there, the bridge broke down, and since my people just need a simple bridge for them to pass by foot or light vehicles like cars and motorbikes, and the Inyuu people need a permanent solution due to the coal which is being mined in that area and the heavy trucks which will be accessing that road will be using that permanent bridge. So Mr Speaker sir, I request this house to recommend the people of those areas to benefit from the same portable bridge.

With those views Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move and request the MCA for Ikanga to second me.

(Moves to lay the motion on the table)

The Speaker: Honourable Jamhuri...

(Honourable Mwangi stands and bows to signify that he seconds the Motion)

The Speaker: I now propose the question:

THAT; aware that the Government is replacing the portable Inyuu bridge across Thua River at Inyuu Market; aware that a drift built during the colonial times at Usai area was washed away many years back; concerned that people from Makueni and Kitui Counties crossing Athi River at that point on foot risk being washed away and expose themselves to repeated attacks by Hippos and Crocodiles; concerned that the inter-county transportation network should be enhanced for efficient growth of our economy and social welfare; appreciating the fact that the Government is working round the clock to ensure responsive, prompt, effective, impartial and equitable provision of services to its citizens as provided for in the

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Now, this Motion which has been moved by the area MCA, one or two things I've observed when he was moving, and I think you know this; you are not supposed to be reading while moving, you're only supposed to be referring to your notes. So you don't read when you are moving a Motion; you only read budget or personal statements, when you're making a personal statements, but anything else in this house you are only allowed to refer to your notes – you speak off-cuff but you are allowed to refer to your notes.

Secondly, I think you are catching up. Wambua you have moved your Motion very well; you have laid down the reasons why you think it should be done. You have tried to convince the house to support you so that they pass a resolution requesting the government to do what you want the government to do, I think you have done very well. So now the debate is open and the genesis of debating a Motion like this one is to convince the house; if you are supporting the Motion, you are supposed to convince the house so that by the end of the day the house approves the Motion which should be forwarded to the executive for consideration and maybe implementation. So when you support, you try to convince; give reasons why you think that should be done. If you don't support, give reasons why you think that should not be done.

Now the Motion is open for debate.

Honourable Kilei...

Hon. Mwalili: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I'm just seeking guidance; possibly something skipped my mind. Is the Motion seconded Mr Speaker? Just asking for guidance.

The Speaker: It is already seconded.

Hon. Mwalili: Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Now it is open for debate.

Honourable Wambua it seems that you have not done enough campaign for your Motion because not many people are willing to speak.

(Honourable Mwangi seeks to contribute)

The Speaker: But Honourable Jamhuri you had the time to speak when you seconded the Motion, but you only stood and bowed? That is the time you should have spoken. [chuckles] You want to contribute? Okay I'll give you the chance since you are the seconder of the Motion.

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Hon. Mwango: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker I beg to second the Motion...

The Speaker: No! You have already seconded! Now you are contributing on your own!

Hon. Mwango: Because I did an action, this is the time now I'm speaking.

Mr Speaker for me, I support the Motion, because since I border Kanyangi ward and almost Kibwezi; that is Makueni – that side, I've been travelling all the way to that area. And since Mr Speaker I know the problem which is affecting those areas, and Mr Speaker since we are working for the benefit of this county and not a certain unit of this county, Mr Speaker I wish to support the Motion and say that those people have been experiencing certain problems which have been mentioned by the member when he was moving the Motion. And there have been some problems which have been encountered by those people when they want to travel to the other side. And Kanyangi is one of the biggest wards in this county among the others. They border Makueni, and those people down there near that Athi River, they are facing a lot of problems when their kids want to cross to the other side to go to school. Some of the kids are forced to skip schooling for almost a month because you know the flooding situation of Athi River. You find that some of the schools down there cannot even access the services from the other region because they have to travel all the way to Athi then cross the bridge there then travel to Makueni then get access the services there because you find that in schools, you have to get some... for example now food reserves. And there are some schools across this side that cannot access such services because of transport and whatever; you find that they are incurring a lot of expenses when they are travelling all the way.

Mr Speaker I want to say that once the bridge is moved from this side and taken to that side, even as a county we'll benefit a lot economically. Because our people are travelling from here, especially my people here are travelling to Kalaa, Kalaa is within Makueni. They have been transacting the business from here of cows, moving to that side so that our county can benefit. Even from Makueni they cross all the way to this side coming to trade with us; economically we are benefitting as a county. Mr Speaker I want to say that if this house can adopt the same, this county will benefit a lot because even culturally, also we'll adopt some several cultures which are going on that side which we don't have on this side. So Mr Speaker I want to say that I support the Motion, let this house approve the Motion so that we be on the safe side.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Very well.

Yes Honourable Mwove.

Hon. Mwove: Thank you Mr Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

I would say that this is a very noble Motion, but I'm standing to oppose it; with reasons. I know that the people of Kanyangi are suffering, they need a bridge to cross Athi River. But I have reasons; the bridge which is in Thua...

(The Honourable Members voice distorts to near inaudible levels)

The Speaker: Lower your microphone...

Hon. Mwove: Okay I lower it... thank you.

The bridge in Thua is already broken down, and reasons are that the lorries that have been passing there have caused the breakdown of the bridge because they carry heavier weight than the capacity of that bridge. Thua River compared to Athi River, Thua River is smaller; that's a suspension bridge.

Number two; there are lorries that are supposed to pass through the bridge that is supposed to be put at Athi River. For instance, we have school feeding programmes and they use lorries to carry food to take to the local schools. I have just talked to... I think it was yesterday, I spoke to an engineer – a supervisor with the Kenya National Highways Authority and he was saying it seems as if that bridge is almost obsolete because when it was being built or when it was being put there, we didn't have heavy commercial vehicles.

So though the Motion is very valid and so important, I think the Honourable Member is asking for half a loaf when he can get the full bread in the sense that I would have felt that it would have been better if he would have asked for a new bridge and a bridge that can withstand the capacity of a river like Athi River. Because if it is not working at Thua River Mr Speaker Sir, I don't know how it will work along, or even across Athi River. I would also prefer that the bridge, if at all it can be repaired, it should be taken to a smaller river at an area that has lesser traffic or even to an area that we know it cannot be abused by heavy vehicles. But now there is no way we can confirm that Kanyangi or even that Athi River, no heavy vehicles will be passing through there.

So knowing that the Motion is very important, but I think asking for that bridge will not serve the purpose for which this Motion is being aimed at, and the purpose is to get the right bridge for the people of Kanyangi to cross over to Makueni County. And with those few words, Mr Speaker I beg to oppose that Motion.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Very well. Where are we now? Let's get someone nearer to the bridge... to the issue to tell us something.

Kililiku?

Hon. Kililiku: Thank you Mr Speaker.

In support of the Motion Mr Speaker, I think this bridge is not important only to Kanyangi people but it is also important to all of us in Kitui County. And this is one of the reasons why we should support that bridge to be built there. Even if technically there may be problems, it is not for us now to discuss about the technical aspects of the bridge, otherwise we may be putting the cart before the horse. Mr Speaker, the distance of the entry points to either Makueni or Machakos Counties is you either go through Athi or you go through Katangi, and the distance between these two points Mr Speaker is more than 50 kilometres and there between there is no entry point to either Makueni or Machakos during the rainy season.

So the issue of weight; saying that maybe the trucks which may cross may be more than 15 tonnes is not an issue when we are trying to find a way across to the other counties Mr Speaker. And that is one of the reasons that we should support this Motion; that we get another bridge between athi and Katangi. Mr Speaker, the problem is not only for the people but for the inter-county trade; communication is interrupted especially during the rainy season, and therefore you find that trade between either Kitui County and Makueni County during the rainy season goes down. And therefore, in one way or another, our living is affected Mr Speaker. And on those points Mr Speaker, I think we better... I request this house to allow the government to build a new bridge in that point or if it is possible to reinforce that bridge to serve in that area Mr Speaker, we could also do so.

With those few words Mr Speaker, I support the Motion.

The Speaker: Very well. Thank you.

Let me give the people who are nearer to the bridge so that we can hear what they have to say.

Mr Kilonzo...

(Honourable Felix Kinuva takes to the Chair as Temporary Speaker)

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Yes go on Honourable Member...

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. I want to support the interlink between the two counties across Athi River. But I want to oppose the replacement of that bridge from Inyuu to Athi.

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(Honourable Ngwele rises on a Point of Order, just before Honourable Munuve also seeks to raise another Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: No you are Out of Order Member for Kanziku; there is another Point of Order. You can wait and then you'll be able to raise your Point of Order please.

Hon. Ngwele: On a Point of Order Mr Speaker Sir, can the Honourable Member on the floor come clear on whether he is supporting or opposing the motion. He's getting the whole house confused.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kanziku... No! No! Sorry, Athi sorry; Bwana Honourable Kilonzo, please, are you supporting or opposing the Motion?

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Some members just want to confuse what I want to say. I'm speaking English, it is not French. Unfortunately it looks like some members never went to an English class. I'm sorry Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member! Are you supporting or opposing?

(The rest of the house raises disapproval of Honourable Kilonzo's sentiments)

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir for protecting me. And I said I am...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Athi sit down please! What is your Point of Order Honourable Member for Ikanga? What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Mwove: Mr Speaker is it in order for the Honourable Member to use abusive language in this house? Mr Speaker let him withdraw the abusive language he has used in this floor Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Athi, can you withdraw please!

(Honourable Munuve seeks to give a Point of Information)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Does he need the Point of Information?

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr Speaker, which abusive language have I used? Can the Honourable Member substantiate!
Honourable Member for...

(Several members seek to get chances to respond to Honourable Kilonzo's call for substantiation of the said abusive language)

The [Temporary] Speaker: No can you sit down please! Can you sit down!

Honourable Member for Kyethani.

Hon. Mutemi: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Is Honourable Member for Athi in order to say that he is speaking English not French and Honourable Members seem not to understand? Is he implying that we don't understand English?

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker for protecting me when I'm saying people should listen. I didn't say that they don't understand English...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Can you withdraw! Can you withdraw the statement you used earlier please! Before you continue, the language you used first is unparliamentary! Can you withdraw!

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker, I withdraw though I don't know which language I used because nobody is telling me which language...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Can you withdraw without conditionalities!

Hon. Kilonzo: I've withdrawn Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Okay, thank you. Go on...

Hon Kilonzo: Thank you. I said I support the interlink between the two counties, but I don't support the bridge to be replaced from Inyuu to there because my citizen who will benefit from this are not second-class Mr Speaker. And I don't see the reason why a hanging bridge would be taken to Athi which is almost 30 metres and the floods which flood there is not equivalent to what passes in Inyuu. I want you to see the heights, and I know here there are technical hitches, let's not create a problem. Let's not solve a problem by creating another problem. I will not agree that that bridge goes there, but I support the people to be interlinked; it is 90 kilometres from Athi to where he is proposing, and I support the idea that people should be interlinked, but that bridge is not the adequate solution for that place.

Mr Speaker thank you.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kanziku, what seems to be disturbing you? Yes you can go on.

Hon. Munuve: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I stand to support the Motion. Some of the members here I know they are not engineers. My fellow colleague who has moved the Motion actually has done a lot and...

(Honourable Mwalili seeks to give a Point of Information)

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The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kanziku, do you want to be informed?

(Honourable Kilonzo rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Point of Order! Oh Yes... What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Kilonzo: Mr Speaker is it in order for the Honourable Member for Kanziku to imply that technical matters should not be debated Mr Speaker in this Speaker because we are not engineers or doctors?

The [Temporary] Speaker: Go on Kanziku...

Hon. Munuve: Honourable Member for Athi has said the bridge is not more than 30 metres, I know it can be adjusted. He's not an engineer, but I know he did History...

Hon. Kilonzo: History and Kiswahili to be precise...

Hon. Munuve: Yes he did History and Kiswahili, I don't know even why he wants to use the...

(Hon. Kilonzo raises another Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order! That is Out of Order!

Hon. Munuve: Thank you...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Can you withdraw please! That is a personal attack! Can you withdraw!

Hon. Munuve: Thank you, I withdraw.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Okay...

(More members seek to raise Points of Order on the matter)

Hon. Munuve: May I continue?

The [Temporary] Speaker: Yes go on.

Hon. Munuve: Thank you for protecting me.

The bridge is very important; it is going to serve the areas, actually where he (Hon. Wambua) that is the lower side of Yatta, which borders Nzambia that is Nzeuni. Mr Speaker Sir, the bridge will link markets like Kitise Market and Wote which are in the other side of Makueni County. Mr Speaker sir I need also to inform the house that we have only two bridges which connect the Makueni County to Kitui; one is on the lower side of Athi Ward where Honourable Kilonzo comes from, the other one is on your way to Machakos. That's where you can access the Makueni County. But we have very important markets there which actually help our people from the other side; that is Kitise and Athi. So the bridge... actually in between the

two bridges I've talked of, we have not less than 95 kilometres which actually when it rains, the people in that side are cut off.

The bridge we are talking about, we know very well it was built during the colonial era and it allows, if I'm nit wrong 25 metric tonnes. Mr Speaker Sir, these people down there do not have even a drift, so this bridge, even if it only allows 25metric tonnes to pass there, I think it will help the residents when it rains. Crossing this river Mr Speaker Sir, it is very dangerous; we have been told that there are crocodiles, and it is true and also hippopotamuses. Let's think about our women, let's think about our children and the Honourable Member from Yatta I think he's trying to be very uneconomical. We don't want just to remove that bridge and then we put it... or we sell it as scrap metal, we want also to utilise it because it is still usable. So I support the bridge to be moved to Athi River.

Thank you.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Chuluni, yes.

Honourable Mwalili: Thank you Mr Speaker for the moment. Mr Speaker I stand to oppose this Motion. And Mr Speaker for purposes of clarity for those possibly who don't know where this bridge is; this bridge is within my ward. Mr Speaker for purposes again of bringing Honourable Members closer to the truth about this bridge, I'll give a very short history of this bridge and these facts can be verified with the Director of Bridges Kenya National Highways Authority Engineer Makau who is currently in Nairobi office as the Head of Bridges – Director of Bridges nationwide.

Mr Speaker, this bridge was built for the first time across River Sondu Muriu. Sondu Miriu is just after Ahero as you travel down to Kisii. Mr Speaker this was around the Second World War between 1945 and 1948. Mr Speaker this bridge served for a period up to 1969 in the same river and it was when another permanent bridge which is still there, Mr Speaker because I've worked in that region, was now relocated to Thua River at Inyuu in 1969 Mr Speaker. Those who have calculators have done quick maths and already know from 1945 to 1969 what period that is and how many years that is Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker this bridge has been with us in Inyuu doing a very good job linking the lower Kitui to the upper, which actually we call the urban... what used to be the urban Kitui and the lower east Kitui.

Mr Speaker, in 2010, a huge truck; not one, not two - one night about three of them overloaded and very huge trucks were delivering some relief food. And Mr Speaker a huge noise was heard from the bridge more than three times as those trucks crossed. And the noise was heard as far as Itula Aka which is possibly five kilometres from where the bridge is. The noise was heard as far as Kathande as you go towards Zombe. That was the bridge Mr Speaker breaking into bits. Those trucks Mr Speaker never came

back through that route because now the bridge was almost in a condemned state. The trucks used the Mutitu – Nuu route to get to Nairobi. What am I getting at Mr Speaker? As we speak now, that bridge is condemned. That is why even during the last rainy season we were not using it. And if this house can visit for purposes of clarification; there is a small drift that was built just about 100 metres from where the bridge is to facilitate people of Zombe, Mutitu, Endau to move, but only during the dry season. Honourable Member for Mwitika Voo would bear me witness that during the last rains, a whole week... not even a week; two weeks, nobody could pass through the drift because it was all under water. And the bridge was still there and nobody could use it. Why? Because it's a condemned bridge Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker what am I getting to?

Mr Speaker this bridge has outlived its purpose. When that bridge was condemned by the Director of Bridges Engineer Makau, people took advantage and it has been vandalised; a lot of bolts and metals have been tampered with to be sold as scrap metal. Therefore Mr Speaker as we are talking now, the bridge is not in use. If it rains now and Honourable Mwove wants to go home, he might not be able to go home because he cannot even be allowed to go through the bridge even on a motorcycle Mr Speaker because its condemned. Mr Speaker...

(Honourable Munuve Rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Munuve: It's a Point of Information Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Oh, Information! Do you want Information?

Hon. Mwalili: Not now Mr Speaker.

(Laughter)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Go on...

Hon. Mwalili: And I said Mr Speaker that these facts can be crosschecked with the Director of Bridges. Therefore Mr Speaker, as another member said, there is no need to treat Kenyans from Kanyangi and the environs as second-class citizens by giving them an already condemned bridge...

(Honourable Wambua rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kanyangi, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Wambua: Mr Speaker Sir, the member is trying to twist the information which he is taking us through. Since he has told us that it was taken from Sondu Miriu to Inyuu. Were the people of Inyuu second-class citizens to the people of Sondu Miriu.

(Applause)

Hon. Wambua: And he has told us that it took more than 30 years in Sondu Miriu before it came to Inyuu. So Inyuu people were...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Are you contributing or you are still on a Point of Order?

Hon. Wambua: Why is he saying that people from Kanyangi are second-class citizens while his people, when his people when they were enjoying the bridge from Sondu Miriu were not second-class?

Hon. Mwalili: Mr Speaker I don't feel obliged to respond to that because that was a debate rather than a point of Order.

(Laughter)

Hon. Mwalili: Mr Speaker if I may continue and I said those with mathematical minds and those with calculators to check, so Honourable Members I'll still refer you to my initial facts. Mr Speaker that bridge is condemned, I don't have to belabour on that point.

Number two Mr Speaker, that bridge is under the Kenya National Highways Authority, which is a State Corporation...

(Hon. Munuve raises a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: What is your Point of Order Honourable Member for Kanziku?

Hon. Munuve: Mr Speaker is the Honourable Member in order to mislead this house that the bridge is condemned? We need him to give proof whether it is condemned. Building a new bridge does not mean that the other bridge is condemned.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Let him respond to that point.

Hon. Mwalili: Mr Speaker can I be allowed up to Tuesday next week to table a letter from the Director...

(Honourable Kilonzo rising on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Athi! You have a Point of Order, on top of another Point of Order?

Hon. Kilonzo: It is for the benefit of this debate Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Okay, you can go on. Yes, give him the microphone.

Hon. Mwalili: Yes Mr Speaker...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Can you allow him to give his Point of Order so that you can respond to both of them?

Hon. Kilonzo: Is the Honourable member for Kanziku also in order when he was misleading this house talking about metric tonnes because he's an engineer and he did not lay even a paper Mr Speaker?

Hon. Mwalili: I was saying, as I lay my paper from the Director of Bridges, which I'll lay if you allow me time next week, I'll be able to do that to show the seriousness of this matter. Mr Speaker I'm not standing here for the sake just to argue; I'm standing here Mr Speaker to avert crisis. Because sending this bridge to Athi River, Mr Speaker that will be a time bomb. And I stand to be quoted; I'm actually talking this for the Hansard to record what I'm saying because one time it might be recalled to sort matters out Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker I was saying that KeNHA – Kenya National Highways Authority is a State Corporation established under the law; the Kenya Roads Act (2007). And Mr Speaker when devolvement – the government was being devolved to the counties, Mr Speaker KeNHA – Kenya National Highways Authority was not devolved. And for those Mr Speaker who are blessed with news, you heard Kamau Thugge; from Treasury, the PS treasury talking about Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA), Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) and the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) funds having a possibility of being reverted back to treasury.

That's not the point Mr Speaker; the point I'm putting through is this – As much as we are urging, as much as we are requesting the National Government, it would have been in order for us Mr Speaker even to talk to the Director of Bridges through KeNHA so that we can also establish under whose authority this bridge lies. The same way Mr Speaker as a County Government we cannot budget for any department or any project that still lies with the National Government Mr Speaker is the same way we also cannot talk about property owned by a national parastatal that serves Kenya within the Ministry of Roads Mr Speaker. Therefore Mr Speaker I just want to throw caution and say Mr Speaker that the people of Kanyangi and the environs who would have benefitted from this Mr Speaker would be better looking at a better way, safer way and a more modern way of getting their people across Athi River Mr Speaker.

I therefore oppose the Motion Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kiomo/Kyethani, yes.

Hon. Mutemi: Thank you Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker I support the Motion because delivery of service is a right, not something that Kenyans should beg for; it is a right and Mr Speaker on our constitution, national values and principles of governance, this is a very serious matter on Article 10 (d) about sustainable development. Mr Speaker, as we are being divided because some of us may not have gone close to this river. But we tend to understand that this government; the County Government and the County Government are duty bound to deliver services to citizens. It is a right, not even something that people should beg for. Mr Speaker, I beg indulgence of your Chair, if this one is allowed, this matter should be referred to the departmental committee for Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development for this house to be told whether the bridge is condemned because I'm still understanding that that bridge is a property of Kitui County even if it is owned by the National Department; that is the parastatal. That way, we'll understand the state of the bridge and whether it can be transferred from where it's being removed to serve in the other area. Because we are short of funds and we should plan properly for this county and for the nation. Mr Speaker, as much as I tend to think that these Kanyangi people are very important and they should be given quality services, I really still believe that if this bridge can serve, it is of great importance for it to be transferred. But given there is a dispute whether it is condemned or not condemned, or whether it can be repaired as some are putting it, it is important for this departmental committee to investigate and then report back to the house as we approve the Motion. But for the spirit of supporting for this people to get the interlink, I support the Motion but with the reservation to understand the state of the bridge.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Ngomeni...
yes.

Hon. Ngwele: Thank you Mr Speaker.

I stand to support the Motion which is a very important Motion trying to give services to our people, which has unfortunately been opposed on very flimsy grounds by people who perhaps do not have the interests of our people at heart. I'm saying this weighing my words very carefully because honestly if you are a member of this assembly serving the people of Kitui County and you know that there is a problem of river crossing at Kanyangi River, you don't just inform this house that the bridge is condemned, you also suggest ways in which you can go around this. A bridge that was built in 1945 really is very old, but I'm sure there are people walking around this county and they are not made of steel and they're not condemned.

(Honourable Kilonzo seeks to raise a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Athi, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Kilonzo: Thank you Mr Speaker. Is the honourable member for Ngomeni in order to declare in this house that there are debates which are flimsy and don't have interests of the people at heart while we are fighting for the same people Mr Speaker? Is he in order?

Hon. Ngwele: Mr Speaker Sir I believe that I have a right to opinion just the same way that members have a right to look at a bridge with a layman's eye and decide that it is condemned, I also have a right to listen to a point and decide that it is flimsy.

Mr Speaker Sir, that bridge is very useful. As we have been informed by one of the members that it has been in service there since 1969, I still believe that it can serve another part of this country for an equal length of time. And let us really look at the problem that we have in terms of lacking a direct link between our county and the neighbouring Makueni County. We have no direct link between Kitui County and Makueni County, and we should not only be talking about a portable bridge, but we should actually be asking the National Government to construct a highway and a proper bridge so that the Kitui County headquarters can be linked directly to the Makueni County headquarters.

And it is not only Kanyangi ward that is suffering; there are other critical river crossings in this county. I'm thinking of Tharaka; you know that Tharaka is almost a landlocked ward tucked somewhere in the corner of Kitui County having no nice roads to link it to Mwingi. The nearest market to Tharaka ward are across the river in Tharaka Nithi County and people who have to attend a District Hospital have to travel, to me very miserable journeys from Syambiu or from places like Tharaka to come to Mwingi District Hospital whereas there is a nearer and better hospital in a place called Marimanti. So we should persuade the Kenya National Highways Authority and the Department of Public Works to be able to fabricate many more bridges like that so that Kanyangi can have one and Tharaka can also have one, and also many more river crossings across the county that need to be linked can also be served.

Mr Speaker, with those few remarks, I beg to support.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kauwi.

Hon. Ms Mutua: *Asante sana Bwana Spika.*

Ni ya Kwamba nimesimama kuunga huu mjadala mkono. Kwa sababu ya nini? Watu wa Kanyangi ni wananchi wa Kenya na ni wananchi wazalendo. Vile tumeelezewa ni kwamba wananchi wa Kanyangi wana shida

nyingi, wacha hata hiyo ya interlinking... intercounties. Ni ya kwamba hiyo tumeelezewa ya kwamba kukinyesha, watu wa Kanyangi hawawezi kuaccess facilities nyingi kama hospitali, shule, soko... na mwananchi hawawzi kaa bila kufikia hizo vitu na ni vitu za muhimu. Kwa hivyo, nikipubaliana na huu mjadala ni ya kwamba hiyo bridge ambayo iko Inyuu, na ni ya kwamba tunaomba ile kamati ambayo inahusika na mambo ya infrastructure iangalie kwamba hiyo bridge kama....

(Honourable Kilonzo seeks to raise yet another Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Athi, you seem to be having too many Points of Order! What is your Point of Order this time round?

Hon. Kilonzo: *Bwana Skika, nashangaa kwa nini member wa Kauwi anabadilisha lugha kutoka lugha moja hadi nyingine. Mara anaingia lugha hii, tena nyingine? Inamaanisha at the end of the day in this house we will have a 'Sheng' language Mr Speaker.*

The [Temporary] Speaker: Go on Honourable Member for Kauwi...

Hon. Ms Mutua: *Na ni ya kwamba ile kamati ambayo husimamiwa na Kililiku iangalie kwa undani kama hiyo daraja iko sawa sawa. Na ni ya kwamba waswahili huwa wanasema heri nusu shari kuliko shari kamili. Kama watu wa Kanyangi wanaweza kufaidika na hiyo; hiyo daraja ambayo iko Inyuu na saa hii watu wa Inyuu hawaitaji, na ni mali ya Kaunti ya Kitui, na watu wa Kanyangi ni watu wa Kaunti ya Kitui, watu wa Inyuu pia ni watu wa Kaunti ya Kitui. Tunaomba kama inawezekana, hiyo daraja ipelekwe huko iendelee kuserve watu wa Kanyangi. Kwa sababu hata nakumbuka wakati Gavana alitembea upande wa Tana River, kuna vitu ambazo alizungumzia nyingi, na alizungumzia mambo kama kutengeneza barabara ndio tuweze kufikia Tana River vizuri ndio tuweze kufanya biashara na watu wa Tana River. Na Tana River kama unavyo jua kutoka hapa Mheshimiwa Spika pia ni mbali. Tunaomba pia kufanya biashara na watu wa Makueni kwa sababu hata wacha mbali kufanya biashara na watu wa Tana River na huko ni waswahili; kufanya biashara na watu wa Makueni ni karibu, nan i wakambe, nan i watu wetu na tamaduni zetu zote ni kama ni moja. Tunaomba watu wa Kanyangi watengenezewe hiyo daraja. Na kama haitawezekana; serikali iko na pesa, na tunaomba ya kwamba kupitia hii bunge yetu, watu wa Kanyangi kama hiyo itakuwa ni mbaya, watengenezewe daraja ingine ili tufanye biashara, watoto wetu waende shule, wapate hospitali na ile kitu ingine wanapaswa kufanya.*

Kwa hivyo naunga mjadala mkono. Asante.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for... Bwana Honourable Hussein.

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Hon. Hussein: Thank you Mr Speaker. And before...
Any way I stand to support this Motion Mr Speaker Sir.

(Applause)

Hon. Hussein: And before I proceed to contribute Mr Speaker Sir, I want clarity from you Mr Speaker as to how many times should a member of this Honourable House rise on a Point of Order because it is amounting to disorderly conduct of some members here.

(Applause)

Hon. Hussein: And in support of this Motion Mr Speaker, I want to quote Article number 27 of the Chapter Bill of Rights. And I want also to tell the Honourable Members of this house that, Icoming from Kitui South that is, because the bridge will benefit the members from the southern part of this county. I want to tell these Honourable Members that coming from the southern part of this county does not mean that we come from an inclined area; we are all equal.

So Mr Speaker, Article 27 talks of discrimination, and when any member of this house is opposing this Motion Mr Speaker, I myself I feel very offended because I come from Ikutha ward. So I request all Honourable Members to support this Motion because the issue of bridges; a bridge gives services to *wananchi*. And Mr Speaker we are here as Honourable Members to serve people. Mr Speaker Sir this bridge, when it is in place Mr Speaker it will promote the tourism, business...

(Honourable Mwove raises a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Yes what is your Point of Order? Sit down Honourable Hussein...

Hon. Mwove: Thank you Mr Speaker. Is the Honourable Member in order to say that he feels very offended when people oppose this Motion when we know we all have a right either to support or to oppose? Is he in order?

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Hussein, you cannot be agitated when Honourable Members oppose, because they have a reason why they oppose...

Hon. Hussein: But Mr Speaker...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order! Each member, each Honourable Member in this house can choose whether to support or to oppose and they

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have that choice. But now that you are the one on the floor, you can now give your views why you support.

Go on please.

(Applause)

Hon. Hussein: Mr Speaker, I think it is their right; the prerogative right of this honourable house to give services to *wananchi*, and in that connection Mr Speaker I expect each Honourable member of this house to support...

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order! Order Honourable Member!

Yes it is a right; that we are here to serve the people of Kitui, but not through a specific way, maybe through a bridge which is going to be moved or even government can do other things. The matter before this house is a matter that is under debate; whether the bridge should be moved or should not be moved. And that is why I want you to give your opinions as members. Continue.

Hon. Hussein: Thank you Mr Speaker for your advice. Since we want to promote the economy of the county, my views are; if the bridge is built, tourism will be improved because that will be the shortest route from Nairobi to the lower parts of this county Mr Speaker. And since we have got this department of tourism and also bearing in mind that we have so many resources and especially mineral resources in Kitui South notable Iron Ore and Limestone, Mr Speaker Sir I think since most of the factories are in Nairobi, we might be also, because also in Kajiado County we have other mineral resources which we might need to mix with that Limestone and other resources we have here to make goods so that we can be stable in our economy Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker I think the issue of the old bridge from Inyuu, if it will not be sufficient Mr Speaker to serve the needs of the people of Kanyangi at Athi River, then Mr Speaker we look for another new bridge or in the turn of events Mr Speaker as the mover convinced us about this bridge Mr Speaker, I think we should amend some headings in this Motion Mr Speaker. With these few remarks Mr Speaker I beg to support the Motion.

Thank you.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for... yes you can go on Honourable Member for Mui.

Hon. Mulongo: *Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nasimama kupiga mjadala huu.*

(Laughter)

Hon. Mulongo: *Kwa sababu... sababu nilizo nazo ni kwamba, wale tunaowachangia, tunachangia ili hoja ambalo liko mbele ya nyumba hii tujue*

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ni kwa ajili ya watu wote katika Kitui Kaunti. Wengi ambao wamewahi kupitia pale na wale wanajua ile daraja na wamewahi kuiona kwa macho tangu iharibike, najua kama wabunge wenzangu wangepata fursa ya kutembelea pale na waone kile kinanifanya nisimame kupiga huu mjadala, ni kwa sababu daraja yenyewe kulingana na mmoja ambaye amechangia, sasa hivi ukipitia pale hata kuvuka pale kwa miguu ni shida.

(Applause)

Hon. Mulongo: *Kwa sababu moja kati ya vile vyuma ambavyo lilikuwa vinashikanisha ile daraja vimeng'olewa. Juzi wakati tulikuwa na...*

(Honourable Ngwele seeks to give a Point of Information)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Mui, are you interested in that Point of Information?

Hon. Mulongo: *Tafadhali utanipa information nikimaliza. Tafadhali.*

(Laughter)

Hon. Mulongo: *Wakati tulikuwa na janga la watu wetu ambao walikuwa wameuliwa upande wa Nyanyaa, nilipata fursa ya kupitia hilo daraja, na wale tulikuwa nao: Waheshimiwa Kililiku, Mheshimiwa Anastasia Mwathi kutoka Mutitu...*

(Honourable Wambua rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Wambua: Mr Speaker is it in order for the member to say that the bar or the metals have been stolen while the Kenya National Highways Authority has not reported of the same theft? It is the property of that department and it has not reported theft. Has he witnessed the theft of the metal?

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Kanyangi please!

(Laughter)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order! Order Honourable Members! Honourable Member for Kanyangi, when you are on a Point of Order, go straight to the point; don't debate. Just make your point precisely. Honourable Member for Mui you can continue.

Hon. Mulongo: *Asante sana Bwana Spika.*

Kama vile nilikuwa nachangia ni kwamba tuliwahi pata fursa ya kupitia pale mahali, na ni kweli kwamba kuna mambo mengi ambayo yanaendelea pale; daraja mpya linatengenezwa, na lile ambalo limezeeka ni kweli hata ukifika kama mita hamsini hivi, limeandikwa kuwa “hili daraja halitumiki tena”. Kwa hivyo kile ambacho kinafanya niupinge huu mswada ni kwamba hakuna haja sisi tupitishie pesa mingi kama serikali ama tuweke pesa nyingi kama serikali tulitoe pale...

(Honourable Munuve rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable member for Kanziku, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Munuve: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir. Is the member in order to mislead this house that the bridge is written it will never be used again?

(Laughter)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Can you tell us the actual writings on that place as you approach that bridge?

Hon. Mulongo: *Nimesema ukifika pale unakuta kuna kibao kimeandikwa “dataja iliyo mbele haitumiki”.*

The [Temporary] Speaker: *Kwa sasa?*

(Laughter)

Hon. Mulongo: *Hakuna “kwa sasa” imeandikwa “daraja iliyo hapo mbele haitumiki”.*

The [Temporary] Speaker: Okay, you can continue.

Hon. Mulongo: *Sawa sawa, asante Bwana Spika. Nilikuwa naendelea na kusema ya kwamba Bwana spika, itakuwa si fikira nzuri kwa jumba hili kupitisha kwamba hili daraja tukijua kweli liko na dosari litumie gharama kubwa kuliondoa pale na kulipeleka katika Mto Athi na kuliweka pale, halafu baada ya siku chache hili daraja pengine liharibike liwache kutumika. Halitakuwa wazo zuri kwa sababu ukiweka gharama ya kulitoa pale na kuliweka Athi, halafu litumike kwa muda mfupi itakuwa zile pesa ambazo zimetumika kulileta na kuliweka hata zinafaa ziongezewe zingine kutengeneza lingine...*

(Honourable Ngwele seeks to give a Point of Information)

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order!

Honourable Mulongo: I don't want a Point of Information please.

Itakuwa ni wazo zuri zile pesa ambazo zingebeba ile daraja na kuenda kuliweka ziongezewe zingine na watu wa eneo lile wajengewe daraja mpya ambalo pengine litakuwa limehesabiwa muda wa kuhudumia wakaazi wa hilo eneo. Kwa sababu daraja ambalo tunalizungumzia wakati huu, kwa wale wamefanya hesabu kidogo, tayari limehudumu kwa miaka hamsini na mitano, na miaka hamsini na mitano Bwana Spika si muda mfupi, na hata binadamu, hata mioyo inafika wakati inachoka kupiga damu.

Kwa hivyo Bwana Spika...

(Honourable Ngwele rises on a Point of Order)

The [Temporary] Speaker: What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Ngwele: Mr Speaker is it in order for the Honourable Member to be so misinformed because a portable bridge is assembled from parts; the fact that one rail or a bolt or even a number of bolts have broken does not mean that that bridge cannot be used. A portable bridge is not like a permanent bridge; if a vehicle is missing a tyre, it does not mean that that vehicle cannot be taken into a garage and repaired.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Order! You can go on Honourable Member for Mui. That point has been noted.

Hon. Mulongo: *Nikimalizia Bwana Spika, ningependa kusema wananchi wa eneo la Kanyangi na wale wengine ambao wako karibu wako na haki ya kupata huduna ya kwanza kutoka kwa serikali. Na serikali ya Kenya si maskini kiwango cha kwamba inaweza kuhamisha vitu nzee ipeleke kwenye eneolinguine ama daraja ambali limehudumu mpaka limechoka lipelekwe katika eneo linguine. Ombi langu ni kwamba serikali ijenge daraja mpya ambalo ni la kuvuka Mto Athi, na lile tupate habari kutoka kwa wadadisi wa maswala ya barabara. Kama ni baya litupiliwe mbali kuliko kuliweka mahali ambapo litatumika tena na wananchi.*

Kwa hayo machache, naomba kupiga huu mswada.

The [Temporary] Speaker: Honourable Member for Central ward; Honourable Ngoima.

(Honourable Kinuva descends as Mr Ndotto returns to the Chair)

Hon. Ngoima: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir.

I stand here to support the Motion. We very well know that this county of ours cannot stay alone or cannot be alone without having linkages to other counties around us. As you observe the way we are linked with Makueni, we don't have a direct route to Makueni as we have in Machakos, as we have in the other parts of Voo as we go to Tana River County. And we cannot be alone as we work on businesses; we want to be linked to other counties to interact and do business together.

It's only the Makueni County which we don't have easy access to like our neighbours. And so, this bridge we are talking about and which is being proposed to have to link us to the County of Makueni, I tend to think that it is very important to be linked to Makueni through this bridge because socially we will be advantaged, economically we will be more encouraged to have that linkage which will improve our economy. And so we are saying the socio-economic development will be improved. We will also improve the infrastructure because those roads heading to that bridge from Kitui County and also from Makueni County coming to the bridge will be improved, so we will have infrastructural development improved. Sometimes we don't negotiate much where we are talking of improvement encouraging, motivating, and promoting the above socio-economic and even infrastructural development. And so me I find it very important for us to have the bridge fixed and because this bridge at Inyuu; the only rails which are removed can be replaced, and because at Inyuu they are building another bridge, and from one of our Honourable Member who said this bridge came from Sondu Miriu, those days and now the Inyuu people will not be needing it after they are built this new one, I find it wise for us to suggest in this chamber for the bridge to be taken to Kanyangi to link the Makueni County with Kitui County and be repaired.

As the mover of the Motion has suggested, that we lose a lot of money to take our children to Makueni Schools whereby you know Makueni is Known for being home to the best schools and majority of parents in Kitui County take their children there; I've been one of those who go all the way to look for the sterling education for our children, I have been going all the way round Machakos to Kathonzweni which is in Makueni to look for the education of my children and I used to spend a lot. So by putting this bridge here, we'll cut the expenses for our electorate who have brought us here to talk on their behalf and this is one of the developments. If they hear that we are talking about this bridge, they will clap for us because they will know that their expenses will be cut. I'm proposing we will save our parents a lot of money by building this bridge.

And lastly Mr Speaker, the people from Kalawa which happens to be in Makueni come all the way to Kavisuni market to bring their cattle which they buy from *Maasailandwe* call them *Sahiwal*; those from Kavisuni know what I'm saying – these red bulls and red cows which have a lot of milk – they bring them to Kavisuni and they sell to our farmers. Now we have advantage from that bridge. And still, as they sell those cattle to the people of Kavisuni, our markets get revenue and this revenue is used in this county. What I'm saying is that by improving or by putting this bridge in place, we will still benefit and improve our income. And so I'm in support that even if we don't adopt this Motion fully, maybe we adopt with

amendments like it is important to have the bridge, but now we amend even if not the bridge from Inyuu, we can get a bridge from another place.

That's all I have, thank you.

The Speaker: Very well.

Honourable Kinuva...

Hon. Kinuva: Thank you Mr Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity to make my contribution. And I'll seek your indulgence that due to the weighty matters that are being raised for this issue about this bridge, that if you could allow this matter to be moved to the relevant committee so that the members who are having issues about the bridge can be able to submit their report so that the committee probably may be able to report to this house. Then I think that one will be a little bit better; we'll be able to get some more information about it please.

The Speaker: Honourable Kinuva, are you moving a motion of adjournment on this Motion so that...

Hon. Kinuva: Yes. Yes Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: Are you moving a Motion to adjourn this debate?

Hon. Kinuva: Yes; to adjourn this debate please.

The Speaker: Can you do that?

Hon. Kinuva: Mr Speaker Sir, I beg to move a Motion of Adjournment of this Motion so that it can be referred to the relevant committee.

Thank you.

The Speaker: Is there anybody seconding that?

(Honourable Hussein stands and bows to signify that he seconds the Motion)

The Speaker: He has already seconded; you stand and bow...

Now Honourable Members, there is a proposal here because of the importance of the Motion; the need for Kanyangi people to have a bridge. The need of Kanyangi to have a proper bridge. The need for Kanyangi people not to be given a second-class bridge under the disguise of a bridge and yet there is need for that bridge. There is a Motion that this debate should be adjourned and this matter referred to the committee to get facts before you dispose of the Motion in the interest of the people of Kanyangi. Which facts? Is this bridge serviceable? Is it serviceable? Is it of the length, of the width of the river where it's supposed to go? And so many other facts. And I think this house should not pass a resolution which is wanting; which lacks facts, details, because we expect a resolution of the house to be implemented without any questions or any... "Why did you not, why did you not" burden. Therefore I'll put the question, which is that:

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The house on this debate be adjourned and the matter be referred to the relevant departmental committee.

As many as are of that opinion say AYE!

Members: AYE!

As many as are of a contrary opinion say NAY!

(Silence)

The Speaker: The AYE's have it!

(Applause)

The Speaker: I am directing the departmental committee to seize the matter immediately and get the facts even if it means going to Inyuu or going anywhere to get those facts. And this matter should be reported to this house next Tuesday but one. That will be what date? Next Tuesday but one... the committee should bring the report to this house on 6th of next month at 2:30pm.

Honourable Members stand up now because we don't have any other business.

The house now stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday the 25th of July 2013 at 2:30pm.

The County Assembly stood at 4:50pm.