

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Laboso) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

### PETITION

#### RESETTLEMENT OF EVICTED ENOOSUPUKIA PERSONS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have a petition regarding resettlement of Enoosupukia evictees.

Standing Order No.225(2)(b) requires that the Speaker reports to the House any petition other than those presented through a Member. I, therefore, wish to convey to the House that my office has received a petition regarding citizens evicted from Kwigiti, Ndaragua and Ol Kalou areas in 1992 and 1993. The Petition is signed by three citizens on behalf of a group referring to themselves as Enoosupukia Evicted Persons. The group prays that Parliament:-

(i) Resettles internally displaced persons, in particular the Enoosupukia evicted persons.

(ii) Compensates the Enoosupukia evicted persons for loss of their property and livelihoods.

This Petition, therefore, stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade for consideration. The Committee is requested to consider the Petition and report its findings in accordance with Standing Order No.227(2) for consideration.

### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014:-

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Ministry of State for Public Service for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Kenya Film Classification Board for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Federal Party of Kenya for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the National Rainbow Coalition for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

### REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have several requests for Statements and we shall prosecute them in the order in which they appear in the Order Paper.

#### WELFARE OF KENYANS WORKING ABROAD

**Hon. Barua:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to seek a Statement from the Leader of the Majority Party. Pursuant to Standing Order No.44 (2)(b), I wish to request for a Statement from the Leader of the Majority Party regarding the welfare of Kenyans working abroad, especially in South Sudan. Many Kenyans are dying under mysterious circumstances in South Sudan and, in case of the late Daniel Kinyua Kiura, he was jailed on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 in South Sudan after allegedly being accused by his employer. The employer who had accused him failed to turn up for his hearing twice and Daniel was imprisoned without judgment. He died in prison on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 due to alleged negligence in his upkeep. In the Statement, the Leader of the Majority Party should inquire into and report on the following:-

(i) why Kenya Government is yet to create and implement a foreign policy that protects Kenyans working abroad;

(ii) the status of investigations that were to be carried out in the case of the late Daniel Kinyua Kiura, specifically with regard to his death as requested by his family; and

(iii) whether there will be any compensation or support to his family, especially from his employer.

I would also like to remind the House that this Statement was asked during the First Session and due to the lapsing of the Session, the answer was not provided.

So, I would like to call upon the Leader of Majority Party to treat this as an urgent Statement and give us an answer within the shortest time possible.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. A.B. Duale, when do you think you can avail a response?

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I will present an answer next week on Thursday.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Next week on Thursday it shall be!

**Hon. Barua:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I accept the offer by the Leader of Majority Party and I am hoping that, by next week on Thursday, the House will not be on recess. If it will be on recess, I will prefer that---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Member, I hope you are aware of the provision that you do not anticipate debate.

**Hon. Barua:** *Sawa sawa!* I would like to thank the Leader of Majority Party.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You will thank him when he has brought you that Statement, hon. Barua. The next request for Statement is from hon. Theuri. Please take the Floor. I do not see hon. Theuri here. Next Statement is by hon. Omondi Washington.

**Hon. Theuri:** I am here.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Oh! Hon. Theuri is here!

**Hon. Theuri:** Yes.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay, you should have been very visible to me.

BAN ON *BODA BODA* OPERATIONS AT NIGHT

**Hon. Theuri:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c) I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security regarding---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the consultations are high. Hon. Ochieng and others, the consultations are high. Yes, continue.

**Hon. Theuri:** I wish to seek a Statement from the Chairperson regarding the directive by the Inspector-General to stop the operations of *boda boda* after 6.30 p.m. within Nairobi City. Hon. Deputy Speaker, employment is necessary for everyone in this country as it ensures that one is able to cater for his or her family, thereby ensuring that our fellow citizens are empowered. In his Statement, considering that the operations are a source of employment, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

(i) when the Government is intending to lift the ban;

(ii) the measures the Government is taking to ensure that every citizen is secure to operate his or her business, including the said motorbike operators.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Chairperson of the Committee on Administration and National Security.

**Hon. Abongotum:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, the issue is of much gravity, considering the kind of unemployment that we have in this City. We will give a response to the Statement in ten days.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Ten days, hon. Theuri. That should be a good time. Hon. Omondi Washington is next. He is not here. The next request for Statement is from hon. Limo.

RENAMING OF MOI INTERNATIONAL SPORTS  
CENTRE KASARANI

**Hon. Limo:** Thank hon. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the renaming of Moi International Sports Centre Kasarani to Safaricom Sports Centre. The Moi International Sports Centre

Kasarani is a historical national heritage that Kenyans hold in great esteem. Any attempt to change names of places we hold so dear such as this one has major implications on the gains we have made over the years as a Republic. Whereas corporate sponsorship from major firms such as Safaricom is most welcome, attempts to change names of such infrastructural heritage to reflect the corporate sponsors do not augur well for the country. This is a second attempt to rename a national stadium after attempts to rename Nyayo National Stadium to Coca Cola Stadium failed. In the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

(i) the steps taken by the Government to prevent national stadiums management from altering historical names for financial gains;

(ii) the steps being taken to reverse the naming of Moi International Sports Center Kasarani to Safaricom Stadium; and

(iii) the steps being taken by the Government to develop a framework to manage the renaming of public infrastructural developments such as roads, stadiums and airports to protect and prevent such alterations.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Hon. Members, you may not appreciate the request being made by hon. Limo, but can we hear that request? Yes. Have you finished?

**Hon. Limo:** Yes.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, hon. Were.

**Hon. Were:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I think this Statement had been sought in the last Session and I gave a brief Statement. But I would request that I be given one week to be able to respond to it fully. That is because I can see it is a question that has elicited a lot of excitement. Just one week for me to be able to respond to it.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Bowen, what is your point of order. Can we have the point of order by hon. Bowen?

**Hon. Bowen:** On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. The Chair gave misleading information in the last Session when he said that Kasarani Stadium had not been renamed, that it was only the gymnasium which had been renamed. Even as we speak, it is Safaricom Stadium now. Is he in order to mislead the House for a second time?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, hon. Bowen, we have heard your sentiments. Chair, are you misleading the House?

**Hon. Were:** Hon. Deputy Speaker. I only indicated that I had given a brief Statement when the question was sought last time. But I have requested for one week to come back to the House and give a response. So, when the Member says that I am misleading the House, I really do not understand how. I have already said I am going to give a response in the next one week.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Your point is that your initial response was brief and you want to make it more comprehensive?

**Hon. Were:** I am promising a response. Why can they not hold their horses and wait?

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay, but the Leader of Majority Party has a point of order. What is not in order Leader of Majority Party?

**Hon. A. B Duale:** On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. I have never been a member of Kanu in my life and I do not intend to be. But it is about history and respecting the legacy of President Moi. The Chair gave a report to this House and if you look at that report, we are talking about a company called Safaricom Limited that posts one of the highest profits in the country. If you walk to Kasarani and look at what they have paid to get that marketing brand of a key institution, it is peanuts! I want to order the Committee to do a report to this House. They should do an investigation. They should call the Cabinet Secretary and ultimately bring a recommendation that will reverse the name to "Moi International Sports Complex."

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, Leader of Majority Party! Now we are preempting what is going to come from the Chair of the Committee. Let us allow him to bring his answer and we can prosecute or seek further clarification when that answer has been given. Hon. Arati.

**Hon. Simba:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. If I heard the Chairperson of the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare right--- Last time when he did the so-called brief report, he misled the House vehemently when he said that the stadium had not been renamed.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Arati, are you still doing what I have just said; preempting debate? This is a new question. Can we give him the opportunity to answer that question and then we can prosecute it or ask our supplementary questions after? Allow hon. Arati to seek a clarification.

**Hon. Simba:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. The only thing I wanted to know is whether the Chairman is in order to pretend and tell us that he is going to investigate something he knows and has brought a brief report on.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, hon. Arati! I have given you enough time to put your point across. I said that we will prosecute that when that Statement is actually read before the House.

Hon. Timothy Bosire, what is not in order for you?

**Hon. Bosire:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance. The request for the report on the position of the renaming of Moi International Sports Centre is very important for our history. I was wondering whether the report should not include the position of various monuments that consume public funds. Wherever you come across many of them, they appear very ugly. Many of them have been damaged and neglected. If they were important then---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Timothy, I think that is a new Statement. That is now yours.

**Hon. Bosire:** I am wondering whether that could be included in that Statement.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Please, frame it and bring it so that we can approve. That is the only way we can get them to respond.

**Hon. Bosire:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I was thinking if it could be part of that.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Then we should have approved it. He will respond to what has been asked now.

**Hon. Bosire:** Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** That is okay. Hon. Members, let us move to the next request. The Chairperson has given an indication when the Statement will be made. That will be after one week. What is the problem, hon. Limo?

**Hon. Limo:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, given the fact that I requested for this Statement last year and the answer which was given then was not satisfactory--- It was a preliminary answer. The Chair has taken his time. If he was serious, he should tell this House that he slept on the job because he has asked for a week to respond and yet, I expected him to tell us that he has an answer.

The renaming of Kasarani Stadium is not an isolated case. Remember the attempt that was made by Coca Cola Company at the Nyayo National Stadium, an action that was reversed. If this is not taken seriously, I can tell you for sure that there are many things on the line which will happen. I want to say that the deal which was made by Safaricom---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, hon. Members! The consultations are really too high and we cannot hear the Member. Hon. Limo, this is not the time to debate. Wait for your Statement. Today is the day for requesting. You have made your request and the Chairman has given you one week. Let us wait for that response. All the other arguments will come in the form of further clarifications after he has given the Statement.

**Hon. Limo:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to make one final point. It is clear that Safaricom gave this country a raw deal. I have computed the figures and it costs Kshs.1,000 per metre square and the Stadium is over 300,000 metres. It is actually costing Kshs.2.8 billion per year. We want an answer---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Thank you. We are not prosecuting that matter any further. The next request is by hon. Kenneth Okoth or the appointee.

#### GOVERNMENT POLICY ON HIRING OF NEW EMPLOYEES

**Hon. (Ms.) Nyasuna:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, hon. Kenneth Okoth requested me to read this Statement on his behalf.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I wish to request a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the Government's hiring policy. Some Government employees hired more than six months ago have not received their first salaries to date, despite having served the legal probationary period of six months. Government departments have taken advantage of the new recruits by extending their probationary period beyond six months without the consent of the employees, contrary to Section 42(2) of the Employment Act of 2007.

In the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:-

- (i) the Government's policy on hiring of new employees; and
- (ii) the measures the Government has put in place to prevent exploitation of new employees on probationary terms within the Government.

Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Were:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. It seems like this Statement has not elicited the kind of excitement the other one did. However, I want to inform the Member that I will give a response in two weeks.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** That is okay. So, we will move to the next request by hon. Sammy Mwaita.

#### GOVERNMENT BAN ON NIGHT TRAVEL

**Hon. Mwaita:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I hereby request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing concerning the legal notice issued by the Government banning night travel.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the legal notice was issued with good intentions to curb rising cases of injuries and fatalities through multiple road accidents which have occurred throughout the country. In his report, the Chairman should inquire into and report on the following:-

(i) The number of fatalities and injuries from the start of this ban compared to the previous year.

(ii) Details of the bus companies or operators who have since requested for travelling during the night. He should clarify whether that includes mini-buses, 14-seater *matatus* and long distant trucks.

(iii) The Chairman should report whether his Committee and the Government wish to review and improve the national road safety campaign.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Let us have the Chair or the Vice-Chair, Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing.

**Hon. (Eng.) Mahamud:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. We will be able to answer that question in a week's time. I appreciate because the Member has said that the legal notice was issued in good faith to ensure that Kenyans are safe. However, we will answer him in a week's time.

Thank you.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** So, one week it shall be. Thank you. Let us move on to the next request by hon. Jacob Macharia.

#### GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN GDC

**Hon. Macharia:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy, Communication and Information regarding the amount of money and resources invested by the Government on the Geothermal Development Company (GDC).

The power produced by the company to the national grid is lower than the optimal amount of power expected to be produced, despite the huge amount of resources invested by the Government.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, in the Statement, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:-

- (i) the amount of money the Government has invested in the company;
- (ii) how many megawatts the company produces to the national grid;
- (iii) the staff establishment of the company; and
- (iv) the recruitment policy/strategy of the company.

Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. (Eng.) Rege:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. Although GDC is wholly owned by the Government, I want to promise the hon. Member that we will come back with full details of GDC and how much the Government has invested in the company to produce power, in two weeks' time.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Two weeks it shall be.

**Hon. Macharia:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, the country has a lot of interest in this issue. We suspect this to be a hoax, bigger than, maybe, Goldenberg and the others. The company is under-producing and reporting to Kenyans that they are over-producing. They are inflating their budget by about US\$31 million. I would like to request the Committee to report back to this House after one week. It is possible for them to do this. Probably, they are working on this and they have reports that they are sitting on. They should be able to report in one week.

**Hon. (Eng.) Rege:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I do not think it is a difficult task to get the response within one week. I was giving two weeks simply because the Chairman is not in the country at the moment.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I think it is reasonable because you are not the Minister. He has to consult with the Minister and all the others to get that information. So, I think two weeks is a reasonable time.

The next one is by hon. Mwashetani.

#### POWER OUTAGES IN LUNGA LUNGA CONSTITUENCY

**Hon. Mwashetani:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy, Communication and Information regarding power outages in Lungalunga Constituency.

Half of Lungalunga Constituency has been experiencing power outages occasioned by rationing of power which sometimes extends to more than two days. This experience is as a result of power borrowed from our neighbouring country, Tanzania, of which we cannot express our concerns when it comes to this utility. This has affected several economic activities such as fishing in my area.

*(Hon. Limo consulted loudly)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Limo, you got your chance to ask your request. Can you allow another Member to do the same?

**Hon. Mwashetani:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, Lungalunga Constituency is a semi-arid area and majority of the people rely on a borehole that is located in Lungalunga



Town. This source of water serves all the schools and villages in the region where the distribution is done using the Coast Water Services Board bowser. Of late, it has become a nightmare to realize the same due to the power rationing by the authorities in Tanzania. The Chairperson should inquire into and report on the following:-

(i) plans by the Government to connect electricity to public schools in Kwale County in general and Lungalunga Constituency in particular in view of the fact that the Government is determined to implement the Laptop Project in all primary schools;

(ii) plans by the Government to connect electricity to major towns and islands such as Wasini, Mkwiro and others in the county as a whole; and

(iii) why the Government has not connected electricity to Lungalunga as a border point of Kenya and Tanzania instead of tapping power from Tanzania.

**Hon. (Eng.) Rege:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, this needs a thorough investigation. I do not think Kenya Power would cross the borders to get power from Tanzania in order to feed the Kenyans at the border.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Rege, are you responding on the spot to the request?

**Hon. (Eng.) Rege:** I am responding. We will get back to him in two weeks.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** So, let us wait for those clarifications that you want to do now until when you are responding.

**Hon. (Eng.) Rege:** Two weeks, hon. Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Two weeks, it shall be.

**Hon. Mwashetani:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I guess the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Energy, Communication and Information is not aware of what is happening because we borrow and tap electricity from Tanzania.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** No! Do not answer him. I have already ruled that his Statement is out of order at this point. Let it come after the two weeks that he has asked for and then we can prosecute it properly then. Lastly, hon. Junet.

#### MONOPOLY OF LPG SECTOR IN OIL INDUSTRY

**Hon. Nuh:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Leader of the Majority Party on the monopoly of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) sector in the oil industry.

It appears that the Government, through the African Gas and Oil (AGO) Company Limited, is creating a monopoly in the LPG industry which has led to high cost of living for Kenyans and restricting the LPG business environment. It is a matter cutting across the Ministry of Energy, National Treasury and National Security.

In the Statement, the Leader of Majority Party should inquire into and report on the following:-

(i) whether the African Gas and Oil Company is operating as a private or a public company;

(ii) whether Kenya is better-off having two entry points for LPG;

(iii) whether the Oil Terminal Service (OTS) covers both Shimanzi Oil Terminal and the AGO ports;

(iv) the handling fees for these services and if it will be lower than the current price of US\$73; and

(v) the measures in place to reduce the cost of living to the citizens due to these issue as well as deal with the illegal re-fillers.

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I will deliver the Statement on Thursday next week.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Next Thursday, it shall be.

**Hon. Nuh:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Leader of Majority is taking my matter very casually. He talks about next week on Thursday and he knows that tomorrow, he is planning to move a Motion for Adjournment. Can he get serious? This is not the Jubilee Parliamentary Group (PG).

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Junet, I have already told a Member earlier that you do not anticipate debate. If he has said next Thursday, it will be next Thursday or the next sitting day.

#### BREAKDOWN OF MAILING SYSTEM IN PARLIAMENT

**Hon. (Dr.) Simiyu:** On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. While I know that we live in a digital age and most communication is by email and other such electronic communication, for the welfare of the Members, especially the welfare of those people who send mails to us from outside, we are not getting the mails. When they arrive, it is too late such that some things are being overtaken by events because the mailing system in Parliament has virtually broken down. This broke down when they were renovating this new Chamber. The pigeon holes were removed and have never been put back. We need to find a solution to this, either to get the pigeon holes back or to get a more efficient mail delivery system in this Parliament. I plead with your office to expedite the issue of ensuring that the mailing system in Parliament is improved.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Sorry, hon. Eseli, I was consulting. I do not know whom you are seeking the information from.

**Hon. (Dr.) Simiyu:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I was talking about the broken down mailing system in Parliament such that we are not getting mails or when they come, it is too late. They are overtaken by events. The pigeon holes were removed and it seems like it is just impossible. All the mails are dumped somewhere on the Ground Floor of Continental House and if you try to sort out through that, half way, you have a serious cold. We are not getting our mails. Something needs to be done urgently.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** That is definitely a very serious matter. I am ordering the Clerk's Office to look into it and give us a report, not to the House, but to the management of the National Assembly on the question of mail going to hon. Members. Does it include emails or just the physical mail; the paper or the analogue mail? Please, do quick investigation and ensure that Members get mail, even confidential mail.

What is your point of order hon. Gladys Wanga?

#### POINT OF ORDER

#### ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AGAINST HON. MEMBERS

**Hon. (Ms.) Nyasuna:** On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. This concerns a matter that has been of great concern to me today. This morning, the Leader of Majority Party and the Deputy Leader of Minority Party were on a television show in which serious aspersions were cast on the integrity of this House, including its Members. It was alleged that Members and Committees of this House are corrupt. If the Leader of Majority Party and the Deputy Leader of Minority Party have evidence on those corruption allegations they made on national television, they should substantiate or be named.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Order!

**Hon. (Ms.) Nyasuna:** This is a house of oversight and our integrity is important on how people view us. Our own leadership cannot be the ones casting aspersions on our integrity without any substantiation. I really ask you to rule whether this is in order.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Order! I can see about 20 Members wanting to make a comment on this. Hon. Members, let us not go overboard. I will give a few of you a chance. Hon. William Cheptumo, are you on this matter.

**Hon. Cheptumo:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, Members! Can we just listen to each other?

**Hon. Cheptumo:** I did not have a chance of listening to the Leader of Majority Party on the television show, but if it is true that the leadership of this House in the name of Leader of Majority Party and the Deputy Leader of Minority Party made those allegations, those are very serious allegations. The talk show definitely was watched by Kenyans and our constituents, whom we represent here.

If that statement was made, it applies and implies to all Members of this House. I want to join my colleague, hon. Wanga, in saying that we demand specific evidence touching on specific Members of Parliament. For me to be seen and heard by my constituents that I could be part of a team which is corrupt, is a very sad comment. I want to support and say that the evidence should be tabled in the House.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Kabando wa Kabando.

**Hon. Kabando wa Kabando:** Thank you very much, hon. Deputy Speaker. It is important to raise issues of integrity and governance in this institution. When you occupy a position of leadership in the three arms of Government; Judiciary, Parliament and the Executive, you also have to be limited by the responsibilities that those offices require.

Therefore, if you are a leader in this House, you cannot go and cast aspersions on talk shows in television without showing any evidence that you have submitted a report.

*(Applause)*

It is a constitutional, legal and even political moral responsibility to do something about the problems you cite. Therefore, through you, and with a lot of respect and humility, without exempting or defending anyone, we demand that a report be submitted without delay.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** The Leader of Majority Party, I will give you an opportunity. Just allow him to finish.

*(Loud consultations)*

Let us have order in the House Members.

**Hon. Kabando wa Kabando:** I am concluding, just one more point. The moment we allow people to cast aspersions on the Presidency, Parliament or Chief Justice, without any requisite evidence being availed, what we are essentially doing is raising doubts about the credibility, integrity or collectivity of those offices.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Members, Order!

**Hon. Kabando wa Kabando:** Therefore the minimum requirement and expectation - because we do not accept wholesale condemnation - is that a report must be submitted.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Order, hon. Kabando wa Kabando! Hon. Members, I can see that this is a matter you feel very strongly about and because this has come when we have some very substantial business on our Order Paper---

*(Loud consultations)*

Order! Order, Members! I am requesting we have it on the Order Paper, so that we can actually discuss it.

*(Loud consultations)*

Order! Order Members! Hon. Members, your point has been made by the two or so Members who have spoken. Members, I would request the Leader of Majority Party to make the clarification.

*(Loud consultations)*

Order, Members! Order! Order!

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to go on record that---

**Hon. Members:** No!

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** That the leader who cast aspersions on the Members of Parliament is none other than the Deputy Leader of Minority Party, hon. Jakoyo. Let me make this very clear. Let me finish.

*(Loud consultations)*

I want Parliament to get that tape. I took 10 minutes defending the Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing that went to China on a different matter. I spent another 15 minutes defending Committee Chairs and I want to challenge you and, more so, those who are talking, that the person you need to bring a substantive Motion on is the Deputy Leader of Minority Party.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order! Order! Order, Members! The Leader of Majority Party Order! The hon. Member who is standing! Order!

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, hon. Members! I realize that this is a matter that is sensitive and it is raising temperatures. My suggestion is that we hold a *Kamkunji* tomorrow as soon as we finish at 12.30 p.m. All of us need to come out tomorrow rather than doing it before the cameras. So, we will have a *Kamkunji* at 12.30 p.m. tomorrow. Let that matter rest there.

Next Order!

*(Loud consultations)*

That matter has been settled.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

### SPECIAL HOUSE SESSION ON THURSDAY MORNING

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, because the cows have come home.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 30(3)(b) this House resolves to hold a Sitting on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 commencing from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Hon. Members:** Shame! Shame!

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, Members! Members, the Deputy Speaker is upstanding! Hon. Members, let us have order in the House. This is really out of order. We are all now disrespecting our own rules.

Hon. Members, we have already settled that matter. We have agreed that tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. we will go for a *Kamkunji*. You will have your say there. You will also raise whatever issues you want to discuss with the leadership of the House. Let us now proceed.

*(Applause as hon. Midiwo entered the Chamber)*

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. At least, one Washington Jakoyo is in the House and he can share the heat with me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Procedural Motion is as a result of the sitting of the House Business Committee (HBC) last evening on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014. The HBC passed a resolution to seek approval of the House to have a Sitting on this day. Pursuant to the Standing Order that I have read, the debate on the Presidential Address that we started yesterday afternoon is to continue for four Sitting Days – not less than four Sitting Days. Because we are anticipating a Motion for Adjournment on Thursday, we need to deal with that matter before we go on recess. The HBC felt that we urge our colleagues that before the Motion for Adjournment comes, we have a sitting tomorrow morning. If we feel that we will be through with the debate on the Presidential Address in the morning of tomorrow, then in the afternoon we can have other substantive agenda to debate. If not, then we have it tomorrow as the last day. That is the decision of the HBC. If we do not do that, it means that we will begin our recess on Tuesday next week.

I want to urge my colleagues that we have a sitting tomorrow morning to discuss the Presidential Address and, if possible, conclude it. Further, there are two important Motions that I moved yesterday. We are yet to discuss at a later date the national security document tabled by the President, pursuant to Article 132(3)(c). At a later date, we will also debate the President's document as far as Kenya's international obligations are concerned. We will have an opportunity to discuss those documents. I, therefore, urge my brother and, today, controversial Member, hon. Jakoyo, that as he regains his thoughts, I ask hon. Chris Wamalwa to second.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Members, the Leader of Majority Party called out the name of Chris Wamalwa and I have already called him out. Hon. Jakoyo, you will have your say after.

*(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Members, can we, please, follow the rules? Already the Leader of Majority Party has called out the name of the person to second him. Hon. Chris Wamalwa, go ahead and second.

**Hon. Wakhungu:** Madam Speaker, Sir--- Sorry.

*(Laughter)*

Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, as I stand to second reluctantly, the issue that happened on Citizen Television, indeed, was a very critical issue. Now, because hon. Midiwo is here, could you, please, allow me to donate some two minutes---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** You are already seconding. There is no donation.

**Hon. Wakhungu:** I second.

*(Question proposed)*

**Hon. Midiwo:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support. In the President's Speech, there are so many things that we need to say and so, we need time to discuss it.

I want to take this opportunity to say that people who are complaining about freedom of speech in the media--- Only last week, we were here on the Floor of the House when the substantive Speaker was on the Chair and we talked about people who are using their parliamentary privileges to go and seek--- This is a serious issue and we have even discussed it in the HBC. It is good for the image of this House---

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Midiwo, you have supported the Procedural Motion and we have already agreed that tomorrow at 12.30 p.m. we want to go on our own---

**Hon. Midiwo:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, let me end by saying that if somebody says that it was Midiwo, Midiwo is not a coward. Midiwo says his things straight, but if it is Duale, he is a coward because the things he said, he cannot run away from them.

I support.

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

### REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:-

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 120, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly No.12 of 2014) from 14 to 7 days.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the calendar of the House approved on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014; the House is set to go on recess for 11 days with the concurrence of the House, commencing on Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. That is if the House agrees with the calendar.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.127 (4) and (5), regarding the committal of Bills to Committees for First Reading, this will allow us to refer this very crucial Bill to the relevant Committee; the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, reducing the publication period of the Bill will enable us to read the First Reading either today or tomorrow and, consequently, refer it to the relevant Committee. Without anticipating debate on the Bill---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Order, hon. Members! Allow hon. A.B. Duale to move the Motion.

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** I am sure the Budget and Appropriations Committee members and the Chair will agree with me that the principal object of this Bill is to amend the Public Finance Management Act, No.18 of 2012 in order to provide a receipt of proceeds for any loan raised from external government security. So, all that we are saying is that, if we read the First Reading, then it can go to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Committee will relook at it because it has got some issues to do with the budget and appropriation report of the Committee.

I beg to move and ask the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, hon. Mutava Musyimi, to second.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Musyimi, you have the Floor.

**Hon. Musyimi:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to second and confirm that we have had a meeting between the Finance Committee, my Committee and the National Treasury on the matter of sovereign bond. The two Committees are jointly persuaded that it is absolutely crucial we provide for the possibility of the country accessing funds from outside. This is a matter we support in principle and we are very glad that it has finally come here from Treasury. We therefore, support the shortening of the period so that we can deal with this matter appropriately.

I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## **BILL**

### *First Reading*

#### THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL

*(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Departmental Committee)*

## **MOTION**

#### THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

*(Address of the President delivered on 27.3.2014)*



*(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 1.4.2014)*

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** This is a continuing address and in my list, there is hon. David Kangongo Bowen.

**Hon. Bowen:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I would like to congratulate the President for the few development activities the Government has done so far for the first one year. I want to congratulate the Jubilee Government for what it has done for the first one year.

Let me say that for the first one year, the Government has done a lot as it has been indicated in the Presidential Address. But I just want to dwell on one thing - the security of the country. The President gave information on what the Government is doing to contain the runaway insecurity in the country.

Let me say that, until and unless we have our policemen with very good equipment, we will still experience a lot of problems with security. The National Police Service Commission (NPSC) and the Office of the Inspector-General do not have a budgetary allocation or vote. They live under the mercy of the Office of the President. We want this Government of Jubilee to look into the security situation in this country. They must separate the budgetary vote for the National Police Service and that of the Office of the President.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, we have seen several times that when you want a police station in your constituency and write to the Inspector-General, he too has to request the Office of the President. Security is a concern for all of us as hon. Members of Parliament and even Kenyans. We do not want to politicize the issue of security, whether we are Christians or Muslims. We have seen how the tourism sector in the country is going down because of insecurity in the country.

With regard to agriculture and irrigation, we have seen what the Ministry of Agriculture is doing. They are talking about only 20,000 or 40,000 acres that have been cultivated in Galana. Where I come from is similar to Galana. The one million acres should be spread across the country. They should not be concentrated in only one place. Let us spread irrigation projects to other parts of the country to ensure that there is enough food for our people.

On energy, I brought a Motion to this House to liberalize the power sector in order to end the monopoly of Kenya Power. As we speak, we have only 15 per cent of the people connected to power. We still have 85 per cent of Kenyans who are not connected. We want to see more people supplied with power at a reduced cost. We want a situation where you are connected to electricity and given your own meter so that you start paying after connection. We should not be paying connection fee even before we are given a meter.

We want to see Kenya Power connecting power first and then charge for power supply. We should not be talking of becoming industrialized in the year 2030 or in the next few years when most of our schools lack electricity. Even as we speak, with the rolling out of the laptop project, many schools lack electricity. We fail to understand how the laptop project will be rolled out when we have almost 95 per cent of the schools not connected with electricity.

On the issue of health, the President talked about his commitment to devolution. He said that most of the devolved functions have gone to the county governments. But most of the functions, according to the Constitution and the Transition Authority (TA), were supposed to be devolved after three years. Those functions have been devolved within a few days and it has brought a lot of problems. Most of our health centres and hospitals in the counties have no drugs. Doctors are resigning because devolution was done without proper consultation. The cost implications were not factored in.

Therefore, we want these issues addressed so that, as we talk of devolving some functions, we also talk of devolving the resources related to those functions and consider the cost implications.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, there are very many areas of this country where roads do not exist. We want the Government to focus on infrastructure in order to open up closed areas, so that farmers can take their produce to the market.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Your time is up, hon. Kangogo. Next is hon. John Waiganjo, the Member for Ol Jorok.

**Hon. Waiganjo:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to ventilate on the President's Speech.

It is time we also realised the good things that come with devolution. Article 132 was never in existence. Now, the President can come to Parliament and talk about the principles and values that his Government has nurtured and, more so, the provisions of Article 240 on this country's international obligations and security. That is a plus for us. Therefore, the Constitution appears to be working. We are also able to benchmark what the Executive is doing.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is good to be fair to the President when we debate his Speech. Hon. Members know that the President is a symbol of national unity. He is not seeking votes. So, as we debate his Speech in this House, let us know that we have the collective responsibility of trying to make our country work. Let us try and assist the Executive and appreciate the little that they have done.

We all know that the new Constitution has brought a completely new governance structure. The new structure has only been in existence since 2010. The President has been in office for only one year. Therefore, to condemn him and say that the Jubilee Government has done absolutely nothing is misleading and being unfair and, generally, lying to the public.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, we must appreciate, for instance, that devolution is now a reality. We cannot say that it is not. We have the counties. Those counties do not just exist as counties. They have formed their own governments. They have county assemblies and their own executives. Power has already been devolved for real. Of course, with the devolution of power, some functions have also been devolved. Funds, personnel and payrolls have been devolved. Those are the structures that inform us that devolution is now in existence. It is running. So, it is fair that we also appreciate that development.

When we talk about funds, we are not just talking about the 15 per cent entitlement that the Constitution anticipated. The Executive has given the counties up to 32 per cent, which is a plus. Therefore, as we discuss the President's Speech, let us realise that even the President has accepted that his Government is facing serious

challenges. Even the Leader of Minority Party, the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga gave the President a plus because by his own admission, he has accepted that the Government is facing a lot of challenges, particularly in the area of security.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the different structures of governance are, of course, trying to find their own footing. Even here in Parliament, we are still trying to assert our authority. The Senate is also doing the same. The National Assembly is also looking at the Judiciary and wondering whether the Judiciary is exceeding their mandate. So, it is a problem that is all round. It is not with the Presidency only. So, let us appreciate where we know that the Government has done something good for this country.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Your time is up, hon. Waiganjo! Next is hon. Joyce Akai, the Member for Turkana County.

**Hon. (Ms.) Emanikor:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. Even as I make my remarks on the President's Speech I would like to inform the Leader of Minority Party and the Leader of Majority Party that some of us are seriously eying the positions of chairpersons. So, the earlier they name these guys, the better.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Hon. Joyce Akai---

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. (Ms.) Emanikor:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, may I continue with the President's Speech?

I would like to laud the President for underscoring the importance of the ICT revolution. A few weeks ago, all of us agonised over the wage bill. We talked of wastage of public funds. The idea of digitising payments, automation of procurement and establishment of databases will go a long way towards reduction of wastage of public resources.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would also like to congratulate the President for the idea of constructing an oil pipeline from Lamu to Lokichar in Turkana South. This is a welcome idea and good news to the people of Turkana. Such development comes with advantages in terms of employment creation and improvement of security. Nonetheless, I hope that this does not indicate that the oil refinery will not be constructed in Turkana County.

The people of Turkana County are anxiously waiting to see the construction of the oil refinery near Ngamia I in the county, so that we can benefit. That is probably the only way in which the people of Turkana County will feel qualified to be Kenyans. That is because the talk of road construction has become an endless rhetoric. We are also talking of the 10,000 new kilometres of bitumen road, but in respect of which no part of Turkana County has been mentioned.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would also like to talk about internal security. The President said that incidences of insecurity within the country had reduced by 8 per cent. I am just wondering what the definition of "violence crime" is. The worst of violent crimes happen in the volatile areas of pastoralists.

I know that the statistics that came up with this percentage are not inclusive of the statistics of violent crime in pastoralist areas. Otherwise, they would have influenced the 8 per cent reduction negatively. We know very well that when people in Turkana, Pokot

and Samburu areas fight, such statistics are not taken on board. We only consider armed robberies in the cities and urban centres. That is where the 8 per cent reduction has been recorded.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would like the Government to take serious action on matters of security, particularly in the border areas, where broadband connectivity should be a reality. Police stations and border patrol bases should be properly equipped with communication equipment. We seriously need such facilities in places like Oropoi and Todonyang. We need helicopters in areas where rapid response is needed. Counties with known insecurity hotspots should actually be allowed to procure helicopters for rapid response.

I would like to laud the President for the increase in the number of police officers and for the vehicles that the Government has procured for the police. I hope that they will be distributed equitably.

I would like to also mention a few things in terms of food security. As we all know, there is food deficit in Turkana County. We have had cases of people dying because of starvation. I hope that the one million-acre irrigation programme will not be confined to Galana/Kulalu area. I am privy to information that Turkana, Pokot, Marakwet and Murang'a areas will also benefit from the programme as well.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Your time is up, hon. Member. Next is hon. Agostino Neto.

**Hon. Oyugi:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. It looks like the timing is not very uniform, but I will make the best use of my time.

Given that this is the President's first State of the Nation Address, he did not have any previous experience to learn from. Therefore, there is not so much to talk about. The President laid bare the situation of insecurity in the country. A day or so after his Address to this House, we saw more insecurity in the country. The sort of remedies the President was talking about in terms of dealing with the insecurity was *Nyumba Kumi* in terms of increasing police surveillance. However, the state in which Kenya is right now with the continuous terrorist attacks, people being attacked in churches and bus parks, I really think we need more robust approaches to insecurity as opposed to the *Nyumba Kumi* initiative.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, just a couple of days ago, Parliament debated the Westgate Report. You will discover that in this country, it is not the strategy that is lacking. What lacks is the goodwill to implement that strategy because there are moments when you really have what it takes to do it, but someone sits on it and does not act on intelligence.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Kenya, over the past couple of days, is facing the most atrocious acts. The only reason people vote for governments is to protect property and their lives and if at all the President has to fit in within the next four years, he has to really do something about the state of insecurity in this country. He should not just pay lip service to it and give us solutions like the *Nyumba Kumi* initiative that might not really be able to deal with the current insecurity issues facing this country.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the second issue I would like to speak to is the issue of poaching. Kenya is known worldwide for its wildlife. Wildlife in Kenya helps tourism which also helps keep some Kenyans in employment. Over the past three to four months, our wildlife has been subjected to poaching to scales which have never been seen before.

It is alleged that there are people who are well connected in Government and also in the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) who are doing this poaching. If that is true, then I really think something needs to be done very fast to save our wildlife because the only heritage we can leave to the young Kenyans that are coming up is the wildlife that not many people have in their jurisdictions. To let the Kenyan wildlife continue to be killed in the manner poachers are having a field day, I think it is not in order for the President to let this go unchecked.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the third thing I would like to speak to is the issue of youth unemployment. Kenya is facing huge levels of unemployment. I have spoken for barely three minutes but let me just speak on the *Uwezo* Fund. The Kshs.6 billion that was supposed to be given to youth has not reached the various constituencies despite the fact that, we passed the regulations in this particular House. Youth unemployment is continuing to spiral. We need to see more robust and more thoughts in terms of how to check youth unemployment in this particular country.

Because my time is running out, hon. Deputy Speaker, I really thank you. Thank you very much.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** It is just because we want to give a chance to everybody. Peter Mwangi, the Member for Maragwa.

**Hon. Mwangi:** I stand here to thank the President for his Presidential Speech which he gave on Thursday. It was very good. However, on the outset, I stand to speak about security.

Mr. Speaker, if there is anything that we have to talk about now---

**Hon. Members:** Madam Speaker; not Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** I might deny you the chance if you continue calling me Mr. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Mwangi:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank the President when he said that the Government has increased vehicles in our police stations by 1,200. But my fear is whether we have budgeted for the fuel for those vehicles. When we go back to the grassroots, some of those vehicles have been grounded in the police stations due to lack of fuel.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, we also urge the Government to ensure that police officers do not misuse those vehicles because they lack morals. What we need most is not the increase of the vehicles. We need to change the attitude of our police officers because some of them use those vehicles to solicit for bribes from our people. Some of them are now being used to chase after vehicles on our roads. Let them be used in a better way.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is also good that the President talked about irrigation. We need to change the ways of getting food in this country. We should stop begging from other nations. We need to see irrigation being done all over the country. It does not mean every constituency is not fertile. Even in Central Province, we need to have irrigation schemes so that our youth can get jobs. The biggest challenge that we have is the unemployment of our youth. We can create jobs for them if irrigation schemes are established.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President talked about the wage bill. We need to have a legal framework so that we can continue developing. All of us want to see this country developing. We need to have a legal framework and not to be told in *barazas* about this problem. Let it be brought here in Parliament.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, in conclusion, there is one issue which we should look into and that is Valued Added Tax (VAT) on medicines. We are killing our health industries. The manufacturers of medicines in this country are not able to do their job. They are being challenged by imports. Let us look for ways on how to reduce the VAT on raw materials being used so that we can promote industries in our country and help to create jobs for our youth.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, with those few remarks, I support.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Okay. Hon. Fatuma Ibrahim, the Member for Wajir.

**Hon. (Ms.) F.I. Ali:** Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I support this Motion. My first reaction is that the President and his Government have achieved a lot. I want to say that the President is very clear. He keeps on referring to the Constitution of the country. He has a lot of respect for the Constitution of this country. In particular, he kept on referring - almost five times in this Speech - to the values as contained in Article 10 of the Constitution.

The President has also enumerated some of his achievements like the irrigation scheme project of 10,000 acres that was set up. I think that is progress. I think the Ministry of Agriculture is the first Ministry that is doing a great job. It is moving towards ensuring that food security is achieved, irrigation schemes are in place and that farmers access the necessary advanced technologies.

One Ministry that I think has not performed well is the Ministry of Internal Security. As much as we are putting some interventions, I think we are not near there to restore security and provide the necessary protection of lives and property in this country.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President kept on repeating that this country respects human rights. It also protects lives and property. It is very unfortunate that the whole of yesterday and today, we have heard that there are many arrests in Eastleigh targeting one specific community because of the explosions that happened there. It is unfortunate that Kenya has become the hub of terrorist attacks. It affects all individuals in this country, whether you are a citizen or a resident of this country.

The sad part is that the President keeps on referring to the Constitution in terms of protecting human rights. But the real scenario of this situation is that people of Somali origin and Muslims are being targeted in cases of explosions or terrorist attacks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, when a country respects human rights, the issue of specific profiling, targeting and discrimination is not good. Yes, the President keeps on speaking about the Constitution, but he has not lived it. I was informed today that 2,000 Somalis were arrested in Eastleigh because of the explosions that happened there. I am surprised that Somalis are being targeted because they are related to the terrorists, which is unfortunate. It is not right! I think the truth is bitter and evident. They are all in cells and I can confirm that.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the other issue is about tarmacking and re-carpeting of roads. I think the President is focusing on the north west of Kenya and not the north east. Wajir, Mandera and Garissa have trunk roads which connect to Somalia and Ethiopia, but

they are not among those earmarked in the country for tarmacking; there is a plan to tarmack major roads that lead to border towns. I still feel that North Eastern is being excluded from the major road construction plan of this country.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Your time is up!

**Hon. (Ms.) Kajuju:** Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to comment on our President's Speech. My perusal of this Speech shows me that in his Address to this House, the President was very frank, candid and forthright.

*[The Deputy Speaker (Dr. Laboso) left the Chair]*

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker  
(Hon. Cheboi) took the Chair]*

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, he accepted the challenges that we are facing as a country. His commitment to devolution and his devotion to observe, respect and uphold the supremacy of our Constitution were very apparent in his Speech. What was of great importance was the fact that in every paragraph, he stated that he was going to ensure that he is committed to the implementation of the Constitution and he swore to uphold it. I think that is a very good thing.

It is upon us to know that when we speak about Article 10 and the national values that guide our country, we do not stop at the feet of the President. Article 10(1) says that the principles of governance bind all State organs, all State officers, all public officers and all organs of the Government that implement the Constitution or any law that is established in this country; anybody who purports to execute any public policy. So, even as the President was addressing us in this Speech, it was not only upon him--- The burden does not lie on the President alone to ensure that what is stated in Article 10 is executed to the letter but on every person in the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary.

The President spoke about access to justice, the rule of law and the criminal justice system. You will find that at times it is not easy to have criminals who have been apprehended going through the process and being convicted for offences that they have committed. I like the acknowledgment that Mr. President showed; he appreciated that there is an issue about our law enforcement by our prosecutors in the Judiciary and correctional services.

This Constitution talks about access to justice. Access to justice must be applied across the board, from the villager to the topmost person. If justice is not allowed to be accessed by the person at the lowest level of this country, then there will be a big problem. So, the President was calling upon every arm of Government and the criminal justice system to ensure that enforcement of the law is done across the board.

Another big win in this Speech was food security. The President acknowledged that prices last year were not as good as this year. This year prices are much better in terms of what the *mama mboga* in the market and the person able to access the supermarket get. So, in terms of food security and reduction of prices of foods, I believe that this administration is keen to ensure that each Kenyan can access food.

The other issue was regional integration. The President stated that he is working hard to ensure that the East African Community (EAC) and issues of regional integration

are brought on board. Of course, he also acknowledged the existence of the European Union's relationship by saying that it is upon us to ensure that economic partnership agreements (EPAs) negotiations come to a close, so that we can benefit as a country. I believe that this is a Speech that gives us the way forward; we are going to support the President to ensure that this is implemented.

Thank you.

**Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga:** Shukrani Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda. Naipongeza ripoti ya Rais wetu ambamo aliweza kutupatia mawaidha yenye mwelekeo katika maisha ya Mkenya. Mimi leo nazungumzia kuhusu unyunyizaji maji katika mashamba ambayo aligusia kwa kirefu. Nasema kazi ambayo inafanyika si mbaya, lakini kuna mbinu nyingine ambazo kama zingeweza kutumika, zingeweza kusaidia katika hali ya kuokoa pesa ambazo zingetumika kwa kutumia mitambo ambayo inatumia upepo; ukizunguka mtambo, unaweza kuzalisha umeme na kunyunyiza maji kuliko kutumia generators ambazo zinatumia mafuta na kutumia pesa mara mbili.

Mitambo kama hiyo ingeweza kutumiwa katika sehemu za ukame; visiwa vikichimbwa kwa wingi tutaweza kupata maji zaidi na kukuza chakula katika zile sehemu ambazo zinafikiriwa haziwezi kujimudu kwa kulisha watu wake. Tutaweza kuwa na mashamba makubwa makubwa kwa mfano katika North Eastern, sehemu za Turkana na Kwale, sehemu ambazo hazipati maji ya kutosha.

Pia kumpongeza Rais kwa Serikali yake kutoa nafasi kwa kina mama kuweza kujifungua bila malipo yoyote. Hiyo ni kazi nzuri ilifanyika kwa maana wakati huu tunaona kina mama wanakwenda kwa wingi kuzalia hospitalini, ingawa kuna uhaba mkubwa sana wa wakunga. Kwa hivyo, akina mama wanazaa hata wakati mwingine bila kuwa na usaidizi kwa sababu wakunga ni wachache katika hospitali. Ni vigumu sana kwa akina mama kupata hio huduma kama vile Rais alitaka iwe. Kwa hivyo, tunaiomba Serikali ifikirie ama ichukue hili jambo kwa uzito na kuajiri wakunga zaidi katika hospitali zetu.

Pia nampongeza mama wa taifa, Mama Margaret, kwa ile kazi yake nzuri ambayo ameianzisha; tuna matumaini kuwa atakapokuwa ametoka katika mbio za marathon, atatushisha sisi akina mama 47 tumtembeze katika kaunti zetu na tuanzishe kliniki maana tutakuwa tumepeleka huduma karibu na akina mama bila matatizo.

*(Applause)*

La mwisho ni kuhusu mambo ya vijana na akina mama katika mambo ya kupata tender ili wafanye biashara. Ni kweli hiyo nafasi Serikali imeitoa na sisi kama Bunge tumeiweka kama sheria. Lakini kuna uzito mwingine ambao upo. Kwa vijana ama akina mama kupata hiyo tender, kuna makaratasi ambayo ni vibali wanatakikana wawe navyo. Hivyo vibali ni ghali sana. Tunajiuliza kama mtu hajawahi kufanya kazi, atapata wapi pesa za kujisajili ili apate vibali? Kwa hivyo, ni wajibu wa Serikali kwa wakati huu kutoa nafasi kwa miaka miwili hivyo vibali vipatiwe kina mama na vijana ili waweze kupata tender. Nina imani kuwa Wabunge wetu katika mipango ya Constituencies Development Fund (CDF), akina mama na vijana watapata tender na umaskini utaondoka kama vile Rais amepanga.



Tunataka kuwe na umuhimu wa kuhusisha akina mama katika mambo tofauti tofauti. Nawauliza Wabunge wenzangu, hasa wale ambao walisimama katika Bunge hili na kuwakashifu akina mama arubaini na saba, wakisema kwamba hao ndio wamesababisha mishahara ipande katika nchi hii--- Mimi nasema kwamba mishahara ya nchi hii ya Kenya haikupanda kwa sababu ya kuongezeka kwa akina mama Bungeni. Ilipanda kwa sababu ya kuongezeka kwa maeneo ya Bunge themanini. Kwa hivyo, ingekuwa bora tuamue kuhusu yale maeneo Bunge ili akina mama waendeleo kuwa Bungeni na mtaona mabadiliko katika mipangilio ya kulipa mishahara.

Kwa hayo mengi, shukrani sana.

*(Laughter)*

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Member for Vihiga.

**Hon. Chanzu:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support the President's Speech. The President's Speech touched on a number of issues but as you realize, the new Constitution brought a new way of doing things in this country. The separation of roles, which has been properly defined by the Constitution and--- Therefore, what the President was doing was to give an overview of what we have gone through and what we expect as a country. It is expected that the institutions that have been created by the Constitution, the Judiciary, Parliament; both the National Assembly and the Senate and all other independent bodies that have been created by the Constitution, play their roles effectively, so that Kenyans can get the services that they deserve.

We also note that this is a transitional period; there is no other difficult time in life like when you are going through a transition. It is a transitional period where we are exiting the old Constitution and getting into the new Constitution. Sometimes, there is no clear indication as to where to stop or to start. That, in my view, is what is causing the problem.

When it comes to the issue of wage bill, there is, for example, the Provincial Administration. The Constitution talks about the Provincial Administration being in place. But within a period of five years, it should be restructured, so that it can conform to the requirements of the new Constitution. The county governments have also come up with their own set-up. But the national Government is still in place in the counties. In a constituency, you have a chief, a ward administrator and a member of county assembly; all of them at the same level. All those are earning from the same kitty. These are some of the things that are causing the huge wage bill.

The Government should be serious about this. I think we need to take serious measures, so that we are able to streamline some of these issues. Those whom we find redundant can find some other work. The county governments are employing people in the same positions. For example, there are ward administrators. I think they are earning much more than what the chiefs are earning. You realize too that when we reduced the wards--- Previously, the country had about 3,600 wards. We reduced them to about 1,450, with the aim of having MCAs earning better. Nominations which, I think, were to be done according to the Constitution, were to take care of affirmative action. That is what is causing all this.

The other day, Parliament was debating about the money with respect to the Constitution. I think that is a legitimate issue. We need to address those issues, restructure and place people in the right positions. The other ones can be used elsewhere.

With regard to infrastructure, there is no country that can develop without opening up. I know there is the issue of insecurity which is causing problems to tourism. But we already have a problem with our roads in some of the tourist destination areas, which have not been addressed. What we need to do as Parliament, now that the budgeting role is ours, to increase money on infrastructure, so that we are able to open up this country.

On the issue of the Cabinet Secretaries, I want to commend the President for addressing this Parliament and the nation. He went out and got the Cabinet to come before the public and address the nation on what they are doing. That is the right thing to do. That way, they can be answerable themselves and tell us what they are doing and in turn we can---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Let us have hon. (Ms) Mwendwa.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mwendwa:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for letting me comment on the State of the Nation Address by our President. Let me say from the outset that it is usually very easy to criticize and find fault; it is very noble to appreciate when somebody has done a good job. I am sure we ourselves as Members of Parliament feel very let down when we do things in our constituencies and areas and our people do not commend us or say “thank you”. So, let me thank the President for the things he has done in one year.

I was impressed by the resources he has set aside to take care of IDPs in our country. There is no question of being a refugee. It is a big problem. It is worse when you are a refugee in your own country. The resources that were set aside have started to settle our IDPs. I hope they will not stop in the middle. They will complete the job, so that we have no IDPs in our country.

One of the most serious concerns that we have in our country today is insecurity. I do commend the Government for increasing the ratio of a police officer to people, and buying equipment and insurance cover for the police. That is very encouraging. Our police are very demoralized. Their salaries are still very low compared to the job that they do. In some Scandinavian countries, the noblest job is to be a police officer. There, you can never bribe any police officer because they are looked after well.

We should take care of our security forces, including the police, so that they can have morale and fight the insecurity menace that we are experiencing. We are wondering whether *Al Shabaab* is taking over. We have got to protect our security officers, so that they can deal with those people. I do agree that it was noble for us to send our defence forces into Somalia. It is good to be good neighbours, but charity begins at home. How are we going to take care of security outside our own country when we need it here?

Maybe we need our forces in our country. In any case, we have heard and we know that when a country sends forces outside, it sets a timeframe for them to come back. They do not remain there forever.

If the USA, which is a super power, sent its forces to Iraq and Afghanistan and it had a timetable for them to return home; we should have a timetable for our Defence Forces to come back from Somalia.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I want to thank the President for implementing the promise that women should not pay maternity fees in public hospitals. I think that was a very noble thing. However, it is not all women who go to these hospitals. We need to increase the services in hospitals, so that more women can go there instead of---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Very well. Your time is over.

Yes, the Member for Dagoretti South.

**Hon. Waweru:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this very important Motion. For the first time in this country, we have seen consistency in terms of policy making from the Executive. We can see an Executive that is focused and predictable. I believe that, that is what most investors look for. There is consistency in terms of Vision 2030 projects.

I would like to say that most of the things that happen in an economy do not just happen by chance; they are made to happen. So, if you see a Government that is consistent, focused and there is continuity you should be impressed.

Secondly, I would like to say that there was deliberate effort in the President's Address to improve food security by putting one million acres in Galana under irrigation. This is most welcome. There is also an attempt to increase power generation. I hope that the President and his team will not only look at generation of power but also transmission and distribution of power. This is because those are the most inefficient areas. This is more so when it comes to distribution of power because we lose most of our power during the distribution process.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I was also very impressed to see that there is an increase in the number of policemen and equipment in order for them to handle their task.

The other thing that I have to mention is creation of jobs. This is a good thing considering the fact that most of our youth are unemployed. There was also the issue of improving intra-regional trade by improving trade with our neighbours and making our country a regional logistical hub. This will create many employment opportunities for our youth and improve our businesses.

We should not forget improvement of health facilities. As you are aware there is improvement of maternal health because there has been an increase of women who give birth in hospitals. I think that was most welcome. There was also the provision of safety nets to the vulnerable in our society, which is very important. We need to deliberately put some resources into this in order to cater for our elderly, the disabled and the youth.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address also touched on the macro-economic stability, which is very important for a vibrant economy like ours. There should be management of inflation to acceptable levels. This is preferably by lowering interest rates for our businesses to be able to thrive. Our private sector should access credit and the Government should not compete with the private sector in accessing funding. That was a very welcome thing.

The other thing about inflation management is the reduction of wastage in the Government. However, I have not seen specific measures to reduce wastage in the Government. I look forward to seeing the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, come up

with specific ways of managing waste in Government. If you looked at the newspaper every day, you saw that the Government had advertisements all over. We should have a link since now we have gone digital and we call ourselves digital so that all Government-

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**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over.

Let us have the Member for Sirisia.

**Hon. Koyi:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute on the Presidential Address. We cannot always bash everything even if we are in the Opposition. The President gave a good Speech on some of the issues like money that is supposed to go to the youth. Indeed, if the Kshs.200 billion goes to the youth, it will make a very big difference. This is because our youth will do business and come out of poverty. I was impressed by this aspect.

I was also impressed by women giving birth in public hospitals without paying. The President and the Deputy President are young in leadership. We should give them a chance and support them even if we are in the Opposition. We should check them because our role, as the Opposition, is to oversee and see how they will deliver on their promises.

On insecurity in this country, we expected the President to come out clearly and with a lot of command. He was lukewarm on this issue. He did not come out clearly and command the security agencies.

The security of this country is paramount to all of us and it starts with us. The Government must come out boldly, clearly and stop the killings that are happening in the country. The father of the current President used to command and people trembled before him. This was when the late Mzee Kenyatta commanded on an issue like security.

*(Applause)*

So, we want the current President to come out like his father, who was a lion in this country.

**An hon. Member:** Yes!

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): There is a Member who wants to rise on a point of order. I want to give the chance to hon. Nyamai to raise the point of order.

**Hon. (Ms.) R.K. Nyamai:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. It looks like we raised points of order together. I would appreciate if you gave her a chance to also raise a point of order. I am just getting disturbed by the statements that are being made by the Member that our President is not as eloquent, and that he is not as assertive as his father. I would like to point out that we can compare and contrast. In our life time as adults in this country, we have seen Presidents come and go, and most of us appreciate their assertiveness.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Nyamai, you have made your point, but is it not the opinion of hon. Waluke? You know, he is entitled to his opinion. Your card is now on, hon. Wahome.

**Hon. (Ms.) Wahome:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Allow me to protest by way of a point of order.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Let it be a point of order and not a protest.

**Hon. (Ms.) Wahome:** Yes, by way of a point of order against the statement by the Member alluding to the performance of His Excellency the President. The Member may be entitled to criticise, but it is out of order for him to bring comparisons with the founding father of this nation. I do not think it is a debate here to compare the current President and the first President. It is out of order. It is not right and we must point it out.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Wahome, you have also made your point. Let us allow the Members to express their opinions even if they differ from your opinion.

**Hon. (Ms.) Wahome:** But what is an opinion? This is not a matter for opinion.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): I am sure you understand what an opinion is.

Hon. Waluke proceed and finalize.

**Hon. Koyi:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for protecting me. I just want to correct hon. Alice. Maybe that time the current President was too young. Indeed, if you refer, when the late President Kenyatta was in office, there was no corruption or insecurity in this country. So, we want the President to emulate his father. That is what I mean. Even during President Moi's era, the things that are happening now were not there. We want our President, and we are supporting him, to come up with command. He is the Commander-in- Chief of the Defence Forces. We want to see him commanding this country.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): You should be winding up now, hon. Waluke. I have given you 15 seconds.

**Hon. Koyi:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, to end, I urge my colleagues in this House to give the President and the Deputy President support. In one year, even we Members of Parliament, who are new, have not done much. They are also one year in State House. So, let us support them.

**Hon. Wario:** Asante sana, Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda. Nimesimama kuunga mkono Hotuba hii na kumpongeza Rais wa taifa. Wakenya wana imani kwamba wamepata viongozi ambao wanajali hali na maslahi yao. Mhe. Rais aliyaguzia maswala ya ugatuzi na akasema ametoa asilimia 33 ya pesa zetu kwa kaunti, na amehakikisha kwamba ametoa wajibu wote unaostahili kupelekwa kwa kaunti. Hapo, ningesema kuwa ugatuzi ni mchakato na sio tukio. Mhe. Rais angetoa fursa kama vile Katiba inavyotaka, kwa muda wa miaka mitatu ndio wajibu unaotakikana kupelekwa kwa kaunti upelekwe pole pole.

Kuhusu raslimali, tungeanza na asilimia 15 halafu tuongeze pole pole mpaka mahali tumefika wakati huu. Nikisema hivyo, kwa sasa asilimia 33 haitumiki vile Wakenya wanavyotaka. Mhe. Rais aligusia wakimbizi wa ndani ya nchi. Alisema wakimbizi hawa ni watu 777 na kila mmoja akapewa shilingi laki nne na jumla yake ni shilingi bilioni tatu na nukta tatu.

Ningemwomba Mhe. Rais, Serikali na watunzi wa sera wajue kwamba wakimbizi wa ndani hawako central Kenya na Rift Valley peke yake. Huko Tana River na Kaunti ya Marsabit kuna watu ambao wametolewa kwao. Watu wao wameuawa na wao ni mayatima leo. Hawana tegemeo katika maisha. Wakati anapotoa ruzuku ya shilingi laki

nne kwa mtu mmoja na tuna watu wengi kama hao sehemu nyingine, ningepomba Serikali iangalie kaunti za Marsabit na Tana River.

Nitakwenda kwa swala nyeti la usalama. Ningependa kuchukua fursa hii kulaani--

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Order! Hon. Tiyah, what is it? You have a point of order?

**Hon. (Ms.) T.G. Ali:** No, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**Hon. Wario:** Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kuhusu maswala ya usalama, ningependa kulaani tukio la ugaidi la kuuwa watu katika mahali pa maombi ambapo watu hawakuwa na hatia katika nchi hii. Baada ya kuwalaani hawa magaidi, ningependa kusema wakati magaidi wanapovamia na kuwaua watu, hao ni magaidi na tunajua. Sheikh wa dini ya Kiislamu wanauawa kila siku na wanapouawa, Serikali inasema haina habari. Ni nani anawaua watu hawa? Kuendelea kwa taifa na demokrasia haviko katika kuwaua wachache. Vile ninavyowalaani wale wanaovamia na kuwaua watu makanisani ndivyo ninavyowalaani wale wanaowaua Sheikh wa Kiislamu.

Nimeambiwa kuna mradi wa unyunyizaji maji mashamba huko Galana, Bura na Mwea. Ningechukua fursa hii kumpongeza Rais. Hii ni juhudi kubwa katika kutoa hakikisho ya chakula. Hata hivyo, wakazi wa sehemu hizi wana haki. Watu wanaondolewa makwao bila kupewa mwongozo maalum. Tutaunga mradi huu mkono, lakini Serikali inafaa kuangalia maslahi ya wakaaji wa sehemu hii, haswa wakulima wa Bura. Wamelemewa sana na mzigo wa deni. Ningepomba Serikali, kama isemavyo ni ukweli, basi ifute deni hiyo.

Jambo moja ambalo lilinifurahisha sana katika Hotuba ya Rais ni pesa zinazotolewa kwa mayatima na wazee. Nimefurahi na nimeamshukuru Rais na ninamwomba Mwenyezi Mungu. Wazee ambao hawana mwelekeo na chochote katika maisha, leo wanapata ruzuku kila mwisho wa mwezi. Pesa hizi zilikuwa wapi?

Kwa hayo machache, ninaunga mkono Hotuba ya Rais.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Well, let us have the only general in this House.

**Hon. (Maj-Gen.) Nkaisery:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity to contribute to this very important Speech by His Excellency the President. Before I do so, I would like to quote the last sentence of his Speech, which is very important as we debate this Presidential Speech. I would like to quote what the President said, "Before God and the nation, I now pray that we may each be granted the patience and courage we require to lead our nation to its prosperity and freedom; that is destiny".

This is a very powerful prayer from the President of this nation. The President touched on very many areas and the Speech is very objective and positive. I want to, because of time, just highlight a few areas. The President spoke on three areas, the appraisal of the State and the national position regarding the economy. Secondly, he talked about international obligations and thirdly the state of security in the nation. These three areas are very important; briefly he spoke about democracy, sharing of power, where now we have two levels of government. I want to say that we have extended the constitutional requirement of allowing resources to reach the counties at more than 30 per

cent. That was very positive. He talked of inclusiveness and equity, but do we have that? That is a very big question, which I want to ask.

Why I quoted the prayer is due to the promises which the President avoided telling Kenyans about. First, the most glaring one is the issue of laptops. They have kept on telling Kenyans that the laptop programme is on; they have kept on postponing it and at the end of it, it looks like this programme is shrouded in secrecy. We want to know whether corruption is in play.

The President spoke on fundamental human rights, which are enshrined in our Constitution; even this afternoon, we spoke about Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) in a free and democratic country; we still have IDPs in their own country and there was no solution offered.

The prayer is very fundamental; those who are to help the President should actually understand and note that. The President spoke on unity, the security of citizens and the defence of sovereignty. I quite understand where he is coming from.

On the international obligation, this country is on the forefront in stabilizing this region. We are in Sudan and Somalia. I still have more time and these gentlemen are trying to rush me. We want to contribute to this Speech more positively.

When you look at the cost of living, he talked of the state of the economy. The VAT is in place; I want to commend the power people for the Rural Electrification Authority (REA); distribution of electricity is very positive. Although health services are devolved, the President came out quite clearly on the issue of free maternity for women. The issue of water is devolved and it is now with the governors, who are the heads of the second tier of the government

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Unfortunately, General, we cannot add you time because a decision was made by the House and the timer automatically switches of the microphone when your time is over.

We will have hon. Rasso.

**Hon. Dido:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. On the outset, I wish to thank and congratulate His Excellency the President for his Speech to this House and the nation.

The President fulfilled his constitutional mandate under Article 132(1). Listening to the President, I was obliged to say that one year down, the President is on the right track and doing his job.

(Applause)

My only worry is if the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary are going to cope with his speed; he is doing his job. The Constitution of Kenya 2010 is a good document; from the beginning, we said that there is 20 per cent of the Constitution that is not good and that over time, it would need to be looked into. When people try to fault the President, they should first look at the Constitution; there are those small elements in it, which need to be phased out.

I wish to say a bit on devolution. I thank the Jubilee Government for implementing devolution, however hard this appears to be. Devolution itself is getting services to our people, building the grassroots, having more resources in the hands of our

common man and woman in villages and in far flung areas of this country. I wish to call upon the county governments to listen to the people, the leaders and to provide the resources down to the villages; resources should not be concentrated at the centre. We must focus on priorities, which are very important to our people. We need priorities in water, health, education and alleviation of poverty.

In devolution, the thing that we must avoid is duplication. This is where the government at the county level duplicates what is done by the national Government. When we talk about the wage bill, one of the things to actually assist us in reducing the wage bill is to try and see how we can avoid duplication.

I wish to talk about security. I thank the President for saying that the responsibility of security lies with every citizen. The security of one will be the security of all. In the recent days, what we have been seeing is the knee-jerk reaction by our police and other security agencies; really this should not happen.

We condemn *Al-Shabaab* and *Al-Qaeda* operatives who have caused havoc in this country. Irrespective of religion, we should not entertain or allow terrorism to take root in our country.

Finally I want to talk about the Budget which the President said Parliament must approve in the first quarter of the financial year. What we have been experiencing is money not being spent at the grassroots and being returned by the Ministries to the Treasury.

Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Let us have the Member for Balambala. However, I see a request by hon. Gikaria. To the best of my knowledge, hon. Gikaria, you contributed yesterday. You cannot contribute twice to the same Motion. So, you might have to remove your card. Any Member who has contributed to this Motion should do the same.

**Hon. Aden:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak to the Speech of the President. Given the fact that 12 months is a very short period of time to report on progress, I stand to support the Speech by the President.

My reason for support of this particular Address is due to his very strict adherence to the rule of law and ensuring that he abided by Article 132(b) of the Constitution, which requires him to report progress to this House once annually. He also strictly adhered to Article 240. He is the Chairman of the National Security Council; we have seen that when our military had to get into action in this country, the President had to seek the approval of this House. This was different from the past when the military personnel were deployed without seeking the approval of this House. For him to seek the approval of this House to deploy the KDF to Marsabit County is, indeed, to show strict adherence to and respect for the rule of law. This is something that I must commend.

Having said that, His Excellency the President needs to do a lot when it comes to security. There are a lot of things happening, including the very unfortunate killing of a clergyman by unknown assailants. These kinds of things will take this country backwards because Mombasa is an important region in our country. This is a place that earns us revenue, and if unfortunate incidents of insecurity are not handled well in that region they might put this country into a lot of trouble. I said it in the morning and I repeat that I



condemn the violence that happened in Mombasa on Sunday, which resulted in the unfortunate injury of the baby we saw at Kenyatta National Hospital and also killing of many people. I equally condemn the killing of Makaburi, the outspoken Muslim Sheikh, who was killed last night.

The President must crack the whip on the people he has assigned to take the responsibility on his behalf in security issues. This House must help the President. We must come forward. If the President is not cracking the whip, we must come forward and ensure action is taken against some of the people we believe are not doing their jobs well. This House must stand united in ensuring that we put responsible people in charge of our security.

Poaching is another menace that we need to put under control. The President needs to pay a lot of attention to that also. Our police force is ill-equipped. The police do not have vehicles. They do not have sophisticated weapons and detectors that can help them detect what the terrorists use.

With regard to healthcare, it was encouraging to note from the President's Speech that more women are now turning up in hospitals to deliver babies. This is a good thing. However, we must not lose lives in our hospitals. We should not witness cases of pregnant women not being taken good care of. County governments must act well and the President must put in place very strong measures to ensure that our hospitals are well equipped.

The President spoke about the wage bill. The biggest problem in our country is leakage of resources from our economy through corruption. This is where the President needs to put a lot of emphasis. I believe that he is committed given the words that he has spoken. Sometimes, however, when you see corruption happening in his own office you wonder why he does not do more to ensure that corruption is fought.

With regard to education, the President should not feel ashamed at all to say that if the laptop project---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): We will now have hon. Shidiye. Hon. Midiwo is next. Hon. Midiwo, please note that your party leader has taken the opportunity to speak for 15 minutes. So, you will be speaking like an ordinary Member.

**Hon. Shidiye:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, when our President, hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, spoke--- He is a chip from the old block because he is the son of the founding father of this nation. I give him an "A" in this Speech. The Speech was very eloquent and we need to encourage him.

As a nation we are concerned about the runaway insecurity in this country. We should not treat this issue in a pedestrian way. Security is a matter of great concern.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): What is it, hon. Obura?

**Hon. Mirenga:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I have heard my very good friend saying that he has given the President an "A" in his Speech and that, in fact, the Speech was very eloquent. I have not invited hon. Sakaja to do what he is doing. I just wanted to find out from the hon. Member what his understanding of "eloquence" is. This is because I saw the President reading a long Speech. The Member is now saying that the President was very eloquent. For purposes of ensuring that the House is not

misled, could the hon. Member tell us what he means by saying that the President was very eloquent?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Probably you should have listened more. In the course of his contribution he would have told us how eloquent the President was.

**Hon. Shidiye:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I do not need to respond to that because it is very frivolous.

I was saying that it is very important that when you hear a good speech you applaud and appreciate it. This being the first year, you can understand where the President was coming from.

The issue I want to touch on is security. As a nation, we are concerned about the runaway insecurity.

**Hon. Sakaja:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. My good friend, hon. Obura asked for the meaning of the word “eloquence” and the hon. Member has compounded the problem by saying that the request was frivolous. Maybe the Member also needs to be told what “frivolous” means. If he did not know the meaning of “eloquence” now “frivolous” is even more difficult!

*(Laughter)*

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Actually, the statement you have just made, hon. Sakaja, is what is also frivolous. Proceed, hon. Shidiye.

**Hon. Shidiye:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I think people are really wasting my time. I need to progress.

We are concerned about security. The role of any government is maintaining law and order. Without law and order or security, you cannot have a country. This country has challenges and they must be addressed by this House, the Executive and the Judiciary. We have seen bad situations in Turkana, Mombasa, Nairobi, Pokot, Marsabit and so on. This is an indication that something is amiss. Since the President spoke about this issue, new measures must be brought on board. There must be a paradigm shift from the old ways of thinking because security is an issue that must be handled by a team.

Although the President is giving out vehicles and providing insurance, it is very important to raise the morale of the police. The police are grossly underpaid – they earn Kshs.20,000. The least a police officer should earn is Kshs.50,000. That way, the police officers will feel secure and happy and, therefore, do their job properly.

In the past, the police were given vehicles, fuel and everything. Recently, the Committee on Administration and National Security visited Rongo and Oyugis. We realized that the conditions under which the police are working and living are pathetic. They have no vehicles and cannot do their job properly. We wonder whether the security arm is operating as a team. I know the President is concerned, but are they together? Is the Kavuludi team working in tandem with the Inspector-General? Is the Inspector General working with the Administration Police? Is the AP Commandant working with the Prisons Department? There should be an improvement on those grey areas.

On food security, this country has a problem of food; 50 years down the line, this country is still begging for food. Every two years we have drought and in the subsequent

year we have famine. Time has come for us to find out what is wrong with our agricultural policy. You cannot have hungry people in Turkana and northern Kenya after every two years. It is encouraging that we are going to have one million acres under irrigation; but these areas must not be in Galana and Kulalu Ranches only. It must be in Turkana and Garissa, where we have a big river passing through that town; we need to do some irrigation.

With regard to roads, you will realize that roads are vital, but this country has less than 11,000 tarmac roads. This country needs more than 100,000 tarmac roads to spur development and growth. The countries that we started with like Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have the best infrastructure in the world. This country has lagged behind because of corruption, leakages and wastage. Wastages and corruption must be addressed.

**Hon. Midiwo:** Thank you, Temporary Deputy Speaker. Even if my leader spoke yesterday, seniority should have counted; anyway, thanks for the chance.

I sometimes wonder why human beings are complex and what 47 minutes could mean to people. Forty seven minutes of nothing; to some people they are 47 minutes of something. I said the other day that the President could have done better. Of course, he read a speech and the writers of that speech were his enemies. The Jubilee Government promised this country a double digit economic growth. Now we are expecting 6 per cent growth in the second year of Jubilee Government and that is what he said.

**An hon. Member:** What figure?

**Hon. Midiwo:** He said 6 per cent! Really, what we are being treated to is a lot of dishonesty; nobody is trying to honour that.

On the issue of insecurity, the President could have told us more. There is a serious structural problem with the security services of this country.

*(Loud consultations)*

There are all kinds of imaginations--- There are a lot of consultations in the House, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Order! Order, Chair, TNA!

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Midiwo:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the Inspector-General is generally under siege. Everybody seems to be blaming the Inspector-General for a lot of things. There are real problems. We passed a law called "County Governments Act". In that law, we had a security committee and the governor would be the chair of the committee and the OCPD, now called the "County Commander of Police", will sit there. The Government has refused to allow the take off of that committee. All the Government does is to be briefed on the security matters in the county and then it deals with them. As we speak today, there is somebody called the "County Commander of Police", but because he is from the regular police force, the Administration Commandant at the county has refused to report to him.

Last Thursday, there was poaching activity in Nakuru where an AP was killed after having killed a rhino. Every crime you see in the streets, an Administration Police officer is involved. What needs to happen is for us to revise the law. That is why I disagreed with the Jubilee and the CORD leadership last week and the other week, when they said that it was too early to touch the structure of the Constitution. If we do not touch it, we will never control the things that are happening in this country. We must revisit this Constitution and deal with these issues in a timely fashion.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, as we speak, the National Administration Police Commandant, who is the Deputy Inspector-General is under the impression that they do not report to the Inspector-General. They think that they report to the Commission. There is a misnomer somewhere and we need to look at it.

It was interesting that the President never spoke about the laptops; it is the hon. Members who are talking about the laptops. The laptops project was re-named "IT" something.

**An hon. Member:** "Ati"

**Hon. Midiwo:** It is "IT", but it has been laptop per student. It is an ill conceived idea. I want to say here now that what would satisfy hon. Members of Parliament is that the Kshs.24 billion earmarked for the laptops project---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): We will give chances and treat everybody in the same way. I am giving hon. F.K. Wanyonyi this chance.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. F.K. Wanyonyi:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, all the noise notwithstanding, may I say this, when the President came into office, he adopted the constitutional obligation that, one year down the line--- I think the President was very casual on issues. I have read more than three times the Speech that was prepared for him. To me, the Speech was stressing more on the challenges that he intended to address. Therefore, to me the Presidential Speech lacked quite a bit. To me, it was actually very causal.

He did not mention anything about squatters. He talked about the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). I am a Luo from outside Nairobi. The IDPs he talked about were the ones who fought after the General Election of 2007. What we have now are squatters and the President never talked about them.

On food security, I expected the President to talk about the Jubilee Manifesto. In the Jubilee Manifesto, we were told that after one year, we would have one million acres of land under irrigation. There are only ten acres which have been done on a pilot basis. I am a farmer and that which has been done is a pilot project. In other words, he is still experimenting. I want to give this advice for free; that the best you can do is not to put all your eggs in one basket. If we have 10,000 acres of land under irrigation in Galana Ranch, let us spread this to other areas. For example, we have the Tana Delta, which one of the hon. Members mentioned. We had Bura and Kibwezi irrigation schemes; we have very fertile land in Turkana.

I expect that the President will now look at the country in totality instead of putting everything in one place. May God forbid, if a disease comes in, as it happened in

the south region of the Rift Valley, where all the cereals were destroyed, what will happen? We will have done zero. So, I would expect him to spread out the one million acre irrigation project, which is still at the experimental stage.

On security, I remember that years back, this country boasted of having one of the best security intelligence outfits in the world. It was only second to the Scotland Yard. Today Kenya is being rated as one of the worst countries in which to have foreign investment. I would not be surprised that we are even second to Somalia.

**An hon. Member:** --- (*off-record*)

**Hon. F.K. Wanyonyi:** Yeah! We are almost. I did not say we are. We are almost because the people around the President are not helping him. From what I can see, the President has very good intentions but the people surrounding him are the ones who are messing up the whole thing. This is part of corruption. I expected that one year down the line, the President would come here and tell us that he had filed this and that case. He admits that corruption is in his own office. He has said it. I expected the President to tell us what he had done about it.

We were told that *kutakuwa na kazi ya vijana*, but there is no work for the youth. That is why the youth are engaged in illegal activities. We have insecurity because the youth are not engaged productively.

Last but not least is the discovery of oil in Turkana County. I expected the President to talk about it and tell us how his Government is going to go about it, but there was no mention of it. I wonder why. On poaching, the “big five” are being eliminated. In the next 20 years, our grandchildren may just be reading about the “big five” in books.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over, hon. Wanyonyi.

Let us have the Member for Laikipa West.

**Hon. Karani:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also want to take this opportunity to contribute to the debate on the Presidential Address. I want to thank the President very much for his Speech, which was very impressive. He gave an elaborate analysis of the Government’s achievements for the year it has been in place and gave the way forward. His Speech covered many areas, including health, education, agriculture, tourism, water, et cetera.

However, all the things he mentioned will only be successful if we check the security situation. The security situation in our country is wanting. Thugs are roaming all over. I am a living example of a victim of insecurity, having been carjacked in the last one week. The Member for Mvita was also carjacked. As we speak, the Member for Samburu East is recuperating at Karen Hospital, having been shot on the legs. The denominator of success in all other aspects is security.

I was impressed by the President’s disclosure that the police to population ratio will be decreasing from one officer to 750 citizens to one officer to 535 citizens. I want to challenge the Inspector-General of Police and the general leadership in the National Police Service; the police must do their work seriously. Sometimes they misuse their offices.

For example, as people are being carjacked on the road at night, you find that they have parked their Land Cruiser vehicles on the roadside. They erect roadblocks. They are very busy with *alcoblow* gadgets, harassing people who have been enjoying their

evening, instead of pursuing criminals who carjack people. The Inspector-General and his security team have to be very serious and ensure that police officers do their work.

Another thing I would like to commend the Government for is provision of 1,200 vehicles to police officers. I hope that the vehicles will be used well. My constituency has already received three Land Cruiser vehicles. I trust that the officers will not be using them to harass the old women who make some local brews and old men in the villages, who do charcoal business. I hope that they will put those vehicles to proper use.

With those remarks, I beg to support.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Karani, would you not consider that “proper use” would include pursuing people who make illicit brews? Well, that is for another day.

Let us hear the Member for Taveta.

**Hon. (Dr.) Shaban:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I stand up to support His Excellency the President for a very well thought out Speech, and for the issues that he has been grappling with in the last one year in office.

I just want to say that a man who respects humanity would respect women. The fact that the first thing he did when he came into office was to make sure that there were free maternity services in Kenya shows how much His Excellency the President respects humanity.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I know that security has been a problem not only now, but it has been a problem even during the Grand Coalition Government. It has been a problem even in the past, but as it is, it is something that the President has put as a very important agenda and priority. That is why he talked about recruitment of additional security officers, so that we can deal with this menace. I want to encourage him. As he said, security is an issue that we should all be involved in as stakeholders.

On the issue of food security and rolling out of irrigation programmes, it is important for us to note that he has already started doing it practically. He started it as an Economic Stimulus Package (ESP) when he was the Minister for Finance. We know that he is capable of carrying out this promise. He has already started a pilot programme. It is easy for Members of Parliament to criticise the President.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, it is always the football fans who criticise the footballers. Football fans think that it is easy to play football. It is only after you find yourself on the football pitch that you know how well you can play football. We are like the football fans, trying to pretend that we are able to carry out the duties of a president. We should remember that he has been in office for only one year, just like us who have been in office for one year. For the first timers, it is not easy to say that they have been able to perform as much as the President has been able to do in the short period that he has been in office.

I want to point out only one thing that I had also expected the President to mention. It is a constitutional matter that Kenyans have been overlooking – Article 207 of our Constitution, which states clearly that there shall be a revenue fund for the counties. That particular law is not being implemented. The governors have not been able to do so. The Controller of Budget has also not been able to use that Article to require the governors to account for all the funds.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the revenue collected from our counties should be put in a particular revenue fund; they should ask the Controller of Budget for permission to utilise those funds, so that they can be appropriated in a legal manner.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, this is something that I expected the President to have mentioned. He did not mention it; suffice it to say that even at this point, this must be carried out by the National Treasury.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I just want to congratulate the President and urge him on. The Lamu Port South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project he has been talking about is now a reality, because the standard gauge railway has started. So, we know he is going to achieve what he promised Kenyans he was going to do for them, at least in the first five years. Then we should be able to give him a second term.

Thank you.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Very well. Let us have the Member for Kabuchai.

**Hon. Mukwe:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to comment on the President's Speech. When we talk of food security, it is an issue that affects all people in Kenya. Irrigating one million acres of land in one area is an issue that should be looked into. This is because we have Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) farms in Kitale that are lying fallow. At least the resources that are concentrated in one place can also be taken to Kitale and help cultivate the ADC farms.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, there is cheap sugar being smuggled into the country. This is killing the sugar industry in Western and Nyanza provinces. Governments come and go. Earlier on in Western Province we used to grow cotton and we had industries like Kisumu Cotton Mills (KICOMI), Rift Valley Textiles (RIVATEX); since the cotton industry was killed, these industries were also killed and people lost their jobs. As we are contributing, children of most of the people who lost their jobs are not going to school.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, during the *Nyayo* era the cotton industry was killed and during the National Alliance Rainbow Coalition (NARC) Government the coffee industry was also killed. Currently as we are speaking the cheap sugar which is being smuggled into the country is killing the sugar industry in our area and children are not going to school because of lack of fees. This should be looked into.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who were resettled by the President and the Deputy President were each given Kshs.400,000. In 1992 and 1997 people lost their farms in Mount Elgon and up to now they are just languishing in poverty in markets. In my constituency, Chwele is a hub of IDPs from Mount Elgon, specifically the Tesos and Bukusus who were chased away from their land. Up to now they have not been resettled. This was done with a lot of discrimination leaving out Bungoma and Trans Nzoia counties.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, as if that was not enough, the issuance of national identification cards is discriminatory. We border Uganda on the western side and this issue is really burning in our areas. During last year when we had elections identity cards were applied for in December 2012. Up to the time we went for elections people had not received their identification cards until April last year, when they received them.

In my area 5,000 identity cards were taken from the District Officer's office. This is something that leaves a lot to be desired.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, in conclusion there are health centres that were put up through the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP). These facilities are lying there without anything. There are no personnel and drugs. In fact, we would wish that the President also talked about the ESPs that were set up in our various constituencies. In my constituency, I have one that is without personnel and drugs.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker I beg to say that there is a lot to be done and I do not support.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Okay, very well. Let us have the Member for Gatanga.

**Hon. H.K. Njuguna.:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Presidential Speech; as I listened to the hon. Members contributing, I would like to say that even Jesus was not liked by everybody and it is important at times to appreciate leadership. Even where we come from in the constituencies we always have criticism. If you ask people to come and play the role you are playing perhaps, there would be disaster.

I have a few points that I picked from the Presidential Address. One is his focus on information, communication and technology (ICT); he said that the Jubilee Government will make sure that all public schools are connected to the national grid because of the issue of the laptops. I support the laptops project, not because it is a presidential project, but because I appreciate that the way forward today is ICT.

Those who have watched the development of the world right from the Agrarian Revolution to the Industrial Revolution and to now the knowledge-based economies know the way we go particularly for a nation like this one where we are talking about achieving an entrepreneurial culture by 2030; we must invest very heavily in ICT.

On that account, I support the President because he has a lot of focus on ICT. If we introduce ICT to our children at that tender age, by the time they go to university we will have the Bill Gates of this country and we will be able to come up with creativity and innovation like the *M-Pesa* that is likely to revolutionise the world.

The other one was the focus on youth and women. Right from the outset, things like *Uwezo* Fund to address unemployment among the youth and women should be commended. This is because there is that appreciation that we need to focus on issues of youth, because of unemployment; creating this Fund is a way of sorting out unemployment among the youth.

Moving forward, the President even talked about 30 per cent of our national expenditure on public procurement going to the youth. This translates to about Kshs.250 billion annually; if this money goes to the youth, then it is going to create employment among them. It is going to give a very big boost to the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in this country. SMEs in a growing economy like Kenya are the backbone of the trade in the country because they are the alternative to employment in the public sector, in the sense that we are saying they will create employment. They create income. They create a balanced growth in the economy and development in the entire nation.

So, when you inject Kshs.250 billion to the youth and women of this country, you are creating the necessary kick-start to economic growth and development of this nation.



So, I support *Uwezo* initiative – the 30 per cent public expenditure by way of public procurement to the youth and women. It is an initiative that requires support from all of us as leaders.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the President talked about security and we all appreciate the challenges that this country has been having in matters of security. When we talk about poaching it has been reported all over that it is a very big threat to our nation. The terrorist attacks and whatever is happening in Mombasa, including what was happening at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH), where doctors were trying to save the life of a young child, are some examples of insecurity.

Those challenges and what hon. Members are talking about, like kidnapping and so on, are a big threat to this nation; you know security is one of the core values of any government. You lose security and you lose a nation. One of the ways which symbolizes a failing nation is growing insecurity. How is the Government addressing this issue? He talked about 1,200 police vehicles. He has talked about the increase in construction of the police quarters.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over! We will have the Member for the entire Siaya.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ombaka:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I would like to make some criticism on the President's Speech. The criticism is aimed at helping him improve the running of this country. It is not meant to bring him down. It is meant to empower him to get ideas on what he can do.

I want to start with health. It is just this afternoon that I had an opportunity to have a meeting which was discussing the lives of women who are expectant and the number of women who die as a result of complications. It was very sad to see the statistics. Out of 100,000 women who give birth, over 460 will die because of complications, because we do not have enough doctors and because we do not have good facilities to look after women who have complications in hospitals. We are talking about free maternal care but it cannot be given if the whole system of medical care is inefficient. So, already he is talking about free medical care but we do not have services and so more women are dying than they are being saved. The President needs to revisit that part of health care for women which is free but which is not saving the lives of women.

The second one is about education. It is true his flagship project was laptops but let him not bite more than he can chew because the laptop issue has been raised everywhere. It is difficult to implement it because we have too many schools in this country. So much is required to implement the project and that is why up to this point we have not taken any single laptop to any school. It is one year down the line. What does it mean? It means that Standard One children, from last year to now have not seen any laptops. So, they are going to go to Standard Two without seeing one. I think it is too much to bite. Let the President revisit this and go by what is doable rather than insisting because he had promised during his campaigns that we must have laptops. If it is not possible, let him own up otherwise let him not die with what cannot be practised.

When it comes to insecurity, I am sorry the whole country is at war. There is too much bloodshed in this country. People are being shot; there is the shoot-to-kill order. We have terrorists in church, where we live in estates and everyday somebody is killed

by the police, gangs and so on. There is too much violence. In his Speech, he tried to say that terrorism is historical and, therefore, he is not to blame. I believe that is true; he is not to blame but let him take the bull by the horns and fix that problem. Let him put structures, what we are complaining about. I hope he is listening and I hope he is going to take it to improve security in this country.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, in his Speech, not even a single word of peace was preached. I would have wished that he could talk about peace so that we avoid too much violence and bloodshed. He should have asked people to be more peaceful like the former President Moi who used to have a theme; love, peace and unity. Although there was insecurity, but that gave us hope. So, can the President in his Speech come up with these positive words; “love, peace and unity”? It will help us, otherwise the kind of insecurity we have is permeating into our families and that is why families are at war. There is too much violence in the family. We are socializing our children to violence because of that. So, I would ask the President to listen to these comments and improve so that next year when he comes to address the nation in his second year, we will see some great improvement.

**Hon. Mohamed Abass:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, thank you. I also wish to join my colleagues to commend the President’s Speech and the good work they have done together with the Deputy President in actualizing devolution. Devolution now is a reality and this has given opportunity to the forgotten part of Kenya, especially northern Kenya where today we have seen development taken there. I also want to commend the Government for the free maternity, the Uwezo Fund, the Presidential bursary and the old age money. This is very commendable work.

Having said that, we cannot achieve anything in this country without security. Criminals are breeding. Every day we hear that people are being killed by the police and criminals. We do not know who is a criminal, a good citizen or a police officer. We are getting mixed up in this country. Because of that, I wish to send my condolences to the bereaved families as a result of terrorist acts and those who have been killed by the police; and those who have been injured including our colleague, hon. Letimalo. The shoot-to-kill order is wrong. Encouraging extrajudicial killings is a bad move in this country. This is a civilized country. We have a beautiful Constitution that is far much better than even those of devolved countries, but unfortunately the law enforcing officers are not doing their work. This country is bleeding. What is taking place in Eastleigh and part of Mombasa is unacceptable. We cannot accept this! *Bona fide* Kenyans have been criminalized. What is happening is that people are being rounded up and the criminals are buying their way out of jails while innocent Kenyans who have IDs and passports are spending days in police stations. Criminals and foreigners are buying their way out. This is unfortunate and it should not be accepted. Collective punishment should not be accepted at all. We must be able to know who is a Kenyan citizen. What is the purpose of being a citizen if you cannot be differentiated from the rest of the people? If criminals are getting their way; if foreigners are buying their way out when Kenyans are languishing in jails in the name of having their IDs verified, an exercise that takes weeks, it is a very unfortunate situation. It is not the Kenyan Somalis; it is not the Kenyan Maasais; and it is not Kenyan Luhyas who have invited their brothers to Kenya. The Kenyan ID is easily accessible; it is being sold on the streets. The passport is also being sold on the streets and

when a small problem happens, we take the blame. This is not acceptable. We cannot accept this kind of business.

Criminalizing people collectively will only cause more radicalism and create hardened criminals. It is high time this country came up with ways of handling the prevailing insecurity. The most unfortunate thing is that up to date we have not had anybody who has taken the responsibility for insecurity in this country. Nobody has been fired. Nobody has been taken to court. Kenyans are dying day and night and we are not seeing anybody being fired. What is happening in this country by the way? Somebody must take responsibility for this kind of business. Somebody must take responsibility for failing to deal with insecurity.

While I appreciate the President's efforts, the thing is that we cannot develop. We cannot live in peace. We are actually living in fear. This country is almost surrendering to criminals. So, every Kenyan must take responsibility for his own security. We must work with the Government but the police must take responsibility for their actions. They must take action. They must take responsibility. Some of the security officers must be fired for their actions. They have failed this country. It is time---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over. Let us have one of the youngest Members of this House.

Yes, hon. Wangamati.

**Hon. Wangamati:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity that I may also join other Members of Parliament who have honestly commended the Speech of the President. It is a wonderful day that we had the President in this Chamber. To me, the Speech of the President was good.

The Speech was very appealing to our nation. The President has shown that he is very concerned with the issues that this Chamber and everybody else has been talking about in this country. He touched on many things that matter in our daily lives.

There are two things in this country that this House must strongly join the President in fighting. This is corruption and insecurity. The President has shown willingness and was very sincere when he addressed this House. He appealed to Members of this House to assist him so that we can reduce corruption in this country.

Our Jubilee Members who are many in this country should continue persuading the CORD or the Opposition so that we work together as a House to reduce corruption in this country and also tackle insecurity.

We should map all boundaries of our territory. We should also make sure that every entry and exit is mapped. I think we can manage this. We should not just sit and talk about the issue.

I sympathise with the Chairman, Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security. Many questions are asked and he always tries to answer them. I do not know how long he will continue answering them. Let us team up and fight insecurity.

The leadership of this House should take a few of us, sit with the President and persuade him to make certain decisions that can bring down corruption and insecurity. Unless we tackle these two issues, we will still have a problem. Otherwise, I commend the President's Address. It was very educative to our leaders and it should be taken as it was.

Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Very well. Let us have the Member for Kitui South.

**Hon. (Ms.) R.K. Nyamai:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating the President for giving a precise Speech; it was to the point. I strongly commend it and I feel that it covered most of the issues that are of concern to the nation.

In his Address, His Excellency the President made reference to the Constitution several times. He promised, as he has done before, that he is willing to walk the talk and ensure that the new Constitution is implemented. This is not easy being the first President within the new dispensation.

The President made a commitment to devolution. He commented how he has given almost wholly all the functions that are supposed to go to the counties. He acknowledged that it was not easy to make such a decision. Personally, as the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Health, I would like to commend him for this. At the same I would like the House to know that there are many unfortunate things that are happening, especially within the health sector that we cannot ignore as Parliament and as representatives of the people. We need to engage each other on matters of devolution of health.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the President challenged the alignment of what is happening at the national level with what is happening in the counties. I feel that this is a very important challenge given to all of us because when we implement development projects within our constituencies, we also need to look at the bigger picture; the county level. This is a challenge to the governors who receive quite a substantial amount of money. They should refocus on the national goals.

I would also like to commend the President and the Executive as a whole for allocating more than a double share of funds to the counties. We should be talking about 15 per cent but we are now talking about 34 per cent. This is a very bold step. We should challenge ourselves and the governors as local leaders that it is important that our people are told the truth especially when it comes to the funds that have been apportioned to the counties. It is important that they inform the communities that they have more than a double share so that they can implement more than double in terms of development.

I would like to commend the President on the issue of security and for accepting that it is a challenge in this era. We know that a lot is happening in this country and we are concerned. It is not easy. However, I would like to commend the position that the President gave, that he will do his best so that we are safe in this country.

At the same time, as a Member of Parliament from the border between Kitui County and Tana River County where we have problems, I would like to say that this is an area that needs to be given more attention because criminal activities are happening there. We were also challenged to stop bickering and getting down to work. That was a bold step.

On health, we would like to challenge our leaders at the county level that in---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Order! What is it the Member for Kibra?

**Hon. Okoth:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Is it in order when people debate fairly and with decorum to be considered as bickering, as the

Member is alleging? I have sat here in the afternoon and I have heard people share their opinions with passion, conviction and honesty for the improvement of this country. I have not heard anybody bickering. Why is the Member calling this bickering? Is it in order?

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): That sounds legitimate but you can proceed as you respond to your colleague, hon. Member.

**Hon. (Ms.) R.K. Nyamai:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I wish to withdraw that statement if it makes my colleague feel like I have used a wrong word.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): As you wind up because you have 15 seconds.

**Hon. (Ms.) R.K. Nyamai:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I would like to congratulate the President for availing electricity. For those of us who come from the lower Eastern region, this is one of the areas where we do not have electricity. So, it is a blessing that we can see our schools connected to electricity within the shortest time as stipulated in the President's Speech.

I would also like to thank the President for reaching out to the local investors within the region. From the Speech, we have seen that he is reaching out to the local investors as opposed to going far beyond our borders. I would also like to thank him for pointing out that he is going to make Kenya a transport hub by tarmacking many kilometers of roads.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over.

**Hon. Lati:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I want to thank you for giving me this chance to contribute to the State of the Nation Address by His Excellency the President. I am one person who is impressed and proud to be a citizen of this country. I was taken aback when a Member of this House, hon. Midiwo, said that it was 47 minutes of nothing. The fact that the President came to this House, that alone is something. Sometimes we criticize people very unfairly.

If you look at the Speech, it is a very nice Speech, both in language and content. If you compare it with other speeches that were made in other jurisdictions like the United States of America, it is an excellent Speech. For the first part of 150 years of the United States of America independence, the President did not even go to the Floor of the House to make speeches. They simply sent reports like what we get from committees. So, our President has done a good job by meeting his constitutional obligation and making a Speech that is elaborate and touches on many aspects of our country's needs, progress and our strategic priorities.

I want to get into some of the things that the President raised. If you look at devolution, we have to thank ourselves about some issues. The President said that we are about three years ahead of ourselves in terms of the implementation of devolution requirements. That is something that we should appreciate as a country. It would have been something else if we were pushing ourselves and not meeting those deadlines. Another thing that the President mentioned is the VAT Bill that we just passed. I am humbled by the President's acceptance that although we do not want to levy heavy taxes on our people, for our fiscal policy to function and for the Government to contribute to the GDP of our nation, like any other country in the world, this country must and should levy taxes. One of the things that we should do, as we make VAT laws, is the

comparative analysis of our competitors across the region. It is important for us to look at what Tanzania and Uganda do because at the end of the day, those are our competitors. So, providing a comparative analysis of our VAT framework is a good thing.

It will be very unfair for me to finish this contribution without getting into the details of our insecurity situation in our country. I spent a better part of last week running up and down the very hostile parts of our country namely, the Suguta Valley, chasing after bandits who stole our cows. At the same time, my other colleague from Samburu East was shot in Nairobi. So, you can imagine the kind of things that we are doing as Members of Parliament in this country because of the current insecurity. I am so concerned. I can understand when we have problems outside our big cities. I am not saying that there is anything good about having cattle rustling and insecurity problems in Samburu but at least, from what our country has done for many years, we have been treated as second class citizens and nobody really cares what happens in those parts of the country. We have come to learn to live with those things. If you look at what is happening in Mombasa, one of our cities, it is sad. It affects our GDP. Tourism is one of the biggest foreign exchange earners for our country.

It is very disconcerting that today we have people in charge of Ministries who are doing nothing. I am one person who is proud of President Uhuru. I have seen him and I think he is genuine. He has genuine concerns about our country. He wants to move our country forward, but he has some few people in the Cabinet circles who are doing terrible work. I honestly feel that we need to crack the whip, to make sure that our country is safe. He has the power to hire and fire. The President has a duty to make sure that our people are secure. I cannot be a Member to legislate in this House and also a security agent chasing after cattle rustlers when there are people who are assigned that job by the Constitution.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): We will have Francis Nderitu, Bishop Mutua and Abdikadir Omar in that order.

**Hon. Nderitu:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I also take this opportunity to add my voice to the debate on the State of the Nation Address by the President on the issues that affect our economy. First, I know that the issue of integrated internally displaced persons (IDPs) was not mentioned. However, about 8,298 IDPs were settled and cash payment of Kshs.400,000 was made to about 777 of them. It is very disheartening to learn that most of these peace loving Kenyans; the integrated IDPs, who happily moved out and integrated in the society are living in abject poverty. As we applaud the President for settling down these IDPs, we know very well that the issue of the integrated IDPs will be looked into to solve the problem of these Kenyans who are contributing immensely to the development of our nation.

Insecurity is of major concern to us. This House has always shown unity of purpose when it comes to issues affecting the Members of Parliament. I am very sure that if insecurity is tackled well regardless of which side of the divide one comes from, we can put our voices together so that this menace is dealt with. One of the areas that are affected is the tourism sector. We have seen many tourists moving to Tanzania. It is very unfortunate that this is one of the sectors that have been driving our economy. Due to the insecurity situation, tourists coming to Kenya have reduced and this is quite traumatizing.

In most of the areas that create employment for our people, I know very well that insecurity plays a major role in this.

**Hon. Duba:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I just wanted to seek your indulgence to spread the remaining time, so that those who are loyally waiting can make their contributions before the time is over.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Can I get you a bit more clearly, hon. Duba?

**Hon. Duba:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I am seeking your indulgence to spread the time left, so that those who are loyally waiting here can contribute before the time lapses.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Duba, we have about 28 minutes. Therefore, it means that about six Members are going to contribute. However, never mind, tomorrow we will still be proceeding with the same Motion in the morning and probably in the afternoon. This is if I got you clear. I would be reluctant to proceed in that direction because we still have time. We have the whole of tomorrow morning. That is why we had a Procedural Motion, which you passed.

Proceed.

**Hon. Nderitu:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I was on the issue of insecurity in the country. According to the President's Speech, most of the policies that he articulated are very welcome and they can go a long way in addressing insecurity in the country.

We have the issue of medical cover for our police force. The morale of our police officers has been down for a long time. Where I come from, in Ndaragwa, you find them living in old huts that were built in 1963. If this problem is tackled the morale of the police will go up. We need to provide them with vehicles also. Yesterday, there were robbers along the Nyahururu-Nyeri Road. They have been disturbing people along that road. However, with concerted effort between the OCPD of that area and the locals, those thugs were caught and they have been---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over. Let us have Bishop Mutua.

**Hon. (Bishop) R. Mutua:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I would like to begin by appreciating the fact that the President fulfilled his constitutional obligation by issuing this Speech. I was excited when I heard him affirm his commitment to devolution. He ensured us that devolution is here to stay.

I was also glad to hear him frankly accept that there are certain vices that we need to be careful about so that we do not transfer them to the county governments. These include corruption, dishonesty, and inefficiency.

The wage bill is not an issue. Every time we talk about this matter I feel like we are saying that we have run short of ideas. This country has got resources that only need to be fast tracked. We have, for instance, the potential for coal mining.

I was concerned because the President did not say much about the Konza City Project. A few months ago the Konza dream was really coming home powerfully, but now it has died. The President never said anything about it; has it been abandoned? It is the first time in the history of this country that the church cannot worship on Sunday in an environment of peace. In this country as we pray, we are worried. When it comes to

security issues, it is not business as usual. It is actually “business an issue”. We need to come together and discuss the issue of insecurity as patriotic Kenyans.

I was concerned with the way the President handled the issue of disability. Up to now the board that runs the National Disability Council has not been appointed. We have, therefore, paralysed services. Yesterday in the morning I went there for service and I took a lot of time because there are no funds. The reason is that the body that is supposed to request for those funds has not been formed. This is not the way to create equity and inclusiveness in this nation.

I was also very concerned about the way we bring public participation into play. Sometimes we use a lot of money to do public participation. This is particularly when it comes to the counties. I would like us to use another way of doing business. I think the biggest problem facing the Jubilee Government is the way we are doing our business. We need to do our business as patriotic Kenyans. We can only do that if we go back to Chapter Six of the Constitution, particularly Article 73. We need to look at it keenly with a view of implementing that particular Article. We are suffering because we have taken that Article of the Constitution lightly.

The President’s Speech was a good one, but it has a lot of gaps. We need to act together. We need to address the issue of food insecurity in lower Eastern Province. This region is known for food insecurity and yet there is nothing the President has said so far about what is happening there. Could the President revisit the one million acres plan so that we see something happening in lower Eastern Province? This will make us feel that we are included. The policy of inclusion is yet to be felt. We still feel excluded.

**Hon. A.O. Ahmed:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also join my colleagues in commending the President for this wonderful Speech. However, there are a number of issues that cannot go unmentioned. The first one is the issue of insecurity. As we speak today, Kenyans are more insecure than they have ever been in the history of this country. We do not know whether or not we are safe. We are not safe in the mosques and churches. Something needs to be done urgently.

While the President talked about having improved security to a certain percentage I do not think that is the case. Every day there is an incident. Every day there is a blast. Members of Parliament have also been victims. Mr. ole Lenku needs to take action. They are not doing enough to ensure that there is peace and stability in this country. Every corner of this country is experiencing insecurity. This is something that this House needs to discuss seriously and come up with actionable measures.

We all remember what happened in Westgate. No action has been taken. There is no report yet. The President had promised that there would be a commission and we have not seen one yet. The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security brought a Report here that is not palatable and it is something that even a high school child cannot produce. For that matter, the chairpersons of the committees should take that responsibility. A lot of money was used, but nothing has come out of it.

With regard to education, the Jubilee Government in one of its campaign mottos promised laptops for every child. We said this before and I am here to say it again; this is not achievable. It is a mirage and it is the right time His Excellency the President told Kenyans what is practicable. It is not time for election campaigns. Instead of laptops, let us talk about ICT measures to make sure that children get computer lessons in our



schools. When we have children sitting on the floors, others learning without desks and others learning under trees, I think it is wrong for us to put laptops as a priority.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, we are seeing a lot of corruption during this regime of the Jubilee Government. The laptop tender and the Standard Railway Project have been riddled with corruption. Again, there is something on the offing which we are just hearing. There will be another Goldenberg-like thing that might come up. Therefore, on this the President should crack the whip on the people involved. Corruption is starting right at his doorstep, so he should do something. If that is done, we will take care of the wage bill, but slashing salaries of hon. Members and other public servants is not a panacea to the wage bill in this country.

Thank you.

**Hon. Chumel:** Thank you very much, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity so that I can add my voice on what other colleagues have said.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate and appreciate the Speech that was given by the President. He did his part and he is a very honest man; including his deputy. I think the two people are out to see to it that Kenyans progress and do what can raise their living standards. But my worry is on those people who were given the mandate to steer the process. Hon. Members have talked about security in this country. I think it is kind of sabotage in this area because orders can be given by the Inspector-General and his deputies at that level, but at the ground or the grassroots level, there is a big problem. Where I come from, it seems that there is war between the APs and the regular police. I remember there are several complaints being raised by people. These two forces fight to protect their own.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, there is a lot of confusion. The Provincial Administration has County Commissioners. Those who were previously referred to as District Commissioners are now Sub-county Commissioners. We also have the other line of the governor and his people. Something must be done so that whatever is supposed to be done can be done. Otherwise, if the situation stays as it is, we are going nowhere. You will find that the former Provincial Administration still insists that it is in charge of security in counties.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, chiefs have no place. Therefore, mine is to ask this House to find a way of rescuing people from problems in Kenya. Kenyans elected hon. Members so that they can take care of their security

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, somebody said that Africans are hard headed. I think they need dictators. The President is a humble guy, he eats with these people and mixes with them. That is why these people think that he can do nothing; the same case applies to the Deputy President. Every weekend he is visiting people.

**Hon. Nyamweya:** On a point of order, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Is the hon. Member in order to say that he wants the President to be a dictator? If the President is a dictator, will we have Parliament? Is he in order to express that in the National Assembly?

**Hon. Chumel:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Kenyans now need dictators. If at one time I will be in that position, I will surprise some guys because order is given and nothing below that---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): That is why it is going to be very difficult for you to have that position.

*(Laughter)*

But your time is over. Let us have the hon. Member for the entire Lamu.

**Hon. (Ms.) Shakila:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the President and the Jubilee Government for the good work they have done for the last one year. It is obvious; it is even being shown by the Cabinet Secretaries who have transparently appraised themselves. That is one thing we have never seen in this country and we really appreciate that.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, a lot has been said about the security situation in this country. I want to add my voice on that issue. Security is a collective responsibility. We are all supposed to be in charge of our own security and the security of our country. On the other hand, when there is an issue to do with security and you report to the police, you become a victim. That is why you realize that many people are afraid or scared to go and file any report with the police. They will end up being victimized.

Another thing I would like to mention is the wrangle between the Ministries and the commissions. The President has tried very much but he is being let down by his Cabinet Secretaries who are refusing to acknowledge the commissions which are in place. We want to urge the President, if possible, to reshuffle his Cabinet so that he can have a smooth running of the Ministries.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, research shows that there are a lot of resources in this country. We would like the Ministries concerned to come up with an Act of Parliament which will benefit the communities where the resources come from. For example, there is petrol, gas, coal and so many other resources, but you realize that these resources do not benefit communities. Therefore, we would really like to have the Mining Act and all other Acts reviewed so that they can benefit communities.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the issue of land is another problem. Many people voted for the new Constitution because of the land issue but land continues to be a problem because there are very many wrangles in the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development. So, we will appreciate seeing the President personally handling the particular issue in the Ministry because it is really letting him and his Government down.

Another issue of concern is devolution. We need to give devolution time. As it is now, people are pointing fingers at one another. That is not healthy. We do not need that kind of situation as a country. We need to give time to devolution and see whether it will work. If it does not work, we can come up with constitutional amendment proposals.

With those remarks, I beg to support.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Members, let us hear the Member for Yatta.

**Hon. Kilonzo:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also wish to join my colleagues in congratulating His Excellency the President for his Speech. It was a very good Speech. However, it is very sad to see the intentions of the Head of State being watered down by some of his Cabinet Secretaries. I want to be specific. As we speak, there are new regulations barring Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) from carrying goods on

top of their carriers. Such regulations are too punitive and against the spirit that has been shown by the President. I wish such regulations can be withdrawn or be limited to allow passengers to continue carrying their goods with them.

I would like to comment on security. Our police officers are poorly paid. Their welfare is not being well taken care of. It needs to be looked into. I was in a team that went to Nyakach recently. The way we house police officers across the country is saddening. At all the living quarters that we visited, the situation was too saddening to even talk about it. We need to properly house police officers. We need to equip them.

I also want to say clearly that this House should back the Government when it comes to dealing with criminals, particularly armed ones. We have human rights organisations operating out there. When an officer is killed, nobody talks about them. When an armed criminal is killed, the matter sometimes ends up in court. We need to deal with criminals firmly. We need not have mercy for such people. It is very sad that we have an hon. Member who cannot travel to his constituency. Sometimes he travels in a coffin to reach home. We have heard an hon. Member say that three hon. Members have been carjacked within a week.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kajwang’): Hon. Mwangangi, you said that an hon. Member travels in what?

**Hon. Kilonzo:** He travels in a coffin, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. There is a problem in Nyakach. I was there. That is the reality. We need to deal with insecurity in this country. I am calling upon this House to ensure that we increase the funding for our security agencies during the budgeting process.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Kajwang’): What is your point of order, hon. Sunjeev?

**Hon. (Ms.) Sunjeev:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise on a point of order to ask the kind Member of Parliament to, kindly, substantiate what he has just said because I find it completely unimaginable that a Member of Parliament can travel in a coffin. Does he have any sort of evidence to substantiate his remarks? It is very damning to know that a person who sits in the Eleventh Parliament travels in a coffin. Please, I would like him to substantiate the remarks.

**Hon. Kilonzo:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I would wish to invite the hon. Member to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security where we will call the Nyakach Member of Parliament. He has said it in this House. I wish not to substantiate.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Just finalise.

**Hon. Kilonzo:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I would wish to finally say---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over. Let us have the hon. Member for Naivasha.

**Hon. Kihagi:** Thank you, hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Let me also take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency the President for a job well done. It is less than a year since the President became the Head of State and the Head of the Government and contrary to lamentations of many, the Government has really performed.

I would also want to congratulate my fellow Members and actually the entire Kenyan population because in a very short time, we have been able to form a Government in a speed that was unprecedented there before in the world. Devolution is

working. A new system of Government where we do not have ministers is in place and I think even as Parliament, we are doing the best that we could do under the circumstances.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the President's Speech touched me, in that at a very early opportunity he mentioned the issue of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). All of us know that this is actually a national headache. Earlier in this Session, we got a petition from the evictees of Enoosupukia who for more than ten years have been living out of their homes. Constitutionally, the Government is mandated to protect their property. We know that we have a lot of integrated IDPs who are living amongst us; people who were deprived of their residences by either ethnic, clanism or even internal strife within our community.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, that in itself shows that the Government is actually for the people and is actually in touch with what is happening. When you drive along Mai Mahiu Road before you reach Longonot you find that IDP camps are still a reality in this country and although quite a number of them were given money by the Government, there are no social facilities where they are living. No schools and hospitals have been built for them and they are living in very deplorable situations. I would ask that in as much as we are also doing the physical infrastructure in this country, we also look at the social infrastructure for our people so that children can continue going to school and women can also access more convenient health facilities.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the President mentioned about energy revolution in this country and it will come soon because geothermal power will come before petrol revolution.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Order, hon. Kihagi! You will have a remainder of your two minutes which you can utilise tomorrow. Before I make some communication, I want to thank a few Members here who have remained here even after contributing, starting with hon. Wangamati, the hon. Member for Kwanza and the hon. Member for Kabuchai. You know when many Members finish contributing, they withdraw from the Chamber. I really had to make that observation.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### SPECIAL HOUSE SESSION ON THURSDAY MORNING

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Members, before I adjourn the House, I would like to remind Members that we will have a session tomorrow morning starting at 9.00 a.m. It is important to remind you because you are the ones who made the decision.

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): The House should rise for us to adjourn. It is now 6.30 p.m. which is the time to adjourn. The House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 at 9.00 a.m.

The House rose at 6.30 p.m.