

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Muturi) in the Chair]*

### PRAYERS

**Hon. Speaker:** Order Members, I will give a communication regarding discharge of Members under Standing Order No.176 later.

### PAPERS LAID

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House:-

The Insolvency Regulations, 2016 and the Explanatory Memorandum

The National Treasury Report to Parliament on All New Loans Contracted by the Government of Kenya as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015.

The Teachers Service Commission Code of Regulations for Teachers (Amendment) 2016 and the Explanatory Memoranda.

The End Term Report of the Transition Authority on the Transition to Devolved System of Government in Kenya (2012-2016).

The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Kenya Industrial Property Institute for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Teachers Service Commission for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Teachers Service Commission Code of Regulations is referred to the Committee on Delegated Legislation.

Let us have the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade. Let us have the Chairperson of the Liaison Committee. Does this suggest that both Committee reports are not out? I approved the Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade for tabling very early in the morning today. Are the Committee Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson not in the Chamber? He should know that the Lord is not part of the Chamber.

*(Loud consultations)*

He is not in the Chamber. Because it is important, we will allow him to table it when he comes to the Chamber. Are there any Chairpersons of Committees present who could give a report on the first Supplementary Estimates? Is it complete, Hon. Chepkong'a?

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We completed the process of examining the Supplementary Budget this afternoon at around 1 O'clock. We were in the process of finalising. We were just correcting one or two errors. That is probably what has taken a bit more time. You can allow the Chairperson to present the Budget at a later time, maybe, in the next one hour.

**Hon. Speaker:** But its tabling is subject to my approval.

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Yes, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I have not even approved it. I have not seen it.

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** We will bring it, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I cannot just approve it. I need to read and see what is being tabled. Can it be tabled on Tuesday?

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** No, Hon. Speaker. It is very critical. It is important for us to table it today. If you grant us a stay of about 30 minutes, I will ensure that she is here with the report.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jamleck Kamau, do you also want to add your voice to what Hon. Chepkong'a has said?

**Hon. Kamau:** Yes, Hon. Speaker. What Hon. Chepkong'a has said is true. We had a meeting this morning and completed a few issues which were remaining. I ask for your indulgence to allow us to table the report as we proceed. They are just about to finish the process. That will be quite in order.

**Hon. Speaker:** I will defer the tabling. I have to look at it to see whether it should be tabled. Yes, Hon. Chepkong'a.

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have been asked to table the Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade. Would I be in order to do so? I have the Report here with me.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, I approved it very early in the morning

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Can I table it?

**Hon. Speaker:** Is the Chairperson still glued to the---

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** He had a problem with his tie. He was looking for it somewhere.

**Hon. Speaker:** He was looking for a tie?

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Yes. That was the only problem.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Go ahead.

**Hon. Chepkong'a:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House:-

The Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade on its consideration of a public petition on the degazettement of Legal Notice No.103, the Customs and Excise Act (Cap. 472) to grant remission of Excise Duty at 50 per centum in respect to beer made from sorghum or millet.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

**Hon. Baiya:** Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:-

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 227(2), this House resolves to extend the period for consideration of the Petition submitted by Maj. (Rtd) Joel Kiprono Rop regarding a comprehensive constitutional amendment Bill by a further period of 21 days from 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2016

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order No.44(2)(a), and on behalf of the House Business Committee, I rise to give a Statement regarding the business appearing before the House for the week beginning Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

The House Business Committee met on Tuesday this week at the rise of the House to prioritise the business of the House. The House Business Committee resolved to give priority to Bills with constitutional timelines. The afternoon Sitting today will be the last day for us to discuss the President's Speech. That will pave way for the commencement of consideration of Bills and other legislative items from next week.

In this regard, on Tuesday, the House will consider, in the Committee of the whole House, the crucial and important Anti-Doping Bill, 2016 so as to keep in line with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) timeline of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016, which was granted to the country after your intervention. We thank you for that. The country thanks you for that. We will also consider next week on that same day, in the Committee of the whole House, the Community Land Bill, 2015 which, Hon. Speaker, you had stayed for some time to allow Members with amendments to harmonise them with the Departmental Committee on Lands. Through you, may I take this opportunity to urge Members with proposed amendments to the Anti-Doping Bill, 2015 to hand them to the Office of the Clerk in good time, so that they can appear on the Order Paper on Tuesday afternoon next week, which is normally published on Friday - which is tomorrow.

Other Bills that we shall give priority for Second Reading next week include:-

- 1) The Judiciary Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2016);
- 2) The Election Laws (Amendment) (National Assembly Bill No.63 of 2015);
- 3) The Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (No.4) (National Assembly Bill of 2015, famously known as the "Duale Bill");
- 4) The Seed and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (No.43) (National Assembly Bill of 2016);
- 5) The Political Parties (Amendment) Bill of 2015;
- 6) The Kenya Roads Bill (National Assembly Bill No.26 of 2015); and,
- 7) The Warehouse Receipts System Bill No.12 of 2015.

The Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs and the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and East African Affairs, who were scheduled to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, have sent apologies indicating that the Cabinet will be holding its annual retreat next week. Therefore, respective Committees and Members with questions are requested to be patient until the following week. We have not sent any letters to any Cabinet Secretary for Tuesday next week.

I have also received a request from the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade asking that we give them amnesty from questions for the next four weeks so as to

allow them time to focus on the inquiry into the banking sector and consideration of the proposed Government guarantee on the loan to be advanced by the Government of Japan to the Kenya Ports Authority as you directed.

I wish to remind all Members that there will be a Speaker's *Kamukunji* next Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the National Assembly Main Chamber. The agenda of the meeting will be to receive an update from the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum on the Last Mile Connectivity Programme which is aimed at increasing electricity access to all Kenyans throughout all the constituencies.

The House Business Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016, at the rise of the House, to consider business for the following week.

*(Hon. A.B. Duale laid the document on the Table)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, before we proceed, allow me to recognise the presence in the Speaker's Gallery and in the Public Gallery of students and pupils from the following institutions:-

- 1) Rainbow Tint Mentorship Programme from Bungoma County;
- 2) Presbyterian Emmanuel Academy, Embakasi Central Constituency, Nairobi County; and,
- 3) Mukusu Secondary School, Masinga Constituency, Machakos County.

*(Applause)*

They are all welcome to observe the proceedings in the National Assembly. Could I request the Members who are standing to please take their seats?

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

### INTERPRETATION OF RULES ON DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS FROM COMMITTEES

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I indicated that I would be giving a communication on the question of the discharge of a Member from House Committees.

You may recall that on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, the Member for Lungalunga Constituency, Hon. Khatib Mwashetani, sought guidance from the Speaker on the implication of Article 124 of the Constitution and Standing Order Nos. No.19 and 176 in relation to the discharge of a Member of the House from Committees. Specifically, the Member contested his discharge from the House Business Committee and the Budget and Appropriations Committee by the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD). He was concerned that the correspondence for his discharge from the said Committee originated from the CORD Whip and not his party, the Forum for Restoration of Democracy – Kenya The Member, therefore, sought to know whether the manner in which he was discharged from the Committees was procedural. A number of other Members contributed to the ensuing debate, including the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Duale, Hon. John Mbadi, Hon. Johnson Sakaja, Hon. Peter Kaluma and Hon. Samuel Chepkong'a, amongst others.

Hon. Members, from the issues canvassed, I deem the following matters as requiring determination:-

- 1) Whether Hon. Khatib Mwashetani was procedurally discharged from the House committees in accordance with Standing Order No.176.
- 2) Whether Standing Order Nos.19 and No.176 are in contravention of Article 124 of the Constitution.

Before proceeding to these matters, it is important to note that the issues raised hereto are not new in parliamentary practice and, indeed, to this House.

In the United Kingdom, the House of Commons, appointment of members to committees is a prerogative of parties represented in the House. In that jurisdiction, members are nominated through a Motion in the House in the name of a Member. Further, it is a general practice that in the House of Commons, in proposing nominations for appointment into committees, parties elect members of those committees in a secret ballot by whichever transparent and democratic method they choose.

A member, other than a chair, elected by the House cannot formally resign from a committee unless and until a Motion discharging him from membership is agreed to by the House. Notably, appointment to membership of committees is usually for the remainder for a term of the House. Members with disciplinary matters before the parties ordinarily opt to resign from standing committees but may choose to retain membership in *ad hoc* committees or committees established for the sole purpose of discussing a particular Bill.

Hon. Members, at this juncture, I am reminded that the Speaker, Francis ole Kaparo, numerously reminded the House that every rule of the Standing Orders has a reason, a rich history and a mischief it seeks to prevent. Further, lawyers always say that whenever you make a law, make one you will trust anyone with, including your opponents and your worst enemy. To this end, attempts to amend the Standing Orders should be well thought out and be considered fully in light of this.

Hon. Members, our history behind Standing Order No.176 on discharge of Members from Committees is quite rich and will interest the House. To begin with, during the appointment of Members to the Select Committee to review the Constitution of Kenya in the Eighth Parliament, which was chaired by none other than the former Prime Minister, Raila Amolo Odinga, an issue arose as to the nomination process of the proposed Members. Political parties then observed that their Members were included into the membership of that Select Committee without being consulted. Specifically, the Democratic Party, Safina Party and the Social Democratic Party (SDP) were concerned with the nomination of their Members into that Committee. It was then felt that the then ruling party, KANU, was usurping the power of the political parties by directly appointing their Members into that Committee.

At that point, the House was not involved in the appointment of Members into Committees but, the decision of the parties to appoint Members to respective Committees would be communicated to the House by way of a Statement by the Leader of Government Business on behalf the House Business Committee.

Similarly, after the coming into power of the NARC Government in 2003, several Members of the then Opposition parties were appointed to the Executive as Ministers and as Assistant Ministers and also to House Committees without consultation with the respective parties contrary to the Presidential and National Elections Act and for avoidance of doubt, it is Section 17(5). The party, KANU, which was then the Official Opposition, felt that the ruling

party sought to weaken the Opposition by buying off Members of the Opposition. Indeed, during the life of that Parliament, three Members of the Public Accounts Committee, which I happened to be the Chair then, were on diverse dates appointed as Ministers and Assistant Ministers in the Cabinet of the former President Mwai Kibaki against the will of the then Opposition party, KANU. The general feeling in the Opposition then, led then by the now current President, was that there were attempts to weaken KANU. Parties at that time were helpless as they could not withdraw Members appointed to Committees by the ruling party or who were appointed Ministers by the Government.

Hon. Members, though not so prevalent in the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament, there were instances where the same issues arose. A case in point is that of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs chaired then by Hon. Ababu Namwamba. The Committee was in limbo for more than one year as one of the coalition partners attempted to de-whip its Members from the Committee. I am sure the matter is very fresh to Members who served in that House, including, but not limited to, Hon. Njoroge Baiya. The then Speaker, Kenneth Marende, noted that he could not effect the discharge as the Standing Orders of the day were silent on the matter. The ensuing disagreements saw the mandate of the Committee being taken over by the Constitutional Implementation Oversight Committee then chaired by Hon. Addikadir Mohamed.

In the subsequent review of the Standing Orders, records indicate that the House was unanimous in passing the new provision giving parties powers to de-whip their Members as in other multi-party jurisdictions. In fact, at this point, I would want to jog the memory of the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo who, together with the then Member for Gichugu, were very vocal in the push for that change of the rules to empower parties to discharge their Members from Committees.

Hon. Members, away from the brief history and before determining the matters at hand, it will be key to understand the appointment process to Committees in our current case. Standing Order No. 174(1) on the criteria for nomination states:-

“In nominating Members to serve on a select committee, the Selection Committee shall ensure that the membership of each committee reflects the relative majorities of the seats held by each of the parliamentary parties in the National Assembly”.

From the above, it is observed that nomination to committees is a preserve of parliamentary parties in the National Assembly except for certain instances, for example, where a Member is an independent member. A question then arises as to what really constitutes a parliamentary party.

Hon. Members, Standing Order No.2 defines a parliamentary party as a party or coalition of parties consisting of not less than 5 per cent of the membership of the National Assembly. Consequently, a parliamentary party is that party or a coalition of parties with not less than 5 per cent of membership of the House. That is 18 Members. Members are, therefore, nominated to serve in Committees of the House by parliamentary parties in the National Assembly.

Subsequent to this, Standing Order No.176(1) provides that a parliamentary party that has nominated a Member to a Select Committee may give notice in writing to the Speaker that a Member is to be discharged from a Select Committee. Sub-section (2) provides that discharge shall take effect immediately upon receipt of the letter.

As you are aware, FORD (K), as a political party, has less than 18 Members in the House and on its own, is not a parliamentary party in as far as our rules apply.

*(Applause)*

It, therefore, follows that FORD (K), as a political party, is not a parliamentary political party and, therefore, has no capacity to either nominate or discharge a Member to or from a Select Committee of a House. Indeed, it is true that Hon. Khatib Mwashetani was nominated to the House Committees by the CORD Coalition and not by FORD (K).

*(Applause)*

Sequentially, therefore, any attempt to de-whip a Member can only be initiated by the CORD Coalition which, in this case, is the parliamentary party to which the Member belongs. Indeed, I am aware that FORD (K) filed a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and signed by the Secretary-General and directed to the Minority Chief Whip to immediately de-whip Hon. Khatib Mwashetani from all parliamentary committees. I am satisfied that the discharge of Hon. Khatib Mwashetani from House committees was procedurally done in so far as our rules apply.

*(Applause)*

Hon. Members, on the constitutionality or otherwise of Standing Orders No.19 and 176 in so far as they relate to Article 124, it is noted that Standing Order No. 19 (3) deals with the manner in which the Hon. Leader and the Hon. Deputy Leader of the Majority Party may be removed from office - which is by way of a majority of votes by all Members of the largest party or coalition parties in the National Assembly. Standing Order No. 176, as has been seen earlier, deals with the discharge of Members from House committees. Article 124 (1) of our Constitution states:-

“Each House of Parliament may establish committees, and shall make Standing Orders for the orderly conduct of its proceedings, including the proceedings of its committees.”

Mechanisms such as the committee system and the offices of the Hon. Leader of the Majority Party and Minority Party are intended for orderly operations of Parliament as an institution. In this regard, therefore, as far I am concerned, Standing Order Nos. 19 and 176 cannot be termed as unconstitutional as they provide a mechanism for internal conducts and organization of the House and appointment and discharge of Members in committees. It is a matter affecting conduct of business of committees.

Hon. Members, the above matters are weighty, even with deep consideration. Indeed, it is important to note that some of the issues raised and specifically on Standing Order No. 176 are already before the Procedure and House Rules Committee, having been raised by Hon. Samuel Chepkong’ a by way of proposed amendments to the Standing Orders. I know the Committee will be making a progress report which may indicate the direction that the matters will be taking.

I have requested the Committee in its report to the House to incorporate the aspects of fair hearing and due process in a discharge mechanism without taking away the powers of political parties to de-whip their Members.

Accordingly, I call upon Hon. Mwashetani and, indeed, all of us to await the conclusion of this matter by the Committee. In the interim and in the absence of any amendments, Standing Order Nos. 19 and 176 still apply on all matters relating to the discharge of Hon. Members.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Let us have Hon. Kaluma.

**Hon. Kaluma:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I thank you for a well-considered decision on the matter. I crave your indulgence to seek your well-considered decision on the matter of Standing Order No. 17 of the National Assembly Standing Orders. If you may permit---

**Hon. Speaker:** (Inaudible)

**Hon. Kaluma:** Certainly, I am going on Hon. Speaker. The said Standing Order No.17 (1)(2) and (3) states:-

“The Speaker may, in writing to the House Business Committee, give notice, that a member is to be discharged from the Panel.

Within seven days of receipt by the House Business Committee of a notice under paragraph (1), the House Business Committee shall consider the notice and give Notice of Motion to replace the Member.”

The discharge of a Member of the Panel shall not take effect until the House has approved the Motion for replacement under paragraph (2)”

Hon. Speaker, I did convey communication to your good office at around noon. I also sought to meet you at your office but, as is the case, your duties go beyond and within the office. I did not find you.

In terms of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 17, there is a lot of clarity. I am begging for your communication in regard to Sub-clause (2) and (3) of that Standing Order, particularly in regard to the following three issues, if you would permit.

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** On a point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** He is on a point of order.

**Hon. Kaluma:** The first issue is whether the House Business Committee (HBC) in the exercise of the functions under Standing Order No.17 can lawfully consider a notice from the Hon. Speaker that a member of the Chairperson’s Panel be removed without hearing the subject or affected Member.

Secondly, whether the HBC can consider, determine and resolve the matter of removal of a Member from the Chairperson’s Panel following a notice from the Hon. Speaker without resolution of the House on a Notice of Motion for replacement properly debated.

Third, if the first and second issues are in the affirmative, whether the provisions of the said Standing Order No. 17 are in consistent with and violate the subject Member’s right to fair hearing and fair administrative actions securely provided for under Articles 47 and 50 of the Constitution, and whether they violate the rules of natural justice and the rule of law which is a national value and principle of governance.

Hon. Speaker, that is the first matter on which I was begging your communication. It is a matter touching on a Member of the Speaker’s Panel of this honourable House. It concerns Hon. T.J. Kajwang’ but for purposes of my inquiries, I do not care about the subject. I am just begging for clarity of procedure by way of your communication. I have two clarifications. That is as far as the first one is concerned.

The second one is seeking your interpretation by way of communication on Standing Order No. 111.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kaluma, you have already written two letters.



**Hon. Kaluma:** Yes. I have confirmed Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** There is a proverbial story of a hyena that took two paths and somebody you know very well always gives the end result, if you follow two paths. If you are an ardent follower of that person, I am sure you know the answer.

Hon. Kaluma, having chosen to write two letters to the Speaker, it is unfair that you would want to canvass the matter in the plenary of the Chamber before you have received the response. Is it that you are waving or you are withdrawing the letters which are already in my office and which are now being considered?

You are either waving one--- I do not think I am being asked to revisit a decision that I have taken because that is similar to questioning the ruling of the Hon. Speaker. It is not possible. Unfortunately, these rules are grounded and I have just read the provisions of Article 124.

Specifically on the right of each House of Parliament to form committees and also the mandatory requirement that the Houses shall establish Standing Orders for the orderly conduct of business in the Houses and Committees.

I hope there is nothing that is found to be contradictory. This much talked about fair administrative action, is it supposed to do away with processes that the Houses of Parliament have given themselves? When the Chair or whoever it is directs that a Member is out of order, what fair administrative action is the Speaker or Chair of Committee expected to do if a Member is told he is out of order for obvious reasons. We cannot transform ourselves into the Judiciary. I am aware there are proposals to amend Article 165 of the Constitution. Of course, I am also alive to the national values which bind every State officer when interpreting the Constitution or dealing with matters that are provided for in the Constitution. There is nothing that should be seen to be mutually exclusive.

Perhaps, the best thing would be for me to write to you the same way you have done. Hon. Kaluma, I will write to you because you have already written to me. I have given instructions that I want to see the first draft of the response. I am sure in the course of next week, I will write back to you. This is not new. The Communication that I have just read here, for avoidance of doubt, traces some history. I wish to disclose to Hon. Kaluma and Members that I went through the same route he has taken today. I know the response. I did the same with slightly higher authority because I was the then Opposition Chief Whip. Therefore, I know the route you have taken is not very advisable but, having chosen it, it is therefore not open for you to come and raise the matter here. But because you chose it, I am certainly going to respond.

You have done well, Hon. Kaluma. The best that I can do is to respond in the manner that you have also chosen. I do not think we need to discuss this since it is already indicated in your letter. I just saw it when I went back to the office. You have sought my interpretation on Standing Order Nos. 17 and 111 but with regard to 176, it is clear. I will go beyond that and deal with this matter. I will go very deep in the response. For now, let us not deal with it. Hon. Kaluma, you have done justice to the course and everybody knows you have done your best.

Hon. Members, I hope the interventions here are not about this. I will not allow them. This cannot be debate. This House has its own rules. The Order Paper clearly shows the way we transact business. From Statements, we are going to Motions. I caution any more debate on this as out of order. There is no business before us. Hon. Kaluma has raised the matter and has also written to me. He is very clear and specific in his letter. I am giving an assurance that I will be replying to him. The matter must rest there.

**Hon. Okoth:** On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Okoth, is it about the same?

**Hon. Okoth:** Yes.

**Hon. Speaker:** No! We cannot open debate on it. There is no matter. Hon. Kaluma has already written a letter to me. Please, read your Standing Orders and understand how business is transacted in the House. There is an Order Paper. It cannot be that you have just come from Kibra and say there is something you want to raise. No. Give notice. There must be notice. You want the House to just begin discussing non-issues.

**Hon. Kimaru:** On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** What is your point of order?

**Hon. Kimaru:** Hon. Speaker. I stand under Standing Order No.108. I would like to invite you to name the following Members of Parliament for gross disorderly conduct. I wish to invite the Speaker to name Hon. T.J. Kajwang', Hon. Gladys Wanga, Hon. Simba Arati, Hon. Mbadi and Hon. Outa.

When His Excellency the President was addressing this House, according to the Constitution and rules of conduct of this House, those Members stood in this House and distracted the conduct of business. Their conduct was clearly disorderly. The fact that they were ordered out of this House does not stop a Member under Standing Order No.108 to stand and ask that they be named and shamed at the same time. Standing Order No.108 gives the prerogative to a Member to invite the Speaker to name another Member in this House. Therefore, given that their conduct degraded the status of this House; it disrupted and abused the very Standing Orders that guide us in conducting our business, I therefore, invite you, Hon. Speaker, to name those five Members.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I think it is fair to appreciate that the Standing Orders are meant for orderly conduct of business. In the wisdom of the framers of these Standing Orders, they provided as follows: For punishment, if you look at Standing Order No.107(2) it states:-

“The Speaker or the Chairperson of Committees shall order any Member whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the precincts of the Assembly-

- (a) on the first occasion, for the remainder of that day's sitting;
- (b) on the second or subsequent occasion during the same session, for a maximum of three sitting days, including the day of suspension.”

Hon. Members, there is a principle in law known as “suffering double jeopardy.” The Speaker, applying Standing Order No.107, notwithstanding what any other person's perception may be, the offences are subsequently shown in 107(1):-

“(1) Conduct is grossly disorderly if the Member concerned -

- (a) creates actual disorder;
- (b) knowingly raises a false point or order;
- (c) uses or threatens violence against a Member or other person;
- (d) persists in making serious allegations without, in the Speaker's opinion, adequate substantiation;
- (e) otherwise abuses his or her privileges;

- (f) deliberately gives false information to the House;
- (g) votes more than once in breach of these Standing Orders;
- (h) commits any serious breach of these Standing Orders; or,
- (i) acts in any other way to the serious detriment of the dignity or orderly procedure of the House.”

In all those cases, including all the others, the punishment prescribed in these Standing Orders by our predecessor House, the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament of gentlemen and gentlewomen is this way:-

“Suspension for the remainder of the day.”

If for whatever reason or the other, the House thinks this is not enough, it is upon the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament to make amendments to this. The decision to name a Member, even notwithstanding the request by Hon. Kimaru, is still vested with the Speaker. Having applied my mind to the circumstances of that day, it is my view that the Members proposed to be named were adequately dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 107 and as now, naming them afresh will be subjecting them to double jeopardy. For us to continue, I consider it fair that what happened on that day remains sufficient.

Thank you, Hon. Members.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kimaru.

**Hon. Kimaru:** Hon. Speaker, I would consider my Motion today to take the shape of an appeal, where once somebody has been sentenced, on appeal, you can ask for the sentence to be enhanced if they were not sufficiently punished. My Motion was in the form of an appeal to enhance the punishment.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, unfortunately your own Standing Orders do not provide that appeal mechanism unless you want the Speaker to ignore the specific provisions of Standing Order Nos. 107, 108, 110 and 111, and go to Standing Order No. 1 which only applies in very exceptional circumstances. I understand the feeling of many of you but we have a healing process and the 10 days short recess should have provided a sufficient time to heal. It will be fair. Hon. Kimaru, I appreciate your concern, but I have not been given authority to deal with a matter on appeal. If I started doing that, then Members will be at liberty to raise other appeals even where the Speaker has conclusively ruled. That is because we do not have an upper House to which an appeal can be made. Let us be contented. I feel that the Members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament, who provided these mild penalties, considered that the House is a House of honourable Members and they will not behave dishonorably. Sometimes, it is good to leave some of these things to the conscience of respective Members, but in appropriate public admonition.

Next Order!

## MOTION

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

THAT, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President delivered on Thursday, March 31, 2016.

*(Hon. A. B. Duale on 13.4.2016)*

*(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 14.4.2016 – Morning Sitting)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Suleiman Murunga, I am told you have a balance of three minutes.

**Hon. Member:** He is not in.

**Hon. Speaker:** His balance is forfeited. Hon. Melly.

**Hon. Melly:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to thank the President and note that the State of the Nation Address that the President delivered before Parliament was excellent. He tabled what the Jubilee Manifesto has put forward. I would like to state that what was before us during the President's Address in this House indicated what the Government has done in the last three years.

With regard to electrification in this country, when I took over as a Member of Parliament, many areas had no power connection. But with the electrification of schools under the last mile, over 100 centres have been connected with electricity. This is attributed to the good work that is being done by the Jubilee Government.

I would also like to acknowledge what the Jubilee Government has done in improving security. Previously, the police force had difficulties in moving across the country because of lack of vehicles. The Government has done a lot. In my county, we have received over 3,000 vehicles and four in my constituency. This has enhanced the movement of security officers and patrolling our volatile border to contain cattle rustling and maintain law and order. I want to note that insecurity has been a problem, especially in growing our economy. You realise that across the frontier districts, the Government has provided a large pool of vehicles and this has promoted cohesion and security of the whole nation.

I would like to thank the Government, especially on the education sector. I thank the President because of the increase of capitation to schools from Kshs10,025 to over Kshs12,000. This has lessened the burden of school fees on parents, especially the new policy where exam fees have been waived.

The Government has done a lot, especially on the laptop and *Tusome* programmes, which are being rolled out. The programmes have improved the reading culture amongst students and improved the education standards in this country. The Government has done a lot in the health sector. The President said it here very clearly. Members are aware that today, our mothers can walk to any hospital in the constituencies and deliver babies free of charge. However, that facility has not benefitted people in my county because of mismanagement by the county government. Nandi County has poor health facilities. The doctors are on strike. Health services are very poor. The national Government needs to intervene to ensure that our residents enjoy that free service. In fact, the Government went on to provide free medical equipment to many of our hospitals. Congestion at our referral hospitals in Eldoret and Nairobi has reduced.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Cecily Mbarire.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbarire:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to contribute to the Motion on the Presidential Address. It was an address that gave hope to Kenyans in the

midst of very many challenges. Despite what happened on that day and the efforts by some misguided Members to disrupt that important day, we are glad that we got a chance to know exactly what the Government has been able to do, the miles that we have gained as a nation and the Government's plan for the future.

We are happy with the growth that has happened in the security docket. We have increased the number of police officers to 30,000 since 2013. That is a big achievement, considering that, that did not happen in five years during the previous regime. One of the biggest challenges that have faced the National Police Service has been lack of equipment and vehicles to move officers from one place to another when they were required at short notice. We are glad that 3,000 police vehicles have been procured since the Jubilee Government came into power. We also have specialised equipment and body armour for police officers. We know that even choppers have been bought to facilitate the swift movement of police officers, especially in response to matters that affect communities in far-flung areas of this country.

We are also glad that the communication system has been improved and now surveillance centres are operational in Nairobi and Mombasa. We are sure that this will help, especially in police response to distress calls. I am also glad to see that the police force has a health insurance cover, and that the police housing scheme has begun. This will enable our police officers to live in better conditions. Their families will also be taken care of, and they will be better remunerated than before.

The much talked about police forensic laboratory, which we were assured of, is almost complete. This is great news to Kenyans. We know that many cases have been thrown out of court for lack of proper investigation and evidence. Therefore, this is a matter that needs to be put to rest so that Kenyans can get justice when they have matters before the Judiciary.

Let me also contribute to the issue of education. We know that examination fees have been scrapped by the Jubilee Government. There is no doubt in my mind that this is a big relief to parents and Members of Parliament. We are all aware that around the month of February, many Members would get lots of requests from parents who could not afford to pay Kshs4,500 for examination fee. I applaud this.

We are also very glad with the electricity project that has connected 22,000 primary schools to electricity across the country. I have heard many people asking what the Jubilee Government has done. This has never happened in the history of Kenya. This is something that all of us should be glad about, especially Members of Parliament; because connection of electricity to primary schools means that the laboratory projects that we were assured would be piloted in 150 primary schools will take off. It is good for us because many other neighbours around the school will get electricity.

We are very happy about the technical training institutes that are being built across the country. Runyenjes Constituency was among the top 54 beneficiaries.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me remind you of a Motion that you passed on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Among the many Procedural Motions which you passed was that debate on the Motion on address by the President shall be limited to not more than five minutes for each Member speaking. I reminded the House yesterday. So, please, organise yourself to say what you must say within five minutes. It is for that reason that I said yesterday that we should not interrupt one another so that a Member is able to say what he or she had planned to say. However unpalatable it may sound in your ears, just bear with the Members because it is only five minutes. I noticed that Hon. Mbarire was shocked that her time was over.

Christopher Omulele.

**Hon. Omulele:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to contribute to the Motion on the Presidential Address that was delivered to this House.

First of all, it is true that many things have happened in this country. I want to agree with the President. I have been a witness to the work that has been done, like the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). This is one of the things that will change the way this country progresses economically and socially.

I have a lot of reservations on the way we conduct the affairs of this country. I would like the President to know that on the day he was addressing us, some Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) officers were out somewhere in Kitengela killing a talismanic lion known as Mohawk. They shot the lion dead because they did not have tranquilisers.

The Kenya Wildlife Service is mandated in this country to take care of our wildlife, including the lions. Our President told us that our tourism industry is expanding. He informed us that our hotels are now teeming with tourists. The tourists come to this country to see a lion such as Mohawk, but on this day, our officers who we have given authority and mandate to safeguard the animals, killed that animal. They shot that animal and it was broadcasted live to the whole world. That was ironical and satirical. The guardians and the people we have given custody of our coffers are the very people who, on a daily basis, steal from them. We wake up every day to shocking revelations in our newspapers of how banker so and so or officer so and so has taken away the resources that we have entrusted in their hands to safeguard and use to uplift the lives of the people of Kenya.

These are the things that we, as Kenyans, feel that our President needs to take charge of. For me, the killing of that lion spoke in a loud way telling me that, as Kenyans, we need to be more careful. We need to safeguard the resources we have. The President must take charge and make sure that the resources that Kenyans put together through hard work and a lot of sweat must be safeguarded by the people that he entrusts with those offices. I do not say this because I want to oppose the President. I recognise that he is the Head of our State. It is my duty to stand here and tell my emperor when he is naked: "Emperor, in this area, you are naked."

I say this because I know that in this country, probably only 10,000 companies pay taxes. I know that we have less than 6,000 large taxpayers. I expected my President to explain to me how we are going to expand the tax bracket so that many more Kenyans pay taxes and we collect those taxes and safeguard them to make sure that they serve the purpose that Kenyans have entrusted our State to do for them.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rest my case.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jamleck Kamau.

**Hon. Kamau:** Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I thank you for giving me this opportunity. I stand here to support the President on his Speech. Before I talk about the issues that were contained in the Speech I, first of all, castigate the chaos that erupted in this House on that particular day. It is childish and should never be seen again in this House. It is wrong. I am happy that action was taken then. I hope it will forestall that from happening in the future.

I am equally disappointed and not happy at all because of the allegations that have been made by some Members in this House against the Jubilee Administration. Some of the allegations border on hate. The allegation that the Jubilee Government only appoints members from their communities is totally unfounded. Thirteen members of the 18 in Cabinet are not from Central or Rift Valley Regions. That cannot mean that Jubilee is appointing their members.

Let us compare the Grand Coalition Government and the Jubilee Government. You will see who can actually be accused not only of favouritism and tribalism, but also of nepotism. I have researched and I have quite a number of things that I have seen here that will shock this House and Kenyans. Sitting with us here is a good friend of mine called Hon. (Dr.) Oburu Odinga. He was appointed an Assistant Minister in the Grand Coalition Government. We all know who Dr. Oburu Odinga is to the former Prime Minister.

Sitting here in the same House is Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo, who was appointed the Chief Whip of the Coalition Government. We all know who Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo is to the former Prime Minister. As we speak right now, we all know one Akinyi Wenwa, who was appointed as a diplomat in Los Angeles in the United States of America (USA). We all know that Akinyi is Rails's sister. This goes without saying.

Beryl Ochieng was appointed to chair the Railway Workers Pension Board. We all know that that is another sister of the former Prime Minister. I am talking facts. Look at another gentleman called Elkana Odembo. We all know that Elkana Odembo, who was an ambassador in the USA, is Hon. Jakoyo's brother-in-law. We are talking facts the way they are. Another gentleman, Paul Godi, who is also an in-law of the former Prime Minister was appointed the Executive Chairman of the Geothermal Development Company.

I am talking about the issues that are there. There is a gentleman called Joe Agal. I am sure members know him. He is a cousin of the former Prime Minister. He was appointed a senior officer of the Kenya Power and Lighting Company. The list is endless. I can go on and on to mention a gentleman who was in the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) Board called James Ogundo. That is another close relative of the former Prime Minister. A final good example is when the former Prime Minister named Professor Jacqueline Oduol Secretary for Children Affairs. That lady is married to Raila Odinga's uncle in Kaka sub-clan. We all know that.

So when you try to compare the Jubilee Government and the Grand Coalition Government, specifically the *nusu mkate* from that side, we all know clearly where we are talking from. It is totally wrong for members to come here and castigate the Jubilee Government before they even look and remove the peck in their own eyes. There are so many things we can talk about on this issue. However, because of time, I will go to the issue of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Just the other day, when the case of our Deputy President collapsed at the ICC, the former Prime Minister congratulated William Ruto and said that the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) was not involved in the post-election violence because the Deputy President, who was then one of their own in ODM, has been removed. It is clear that ODM is not and has never been William Ruto. It is clear who has always been ODM all along from then to now. The worst bit is that after talking about this issue of William Ruto as his brother who has been removed and he is happy, somebody goes to France and says that he is very annoyed that those people were removed. It is clear now who was behind the ICC and who wanted those people to be jailed for their own selfish interests. These are issues that we all must see with a naked eye because, at the end of the day, we can all see and tell Kenyans where we are then and now.

Finally, I will highlight on the frustrations at the Judiciary. When the President was addressing this House, you could read the frustrations that he has - that the Judiciary is not doing its work as it should. Clearly, when you look at the Judiciary, there are 360 corruption cases in court and none has been determined up to this minute. We wonder what the Judiciary is doing. Those people who have been taken to court run to court again to ask for injunctions and they are

granted. There is one institution called the Judiciary that is not helping us at all in fighting corruption.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me that opportunity.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Michael Onyura.

**Hon. Onyura:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me a chance to also make my comments on the President's Address.

We have many challenges and when we talk about them, it is because we are concerned; it is because these are the issues that we pick up from the people that we represent. It is not pointing them for the sake of it. It is not political sport as was mentioned somewhere. These are real issues of concern.

We have many challenges in the economy. I have not seen from this Speech how Kenyans are going to be empowered so that they can improve their economic status. We have a serious problem of unemployment. Going through this Speech, the practical and clear steps that are going to be taken to deal with the issue of unemployment do not come out clearly. There are two issues in this country which, if not addressed seriously, could bring this country down: That is massive corruption and unemployment. We have such large scale unemployment among our youth. You find hordes and hordes of youth, looking able and ready to work, but they are unable to get engagement. I think those are the major issues that we need to address.

On youth programmes, I have been looking through this Speech to see any specific and clear youth programmes, be it in sports or in the *boda boda* industry that is employing a lot of youths now. We do not see any clear way or developing programmes that would involve our youth.

Anybody who says that the health sector in this country is working well must be living in another planet. Go to any hospitals, there are no medicines. They are understaffed and the employees are demoralised. So, the health sector is not working. Even the free maternity programme has wrangles all over. We do not know who is saying the truth. The national Government says it has released money, but the county governments say they have not seen that money. Somebody needs to tell us what is happening in that area.

We have also been reading about crippling debts. In fact, what I saw in the Press today is very alarming; that we are now running into trillions of shillings in debt when our Budget is not even Kshs2 trillion. I think that is a very worrying thing. The issue of ethnicity and tribalism is real. I hope that the Member who just mentioned some lists will bring lists that cover all who-is-who in this country, and not just a selective list focusing on one person.

Hon. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kipruto Barchilei.

**Hon. Barchilei:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to add my voice on the advancement of the Jubilee Government. I want to thank the Government for showing commitment to this country. We have seen many things that have been done by this Government. One of them is the SGR, which has never been done by any Government since the creation of the world.

As the President was delivering his Speech, there was primitive behaviour which was witnessed in this Parliament. I urge my colleagues to note that we are in the digital generation where we do not need to blow whistles literally. This is the era we need to appreciate what is happening.



The President has shown commitment in improving the health sector. The President told us that in 2013, we had about 44 dialysis machines in the referral hospitals. Now, he has assured us that towards the end of this year, we will have around 289 dialysis machines. We are eagerly waiting for the machines in the referral hospitals, especially at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH), which serves a wider area of Kenya.

On security, we have seen additional vehicles. In my constituency, vehicles have been provided at Moi's Bridge, Soi and Eldoret police stations where we had problems with the movement of security officers.

On the energy sector, we had around 514.9 megawatts and now we have 634 megawatts. That has enhanced the connectivity of electricity around this nation and, especially primary schools, which are about 80 per cent connected.

I want to laud the President for showing that he is able to manage this country, despite the few challenges here and there from some people whose intention is not to work for the advancement of this country; those people who are happy to see this country regressing.

In terms of infrastructure, we have seen roads that have been re-carpeted. I have one in my constituency, from Eldoret towards the end of Uasin Gishu County to Trans Nzoia. I believe that road is heading to Lodwar and other parts of the country. Therefore, it is very wrong to hear someone saying nothing is going on in this country. The state of the nation is improving. Something is happening in this country.

As Members of Parliament, this Parliament being an organ of Government, it is also our duty to help the President to govern this country. It is not the duty of the President alone. It is the duty of everyone to ensure that this country advances in terms of development. Whenever good things happen, it is good to be very sincere. Let us not be liars. I understand that we are leaders who are chosen by God. Therefore, if you lie that the President has done nothing to this country, you are lying to yourself and, in fact, you are risking your seat. Let us be genuine. The President has done a lot for this country. We hope for the best. He is going to deliver what he has promised.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mark Lomunokol.

**Hon. Lomunokol:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I want to allude to the fact that the President was very clear and elaborate in his Speech. As a nation, we were very eager to hear or get informed by our President. It came at the right time, when the nation was ready to listen to him.

Hon. Speaker, to say the truth, this Government has tried, especially on matters of security. When we were elected, we witnessed a number of attacks to a level where the country was terrified. We got scared of *Al Shabaab* because of the frequent attacks in the Coastal Region, Nairobi and many other places. Even the Christian faithfuls had to forego attending church services because those were the target places. As we speak, there is a very strong presence of police in our country. It is because this Government has allowed 30,000 additional police personnel to be recruited. The many police vehicles we see around the country and my place which was forgotten by all the Governments has made the security better. The police officers in Kacheliba are able to transact their business comfortably because they are facilitated and have reliable cars.

Another point on this is the level of corruption in the police force, which the President has fought. Citing the recently concluded police recruitment, the people of Kacheliba witnessed fairness in the recruitment of police. There were no complaints.

Putting ourselves in the President's shoes, we also have our challenges as Members of Parliament. Much as we criticise, we ought to look at the positives that the President has done. I am sure our score cards will fall below what the President will score if we were to be checked.

I must also thank the Jubilee Administration for scrapping examination fees. This has enabled children from poor families to access education. My plea on this is that this Government considers scrapping even the school fees in future. It is one part that still hinders access to education by all.

I also appreciate the President's commitment to credible elections. This has been witnessed in the recent concluded elections. We saw one in Kajiado Central Constituency and Malindi where Jubilee candidates lost. Because this is the Government that promotes democracy, they conceded defeat. That is a way to demonstrate that democracy must prevail. Going forward, the Government should ensure that there is continuous voter registration. That will enhance free and fair elections in the forthcoming elections.

Looking at infrastructure which includes roads and housing, this Government has tried.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. John Waluke.

**Hon. Koyi:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. I just want to say that we are not going to incite the public against the leadership of this country, as leaders of this country. This country is ours. People elected us to have peace in the country. We need to respect the leadership, especially the President and his deputy. As Members of Parliament, if we continue with things like blowing whistles which I witnessed on that day, that does not take this country anywhere. We want peace. If the President or the leadership of this country has a problem, we have a chance to talk to him or his deputy. He can listen to us. Even if we call him here, he will come and talk to us as Members of Parliament. Making noise to the President or the leadership of this country is something I condemn.

*(Applause)*

I urge my colleagues that, that is not the way even if we are in the Opposition. They are here listening to me and seeing me talk from wherever they are. It was not good. The security of this country is for all of us. It is you and me. As a leader, I can see there is improvement from where I come. I have received nine vehicles in my district. If they have done well, let us appreciate them and they will improve on where they have failed.

We need the President to put up his efforts for the remaining months to make sure that the development of this country is in every constituency, district and everywhere. He is human like me, you and any other Member of Parliament, Senator or whoever. He or I can make mistakes. We can talk. Let us have dialogue for the betterment of this country and not making noise to each other like we witnessed. Our people who elected us are watching and looking at what we do every day. That is not to please somebody by bending low for somebody to do something for you.

As Members are saying, the cake of this country is not distributed properly. I am sure the leadership is listening and that is why they are making corrections every day. If they appointed

Cabinet Secretaries (CSs) from one or two tribes last time, they have spread it to give a slot to almost every area of this country. That is what I have seen.

Let us be sober as Members of Parliament. Let us have respect because tomorrow it is going to be you who will be elected. It may be somebody from our side - which is the Opposition - who will be elected the President of this country. They will also need respect. Let us respect the President, the Deputy President and others who are in the leadership of this country. That is so that we are respected next time we are elected. That cannot be by making noise and blowing whistles. It was very shameful for Members of Parliament to come to Parliament with whistles. That was not a good thing. As the Opposition, let us stop that behaviour and approach the matter soberly.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Asman Kamama.

**Hon. Abongotum:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to thank His Excellency the President for delivering a Speech that was lauded by everybody, including leaders in Africa. The state of our nation is vibrant, stable and on a correct economic trajectory. It is not the way my friend, Hon. Midiwo stated yesterday that, the state of this nation is not good.

The State is vibrant, united and is doing very well in terms of the economy. I will give the Jubilee Government a score of “A” on the issue of SGR. I will give “A” in terms of the implementation of road projects. The health sector is vibrant and doing well. The energy sector is also doing very well. We were able to add 632 megawatts to the national grid. This is unprecedented. It has never happened in this country. Those who have information to the contrary can bring it forth.

Hon. Speaker, the implementation of devolution is a grand success. This is the first President to implement devolution. So far, this Government has managed to disburse over Kshs620 billion to counties. Of course, you know what the governors are doing with that money. They are buying fleets of cars, chase cars and those kinds of things. There is a lot of corruption. On the issue of cash transfers, this Government has managed to transfer money to 700,000 households through the welfare system. This is grand success. The *nusu mkate* Government did not even go closer to what the Jubilee Government is doing. Of course the *nusu mkate* was Kibaki’s and Hon. Raila’s Government. They did not even try. This Government has managed to give out 2.4 million titles. This is unprecedented.

Huduma Centres got an international award as the best way of managing business of serving *wananchi* in this continent. This is a grand success because it serves over 35,000 Kenyans on a daily basis. This is unprecedented. I would give the Jubilee Government an “A” in those specific areas. Because of the good performance of our President, we were blessed with the visit of the President of America who is the first Kenyan American President; President Obama. This has never been witnessed. The Pope also came to this country and he prayed for the President and this nation. I am sure through the Pope’s prayers, in 2017 or 2018, this President will form the next Government. For the first time, we got the World Trade Organisation (WTO) conference. It has never happened before. In a nutshell, I want to say that security, because I am the Chair of this nation, is okay. We have done very well. Terrorism has gone down substantially. We are on the correct trajectory.

Lastly is the issue of corruption. The President made sure that 360 people are taken to court. Which President has ever tried this? Even the *nusu mkate* Government did not attempt to do this. In fact, a third of his Cabinet went home. This President has done very well. I am sure

that even the Opposition is convinced that this is the Government to watch and it is the Government of the future.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Kimani Njuguna. Members, please, I encourage you not to bother coming to check here. You appreciate that I know how to allocate time. I know you are on top there and so, you do not need to check. I can see you checking. You do not know that you are the one on top.

Proceed.

**Hon. H.K. Njuguna:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to add my voice to this President's Address. I know this issue has been talked over again and again by Members. I want to bring the attention of the Members to Article 1(1) and (2) of the Constitution that talks about the sovereign authority of the Republic being vested in the people. The people of Kenya can exercise that authority either directly or through their elected representatives. Elected leaders, therefore, exercise that authority as delegated by the people.

When Hon. Members here whistle in the House and shout down the President, they are not shouting down the President *per se*. They are shouting down the sovereign and the ultimate authority of the Kenyan people. That should be condemned because it is very unfair. It is an abuse to the Kenyan people. However, that said, I would like to say that leadership is very challenging. We are all elected leaders and we know how much we do and what we do out there in the constituencies. You still find people not appreciating. As I sat here, I remembered the great story of Moses in the Bible, after doing all he did and what happened thereafter. When there are good contributions by the leadership in this country, it is good to accept. Even when we criticise, we do it constructively. For instance on infrastructure, when you talk about roads, it is true roads here have been constructed. When the Government took over, there were only about 2 million households connected to the national grid. Now we have about 4 million households connected to the national grid. We are talking about the health sector - Level 4 and 5 hospitals. Now, they have been equipped. We have been talking about education. The President talked about agriculture and how we are going to waive levies on coffee and tea. We would wish other levies also to be brought down.

He talked about the independent security system now in this country. We know that over the last years, we have recruited over 20,000 police officers. We have increased vehicles; not to mention the security surveillance cameras that we are seeing all over. There are good things that this Government has done. The President also admitted the challenges.

Personally, I would like to address the challenge of corruption. There is an admission that if there is any serious issue in this country, it is corruption. It is endemic. The EACC perception survey of 2014/2015 talked about 30 per cent of gross procurement in this country being washed away by corruption. When you talk of Kshs1.4 trillion, 30 per cent of that is about Kshs700 billion. Think of how much Kshs700 billion can do to this country and you will understand the extent of this vice.

When we were in the second liberation in this country, we fought to have a sound legal framework and institutions to govern sound management of public resources. We put into place such statutes like the Economic Crimes Act, Public Procurement and Disposal Act and Public Officer Ethics Act. The climax of this was the Constitution of 2010. The question is: After all this sound legal framework and institutions, what has happened to this country when you talk about runaway corruption in the form of the scandals that we have had like the NYS and the

Youth Fund? On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014, the Director of Public Prosecutions released a list of 89 high profile cases and they were all touching on procurement. Recently, we saw the collapse of some banks. These are economic crimes because when depositors lose money, this is a serious matter.

As a way forward, we need to think very seriously of how we can bring down corruption to manageable levels. We know it is not possible to have zero levels of corruption, but we can manage it to a single digit like the way we manage inflation.

I support this Presidential Speech.

**Hon. (Ms.) Keraa:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me the opportunity to comment on the State of the Nation Address. The nation has achieved a lot and I do not want to criticise a lot. The President talked about the turbulence experienced in the 2007 post-election violence. There were IDPs left. In Kisii County where I come from, we have many IDPs there. The other day, they were lying at Uhuru Park. They wanted the President to address their issues of resettlement and compensation. The President should address the fact that they have not been settled and compensated.

Hon. Speaker, the President talked about domestic travel improvement which has been done. He spoke about airports among them Suneka Airstrip in Kisii County that it is at the stage of completion and yet it has not started. Therefore, the achievements have been done on one side. Kisii County is part of this nation. I would like to tell the President to do things in all parts of Kenya in equal measure.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Grace Kiptui, you have the Floor.

**Hon. (Ms.) Kiptui:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to add my voice to the President's Address on the State of the Nation. I will start by castigating the behaviour of some of our Members on that day. As leader, we all swore to uphold the constitutional provisions of this country. Respect is one of our values as a nation. It was very disturbing and degrading for some Members to disrupt the Head of State when he was performing a duty that is bestowed to him by the Constitution of this country. It is my plea and wish that we never see such disrespectful behaviour in future. It is not worthy of us as leaders. We should remember that we are role models to our people especially the youth.

Secondly, I want to talk about corruption practices bedevilling our country. The country is dependent on the money we collect as taxes. Our economy needs to be expanded more so that the deadly competition for the resources we collect from our taxes ceases so that we can have many sources of money. We all know in the rules of economics that when something is scarce, it is very expensive and people compete for it. Most of the things we see in procurement are as a result of passing the Budget of the country every July. We realise that there is a lot of competition. People go for tenders because they have learnt of other avenues of making money. In that respect we need to expand our economy faster.

The other thing about the Jubilee Government that is very encouraging is the devolution of some money to marginalised groups of this country; the women and the youth. The Uwezo Fund, the Youth Fund and the Women Development Enterprise Fund will go a long way to alleviate poverty among the marginalised groups. My plea is that the young people and women of this country should absorb this money. We would not like to see a situation where we budget for it, send it down to the grassroots and yet it is not absorbed. It is only in this country that I see a Government persuading people to take money that is very cheap and does not have interest.

Kenyans who have been targeted for the devolved funds should take advantage and remember that people will always not be persuaded to take money.

Finally, when the police were being recruited the other day, I saw a sea of young people who were looking for something to do to make their lives meaningful. We cannot absorb all of them. I propose that we do a lot of soul searching and export human capital from this country. We have too many educated people and yet we do not have enough jobs for them. They should be exported to other countries where their skills are required.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Or tell them to do self-sustaining jobs.

Hon. Members, let us remind the House that there are some Members who may have contributed to this Motion. I can see your names on the list here. Remember, even if I am not on the Chair, I normally observe the proceedings. So, those of you who spoke yesterday or in the morning please, for purposes of this Motion, you are spent. You are *functus officio*.

Hon. Raphael Letimalo. I am saying this because of Hon. Zainab Chidzuga.

**Hon. Letimalo:** Hon. Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to support the President's Speech given through the State of the Nation Address. In my view, I say with all fairness and honesty that Jubilee has performed well given the three-year period it has been in power, given the available resources and with a lot of expectations from Kenyans amidst challenges like terrorism. It has done well.

If you look at security, you will find that for those of us who come from cattle rustling prone areas, which pose insecurity, the Government has done well to contain insecurity. Besides the recruitment of 10,000 security officers annually, it has also procured motor vehicles and deployed them to hotspot areas and to, at least, all districts to the extent that whenever there is cattle rustling the security personnel are able to move fast and contain such a situation.

I would like this to be applied to the education sector. The Government has also done well in the education sector given the fact that it has supported infrastructure in schools and has increased capitation to all students nationally. The Government has also scrapped fees for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination (KCPE) and the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) candidates. However, the Government needs to procure motor vehicles to facilitate officers, specifically those from the Quality Assurance Department so that they can supervise what happens in schools and ensure the curriculum is followed and the syllabus is completed in time.

With regards to our concern for those who come from Arid and Semi-Arid Areas (ASALs), the Government can do a lot but the most critical thing is that by the end of the course, if the national performance is poor, it means that majority of the students will not transit to the next stage of education. Transition fell from primary to secondary education and from secondary to university and that affects majority of our students. So, that will improve if the Government can facilitate officers in the education sector.

We must also appreciate the initiative taken by the Government to connect power to schools from the national grid and to provide solar power to those that are far away from the national grid. Many schools have been connected with power ready for the laptop project.

We are also happy for the street lighting project which has been adopted by county governments. I appeal to my county government and my Governor, Mr. Mburu, to take this initiative and put street lights in Wamba Township and Archers Post so that the 24-hour economy can be realised and minimise insecurity.

I also want to appreciate the Government's commitment to devolution. The Government has given a lot of money to county governments, sustained the Free Primary Education (FPE) programme and employed teachers. However, the Kshs 6 billion shillings meant for Equilisation Fund should be fast-tracked and disbursed by the Government.

I appreciate the improved healthcare programme especially the free maternity programme. My appeal here is that even though the Government started equipping Level 5 Hospitals, it should consider mission hospitals. I am talking about Wamba Mission Hospital in Samburu East which has many facilities and operational theatres but is no longer getting support from the friends of Wamba. That hospital can be utilised because it has a nursing training school and nursing students should assist in provision of healthcare.

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us have Hon. Oner

**Hon. Ogalo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the President honouring his constitutional obligations.

**Hon. Speaker:** The Hon. Member seated next to you is messing with your microphone. Stop touching the buttons. Your microphone is on.

**Hon. Ogalo:** Thank you. The President's Speech was long but was very short in actual details that the people of Kenya expected the President to talk about when he comes to address Parliament. From paragraph one to 23, the President talked about the national covenant and nationhood, but he failed to say what he is doing about tribalism and ethnicity, nepotism and employment and inequitable access to public services. There are areas in this country where Class E roads are tarmacked. There are also areas in this country where Class A roads are not tarmacked. That cannot be in support of the covenant that the President is talking about.

From paragraph 24 to 66, the President has sought to give us a score on his record. From paragraph 24 to 51 there is no tangible record the President is talking about. There is nothing you can take home that the President has done for the three years he has been in office.

On paragraph 52, he has talked about the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). He claims that the SGR has created 27,000 jobs. I do not agree and I want to set this to strict proof. Those who are in the Government side should show us where the 27,000 jobs are. On paragraph 57, the President blatantly claims - I would say he lied in this House - that 3,000 kilometres of roads have been tarmacked in the past three years.

Hon. Speaker, 3,000 kilometres of road is like six Nairobi to Mombasa roads. You cannot build 3,000 Kilometer of roads in a country as small as Kenya and we are not seeing any diversions anywhere as we move around Kenya. I sit in the Departmental Committee on Lands and I move around this country a lot. There are no diversions and no road construction projects going on. This is a lie.

The President has gone ahead to mention, in paragraph 58, that he is doing Isinya-Ngong Road which is near Nairobi and we can all see it. There is no contractor on the road and it is in a pathetic state. Last time, the NTV crew went with cameras to that road and there were no contractors. There were poor youths filling up pot holes. This is a complete lie!

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Order Members, I gave instructions that nobody is going to be interrupted by way of point of order. Just swallow what he says. However bitter it may be and when you get your chance revert.

**Hon. Ogalo:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Add me 30 seconds. On paragraph 62, I concur with the President because Homa Bay Airport is still under construction. We get rained on when we land there. We expect the President to tell us how he is going to complete the airport. I concur with the President on what he says from paragraph 64 to 67.

On generation and distribution in the energy sector, I give a thumbs-up sign to the President. He has done well in this sector. From paragraph 67 to 77 on devolution, the President should not incite Kenyans against county governments. The roads in the county governments are the same as the roads in the national Government. He should remove the speck in his eye before he tries to remove one in another person's eye. The Kshs791 million was lost and that Cabinet Secretary (CS) is not in court.

From paragraph 78 to 91, the President talks about corruption and his frustration with the courts. He cannot expect courts to do his work because the President is the Executive. He has the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to investigate cases and have the right people prosecuted.

I will move on from paragraph 106 to 124 on Education and Information and Communications Technology (ICT). He lauded the education sector in Kenya but the cost of education has hampered the quest for Kenyans to go to school. This is due to unsustainable high cost of basic education. Teachers do not have morale to teach students because their welfare has been ignored by this administration. Exam cheating took place in this country in a massive scale. That cannot give credence to the education sector. I would have said more but time is short.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Just to remind Members, when you see the yellow light it means you have one minute. When you see the red light, you have 30 seconds. However, I have noticed a trend where you see the yellow light and you say with those few remarks, I conclude. This should not be the case. When you see the yellow light you have a full 60 seconds but when you see the red you have 30 seconds. So, that is when you begin winding. Let us proceed.

Hon. Jackson Rop, take the Floor.

**Hon. Rop:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I join my colleagues in thanking His Excellency the President for the wonderful Speech that he made in this House.

The Jubilee Government has done a lot. I agree with the Members who have contributed here that this is a Government that has implemented the new Constitution because the Coalition Government only promulgated the Constitution. The Government that has implemented the Constitution is the Jubilee Government. As a result, we have devolution that is now felt all over the country.

I agree with the President that he has worked round the clock to see to it that devolution is a successful story. Billions of shillings have been devolved to county units and as a result of that we are seeing enormous development in respective counties. From paragraph one to 23, the President talked a lot about the covenant of nationalism. We need to have unity of intent. We need to be patriotic enough, have a united and peaceful country.

I urge Hon. Members that we should demonstrate the efforts of the President even when we are seated here. That day, I felt I should not be called an honourable Member. This is because it hurts when we are here and are expected to be people of dignity and yet we are whistling and disrupting the Presidential Address which is a constitutional mandate.



I urge Hon. Members to mature so that whenever we are in this House, we have the opportunity to interrogate the issues the President has raised. We can disagree with the President or agree with him. The President is very humble. I looked at him on that day and concluded that we have a very humble President who is understanding and very patient. I thank Him. In his Speech, he mentioned the areas of achievement. Among them he urged the media to give sensitive and informative information and use the reports to build this nation and not destroy it. I agree with him that the media plays a major role in this country. He also touched on health issues. We have all these terminal diseases and our patients have been coming all the way to Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH). Now, facilities have been improved in all Level 4 and 5 hospitals across the country in every county. Now, patients do not have to come to the KNH. They can get treatment for cancer and other terminal diseases right in their respective counties.

The President also touched on the issue of cash transfer which has helped a great deal across the country. Over several households are now getting support for orphans, elderly and persons with disability. The Jubilee Government is concerned with its people. There is also the issue of new Technical Training Institutes (TTIs). We require technical skills so that we can move towards Vision 2030. We cannot attain Vision 2030 without having experts in various areas. As we are speaking several technical institutes are coming up in all the constituencies across the country regardless of being in the opposition or Jubilee side. The TTIs are being constructed in all parts of the country. I am happy that even in my constituency one will be operational soon.

There is also the issue of the agricultural sector. I am happy the President has formed a task force that will look into issues of prices especially in the coffee sector. I believe that farmers in my constituencies will really enjoy the levies that have been removed by His Excellency the President.

With those few remarks, Hon. Speaker, I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Shakila Abdalla, take the Floor.

**Hon. (Ms.) Shakila Mohamed:** Asante sana, Mhe. Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi kuchangia Hotuba ya Rais. Ningependa kutoa pongezi kwa kazi nzuri ambayo Rais anafanya nchini mwetu. Vile vile ninachukua nafasi hii kuongea machache ambayo pengine angefanya zaidi.

Ninataka nianze na ugaidi. Ugaidi uko ulimwengu mzima na hatuwezi kusema ni shida inayokabili Kenya pekee. Kama nchi ikiwa tumeamua kupambana na ugaidi basi kuna umuhimu Serikali ijipange. Hii ni kwa sababu mapambano na magaidi yanataka mbinu, maarifa na silaha kabambe. Ikiwa nchi imeamua kwenda vita Somalia kuna umuhimu ipeleke wale wanajeshi ambao wanaujuzi na vifaa vya vita. Kupeleka vijana wadogo ambao wametoka kwenye masomo kupambana dhidi ya magaidi ni njia ya kumaliza vijana wetu Kenya.

Tunataka Serikali iache na ikome kwenda kumaliza vijana wetu na badala yake ipeleke wanajeshi ambayo wamebobeza kwenye jeshi na wanaujuzi na mbinu za kupigana vita pamoja na vifaa vya vita ili tuone tutafikia wapi katika janga hili ambalo tumejiingiza kama nchi. Ni masitikiko makubwa kuona vijana wetu ambao wanaaza maisha kama wanajeshi na hata kabla ya kupata ujuzi wanasukumwa kwenda kuuawa bila wao kuanza maisha. Wanawacha familia zao changa na wake zao ambao pengine ni wajawazito bila msaada wowote.

Nikiongezea mambo ya ufisadi, tunamshukuru Mhe. Rais. Amejaribu lakini kusema kwamba amewaambia Mawaziri asilimia thelathini wakae kando si kukemea ufisadi. Hata mimi kama nimeiba mamilioni ya pesa na niambiwe nikae kando, nitafurahi kwa sababu hakuna hatua yoyote itachukuliwa. Tunataka kuona Serikali ikichukua hatua na kupambana na ufisadi.

Tunataka kuona watu wakiwekwa korokoroni na mali ya Serikali ikirejeshwe ndio tujue kweli Serikali imeamua kupambana na ufisadi kwa vitendo na si kwa maneno.

Nikiongea kuhusu barabara, ni kweli Rais alisema atatengeneza barabara kilometa 10,000 na tayari ametengeneza kilometa 3,000. Tunajua kuna sehemu nchini ambazo kuanzia Uhuru hazijaona hata kilometa moja ya lami kama Lamu. Rais alikuja Lamu na kusema ataweka barabara baada ya miezi miwili. Mpaka leo hatujaona dalili yoyote wala kwa Hotuba yake hakuongea chochote kuhusu barabara ya Lamu. Tunaona hizo ni mbinu za sianza za kutaka sisi tunyamaze wakati maendeleo yanaenda sehemu zingine.

Nikiongezea mambo ya pesa ambazo wanasema zimefika mashinani, kweli kuna pesa mashinani lakini ziko na masharti mengi sana haswa pesa za vijana na akina mama. Zina masharti na unapata hizo pesa hazivasaidii wale ambao zinalenga. Mara nyingi zinarudi huku juu na kuporwa kwa njia ya ufisadi. Wananchi kwa shida nyingi wanaenda kwa benki kutafuta mikopo ili wajisaidia. Benki nazo ndizo hizo zinahitaji dhamana. Ukienda kwa benki kuchukuwa mkopo unaambiwa uweke dhamana---

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. John Nakara.

**Hon. Nakara:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute to the speech by His Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta. One of the things that the President demonstrated on that day was humility. After being echoed by the *firimbi* group, the President showed maturity and humility to withstand all those *firimbis*. When I got out of this House I met common *wananchi* along the streets who were giving positive comments on the humility of the President. By withstanding such humiliation I am telling you His Excellency worn the battle and got more votes.

I want to comment on the issue of network. His Excellency said that 167 sub-locations have not yet received network. Most of these sub-locations are in ASAL counties, especially the pastoralist areas like Turkana and Samburu. We appeal to the Government to encourage these networks because they will minimize raids and communication and connections will be very easy between ASAL counties and other parts of this country.

On the issue of corruption, all of us are against this enemy because it has denied many people opportunities to prosper or excel in their businesses. There is one thing that all of us need to challenge ourselves. The institutions that were created in this country to deal with such problems are not working. We are not going to blame the President because he can recommend to the institutions that are supposed to prosecute or take these people to the court but these institutions fail this country.

We want this institution to be worked on; we want to replace people who are there with new people who are not corrupt and those who have not known ways of stealing. We are all responsible in assisting the President eliminate corruption in this country.

On roads, we are grateful because the Jubilee government has tried. In Turkana County, we have only experience about five/six kilometres that the county government has constructed within Lodwar Town. The main road connecting us to other places, the Kitale-Lodwar Road is in a pathetic condition. Passengers are now paying Kshs3,000 up from Kshs500 because the owners of the buses are now saying that the road is not good and it is true. This is because after every trip, they have to repair and maintain their vehicles. We are appealing to the Government of Kenya to consider that road.

His Excellency, the President accompanied by his Deputy came to Turkana. They used the road from Lokichar, Turkana South to Lodwar and I remember the Deputy President said;

“hii barabara yenu ni kama ya kwenda mbinguni,” and barabara ya kwenda mbinguni ni nyembamba na ni wachache wataenda.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nakara, you are out of order! Please choose the language to debate in.

**Hon. Nakara:** I was quoting him.

**Hon. Speaker:** But you ended up explaining in Kiswahili.

**Hon. Nakara:** He spoke in Kiswahili. I want to appreciate the effort of the First Lady on maternal health because she has supported her husband. This country belongs to all of us. I want to quote His Excellency, who asked what our individual and collective responsibility is to the national covenant. We should make this country safe.

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Tiyah Galgallo.

**Hon. (Ms.) T. G. Ali:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. At the outset, I would like to say that what happened when the President came to give the State of the Nation Address was very shameful. Blowing whistles showed a lot of immaturity. I want to congratulate the Members of Parliament from the Jubilee side for being calm, mature and for not getting into the issues brought about by the Members from the Opposition. The speech was very good. For the first time in 50 years, the Jubilee administration has done what has never been done by any Government.

One, the biggest winners are women because we have had many appointments. Women have also benefited from the Uwezo Fund and the Women Enterprise Fund. The youth have also benefited from the Youth Fund. The economic empowerment of women is outstanding. Across ASAL counties, for example, Isiolo the uptake for the catalytic funds like the Uwezo Fund and Women Enterprise Fund have increased from Kshs7 million to Kshs27 million in three years. These areas have never accessed opportunities available in Government.

I would also like to thank the President for the response he gave on national elections. He clearly said that he is committed to credible election regardless of what is going on with the opposition. He said that he will stand with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) even if any by-election is won by the opposition or not. This Commission has been unfairly targeted by the opposition on issues of election. Every time the opposition loses elections, they blame the IEBC. The IEBC, having been there for almost two years is an independent and autonomous institution of this country. Election is very sensitive, takes a lot of energy and raises a lot of emotion. If there are issues, we should know where we need to correct them through legislations and policies and not bashing them right, left and centre because they also have rights of protection. I am happy that the President clearly said that he is committed and ready for credible election.

I want to comment on national security. In 2013, we had many issues on security but we are now safe. I think Kenya is one of the safest countries and I want to commend our Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government, and Kenyans for being alertness. Kenya is not the only country that has faced these issues but we have stood together as a country. We have been very cohesive and united.

I support.

**Hon. Speaker:** You have the Floor, Hon. John Kobado.

**Hon. Kobado:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this debate. Allow me to start imagining the reason we had interruptions before the President gave his Speech. I want to believe it was because of the inconsistencies in the promises that the

President has been giving before. You could read and predict what he was going to say. Albert Einstein once defined insanity as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

**Hon. Ichung'wah:** *(Inaudible)*

**Hon. Kobado:** Hon. Speaker, protect me from the Member for Kikuyu. The President's Speech lacked strategy because we expected to hear what they have achieved and what they are yet to achieve. He should have highlighted the strategies that are there to help them achieve that which has not been achieved. The only strategy they have is that of hope and Pope. Obama came and said that there is hope in Kenya and that they can deliver. The Pope prayed for Kenya. But hope and Pope cannot be a strategy. I am a Catholic and strongly believe in its faith but God will never provide food on the table unless we work. This Government has not delivered anything. We want to see a Government that works better and costs less. The cost of delivering services to Kenyans is more or less three times the cost of the service delivered.

Corruption is now a flagship strategy for the Jubilee administration. Something needs to be done because the country is bleeding. There is loss of confidence in this Government and unless something is done, this country will end up spiralling in unpredictable direction that will not lead us anywhere. We should work together as a nation.

Hon. Speaker, leaders are change agents. We need to bring the people together so that we can move together to make changes in this country. Success does not occur in a vacuum. You need people and people need you. You cannot do it alone. We need to walk together, as a country, without leaving behind some sections of this country. The President is not the President of the Jubilee Government supporters but the President of the Republic of Kenya. Therefore, the President needs people around him to tell him what is wrong. That is the process of feedback. If you do not get feedback, you cannot make adjustments. You cannot improve your performance if you do not get feedback. Feedback can come in many forms. It can come in the form of constructive criticism, picketing and whistle blowing in order for you to know that something is not right. That way, you will be able to adjust things and get back to the right path.

*[The Speaker (Hon. Muturi) left the Chair]*

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

We need to tell the Government that doing the right thing and doing something that is right are completely two different things.

*(Loud consultations)*

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, there is a lot of heckling from the hecklers. Heckling is even worse than blowing whistles.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): What did you say, Hon. Kobado?

**Hon. Kobado:** I am saying that there is a lot of heckling from the other side of the House. Heckling is even worse than whistle blowing!

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Kobado, that surprises me. You are out of order! You can only ask the Chair to make sure that the decibels are reasonable.

**Hon. Kobado:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I could not see you helping me. That is why I reacted that way.

In conclusion, this was a Speech which was full of nothing that is tangible.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Yes, Hon. Benard Bett.

**Hon. B.K. Bett:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the State of the Nation Address by His Excellency the President was a message of unity, progress and full of confidence and optimism. The security of a nation is a critical responsibility of any government. It was reassuring to note the impression and the efforts made by the Government to secure Kenyans. I was impressed to know that we have made great improvement, as Government, to increase the number of police personnel to 30,000. This is an achievement. If there is any person in this country who has not seen any achievement made by this Government, that person should know that an additional 30,000 police officers is an achievement. We have also increased the number of police vehicles. This has increased mobility of police officers and thus improved the security situation in our country.

We also have a new operation communications command and control surveillance centre, which in itself is an achievement. When we improve security, we boost investor confidence and expand the economy. This creates employment and wealth for the people.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, by scrapping the exam registration fees for the KCPE and the KCSE candidates the Jubilee Government has assisted a lot in reducing the dropout rates. This will increase the transition rates of students from primary school to secondary school and university. This is another tangible achievement that is felt by the common man across the country.

We also have all primary schools in Kenya connected to electricity. This is a real and tangible development project which has been undertaken by the Jubilee Government. The Hon. Members of this House who are claiming that the Jubilee Government has not achieved anything should tell us if this is not development. If this is not development, they should give us their definition of 'development'. We do not have to be experts in nuclear science to know what development is. We have achievements like the connection of electricity in all primary schools, security enhancements and establishment of technical training institutes across the country. The Jubilee Government has achieved a lot.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the President gave us a report from a global economic forum which shows that the quality of education in Kenya is ranked 30<sup>th</sup> globally and probably the first in Africa. That is a good report. Our teachers are hard working. They are doing well. That is why we are rated as the first in the continent. We should do something about the welfare and motivation of teachers. The teachers have been requesting the Government to review their welfare by increasing their salaries. I want to register my concern; that, our teachers are supposed to be paid well.

Devolution has been made successful by the Jubilee Government. We must appreciate that effort to ensure that devolution process is undertaken smoothly and timely. We are calling upon those who are given the mandate to run the counties to ensure that they do a good job---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Your time is over. Let us have Eng. Kiragu of Limuru.

**Hon. J.K. Chege:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to support the Motion on the President's Speech on the State of the Nation Address.

First, I want to thank the President for giving us an assurance that this country is well and stable. As we know, we have neighbouring countries like Somalia and other countries like Libya, Syria and Iraq, which were once stable but which today would not have a state of the nation address by their presidents, like we have had one in Kenya. This country has overcome the threat of terrorism. Recently, even European countries like France and Belgium suffered from terrorism. Therefore, we give the leadership of this country credit for making sure that this country is together.

We also want to thank the President's good leadership and ensuring that our economy is growing. Our economy is leading in the region. We have major projects like the SGR and the oil pipeline from Mombasa. These are not projects that are done by a country that is not performing well. On the SGR project, we have missed something. Over the years, we have depended on the Meter Gauge Railway (MGR). All the locomotives and wagons that are used on the MGR are special and expensive. They are expensive because they are only made for the MGR. When we complete the SGR, it means that this country can buy standard equipment, including the locomotives, wagons and coaches that are in use all over the world. We can even lease surplus vehicles from elsewhere and use them on the SGR line.

I know that power has increased in terms of generation and distribution. Security has also improved. I will give an example of my constituency, Limuru. Security improved since we were provided transport for the security personnel by this Government. We have seen an influx of investors in our area. When the Jubilee Government came in, we had only two industries. Today, we are proud to have more than 10 new industries which have created over 2,000 direct employment for our youth.

We know that ICT is the main drive of the economy. I am happy to report here that we have several incubation centres for our youth that the Government is putting in place. Yesterday, the President came to our area to launch the Mutarakwa-Thogoto road that has never been tarmacked since independence. This will change the economy and connectivity of our area. We know that this Government is committed to changing the welfare of our area. We want to make sure that people do not just look at their own areas. I have heard people say that this Government has only achieved Grade D. What have they achieved with the money they get as Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) if it is not Grade E? It is important for all of us to know that this country is for all of us and it is the duty of all of us to protect it.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Mwanyoha, take the Floor.

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Shukrani, Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Kwanza, ninataka kutoa masikitiko yangu kwa Bunge hili kwa sababu inaonekana kwamba kila mtu anazungumza kulingana na mambo yake ya chama. Hilo jambo si sawa. Jambo sawa katika Bunge hili ni kuhakikisha kwamba ikiwa mahali pamefanyika jambo nzuri, tunazungumza mazuri na ikiwa kuna mahali pameharibika, tuseme pameharibika. Hivyo sivyo inavyofanyika ndani ya Bunge hili. Tangu nilipoingia hakuna jambo kama hilo.

Nimesimama nitoe hotuba yangu kulingana na Hotuba ya Mhe. Rais Uhuru Kenyatta. Ninataka nitoe sifa kidogo kwa kazi ya serikali hasa kuhusu suala la ada za mitihani. Watoto sasa hawatozwi pesa za mitihani. Hili ni jambo zuri sana lakini kutokana na hali ya umaskini, ninaomba serikali hii iondoe kabisa kila aina ya karo ambayo inatozwa katika shule ili watoto wawe na elimu ya bure sio tu kwa shule za misingi bali pia katika shule za sekondari.

Vile vile, shule zimepata umeme. Hili ni jambo ambalo halikufanyika kwa muda mrefu. Hilo pia tunalipongeza kwa sababu umeme sasa umeingia karibu shule zote. Pia, reli ambayo inajengwa itasaidia. Badala ya kusafiri kwa masaa mengi, tutasafiri kwa muda mfupi.

Hata hivyo, kuna matatizo makubwa katika serikali hii. Serikali hii imeahidi viwanda lakini mpaka sasa badala ya viwanda vipya kujengwa, viwanda vinaendelea kufungwa. Ninatoa mfano wa kule kwangu ambako kuna kiwanda cha korosho. Kiwanda hiki kilikufa na hakijafufuliwa mpaka sasa. Mambo yameharibika kwa viwanda vya rangi, hoteli na kadhalika. Vijana wana njaa na sasa wamebaki wanayumbayumba bila kuhakikisha kwamba wanapata mazao mazuri.

Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda, yule bwana sijui kama amelewa au ana nini. Mimi ninamuona ana shida. Unavuta bangi? Lazima uwe na heshima na wenzako ndugu yangu.

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

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Asante, Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwa kunisaidia.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Mwanyoha, you see if you wanted to go that direction, you would have to consult with Hon. Mututho. I just overheard you. Proceed quietly.

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Asante.

**Hon. Ichung'wah:** On a point of order, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): What is your point of order, Hon. Ichung'wah?

**Hon. Ichung'wah:** Hon. Mwanyoha has used very un-parliamentary language describing somebody and pointing in this direction where Hon. Benjamin Langat and I are seated. As you can see, we are very honourable members who do not partake what he is purporting. He said in Swahili: "Sijui kama ni mlevi ama sijui anavuta nini." I do not think Hon. Benjamin Langat is drunk. I do not see him as someone who is drunk. He should withdraw and apologise because I do not know who---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Order! Obviously, I am not very sure whether I can state for a fact that the description which he gave is not entirely true not because I would not know. I think that was truly un-parliamentary.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu:** On a point of information, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Who do you want to inform, Hon. Mbalu? Let us see if they require the information.

He says he does not want any information. Hon. Mwanyoha, you have to retract that bit. Just apologise on that particular one and wind up because your time was over.

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Siwezi kuomba msamaha kwa sababu yeye pia angekuwa ameinuka kwa hoja ya nidhamu lakini anajisemea tu kama mlevi.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Mwanyoha, we will not go that direction.

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Yameisha, Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): No! Hon. Mwanyoha, I ask you now to apologise. You will have to do that. *Omba msamaha na yaishie hapo*. It is as easy as that. That is un-parliamentary, Hon. Mwanyoha. You are a very senior politician. Just apologise and that is it. *Wewe ni mwanasiasa mkongwe, Mhe. Mwanyoha*. Just apologise. Do it, Hon. Mwanyoha.

**Hon. Mwanyoha:** Ninaomba msamaha shingo upande.

(Laughter)

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): We will proceed. I will give the Floor to the Member for Emurua Dikir.

**Hon. Kipyegon:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for that chance. First, I congratulate the President for the Speech he gave. Although there are very many weaknesses in the Speech the President gave, there are still very many other issues which the President managed to address of which some are tangible and others are not.

Before I mention them, I congratulate the Deputy President and Mr. Sang for their acquittal by the International Criminal Court (ICC). I wish to make it clear that this nation is happy and the whole country is celebrating. We want to allow the country to heal so that we can face the future as one nation.

The President addressed several issues. One of the issues which the President started with was saluting the members of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) who went to Somalia. They have been in Somalia defending this nation. One thing that I would have wished the President to address in that Speech was the question of how many members of KDF perished in that attack. We would also like to know the number of soldiers who are being held hostage as we speak today. Lastly, we would like to know how many members of the KDF, where they are and whether they are dead, alive, are being held hostage or are prisoners of war. We would like to know this because those are sons and daughters of our people.

Another issue which the President talked about is the economy. He explained how the economy of this country has been growing. We cannot deny that the country is growing economically. The only problem that we have is, as much as the economy is growing, we also have serious issues to do with corruption. As Catholic bishops stated in their latest statement that the country is sinking with corruption, as a Member of Parliament and part of the Jubilee Coalition, I would wish to state clearly that sometimes we need to be truthful; we need to tell the President the truth. Although he is trying, there are very many people who are misadvising him on matters of corruption. I would like to state clearly that the economy is moribund and parts of the Government are bedevilled by corruption.

Another issue I would like to ask the President to address is the plight of farmers. The President talked about waiver of some fees. We need to address the issue of farmers comprehensively. We must understand that the people who plant maize, wheat, tea and pyrethrum are in trouble. We need the President to look at this matter comprehensively so that we can raise the backbone of the economy of this country. This country has not managed to move to the industrialisation stage. We are still in the agrarian stage even as other countries break away. We need to relook at how we can help the farmers of this nation so that the economy of this country can grow.

I would have also liked to see the President address the question of people with disabilities. As much as we appreciate how the Government has dealt with education matters, we must remember that the Moi Government provided free milk and the Kibaki Government provided free primary and secondary education. But the Uhuru Government has not seriously dealt with matters of education. I would have wished to see the President find ways of enabling people with disabilities have free primary, secondary and university education. We pay taxes and these are people who have no opportunities. We need to give them opportunities to study free of charge.



Before I end, I would like to say that though the Government has tried on matters of infrastructure, we need to tell this nation the truth on which roads we have tarmacked so that we are not just talking and yet nothing has been done. I want to tell the President that we need him to walk the talk.

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

**Hon. (Ms.) Wanyama:** Asante sana, Naibu Spika wa Muda. Mheshimiwa Rais ametuambia yale ametufanyia kwa miaka mitatu. Mhe. Rais aliguza upande wa usalama katika nchi yetu. Ni ukweli Serikali yake imefanya kazi nzuri sana ndiposa unaona hata kule mashinani machifu wamepewa pikipiki za kuwawezesha kumaliza ugaidi mashinani.

Pia, ninataka nishukuru Mhe. Rais kwa kutoa pesa za mitihani katika shule zetu za msingi na za upili ili kuhakikisha kwamba watoto wa maskini pia wamepata nafasi kufanya mitihani zao. Pia, ninataka nimshukuru kwa upande wa umeme. Amepeana umeme kwa shule karibu 22,000 kote nchini. Kwa hivyo umeme umefikia maskini kule chini na wanabiashara, hasa watu wa jua kali wanafanya kazi zao vizuri sana. Ninataka nimshukuru Rais kwa sababu aliguzia mambo ya ukulima na akasema watahakikisha kwamba wameteremsha ushuru kwa bidhaa za ukulima. Hiyo ni kazi nzuri sana.

Pia, ninataka kumshukuru Mhe. Rais kwa sababu wakati alikuwa anatoa Hotuba yake baadhi ya wenzetu walifikiria kwamba alikuwa akifanya mchezo na wakatumia firimbi katika Nyumba hii. Ilikua jambo mbaya sana. Lakini Mhe. Rais alivumilia kwa sababu alijua yeye ni baba wetu katika nchi hii. Watu wa kwetu watakuambia mtoto anaweza cheza na matiti ya mamake lakini hawezi cheza na uzazi wa babake. Katika Nyumba hii lazima tupeane heshima ya kutosha kwa Mhe. Rais. Hata wewe pia kesho unaweza kuwa Rais wa nchi hii na utastahili heshima zako. Ninaomba wale bado wanafikiria kwamba kesho kutaamka mtu ahakikishe kwamba amefika mahali Fulani--- Itakuwa ni jambo mbaya sana.

Ukija katika Kaunti ya Trans Nzoia, utakuta kwamba barabara kutoka Webuye mpaka Kitale imekamiliwa. Wale wanapita huko na hata wenzangu wale tunatoka nao katika Trans Nzoia wanajua. Ninashangaa mtu anaposema hajaona kitu ilhali tunapitia katika hiyo barabara pamoja na yeye tukifanya shughuli zetu katika kaunti yetu. Mhe. Rais na Naibu wake wamefanya kazi mzuri sana. Ninataka nialike wenzangu Jumamosi tutakuwa na maombi ya kitaifa ya kusherehekea kuachiliwa huru kwa Naibu wa Rais. Tutaendelea kupambana na kazi tusingo 2017 kupambana na nyinyi.

Hatutaki kusema kwamba kuna yale Rais hajafanya. Tuna imani kwamba atakamilisha yale ameahidi wananchi wa Kenya. Rais akiwa hapa tunajua watu wetu katika mashinani wanamskiza yeye pia. Sasa tunataka kuhakikisha kwamba kuna mikakati mwafaka ya usalama hata ndani ya Nyumba hii ndiposa wengine wasibebe visu. Tumalizane hapo nje.

Asante.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Let us hear the Member for Kimilili, Hon. Murunga Suleiman.

**Hon. Suleiman:** Thank you very much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to complete my contribution that I had started.

**Hon. Aluoch:** On a point of order, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): What is it, Hon. Olago Aluoch, the Member for Kisumu West?

**Hon. Aluoch:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, earlier in the afternoon when we started debate, Hon. Murunga was called upon to speak. He was the first person to be called upon because he had contributed yesterday and he had three minutes remaining. But he was not in the House and we have been here since 2.00 O'clock.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): That is a valid point of order. If that is the true position, Hon. Murunga, then you are out of order. I am only going to restrain myself from taking punitive action against you.

I will, therefore, give the opportunity to your neighbour, Hon. Raymond Moi.

**Hon. Moi:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

The President opened his Address to Kenya through Parliament by addressing the issue of unity, which is a key plank of the founding fathers of this country. As he spoke about unity, which nearly came apart in 2007 because of a flawed electoral process, it is my contention that this unity could be destroyed by two things in this country. The first one is flawed electoral processes. The other is tribalism. As long as we continue to bury our heads in the sand and pretend that we are all happy, Kenya will sooner than later become undone.

On the economic front, the President touched on tourism and infrastructure. The waiver of visa fees for children under 16 years of age is commendable. The reduction of park entry fees will also increase park revenues.

On infrastructure, the construction of various roads in Mombasa, the expansion of the Kilindini Harbour, the construction of the SGR, the increase of air terminals at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), and the construction of new power lines to cater for the increase in power collectively promote national unity. These projects promote the ideals of our founding fathers, which the President calls "the national covenant." It promotes unity as envisaged by our founding fathers.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, on the issue of devolution, the President was honest in stating that a lot of money has been channelled to county governments but the results are dismal. That is very true. I come from Nakuru County, where we have not seen results that would please us as members of the public. That happens because of a weak audit system and lack of political will to prosecute the culprits. Therefore, they continue to misuse funds. This will only stop when we start prosecuting the culprits.

The health sector, which is a very critical part of our economy, has received a great deal of attention from the national Government, which has equipped two hospitals in every county, including the referral hospitals. The Government has also increased the number of medical training campuses by 33. That means we will have more nurses and clinical officers, and that will be good for the health sector.

It is good that the President did what he did especially in that sector because the sector is in deplorable condition. State hospitals and dispensaries have no medicine. Clinical officers and doctors have no compassion for patients. In many instances, they demand money from the poor. The intervention by the President was good but we hoped it would go much deeper to clean this rot.

On the sector of education, we are glad to hear that the Government will construct 3,000 classrooms by 2017. We hope this will be done through the CDF. This means we will not be asked to use the current amount of money in the CDF. Instead, we will be given more money to construct more secondary school classrooms in our constituencies. That will take care of those children who were not able to access secondary school education.

The building of additional 76 TTIs will also enable more Kenyans to access technical skills. That is a good thing. A country like Germany has made great economic strides by empowering technical institutes.

On the agricultural front, we heard the President speak about the coffee sector. I am interested in this sector because I am a coffee farmer. We need to wait for the task force's report so that we can know what was recommended by the task force. I do not think reducing the levies by 4 per cent will amount to much.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Very well. Your time is over. Let us have Hon. Olago Aluoch.

**Hon. Aluoch:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

I want to associate myself with the sentiments of Hon. Members from this side of the House who spoke before me. I do not want to say more about the State of the Nation Address by the President but I will raise several issues that happened on that day – which should never happen again.

One, there was a peculiar Order Paper on that day. It described the sitting of the House on that afternoon as “convocation.” That does not appear in our Standing Orders. The word “convocation” is a derivation of the word “*convocare*”, which is Latin. It means an assembly of people for an ecclesiastical or academic purpose. We were not here for an academic or ecclesiastical purpose. That should not happen again.

Two, there was a programme from State House that found its way onto the Floor of this House as part of the proceedings of the House. That is not right. This House should only be guided by the Standing Orders and the Order Paper. I did not like the idea that there was another programme set from State House that was being distributed here for Members to look at.

Three, we have a metal detector at the entrance. It was not there on that day. Instead, our Sergeants-at-Arms were accompanied by unknown people, who frisked Members. I did not like it at all. That should not happen. We should not have strangers coming to frisk Members outside the entrance. It is unprocedural and should not be allowed.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Are you by any chance suggesting that the Sergeants-at-Arms are strangers? Which people are you talking about?

**Hon. Aluoch:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I know our Sergeants-at-Arms. There were strangers who were with them at the entrance that afternoon.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Okay. Proceed. Obviously, that is unsubstantiable but proceed.

**Hon. Aluoch:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I also noticed that the volumes of the Laws of Kenya were missing on the desk. That was surprising. How would you have Parliament sitting without the statute books? Why were they removed? Where were they kept on that day?

Again, the only water that was available was for His Excellency the President. As thirsty as we felt, we did not have anything to drink.

The next point which also goes to our Sergeant-at-Arms is that when Hon. Wandayi was being removed from the Chamber, Hon. Mbadi was resisting. I saw Sergeants-at-Arms who tried to remove Hon. Mbadi from the House before the Hon. Speaker ordered so. I had to literally and physically restrain them.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Aluoch, you know you are a very senior Member of the House and the Bar. Is it not possible that you raise that issue in a different forum? What you are doing is not likely to bring any solution, if your proposition is

correct. Would it not be better if you raised it differently and proceeded to contribute to the Motion on the Presidential speech in an ordinary manner, so that you can enrich it?

**Hon. Aluoch:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. These are observations which are, in my view, very fundamental. I expect that somebody will see this House in its dignity at some stage.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Aluoch, you see I do not want to eat into your time. Whatever you are saying is supposed to be responded to by the Leader of the Majority Party towards the end of this debate. What you are raising is something which should be addressed in a different forum, differently. It would be better you restrict yourself to the Presidential Address.

**Hon. Aluoch:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I want to wind up by saying that whatever happened that afternoon, having been in this House more than this term, amounted to subjugating the authority of this House to the Executive.

As Members of Parliament, we all owe duty to ensure that the authority of this House is not subjugated. It is our responsibility, including you as the Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, to protect it.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Let us have the Member for Turkana County, Hon. Joyce Akai.

**Hon. (Ms.) Emanikor:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to appreciate and thank the President for his speech. It elaborately updated the country on the progress made on all the key sectors of our economy.

Credit must be given where it is due. That is why I want to thank Hon. Oner for giving the President a thumbs-up for the sectors that have been seen to have made progress. The Jubilee Government is not a government by God but it is a Government by human beings. We have our fair share of challenges that must be appreciated.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, one must be extremely injudicious or ill advised not to see some of the tangible projects that this Government has come up with. One would be ill advised not to see the democratic space that this Government has given to both the Opposition and the civil society. That is why people are very free even to blow whistles in front of the President and also not to see the phenomenal SGR which has provided 27, 000 jobs to our youth. This is a tangible physical facility that no one can deny having seen.

Some of people might contend the 3,000 km of tarmacked road but my issue is that this should have been equitably distributed. At least 500 km of the 3,000 km should have been between Kitale and Lokichoggio where Kenya expects to get its oil. One would really be injudicious not to see the expansion of the Mombasa Port which has taken it from the 8<sup>th</sup> position to the 4<sup>th</sup> position of the busiest ports in Africa.

There are Huduma Centres that are serving 35,000 Kenyans every day. I would request that the Attorney-General sends someone to all the 47 counties and all the Huduma Centres in different parts of those counties to help women and youth register companies.

The connection of over 1.2 million Kenyans to the national grid is not a small thing. The lighting of over 22,000 schools is very visible.

In terms of devolution, I am happy that the President observed the wastage in the counties although devolution is something that we all applaud but it has also come with its challenges.

In terms of security, I am personally a beneficiary of the security in the ASALs. The Turkana and Pokot communities, for the last 11 months, now have babies who have been born by men who spent the last 50 years in the bush.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Hon. Akai, you said you are also a beneficiary?

**Hon. (Ms.) Akai:** Yes, I am. I am now able to sleep without disturbance.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): I was tempted to think that you have a small one. Proceed.

**Hon. (Ms.) Emanikor:** Do not worry. I have babies within my community who have been named after President Uhuru and his Deputy because it is them for once after 50 years that I have realised this security.

However, when it comes to our war in Somalia, I am just wondering what support the Government is giving to the families of our fallen heroes. I know of one young man from Turkana who was killed in Somalia and his wife is unable to move the Household items. She has been denied that support.

I do not want to leave without talking about the ugly scenario that we all witnessed. The actions that were displayed were imprudent, ill-advised and irresponsible. We are all loyal and passionate about parties but not to the extent of stripping ourselves of our dignity and respect.

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

**Hon. J.M. Nyaga:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this debate. First, I want to thank His Excellency the President for giving a very elaborate and eloquent speech on the State of the Nation. Unfortunately, some Hon. Members of this House turned out to be goons and behaved like they do when they are in the football pitch.

I do not want to dwell on that but let us all appreciate that the Government has done something. Rome was not built in one day. In terms of electricity, we have been able to connect quite a number of primary schools in anticipation of equipping our schools with laptop towards the end of this year. Let us also appreciate that the national Government is connecting all the major towns in our counties with electricity. Embu is one of the beneficiaries of lighting. If you go to some of those areas in Embu which were very dark, you will find that we are enjoying light today. I hope in future, all the counties will be connected.

Some of our colleagues here talk of inclusivity. I do not know what they mean by inclusivity. If you check critically, when parties are campaigning, people who vote for those parties expect positions in that government. It is true that some counties which voted for this Government are not represented in the Cabinet but they have continued to support the Government because there is no way every county can produce a Cabinet Secretary. It means that you will have a bloated Cabinet that is almost 47. Some of those communities which never voted for this Government are in this Government. That is a sign of inclusivity.

So, when some of us argue that they are not included in this Government, I wonder what they are talking about. What is happening in this country is a reflection of some Members of this Parliament. You find that in public *barazas*, there is a lot of infighting nowadays. You will find that even in our colleges. How we behave is what the young and especially the youth will copy. No single weekend can pass without ugly incident in our counties. No wonder some of them were thoroughly beaten in Kwale.

In the health sector, for those who have not been able to visit our hospitals in the entire Republic, there is a medical equipment project which was initiated by the Jubilee Government. Every county has two hospitals which are equipped. Towards the end of this year, I am sure every county will be having two hospitals fully equipped with the state-of-the-art equipment so that we avoid a situation of our people going to seek medication outside the country or some of them coming from the counties to Nairobi. That way, we will help our people because medical bill is what is killing our families.

Unless one does not have eyes, the Government or this Parliament can provide a guide. The SGR is a project which each and every person, whether in a chopper or by road, can see the work which is being done from Mombasa all the way to Nairobi and the Phase II going to Naivasha which will be starting soon. The work which is being done there is going to turn this country into a hub because we will be transporting containers and avoid using our roads. That way, our roads will last for long.

Therefore, I want to commend the President for all those projects which the Jubilee Government has initiated. Some of us have been saying that this project was started by the Government of *nusu mkate*. Surely, there is a difference between planning and implementing. It is this Government which has implemented regardless of whether it is the other Government which planned. Uhuru was also part of that Government because he was a Deputy Prime Minister. Therefore, I want to appreciate what the President, his Deputy and the Government is doing for Kenyans.

Thank you very much. I support.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to express the views of the people of Kibwezi East Constituency, Makueni County as their representative from where I sit. Protect me that I should say that I represent the people of Kibwezi East not as a Member of the Speaker's Panel.

I want to appreciate the President for doing what he is supposed to do as per the Standing Orders as read together with the Constitution. As a requirement, he is required to come to this Parliament and give the State of the Nation Address and we discuss on the status as per his presentation. It is not a matter of CORD or the Jubilee Coalition but it is a matter that all Members of Parliament as representatives of the people that we should speak with sincerity. I am sure a standing ovation would be given to that Member even from the Jubilee Coalition who gives advice or registers a sense of dissatisfaction to the level of performance of the Government with the assumption that the President is serving from the Jubilee Coalition.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, the voice of the people of Kibwezi East, as far as the President's Address is concerned--- The state of the nation is like a ship in the ocean that is whirling without direction. The President is not happy to be praised. He would be happy to be advised on the best way to rule this country; a country that he loves. So, when we come as Members of Parliament and as the representative of the people, it is important to express ourselves as individuals and not as Members of coalitions. I am sure he will listen just like Members of Parliament representing their constituencies are not praised 100 per cent.

The voice of the people of Kibwezi is that we have projects and we appreciate the little that has been done. We are really marginalised. There is no single project and if there is we can only appreciate the SGR that has passed through Kibwezi and the larger Makueni County. We have been marginalised although Members of Parliament are appreciating but the voice of the people of Kibwezi is that the projects have not been taken there. So, we have nothing to

celebrate. We hope in the next remaining months, we will get some. We are telling the President that we are Kenyans and we should not be marginalised.

On education, teachers are demoralised. I am sure that the President is looking for a way to make teachers happy. But for the last three years, nothing has been done. They are demoralised. We should look for ways to advice the President on how to deal with teachers. Teachers have not been paid and we have seen them suffer. The best thing we can do is to advice the people who write the President's Speech. As a person, he is a good President. But, I saw him read the speech with some dissatisfaction because he knew very well some of the issues in his heart. He is a saved person and we should not let others let him down.

Another issue is about infrastructure in terms of roads. The other day, I demonstrated. My big name is the tear gas girl. I promise, I will still do it again, if that is the only way we can be listened to when we are marginalised. As I speak here, I do so as a Member---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Cheboi): Sorry, your time is over. Let us have the Member for Othaya.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munene:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to speak to the President's Speech. I am very sorry for the people who caused a disturbance when the President was giving his Speech. The Bible says that you must respect the king. So, you must respect the leader whether he is short, tall or disabled because it is God who anointed him. When we speak here in Parliament, we are called honourable Members. When we speak here, our children look at how we talk and behave. So, when we go back home we must mentor our children but I am very sorry because some children are asking whether that was Parliament and that, that was an honourable Member whistling when the President was talking.

I am very sorry but God will show them the way. We need to respect our country because we will not leave it. This is our Government. Whether you are in the opposition or not you are a Kenyan. I thank the President because of the work he has done for this country. Our children are not paying examination fees anymore because the Government decided to pay that fee so that everybody does his or her examinations.

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

*(The Temporary Deputy Speaker  
(Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu) took the Chair]*

I thank the President for the freedom of worship in churches but I hope they are not going to be like Pastor Kanyari. If we do not fear God, we do not know where we are heading to because God is the one who created us.

The President heard the cry of farmers from Nyeri County and everywhere. The coffee industry was collapsing but now the farmers feel that the Government is thinking about them. So, we thank the President for considering the plight of small farmers. He waived the coffee levy. I hope he is going to waive the levy for tea, pyrethrum and other crops.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): The Member for Muhoroni, let the Member express herself as per the Hon. Speaker's ruling in the morning and yesterday. When you get your time, you will say what you have to say. Let us respect the Hon. Member's

sentiments. They are representatives of constituencies and different counties. Carry on Hon. Member. I will add you one minute.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munene:** We thank this country for praying for our Deputy President to have his ICC case terminated. This is because we want peace for this country. We ask the Government to ensure that the people who own land in Rift Valley are taken back so that they can do their job and work as a team. Let us love our country. We do not want somebody to leave this country and talk about our country from outside. We are Kenyans and we respect ourselves for having been born in this country.

Thank you very much.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Thank you. Let us have the Member for Keiyo North.

**Hon. Murgor:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to add my voice and also thank the President on his address to both Houses of Parliament. I will touch on a few areas which were in the Presidential Address.

On security, there was recruitment of approximately 30,000 police recruits. There is the purchase of equipment and motor vehicles for the police and other equipment particularly the laboratories for investigative purposes. As a result, there is a reduction in terrorist threats. Since last year, the threats from terrorists have reduced.

In the education sector, there is connectivity of electricity to our schools. This has a spillover effect to the citizens around the schools. In my constituency, I have about 70 Primary Schools and 80 per cent have been connected with electricity. This has assisted greatly in electrifying the constituencies.

On the examination fees, we congratulate the President on that because---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Order! Hon. James, Member for Keiyo North, I will give you two minutes at my discretion but after a Procedural Motion being moved by the Deputy Leader of Majority Party, Hon. Naomi Shaban.

## PROCEDURAL MOTION

### EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

**Hon. (Dr.) Shaban:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.30(3)(a), this House resolves to extend the sitting time till conclusion of business appearing under Order No.8.

This has been informed by the interest that Members have so that we can deal with this particular issue and conclude it today. I beg to move.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Any seconder?

**Hon. ole Ntutu:** I second.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Well done.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*



**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): The next on the request list is the Member for Thika Town, is she in the House? We go back to the Member for Keiyo North.

**Hon. Murgor:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I was on my feet when the Procedural Motion was brought. I was on the issue of examination fees and we need to thank the President for removing it. We are now seeing all our students sitting for examinations and moving from primary to secondary schools without any hitch and others sitting the Form Four exams and continuing with their education.

On the construction of TTIs, that is something quite great, they have started with 60 constituencies and others are in the pipeline. This will go a long way in bringing in the manpower for development of this country. As you realize, technical institutions bring in the real fellows who are on the job such as plumbers, artisans and others. I think that is a step in the right direction. On power generation in this country, from Independence up to 2012, it has gone up to approximately 1,700 megawatts. In the last three years they have generated an extra 600 megawatts into the national grid. That is almost a third of what we had at Independence and it is a plus for the Government.

On the medical equipment service, I have had an opportunity to visit Machakos Level 5 Hospital where I was a former employee. When you go there you will see the renal unit, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Radiology Department. These are first class areas. I can assure you if only they can bring in the human resource to manage these areas, they shall have gone far ahead. I would like to mention two other areas. The question of unemployment in this country is a time bomb and is something we need to address urgently---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Your time is over, Member for Kitui East, Hon. Marcus Muluvi next on my request list.

**Hon. Muluvi:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving this opportunity to make a few remarks on the President's Speech.

First and foremost, I want to appreciate the energy sector because so far it has been said that 22,000 schools have been connected to power. That is the only thing I picked from the President's Speech.

The yardstick of the performance of the Jubilee Government must be based on its manifesto. When they took office four years ago, they promised our children who were in Class One that they would get laptops. Today, those children are in Class Four but due to corruption in the procurement sector, it has been impossible to give them laptops. I am sure the essence to connect electricity to all schools was to support this effort.

In their manifesto, they said that in the first five years one million acres would be irrigated to support food security in the country, but what is on record is about 10,000. A figure of 10,000 of Kshs1 million is a fraction that anyone can get.

In the history of our country, corruption has never hit this country like it has now. Many people are saying that the courts are not dispensing justice as fast as possible, but I want to be on record that courts base their judgments on evidence. It is not the responsibility of the court to induce evidence against those who have been charged with corruption, but it is the Executive through the directorates of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). We need to do a lot if this country has to come back on its feet as far as corruption is concerned.

The President also talked about infrastructure and I want to be on record that one of the Class “B” roads in the Republic is Kitui-Kibwezi-Mwingi-Iria Road, but it has not been done for the last 52 years of our Independence. I went through the infrastructural projects that the Jubilee Government had shortlisted for the President to announce to the nation. Unfortunately, this important economic road in Makueni and Kitui counties is missing. This is a very serious matter.

The Jubilee’s manifesto also talked of about five stadia in five years of its administration but to date, I am afraid that they have not even completed one of the five. If I was to judge and rate Jubilee’s performance, I would give them a staggering C (Minus).

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): The Member for Thika Town, Hon. (Ms.) Alice Ng’ang’a.

**Hon. (Ms.) A.W. Ng’ang’a:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I stand to support the President’s Speech. I do blame the Opposition for giving the Jubilee Government a D (Plus) or a C (Minus), because we are reading from different scripts and when people do so, they will never understand each other at all. On that day, I thought it was only eight Members who had whistles, but I later realised that even the ones who were outside also had whistles. They are now giving us a D (Plus) because they could not hear nor see then. What do you expect from somebody who cannot see? They can give us a score of D+ (Plus) but as far as we are concerned, we have scored an A- (Minus) and are headed for a straight ‘A’. By the time we complete our term we will have done enough for this country.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, who cannot see what the Huduma Centres are doing? You only need to walk to a Huduma Centre today to get whatever service you need, including a police abstract, a birth certificate, or register as a voter. The Huduma Centres in my constituency have gone ahead to incorporate other services. For instance, if you want to know what the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) is doing, all the information is at the Huduma Centres. Huduma Centres are the central nerve of public service. They are a one-stop shop where you can get any Government service. No wonder we were given an honour in the entire world because of the Huduma Centre idea, which the Jubilee Government came up with.

There are Hon. Members who are talking about laptops. Three years down the line, the Members of this House, Senators and governors have not fully accomplished what they promised our people. We still have one-and-a-half years to go. How did you expect the Jubilee Government to have accomplished everything it promised to do yet we still have one-and-a-half years to go? The President said that primary schools across the country will have laptops by the end of this year. That is part of the term we were given by Kenyans.

Our colleagues in the Opposition are talking too much and copying what we, in the Jubilee Coalition, are doing. They have forgotten that they have work to do. When the President visits Israel, the next day the leader of CORD is headed for Israel. When the President travels to France, the following day the CORD leadership is headed there. We will go for prayers on Saturday at Afraha Stadium. I heard that they will go to Kibera for prayers. This copy-pasting of ideas is good for us because this time round, we will not struggle to get the 50 per cent plus one vote in the forthcoming general elections. We are headed for a 70 per cent plus one vote win. Therefore, those who are willing can join us; the earlier, the better. Today I was very happy to see the Temporary Deputy Speaker at State House. It is a sign that she is on the way to this side of the coalitions. That is a good sign for Kitui County; it shows that we are doing something.

Uwezo Fund is not just helping people in the Jubilee strongholds. It is helping people across the country. It is helping our youth and women. There are also special funds which are

helping the elderly and orphans across the country. We gave equipment to all hospitals across the country, which are working very well. We are also constructing roads. When the President was giving his State of the Nation Address, he said that there is a road that is being constructed across Homa Bay. It means that we are working across the country. We do not care who supported us, who supports us or who will support us. We are doing fine in the security docket. We need to be given time. Those who said that irrigation has only been done to 10,000 acres should understand that irrigation in this country is not being done at the Galana/Kulalu Project alone. I have irrigated 600 acres of land in my constituency. Irrigation projects are still ongoing in different constituencies. Can they wake up, smell the coffee and join us? The writing is on the wall. They should join the Jubilee Coalition or spend another five years in darkness.

Thank you very much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Thank you very much, Hon. Alice Ng'ang'a. I am sure that State House is for everybody. Nevertheless I appreciate that different people have different ways of expressing themselves.

Next on my request list is the Member for Muhoroni.

**Hon. Oyoo:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I had placed an intervention to raise a point of order, but it has since been overtaken by events.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Member for Muhoroni, you are at liberty to contribute to the Motion.

**Hon. Oyoo:** I have already contributed to this Motion, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Very well. Let us hear the Member for Hamisi.

**Hon. Opiyo:**--- (*Off record*)

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Hon. Opiyo, you are speaking a language we do not understand.

**Hon. Opiyo:** I have been sitting here for a long time, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): You know the rules of this House. Your language is unparliamentary, Member for Awendo. I can hear it from here. It is neither English nor Kiswahili.

**Hon. Gimose:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I have been sitting here since morning waiting for this time.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): You are finishing your five minutes. Carry on, Hon. Member. It is your time.

**Hon. Gimose:** Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and also thank the President for the Speech he gave to this august House and to the nation. The Speech was good. In his Speech, the President alluded to the word "Covenant." This implies that the covenant that exists between the President and his deputy must be exemplified by the people of Kenya.

One time in this country, the President gave power to the deputy. He trusted his deputy so much that he gave him power when he was out of the country. The deputy ran this country successfully. That means there is a lot of trust between the President and his deputy. It is very wonderful if this nation can move in that direction.

I also wish to say that the President has answered all the questions in his Speech that *Okoa Kenya* wanted Kenyans to go for referendum for. He has alluded to education, electricity and roads. So, the stampede for *Okoa Kenya* in this country is no more or cannot be revisited.

The answers to the questions which were raised by *Okoa Kenya* are very succinct in the President's Speech. I support the President with all the vigour that abounds.

Look at health and water issues, recently the President, through his ministries, procured money for water in this country. Most countries have received money for water. That is a good gesture for this country. I believe that succeeds. It is a plus for him.

I end and say that, that is great wisdom on the part of the President. He should be supported.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): The Member for Awendo, it is your turn.

**Hon. Opiyo:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I was trying to speak English somewhere around the lake. You will not follow what I was trying to say. I rise to contribute to the President's Speech. After waiting the whole afternoon, I am happy I have been able to catch your attention. In his Speech, the President actually spoke eloquently about a nationalist covenant that was envisioned and given back by our forefathers of the nation. The President did not capture the mood of the nation with regard to the kind of ethnicity or ethnic marginalisation that goes on in this country. In a nation of 42 ethnic communities, it is not right that the President constitutes and runs the country with a Cabinet that is made up to 50 per cent from only two ethnic communities. It is not acceptable. On that same day, I am sure you witnessed some show of discontent by other members who were trying to catch the attention of the Speaker through whistle blowing and such other things. I think the President missed a big opportunity to bring this nation together. We have a relatively young President and I thought he would have taken this opportunity to bring the nation into dialogue. Everything is not right, ranging from ethnic marginalisation to corruption. So, we need a national conversation so that we can put the country back on track.

The President spoke very eloquently and he said he is doing his best to fight corruption. But we all know that, that is all about window dressing. This is because the Jubilee Government has continually engaged in mega corruption that is bringing the country down on its knees. He says that we are up in terms of economic growth. But where is that growth when this country is actually struggling to keep its institutions running and disbursements to county governments are always behind schedule?

The President also said that the Government has tarmacked 3,000 kilometres of roads. A tarmacked road is not like Kshs100 which you can put in your pocket and walk with. Three thousand kilometres of road is something that can be seen. That is like building six highways from Nairobi to Mombasa, like Hon. Oner said. That is something visible. I am glad that when contributing as the Member for Kibwezi East, you noted that you had to be teargassed so that the Government could know that there is no tarmacked road in your constituency. I wish that in your other life as the Member for Kibwezi East, you keep fighting because that is the cry of all Kenyans.

On agriculture, the President said that he has actually identified what is required for coffee farming. Unfortunately, even after three years the President has not figured out what needs to be done to the sugar sector. The sugar sector employs close to 7,000 individuals in this country. The President says he knows that something is wrong with the sugar sector but he does not know what it is. I think that is not right for a President who claims that we are on the path of progress.

With regard to devolved funds, we want the President to address the issue of Exchequer releases. We do not want budgets on paper which delay so that the devolved units---

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

The Member for Kinago, Hon. Gonzi Rai.

**Hon. Rai:** Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda, naomba nikushukuru na nichukue nafasi hii kuipongeza Hotuba ya Mhe. Rais ya siku ya Alhamisi iliyopita. Itakuwa ni vigumu wakati huu kusema labda Hotuba ya Rais ina kasoro kwa sababu hii ilikuwa moja ya zile hotuba lazima apeane kila mwaka kama mwongozo wa taifa lake. Hakuna wakati katika historia ya kisiasa ambapo mpinzani ataunga mkono mwenye anaongoza nchi. Haijafanyika kwa sababu ni kama kumuuliza shetani ampongeze Mwenyezi Mungu. Hili jambo haliwezikufanyika. Kama hilo lazima lifanyike basi ukumbuke kwamba kiama cha nchi hii kitakuwa kimepatikana.

Nataka niambie waheshimiwa kwamba tulichaguliwa kuja Bunge hili kuhakikisha kwamba tunafanya kazi ya wananchi. Sioni kama kuna wakati tulitumwa Bungeni lakini tukanunuliwa firimbi kupiga ndani ya Bunge. Hilo halijafanyika. Kama lilifanyika, basi nafikiri katika historia ya miaka yangu 20 katika Bunge, hili ndilo litakuwa Bunge la historia ambalo limeonyesha mfano ambao haustahili kuigwa na Bunge lingine.

Nataka tufahamu kitu kimoja, Waswahili husema “Mgala muuwe lakini haki yake mpe.” Mhe. Uhuru anaweza kuwa na kasoro zake hapa na pale, lakini kwa hali ya uongozi wa taifa hili, nafikiri yeye ndiye kingozi wa kwanza chini ya Katiba hii. Jambo la muhimu ambalo tunastahili kumpongeza nalo ni lile la kuhakikisha ugatuzi unaendelea hadi sasa. Kutakuwa na matatizo hapa na pale lakini ugatuzi umeendelea. Japo tulinuia kuzipatia kaunti asilimia 15 kulingana na Katiba, kwa sasa pesa wanazopata ni karibu asilimia 30. Hakuna atakayetosheka katika ulimwengu huu. Hata Wabunge walio hapa wanasema hawajatosheka na wanachopewa. Vile vile, utasikia wengine wakisema “twataka pesa mashinani.” Kwa sababu tumeweza kuuhimili ugatuzi kwa miaka mitatu, ni lazima tuipongeze Serikali ya Uhuru Kenyatta.

Suala la pili ni kuhusu usalama ambao Serikali hii ya Jubilee imejaribu kuushughulikia. Hili ni jambo tinalostahili kupongeza. Hii ni kwa sababu askari wamepata vifaa vya kupambana na utovu wa nidhamu na usalama nchini. Ni lazima tuseme tunashukuru.

Imeandikwa kwa vitabu vya Mwenyezi Mungu kwamba utafika wakati mwanadamu atakuwa na macho lakini hataona. Sasa tunashuhudia. Hatulioni la ugatuzi, la usalama wala la Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). Hatuyaoni haya yote. Hatuoni kwamba Machakos Level 4 Hospital kwa sasa ni kama Hospitali Kuu ya Kenyatta? Kama haya hayaonekani, tunataka kuona kitu gani tena? Ni masuala ambayo ni lazima tujijibu tunapouliza maswali.

Maswahil haya yataendelea kuulizwa kwa sababu hata viongozi tulio hapa tulipewa kandarasi ya miaka mitano lakini tayari tunalia kuwa viti vyetu vinaenda tukiona Wapinzani wanazunguka. Kama sisi hatujakamilisha kazi yetu ndani ya hii mechi ya dakika 90 kwa kuwa hazijamalizika, mbona twakosoa kwamba Serikali haijafanya hili na lile? Tusubiri. Dakika 90 zikimalizika au miaka mitano ikimalizika, tutakuwa na uwezo wa kuiweka Serikali ya Mhe. Uhuru Kenyatta kwa mizani.

Ndiposa tunasema ni lazima tuwe na uvumilivu kwa sababu subra huvuta heri. Tutapata afueni na kujijibu kama tutakuwa na nafasi ya kusikiliza. Tukisema hatutaki kusikia, lakini twataka kujibu kule nje na kumaki vitabu vya watu ambao hatukushuhudia wakisoma halafu tuseme wamepata D+, twaelekea wapi?

Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda, wakati umefika tuambiane ukweli. Tunavyokwenda na kama ndivyo tunataka kuchukua nchi yetu, tutapoteza asilimia 90 ya Wabunge licha ya kuwa

tulikuwa tukipoteza asilimia 70. Hii ni kwa sababu mambo wafanyayo hayaambatani na Katiba inavyowatuma.

Kwa hayo mengi ama machache, napongeza na kuunga mkono Hotuba ya Rais.

Asante.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Wakati umeisha. Asante sana.

The next person on my request list is the Member for Embu County, Hon. Rose Mitaru.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mitaru:** Thank you very much for giving me this chance.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I felt I would not want to go home before I congratulate His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya for coming up with such a good speech on the development of this nation. It did not matter whether some people were fighting him with whistles, words and papers. We were together as a nation. Even people in the Opposition were very embarrassed. The President was very patient. He was able to sit down, smile and say "let them finish and I will go on." I want to thank him for that.

First, the President spoke so well on the education of this nation. We have millions of children who sometimes do not go to school because of challenges in their families, and in particular lack of school fees. He has come up with a plan where primary school, secondary school and middle level college education will be free. Many people are given bursaries through Constituencies Development Fund (CDF). When you educate a nation, development comes very fast. Because of time, I will move very fast. I know even the power of this nation comes from the leadership of the President.

In Embu County, we are the county that has provided most of the power in this country. So, all the children in all the schools are going to get laptops because they have electricity. We are going to come up with people who are able to read and write. When they visit other nations, our youngest children will be able to come up with technology that is relevant to the nation.

I would want to say, as a mother, that our President through free medical cover has helped to save lives of very many women particularly those who have been delivering at home. He has also saved the lives of sick children and dying parents. Now, they are able to go to hospitals with free medical cover. So, we have saved thousands of women. The population is also growing in all the 47 counties.

We want to tell the women of this nation that they are the ones with the highest number of votes. To the President of the Republic of Kenya, we will tell women to wake up and see how our children are going to school free of charge and how we are giving birth without paying anything. Even in agriculture, we have seen many people suffering because of food insecurity and food related complications. So, we would want to tell him to continue. Those who are giving us a "D" or an "E" can wait and see. If they were given an opportunity to go to a class where there is "D", they would pack and go back home. Let their people bring those people who are able to work properly for themselves. We cannot allow a Member of Parliament who got five years to come here and utter words that embarrass this nation all over the world.

Let them participate in the development of this nation because we love Kenya, we love our President and his leadership and we will support him throughout.

I thank you.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): That was Hon. Mitaru, Member for Embu. Next on my request list is the Member for Gilgil, Samuel Ndiritu. Hon. Members, it is not a crime if you do not finish your five minutes.

**Hon. Ndiritu:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity. May I start by congratulating His Excellency the President for the wonderful Speech and for his magnanimity under a lot of provocation by those Members. I am sure he came out more as a hero than those who wanted to portray--- Let us be fair to ourselves and where we have come from as Kenyans. We know there were times when people could only do certain things in the Chamber and under protection in the precincts of Parliament but these days, you can shout yourself hoarse. We know they write and blog about everything. I do not see why a Member would choose the Floor of the House under the glare of the whole world.

Unfortunately, some of the Members whom I have a lot of respect for decided to come and embarrass Kenya; It was not the President. I am happy the President almost enjoyed the whole episode. To our colleagues, the President came out stronger. Those who have eyes can see and those who have ears can hear. Even those who do not have any of those senses can touch and feel. Looking at the chronology of the things that the President went through, some of them affect us. We experience them, in education, for instance.

All those Opposition chiefs were in the previous Government, including the President. We know the commitments that they had made in their strategic plans and what they had in store for Kenya. Most of them were huge projects. Unfortunately, the Government has had to drop some of them. For example, if there was a road that was under construction, and there was a 12-kilometre one that was in my constituency and another one of 30 kilometres that was under construction in Gilgil-Ol Kalou, they had to be completed. The revenue collected now is not what was collected during the previous administration so there was a lapse. We must understand that these people had to take time to fund those projects so that they could move on to the next one.

We have talked of annuity projects. Some may not have taken off. However, we have also complained as Members of Parliament, where an ongoing project in a constituency or a county was stopped because of the new ones coming on board. We have to accept that something had to be done. There are very good programmes for the future.

There has never been devolution in Kenya. That is a fact. Whatever little that has happened in devolution is courtesy of the current administration made up of the President, his deputy and the Cabinet. They have ensured that devolution has taken root. We all applaud it. It has its mistakes. We know the governors are never satisfied and all they want are fat accounts. They do not want to deliver. They only want billions to be transferred to the counties. The Government of Uhuru Kenyatta and Ruto has done the best it can. We have made gains in devolution, courtesy of the present administration.

I can see my time is running out. I want to touch on things like education because there could be some shortcomings that we could talk about. We are not paying examination fees. There is high capitation. There is a shortage of teachers which needs to be looked at. As much as we capitate in that field, without the teachers, we cannot go far. The teaching profession has not been very good because there has been disquiet about the welfare of teachers. I would advise the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) that the method they are using to cripple the union is not the best. They should let the teachers validate themselves, fill in forms and say which union they belong to rather than doing things secretly. The TSC is an independent commission and we would wish that it props democracy rather than destroying it.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Let us have the Member for Kirinyaga.

**Hon. (Ms.) W. K. Njuguna:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I want to join the Members in congratulating our President for giving a very good speech to the country.

Comparing this Government to the previous governments, we can rank it in first place because of the development it has done. It has started very many other new projects which were not there before. There are projects that uplift the disabled and the disadvantaged. We have cash transfer programmes for the elderly, the orphans and for the disabled. This is a very noble project because it caters for the people who had been forgotten for a very long time. We have even seen orphans being sponsored to go to school and their fees is paid. These programmes were not there before but they are there today. So when we see these children going to school like any other child, we congratulate this Government.

On electricity, there are people living in villages who never thought they were going to have electricity. The last mile programme connects electricity to people in the village and they pay Kshs1,000 when they pay their bills. These people have been uplifted and have been empowered economically. The youth in these areas can start small businesses like salons and *kinyozi*. This was not the case before.

Prices of electricity and fuel for motor vehicles have gone down. This is important because it is improving the economy. Lighting of town and streets has promoted security in our country. The projects this Government is doing have not been done by previous governments.

Preservation of 30 per cent of procurement for women and the youth was also not there before. We are seeing the youth doing a lot of work for the Government which was not the case before. We congratulate the Government because it has uplifted and created self-employment for our youth.

Roads have been tarmacked but, we still have time for doing what has not been done. The President visited Kirinyaga and promised to tarmack the Kianyaga-Kiamutugu-Githure Road. I know he has not forgotten. I am sure and confident that before the end of this year, it will be done and we will have it tarmacked because this Government gives what it says.

On what happened during the President's Address, it is always good to remind people that God gave us two ears and one mouth. Therefore, it is always very important to listen and then talk. What our colleagues did was wrong. We condemn it and we do not want to see that.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Ms.) Mbalu:** Your time is over. Hon. Members, I want to make a Communication. As much as we passed the Procedural Motion, only the eight Members that I have on my request list will speak. Any addition will be late. Hon. Member for Kapenguria chose to move from this side to the other one. We do not deal with sides. So, eight Members will speak. You will have your time. You do not have to use the five minutes. No more Member coming in now will speak to this. That is my ruling.

Hon. Member for Narok West.

**Hon. ole Ntutu:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the President's Speech. Before I do that, I congratulate the Deputy President and Mr. Sang for winning the International Criminal Court (ICC) case. It is a very big relief for their families and also for the country at large.

The President did very well in the Speech. He tried to touch on many areas. One of the areas that I was very happy about is the issue of our men and women in uniform who are in Somalia fighting for our rights; fighting terrorists in Somalia and our borders. This was very important. The Government needs to recognise them, not just by giving them a minute of silence



but to set a certain percentage of our Budget so that anytime one of them is killed, we take care of their families. This is because sometimes they are killed and nobody looks after their families.

The President talked of corruption which has become a menace in this country. We all know that a lot of money goes to waste and is stolen from public offices. The President talked of almost 360 cases being in court and a number of them are senior officials from his Government. He said it was a painful but necessary step to ensure that we get rid of those who are corrupt. A lot of money has been sent to the county governments. The President was asking a very simple question, whether we are seeing that money on the ground and the answer was “no” from all the Members of Parliament (MP) who were present. That is something that the President must take action on. If, indeed, we cannot see anything on the ground, where is this money? It must be going to people’s pockets and we must follow them to the end.

The President also talked of health. Most of us from rural areas have seen affordable maternal healthcare. The number has increased from Kshs600,000 in 2013 to Kshs1.2 million in 2016. That cannot be taken away from the President because he has done it. We have even seen the First Lady raising money for this cause. An amount of Kshs1.2 billion worth of incentives has been pumped to the tourism industry.

The other important thing is the Equalisation Fund. We have been fighting very hard as Members of the pastoralist communities. We need this fund because the Constitution has created it to develop the counties that had been left behind for a long time. So, the Kshs6 billion that the President announced is welcome by the pastoralist community. We are, however, asking that we have about another Kshs6 billion that has not been released, which should be released.

The other issue that the President talked about was on roads. He mentioned a number of roads in the country. However, I was amused that the road to Narok through Sekenani and then to Maasai Mara was not mentioned. I will follow it up because we had budgeted for that road and I hope that next time the President will mention it. This is because it is a very important road not just for Narok but for the country because so many tourists use it.

The other issue is about the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). We have all witnessed the construction of the SGR from Mombasa.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Your time is over. Hon. Members, I would like to appreciate the Hon. Member for Kapenguria who was second on my request list. He knows that the Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker looks on both sides and so he chose to move from this side to the other side so as to catch my eye. Due to the respect that I have for you and because of where you are, you have caught my eye.

**Hon. Chumel:** Thank you very much. I have been here since morning and so my colleagues should appreciate that I just stepped out and have come back. I want to thank the one who has extended the sitting time because this is a very big and important debate. We are debating the Speech by the leader of the nation. We now know all that is pressing and going on. Some of us have been here for long and we know the history of this country. First and foremost, I want to thank the President and his team which includes the Deputy President and Cabinet. When people are working as a team nothing will go astray. This is because consultations will be done. I also want to appreciate the Opposition side because when you compare now and my first term here things were so different, that people were not even taking tea together. Despite what happened the other day, that was just by the way. It was a creation of what used to be there.

I remember there was a time when a former Minister for Finance, Hon. Masakhalia, was not able to present the Budget because of noise from one side. Kenyans are now behaving well. I

have been following the debate on the Presidential Speech both yesterday and today. It is just a matter of making things move better from the position they are now. Some of us who were there before can say this is the best but we need to make it better. The President and his team are doing very well, but there are some few elements that are still dreaming of what was there before.

Talking of corruption, there was a time when it was at its peak. Even the one who was in-charge by then could not even suspend or tell anyone to step aside. I remember during Moi's regime there was only one Minister who was told to step aside - that was Hon. Nicholas Biwott - over a certain issue. Then in Kibaki's regime, there were several who were forced from the Floor of this House to step aside. The current President came here and proposed people to step aside instead of this House raising that issue here. Even what is happening now with banks, I know the President is hurt and he is with Kenyans because he sees their suffering.

We need to come together and support him. This is a paramount House that can make things better for Kenyans. We have the ability and are in a position to make laws that can make those who have been dreaming in the past forget and know these are different days. I want to echo the President about the Speech he gave. Some of us do not come here to sing choir on how he talked. We saw what he is doing.

I just want to say that the Committees of this House have a big problem especially the Committee on Lands. As we speak there is a big war at a place called Chepchoina. I took that Committee there but there was nothing they did. They did a public rally instead of investigating to find out the problem people have, which is still there. I also want to appeal to any other Committee, be it dealing with finance or security. I am a Member of the Committee on Administration and National Security---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Member for Baringo South.

**Hon. (Ms.) Kipchoim:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I want to echo what my colleagues have just said; this is one of the best speeches ever delivered in this House. I want to speak on the Jubilee Manifesto that the President and team gave during the 2013 General Election. In his Address, the President was telling the nation the work done by the Jubilee Government. Our counties are doing a good work courtesy of the Jubilee Government. The Jubilee Government is the one that implemented the bit on counties as it is in the Constitution.

The national Government has constructed roads, some of which are in Opposition zones. Some of the major works of the national Government mentioned by the President are in Opposition zones to show that the Jubilee Government is working in all areas in the country.

The Kenya Cash Transfer Programme is being carried out in all our counties despite the stand they have in the coalition. We are paying the most vulnerable, the old and Persons with Disabilities. The Uwezo Fund is for women and youth; 30 per cent of the tenders is allocated to women and persons living with disabilities.

Electrification of schools is a noble idea although in my constituency, we still have few schools that are yet to be electrified. When I first became the Member of Parliament for Baringo South, I found about 80 percent of the schools were not electrified but right now, we have only remained with 40 per cent of the schools that are yet to be electrified. That is an achievement of the Jubilee Government. On health, we have referral hospitals that are well equipped and the services offered now were not there before.

In our manifesto, we wanted to have food security for our people. We want to thank the Government because most of our land has now been irrigated, for example, the Galana/Kulalu and Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs). On security, as a Member of Baringo South, in

2013/2014, we could hardly sleep. The Member for Turkana indicated that she could not sleep then meaning that her phone could not even ring at night because of fear. We can now sleep. For the first time, we are now contributing to build nursery schools. Although it is not up to date, all is well.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Let us have the Member for Gatundu South.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Member for Gatundu South.

**Hon. Kuria:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I start by noting that I rarely get a chance to contribute in this House. You were the Speaker the last time I got a chance to contribute in this House. This confirms my fears further that you are where you do not belong. I want to encourage you to come to where you belong.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the President for a very wonderful speech that touches on issues that are very close to my heart and that of the people of Gatundu South Constituency. There is the project of building 3,000 extra classrooms and waiving cess for coffee which will have far reaching effect on our farmers, especially where I come from. The best thing that was ever said in this country is the nationalist covenant. I was hoping that from that time, we can come together as a nation irrespective of our parties, where we come from, religions and economic classes. I was hoping that we will adopt and internalise that nationalist covenant is one bond that puts us together.

I was disappointed because of the behaviour that we saw in this House. People keep on talking about inclusion in the Government but those whistles which were in this House were from one or two counties. I asked myself: "Where was inclusion in the whistles?" If there is no inclusion in whistles, why do you want inclusion in the rest of the things?

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency the Deputy President, for the termination of his case at the International Criminal Court (ICC). This proved what some of us have been saying that this was a political contest. These charges were fabricated to achieve a criminal intention in the minds of some people. The former Prime Minister displayed his true colours in France yesterday. He said that he did not want this case to be terminated. This is very sad for this country. We have been battling ignorance, disease and poverty since Independence. We need to adopt a fourth enemy in this country. We should declare Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga the fourth enemy of this country that we need to fight with all our energy and with everything that God has given us.

In Article 10 of our Constitution, we expressed our national values. We came short of saying our national interests. I will bring an amendment to the Constitution so that we can include our national interests along with our national values. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga is an enemy of this country because he went to a foreign land to talk ill of his own country. He said that the leaders should be jailed and the ICC cases should not have been terminated. I pray that one day; I will wake up and find that Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga is no longer a citizen of this country.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Thank you, Member for Gatundu South. Allow me to give the opportunity to the other side.

Member for Suna West, Joseph Obiero.

**Hon. Ndiege:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me an opportunity to contribute to this Motion on the Presidential Address. I do not know why the Jubilee

Government always wants our people to go to their side. If all of us can be on the other side, what will we do to this country? We know that we have the Opposition in this country and that has to remain. I do not know why some Members from the Jubilee side always talk about Raila. He is a human being like you. He can do what he wants. That is his right in the Constitution. So, we have to be very fair when we are talking.

Otherwise, I wanted to say that education is very paramount in this country. The other day, there was a lot of cheating in the national exams. This shows that this Government is not trying to bring up good pupils who can pass an exam. This Government must do something to curb cheating in national exams. This Government cannot even employ teachers. There are some schools in my own constituency which were registered in 2013. Up to now, they only have one teacher and they are going to do an exam. So, this Government should try to see ways of how they can employ more teachers so that we can have enough teachers in our secondary schools. That will propel us. If they cannot do that, I do not think we are going somewhere.

Since Kibaki's Government took over, I have not seen strikes but now most universities have been closed. In fact, it is a burden to the parents because of this Government that is not controlling the education sector. There are so many things happening that they cannot contend.

At the same time, the Jubilee Government promised to give laptops. It is three years down the line and that has not taken place. I believe that was their first agenda. We are wondering what they are promising and not doing. We want to see the education sector in this country being taken care of so that we can have a good government.

I also want to talk about employment. When the Jubilee Coalition was campaigning, it said that it is going to employ people but so many people have come out of university and colleges and there is no employment. They had promised last time that they were going to employ youth but we do not have the records showing us the number of people they have employed. Why should we say that the Jubilee Government is a good government? We cannot say it is a good government when it cannot even employ youth who have the qualifications that are necessary for them to be employed in this country.

Today, people are going for a prayer in Nakuru. That prayer day should have been here in Nairobi, which is the headquarters of this country. This is where all the tribes are. When the President calls for prayer and reconciliation, I expect the President to call former leaders like the former President to come on board so that this country can move forward together. However, if they do it for the two tribes, we will not move anywhere. This is not going to help us so much.

I come from a sugarcane-growing area. The sugar and tobacco industries are collapsing. The banks are also collapsing. We wonder when somebody says that this Government is doing something that should be appreciated. We cannot appreciate when the sugar and tobacco industries are collapsing. We cannot say that this Government is assisting Kenyans. Sugar industries have employed so many people. If they collapse because of this bad Government and corruption, where are we going? So, we should really re-examine ourselves.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Hon. Member, your time is over. Let us have the Member for Teso South, Hon. Mary Emasse.

**Hon. (Ms.) Otucho:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I take this opportunity to register my disappointment by the behaviour that was exhibited in this House by our colleagues from CORD when the President was here to present his Speech. As leaders, we need to learn to respect other leaders and positions if we expect to be respected. To me, that was a shame to the people they represent.

Going straight to the Speech of the President, first, I congratulate the President. I will start with the subject of accountability. The issue of corruption has dominated our media and debate for quite a long time. I was impressed by the President's commitment. He reiterated his commitment to fighting the vice of corruption. He also went further and gave statistics of the 360 cases in court and even the very painful decision he had to make. This decision, where he had to dismiss a third of his Cabinet, has made history in this country. That was a good thing. I thought he was going to stop there, but he went further and said something that I wanted to hear about strengthening institutions. He spoke to the fact that the Government has put in place preventive measures as well as tracking, seizing and confiscating proceeds of corruption. He also alluded to the fact that already there is a multi-agency institutional framework that will bring together all entities responsible for investigation and prosecution. He also mentioned the fact that a special division of the High Court has been set up to deal specifically with corruption cases. Among other reforms are the financial reporting centre and the assets recovery agency that is now operational. When we considered the Supplementary Budget, we set aside some money to make the financial reporting centre independent. At the moment, the centre is still using the structures of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) and the National Treasury. For me, that was important because corruption is what we have been complaining about and it is what is bringing this country down. I am happy the President emphasised his commitment to fighting corruption.

Secondly, in the area of education I think a lot has been achieved by the Jubilee Government. It only takes a blind person not to see what this Government has done. Even the Members who are saying this Jubilee Government has done nothing, their own sons and daughters are not paying examination fees in secondary and primary schools. We must appreciate that this Government has done something. I am a beneficiary of the technical training institutes (TTIs) programme. Very soon, a TTI will be opened in Teso South. Thank you, Mr. President. For the laptops project, structures needed to be put in place. Some schools did not have power, so power is being supplied to all primary schools. The President reiterated that this financial year the laptops project will be rolled out.

The only thing that I would want to mention in this particular area is the issue of teachers. As I speak for the people of Teso South, the problem that cuts across this country is lack of enough teachers. Maybe that is the area we need to address as well as the issue of low morale in schools and the need to improve the remuneration of teachers. I think those are areas the President needs to look into. Payment of teachers and payment of retirement benefits for retired teachers is an area we need to look into. I also want to appreciate the fact that more universities have been established. I also want to thank the President because I got a constituent university college: Alupe University College. I would only want to appeal for advertisement for the membership of the Council. I think it is an oversight that it was left out. I thank the President for the initiatives. When he comes to Busia County, he will say a lot about what has been done there.

A lot has been done in the area of agriculture. Irrigation has been rolled out in many areas of this country. The President mentioned that in the coffee sector, he has---

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): The Member for Marakwet West, Hon. William Kipkemoi.

**Hon. Kisang:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity to make my comments on the President's Speech. I believe what the President gave us on 31st of March was a mini-report card of what the Jubilee Government has done for the last three years. If our

colleagues from the other side cared to listen, they would have got some information to take back to their constituencies and tell the people what the Jubilee Government has done.

I want to comment on three issues. One is security. For the last three years, the Jubilee Government has leased over 3,000 vehicles for our security personnel. Each of our police stations has a vehicle. Every three or so months, the vehicles are taken for service and there is no shortage of fuel. If there is any issue, our security officers will just dash without asking for fuel from *wananchi*.

Secondly, the Jubilee Government is going to complete the construction of the state-of-the-art forensic laboratory in the next three, four or six months. That is to help our security personnel analyse crimes and detect intruders.

Third, I want to talk about the chiefs all over the country. They have been supplied with motorbikes and allowances each month to operate, maintain and run them. It is one of the serious achievements our Jubilee Government has done in that very short time.

We have also employed over 30,000 police personnel. This has several effects. It has reduced the police officer to citizen ratio to arrive at the internationally acceptable ratio of one police officer to 80 citizens. It has reduced unemployment because for those three years, we have employed an additional 30,000 Kenyans thus reducing unemployment by that margin.

I now want to go to education. We know I am in the Departmental Committee on Energy, Communication and Information. For the last three years, we have connected over 20,000 schools with power. Some of the schools are connected with solar power and others to the national grid. In the next one or two months, all our schools will have power. This is a great achievement. When it comes to connecting power to our households, we had connected only 1.5 million Kenyans for the last 50 years. By 31<sup>st</sup> March or the time the President wrote the speech, we had connected over four million Kenyans. As the Jubilee Government, we have a target to connect at least 1million Kenyans each year. That is something that had not been done before.

On education, most of the speakers have spoken about scrapping of examination fees. This is a big achievement. Most of our students can now sit exams without paying examination fees which has been a problem in the past. Parents who used to struggle no longer do. On TTIs, I am among the first top 60 that got TTIs. Mine is ready. Any time we equip it, we will open it. This is an achievement of Jubilee.

Another issue is on laptops. I want to report to our colleagues that by July this year, about three or four schools in each of the counties will have received laptops. There is a pilot project already. Some laptops are already arriving. The reason we did not get laptops early enough is because of court cases. Those who lost tenders went to the courts to block the supplies.

I take this opportunity to thank the Government for infrastructure. For the first time, the people of Marakwet West are seeing a tarmac road courtesy of the Jubilee Government.

Finally, I invite all of you to come to Nakuru for the prayers on Saturday. I know some people have said they have not been invited. I invite all of you to thank God for what he has done.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): You are the Member of Parliament for Marakwet West. You do not represent Nakuru. That is on a light note.

I go to the Hon. Member of Parliament for Kiambu, Hon. Jude Njomo.

**Hon. Njomo:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would like to say that the President did a very good State of the Nation Address in this House. I concur with him on many of the things he said.

A good example is the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). I had an opportunity to be along the railway line last week when we went to Tsavo for parliamentary duties. We were all the way from Bachuma Gate to Mtito Andei. The good work that has been done on that railway is very evident. I know many people may not feel the effect of SGR today but we will see how it is going to influence the economy of our country in one year. The last time a railway line was built in this country was over a century ago but this Jubilee Government has done it. It has come up with a modern railway that is going to help us to connect with the rest of the world, and import and export products.

The electricity sector has benefited immensely. In the short time that the Jubilee Government has been in power, it has added over 634 megawatts of power to our grid bringing it to a total of 2,282 megawatts. This has brought us closer to the 5,000 megawatts that we intend to have by the first term of Jubilee Government. This assures us as a country that we have plenty of energy to put into our manufacturing industry to benefit our people and to grow our economy.

I know corruption has been a problem within our country and it is affecting very many sectors not only in Government but also in the private sector. What has our Government done? The President said in his Speech that he sent home a third of his Cabinet to set an example that he is not going to tolerate at all people who are practising corruption in their offices. We know that there are over 360 cases in courts. Now it is upon courts to determine these cases and imprison those who are found guilty of practising corruption in their places of work.

The education sector has also benefited immensely from the Jubilee Government. We know that the Government has offered free primary education and secondary school education has also been made almost free. We know that whatever is remaining can be done in a short while so that even secondary school education would be totally free. It was a great pleasure when Kenyan education standard was said to be the best in Africa. We know the kind of effort that has been put in our education sector. I would urge the Government to continue with the same spirit so that other countries would be coming to Kenya to learn it. We are an epitome of a good education system.

Our new Constitution gave us devolution. Devolution is one way where we are able to provide services to the people on the ground and it is working. Yesterday, the President visited our county and one of the things that he did was to open two hospitals which have been equipped with modern equipment. The equipment is so modern that private hospitals are prescribing to their patients to have examinations and tests done in public hospitals because they do not have those facilities.

I must congratulate the President for his good Speech and confirm that we will attend the prayers in Nakuru. Those who feel that Nakuru is far can do their prayers wherever they want but we want to assure them as Jubilee that we shall be in Nakuru praying together as a nation, thanking God for the far he has brought us and for answering the prayers.

Thank you.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Pursuant to my earlier communication and sticking to my principles, I am giving a chance to the last Member. Member for Taveta, then I call the Mover to reply.

**Hon. (Dr.) Shaban:** Asante sana Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda kwa kunipa nafasi hii ili niunge mkono Hotuba ya Mhe. Rais. Kenya inakizungumkuti kwa sababu Wakenya ni watu ambao wanapenda kukashifu na kulalamika. Sitegemei Wabunge wa Upinzani kumsifu Rais kwa sababu ni lazima wamkosoe. Lakini kwa kumkosoa, wakati mwingine inakuwa kama sarakasi

kwa sababu wanataka kuwaambia wananchi havifanyiki na vinafanyika, maanake mwenye macho anaona. Mwenye masikio anasikia. Kule tunakotoka sisi, kuna uwazi wa yale mambo yanayofanyika. Watu wana uchoyo na chuki. Watu wakisikia kuwa kuna barabara zinajengwa upande wa Taveta, wanahisi hasira. Hasira ya nini wakati barabara hizi zitawasaidia Wakenya? Ukisika barabara inajengwa Merille kwenda Moyale unahisi hasira. Huo ndio ukweli uliopo. Vile vile, barabara ya Dongo Kundu ilikuwa ni kitendawili au hadithi. Sasa hivi ni kweli inatendeka. Barabara ya Port Reitz, Mombasa, kutoka kiwanja cha ndege inapanuliwa. Huo ndio ukweli wa mambo. Kinachonishangaza ni kuwa hatutaki kukubali kuwa mambo haya yanatendeka. Sio kila mahali kunaweza kutendeka mambo kwa mara moja. Ukiangalia mgao uliopo, utaona kuwa Mheshimiwa Rais amegawanya mgao Kenya nzima.

Katika mwaka wa 2013, wakati Mheshimiwa Rais Uhuru alichukua usukani nchi hii, nakumbuka aliyekuwa Waziri Mkuu akisema kuwa ni vizuri reli ya kisasa ijengwe. Lakini sasa inaonekana ikiendelea kujengeka, inasemekana kuwa isijengwe maanake ni hasara kwa Wakenya. Itakuwaje ni hasara na reli ya kisasa ndio itakayoleta maendeleo na kufungua nchi yetu? Nataka kumpongeza Mheshimiwa Rais kwa sababu reli hii ya kisasa haipitii tu huko bali wakati mwingine itaelekezwa upande wa Taita Taveta na maeneo mengine kama Kitale. Hayo yote yanatendeka.

Jeshi la Wakenya lilikwenda Somalia kufanya kazi chini ya Umoja wa Mataifa. Serikali ya Mseto tuliyokuwa nayo hapo awali ndio iliyoamua kuwa Jeshi letu liende pale. Wapinzani wenye kusema kuwa Jeshi hilo liondolewe hawajatupatia njia na namna ya kuwatoa kwa sababu sisi ni moja wa mataifa katika Umoja wa Mataifa. Hivyo basi, hatuwezi kuendelea kukashifu kazi ambayo inafanywa na Umoja wa Mataifa.

Ufisadi upo na ulikuwa, si kuwa umeanza sasa. Nataka kumpongeza Rais Uhuru Kenyatta kwa sababu wahenga wanasema kuwa mficha uchi hazai. Amesema wazi kuwa tuna tatizo. Ni lazima tulifanyie tatizo hili kazi, tuungane pamoja ili tuweze kupigana nalo. Na vile alivyokubali, mgala muuwe lakini haki yake mpe. Amesema ukweli kuwa tuna tatizo na si tatizo limeanza sasa. Limekuwepo tangu zamani. Viongozi wa nchi hii walikuwa wanapenda kuficha matatizo hayo.

Kuna jambo lilikuwa linaendelea hapa Kenya linaloitwa Okoa Kenya. Watu wa Upinzani ndio walikuwa wanaendeleza kampeni hiyo. Juzi, Mheshimiwa Rais ametaja swala la serikali za ugatuzi na kuwa pesa nyingi zimekwenda kule lakini hatujui pesa hizi zinafanya nini. Alivyouliza, watu waliruka na kukataa kuguzwa bali pesa nyingi zinakwenda katika serikali za ugatuzi. Ukweli ni kwamba pesa zinafujwa. Watu hao wanasema eti Mheshimiwa Rais hafai kuuliza. Anauliza kwa sababu yeye ni Mkenya, mkuu wa nchi hii na Rais wetu na hivyo basi ana haki ya kuuliza. Yule ambaye ana chuki na hataki Mheshimiwa Rais Uhuru asiulize ni kwa sababu anajua kuwa labda yeye pia ameonja zile pesa kwa njia ya ufisadi.

Nina mengi ya kusema lakini kwa sasa hivi, nataka kumpongeza Rais kwa kufungua nchi yetu ulimwenguni. Tumepata wageni wa kila aina kama vile Rais Obama na Papa ambaye ndiye Baba Mtakatifu. Hayo yote yamewezekana kwa sababu ya uhusiano wake mzuri na nchi zingine za nje.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Hon. Members, I, therefore, now call upon the Leader of the Majority Party, who is the Mover, to reply.

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. With your permission, I want to give two minutes to the great lady from Nyeri so that she at least goes on record. I saw in the newspaper that someone said that part of the reason why she was elected is because of her



looks. I want to tell that person that more beautiful ladies should compete with her in Nyeri if that is one of the reasons.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): They say beauty and brains. The Hon. Member for Nyeri, you are a beneficiary of the philanthropy of the Leader of the Majority Party, who is the Member of Parliament representing Garissa Township.

**Hon. (Ms) Kanyua:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I appreciate the two minutes from the Leader of the Majority Party. I congratulate the President, hail the Speech and the calm amidst the whistle blowing. But more importantly, I hail the President for the nationalist covenant that he introduced in the Speech having interpreted the national values in the Constitution to create a nationalistic covenant for our country. It is going to be subject of more scholarship.

At the outset, if we could collapse the Kikuyu, Kamba, Luo, Kalenjin and the Luhya nations into a Kenya nation; nothing will be better for our country. I urge the President to not only speak about the nationalistic covenant but to go ahead and tell us how to implement it as we proceed.

On the 3,000 kilometres of tarmac roads in Nyeri, we want to be part of the 1,000 kilometres per year. More especially, we want the 74 kilometre Endarasha Road commissioned. We urge that as the 1,000 kilometres of roads are done, they are done across the country and mostly in areas that do not have roads.

On the two-thirds gender matter, it is important that the President continues to mention women and youth of this country in his Speeches. It was a bit sad that that missed out. We need to strengthen the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), the Judiciary and the police so that we have free and fair elections in 2017.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker and thank you the Leader of the Majority Party.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Ms.) Mbalu): Let us go back to Hon. Aden Duale, the Leader of the Majority Party to reply.

**Hon. A.B. Duale:** Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I thank the over 125 Members of this House who in the last two days have contributed to the President's Speech. I will not take much time.

I left out one item which was raised by our colleagues who purported to make a fake state of the nation address in Laico Regency. As I said yesterday, I have never seen and I have done research anywhere in the world where a state-of-the-nation address is done in a hotel. It is usually done to the representative of the people like this in august House.

On the recurring issue of the IEBC, I confirm that the Jubilee Government under the President's leadership is committed to a credible election process. It must be made clear from the outset that IEBC is autonomous and is an independent constitutional body. This Government under President Uhuru Kenyatta would not subvert the Constitution just for political expedience. There is a laid down process how the Commission is constituted and how it should be disbanded. It is well documented in the Constitution. The laid down process must be followed.

As many Members have said and the last one was Hon. Mary Emaase, for those who want to see, they can. It was 600,000 women who were accessing free maternal health care when we came to power in 2013 and today the number has doubled to 1.2 million. It is there and can be seen in all health facilities. Examination fees have been scraped and the digital programme is on course. Yesterday I said that the piloting is underway in 150 schools in all counties. The

content has been developed, teachers have been trained and I am sure it will be rolled out in December 2016.

We have done the SGR. We had the Lunatic Express that was built in 1894 and now we have the SGR that is 75 per cent complete. Next year, we will use one hour and twenty minutes to Mombasa by train. We will not use the Kenya Airways.

For the first time we have invested in security. Since President Uhuru Kenyatta took power, 30,000 extra men and women have been recruited. Three thousand motor vehicles have been bought and our men and women in uniform have been insured.

Three thousand vehicles have been bought. A comprehensive housing policy is underway. More weapons and armoured cars have been bought. The counter-terrorism multi agency system has been created.

We have done over 3,000 kilometers of roads in the last three years. Since Independence, only 14,000 kilometers of roads have been done. I may go on talking of the achievements of this Government from The Lamu Port-South Sudan- Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor to the free primary and secondary school increment in capitation of about Kshs.46 billion. I am sure colleagues who spoke raised issues that are well documented in the HANSARD that the President might have left out. I am sure corruption is a challenge in our country and this House has gone an extra mile to allocate more resources to the independent institutions of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Auditor General (AG).

We thank the Chief Justice (CJ) for establishing the EACC courts and for the DPP to have trained over 800 new prosecutors. However, all these will work if there is a complete societal behaviour change. When you are a parent and your son brings you a new Prado and you know he cannot afford it, you must ask him where he got the money. The society must play a big role in the war against corruption.

I thank the Members who stayed here this late. I thank the Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for allowing us to have the extension. I am sure this Motion was only meant to at least have the thanks of the House recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Presidential Address.

I conclude and thank all the Members for exactly doing that.

I beg to reply.

**The Temporary Deputy Speaker** (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Hon. Members, the time being 7.37 p.m. This House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 2.30 p.m.

I thank you all.

The House rose at 7.37 p.m.