

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 24th April, 2013

The House met at 9.00 a.m.

[Hon. Deputy Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

The following Paper was laid on the Table:-

The list of the proposed Membership to the Procedure and House Rules Committee

(By hon. A.B. Duale)

NOTICES OF MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF PROCEDURE AND HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

A.B. Duale: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the Following Motion:-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.208, this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Procedure and House Rules Committee:-

1. The Hon. Justin Muturi, MP - Speaker of the National Assembly
2. The Hon. (Dr) Joyce Laboso, MP - Deputy Speaker
3. The Hon. John M. Waiganjo, MP
4. The Hon. David Were, MP
5. The Hon. (Ms) Amina Abdalla, MP
6. The Hon. (Ms) Sunjeev Kour Birdi, MP
7. The Hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, MP
8. The Hon. Silas K. Tiren, MP
9. The Hon. Benson Itwiku Mbai, MP
10. The Hon. Abbas Mohamed, MP
11. The Hon. Jimmy Angwenyi, MP
12. The Hon. Abdikadir Aden, MP
13. The Hon. (Ms) Florence Mutua, MP

14. The Hon. Ben Momanyi, MP
15. The Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP
16. The Hon. William Mwakale, MP
17. The Hon. (Ms) Regina Muia, MP
18. The Hon. Moses Cheboi, MP
19. The Hon. (Ms) Rachel Shebesh, MP
20. The Hon. Tom J. Kajwang, MP
21. The Hon. Jessica Mbalu, MP

The last four are the Chairpersons' Panel.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIVESTOCK INSURANCE FUND

Mr. Farah: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:-

THAT aware that livestock is the major source of income for the people living in the arid and semi-arid areas in the country; deeply concerned about the devastation caused by perennial droughts in most parts of the country, especially in the ASAL areas that have occasioned heavy losses to livestock farmers, thus greatly affecting them financially; noting that many farmers have lost almost all their livestock and experienced a sharp reduction in the quantity and quality of produce due to the harsh climatic conditions in the ASAL areas; convinced that unless these farmers are protected from the harsh climatic conditions, livestock farming is likely to face the risk of irreversible economic ruin, this House urges the Government to urgently establish a livestock insurance fund to cushion livestock farmers in all the ASAL areas against losses occasioned by drought.

Hon Deputy Speaker: Is there another hon. Member?

Mr. Muzee: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:-
A Bill to amend the urban areas and Cities Act---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Mr. Muzee, there is a procedure for how we introduce that. When we are giving the Notice we need to have had prior knowledge of the Notice of Motion that you are introducing; we need to first consult the Clerks.

Mr. Muzee: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I gave my Notice to the Speaker's Office last week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think it is still being considered and you will be informed when it is ready.

(Mr. Gitari stood up in his place)

Mr. Gitari, do you have a Notice of Motion that has already been cleared?

Mr. Gitari: Yes, hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay, go ahead.

NOTICE OF MOTION

UPGRADING OF HOSPITALS AT COUNTY LEVEL

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

THAT, aware that according to statistics released by the Kenya Government in July, 2012 cancer and renal diseases are currently the biggest killer diseases in the country, being responsible for at least 22,000 people with cancer-related deaths or about 0.92 per cent of the total deaths according to the World Health Organization (WHO) that was released in April, 2011; noting that there is limited access to cancer screening, treatment and kidney dialysis at an affordable cost at the county level; further, aware that the Government received a grant of Kshs522 billion from the French Government to establish cancer and renal centers with well-equipped facilities, this House urges the Government to consider upgrading at least one hospital in every county and supplying equipment to handle both dialysis and cancer treatment.

Thank you.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 40(3)

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

THAT, the business appearing in today's Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for business not sponsored by the Majority or the Minority Party or a Member belonging to the Majority or Minority Party or business sponsored by a Committee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, this is a Procedural Motion. Wednesday Morning is for Members to bring their private Bills and Motions. We will not have a Procedural Motion next Wednesday because notices of Motion have already been given by hon. Members. The House Business Committee is going to allocate time to those Motions so that next Wednesday – or even this afternoon - we will have Motions to debate.

I will urge my colleague, hon. (Dr.) Nyongesa to second.

The Member for Funyula Hon. (Dr.) Nyongesa): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I see no interest from hon. Members.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF PROCEDURE AND HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

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

THAT, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order Nos. 175 and 208, this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Procedure and House Rules Committee:-

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| 1. The hon. Justin Muturi, MP | - | Speaker of the National Assembly |
| 2. The hon. (Dr.) Joyce Laboso, MP | - | Deputy Speaker, |
| 3. The hon. Moses Cheboi, MP | - | Chairpersons' panel |
| 4. The hon. (Ms) Rachael Shebesh, MP | - | Chairpersons' Panel |
| 5. The hon. Tom J. Kajwang' MP | - | Chairpersons' Panel |
| 6. The hon. Jessica Mbalu, MP | - | Chairpersons' Panel |
| 7. The hon. John M. Waiganjo, MP | | |
| 8. The hon. David Were, MP | | |
| 9. The hon. Amina Abdallah, MP | | |
| 10. The hon.(Ms) Kour Birdi Sunjeev, MP | | |
| 11. The hon. (Prof.) Hellen Sambili, MP | | |
| 12. The hon. Silas K. Tiren, MP | | |
| 13. The hon. Benson Itwiku Mbai, MP | | |
| 14. The hon. Abass Mohamed, MP | | |
| 15. The hon. Jimmy Angwenyi, MP | | |
| 16. The hon. Abdikadir Aden, MP | | |
| 17. The hon. Florence Mutua, MP | | |
| 18. The hon. Ben Momanyi, MP | | |
| 19. The hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP | | |
| 20. The hon. William Mwamkale, MP | | |
| 21. The hon. Regina Muia, MP | | |

This is a very important Committee on procedure and rules. We brought this Committee for approval by the House after wide consultations with the Committee on Selection. It has a mandate to place Members in various committees in consultation with the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the management of Parliament. We have come to a conclusion that we need to amend our Standing Orders to ensure that each of all the 349 Members of this House belong to one Departmental Committee.

In the last Parliament, which had 222 hon. Members, 94 Members were in the Government as Ministers and Assistant Ministers. They were not in any Committee of the 10th Parliament. Looking at both coalitions we came to the conclusion that if we use the numbers that we have now, some Members of Parliament will miss a place in Committees. Under the Presidential system and under the new governance structure that we have, committees of the House are the most important. They are the nerve centre of governance in Parliament. We do not have the Government in Parliament, and so the Committee Chairpersons and hon. Members will play a bigger role than they did in the last Parliament.

Standing Order 262, states as follows:-

“The Procedure and House Rules Committee may at any time propose amendments to these Standing Orders.”

That is why, of the 21 hon. Members that we are tabling for approval, four of them are members of the Chairpersons' Panel. That was why we brought their names to the House yesterday for approval. So, it is easier for the House to approve the whole list.

This Committee is chaired by the Speaker. It is the Committee that has a mandate to place hon. Members in different Committees. We have come to a conclusion that every Member of this House should be a member of, at least, one departmental committee. We will see how we will

place other Members. Each Member shall be a member of a departmental committee or other standing or *ad hoc* committee.

For us to move very fast and bring the names of all the committees and their membership latest tomorrow afternoon, I beg the House to approve this Committee so that the Speaker can chair the first session, maybe, today or tomorrow in the morning and make sure that every hon. Member is comfortable.

With those few remarks, I ask hon. Mbadi, my good friend, not to oppose but to second and support me in this.

Mr. Mbadi: Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to second this Motion. In seconding the Motion, I would like to congratulate the Leader of the Majority Party for thinking ahead and seriously. Looking at the size of this Parliament of 349 Members, and given that we expect each Member to participate in at least two committees in order to perform a meaningful civic duty that the people of Kenya entrusted with each one of us, it is necessary that we increase the membership of various committees. That way, we will have as many of us as possible participating in at least two committees in order to be of more value to this country.

I am convinced that a team is going to thoroughly look at our Standing Orders and make necessary adjustments, bearing in mind that we just came up with the new Standing Orders towards the tail end of the Tenth Parliament – a time when many of us had no concentration in Parliament. This Committee is a blend of new Members and veterans. I can see a very good number of experienced Members like hon. Amina Abdala, Prof. Helen Sambili and Benson Mbai. Of course, hon. Jimmy Angwenyi has come back. He is also experienced. We have hon. Muturi as our Speaker, and Dr. Joyce Laboso. We also have hon. Cheboi, who was also in Parliament before, and hon. Rachael Shebesh. I am convinced that this is a team of experienced Members and new hon. Members. These are able people who are going to discuss these Standing Orders and make recommendations for adjustments or amendments.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, with those many remarks, I second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, the hon. Chief Whip.

Hon. ole Metito: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to support the Motion. This Motion originated from the Committee on Selection. I am very sure that the country is pregnant with expectation of the subject matter of the full list of the Cabinet Secretaries; this House is also feeling the same in terms of tabling lists of Members of all the departmental committees. I want to put the record straight as to why we have not been able to bring to the House all the lists of the membership of the departmental committees and other committees of the House. It is because of the challenges we have faced as a Selection Committee, more so myself as the Majority Party Whip and my colleague on the other side, hon. Mung'aro. It is because of the slots available in these Committees. If you read the Standing Orders, you will appreciate that all the committees of this House have a total of 462 slots. For every hon. Member of this House to be in two committees, we need to have 698 slots.

More importantly, this House has 12 departmental committees; as per the current Standing Orders, there are 19 slots in each of the departmental committees, making a total membership of 228. For each hon. Member of this House to be in one departmental committee,

we need to have a total of 349 slots in the departmental committees. Therefore, as the Committee on Selection, we propose that the Standing Orders that created these committees be reviewed by the Procedure and Rules Committee to increase the membership of the committees.

Another option that was given yesterday in the House Business Committee is exploring the possibility of creating more departmental committees, but we leave that to this able Committee, if the House approves this Motion; it will be for them to look into ways of ensuring that each Member of this House belongs to a departmental committee and one other parliamentary committee, be it an oversight committee or a select committee.

Therefore, I would urge that once the House approves this Motion, the Committee moves with speed to expand the membership of this House's committees, so that the Committee on Selection can also fast-track the establishment of committees. Notices of Motion have already been given by hon. Members of this House. As we all know, the Government does not sit in this House. It is, therefore, the chairpersons of the departmental committees who will be replying to Motions relating to their committees. We are trying to ensure that by tomorrow or Tuesday next week, latest, all the departmental committees and other committees will be in place, so that Motions can properly come to the Floor of the House.

With those remarks, I beg to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, hon. Gumbo.

Hon. (Eng.) Gumbo: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to support the Motion. However, I want to repeat a concern that I raised here yesterday. This is a good Committee, and I have no problem with it at all. The problem I am seeing is that there are names which appear in every Committee established by this House. This is not good for the membership of this House. I do not want to name names but there is already a name that I have seen on three committees out of the four or five committees that we have established. I do not belong to the Jubilee side of the Government, but during the campaigns they talked of being a digital generation.

I want to offer myself as a distinguished engineer in this country, to do a visual basic code for them, so that they can keep track of how many members are going into which committees, because it is not looking good so far. We are going to ruin the quality that we want to get from these Committees, because people are just going into committees just for the sake of it. We want quality. This House has become a House of assessment – a House of looking at how things are being done or how we are conducting business. When people offer to go into three committees after only five committees have been established, are they offering to serve the country or are they merely offering to appear in committees?

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I support the Motion reluctantly and urge the Leader of the Majority Party, who is my friend, and Members of the House Business Committee to, please, look into this matter. All the hon. Members in this House are equal to the task. We should not form the habit of going back to *Animal Farm*, where some animals tend to be more equal than others. We are all equal. All of us have qualifications and we want to also give service to the country.

With those remarks, I very reluctantly support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order, hon. Gitari?

Hon. Gitari: (off-record)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay; the point is noted. Serjeant-At-Arms, please, ensure that this House is friendlier to hon. Members.

Yes, hon. Rotino.

Hon. Rotino: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to very reluctantly support the Motion. I want to sound an alarm to the Leader of the Majority Party. This House has capable Members. We are all capable Members of Parliament who were elected in our own right. We represent the people who elected us. People should not be recycled or given opportunity to serve in committees on the basis of friendship. The Leader of the Majority Party should be able to look at all the regions of this country and ensure that all the people are represented, so that we can support the Motion. We cannot keep on supporting just for the sake of supporting.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Member for Marakwet East (Hon. Bowen): Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I stand to support the Motion. I also support my colleagues who have said that all of us are up to the task. I hope during the nomination of Members to the remaining committees, the whips will make sure that all of us are represented. I wish to inform the Selection Committees that it is not only putting Members on the various Committees, but they should consider the Members' specialization. I am a Software Engineer by profession and I do not expect to be nominated to the Health Committee or in another profession that I am not comfortable in. I support the list. I wish to request the Selection Committee to make sure that in the coming list, it considers specialization.

The Member for Runyenjes (Hon. (Ms.) Mbarire): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. I want to first and foremost thank the Selection Committee for finding it necessary to amend the Standing Orders so that we can have more Members belonging to at least one Committee. It is important that they do not just look at the numbers or the membership of the Committees, but they also look at the mandate given to each committee because some committees have a broad mandate. It is important that new committees are formed, so that, at least, every Member of this House belongs to a committee.

I also hope that the Leader of the Majority and the chief whips of the various parties have listened to the concerns of the Members. First of all, it does not come out well when it seems that certain Members keep appearing in committee lists every so often when others are not even in a single committee. Every Member is here in her or his own right. They are capable. It is important that before you nominate Members to second or third committees, you ensure that every Member in this House belongs to a committee. Most of the work of this Parliament will not be done on this Floor, but in committees. So, unless you make good use of the brains in this House, and all of us here have professional backgrounds, people will be left out and discriminated against. I am happy we are politicians and we are able to speak out. I hope that, that issue has been taken seriously by the people concerned, so that we can see a more representative nomination of Members to committees.

Finally, I want to remind the committee that is looking at the Standing Orders that we expect, as Women Members in this House, to be given our rightful role in committees. First of all, it is clear that, at least, we must have some committees chaired by women Members. We are not saying that we be given as tokenism, we are saying that we be recognized as women Members of Parliament, who are here in our own right. We are also saying that you should not take us to committees that are seen to be junior committees. We can chair important committees. I am saying this because I know that many times in the history of this Parliament, women are taken to the Catering Committee. We are not here to cater for anybody. We are here to make serious laws and policies for this country.

Hon. A.B. Duale: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. I do not want to cut short my good friend, the Member for Runyenjes, but she has made some very serious allegations that contravene the Standing Orders and as the Leader of the Majority, I cannot just sit and allow her to continue. It is the membership of a particular committee in the House that will elect the Chair. So, it is not a preference for either gender. Elections will be done through the secret ballot and whoever is competent, the members will elect her or him. Secondly, there are no inferior committees of this House. All committees are important. In fact, the Catering Committee, in my opinion, is a very fundamental Committee that will make sure that the 349 Members who are here will eat well and look healthy. They will eat food that will not cause food poisoning.

Finally, the list that we presented, five of the Members are there by virtue of the office they hold. Hon. Cheboi is in that Committee by virtue of being the chairman of the Speaker's Panel. With regard to the rest of the other Members, I want to assure the House that I have taken their sentiments and I will crack the whip for the whips to make sure that regional balance and names are not recycled. I have taken the sentiments and as Leader of the Majority, I will consult my counterpart. This will never happen again. All the committees are important and the chairs are elected by the membership of a particular committee as per the Standing Orders.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Allow hon. Mbarire to conclude her contribution, you will get a chance.

The Member for Runyenjes (Hon. (Ms.) Mbarire): Hon. Deputy Speaker, every Member knows that when it comes to chairs of committees, much as you leave it to the committees to elect them, the party plays a very critical role in determining who takes the chair. Having listened to what has been happening in the corridors of this Parliament for the last two weeks you need to know that the male Members are already conniving to take up all the important committees. I am just reminding the Leader of the Majority Party that we have women here who want to lead these important committees. I agree that we need to ensure that we eat well, but women do not need to be reminded of our traditional role even when we get to high offices. If you can nominate men to that committee and have a male Member elected the chairman, I will be very happy.

With those remarks, I support and beg that you give us our rightful place.

Hon. Ng'ongo: Hon. Deputy Speaker, at least, I am not one of the men conniving to deny women chairmanship. But even though these positions are elective, can we not have some affirmative action and decide? We have been having affirmative action in many seats. Why can we not have affirmative action as a House? This is something that probably would require the Speaker's intervention that we have some specific committees to be chaired by women. If you allow us to go for elections, women are the minority. They are just 20 per cent. Even those committees, the women will be at most 30 per cent. Why can we not have affirmative action?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I believe your question was rhetoric, hon. Mbadi. I hope you are not expecting an answer from me. You are expecting the information to get to the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.

Hon. Kiptanui: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. Is my good friend, hon. Mbarire, in order to imply that in most cases, women are nominated to serve in the Catering Committee? I would like to inform her that, indeed, in the last Parliament, 50 per cent of the Members who served in the Catering Committee were men.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, in the Committee I served, that is, the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, the chairperson was a lady. Is she in order to imply that in most cases it is only men who serve in those committees?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You have been informed now. Is that the hon. Member for Kibwezi? Hon. Members as we are still trying to get your names, please be reminding us so that it can be recorded in the HANSARD.

Hon. Mulu: *(Technical hitch)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I am beginning to hear repetitions. This is the last day for the Presidential Address and repetitions are becoming more and more. Do you want us to continue debating on this list?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Member, please conclude for us.

An hon. Member: Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I will be very brief. I wish to support the list, but again raise the concern that they should not keep on repeating their usual way of doing things. They should not repeat the same names in all committees.

I wish to suggest that as they consider coming up with other committees they also come up with the sports committee. We have several disciplines which are active like football, netball, marathon and so on and yet there is no committee which is directly linked to that. In this case, I would wish to suggest that they come up with that committee so that we can have an input into our national teams. That way they will do even better.

Most of us I know are supporters of Manchester United as opposed to being supporters of our Harambee Stars, Gor Mahia, AFC Leopards and the rest. It is high time we came back home to support our home teams so that they perform well.

I beg to support.

Hon. Chanzu: Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I also rise to support. The points raised about the membership of these committees, some of us are in parties and we have not seen membership of our parties. For example, a party like the United Democratic Forum (UDF) is not appearing anywhere in this Committee.

(Laughter)

I want to mention this because---

Hon. Members: Cross over!

Hon. Cheptumo: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. Is the hon. Member in order to complain on the Floor yet the list of Members to these Committees are actually being handed in by the whips of the various political parties?

Hon. Chanzu: Hon. Deputy Speaker, the hon. Member should have allowed me to complete the statement I was making. I want to say this because the Leader of the Majority Party and that of the Minority Party are here. I do not know what happens. The issue of somebody telling me to cross over--- I do not know if they have read the Standing Orders. The sitting arrangement here is such that you can sit on either side. You do not have to sit that side in order for you to be--- Even for those sitting in the other side they can also cross over to this side.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, when they are taking care of this--- Yesterday we were talking about those who are disabled and so on. Today we are talking about the small parties. I think it is important for that to be taken into account. That is the point I wanted to raise and I think it is much more different from what had been raised before.

Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I think we are in agreement that I put the Question.

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

THAT, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the President delivered on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

(Hon. A.B. Duale on 17.4.2013)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 23.4.2013)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member of Parliament for Laikipia North, hon. Lempurkel had two minutes. He will complete his two minutes before we call any other hon. Member.

The Member for Laikipia North (Hon. Lempurkel): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Yesterday, while speaking on the Presidential Address, I talked about the issue of agriculture which needs to be given a lot of emphasis. However, I had some issues concerning my constituency. I am talking about livestock.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to remind you that it is only hon. Members who have not spoken. If you have already spoken on the Presidential Address, you cannot speak a second time.

The Member for Laikipia North (Hon. Lempurkel): Hon. Deputy Speaker, about livestock, I said that about ten million Kenyans depend on this industry. In the President's Address, he did not speak more about livestock. When we talk of the *nyama choma* industry especially in Nairobi and other big towns, it employs about one million Kenyans. We need to put a lot of emphasis on this industry in the pastoralist areas, say Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo and Marsabit.

The President talked about payment for maternity services. I am really worried that in my constituency women walk for kilometers just to get to a dispensary. What measures is the Jubilee Government making to ensure that women delivering in *manyattas* benefit from free maternity services?

Another issue is that of laptops but in the whole constituency we do not even have a single primary or secondary school. How will the children, who are living in the bush, the Samburu and Pokot children who are pastoralist, benefit from this laptop issue? I think we need to look at the issue of classes, books and infrastructure.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, on Monday I was from my constituency and all roads are cut off. People are travelling using donkeys to get food. I was wondering what is going to happen unless the Jubilee Government will let us know how the children will benefit.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Rarieda (Eng. Gumbo): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this Motion. May I start by thanking the Almighty God, the creator of the universe for choosing me to be the person who broke the one-term jinx of Rarieda Constituency after very many powerful men had come to this House, including freedom fighters, cabinet Ministers but they were not worthy before God to break the one-term jinx. I also want to thank my late parents, Francis and Dorcas Gumbo who inculcated in me the belief that you can be as audaciously hopeful as you want because there is no limit to how much hope you can have.

Contributing on the Motion, a lot has been said and I do not want to go back there but I want to note one point that the President said which is on the question of the spiraling public wage bill. As a House, I think we have a duty to help the President in taming the wage bill but even as we do that, it is imperative for hon. Members to note that as we stand now, the institution of Parliament is gravely under threat and the war against Parliament is being fronted by none other than the commissions that have been midwived by this House. I find it most unacceptable that this war is being waged through contempt, dishonesty and lack of sincerity on the part of these commissions. We are now being told that as Parliamentarians we were the once responsible for the spiraling wage bill. Nothing can be further from the truth. Parliamentarians have earned the same salary for the past ten years. What we are asking for is maintenance of that salary. I have not heard any of my colleagues asking that the salary should be increased. If truly this Government is interested in taming the wage bill, then the place to look is in the commissions and not in this Parliament. Today we have commissioners, in fact, twice more than the Senators in this country. Does Kenya need all those commissioners?

I will give an example: One of the most populated countries in the world is India with a population of well in excess of one billion people. In fact, the registered voters in India are more than 800 million. Who manages the elections in India? It is three commissioners with a staff of hardly 300 people yet in our country we have nine commissioners most of whom are underworked, heavily overpaid and they do nothing to make our elections what they should be. This House has a duty to help the President to reduce the wage bill and the way to do is that we do not need all these commissioners to be on a permanent basis. In fact, we do not need these commissions to be as populated as they are. I urge this House to start, through our Committees, by ensuring that we reduce, first of all, the number of commissioners who sit in these commissions and secondly to put these commissioners on a part time basis.

(Applause)

Why do we need the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) to be a permanent commission? Does setting and advising on salary become a permanent duty? I beg to differ! It is a part time duty which is done over time. We do not have to have these commissioners on a permanent basis. Look at the Commission on Implementation of the Constitution (CIC), for example. The CIC as it stands for all practical purposes is equivalent to the Chairman. Nobody knows who the other members of the CIC are. If I asked these hon. Members who those members are they would not even tell me because it is like a one man commission yet there are

nine commissioners sitting there in designer suits, driving SUVs with bodyguards and drivers draining public coffers and doing nothing.

(Applause)

This House has a duty to help the President to reduce the wage bill by reducing the number of commissioners in these commissions and making virtually all, if not all of them, part time.

As I conclude, I am an engineer by training and I like the President's idea that we should be an industrialized nation but we should not run ahead of ourselves. Kenya today is doing poorly in terms of energy generation. We cannot be an industrialized country---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Narok West (Hon. ole Ntutu): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity. I want to begin by first of all congratulating you for having been elected Deputy Speaker of this House. Like other colleagues who have spoken before me, I voted for you and I also campaigned for you so thank you for the opportunity. I also want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the people of Narok West for giving me this opportunity to serve in this House. I will do the best I can to represent them.

I want to begin by appreciating the Speech of His Excellency the President, by commending a few key pillars that he talked about. On corruption, I want to agree with Eng. Gumbo that the problem we have in this country is not the salaries of Members of Parliament but corruption that we have in our country. We must support the President to put in measures that target to close the loopholes that have been eating our purse. I want to say that I totally agree with the President that we must do everything that we can to make sure that we stop corruption in this country, otherwise, the wage bill will continue to raise and there is nothing we can do about it. However, I want to agree with the President that, that is the way to go.

The issue that he talked about is tourism. He talked of doubling the level of tourism to three million a year by 2017. The Seventh Wonder of the World is in my constituency and any programme that is going to be put in place will be highly welcomed by the people of Mara. But before they do that, I would like to say to the President that the road to the Seventh Wonder of the World which is the only one we have in Kenya is impassable. There are no roads. I would have loved to see that this Seventh Wonder of the World has a tarmacked road from Narok to Sikinani Gate so that tourists can go there without any problems, otherwise when some of them come back to Nairobi they go straight for a massage. They massage their backs because the roads have made them uncomfortable.

On the roads within the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, when we were campaigning we used those roads together with the President and the Deputy President; they know how they are. I want to say that the roads within Maasai Mara Game Reserve are bad. When they were campaigning, they went through those roads and they know what I am saying. Further, I want to say that before you even do marketing, you must address the issue of infrastructure.

The other issue that His Excellency the President talked about is agriculture. I come from a constituency where we grow wheat. I think it is number one in the country. But again, there is a big problem. I totally agree with the President that irrigation and other incentives to farmers will improve our food basket and end food insecurity. But I want to tell His Excellency the President that right now, the farmers in Narok County are suffering because most of them took loans from the Agricultural Finance Corporation (AFC). In that county, I can assure you that, right now, we

have got enough rains, but the farmers cannot grow crops because AFC is on their necks. The corporation wants to sell their farms because they owe it Kshs400 million.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up! Let us have the hon. Member for Alego Usonga.

The Member for Alego Usonga (Hon. Omondi G.W.): Thank you hon. Deputy Speaker for noticing me. I must confess that it is a very tedious exercise to stand up to catch your eyes. My name is George M. Omondi. I have a long name but I like shortening it that way.

To contribute to the Speech of His Excellency the President, I wish to say that he has given us a road map and it is up to us to make sure that his policies are actually actualized. I wish to look at a few areas that His Excellency the President touched on, and which have loopholes.

The President talked about the need to promote our exports and make them more competitive in the world market. That will necessitate some changes from the way we control our economy. At the moment, we have got an economic model of free market where we find that even our French beans are being re-exported to us. The eggs and vegetables are re-exported to the country. That has stifled and will continue to stifle our export industry. It is incumbent upon us hon. Members to come up with laws or regulations that will not allow that to happen.

Two, the President talked about roads and the need for proper road network in the country. It is true that the Government has done a lot in this regard. But it has been lopsided and it is my concern that with the county governments in place, it is important to identify county headquarters. For example, Siaya County Headquarters is situated in my constituency. Alego-Usonga has a highway which passes through there but it is not tarmacked. In order to open up the economies of those counties, it is important to come up with plans to have highways passing through county headquarters in order to attract commerce.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the other thing that His Excellency the President talked about and which, again, may not be achievable if we do not change in this House is the way we do our things. There is need to preserve 30 per cent of procurement business to the youth. The way procurement laws are applied, they come with a lot of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank conditionalities. Those conditionalities completely leave out our youths and, more so, those who are beginners in business and are relying on Youth Enterprise Development Fund to raise their initial capital. We need to look into that and come up with regulations that will favour our youth in the rural areas.

With regard to agriculture, the Government has been looking at traditional agricultural areas at the expense of subsistence farmers.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is now time for hon. Hellen Chepkwony from Kericho County. The next chance will be for the old hon. Members. So, new hon. Members, do not stand up.

Kericho Women County Representative (Hon. (Ms.) Chepkwony): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would like to congratulate you and hon. speaker for being elected to the office.

Being my first speech, I would, first of all, to thank His Excellency the President for making an excellent proposal for this country. The President loves this country very much and that is why he gave a very excellent Speech.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank him for establishing a fund for the women and the youth. But, despite our appreciation, the fund is still small. That is because if you divide the amount among the 47 counties, every constituency in the 47 counties will only get Kshs10 million. The number of youth or women in those constituencies is big. So, the money will only go to probably one project in every constituency but it will not go to individuals. As I am talking now, we would like our President to add more money to that fund for the youth and women.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, secondly, I want to talk about water in our areas. We have forests and water in our areas, but the cost of electricity is very high. We get electricity from water in our areas. For example, where I come from, the forest is so huge. We have a lot of water which is being wasted. It flows to Uganda where they use it to generate electricity.

I wonder why Kenya cannot do the same. We only concentrate on the big power generation stations on River Tana yet we can produce electricity in other areas. Kericho can produce electricity to even run a half of the country. For example, we have got factories manufacturing tea. You find that farmers are not getting enough bonuses because of the high cost of electricity yet we can generate electricity and use it in our factories and towns. We do not have street lights in Kericho, Sotik, Litein, Kipkelion and Londiani yet we can produce electricity using the water that just flows to the lake.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, again, we find that in Kenya we have a shortage of food yet Egypt, a country that does not receive any substantial rainfall, has got sufficient food. They sell food to us yet we have a lot of water resources in our country. Water is just being wasted. Right now we are crying about floods. We are pumping more money into flood control instead storing that water and using it for irrigation during the dry season. So, we are urging our principals to consider using the rain water for irrigation. I do not think we can succeed in irrigating without tapping the water. I hope that we will tap the water to be able to irrigate the farms.

Again, our farmers are hardworking people. For example, milk farmers produce milk but you find that some powdered milk is being imported. When it is---

(Several hon. Members stood up in their places)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Order, hon. Members! Hon. Members, we have agreed on the way forward. So, this chance is for hon. Members who have been in Parliament before, and not for new ones.

Yes, hon. Esther Murugi.

The Member for Nyeri Town (Hon. (Ms.) Mathenge): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. It is good to have a lady Speaker because she appreciates the ladies in the House. I have stood for at least 13 times when hon. Speaker was on the Chair but he did not dare notice me. I want to say that this is an indication that in the next Parliament, we are going to have a lady as the Speaker. So, please, do a good job, so that you can ensure that you become hon. Speaker of the Twelfth Parliament.

I also want to congratulate everybody in this House for being elected. I want to thank the people of Nyeri because they have broken the jinx of Nyeri Town having one-term Members of Parliament by electing me the second time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, on the Presidential Address, I want hon. Members to note the particular paragraph where he said:-

“Today, we come together with a single purpose - that of promoting the welfare of Kenyans, protecting the rights of Kenyans and giving voice to the many and varied interests of our people.”

If we all take this into heart, Kenya will reach the next level. I believe that we will be able to reach the levels of the Koreans and Singaporeans.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address is a roadmap towards achieving Vision 2030, but we can only achieve Vision 2030 by doing a few things. One is by ensuring that we are

food secure so that no child or woman goes to bed on an empty stomach. This is achievable. As I said, we are crying about the havoc that the rain has caused. In a few months' time, we shall be crying for rain yet right now we are counting our losses. We should be able to teach our citizens how to harvest water, so that we can use it to make ourselves a food secure nation.

On the issue of maternal child care, we also need to address a few basic issues. One of the issues is clean drinking water. Those of us who were born in the 1970s – I know that a lot of hon. Members had not been born then – were promised that by the year 2000, every household would have clean drinking water. Unfortunately, that objective has not been achieved. We hope that within the next five years, this objective will be achieved.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, in the 21st Century, you go to some parts of Kenya and find that people do not have even pit latrines. Those are basic things that we, as Members of Parliament, must ensure that our people have. We must also ensure that we have a clean and healthy environment. We must take care of our environment. If we take care of these three items, the wage bill on health will be reduced drastically.

We have had the issue of the Women Enterprise Development Fund and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. Even as we look at women and the youth, let us also look at the men. There are several men who do not have title deeds. How are they going to compete with the other people? There was a Motion in the last Parliament which sought to create a men enterprise fund for those men who are vulnerable in our society. Can we take it up in this Parliament and also ensure that men who are vulnerable are helped? I can assure Capt. Wambugu, who brought that Motion, that we shall support it because we know that there are men who also need to be taken care of.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, on the issue of social protection, we did a pilot project on the elderly in 47 districts. We need to roll out this project in the entire country, so that our ageing parents can also benefit from the elderly fund and the fund for those living with disability. If we look at this---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I will have hon. Mwaura. Old Members, you now wait for your turn. There are now three chances for new Members. Let us try to manage our time.

Proceed, hon. Mwaura.

The Nominated Member (Hon. Mwaura): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I hope my minutes will still be five. I want to take this opportunity to thank my party leader, the Prime Minister, and my party for having nominated me.

Hon. Linturi: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just clarify, please. It is his maiden speech and he should not be interrupted.

The Nominated Member (Hon. Mwaura): Hon. Deputy Speaker, this is my maiden speech and I need to continue and credit must be given where it is due. I must commend the Jubilee Government Statement which was presented here in the House, but I also need to point out that it was poorly edited. Please, the Presidential Speech writers need to be more careful. It seems that that Speech was assembled in a hurry. They need to be more careful.

The National Youth Council was established six months ago and it has yet to be funded, yet much of the Speech was about the young people. Out of this Kshs6 billion that is supposed to be given to the youth and women, can we also strengthen the National Youth Council because it is through that, that the youths have elected their representatives from the grassroots to the national level. Could we also ensure that we build on the pre-existing funds because there is a

tendency to just nullify anything because of political rhetoric! I am concerned because the Speech that was read here in the House never mentioned people with disabilities. The only time that this was mentioned was when we were referring to primary health care. As a movement, we have moved from the medical model of disability where you are seen as a sick person to the social model of disability where people have rights. Therefore, I would urge the Government to ensure that Article 54(2) of the Constitution which requires that five per cent of all appointments in elective positions are people with disabilities is adhered to. Even in the Cabinet of 18 members, we shall have at least one person with disability.

The President brought his agenda to the House on the Bills that he intends to present to us, but I never heard him mention about the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2003, that is long overdue and its amendments. I would like to ask that this be prioritized because if it is amended, it will ensure that there is proper service deliver to persons with disabilities, especially in the devolved units. I also expected that the President's Speech would address the issue of minorities to ensure that there is greater awareness, so that they are protected. In this case, I will mention people with albinism, who continue to be marginalized in this country. They require proper protection and proper social safety nets that can ensure that they participate on an equal basis with others. I thank God that I am the first Member with albinism in this House.

I also note that the Kenya Vision 2030 does not have clear guidelines on issues to do with persons with disabilities. In particular, we need to ensure that we move from a recipient tokenism model to where people participate fully in the society. Therefore, in the next five years, I urge that we ensure that persons with disabilities are included as an integral part of the Kenya Vision 2030. In particular, we need to be very clear on the Ministerial portfolio because we never saw where disability is going to fall under.

We have also been informed about laptops that are going to be given to the young people in this country. However, I have two concerns. How accessible will these laptops be to those with special needs? Are they going to be adopted or generic and therefore not usable to the members of the constituency that I represent? I have gone to various primary schools and headmasters are complaining about the capitation that has been allocated since 2002, that has never been increased, of about Kshs1,000 per child. What is it that the Jubilee Coalition is intending to do because with the inflation and the cost of living rising, it is becoming extremely difficult for principals to manage schools at that local level. As a country, we need to look at the anti-social behavior that the use of technology also brings. Is it important to introduce these laptops at this early stage when children are supposed to be playing? We also need to consider the consequences of that.

I also want to speak on issues of economic tribalism. We are aware that this country has faced a lot of negative ethnicity in the past. What is the commitment of the Jubilee Coalition in terms of ensuring national cohesion and equal opportunities? I would like to see economic opportunities not allocated on the basis of tribe.

The Member for Soy (Hon. Barchilei): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I have stood for about 40 times.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, do not keep reminding us. Please remember, we have only had maybe 120 of you contributing. We are 349, so, you will bear with us.

The Member for Soy (Hon. Barchilei): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I hope my time has not been eaten into. I am hon. Edwin Barchilei, Member for Soy Constituency. I want to take this

opportunity to greet the people of Great Ziwa, Moi's Bridge, Kipsangui and the entire Soy Constituency for trusting me to represent them in the Eleventh Parliament.

On the Presidential Speech, the President mentioned crucial areas, for instance, the issue of laptops. I saw great advancement in the education sector because technology is a great indication of advancement. The right age is the early stage in children. I want us to take it in a positive way and support the Government. In order to achieve good things, we need to make sacrifices. It is very possible and it is achievable.

On food security, food is a basic need to human beings. In Soy Constituency and Uasin Gishu at large, we are capable of producing enough food to feed this country. The big problem is that the prices of farm inputs are very high. The prices of fertilizer, seed, herbicides and pesticides are very high. For us to enjoy food security, the Government should reduce the prices of farm inputs. There is need for subsidies for us to produce enough food and avoid spending a lot of money in importing food.

On the issue of the youth, as a young person, I was impressed when the President talked of empowering the youth. These young men and women have been entangled in the colony of poverty. So, I saw the dawn of economic independence. Young men and women are the future of this country. It is not enough to give Kshs10 million to every constituency. There is need for more devices because these young men and women make up to 70 per cent of the Kenyan population. Therefore, much ought to be done. When we ask for 15 years experience for the youth to be employed in senior Government offices, I do not know where the youths will get the 15 years experience. This means that they have been excluded. They need to be included. In fact, 70 per cent of all the positions should be taken by the youth. They are full of knowledge, but with little experience. Where will they get the experience when they have no jobs?

The President also touched on the issue of the infrastructure. Poor roads have led to economic retrogression in our country.

Hon. Linturi: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. Allow me, possibly to advise the Members of Parliament, especially the new ones that the authority of the Speaker cannot be questioned in this House. It is important that we respect the decision of the Deputy Speaker. Her authority is final. Hon. Kibunguchy, it is important that you learn to abide by the rules of the House. This is not a banana market.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, hon. Members! Order! Thank you for the protection hon. Linturi. Hon. Members, I am sure I try to be as possibly fair to both sides of the House. We had agreed that I will give an opportunity to three Members who served in the last Parliament and one chance for the new Members. This is because of the numbers and proportions that we have in the House. So, please, just hold your horses. I am sure I will get to you in the next two hours of debate before we close.

Hon. Member for Webuye West!

The Member for Webuye West (Hon. Sitati): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to make my maiden speech. First of all I want to congratulate you and the Speaker for having been elected to lead us in this House. My name is Dan Wanyama. I am the hon. Member for the new constituency called Webuye West. I also take this opportunity to

thank the people of Webuye West for having given me the opportunity to actually represent them in this august House.

In reference to the Presidential Address, I want to appreciate the fact that he touched on all aspects that challenge most Kenyans. Actually, it was a very ambitious speech. I would have appreciated it more when it comes to the wage bill and particularly what is affecting this august House.

In addition, he mentioned something to do with sports. I want to believe that Kenya has a vast talent in terms of sports. We know that sports are an economic addition to our country. This is because a number of professionals that we have invest back here whatever they get out there. In order to support that, it is important for this Government to look at the issue of sports academies. Their setting up needs to be incorporated in the Sports Bill so that the stadia are well utilized. If you cannot have talent nurtured, then you will not have people using those stadia.

The President also talked about the Kshs6 billion that would have been used during a run off. If this money is given to people without equipping them with knowledge, they might not use it very well. Part of this money could be used to do capacity building before it is disbursed to the various constituencies, as it were. We appreciate that it is a good idea that the money reaches the people through their constituencies. Normally, the money has been disbursed through the banks. We know that banks have been imposing stringent measures to the extent that the money is not accessed by our people.

I expected the President to talk about the money that is supposed to be set aside for the elderly. The pilot project took off, but where I come from old men aged 65 years and above are still asking us to explain to them what happened to the money. In this era of the Jubilee Government, we believe that we are going to see old men and women above the age of 65 years getting the Kshs2, 000 that is stipulated in the Constitution.

All said and done, the Presidential Address was good enough. The doubting Thomases need to read the Speech and wait. It is written that there is no big dream that can never be achieved.

Thank you.

The Member for Emuhaya (Hon. (Dr). Ottichilo): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Speaker for your election to that very important position.

Secondly, I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Emuhaya for having confidence in me and re-electing me as their Member of Parliament.

With regard to the Presidential Address, I want to say that it was well balanced and well researched. If implemented, we will see a lot of changes in this country. However, we have had so many of such speeches in this House before. The most important thing is: How are we going to implement the proposals in the Presidential Address? That is where the challenge is. I want to believe that the President will come up with very innovative and visionary strategies to implement what he proposed. In this regard, I believe that unless the President restructures the Civil Service completely, we are not going to end anywhere. If we only concentrate on having an efficient and lean Government at the Cabinet level and yet leave the rest of the Civil Service intact, I believe we will not achieve what the President wants to achieve. Restructuring of the entire Government system is very crucial and important.

With regard to devolution, I also believe that unless we restructure the county governments, we are heading nowhere. This is because, basically, what we have done is only to

introduce new positions of governance and others, but we have left the former local government structures intact. Therefore, the Governors are actually inheriting a very inefficient system where I believe they will not function at all. Again, if we do not restructure the county governments and have a lean and efficient system, we will not achieve what is set in the devolution system.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, there are a number of good issues that the President raised in his Address that I want to comment on. The first and most important is the fact that he noted the importance of establishing institutes of technology in every county. This is extremely important if, at all, we want to create jobs for our youth. We need to fast-track this proposition of the President.

The other issue which actually made me happy in the Presidential Address is the introduction of the Information and Data Protection Bill in this House. We are in the 21st Century; a century of information age. We, therefore, need legislation with institutional framework on how to manage information and data. As of now, we have so much information flowing around and some of it is very destructive and it could tear this country apart. We urgently need this Bill so that we can manage these resources very well. Data and information are the most important commodities in the world today.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President also talked about issues of the environment policy and legislation. On the issue of climate change, the single most threat to mankind is climate change.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Limuru (Hon. J.K. Chege): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your election. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the great people of Limuru for giving me an opportunity to represent them here in this House. I want to say that I come from a Limuru constituency that has all the best of the weathers; we do not require all the air conditioning here. But more importantly in Limuru is that we are the people who host all the transmission power for you and so we are an important place in terms of communication.

I want to comment on a few things about the President's Speech. He talked about the need to spur industrial revolution. This country is at a time that we need to be serious. We know that if you walk to all the supermarkets in this country even in this House the microphone that I am using, all these things are not made here. We are people who depend on other technologies including for the clothes and shoes that we wear. It is my hope that one of these days when you need a shoe for a ceremony, you will wear a safari Boot from Limuru. To spur industrial revolution in this country, we need to be serious about our power generation. It is true and I agree with the President that our capacity is very low compared to that one of Argentina. We have tried all forms of power generation but we seem not to get it right. I think it is high time we explored all other methods of power generation including the nuclear technology so that we can have reliable and affordable energy to drive our industry.

The other thing is that we need to be serious in the level of funding for our research and development. We know that our universities have done a lot. We have good people but we do not have enough funds to support them to stay in research. We have a country that has all the PhD holders trying to run *matatus* or butcheries in this country. It is high time that we funded universities to a level where we can engage people in research to support this country. This country cannot sustain itself in terms of food production, if we do not address the very basic equipment that we need to sustain the industry. It is about time that this country was able to

make a water pump for the agricultural sector because we still rely on other people to supply these things.

We do not want to repeat the mistakes of the other administration where they handed over a railway system that was working to people who had no track record of running a train service and you can see what has happened over the years. We now have a problem of putting back on track our railway system. We cannot afford not to have a good railway system. I believe that this country has to make a decision that---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Igembe Central (Hon. Iringo): Hon. Deputy Speaker, let me take this opportunity to thank you and the Speaker of our National Assembly for your election and more so to thank my people of Igembe Central for electing me to be their leader. I pray that I will live to their expectations.

I want to comment on the Presidential Speech which, personally I feel was quite ambitious. He had a lot of elaborate issues to discuss with us, as nation and it is my prayer that whatever was said that day will be achieved. This will come about if the team he is appointing; if the officers who are being put into various positions will work towards achieving that goal because as I said, it was ambitious. There are so many things which he spelt out and as an individual I do not think he can achieve the same if he is not supported by the galaxy of the team he is going to appoint to work with him. As a Parliament, we should also live to the expectations but also question some of the issues or look at the practicability of some of the issues which were put across.

There was the issue of health and especially the maternity issue which has raised quite several eyebrows since he mentioned it during his inauguration. If you read yesterday's paper, there are some hospitals experiencing problems because mothers are refusing or are not willing to pay because they say the President said that the money should be paid by the Government. So, I would say that some of these pertinent issues should be brought to the public domain after enough research has been done and after all the issues have been looked into and systems have been put in place to avert some misunderstanding and complications in our hospitals.

I have no quarrel with laptops for children. We have no quarrel with going digital but I am asking myself as we say: which came first? Is it the egg or the hen? I am wondering, if we want laptops it is all right, but which is paramount? Is it a classroom, a desk or teachers? I come from Igembe and when you go to some classes, when the teacher is teaching, books are blown off by the wind because the holes on the walls are more than the mud which has put the walls together. So I believe that we should put first things right. We want computers but let us also get the infrastructure for our children so that they can use them. If we had a classroom where computers were put and children would learn and leave them there, well and good. But a computer for a kid to carry home and what they light the house with is a lantern and they cook using firewood, I do not think that computer will last a month because of the environment in which it will be put.

Security is paramount in this country and especially in Igembe, where I come from. People engage in cattle rustling every other day. We, Merus, do not steal but we have our brothers here who are very good at using our cows, like somebody has said they have taken Meru to be an "ATM" where they go to get cows. I am requesting them - I remember a foreign President came here and said: "Please ask the Pokots to stop stealing my cows." I am requesting my brothers---

Hon. Members: Who are they?

The Member for Igembe Central (Hon. Iringo): They know themselves!

Hon. Members: *Toboa!*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I know the county that has not been represented now. The hon. Member for Samburu North, Lentoimaga, will have the Floor

The Member for Samburu North (Hon. Lentoimaga): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to congratulate you and the Speaker for being elected to the National Assembly.

My names are Alois Musa Lentoimaga, Member of Parliament for Samburu North. I want to take this opportunity, first of all, to thank people of Samburu North and specifically Baawa, Opiroi, Angata Nanyuki, Ele Barta, Ndoto and Nyiro for electing me to represent them in this House. I want to assure them that I will do my work diligently and I will not discriminate any community in that area. I want to assure them that I will do that in the House and even outside.

I want to thank the President for the good Speech he gave us on 16th April, 2013. I believe he can perform. Those of us who know him have no doubt that he will perform. He touched on many issues and because he is a team player, all the issues that he mentioned in his Speech, I believe, will be delivered as we go along. He has already shown some signs that he can do better because he is doing consultations. He demonstrated that when he was giving his Cabinet names yesterday. So, let us give him time and, at the end of five years, I am sure he will realize his vision for this country. Five years is a long time. We thought that the former President would not do much, but he did a wonderful job in terms of infrastructure.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, one of the issues the President touched on was infrastructure. I want to talk about infrastructure. Infrastructure, especially where we come from, is a very critical tool. Areas in Samburu County and generally in the whole of northern Kenya have been closed because there is no infrastructure. We have been cut off from the rest of the world to the extent that we believe we are not part of Kenya. That is why most of our people say: "We are going to Kenya "A". So, the people in Samburu and Turkana counties feel that they are in Kenya "C" or "D", just because of infrastructure. We are unable to exploit our resources, bring investors into our region or even curb insecurity because of poor infrastructure.

I want to tell this house that, in my view, the President is working hard to develop infrastructure. I want to appeal to our Government that the road from Rumuruti to Maralal, Baragoi, South Horr, Loyangalani up to North Horr be given priority for tarmacking. That is because 90 per cent of our people have not seen a tarmacked road in their lives. Children do not know what is tarmac. So, it is a mirage. Our people do not know what tarmac is. I think Kenyans should give us an opportunity this time. If a budget comes for infrastructure, let us give that particular area priority because it will open it up. It will assist us even to create employment.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the second issue that I would like to mention is security. I know that most areas in this country face a lot of insecurity and, more so, in Samburu North. People forget these things so easily.

Article 238 of our Constitution deals with protection of property, freedoms, stability and the rule of law. But I want to tell this House that there is total breakdown of law and order in Samburu North. I want to bring to the attention of this House the massacre of more than 60 policemen in Baragoi on 10th November last year. So far, nothing has been done. When they were killed, the firearms were stolen - more than 50.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us have a lady from this side. The hon. Member from--- Is it Mombasa?

Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga: Ahsante sana, Mhe. Naibu Spika.

Hon. Member: She has contributed to this debate!

Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga: Sijaongea! Tafadhalini! Sijachangia kuhusu Hotuba ya Rais!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Have you contributed to the Presidential Speech?

Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga: No! No! Sijachangia! That was on the Procedural Motion!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Can you tell us your name so that we can confirm that you have not spoken on the Presidential Speech?

Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga: Kwa majina, ninaitwa Zainabu Chadzuga kutoka Jimbo la Kwale. Sijazungumza kuhusu Hotuba ya Rais!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Order, hon. Members! Apparently, she has not spoken to this debate, according to the records. That is because we have them here.

Hon. (Ms.) Chidzuga: Shukrani Mhe. Naibu Spika kwa kuniokoa. Naomba kuchangia Hotuba ya Rais kama alivyotupatia wakati wa kufungua Bunge letu. Naipongeza sana hotuba ya Rais wetu kwa sababu iliguzia mambo muhimu; hususan yale yalionileta katika Bunge hili.

Kwanza, ni kuhusu ada zinazolipiwa na kina mama wakati wa kujifungua. Nashukuru kwamba jambo hilo limeweza kutatuliwa. Na pia ametupatia nafasi hususan sisi watu wa Pwani tuweze kuzaana kwa wingi kwa sababu inaonekana mkiwa wengi ndio mnaweza kupata urais katika hii nchi. Pia itaweza kutusaidia kwa sababu hali ya umaskini imekidhiri sana katika Jimbo letu la Kwale na Pwani kwa ujumla.

Kwa upande wa elimu, Rais alisema kwamba tarakirishi zitapatikana kwanzia mwaka ujao. Swali langu ni je, nani atawafunza watoto hao kutumia tarakirishi-beba? Hata walimu wenyewe hawatoshi katika shule. Hata hawana elimu ya kutumia tarakirishi-beba. Kwa hivyo, nilikuwa natarajia kwamba Rais atatupatia ratiba ya kuajiri walimu zaidi katika shule na waanze kupewa elimu kabla ya mwaka ujao.

Tukiangazia usalama, hatuzungumzii tu kuwa na askari wengi. Nilikuwa natarajia Rais wetu atatueleza vile ataweza kutatua yale madhambi yaliyotendewa watu wa Pwani. Madhambi yaliyotendewa watu wa Pwani ndio chanzo cha kutokuwa na usalama katika eneo letu la Pwani. Tunadai mambo yetu ya ardhi na ajira.

Kwa mfano, ukiingia katika Wizara ya Fedha, kuanzia “A” hadi “Z” ni watu wa kabila moja! Rais hakutueleza vile atatutua mambo kama hayo. Tunataka usawa; sio usawa wa jinsia bali usawa katika ugavi wa mamlaka katika kila eneo, ili tuweze kuwa na usalama katika nchi hii yetu ya Kenya.

Jambo lingine ni kuhusu mambo ya kilimo. Rais alisema kwamba ataweza kuboresha ukulima. Ukulima hauwezi kuboreshwa ikiwa kwanza wenyeji wa zile sehemu zenye utata wa ardhi hawana hata zile sitakabadhi za kumiliki ardhi hizo. Kwa hivyo, kwanza, Rais atuwezeshe kupata mashamba yetu ndio tuweze kuzungumzia jinsi kilimo kitaboreshwa katika Pwani.

Nikimalizia, natambua juhudi za Rais kuwasaidia akina mama na vijana ili waweze kujimudu kimaisha. Zile pesa ambazo zimetengwa zije kwetu, nilikuwa natarajia Rais, ijapokuwa anasema zitelemshwe ziende kwa maeneo ya Bunge, lakini angetaja ni nani atakuwa msimamizi. Ningeomba pesa hizo zielekezwe katika majimbo ziweze kuwa katika mikono ya akina mama waakilishi wa majiimbo. Kwa sababu, sisi akina mama tumeletwa katika Bunge hili lakini hatukuelezwa tutakuwa tunatumia vyombo gani katika kuendesha mipangalio ya

maendeleo kule nyanjani. Hatukuja Bunge tu kuangaliana; tumekuja Bunge kufanya kazi na kazi iko nyanjani.

Ahsante sana.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, it is now the turn for second or third comers. I will, therefore, give the Floor to the Member for Mandera North. Hon. Members, we have to understand each other because it is not easy to manage this big House of 349 Members.

The Member for Mandera North (Hon. Nooru): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to support the Motion on the Presidential Address. I would like to take this opportunity to first and foremost thank my constituents for electing me.

The Presidential Address has been called very many things. Some people called it ambitious and others called it mere statements. However, the people who are going to make it a reality are the Members of this House, and those people who are outside this House. It is Kenyans who can make it a reality. I stand to be counted as one of those who have contributed to this policy statement.

The President has raised the hopes of Kenyans. So many Kenyans have lost hope in all sectors. He talked about raising this country's economic growth to double-digits by 2017. However, economic growth is driven by certain factors, the main one being infrastructure, which he mentioned. The second one is agriculture, which is the major contributing factor to our economic growth. Others are technology, tourism, *et cetera*.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, this country's policy, especially the policy contained in Sessional Paper No.10 of 1965, to date has been concentrating on the white highlands or the so-called "high potential areas" or "the food basket of this country". In Kisii, the population is more than the land. The land has been "squeezed". People cannot even get a one-acre plot to live on. In this country, every policy focuses on agriculture. I want us to call the Ministry responsible for agriculture and livestock, the "Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture" this time round. Agriculture should not always come first.

On the other hand, we always talk about irrigation. Where do we irrigate? We have not utilised the ASAL areas of this country, which are the highest potential areas. We talk about food security all the time. The staple food in this country is maize, yet maize is imported today. Sugar and rice are commodities which are imported today. What incentives do we give to farmers when their crops rot in the farms and then sugar barons import sugar? We talk of policies in agriculture all the time but we do not seal loopholes. It is the "big fish" who do importation of commodities. That should be the area to look into. Why are people uprooting their coffee plants and other crops? That issue should be looked into.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the other issue I want to speak on is infrastructure. The only mode of transport in Northern Kenya is by road. We do not have air transport or water transport. What is the condition of roads in that region 50 years after Independence? We talk of taking our livestock to the market. Our livestock cannot reach the market. You load them onto a lorry and transport them for three---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Member for Kitui Central. Hon. Members, I have to go county now because it looks like we are not getting far with the earlier arrangement.

The Member for Kitui Central (Hon. Mulu): Hon. Deputy Speaker, my name is Makali Mulu, the Member for Kitui Central.

I want to start by thanking---

An hon. Member: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker.

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

An hon. Member: Hon. Deputy Speaker, you have said that we are going county. Some of us here are nominated Members. Are we also going to get a chance to speak?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you for reminding me. You will get a chance. I note that there are nominated Members as well.

The Member for Kitui Central (Hon. Mulu): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to start by thanking the people of Kitui Central for giving me the chance to be in this honourable House. I also want to congratulate the Speaker and all the hon. Members who were elected.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address had some quite interesting statements, and I just want to mention a few. One is restructuring the entire economy to achieve a double-digit growth. Another is building on job creation. To me, these are very attractive statements but the question I asked myself as the President addressed us was whether these statements were new to us, as hon. Members. I am sure that the answer is “no”. It has been said that the devil is in the detail.

Since these are policies and programmes that have been proposed by the President, the challenge that the Government will have is implementation. The whole question, in terms of implementation, is very important. I would urge the President and his team to give us a very detailed programme in terms of strategies on how to achieve some of these proposals. For example, let us look at the issue of insecurity. If you look at the whole statement that talks about increasing police numbers to achieve the ratio of one policeman to 450 citizens, which is the United Nations recommended ratio, you will appreciate that the statement has been there all through. The challenge that we have as a country is the fact that our people all over the country, more so in Kitui Central, where I come from, are harassed by thugs every day and nothing seems to be done about the problem. So, we need to be serious in terms of what we say and implementation.

Talking of infrastructure, hon. Members should have heard of the Kitui-Kibwezi Road. This is actually a Class “B” road. It is the only class “B” road in Kenya which has not been tarmacked. The song about tarmacking this road has been sung for about 40 years. We keep on wondering what it is that we are not doing to ensure that this road is tarmacked. We have seen class “C” and class “D” roads in some areas being tarmacked but this road has not been tarmacked to date. So, we need to be serious in terms of implementing what we say.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, another issue to which the President has committed himself to is devolution. Last weekend I went to my rural home. The Treasury said that it had released money but no money had been received on the ground. People on the ground have no money with which to work.

Look at the minerals which we have in Kitui County, namely coal and cement; we have court cases and we cannot move forward. Unless we exploit these minerals, our people will not benefit in terms of jobs and income.

The Member for Mwatate (Hon. Mwadime): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I am from Mwatate Constituency, Taita Taveta County. My name is Andrew Mwadime. I thank God for giving me this opportunity. I also thank the people of Mwatate Constituency for giving me this chance to serve them.

I want to talk about the nine pillars as outlined in the President's Address. The Address was well done, but hard work and maximum discipline will be required. We also need to avoid recycling leaders to manage the nine pillars.

My comments are aligned to the interests, requirements and needs of my constituents. On health, it is important for the people to be provided with free medical services; it is also important to provide relevant drugs. Drugs should be available. About two months ago, in my constituency, a minor was bitten by a snake. When she was rushed to a hospital, there was no anti venom drug. So, availability of drugs is essential.

Secondly, tourism is a good idea, but we should curb the problem of wildlife/human conflict. The problem is enormous and should be solved.

On revenue collection and benefit to the communities next to tourist sites, it is important for the people to participate and a certain percentage of the revenue should be ploughed back to the community. The Address did not touch on minerals, but it is good for us to have a budget for the small-scale miners who are referred to as "mazurura", so that we can revive this industry.

With regard to infrastructure, my constituency does not have even a single tarmacked road. One was to be tarmacked two years ago, but up to this moment, it is not yet completed. Some of my constituents have never even seen a tarmac road. It is important to also note this.

In terms of clean water, this is very serious. Some school children do not shower even for a week because the problem of water is very serious in my constituency.

The idea of providing laptops to our children is good because the world is going green.

The Member for Lamu East (Hon. S.A. Ali): Asante Naibu Spika. Ninaitwa Shariff Athman Ali.

Ningependa kuchukua fursa hii kukupongeza wewe pamoja na Spika kwa kuchaguliwa katika nafasi zenu. Vile vile, ninataka kuchukua fursa hii kuwashukuru watu wa Lamu Mashariki kwa kunichagua kuwakilisha katika Bunge hili la kumi na moja.

Kulingana na Hotuba ya Rais iliyotolewa hapa wiki iliyopita, kwa kweli, ni Hotuba ya kupendeza. Kama unavyosikia Wabunge wenzangu--- Kila anayeinuka anaipendekeza Hotuba hii. Lakini ajabu kubwa iliyoko ni kwamba mpaka dakika hii yote yaliyozungumziwa--- Bali na kwamba Rais mstaafu Mwai Kibaki alianzisha CDF bado malalamiko mashinani yako. Vijana wanasoma chini ya miti. Hayo ni masikitiko makubwa na hatujui tuwalaumu viongozi waliotangulia au tuilaumu Serikali.

Nikizungumzia maswala ya Lamu, leo hii akina mama kote nchini wanasherehekea wanasherehekea kwa sababu kutakuwa na huduma za uzazi za bure, lakini utashangaa kwamba katika Lamu Mashariki, hakuna hospitali za uzazi, na akina mama hawajui wajifungulie wapi. Kwa kweli, haya ni matatizo. Ni lazima tufahamu tunazungumzia nini na lipi litasuluhishwa.

Ukiangalia maswala ya ardhi, mpaka hivi sasa hili ni tatizo kubwa, na limezungumziwa na wapwani wenzangu. Swala hili linaihusu Lamu pia. Ningependa jambo hili lichukuliwe kwa uzito sana ili tusionekana kama ni nyimbo twaimba, ama ni hadithi tunatoa. Ni lazima tuonyeshe uzito wa maswala haya. Ni masikitiko na aibu kubwa katika nchi hii kuwa baada ya miaka 50 ya Uhuru, ama utawala wetu, bado kuna Wakenya ambao hawana maji, na kuna vijana ambao wanasomea chini ya miti kwa sababu hawana madarasa. Haya ni maswala ambayo ni lazima tuyape kipaumbele na kuyazingatia vilivyo. Kinachostahili hapa ni kuhakisha kwamba haya mambo yametekelezwa kikamilifu.

Kuhusiana na usalama, juzi Lamu iliingiliwa na watu kutoka nchi jirani; waliingia kwa mahoteli, wakawachukua wazungu na wakaenda zao. Hali hii ilidhoofisha pakubwa utalii

katika Lamu. Tayari Lamu imekosa watalii kwa sababu hakuna usalama. Tatizo ni kwamba hatuna usalama. Magaidi wameingia Kenya kutoka nchi jirani ya Somalia na kufika Lamu, Kiunga. Wanoathirika ni wakaazi wa pale na walinda usalama wetu. Hatujawa na hadhari kabla jambo halijafanyika. Wao huja kuingilia mambo baada ya mambo kufanyika. Kwa hakika wanoathirika zaidi ni wananchi wakaazi wa pale. Wengi wao hawana hatia. Kwa mfano lilipotokea tukio pale Mkokoni, kuna wavuvi kutoka Shakane ambao waliuawa na walinda usalama. Haya si mambo tunayazungumza hapa kwa ajili ya kuzungumza tu. Tunayazungumza kwa sababu tukitoka hapa---

The Member for Taveta (Hon. (Dr.) Shaaban): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to add my voice to congratulating you for being elected our Deputy Speaker. It was a well deserved victory. I also want to add my voice to congratulating His Excellency the President on the well thought out Address during the inauguration of this august House.

Our President, who has shown that he would want to see equality in this country, tried his best when he was the Minister for Finance. I will take my colleagues down the memory lane. He was able to provide money for hiring teachers equally in all the constituencies. He was also able to hire nurses for all the constituencies in this country equally. There was fish farming introduced in all constituencies equally. There were fresh produce markets introduced in all the constituencies. So, he is one President who really knows that we need equality in this country.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to point out a few issues. One, Kenyans are not used to innovative ways of raising funds, and that is why when the fund for sports, art and entertainment was well thought out by the President and introduced in this House quite a number of hon. Members wondered how it would work. This is one way in which the Jubilee Government intends to carry out certain things. There are issues that we have to take charge of as Kenyans. We should not be wholly dependent on the Government. We need to participate as Kenyans. One fund that can be established through this means is on the HIV/AIDS; it can be done through innovative ways of raising money. I would like to inform my colleagues that Kenya is a beneficiary of money that has been collected from the French Airlines. Our children are given ARVs using the fund from the French Airlines.

I am looking forward to seeing the Cabinet Secretary concerned coming up with innovative ways of collecting some little money, say from our airlines and mobile users. We are all mobile phone users and it does not hurt us if we all contribute, say 50 cents, in a day towards this fund. This is because the donors' kitty is dwindling and we need funding for our HIV/AIDS patients. This has been done elsewhere. In Zimbabwe, they are able to supply ARVs to their patients quite easily. They collect money through these innovative ways I have talked about.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, maternity healthcare is a reality. Most people expected this to be done overnight. The President has been talking about his first 100 days in office. He was inaugurated just recently. He was sworn in on 16th April, 2013. We are hardly two weeks from the time he was sworn in. I know this is doable. We have been able in the former Government--- NHIF has been used to roll out a medical cover for our civil servants and now it should cover the loop concerning expectant women plus their families. This is going to be a reality. It is doable. We have slightly over one million women who are in their productive age, and so they should be able to utilize this with their families. This way we will be able to roll out the social health protection facilities.

On the tourism sector, I would like to congratulate the President for talking about the issue of increasing the number of tourists who have been visiting our country. He said that we

need to double the numbers. I talk so proudly about it because we have the Tsavo West National Park in my constituency in the county of Taita Taveta. We should be in a position to interest investors

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I want somebody from Kakamega County at the back there.

The Member for Likuyani (Hon. (Dr) Kibunguchy): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. For those who do not know me, I am Dr. Kibunguchy. I was in the Ninth Parliament. I was voted out in the Tenth Parliament, but I am back. I represent a new constituency in Kakamega County called Likuyani. Before I say anything, I would like to sincerely and from the bottom of my heart thank the people of Likuyani Constituency, who overwhelmingly voted for me. When we went to the polls I managed to get slightly over 25,000 votes. The person who came second to me got just 2,000 votes. I would, therefore, like to sincerely thank the people of Likuyani Constituency for voting for me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, as we talk about the Presidential Address, I would like to pick three areas on which I agree with him. One of the areas he talked about is buying Kenya. It is time for us to be proud of what we produce. Let us buy Kenya so that we can build Kenya.

The second thing he talked about on which I agreed with him is the CDF like fund that will go to the constituencies to deal with youth and women enterprises. I think that is an innovative way of doing things. On that, I agree with him.

I am a medical doctor; I am a gynecologist. I know what women go through when it comes to giving birth. It is a good thing to talk about free maternity care, an excellent thing in fact. However, sometimes, as the rest of the speakers have said, the problem is in the details with regard to some of these things. We have worked out how much it would cost to offer women free maternity care. When we talk of free maternity care we are talking about--- Not all deliveries are “natural”; allow me to use that word. Some of our ladies must go through operations. When you put all the figures together you are looking at Kshs200 billion a year to be able to offer free maternity care. It is a good idea, but I would like to know where the funds will be come from.

The other issue many people have talked about is about laptops. Initially when Jubilee Coalition leaders were walking around the country talking about free laptops, I thought they had mixed up things. I thought they meant Form Is; I did not think they meant Standard I, but now it appears as though they are talking about Standard I. It appears to me that the idea is populist; that is an idea that cannot work. Let us be realistic. Looking at where we come from, I would like His Excellency the President to come and walk around Likuyani and see the kind of environment our Standard I children learn in. I think this is a populist idea. I wish it could be applied to Form I, in which case I would embrace it wholeheartedly.

Finally, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I would like to talk about the infrastructure and this is a direct challenge to the Deputy President, who is my neighbour.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Pokot South (Mr. Losiakou): Hon. Deputy Speaker, if you did not make the ruling that you were applying the principles of the Constitution in terms of regional balance, I do not know when we would have talked. I thank you for being elected to your position; I also thank the Speaker of the House. I also take this opportunity to thank the people of Pokot South for having confidence in me and electing me to be in this position.

On the Presidential Address, I want to say that I appreciate it. Many the people have called it too ambitious, but I want to say it is about gap filling. It would be wrong to say that the

former President did not do anything. He really tried and, therefore, the Jubilee Government is coming to fill the gap.

I want to make comments on three issues. The first one is on the issue of quality of education. I want to emphasize on the issue of low cost boarding schools. I agree with him on the laptops, but I think of other needs where I come from; the people we represent, particularly the pastoralists, need low cost boarding schools. This is the programme that has been put in place to retain our children in schools when their parents move away in search of pasture for their animals; this is particularly the case in Pokot County, where my constituency is. Therefore, I would like to say that as we move towards budgeting, all schools, particularly primary boarding schools in pastoralist areas, should have this programme. In addition to that, it will not be enough to give funds without planning accordingly.

It was embarrassing for farmers that fertilizer came when they had planted. I want to say this because now we are moving towards budgeting and August is coming. Pastoralists will be moving in August looking for pasture and children will be likely to suffer. This is the right time to plan for what I am calling low cost boarding schools.

Secondly, we should concentrate on the recruitment of teachers. I did a quick survey in my constituency of about 48,000 pupils. I realized that my constituents, particularly parents, are paying up to Kshs2.5 million a month for teachers. This means that we are a bit understaffed by 241 teachers. If this is an example of what is happening in Kenya then free primary school education has no meaning. I would like to urge that as we move forward, and take our country to the digital age, we should look at the issue of shortage of teachers, otherwise we are burdening our parents.

On the issue of health, I like what the President said, but again a quick survey in my constituency, which I think is a replica of other constituencies--- I have a population of 130,000 people, but have hardly 50 health workers, to be honest. You cannot even talk about a clinical officer or a medical doctor in that constituency; you wonder how the people there survive. If this is an example of other constituencies in this country, then what is said in the Presidential Address healthcare is very important.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, on infrastructure, I really agree with the idea of increasing our tarmac roads by 13,000 kilometers. I think the President had in mind my constituency, because he traversed it when he was campaigning. I have no tarmac road in my constituency. I believe that as we move forward and tarmack the 13,000 kilometers of road, Pokot South will also be considered; you can imagine that primary school kids are asking me to fund the to go and see a tarmac road.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up!

The Member for Dagoretti North (Mr. Simba): Hon. Deputy Speaker, finally! I have moved from one corner of this House to another for---

An hon. Member: On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want your clarification whether we need to submit our names to you or whether you will make a judgment when we stand up to speak.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We are trying to distribute the chances; I think there is no better way of getting a Member from every county.

The Member for Dagoretti North (Mr. Simba): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I first want to thank my constituents for having elected me to represent them in this House.

On the Presidential Address, I wonder whether he was listening to himself when he was talking of over one million acres of land under irrigation since we have irrigation schemes that have not been utilized. I do not believe that the Jubilee team is honest and ready to deliver. The only team which could have delivered is the CORD team. That is why I would like to urge the person who prepared the Address for the President to be trained in polishing, because the President kept on repeating a number of issues in his Address.

I want to point out that all human beings are like except the Jubilee and the CORD team. Being in the Opposition, I did not see anything important that the Jubilee Government, through the President, said on the Floor. We have not come here to fight; we have a duty and we have sworn to discharge the same duty; I want to promise that if the Jubilee Coalition or individuals take us back and forth, we are determined to be vigilant until Kenyans get what they deserve.

We talk of a lean Government, but is 18 Ministries lean? If the President had given us nine Ministries, then I would have said that it is lean; an 18-Ministry government is not lean. I want to point out that we are talking about 18 Ministries. If the President created nine Ministries, we would see that it is lean. Eighteen Ministries is still not lean. It is only that it is a double-edged sword of the whole team of Jubilee.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, we want to say that we have no business with IEBC to continue being in office. It did not do any justice to continue being in office. We urge the International Criminal Court (ICC) to audit the conduct of the Supreme Court.

The President talked about making electricity affordable. But we are now being told that they have raised the application fees from Kshs42,000 to kshs75,000. Did they go to the office to increase the application fees from Kshs35,000 to about Kshs40,000.. I do not know how sincere the President and his team in Jubilee are.

With regard to the issue of devolution, the President did not speak about county commissioners. That shows clearly that the President is part of the regime that is fighting for status quo. That is why we applaud the former Prime Minister, who is the president in waiting. He is the "president of the people of Kenya." But President Uhuru is the President of Kenya, of course.

Hon. Member: No!

The Member of Parliament for Dagorreti (Hon. Simba): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to point out that---

Hon. Member: On a point of Order, Hon. Deputy Speaker!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order! Let us allow him to complete!

The Member of Parliament for Dagorreti (Hon. Simba): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to congratulate the former Prime Minister for the good work that he did.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your time is up! I am looking for---

An. Hon. Member: Nakuru County or Nandi County!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes! Nandi County! Let have hon. Member from Nandi County. Yes, I have given the chance to Nandi County.

An Hon. Member: On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order hon. Members! There will be order in the House. I know you are all--- The other thing we could also do is to, may be, reduce the five minutes to three minutes. That is going to allow us get a few more hon. Members in.

(Applause)

(Question put and agreed to)

So, it is now three minutes.

The Member of Parliament for Tinderet Constituency (Hon. Melly): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I am Julius Melly, Member of Parliament for Tinderet Constituency. First of all, I want to thank you for being elected to the Chair. I would also like to thank the people of Tinderet for electing me to this august House as their Member of Parliament.

The President's Address was superb. I think the President gave us a nine-point pillar of what he wants to deliver as the President of this nation.

First of all, I want to say that the President touched on pertinent issues that are affecting this country. One is actually affecting my constituency; it is the issue of agriculture.

Tinderet Constituency is a productive area, and most of my constituents are sugar-cane farmers. But the big issue that is facing us is the non-payment of sugar-cane farmers by our sugar-cane millers. We have neighbouring millers in Kisumu County, Chemelil and Muhoroni. I would like to tell the President and the Government that, if we are to move ahead, then our farmers have to be paid, our factories have to be efficient and be managed well.

Another issue that the President touched on – and is very pertinent – is infrastructure. Our roads are totally impassable. We only have one road which is tattered. It is from Timboroa to Chemelil. Actually, if it is constructed, it will ease communication and transportation of food to the markets in Kisumu and even Eldoret.

I also want to say that water is a big issue in my constituency. If it was possible - I think the Jubilee Government should implement that – each constituency should be given piped water. It has been a pipe dream since the year 2000. They have been moving goal posts over the years.

We also have the issue of the settlement of forest evictees. The previous Government evicted people from forest reserves and they have not been settled. I think they have done something in Mau Forest but in my constituency and some other regions, they have not been resettled.

We also have the issue of title deeds, and I think the President mentioned it. We had people in the previous regimes who were given large tracts of land in the former Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) farms. The local people were put on the hills tops and the rocky areas. I think this is the time to address those injustices, so that even the poor can get their title deeds and earn their livelihoods.

In my constituency, I want to say that our President did well. He mentioned the issue of education for all, especially those who are 18 years and below. He also talked about laptops. They are going to improve the quality of education in our nation. If we implement that, we are going to join the nations of South East Asia and we will be the tiger of East Africa.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member of Parliament for Gichugu in Kirinyaga County.

The hon. Member for Gichugu (Hon. (Mr.) Barua): Thank you hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to make this presentation. For those who do not know me, my name is hon. Njogu Barua, Member of Parliament for Gichugu Constituency, Kirinyaga District.

Let me start by congratulating you and the hon. Speaker for being elected to those two positions.

Secondly, I take this opportunity to thank, most sincerely, the people of Gichugu Constituency for electing me to represent them in Parliament for the next five years, despite the many odds that were against me. They voted overwhelmingly for me; I had over 25,000 votes.

I would like to take this opportunity again to congratulate His Excellency the President for giving a very clear and comprehensive exposition on the direction that the Government will take in the next five years.

I would like to take, particularly, four points for clarification and emphasis. The first issue is on corruption and transparency. I want to note that the President made a commitment to fight corruption and entrench the system of transparency and accountability.

For the country to move forward, and to achieve the targeted development goals, transparency and accountability must be reinforced. I would like to say at this point that due to the fear of transparency, the previous regime in my constituency actually broke into the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) offices and stole the computers. I believe there was something they feared, or there was something which was not transparent, and which they did not want us to know. So, if we entrench transparency, I can assure you that this country will move forward.

The other issue of concern, and which I think this Parliament should take seriously, is youth unemployment. It was noted in the Presidential Address that unemployment has shot up to 70 per cent. This is a time bomb, and we must address it. I want to say that the jobs we create for the youth in future must be jobs that are sustainable and that are geared to wealth generation. I will oppose and not support jobs for the youth in the form of *Kazi kwa Vijana*. That is because the implementation was not transparent. The main objective of that project was to keep the youth busy. We must give our youth the opportunity to generate wealth, so that they can become the empowered leaders of tomorrow.

The Women County Representative for Wajir (Hon. (Ms) F.I. Ali): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. My name is Fatma Ibrahim Ali, the County Women Representative for Wajir. First and foremost, I want to thank the people of Wajir for electing me to the Eleventh Parliament in order for me to represent them.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to confirm that the Presidential Address was powerful and motivating. I have taken audit of how the President used human rights and principles of human rights. Having gone through the Address, I admit that the President has entrenched critical principles like participation, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness and specific targeting of groups, especially women the youth, persons with disabilities, breastfeeding mothers, pregnant women and other groups. Therefore, the President was very sensitive to human rights concerns of the various groups in Kenya. We can, therefore, classify the President as a human rights activist.

Where I found some gaps in the Presidential Address is in the second paragraph, where the President said that he recognised the increase in the number of women in Parliament, which I totally disagree on. If you look at the number of women who have been elected at the constituency level, you will realise that the figure has declined as compared to the Tenth Parliament. In my view, the President was just focussing on the 47 affirmative action women seats. The President did not state clearly what steps his Government intends to take to increase the gender quota representation in this House. With the 47 affirmative action women representatives in Parliament, we are just 19.7 per cent of the total membership of this House. Kenya claims to be the economic giant of East Africa, but it is lagging behind in terms of

securing women political participation. The President should help us to make this country attain the one-third gender quota.

In terms of infrastructure, there are many Members of Parliament who said that their constituencies have tarmac roads. What they are demanding to get from---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I will now have the Member for Isiolo South.

The Member for Isiolo South (Hon. Banticha): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly? I also want to thank the people of Isiolo South for giving me the opportunity to serve them.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address touched on the core issues aspired to by Kenyans. They include the prevailing high levels of unemployment, especially among the youth. The President noted that the level of unemployment amongst the youth stands at more than 70 per cent. There is also the issue of provision of basic services such as health, water, sanitation, energy and transport. Provision of these services has been problematic due to poverty and lack of planning on the part of the relevant authorities. The Government deserves commendation for pledging to address these issues in a robust manner in the next five years.

It was also gratifying to hear that apart from reducing the number of the Ministries, the President is looking forward to restructuring the entire Government, and changing the way it works by streamlining the various agencies to end waste and overlapping of responsibilities. I also applaud the President for the deliberate effort he is making to address problems facing women, the youth and other marginalised groups.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address also touched on the perennial problems of flood and drought. It is a shame that the two phenomena continue to cause havoc, yet with proper measures in place, rain water can be harnessed for irrigation, thereby cushioning Kenyans against drought-related hunger.

Finally, we are ready and willing, as Members of Parliament, to pass legislation that---

The Member for Funyula (Hon. (Dr.) Nyongesa): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. Let me start by congratulating you for being elected the Deputy Speaker of this House. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the people of Funyula for giving me a second term to continue presiding over Funyula as their CEO and Member of Parliament.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to commend the President for a good Address. Of course, the Presidential Address is good and has good intentions. However, we also know that without translating those good intentions to results, they will not reform this country, or give us the outcomes that we require as a country. The President talked about unlocking the human resource potential and capacity of Kenyans to make them more productive through training, improvement of academic standards in school and skill development. As I said, these are just good intentions, which have been seen before.

The President needs to do first things first. I want to joint those colleagues of mine who said that it is actually good to give computers to our children, but it is equally important for the President to give us a clear roadmap on what needs to be done first, so that this IT technology can contribute towards what we want to achieve in this country. We need to see electricity and teachers in schools. We need a clear programme of how that is going to be done, so that once these young children are given computers, we know that it is something that will make this country better. We do not want them to be items which will be kept in shelves after a short

while. I have seen such good intentions not working in other countries before because of poor implementation.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President also talked about restructuring the Government. It is very important that he lives up to that promise, and truly shows us how he is going to restructure the Government. One of the greatest shortcomings in this country has been the wasteful nature of Government. Some of my colleagues, who have already contributed to this Motion, have alluded to the fact that we have so many Commissions and so many other bodies duplicating roles. A lot of funds go to those bodies yet those funds could be used in productive ways. Even the persons serving in those bodies could be used in more productive ways to help us, as a country.

The Member for Chepalungu (Hon. Bii): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to congratulate you for having been elected Deputy Speaker. I want to congratulate all of us who made to this Eleventh Parliament. I want to use this opportunity to thank the people of Chepalungu and the teachers of Bomet County for nurturing me to this position.

I want to comment on the Presidential Address, and because of time, I want to be brief. In his Speech, His Excellency's intention and agenda for the Government is well thought out. If I was the one, I would not have been able to write all the details because of time. In terms of education, a country that has focus for its development treats education as a key pillar. In terms of economic development infrastructure, the core issue of life, the President started with poverty, which is rampant in this country. Poverty has increased the crime rate in this country. I support the Address. I want to encourage the President and his Deputy, who are youthful because this country has been crying that we want to give a chance to the youth. I want to encourage them to prove this, so that in future other youths can be elected.

I want to touch an issue which my colleagues have touched on, namely the issue of remuneration for the Members of this House. Outside there, I used to think that teachers are the only ones who have always gone to the streets to make their voices heard. Indeed, teachers work like hon. Members. I wonder how a monster was created by the Tenth Parliament, which has come back to frustrate the House. It is very shameful. Yesterday, I was shouted at, at the gate.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Leader of Minority, you could just give us an indication as to how much time you need.

Hon. Nyenze: Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I need 20 minutes.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your colleagues also need to get a chance.

Hon. Nyenze: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I may not even take the use all the 20 minutes.

Hon. Wamunyinyi: On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to remind the Chair that apparently, it has not looked at all sides of the chamber. This corner cannot be seen and we expect that those who are sitting in this corner should catch the Chair's eye, so that we can contribute to the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, I am sure you have seen that we have tried to use all methods possible to see that we accommodate most of the hon. Members. The Leader of the Minority Party has a chance to speak right now. So, please, allow him. If he is magnanimous, he can donate a minute or two to you if you request him. He may be able to do that.

Hon. Nyenze: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I just want to congratulate you once again on your election as Deputy Speaker.

I want to comment on the Presidential Address. It was a great Address, and it rang a bell in the minds of the Kenyan people. The question is: Will it be done? Many Addresses have been

given in this august House, but the implementation part of them has always failed to bear fruit. We will support the Government as and when it is on the right track.

However, there are a few issues that I wanted to point out. The President said that he wants to make this country a middle income country in a generation's time. It is possible. We all believe that it is possible if the right things are done. We want to support his policies, so that these things are done and Kenyans can enjoy prosperity. We should borrow from countries whose economies are developing very fast like Brazil, Russia, India and China. They have done miracles. They have perfected three main areas, namely agriculture, infrastructural development and manufacturing. Most of those economies are export driven. They manufacture and sell their products. They have attained economic growth of between six and 12 per cent for China. There is no reason why Kenya cannot borrow from those countries if the President wishes that our economy grows in double digits. This can be done.

There are also other key things that the President should do. When he talks about insecurity and says that he will equip the police, he is saying the right thing, but there needs to be consultation, so that the public also participate in his security measures. We have an operation in Garissa where we are told that families are fleeing because of the crackdown. Instead of carrying out such operations, I would suggest that the local leaders, Imams, Members of Parliament, county representatives should be called to come up with solutions to insecurity. If that approach is adopted, security will be guaranteed; this is because the leaders will own the process. You may deploy policemen and the armed forces; you will solve the problem of insecurity; if you give the leaders a chance to own the process, there will be security. There should be public participation, and I am sure that in this way crime rates will come down.

Crime is also associated with poverty. If the economy grows at a double digit, there will be something for everybody and there will be no idlers who have nothing to live on, and who steal from others. Let us concentrate on growing the economy.

For the economy to grow very fast there should be participation from all parts of the country. Today, if you look at the stock market and the list of who owns what in this country, you will realize that wealth is concentrated on a very small clique in this country. All big companies are owned by a very small clique. The rest of the people are very poor. When you become very rich and the rest of the country becomes poor, that creates insecurity and instability. So, the President should ensure that there is distribution of wealth in such a manner that people are given an equal opportunity, be they from Turkana or western parts of Kenya.

I have toured most parts of this country. Western Kenya and part of the North Rift Valley are the areas that produce a lot of food in this country. However, most roads there are in a deplorable condition. It is very difficult, for instance, to transport sugar-cane to the factories, yet we depend on this sugar-cane to get income.

In an area like Kitui, where I come from, many minerals are found there. We have coal, iron ore, limestone and so on. The big companies from foreign lands come in to cut deals with the people in Government. The locals do not know anything. There are no roads, water, and electricity. People have been warned of displacement once mining starts. This is the time this Government should start opening up areas, so that you can exploit these minerals to achieve the two-digit economic growth. Unless you open up those areas by providing good infrastructure this will still remain a pipe dream.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President talked about the nine pillars, that is health, tourism, agriculture, and so on. These are good things and they will drive our economy. I am happy that a

Motion was tabled here about health. Were we to make health services free to all the poor and vulnerable, it would be very good. However, is it achievable? Are there hidden costs? Where will the Government get all the money when the taxman's revenue is reducing? When we talk about free maternity healthcare and free medical services, it will be good for the poor of this country. Let it be free, indeed. Let it not be like the Free Primary Education (FPE), where parents pay some hidden charges, yet it is called "FPE".

About distribution of water, we know that water is a vital resource to everybody. There is a pipeline that runs from Masinga to Kitui Town. It is called Masinga Pipeline. Water passes through so many residences in so many constituencies, yet the people there cannot access that water. The water ends up in Kitui Town. All these people have equal opportunities and responsibilities. They have their own rights. These are the things I want the President to address very soon, so that this water is distributed to those who have missed it.

On Cabinet appointments and others that will come in the House for vetting, I would urge the President not to bring piecemeal nominations, so that we look at the gender and regional---

Hon. Letimalo: On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I believe the Chair is aware that when the Leader of the Minority Party was on his feet, he promised that he was going to take ten minutes to enable other hon. Members to contribute, today being the last allotted day. Could he, therefore, give us that opportunity?

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nyenze, that is true. You actually made that promise.

Hon. Nyenze: Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am just winding up.

In Kitui County there is a university called South Eastern University College (SEUCO), which is a branch of University of Nairobi. SEUCO has caused a lot of suffering to the local people of Kitui rural, especially in Kwavonza by evicting them. SEUCO *askaris* are sent to go and displace people. The Government of Kenyatta has good plans for poor and vulnerable people. It should act to stop this university from evicting people and creating more IDPs. This is the ancestral land of these people. They have nowhere else to go. Right now the Government has problems---

Hon. (Ms) Odhiambo-Mabona: On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise under Standing Order No.30 and Standing Order No.1. I am cognizant of the fact that for me to rise under Standing Order No.30 I should have filed a 30- minutes notice with the House. Nonetheless, I was under the impression that the Leader of the Minority Party was giving his maiden speech and so I did not want to interrupt him. I, therefore, want you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, to move under Standing Order No.1 where you have discretion. There are several hon. Members who want to contribute to the Motion before the House. Given that we have a new Parliament where most hon. Members are making their maiden appearances, would I be in order to call upon Hon. Deputy Speaker to use her discretion to extend the time by a further 30 minutes or one hour to enable hon. Members contribute.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I am seeking an extension of time by 30 minutes, but hon. Members are calling for an extension by one hour. I call upon the Chair to use her discretion to enable hon. Members speak to the Motion before the House.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, hon. Odhiambo-Mabona. Seeing the interest that has been created amongst the Members, we will not go into the two hours that you are asking for, lest we spill into our other day which is the afternoon session. However, I will allow a further half an hour, so that we go up to 1.00 p.m. We will allow hon. Members to contribute before we give the Leader of the Majority Party the last ten minutes. So, 30 more minutes more.

The Member for Ganze (Hon. Shehe): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I wish to congratulate you and hon. Speaker for being elected in this Eleventh Parliament. I would also like to comment on the Presidential Speech. It is very important to note the issues of health that come from garbage. Most towns have a problem of garbage and it should not be seen as an eyesore because it can give us energy like biogas. It can also create jobs. For that matter, I imagine that with the technology that we have in the current Century, we can invest and turn the garbage menace to a profitable venture.

Secondly, on infrastructure, His Excellency said that he was going to put more emphasis there; I do not know whether those constituencies that were hived from the biggest constituencies get the Economic Stimulus Programme (ESP) funds apart from the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF). This is because for those constituencies like Ganze, it is a shame that there is not even a CDF office. All offices are in the other constituencies which they were depending on and so there is absolutely nothing in Ganze. So, apart from the CDF that will be given to the constituencies that were hived off bigger constituencies, they should be considered separately because the CDF amount is never going to be enough, considering the poor state of roads.

The Member for Budalangi (Hon. Ababu): Hon. Deputy Speaker, to yourself, to the Speaker of this House, to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, the President and his Deputy, I want to say congratulations for your respective triumphs and wish you all well in your respective responsibilities, both inside and outside the House.

Many hon. Members have alluded to the fact that the President's Speech was ambitious and I want to say that, that is exactly what it ought to be: The President's Speech ought to be ambitious. One of the things that have held this country back and prevented us from takeoff is failing to be ambitious. So, this House ought to applaud the President's Speech on ambition because this country needs ambition. We have talked about Asian Tigers. It is time to talk about African Lions and there is no reason why Kenya ought not to be the first African Lion and that can be if this kind of ambition is sustained.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, laptops are all very good and I agree that there is no reason why we should not have laptops for our Standard One children. Indeed, my two year old boy has demonstrated through how he handles my tab that if you allow these children access to technology, they will surprise. Industrial revolution is all very well. Free maternity services for our mothers and our sisters is all very well but I want to say that the greatest challenge for the President and his Government is really not about laptops; it is not about industrial revolution and it is not about free maternity services. The greatest challenge and I want to reiterate this to His Excellency the President it to rekindle what I want to call the “*yote yawezekana*” moment; the moment when this country almost became a nation. Today, it is undoubted that we remain a conglomeration of individuals and ethnicities within the State called Kenya but we have certainly not yet reached the point where we can call ourselves a nation. So, I want to challenge Mr. President - in reading some of the statements he made--- Allow me for the record to read this. I quote the President in his challenge to this House:-

“May you be instruments to bring peace where there has been strife; security where there has been fear; unity where there has been division and prosperity where they lack, until the dream of one indivisible, democratic and sovereign nation is realized, in accordance with our Constitution and national aspirations.”

Those are the very beautiful---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Unfortunately, hon. Ababu Namwamba, that is the nature. There are too many of us and we have to manage ourselves. Yes, you have very great ideas, but let us let other Members too contribute.

Yes, hon. Alice Ng’ang’a!

The Member for Thika Town (hon. (Ms.) A.W. Ng’ang’a): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. I congratulate you and hon. Speaker, for having been elected into those positions. I thank the people of Thika Town Constituency for making it possible for me to be in the Eleventh Parliament. I am happy to be here and I promise that I will work for them to my level best.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, from the Presidential Speech, he offered transformative leadership. In transformative leadership, it means change and we know not so many people love change. That is why we are having difficulties in people understanding what actually the President meant in his Speech. That is where innovation and creativity takes place. When he said that we are going to have laptops, people are finding it very hard. It is not hard for a willing heart. The President told us “*yote yawezekana!*” All is possible if all of us put our heads together.

A laptop in Standard One is just like any other book. It is a requirement for every child to have that book at that level. I also find it very hard for people not to understand the laptops. Our children right now at home can access our phone and work with them. They can even send text messages. When those children are given that opportunity, they will deliver. By the time they are in Class Two or Three, they will understand those laptops. So, it is possible for children to use them. What hon. Members are saying is that they might be rained on. But just like books are never rained on, even laptops are not going to be rained on. They will take good care of them.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President said that he is going to modernize agriculture. We all know that if this opportunity is given to the people, it will reduce congestion in towns. People will undertake farming and we are going to have some people being self-employed. We are going to have food security in this country. So, I do not find that hard to implement. He has just been there for the last two weeks. So, let us give him a chance to see how far he can go because he is willing. We know we will get there very soon.

He also stated that we are going to have stadia in different regions. This is very important because last year, we got stars from Tusker Project Fame within six weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I want to give this chance to hon. Shidiye.

Hon. Member: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. Are you still following the counties?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes! That is the county. The Garissa County has to be represented!

Hon. Member: Then Mombasa is no more! It has never been mentioned.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, Members! We have already stated who is speaking!

The Member for Lagdera (Hon. Shidiye): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. First and foremost, I wish to congratulate you for being elected the Deputy Speaker.

On the Presidential Speech, I want to state clearly that it was one of the best and most creative speeches that have ever been made in this Parliament. It was quite moving, bold and to the point.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would also like to thank the people of Lagdera for electing me to this House and for having confidence in me.

I want to touch on two crucial issues, starting with food security. Kenya is the third largest recipient of relief food in the world, after North Korea and Ethiopia. This fact shows clearly that something is wrong with our country. Right now, we have a lot of rain. There is too much flooding. However, in the next one or two years, you will hear about drought and subsequently, famine. That is as a result of lack of planning. When you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Those are the things that affect our country. Hon. Members will realise that Kenya has one of the best agricultural lands. Somebody once said that Kenya's soil was so fertile that if you put your hand in it, your finger might grow.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you cannot call yourself a proud country when you are begging for food. Fifty years down the road, we are still suffering. We are still begging for food, we are still unable to reach our villages by road, and our people are wondering whether we are truly independent. Independence is characterised by a country's ability to feed her people. This country has suffered from what may be called "short-termism". Short-termism is an enemy of development. We have good policy papers, ideas and agenda but nothing is being implemented. When your people beg for food and you are exporting, you are doing zero work.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Member from Machakos County.

The Member for Mavoko (King'ola): Hon. Deputy Speaker, my name is Makau King'ola, the Member of Parliament for Mavoko. Let me take this opportunity to thank my great people of Mavoko for giving me the opportunity to represent them in this august House and also take a swipe at the Presidential Address.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, first and foremost, you must have a dream to realise it. I want to congratulate the President for having a dream for this nation. He talked about the nine pillars on which he is going to govern this country. I will speak on two of those pillars, namely, infrastructure and sources of power. Maybe, the President will use these two pillars to drive the rest of his agenda. Talking of infrastructure, 20 per cent of the members of staff of the National Assembly reside in Mavoko. When it rains in Syokimau area, sometimes business in this House delays because they cannot make it to Parliament on time.

Let us look at the commissioning of the Thika Superhighway in relation to the Nairobi-Mombasa Road. Commissioning of the section between the Athi-River turn-off and Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) turn-off on the Nairobi-Mombasa Road, which is seven kilometres, was done at the same time with the commissioning of Thika Superhighway. The Thika Superhighway was completed a long time ago while the stretch between JKIA turn-off and Athi-River turn-off on Mombasa Road is still under construction. Even the street lights in Mlolongo have not been fixed to enable my constituents to do business and address the issue of insecurity.

I do not know whether the difference in performance relates to the contractors undertaking the projects. Thika Superhighway was constructed by a Chinese firm, while the simple road in Mlolongo was given to SBI, an Israeli company.

The Member for Starehe (Hon. Kamanda): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to congratulate you on your election as Deputy Speaker. I also want to take this opportunity to welcome you and

the whole House to Starehe Constituency. For those who do not know, this is part of my constituency and I want to welcome you. I also want to thank the people of Starehe. This is the third time that they have voted me to be their Member of Parliament. I want to thank them most sincerely for electing me. I want to promise them that I will work hard to make sure that I deliver the promises that I made to them.

On the Presidential Speech, it is one of the best Speeches that I have heard in this House. This is my third term in this House and I have witnessed many speeches from previous Presidents. I do not want to dwell much on that, but I want to dwell on the achievements attained during the few days that the Head of State has been in office. What has this man done for this country for the few days he has been in office? He has brought this country together. We are united. We can speak in this House as friends. He has shown that he has wisdom to bring the entire country together. He started by inviting the CORD leader for a cup of tea to State House. I want to thank him for that first meeting. I also want to thank the leader of CORD for accepting to take tea in State House. They should have many cups of tea, so that we can have peace in this country. I would have liked to raise many issues, for instance, in relation to the youth and women fund.

Hon. Member: Hon. Deputy Speaker, first, I want to congratulate you and the Speaker for having been elected. I have to register my concerns here that we need to have a clear way of identifying and selecting Members to contribute to Motions and other debates. This is because some Members have been sitting here since morning, yet others come in, contribute and after five minutes they are out. This is totally unfair.

On the Presidential Speech, sincerely speaking, we have to commend it. It was a very good Speech. It is very rich and touches on many development aspects especially those that touch on the common *mwanaanchi*. However, I would like to comment on the issue of health. While we appreciate that we need free health services especially for our mothers, health in Kenya is not a one-size-fits-all. The health care approach that you need to adopt in Turkana, the northern part of Kenya and the Island of Lamu cannot be the same as the one that you will adopt for Nairobi or Central Kenya. That has to be noted very clearly. For instance, as we talk about free maternity services for our mothers, there are instances where the facilities are totally not there or are 100 kilometres apart.

In northern Kenya the number of deliveries made in hospital is very low. Ten out of 100 mothers deliver in hospitals. The approach should be different. We need to be looking at the cultural practices, their lifestyles and attitudes.

In terms of education, the issue of laptops for children, I think that is not totally practical. It is a wild goose chase. It is not practicable in places where there are no schools or areas where there are no teachers. Could we talk of laptops in areas where children of different classes share classrooms? So, laptops are not a priority for us, especially we from the nomadic communities. We need education that will help address the lifestyle of the nomads and not an education similar to that one in Nairobi or other parts of Kenya.

With regard to security, we all know that it is important.

An hon. Member: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. I have made several attempts to catch your eye. Is it in order to say that it is only those whose names are known that get the opportunity to speak? My name is not with you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is not in order. You are out of order! I am trying all possible means of getting all of you to contribute. That is why we have added time. In any case, we will

not be able to speak all of us on the Presidential Address because it is about to end. We did not imagine that all the 349 of you would contribute to the Presidential Address. Let us be patient with each other. All the hon. Members have an equal opportunity of being heard and they need to be heard.

Hon. Members: On a point of order!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order, hon. Members! I have given a chance to the Nyandarua County.

The Member for Kipipiri (Hon. Gichigi): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker. My names are Samuel Gichigi from Kipipiri Constituency. I would like to say *pongezi* to all Members of this House and its leadership.

When I listened to the President make his Speech in Parliament, I was excited because the message that he was putting across brought a lot of hope to most of us. When I went back to Kipipiri, I realized that the youth there are waiting for the fund that the President promised. I will not repeat the other issues that my colleagues have discussed. It is important to remember one thing; while we are discussing what we are going to do with the money that the Government is going to supply, nobody is thinking about how we are going to raise revenue. How are we going to generate the revenue that we intend to spend?

Looking at the Constitution, there are very many commissions that were created by the last Parliament and all of them are focused on using money; not generating revenue. So, it is important that the President goes back to his Speech and rethinks where we are going to get this money. There is only one paragraph that discusses revenue collection. It talks about sealing leakages. If you have an opportunity to speak with the leadership of the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), they will tell you that they are one of the most underfunded parastatals by the Government. A time will come when they will be unable even to send their officers to go and collect revenue from various areas. It is important that as we pass laws in this country and as we look at the Budget that the Government will bring here, we need to think about where the money will be coming from and not just how to spend it.

With respect to disaster management, it is important that the Government looks at this issue. Let us pass the law that will establish the Disaster Management Authority as soon as possible. We always rush at the eleventh hour when disaster strikes.

The Member for South Imenti (Hon. Murungi): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I would like to note that I have been here for the last four days since we started discussing this Motion and I have noticed that 80 per cent of the hon. Member who visit your desk have been given a chance to speak in this House. Some of us might be shy of the opposite gender and we may get extinct in this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Your point has been noted. You are seated next to the Leader of the Majority Party; ask him whether he can donate to you a minute but right now we will hear the Member for Nyamira County who has not spoken.

Hon. (Ms). Wahome: On a point of order, hon. Deputy Speaker. Is the hon. Member who has referred to your gender in order to refer to the Speaker in reference to her gender.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The hon. Member talked of being shy of the opposite gender. Is that the point that you made but I do not want to pursue that matter beyond where it is at the moment? I am not the Deputy Speaker because of my gender I believe it is because I am capable of doing the job as well as any other person. Let us not pursue that matter!

The Member for Borabu (Hon. Momanyi): Hon. Deputy Speaker, thank you. I also join the rest of my colleagues who have spoken ahead of me in congratulating you and the Speaker for the successful election. I also thank the people of Borabu for deeming it fit to elect me as Member of Parliament and I undertake to serve them without fear or favour.

I also congratulate the President and his Deputy for the successful election. Indeed, I also join the rest of hon. Members who have termed the President's Speech as ambitious. It is a very ambitious Speech. I also want to point out the issue of laptops. We are not asking ourselves how much these laptops will cost or whose money it is. As we speak today, some of us who are first timers in this House have no offices, we are operating from our cars. The President, his Deputy and the Government side have not addressed that issue.

As we stand here today, some of us have no cars; we have not been given money to buy cars and we are using *matatus*. Nobody is addressing these issues and so as much as the President is so ambitious to please some people out there, we also expect that we will work as a team and make sure that our welfare is catered for.

The President spoke about how unsustainable the wage bill is. When you look at the motorcade that the President always moves around town with, he should have been the last person to talk about the wage bill. This is because if indeed he is for the common Kenyan, we would have seen a minimum motorcade compared to what former President Kibaki was using.

Hon. Speaker, we wished to see a smaller motorcade away from what we have been seeing our former President, hon. Kibaki using around.

We are told that this is a digital Government, so we expect them to do things in a different way. We expected him to come here without outriders, we expected him---

Hon. (Ms.) Wahome: On a point of order, Hon. Speaker. Is the hon. Member not out of order to discuss the President's motorcade in the House?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Unfortunately, hon. Wahome, the hon. Member is on his maiden speech. Hon. Momanyi, is it your maiden speech or you had spoken before?

The Member for Borabu (Hon. Momanyi): This is my maiden speech. I had not spoken, hon. Speaker and you should protect me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You should not be interrupted! Yes, you are protected.

The Member for Borabu (Hon. Momanyi): Thank you for being sympathetic and this is why, as my neighbour, I will always protect you.

We expected to see a different style from what the analogue team has been doing. So, we expect the President to have a sizeable motorcade, maybe two cars like what we have been seeing the Vice-President and the Prime Minister using so that we cut down the expenditure that the Government is spending on a daily basis.

So, I agree with the President on the youth and---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is now time for the Leader of the Majority Party, and if he is willing to donate any of his few minutes to any Member, he can do it.

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Speaker, I want to donate one minute to each of the four Members of Parliament, starting with the hon. Member for Magarini, Galole and South Imenti, in that order.

The Member for Magarini (hon. Kombe): Asante sana mhe. Naibu Spika. Ningetaka kuunga mkono hotuba ya Rais nikizingatia mambo ya kilimo.

Kilimo hakiwezi kufanyika angani bali katika ardhi. Jambo la kusikitisha ni kwamba watu wengi wenyeji wa sehemu ya uwakilishi Bungeni ya Magarini hawana mashamba. Ni wazi

kwamba siku za nyuma Rais mstaafu alijaribu kuwapatia baadhi yao hati za kumiliki ardhi lakini kuna lokesheni zingine kama vile Bangale ambako hakuna hata nchi moja ambayo imewahi kupimwa.

Ingekuwa vyema masoroveya waelekezwa kule wapime mashamba hayo ile tuweze kufanya kilimo---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay! The next hon. Member!

The Member for Galole (Hon. Dukicha): Asante sana, mhe. Naibu Spika. Kwa majina ninaitwa Hassan Dukicha, Mbunge wa eneo la uwakilishi Bungeni la Galole, Tana River.

Shukrani zangu za kwanza zinaenda kwa watu wa Galole ambao walinichagua niwaakilishe katika Bunge hili. Ninawaambia asante.

La pili nikukupongeza mhe. Naibu Spika kwa kuchaguliwa. Nilikuwa nakuunga mkono sana lakini niliona kama hukuwa unaniona, lakini sasa umeniona kidogo. Asante pia.

Langu ni kuhusu hospitali ya Hola, katika sehemu ya Galole, ambayo ni eneo ninalowakilisha katika Bunge hili. Hospitali imegeuka kuwa nyumba ya panya, popo, na kila kitu. Haina vyombo vya kupima, kama mtambo wa picha, hakuna madaktari, dawa na pahali pa kuhifadhi maiti. Chumba cha kuhifadhi maiti hakipo kwa sababu ukiweka mwili wa binadamu, panya wanaula.

Rais alitoa hotuba nzuri na ninataka kitu cha kwanza aangazie hospitali ya Hola kwa sababu iko katika hali mbaya.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It is time for the third person to contribute.

The Member for South Imenti (Hon. Murungi): Thank you, hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this chance to congratulate the people of South Imenti for giving me a chance to represent them in the Eleventh Parliament.

I want to speak on the Youth Enterprise Development Fund and the Women Enterprise Development Fund and commend the President for his initiative on this matter. I urge my people of South Imenti, especially youth and women, to start forming groups so that they can benefit from the 30 per cent quota of Government procurement and the funds that will be disbursed soon.

Lastly, I would like to appeal to the President to also remember our senior citizens aged over 60 years. They sent me with a message when I toured my constituency over the weekend, that the money can be disbursed to them just like it is being disbursed to other senior citizens in the country.

With those remarks, I beg to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Deputy Speaker, before I reply to debate, I want to thank the 156 hon. Members who contributed to this Motion. I want to tell my colleagues that it was not the choice of the Deputy Speaker to deny them chance to speak. It is because the number of Members in the House is now too large for her to accommodate everybody. I am sure that there are more Motions coming. Those who have not contributed to this Motion will definitely have a chance to contribute to other Motions.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I want to say very briefly, as the Government Chief Whip, that we have turned the Presidential Address into a legislative agenda for the House. Members of Parliament will, in due course, see how the manifesto of the Jubilee Coalition will be implemented, based on the roadmap given by His Excellency the President. We will bring legislation which will create the youth and women funds, based on the Constituencies

Development Fund (CDF) model, as the President said. We will bring amendments to the Procurement and Disposal Act, and legislation on how to make the Kenyan Diaspora community participate in the economic development of our people.

The Cabinet Secretary nominations of the four men and women yesterday set the agenda on the kind of Government that he wants to give this country. For the first time in the history of this country, Cabinet Secretary nominees were interviewed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Deputy CEO of our land. That is a fundamental transformation. That decision is informed by the Jubilee Government's belief in transforming all the sectors of our country. The President has given his word on implementation of the Constitution. We expect this House to help us implement a legislative agenda that will help to transform the lives of our people.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, we are now through with the debate on the Presidential Address to this House. From this afternoon, we will be dealing with substantive business. Starting this week or next week, the Government will bring to the House Bills on the national budget and revenue collection. We will bring the Division of Revenue Bill and The Budget Policy document Bill by Tuesday or Wednesday next week, latest.

As I said earlier, I expect hon. Members to develop a bipartisan approach, where all the 349 Members representing the interests of our people in their diversity will stand and contribute to the welfare of our people across party lines. We also expect the Opposition to play its oversight role. That is a responsibility for them. As the Jubilee Coalition, we are not and we shall not be in any position to deny our colleagues their right to play their constitutional role. That is to show that we want the Opposition to do oversight. We want Members of the Opposition to chair the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the Public Investments Committee (PIC), so that you can audit our accounts. The fundamental role of the chairperson of the PAC is to audit our revenue and expenditure.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, there are several legislations that the Government will bring to this House. These include civil liberty bills, freedom of media bills, the Support to County Government Bill, *et cetera*. This House, in collaboration with the Senate, will make sure---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Wind up, Leader of Government Business, we are running out of time.

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Senate and the National Assembly have roles to play to ensure that devolution and the county governments become operational.

With those few remarks, I beg to move.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, it is now time to interrupt the business of the House. Therefore, the House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 1.00 p.m.