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TUESDAY: Communication from the Chair, Petitions, Papers Laid, Notices of
21/05/2013 Motions, Messages and Statements.

A. *MOTION – (The Hon. John Waluke)

THAT, aware that over 90 % of the raw materials for the agro-based parastatals such as Nyayo Tea Zones, sugar and cotton factories comes from rural farmers residing in counties; noting that the farmers produce all the inputs but do not receive any benefits from their activities; deeply concerned that county governments are likely to face numerous financial challenges due to limited sources of revenue; this House urges the government to write off all the liabilities of these parastatals and hand over the management of the same to the county governments to form part of the income generating activities for the respective County Governments.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, May 16, 2013)

B. *MOTION – (The Hon. Francis Chachu Ganya)

THAT, aware that over 600 pieces of ivory worth Kshs 100 million were intercepted at the port of Mombasa in March 2013 headed for Indonesia; concerned that more than 1000 elephants have died in the last 3 years; aware that the Government declared poaching in the country a disaster; noting that a pound of ivory can now fetch more than 1,000 dollars in the black market, and as result tens of thousands of elephants are slaughtered across Africa; also aware that the Far East, and China in particular is a market hub for poached ivory; further concerned that over 211 elephants were poached in 2011 alone , with 384 elephants poached in 2012, and another 74 elephants lost since the beginning of 2013; deeply concerned with the negative impact this will have on the tourism industry in particular, and the entire economy in general; this House urges the

Government to tighten the measures in place for curbing poaching by increasing the number of game rangers deployed to the game parks and by coming up with more punitive measures to deter poaching.

C. *MOTION – (The Hon. John Mbadi)

THAT, aware that the fishing industry makes a major contribution to the economy by producing over Ksh 10 billion in foreign exchange and further aware that the industry provides employment both directly and indirectly to many people; noting that the potentiality of this sector is under threat due to use of non- scientific ways of fishing and continued use of wrong fishing gears due to poverty levels affecting the fishermen; this House urges the government to establish a fund from which fishermen can be given grants and access cheap loans to buy the recommended fishing gear to help them acquire correct and scientific fishing gears.

D. *MOTION – (The Hon. Chris Wamalwa)

THAT, aware that the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) is now procuring fertilizers, which is not its core mandate; cognizant of the fact that this had led to delays in the importation and procurement of the necessary inputs for the farmers in a timely manner; noting with concern that fertilizers are arriving after the planting season; deeply concerned that this is affecting food security in the country as fertilizers are key inputs in farming; also noting that this lack of inputs is affecting farm yields, and impoverishing farmers, this House urges the Government to set up a fertilizer board that manages issues of fertilizers and other farming inputs, while offering subsidized inputs to farmers, and also fast-track the process of setting up a factory to produce fertilizers and other farming inputs locally in the long-term.

E. Other Business Sponsored by the Majority Party or the Minority Party

WEDNESDAY: Communication from the Chair, Petitions, Papers Laid, Notices
22/05/2013 Motions, Messages and Statements.

THAT, aware that since the signing of the Cotonou Agreement in the year two thousand, the government has been negotiating Economic Trade Agreements (EPAs) with the European Union (EU) together with other member states of the Eastern African Region; further aware of the concerns raised by the Eastern African Region on the contentious aspects of the EPAs, including offering undue advantage to products from other markets at the expense of growth of local and regional industries; further taking cognizance of the adverse effects that the EPAs are projected to have on Kenya's economy particularly on agriculture and manufacturing sectors; aware of an imminent amendment of the European Union Market Access Regulations, whose effect is that the 18 countries which have not signed or ratified the full EPAs, most of which are from Sub-Sahara Africa, Kenya included, will henceforth be removed from duty free access to the EU Markets; further aware that once removed, Kenyan products will, from, 2016, cease to access the EU markets without paying duty and that the national economy is estimated to lose more than Kshs. 10 billion in that year alone, this House urges the government not to sign the EPAs in their current form until all contentious issues raised by the Eastern African Region, and Kenya, in particular, are addressed and that the government continues to explore trade negotiations with the European Union.

THAT, aware that the road network in the country currently stands at approximately 160,886 Km, out of which only approximately 11,189 Km are paved; noting that the extent of the unclassified rural and urban roads remain unknown with most of such roads in bad condition; aware that good infrastructure facilitate trade, economic development and improvement in the quality of life; this House urges the government, through Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KERRA), Kenya National High Authority (KENHA) and Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) to upgrade a minimum of twenty (20) and a maximum of thirty (30) Kilometers of roads to bitumen standards in every constituency across the country in every financial year to enhance the road network in the country and subsequently enhance agricultural productivity and job creation.

THAT, aware that according to statistics released by the Government of Kenya in July 2012, cancer and renal diseases are currently the highest killer diseases in the country with at least 22,000 cancer related deaths; concerned that kidney-related deaths

in Kenya have reached 2,912 or 0.92% per year of total deaths according to World Health Organization (WHO) data released in April 2011; noting that there is limited access to cancer screening, treatment, and affordable dialysis at county levels; further aware that the Government received a Kshs.522 billion grant 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 (1) hospital in every county and supply necessary equipments to each of the facilities to enable them perform chemotherapy and dialysis procedures.

D. *MOTION – (The Hon. Zuleikha Hassan Juma)

THAT, aware that the National Youth Council was established by the National Youth Council Act 2009; further aware that the Council was gazetted in November 2012; concerned that the Treasury is yet to release the required funds to establish the Council Secretariat as provided by Section 10 of the Act. Noting that the council is unable to perform its functions as stated in Section 4 of the Act due to lack of funds thus disadvantaging the youth of this country; this House urges the Government to immediately allocate and release funds to the Council for it to discharge its mandate.

E. Other Business Sponsored by the Majority Party or the Minority Party

AFTERNOON SITTING

**WEDNESDAY: Communication from the Chair, Petitions, Papers Laid, Notices of
22/05/2013 Motions, Messages and Statements.**

A. *MOTION – (The Hon. Hassan Dukicha)

THAT, aware that the number of girls dropping out of school is very high in the Arid and semi-arid areas (ASAL) because of the limited number of schools in these areas; concerned that most of the girls dropping out of school opt for early marriages, thus affecting the education standards of the girl child; noting that lack of boarding schools in most of these areas has greatly contributed to increased number of school drop outs, this House urges the Government to establish girl boarding schools for both primary and secondary in all ASAL areas.

B. *MOTION – (The Hon. Wesley Korir)

THAT, noting the tragic events that occurred at the Boston Marathon where two bombs went off, killing and injuring a number of people; aware that there were Kenyan athletes also present at the event who had no established network of reporting in to

confirm their status; deeply concerned that there was no mechanism available to account for the safety and well-being of each member of the Kenyan athletic delegation, this House urges the Government to establish a register or other mode of tracking and accounting for all athletes who leave the country to attend various international athletic events, to ensure their safety at all times.

C. *MOTION – (The Hon. Benson Mutura)

THAT, aware that the now dissolved local authorities across the country were owed huge debts by government agencies and departments; further noting that the Government has not remitted payments in lieu of rent, water, way leaves, among others; deeply concerned that these debts were amounting to approximately Kshs 3 billion as at 2011, with no payments forthcoming; also aware that the new county governments are expected to take over these debts, and most of the expected revenue allocations they receive could go towards payment of these historical debts, this House urges the National Government to speedily pay outstanding rates, rents, water and other arrears owed to the county governments, to prevent resources meant for development being used to pay off outstanding debts.

D. *MOTION – (The Hon. Gatobu Kanoti)

THAT, aware that bright students from poor family backgrounds who score seventy percent or more of the total marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) fail to join form one in every year for lack of school fees; noting that if such trend is not checked, bright students from poor families will be left out of the learning process hence ruining their future; aware that Article 53 (I) (b) of the Constitution guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education; recognizing the need to identify bright students from poor backgrounds and support them in pursuing and completing their studies in public secondary schools, this House urges the government, to establish a public databank of all bright and poor students to be in the custody of the County Director of Education, and such information be disseminated and made available to the public including the respective Constituency Development Fund Committees and such other institutions that may be willing to support such students.

E. Other Business Sponsored by the Majority Party or the Minority Party

A. *ADJOURNMENT MOTION

B. *MOTION – (The Hon. Joseph Gitari)

THAT, aware that the country produces only about a third of its annual rice demand of 300,000 tonnes with a bulk of the shipments to fill the deficit imported from Pakistan according to a research done by the Ministry of Agriculture on National Rice development strategy; further aware that locally produced rice is of high quality compared to imported rice and is preferred by consumers; and further appreciating that with improved water harvesting and innovative management technologies, the current irrigation potential of about 540,000 hectares irrigable can be increased by a further 800,000 hectares to 1.3 million hectares, this House urges the Government to consider increasing the acreage of both the irrigated and rain-fed rice production by 800,000 ha in order to promote increased production of rice which will ensure food security and save the much needed foreign exchange.

C. *MOTION – (The Hon. Jude Njomo)

THAT, aware that the Industrial Training Act, 2007 provides for the deduction and submission of levy from each employee by the employer to the Industrial Training Levy Fund to facilitate the training of persons involved in the industry; concerned with the increasingly high number of apprentices engaging in drug and alcohol abuse after the programme due to lack of employment; noting further that the youth continue to have limited access to training and employment opportunities, this House urges the Government to enforce compliance with Article 55 of the Constitution and Vision 2030 in regard to the youth by expanding the structure of the Fund to include SMEs and setting up a Fund for the purposes of utilizing part of the Training Levy Fund to provide capital for the apprentices who have undergone instruction using the Training Levy to start businesses.

D. *MOTION – (The Hon. Francis Chachu Ganya)

THAT, aware that good health to the people is crucial for the development of their livelihood; noting that North Horr constituency with an area of 38,572 square kilometers and a diameter of 800 kms lacks a single referral hospital; further noting that residents of the constituency have to travel for over 600 kilometers to access the services of the nearest government hospital in Marsabit town; concerned that the impact of lack of access to health care impedes people's ability to reach their full potential and

negatively affect their quality of life which in turn affects the economy of the country; convinced that unless health care is made available to the people their development and livelihood will continue to be affected immensely, this House urges the Government to establish health centres and hospitals where such facilities are lacking in all the 290 constituencies across the country.

E. *MOTION – (The Hon. Hassan Dukicha)

THAT, aware that the National Irrigation Board of Kenya (NIB) has utilized only 5,000 hectares for crop production in Hola Irrigation Scheme; further aware that there is a lot of land available in Galole which can be put into use; noting that River Tana passes through Galole; cognizant that food production is critical in ensuring food security in the country, this House urges the Government through the National Irrigation Board to expand the acreage of land from the current 5,000 hectares to 25,000 hectares to enhance food production in Galole, Tana River County and in the country at large.

F. Other Business Sponsored by the Majority Party or the Minority Party

*** Denotes Motions of which Notices have been given**
