

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013**

1. The House assembled at Nine O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CLERK**

"Hon. Members, on behalf of the staff of the Kenya National Assembly and on my own behalf, I wish to congratulate all on your election as Members of this august House. I wish to welcome you to this first Sitting of the National Assembly of the Eleventh Parliament. I also wish to extend a special welcome to those Members who are joining the National Assembly for the first time.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 126(2) of the Constitution, His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) notified that the first Sitting of the National Assembly shall be held in the National Assembly Chambers at the main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi today Thursday, 28th March, 2013 starting at 9.00 a.m. Hon. Members, I wish to read the notification from His Excellency the President.

*"In exercise of the powers conferred by Article 126(2) of the Constitution of Kenya, I, Mwai Kibaki, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) appoint that the first Sitting of the National Assembly of the Eleventh Parliament shall be held at the main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi on Thursday, 28th March, 2013 at 9.00 a.m. It is dated 21st March 2013, Mwai Kibaki, President."*

Hon. Members, Standing Order No.3(1)(b) requires that the Clerk of the National Assembly shall lay a list of names of persons elected as Members to the National Assembly on the Table of the House. I order the Senior Deputy Clerk to table the said list on the Table of the House.

That far, Hon. Members, we are able to proceed with the next business, which is Administration of Oath.

Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 74 of the Constitution, no person shall assume or perform any functions of a State office before taking or subscribing to the oath or affirmation of office. That means that, unless you have been sworn in, you may not be able to elect the Speaker or Deputy Speaker. In order to comply with the provisions of the Constitution, the first business of a new House, therefore, is the swearing in of new Members.

Standing Order No.3(2) provides that the Clerk shall administer the oath or affirmation of office to Members of the House. For the convenience of the House, I wish to administer the oath beginning with persons with disabilities and then proceed as per the list distributed to Hon. Members. I now wish the indulgence of the House to proceed to where persons with disabilities are seated and administer the oath of allegiance".

#### 4. **PAPER LAID**

The Clerk laid on the Table of the House the following Paper:-

List of persons elected as Members of the House

#### 5. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

The Oath of Allegiance was administered to the following Members:-

Abdi Yusuf Hassan  
Wetangula Timothy Wanyonyi  
Odinga Oburu  
Angwenyi Jimmy Nuru  
Ondieki  
Anyango Dalmas Otieno  
Mwendwa Winfred Nyiva Kitili  
Rai Samuel Ngozi  
Abdalla Amina  
Chumel Samuel Moroto  
Abongotum Kamama Asman  
Chanzu Yusuf Kifuma  
Kamanda William Maina  
Keynan Wehliye Adan  
Konchella Gideon Sitelu  
Katoo ole Metito Judah  
Nkaissery Joseph Kasaine  
Lekuton Joseph  
Isaack Shaaban Ali  
Manga Shadrack Roger Mwita  
Mbai Benson Itwiku

Mbarire Cecily Mutitu  
Midiwo Washington Jakoyo  
Shaban Naomi Namsi  
Were David Aoko  
Wamunyinyi Athanas Wafula  
Rotino Philip Lotiolo Ruto  
Ababu Namwamba  
Ahmed Shakeel Shabbir A.  
Aluoch John Olago  
Anyanga Peter Edick Omondi  
Baiya Njoroge  
Cheboi Moses Kipkemboi  
Cheptumo William Kipkiror  
Omagwa Joel Onyancha  
Opore John Zebedeo  
Cheruiyot Zakayo Kipkemoi  
Duale Aden Bare  
Elmi Mohamed Ibrahim  
Gaichuhie Nelson Ributhi  
Ganya Francis Chachu  
Gitari Joseph Gachoki

Gitau Peter Njuguna  
Gumbo Nicolas  
Kabando wa Kabando  
Kamau Jamleck Irungu  
Kiptanui Jackson Kiplagat  
Kibunguchy Enock Wamalwa  
Koech Sammy Cheruiyot  
Kombe Harrison Garama  
Langat Benjamin Kipkirui  
Lagat Elijah Kiptarbei  
Leshoomo Maison  
Linturi Franklin Mithika  
Nyenze Francis Mwanzia  
Laboso Joyce Cheron Abonyo  
Lessonet Moses K  
Letimalo Raphael Lakalei  
Manoti Stephen Kengere  
Magwanga Joseph Oyugi  
Mohamed Abdi Haji  
Mahamud Mohamed Maalim  
Mathenge Esther Murugi  
Mbiuki Japhet Miriti Kareke  
Shakila Abdalla Mohamed  
Munyaka Victor Kioko  
Musyimi Mutava  
Mungaro Maitha Gideon  
Shidiye Mohamed Muktar  
Mwadeghu Thomas Ludindi  
Mwahima Mwalimu Masudi  
Mwaita Sammy Silas Komen  
Mwangi Kamande Peter  
Mwiru Alex Muthengi Mburi  
Ngahu Tiras Nyingi  
Ng'ang'a J. Kiuna Kariambeu  
Ng'ongo Mbadi John  
Nyamai Charles Mutisya  
Nyamweya Manson Oyongo  
Odhiambo Millie Grace Akoth  
Ogari Simon Nyaundi  
Ottichilo Wilber Khasilwa  
Ondicho James Gesami  
Sakuda Moses Somoine ole  
Shebesh Rachael Wambui  
Rege James Gordon Kwanya  
Outa Fredrick Otieno  
Sambili Hellen Jepkemoi

Oyugi Aghostinho Neto  
Shill Elias Bare  
Sambu Alfred Wekesa  
Serut John Bomett  
Simiyu David Eseli  
Wambugu Clement Muchiri  
Wario Ali  
Washiali Benjamin Jomo  
Abass Ahmed Ibrahim  
Abdi Mohamed Ali  
Aden Abdikadir Omar  
Ahmed Abdikadir Ore  
Aburi Lawrence Mpuru  
Akujah Protus Ewesit  
Ali Fatuma Ibrahim  
Nyongesa Otuoma Paul  
Ali Shariff Athman  
Ali Tiyah Galgalo  
Ndirangu Isaac Waihenya  
Amolo Rachel Ameso  
Anami Lisamula Silverse  
Andayi Benjamin A.  
Banticha Abdullahi Jaldesa  
Aramat Lemanken  
Arama Samuel  
Anyanga Andrew Toboso  
Bady Bady Twalib  
Ayub Savula Angatia  
Barchilei Edwin Kipruto  
Barua Ejidius Njogu  
Bedzimba Rashid Juma  
Bett Bernard Kipkirui  
Bett, James Kimaru  
Bichage, Chris Munga  
Bii, Paul Kipchirchir  
Maweu, Kyengo Katatha  
Bitok, Kirwa Stephen  
Bollo, Hezron Awiti  
Bowen, David Kangongo  
Busienei, Elisha Kipkorir  
Bunyasi, Sakwa John  
Bosire, Timothy Moseti E  
Chae, Alice Nyanchoka  
Chea Mwinga Gunga  
Nooru Adan Mohamed  
Changorok Regina Nyeris

Chebet Susan Kipketer  
Chege John Kiragu  
Chege Sabina Wanjiru  
Chidzuga Zainab Kalekye  
Dawood Abdul Rahim  
Chepkong'a Samuel Kiprono  
Chepkwony Hellen Chelangat  
Dukicha Hassan Abdi  
Duba Roba Sharu  
Duri Halima Ware  
Duale Mohamed Dahir  
Ekomwa James Lomenen  
Emanikor Joyce Akai  
Gakuya James Mwangi  
Farah Abdulaziz Ali  
Geni Charles Mongare  
Fathia Mahbub  
Gathogo Esther Nyambura  
Gethenji James Ndungu  
Gichigi Samuel Kamunye  
Ghati Dennitah  
Gikaria David  
Gathecha Annah Nyokabi  
Huka Mohamed Adan  
Gure Shukra Hussein  
Irea Gideon Mwitii  
Injendi Moses Malulu  
Charles Gumini Gimose  
Ichung'wah Anthony Kimani  
Iringo Cyprian Kubai  
Ibren Nasra Ibrahim  
Kahangara Joseph Mburu  
Chege John Njoroge  
Juma Sulekha Hassan  
Kingara Benson Mutura  
Kang'ata Irungu  
Kajwang' Francis Tom Joseph  
Kajuju Florence  
Kaluma George Peter Opondo  
Kanyua Priscilla Nyokabi  
Kasuti Suleiman Murunga  
Karani Stephen Wachira  
Kariuki John Ndirangu  
Karithi David  
Katana Aisha Jumwa  
Kanini Kega James Mathenge

Kemei Justice Kipsang  
Kariuki Julius Ndegwa  
Kedogo Dorcas Luvalitsa  
Kenta Richard Moitalel Ole  
Keraa Mary Sally  
Kering Zipporah J. Kurgat  
Khamisi Mishi Juma  
Keter Alfred Kiptoo  
Kilonzo Francis Mwangangi  
Kiaraho David Njuguna  
Kihagi John Karanja  
Kimaru Anthony Mutahi  
King'ola Patrick Makau  
Keter Eric Arap  
Kipchoim Grace Jelagat  
Kiptui Grace Jemutaiaa  
Kisang William Kipkemai  
Kipyegon Johana Ngeno  
Kinoti Boniface Gatobu  
Kinyua Peter Weru  
Koinange Paul  
Kisoi Michael Manthi  
Kobado John Owuor Onyango  
Kitungi Bernard Munywoki  
Korere Sara Paulata  
Korir Wesley Kipchumba  
Kosgey Alexander Kimutai  
Kigen Kosgey  
Dido Ali Rasso  
Onyonka Richard Momoima  
Koyi John Waluke  
Lati Jonathan Lelelit  
Lempurkel Mathew Lekidime  
Lay Joyce Wanjalah  
Lemein Korei Ole  
Lentoimaga Alois Musa  
Lomunokol Mark  
Limo Kirui Joseph  
Lomwa Joseph Samal  
Makenga Richard Katemi  
Losiakou David Pkosing  
Maanzo Daniel Kitonga  
Machira Jane Agnes Wanjira  
Macharia Jacob Waweru  
Manje Joseph Wathigo  
Masadia Alfred Agoi

Mati Munuve G. J.  
Wanjohi George Mike  
Mburu Stephen Kinyanjui  
Mbalu Jessica Nduku Kiko  
Mbui Robert  
Mbugua Mary Njoki G  
Melly Julius Kibiwott  
Mohamed Abass Sheikh  
Mitaru Rose Rwamba  
Moindi Mosomi Elijah  
Momanyi Ben George Orori  
Mlolwa Jones Mwagogo  
Mohamed Diriye Abdullahi  
Moi Kipruto  
Mirenga Ken Obura  
Muchai George Mukuru  
Muhia Wanjiku  
Mulu Benson Makali  
Muluvi Marcus Mutua  
Mumo Rose Museo  
Munene Mary Wambui  
Mule Stephen Mutinda  
Murgor James Kipkosgei  
Mukwe James Luswet  
Muia Regina Nthambi  
Murungi Kathuri  
Musimba Patrick Mweu  
Mutua Florence Mwikali  
Mustafa Salim Idd  
Musau Vincent Musyoka  
Musyoka Susan Mbinya  
Bishop Mutua Robert  
M'uthari Joseph M'eruaki  
Muzee Daniel Kazungu  
Mwadime Andrew  
Mutambu Joe Musyimi  
Mwamkale William Kamoti  
Mwanyoha Hassan Mohamed  
Mwashetani Khatib Abdallah  
Naicca Johnson Many  
Mwaura Isaack  
Nakara John Lodepe  
Nakuleu Christopher Doye  
Nassir Abdullswamad Sheriff  
Nanok Daniel Epuyo  
Nderitu Francis Waweru

Ndiege Joseph Obiero  
Ngare Stephen Muriuki  
Ndiritu Samuel Mathenge  
Ngikor Nixon Nicholas  
Ng'ang'a Alice Wambui  
Ngeny Eusilah Jepkosgei  
Ngetich Cecilia Chelangat  
Ngunjiri Onesmus Kimani  
Njagagua Charles Muriuki  
Njenga Francis Kigo  
Njomo Jude L. Kangethe  
Njuguna Humphrey Kimani  
Njuguna Winnie Karimi  
Ntutu Patrick Keturet ole  
Njuki Onesmus Muthomi  
Nuh Junet Sheikh Mohamed  
Nyaga Beatrice Nkatha  
Nyaga John Muchiri  
Nyasuna Gladys Atieno  
Nyikal James Wambura  
Nyumu Joseph Ngugi  
Nyamai Rachael Kaki  
Ochieng David Ouma  
Odanga Geoffrey Makokha  
Odera Arthur Papa  
Ogalo George Oner  
Ogendo Rose Auma  
Osman Hassan Aden  
Ogolla Gideon Ochanda  
Ombaka Christine Oduor  
Omondi George W. Mallan  
Olum Joash Odhiambo  
Omondi John Ogutu  
Okoth Kenneth Odhiambo  
Omulele Christopher  
Onyango Silvanse Osele  
Opiyo Jared Odhiambo  
Otsiula Boniface Okhiya  
Otucho Mary Emaase  
Otaalo Raphael Milikau  
Pukose Robert  
Onyura Michael Aringo  
Ramadhani Suleiman Dori  
Owuor Joshua Aduma  
K'Oyoo James Onyango  
Sane Ibrahim Ahmed

Saney Ibrahim Abdi  
Robi Mathias Nyamabe  
Rop Jackson Kipkorir  
Sakaja Johnson A.  
Sang Leonard Kipkosgei  
Seneta Mary Yiane  
Serem Cornelly  
Shehe Peter Safari  
Sanjeev Kour Birdi  
Sudi Oscar Kipchumba  
Shinali Bernard Masaka  
Shimbwa Omar Mwinyi  
Simba Paul Arati  
Sumra Irshadali Mohamed  
Sitati Daniel Wanyama  
Teiya Janet Marania  
Theuri George

Tiren Silas Kipkoech  
Tonui Ronald Kiprotich  
Tobiko Peris Pesi  
Tuya Roselinda Soipan  
Wahome, Alice Muthoni  
Waiganjo, John Muriithi  
Waititu Francis Munyua  
Wakhungu C. Wamalwa  
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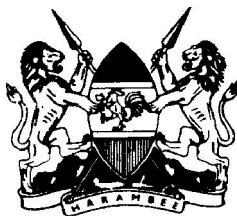
And the time being forty-eight minutes past One O'clock, the Clerk adjourned the House until 2.30 p.m. this afternoon.

6. **HOUSE ROSE** - at forty-eight minutes past One O'clock.

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**MEMORANDUM**

The House will re-convene today,  
Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 2.30 p.m.

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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013**

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER**

The Clerk of the National Assembly conveyed the following Communication -

"Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 126(2) of the Constitution, the President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces notified that the first Sitting of the National Assembly shall be held in the National Assembly Chambers at the main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi on Thursday, 28th March, 2013 starting at 9.00 a.m.

Article 106(2)(a) provides that the Office of the Speaker shall become vacant when a new House of Parliament first meets after an election. Acting under the powers conferred to me by Standing Order No.5, I notified the general public of a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker of the National Assembly. In the same gazette notice, I invited interested persons and subsequently issued nomination forms for the election of the Speaker. Completed application forms were to be returned to me at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

At the deadline for returning nomination forms, four candidates fulfilled the requirements and were validly nominated. They are as follows:-

1. Marende Kenneth Otiato
2. Muturi Justin Bedan Njoka
3. Mwangi Wangoro Harrison
4. Sirat Mahamud Mohamed

However, I have since received letters by two candidates indicating that they have withdrawn. That is Mwangi Wangoro Harrison and Sirat Mahamud Mohamed. In accordance with Standing Order No.8, I have since crossed-out the two names off the ballot papers. Therefore, we are left with only two candidates for the election of the Speaker and that is, Marende Kenneth Otiato and Muturi Justin Bedan Njoka.

Standing Order No.6 provides as follows:-

*“(1) The election of the Speaker shall be by secret ballot.*

*“(2) The Clerk shall, at the commencement of each ballot, cause the ballot box, empty and unlocked, to be displayed to the House and shall, in the presence of the House, lock the box, which shall thereafter be kept in the full view of the House until the conclusion of the ballot.”*

Each Hon. Member will receive one ballot paper at a time; an Member will collect one ballot paper at the Table and proceed to cast the vote. Any Hon. Member who wishes to vote shall mark his or her ballot paper by placing “X” in the space provided for opposite the name of the candidate he or she wishes to vote for. A Member who, before the conclusion of a ballot has marked his paper in error may, by returning it to the Clerk, obtain another in its place. The first one shall be cancelled and destroyed. When all hon. Members present have voted, the parliamentary staff that will be under my supervision will unlock the box, examine and count the ballot papers and thereafter I will announce the results of the vote.

The other information to know is that a person shall not be elected a Speaker unless supported by votes of two-thirds of all Hon. Members. If no candidate is supported by votes of two-thirds of all Members, the candidate who receive the highest number of votes in the ballot referred to above and the candidate who received in that ballot the next highest number of votes shall alone stand for election in a further ballot and the candidate who receives the highest number of votes in the further ballot shall be elected.

Hon. Members, voting is by secret ballot. We have arranged the voting points next to the Dispatch Box. There are two Dispatch Boxes on the Table. Therefore, those who will be on my right side will vote on the right side and the same case will apply to those who are on the left side. After that the hon. Member will proceed to the ballot box and slot in the paper. Having explained that, I wish to direct my officers to open the ballot box and display it to the Members.

The Ballot Box was opened in view of the assembled House and voting commenced thereon.

At the conclusion of the voting, the Clerks counted the votes at the Table of the House.

The Clerk announced the results of the first ballot as follows:-



Marende Kenneth Otiato	-	144
Muturi Justin Bedan Njoka	-	202
Spoilt ballot papers	-	2

And there being no candidate obtaining the required two-thirds majority;

Honourable Members proceeded to cast a second ballot;

And after the closing of the ballot box and the count being taken;

The Clerk announced that the votes cast were as follows:-

Marende Kenneth Otiato	-	129
Muturi Justin Bedan Njoka	-	219
Spoilt ballot papers	-	Nil

He thereupon declared Mr. Justin Bedan Njoka Muturi duly elected Speaker by majority votes.

Thereupon, Mr. Justin Muturi was escorted to the Bar of the House and consequently to the Chair by Hon. Midiwo and Hon. Duale

Thereupon the Clerk administered the Oath of Allegiance to the Speaker.

The Speaker thereupon submitted himself to the will of the House and gave the following Communication from the Chair:-

"Hon. Members, the Clerk of the National Assembly, ladies and gentlemen today is probably the greatest day of my life. When I left my house this morning, I bid farewell to my family not certain that by the time I return, elected representatives of the people of Kenya will have bestowed a privileged capacity and new responsibilities on me. They wished me well and promised to campaign for me. Since they are not politicians like me, they promised to seek a higher intervention by way of prayers. To this end, I thank my family for their invaluable support on this journey.

Dear colleagues, I would like to pass sincere tribute to all the candidates who stood in this election. I must confess that I have the highest regard for all of them. They were all worthy competitors. Each one of them had something novel that they intended to bring to the National Assembly. I have no doubt that they are great leaders and that they all mean well for our great nation. I wish to encourage them by the words of one mighty Anthony J. D'Angelo: "You do not have to hold a position in order to be a leader." You are already leaders. My victory is not for me alone but yours too.

The Clerk of the National Assembly and his staff, I am humbled by the manner in which you have presided over this entire process. Hon. Members, especially those of us who have served in the House before will agree with me that over the years, Parliamentary staff have earned the trust and confidence of successful parliaments and, indeed, the nation. As the new Chairperson of the Parliamentary Service Commission, I commend you and urge you to continue facilitating hon. Members to discharge their duties with that very high degree of impartiality and efficiency. To you, hon. Members, I thank you all for believing in me. I thank you for showing confidence in me by electing me your Speaker. From this moment and moving forward, the institution of the National Assembly and Parliament becomes my constituency. This is the greatest privilege of my professional life to occupy. I am deeply humbled. The onus is now on me to keep the promise of discharging my duties with fairness and impartiality. I will not let you down. It is my greatest aspiration to selflessly serve in my new capacity as your Speaker. It is on this very premise and conviction that I unreservedly submit to the will of this House. I am well aware of the heightened expectations of the membership of the House. The complexities of managing a process in a bicameral legislature present new but exciting challenges. I see it as a unique opportunity for us to do things in a different yet efficient manner. On my part, I also undertake to work closely with the Speaker of the Senate to facilitate smooth running of the affairs of Parliament and the Executive. This is a crucial requirement in bicameralism, more so, in the initial stages of a nascent presidential system of government.

Hon. Members, as your Speaker, I will fervently preserve the powers, privileges and immunities of this House without which optimal performance would be greatly compromised. I also propose to defend and uphold the dignity of this House and to enforce uncompromised adherence to the Constitution, our laws and Standing Orders in the management of the business of the House. There is very little time for any celebrations. We have to embark on the arduous task ahead of us as one of the Houses of Parliament immediately. The Tenth Parliament fulfilled its constitutional mandate by acting both as the Assembly and the Senate to pass the crucial constitutional legislations. Our predecessors, some of whom are present in the House today, facilitated the establishment of national institutions and requisite commissions. For this reason, I pay tribute to my predecessor, Mr. Marende for steering these processes. Most of the pieces of legislation passed in the last Parliament can be summed up as primary governance laws. They set the foundations and establish the essential institutions for proper governance of our nation. To me, this was phase one of the implementation of our Constitution. What remains now are phases two and three. Phase two involves the passage of the balance of the governance laws. Phase three, which in my view is most crucial and urgent, is the passage of the laws that will set the pace for the sustained economic growth and development of our beloved country.

As your Speaker, I will do all what is lawfully and humanly possible to facilitate this process. That way, without doubt, plenty will be found within our borders.

Hon. Members, even though the House and its rules are not new to me, I have had time to peruse through the new Standing Orders. I notice that there are myriads of new matters and procedural issues that we all need to acclimatize with, sooner rather than later. I am sure that these changes were borne out of the need to review the rules of procedure to conform to the new Constitution and Parliamentary realities of modern times.

The roles of the National Assembly have been expanded to include approval of key appointments to state and public offices. Several things have changed and some aspects have disappeared. I will personally miss the lively Question Time in the plenary or the House. For Members who also served in the Cabinet before, I urge you to swiftly adjust to the reality of actively making inquiries in committees, rather than being on the receiving end, as was the case in the past.

Furthermore, Parliament has since become an integral part of the budget making process. Public participation in the legislative processes is now entrenched in our rules, as it is indeed, in our Constitution. We have no choice but to adhere to them. We have to not only view the public, the media and private sector as partners, but we must also regard them as such. As we are assigned to the committees in the coming days, I urge you to offer candid and responsible oversight on the Executive. In this regard, I urge political party leaderships in the House to move with speed to commence the processes of constituting committees. My office will be open to offer necessary guidance where it is required.

Hon. Members, I am delighted to serve in a House with a diversity represented in this first Sitting. The diversity is unmatched in the history of our Parliament. It marks a new chapter to the youth of this country, the women of Kenya and persons with disabilities, as well as ethnic and other minorities. This is truly a representative assembly, for the welfare of society and the just Government of the people of Kenya.

As your Speaker, I encourage Members to consolidate this strength in diversity to ensure that it is reflected in all our deliberations. As a House, let us exploit the distinctive opportunities presented in our differences.

Dear colleagues, before I conclude, allow me to thank the members of the public seated in the Public Gallery, Speaker's Gallery and the Speaker's Row for gracing this historic occasion. Ours will be a Parliament of the people. Our doors remain open to the public.

Finally, Hon. Members, it is said, and I quote:-

*"Those who know how to win are more numerous than those who know how to make proper use of their victories."*

Nominations have been made in this august House. The victory is now behind us. Of essence from now onwards is to make proper use of that victory collectively and as a House. We should put the interests of our nation before any other interest.

I urge you all to embrace this ideology so that collectively, this becomes a yardstick against which the National Assembly will be judged by the citizenry. God bless Parliament of Kenya and our beloved country.

Thank you."

5. **ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER**

The Speaker directed the Clerk of the National Assembly to announce the names of the candidates for the post of Deputy Speaker

Thereupon, the Clerk conveyed the following Communication -

"Hon. Members, the procedure of electing the Deputy Speaker is similar to the one for the Speaker. At closure of business on 26th March, 2013, at 9.00 a.m. three candidates were validly nominated. That is hon. Abdikadir Aden, MP, hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso, MP and hon. Dr. Kitonga Maanzo, MP. However, I have since received a letter from hon. Daniel Kitonga Maanzo, MP, withdrawing from the race. Therefore, the election of the Deputy Speaker will be between hon. Abdikadir, MP and hon. (Dr.) Laboso, MP.

We were not able to cancel the ballot papers because the notice was a bit short, but we advise that when you come to do the elections, then you do not tick on Daniel Kitonga Maanzo. If you tick, then we shall take it as a spoilt ballot. So, please, be guided.

The election of the Deputy Speaker will also be by secret ballot. It is just like we did for the Speaker. We shall use the same list to invite hon. Members to cast their ballots. So that we do not waste a lot of time, I want to invite the clerks to display the ballot box and begin the process of electing the Deputy Speaker".

The Clerks opened the ballot box and displayed it to the Hon. Members;

Ballot papers were distributed to the Hon. Members;

Hon. Members proceeded to vote;

The Speaker announced that the votes cast were as follows:-

Aden Abdikadir	-	90
Dr. Laboso Joyce Cherono	-	254
Number of Valid Votes Cast	-	344
Spoilt ballot papers	-	Nil
Abstention	-	Nil

He thereupon declared Dr. Laboso Joyce Cherono duly elected Deputy Speaker by majority votes.

Thereupon, Dr. Laboso was escorted to the Bar of the House and consequently to the Chair by Hon. Midiwo and Hon. Amina Abdalla

The Speaker accordingly declared Hon. Joyce Cherono Laboso elected Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and administered the oath to her accordingly

And the time being thirty minutes past Seven O'clock, The Speaker adjourned the House *sine die* without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

6. HOUSE ROSE - at thirty minutes past Seven O'clock.

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