

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

The House met at 2.38 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. Allow me to acknowledge Hon. Members the presence of students and our children from Mbevo primary school. They are seated at the gallery. Mbevo primary school is in Kola ward.

*(Applause)*

Can I request the Hon. Member from Kola ward to appreciate these children?

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, I stand here to represent Mheshimwa wa Kola who is not in the House but I stand here to welcome students from Mbevo primary school. Please feel at home when you come here please learn what we are doing and when you go back home please pass the good message or the good will from this assembly. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kisila and my word to our beloved students and children, it is important that you are getting to learn early in your lives about leadership positions in this country and it is my prayer that someday God-willing you will be among members seated here or even in other Houses.

*(Applause)*

I wish you well. Hon. Members we start the business of this House. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**STATEMENT**

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FROM 26<sup>TH</sup> TO 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members under that business we have a statement as listed in the appendix and this is by Hon. Francis Ngunga, Leader of Majority.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Madam Speaker, I stand here to lay a statement of the House Business Committee pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2)(a) on the business coming before the House in the following week.

Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 41 (2)(a) 'where during the statement hour a member of the House Business Committee designated by the committee for the purpose, shall, every Thursday or on the last seating day, for not more than 10 minutes present and lay on the Table a statement informing the house of the business coming before the house in the following week.

Madam Speaker, the House Business Committee met today Thursday, the 21st September, 2017 and pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151, balloted business for the week starting 26 to 27th September, 2017 as follows;

Tuesday, afternoon, 26th September, 2017

Business will be the report on the committee on selection on nomination of members to committees.

Wednesday, 27th September, 2017

Morning;

Business will be approval of calendar of assembly.

Wednesday, 27th September, 2017

Afternoon;

We will get a response of statement on suspension of employees working in the department of finance and revenue management, accountants and procurement officers in all the county departments thus paralysing operations of the county by the executive.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Francis Ngunga leader of the majority. Members, I ask that you adopt this statement but I wish you note there is a correction. You have Madam Speaker, not Mr. Speaker, Sir, as is written. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

**MOTION**

THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN  
THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR

*(Hon. Kamitu on 20.09.2017)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 19.09.2017)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, you remember yesterday, 20th September, 2017 we interrupted a debate on the motion on the speech of the Governor and we agreed we are proceeding today. So we carry on from where we had stopped. We still invite debate on this motion. Yes we have, Hon. Dominic.

**Member for Kathiani Central** (Hon. Dominic Ndambuki): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity. I thank His Excellency the Governor for the very elaborate speech that he delivered to this House and I noted a few things that he tabled before the House and mentioned about the milestones that his government had met during the last term and he mentioned about health care and medicine.

However, I had a chat the day before yesterday with a friend of mine who happens to be a pharmacist and he mentioned to me that our facilities, health centers and dispensaries are not well equipped with drugs and medicines. So that is one area perhaps, His Excellency needs to revisit. Again---

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Johana, you have a point of order.

**Hon. Munyao:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would wish to request Hon. Members that we work on official authentic documents not chats and hearsay.

*(Applause)*

So a chat with a member of public may not authentic enough to be presented before this house. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Dominic?

**Hon. Ndambuki:** Correction noted, thank you. On page 3, His Excellency spoke about water projects, however, in future we would wish that the distribution and enhancement of the water projects should be well-distributed across the county. As we speak, I come from an area where we have not seen any borehole being sunk.

Moving on to page 6 and before that page 5, the Governor spoke about economic development in the county and it is a very good idea where as members of this assembly need to come up with policies where we will empower our people. Youth, women and the marginalized

and it is interesting to see that we have a Bill that will be presented to this House about Investment Promotion and Development Bill and perhaps when that time comes, I would suggest that we think of coming up with gazetted market centers in all wards. This will be one way of promoting investment.

*(Applause)*

On page 8, His Excellency spoke about corruption and members present in this House will agree with me that this is one dragon that has pulled development in this country behind. I would call upon every one of us here to embrace the fight against corruption more so, in this county if development is to be realized.

*(Applause)*

I would wish to call upon members of this assembly not to be lenient when it comes to fighting corruption in all structures of the government so that we can deliver our promises to the electorate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Dominic. I will have Hon. Kisini.

**Member for Athi River** (Hon. Robert Kisini): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving this opportunity to also raise a point on this serious debate. I want to, first of all, go to a column where the Governor is talking about propelling Machakos from the Third World to the First World status. Then from there, for him to achieve that status he wants, I would like to go to number 12 whereby he is talking about decentralizing all the government operations and services to ward level to bring services closer to the people.

One of my concerns is about the garbage collection because I happen to come from Athi River Township where garbage has not been collected for quite some time. For the town to be propelled to that status, it needs a cleanliness. So, it is my concern if he is going to do that decentralization, he checks very much on Athi River because the dirt is a health risk to the wananchi whereby we can even have a cholera outbreak.

I would also like to go to the issue where he is talking about accelerating the land survey and issuance of title deeds and paying for the processing fee. Yes, it is a good gesture we should not through it in the garbage but then we would like to know much of the Machakos land has not been adjudicated and it should have been elaborated further to show us how that goal is going to be achieved because we know title deeds is one of the tools that they make people get plots.

I will go to number one about the water where I will also talk about my town Athi River. He is talking of enhancing the water project to ensure the connectivity of clean water. Athi River

is also a town which is lacking a lot of water and when the Governor says he wants clean water, I thought he could have talked about first having a big water reserve whereby, he constructs dam to enable first for that water to be gotten by the people.

*(Applause)*

We are having donkeys running here and there and there in Athi River. If you want to get a lot of donkeys, come to Athi River. I wonder if that calls to start propelling of the city from Third World to First World status. Then, I finish up with the creation of 100,000 jobs whereby like my colleague talked of it yesterday; how do you employ when you are sacking? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I am giving priority to members who did not contribute yesterday and I remember all of them. So, I will come to you shortly Hon. Kisila I first give to Hon. Kasyoki.

**Member for Kyeleni** (Hon. Josphat Kasyoki): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to comment on the speech by the Excellency the Governor on Machakos County. One, His Excellency the Governor promised to construct tarmac roads in all sub-counties. Madam Speaker, the idea is good but it is not practical.

*(Applause)*

To me, it would have been better if he would do murram in all the roads other than tarmacking because tarmac will cost a lot of money.

Number two, he has promised to improve market places including constructing of clean and free toilets. Madam Speaker, I would like to comment on one toilet constructed in a place called Ngalalya in Kyeleni ward. After one year of completion the toilet has never being used. During our campaigning period, I had to pull down the construction because it had cracks on the floor and since I was looking for votes and I did not want to lose a vote through a voter sinking with the floor.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, not that I had money but I had to make sure the toilet is repaired so that nobody gets hurt. Madam Speaker, when we talk of voting, it is about numbers so I did not want to lose any number and maybe that is why I am here today.

*(Applause)*

Thirdly, His Excellency the Governor promised to increase bursary fund. Madam Speaker, as I stand here now, I have a bounced cheque. I have that document with me here of Ksh. 200, 000 issued on 7th June, 2017 issued to a school in Kyeleni ward, St. Benedict Kimanza and another cheque of Ksh. 200,000 issued to Kyeleni secondary school. Both cheques bounced because there were no sufficient funds.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Kamitu what are you trying to do?

*(Laughter)*

You have to ask for leave. You want to say something you seek leave.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** What would you like to say; a point of order, a point of question, information?

**Hon. Kamitu:** I was just gesturing to one of the Hon. who was also the chairperson.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** You address the Chair not to the members speaking.

**Hon. Kasyoki:** Madam Speaker, can I continue?

**Hon. Speaker:** Yes you continue.

**Hon. Kasyoki:** As I talk here now---

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can I ask the member to table the documents, those bounced cheques. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kasyoki:** Thank you, Hon. Member of Kinanie. I have the documents here, one for St. Benedict Kimanza and for the other one for Kyeleni is a document from the bank showing that the cheque has bounced because of insufficient funds. You can have these ones.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, some of the students who were chased away by the head teachers are in form four and as you all know the exams are around the corner, so I would ask this House, this kind of business of issuing bouncing cheques---

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of information.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information, point of clarification Hon. Kamitu?

*(Hon. Kasyoki stood in his place)*

Resume your seat briefly Mheshimiwa Kasyoki.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Madam Speaker, I would also like to clarify and the point of information is that cheques that were issued, and it is a fact, cheques that were issued in June were given to all these students unless these cheques were delayed by the MCA who was in at that time, not taken to bank.

*(Applause)*

But all the cheques that were issued at that time, Madam Speaker, they were taken to the respective schools and they were honoured. I am also wondering, Madam Speaker, possibly might it be a cheque from the county government or from the central government---

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** You want to make a point of order on an order? Let him finish then I will come back to you. A point of order should be brief, not a statement.

**Hon. Kamitu:** It was not a point of order, Madam Speaker, I said a point of clarification and information.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information is also to be brief, not a debate.

**Hon. Kamitu:** A question would be and the best thing would. Madam Speaker, I would like to know whether it is a cheque from the county government or the central government.

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of order, Madam Speaker.

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order from who? Please sit down you will catch my eye if you sit down. Hon. Justus, point of information?

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, members. I would rectify Hon. Kamitu that when the cheque bounces, the banks do give a reason why the cheque has bounced. If it is insufficient funds, it will status that it is insufficient funds. If it is invalid it will still state the same.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, has the document which states the reason. So, Madam Speaker, I request to table to the House the reason why the cheque bounced. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I have caught the eye of Hon. Margaret.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Margaret Mwikali): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Any drawn cheque, whoever draws it must make sufficient amount in that account that the cheque. Because he is the person who issued the cheque, it should always have sufficient amount. It is criminal, Mheshimiwa, to give a bouncing cheque anywhere in the Republic of Kenya.

*(Applause)*

Therefore there is no reason anybody would tell us in this House that there was delay in presenting the cheque to the bank. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, let me have a final point of information from Hon. Ndawa and the Hon. Member who was debating will carry on with his debate.



**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The information I am giving is that, most of the cheques which were given during that time were given to people who were not elected as MCAs. People who wished to contest using a particular party especially Maendeleo Chap Chap, those are the people who were given the cheques. So you cannot say---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I issued a directive that we are going to continue with the debate and I had a member who was on his feet. **Hon. Kasyoki,** proceed.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kasyoki:** These two cheques, one is cheque No. 021765 from Machakos County Bursary fund, the other one is Cheque No.021766. Madam Speaker, it is an offence to issue a bouncing cheque.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I have not given you leave, Muheshimiwa, I want the member who has been contributing to finish his debate. He has had too many interruptions.

**Hon. Kasyoki:** Madam Speaker, if you issue a cheque it is supposed to take not less than six months to become stale. So, the question members are making about there being no sufficient funds should not arise.

Finally, Madam Speaker, page 10, paragraph two of the Governor's speech says 'he is ready to work with each one of us regardless of our party affiliations.' Madam Speaker, us here Hon. Members are ready to work with the Governor, I think so, and willing to work with him if only we are recognized as people's choice.

We are all here for the interest of the well-being and that of our people of Machakos County and as the Governor said in page 11, paragraph four, 'we are a county that believes in God. We are all here because the Almighty God knew and decided that we should be leaders.' Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members for that episode; we have already finalized. Can I have Hon. Agatha and then I will come back to you Hon. Kisila.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Agatha Mutunga): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to comment on the Governor's speech on page 9 where he is talking of wananchi being so unhappy for the extravagant life of the members and it goes down to talk about going around, 'if you want to relax, you can relax around Masinga.' To me, I felt like the Governor is preaching water and taking wine. So, I wish the Governor would preach water and take water.

*(Applause)*

When you go to the next page, he is talking about some members who had .....(inaudible) so I am not sure whether they still traveled or they decided to drop but we will know it later, but my concern, the issue is not about travelling, it is about performing; that is my feeling.

On the last page; 11, I was a bit excited when he said in his account that he is God fearing. I agree, but I understand, on the last paragraph, he is saying that 'when it comes to the leadership, from the MCAs to the President, it comes from God,' which is very true, but somehow I think it is fine, it comes from God, but it doesn't mean Moses was better than Jesus. It is a matter of time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Brian Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is always great pleasure to be in this House and to make my first speech. First, members, I would like to draw your attention to page one where the Governor talks about congratulating our Madam Speaker for being elected as our Speaker; I think that is a very good point which Madam Speaker, we believe in you, we have confidence in you and we are going to work with you. The last days, we have seen you managing this house- you have given serious professionalism in the way you are handling the matter. So, we stand with you.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I would like to draw your attention to page 2; I think the Governor highlighted the achievements which the county has achieved in the last five years when he was the Governor and I think these are very straight forward points which we all agree with and they are facts. In every ward, we have ambulances, we have one of the best Peoples Park, in fact yesterday I went there after the session and I saw quite a number of Kenyans jogging around the Park. I think it is a noble idea; I want one like this in my ward where my people can be able to enjoy.

The next is a stadium; the Governor build a stadium which was the fastest. It has attracted games, in fact, this year we are hosting African Nations Championship (CHAN). I think it is a tourism destination when it comes to sports. Madam Speaker, I would like the same token to be distributed in all the wards. I am asking---

**Hon. Mitaa:** Point of information.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mitaa, you have a point of order.

**Hon. Mitaa:** Yes Madam. I think the Hon. Member is misleading this House when he talks about the stadium. We are aware what they laid last time had to be removed after CHAN said it was of substandard quality. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila, proceed.

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, I don't think the member is qualified enough to know what is a good stadium and a bad stadium. It is being upgraded to the standards of CHAN. I think when we talk, let us talk with facts.

Madam Speaker moving on, I am a beneficiary of one of the fastest constructed road in my ward, Makutano-Kithimani.

*(Applause)*

My people used to take about five hours from Makutano to Kithimani. It now takes only 20 minutes and you are in Matuu. In fact, we had forgotten our relevance (??)

**Hon. Wambua:** Point of information, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order from Mheshimiwa Huruma.

**Hon. Wambua:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am an entrepreneur and I am an operator on that road, we share the same constituency with Hon. Kisila. I would wish to inform the member that, it is not good to mislead the House. I am an operator there and at no given time can you drive for 20 minutes from Makutano to Matuu. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order noted. Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** I will request that we must talk with facts. It depends with the car which you are using. If you have a Lancer for a car

*(Laughter)*

Madam Speaker, I will move to the next agenda which the Governor has put very well.

*(Loud consultations)*

Madam Speaker, please can you protect me.

*(Laughter)*

These are thing which are uncalled for and they do not add any value. Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kisila, I am speaking. I want to request members; let us not interrupt members unnecessarily when they are debating. Let us give them the time they finish and if you have a point of order, do it in an orderly manner and let us not have up to five points of orders from one speech unless the member is completely out of order on everything he is saying.

**Hon. Kisila:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, for that clarification, I am sure this is a Hon. House with very Hon. Members who are highly qualified and I am sure we will accommodate each other.

Madam Speaker, I would like to move to page two still about Hollywood-style studio. In fact, I think what we have not done to members, we need a very serious induction programme for these members to appreciate what the county has done and I am calling upon members to come and see the kind of Hollywood-style set up which has been done by the county. It is there.

Madam Speaker, moving to page three; the promises which the Governor has made and on this one, I would like to be a little bit more elaborate. A lot of you have said these are dreams. But all dreams are valid and it depends on how you take the dream. The Governor talked about private-public partnership. Some of these things the Governor is talking about, some members say we don't have the money; we might not have the money but we have donors, well-wishers, who can be able to support us to do some of these things.

For example, 'water projects to ensure connectivity of clean water in every household in 2020.' The Governor has done quite a lot of work in my ward. We have quite a number of boreholes which have been sunk and dams which have been done. On the same token, I would like to call upon the committee which will be selected by this House, we still have quite a number of boreholes which have not been completed in my ward and I am sure in other wards as well.

So, I expect in our budget, we are going to put enough money to complete the boreholes which have not been completed. Madam Speaker, I also want us to look into bigger dams which

can harness a lot of water. I happen to have river Athi crisscrossing in my ward and it really pains me when I see a lot of water---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information, Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to remind the members here not be sycophants because, they are cheating us and wasting the time of the assembly; let them talk facts and not be sycophants. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Maitha:** Point of order, Madam Speaker

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information, Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, I would like to ask the members who are opposing whatever is being said about the Governor to look at their wards and not to be sycophants also because they are not supposed to oppose everything which is being said by all these members. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information or point of order.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. The member who has been on the floor has been misleading. Before, Governor Alfred Mutua in 2013 was in Wiper; we lend him to Chap Chap, he was ours. We went round campaigning and during that time, Governor Alfred Mutua promised the people of Machakos that we are going to have showers. You remember the time of showers? What happened to the showers Hon. Brian Kisila you are talking about water?

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, I will choose to ignore those comments and I will move on. I said, I come from a ward which has river Athi crossing; I think the budget committee, instead of you focusing on what Governor promised us, you are here now. I want the budget committee to come up with a very ambitious programme on how we are going to harness water from river Athi to help my people. That is how I see point one being achieved; having clean water for my people by 2020.

Construction of tarmac roads; this can be done. In fact, as we speak, personally I am engaging various national government institutions on how we can tarmac roads in my ward and not necessarily on relying on what the County will do. That is exactly what the Governor is talking about. We need to partner with the national Government to be able to get these roads tarmacked.

*(Applause)*

Improvement of marketplaces; this is a must and I think in our budget, when come, the budget committee, please provide up money for this. Higher education programme, free fees for our students, I must stay Madam Speaker, in the last five years, we have had a lot kids being educated through bursaries of the County but I must point out that, I am not honestly not happy with the way the bursaries where being disseminated in the ground.

*(Applause)*

In fact, I had quite a number of issues with the former MCA because bursaries were being given to colleagues, friends of the MCA and not actually benefiting the children who deserve it.

*(Applause)*

So, I expect the education committee to come up with a very detailed programme of we are going to give bursaries, very transparent system which can be able to be audited and followed. Not just someone running around with their cheques in their cars. But this can be achieved.

1,000 transformers, yes and Members if you think this is a dream come to my ward. Yesterday alone about 500 poles were delivered in my ward on last-mile connectivity on the Government and we are using that to ride on point four. 100,000 jobs, can be created---

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Winnie, you have a point of information?

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutua:** I think the Hon. Kisila is misleading the House. So many things have been done in your ward. What has not been done in your ward and why in your ward not the other wards?

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kisila:** I represent the people of Mwala/Makutano and that is why I am here. If you feel bad about it, I cannot say anything.

*(Laughter)*

I am saying things which are factual---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order by Hon. Mwanthi

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think Hon. Member, you are misleading the House when you are telling us about those things---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Mwanthi, address the Chair not the Member.

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I am sorry. I was saying, the Hon. Member, Madam Speaker, is misleading the House when he is telling us about all those things being done by the County Government. I am doubting that the 500 poles are from the County Government.

*(Applause)*

A minute please. Plus even the tarmacked road, I understand the CEC member for roads, I heard him saying, we know the Makutano-Kithimani road was not meant for County Government. That is a national road and the CEC member said the County was to construct that road and get reimbursement from the national Government. So, I think even the credit should be to the National Government. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Kisila:** I choose to continue again. I will ignore that point of order because what is important for my people it is the road. Not who does it and I can assure you that road---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of clarification from Mheshimiwa Grace.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to request the Hon. Member to clarify to this House what methodology he is using to get all these projects done in his ward. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kisila:** Yes, Madam Speaker, if you want me to answer that methodology. Life is about networking and if you think you are coming to this House as an MCA and only wait for the County to give you money then you are not going to come to this House.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Muendo:** Point of order.

**Hon. Kisila:** Madam Speaker, let me proceed. Reduction of taxes; this is a very critical area whereby our people need to earn income and I think the Governor is in order and we very much support number seven.

Number eight; relief programmes, including subsidies on agriculture, tractors and food vouchers. This is a good ambitious programme but I must bring to the attention of this House that, I was very disappointed to see a tractor which has been parked in Mwala for the last two years not helping anyone. So when we get these programmes, I would like to see a very good elaborate programme whereby these equipment are purchased and they do the work.

Iron sheets, another very good idea.

*Mulika Mwizi*, Madam Speaker, some people rose here yesterday saying they do not want *Mulika Mwizi*. I will really want that budget to be transferred to my ward because I need *Mulika Mwizi* for security and for enhancing business.

*(Applause)*

Number 11, a lot of our people do not have title deeds and I expect the committee which is in charge of lands to come up with programmes on how we can help our people acquire title deeds because as it is, we are seated on a time bomb.

Hospitals in our wards, yes Madam Speaker, I come from Mwala, I am a bit disappointed on the fact that, my Level IV hospital in Mwala cannot do even do a simple surgery. We do not even have an operating theater, we do not even have a mortuary; we have to transport dead people all the way from Mwala to Machakos. It is a sin and I expect when I am here, I want to upgrade Mwala Level IV Hospital to have all those facilities.

Madam Speaker, moving on to page five so that I can summarize, the Bills which have been proposed by the Governor and I want Members to be honest with each other. We are here to serve our people and not to serve interests of anyone else. If you look at the Bills which the Governor is proposing, I fully agree with them on the basics that they are going to eradicate poverty in our wards.

*(Applause)*

If you look at the Bill which is being proposed to the House on horticulture, fruits and vegetables, the biggest cash crop which comes from my area is mangoes and oranges. Last week, I sent about 300 farmers to Makueni to go and see the factory which has been constructed in Makueni. Madam Speaker, I am requesting the budget committee to ensure that they allocate enough money for a factory in Mwala for mangoes. At the same time, I am also looking for donors who can be able to construct a factory to help my people.

Meat processing, Madam, and livestock; we people of Mwala our biggest cash crop is cows; cattle and goats. If you come to my ward, one of the biggest problem we are having and if you look at Bill Nos. 3 and 4, if you go to Bill No. 16, agriculture extension, cattle dips and



farmers training. We have got cattle dips in all our wards but it is a shame that all the cattle dips are not functioning.

During my campaign just like my friend said, I had to use my own money to revive four cattle dips and I am very happy to mention that, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, that we are having close to about 1,200 cattle going through those cattle dips on daily basis. I expect us to debate on this motion and come up with a programme whereby we support our farmers to revive these cattle dips to help our people.

The last very interesting Bill which the Governor has proposed is, beekeeping. You saw in the media yesterday about a lot of hullabaloo about beekeeping. Those bees are very precious to us in Mwala. But---

**Hon. Ngunga:** Point of Order, Madam Speaker

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of Order! From the Majority Leader.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Madam Speaker, I raise on a point of order and I want to quote Standing Order 93 of this House that says that limitation of debate. The House on a motion made by any Member in accordance with this Standing Order, impose a limit in respect of debate on any particular motion or Bill by allocating a limited period of time for such debate or by limiting the time during which Members will speak in such debate or by imposing such limitations.

Madam Speaker, I rise here to say that, for example the Member that has been on the floor, has taken more than the allocated time. We need, I think before we started the rules of engagement here were not made properly because we did not allocate how much time a Member should be allocated. But I think Hon. Kisila has been on the floor for more than 30 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, that is indeed a point I noted---

*(Applause)*

I did not want to interrupt him because he said he was finalizing and this should be a caution to every Member, let us have time-keeping in mind. In any event this is just a motion in which we were going to express our thanks to the speech by the Governor. It was not for debating as such so that if you have any motions arising from this speech, then you bring them in the proper way.

**Hon. Kisila:** I stand guided, Madam Speaker, but the ground rules were not laid before we started the debate. So, I am going to summarize, Madam Speaker. On beekeeping, it is one of the biggest potential areas which we need to debate and ensure that we tap this potential.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, I want to talk about vetting of public officers. The Governor talked about radical surgery so as to weed out corrupt officials while at the same time promoting

and rewarding good officers. I happen to be one of the Members of the Appointment Committee and one thing I am going to ensure the House, is that, this House must perform its role of ensuring we do proper oversight.

We are not supposed to come here and start mourning. We are going to vet Officers who are like Caesar's wife, who are beyond any reproach and we are going to be very thorough in ensuring that we get the right people the right jobs so that we can have the job done properly.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, two Bills which are not in this, which had not been discussed which I did not see, is about old people Bill. I did not see it here and at the same time people with disabilities. We need to ensure that even in the appointment of officers in the County, we have represented people with disabilities and also people who come from marginalized tribes, at the same time, women.

So, Madam Speaker, I think this is a very good speech by the Governor and I urge Members, we are a crop of very good quality MCAs. It is out time to serve this County with determination and I would like to urge all of us to put any interest we have behind us and serve our people with commitment, and let us look back after five years and say that we have done a very good job. Thank you, very much Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I am looking for last two comments of Members who have not made any speech on this particular motion and I have Hon. Koki Christine then I will get that last one after that.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Christine Koki): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am grateful that I caught your eye. My concern is on page 9; the last paragraph and page 10, the second paragraph. When I went through the paragraphs, I noted that, the Governor was only addressing the elected Members and I was left wondering, isn't the Governor aware that this House constitutes of both elected and nominated Members?

Does that mean, the Governor will only work with elected Members and not the nominated Members? So, I would request in future, that he would recognize the whole House and then address the whole House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, she has finished her address. You will not inform her when she is not talking anymore. I want to see the person who has not contributed at all. Mheshimiwa Caleb.

**Member for Muvuti/Kiima Kimwe** (Hon. Caleb Mule): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to appreciate the Governor's speech. It is quite elaborate and he talked about water, he

talked about tarmacked roads, I do not know, Mheshimiwa Tariq from Masinga Central, I do not know he used to use that dusty road from Mwala through Kithimani to here and now it is where people used to have two pairs of clothes and you have one car---

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Caleb, I think it is not in order to mention a Member who is not on their feet and may not respond.

*(Laughter)*

He may never have used that route. I do not know myself, I also assume you do not know.

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand guided. I wanted to tell Members that they should learn to appreciate the little things that the Governor did for the last five years on tarmac. On the jobs it is possible and Members let us not be of little faith. If we have the new city it is possible to have the 100,000 jobs. I will not repeat what my friend has said, the Hon. Brian Kisila on all the things the Governor mentioned.

He mentioned about the title deeds, the title deeds as one of the core things for economic growth where one can access funds from the bank and accelerate growth of the economy. However, I was expecting the Governor to talk about a few things that he did not mention which was in his manifesto and quite exciting. He talked about increasing bursary from Ksh. 2 million to Ksh. 5 million, I expected him to mention that.

He also talked about motivating the teachers in his manifesto which he did not talk or mention in this speech. He talked about improving sewer system where system especially my ward there is a problem and soon I will be tabling a motion on sewer system in this House. He talked about establishing of Machakos Bank, which he did not mention in his speech and I was really waiting to hear how that will be done and about Ksh. 100 million to religious organizations that will be used for helping widows and needy people. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa Caleb, I had indicated that will be the last one but remember the Chair can always make amendments if it is serving justice and the interests of this house. Can I have Mheshimiwa Mutinda if you have not contributed to make a contribution?

**Hon. Mutinda:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to contribute on the Governor's speech and I go straight to the promises because if the interest of time. There is the issue number

one and I see the water projects; I think it is achievable for people leaving in municipalities or big towns, but down there in the rural areas, I think we just target to have water for villages because for now as I speak, I think we have no water in our dams and we have water shortage, so I think we can first target the water for villages so that we may have achievable targets.

The other thing is on the creation of 100,000 jobs. The Governor talked of a new city and I think he should also have considered speaking about the Konza Techno City which is of its kind to Africa, so I think there is need for this Hon. House to see on ways on how to come up with a structure whereby that city can also help the county to have jobs for our people.

The other thing is on the farmers; my place is where people rear cows and there is the issue of the artificial insemination services. At current price one AI services is Ksh. 1600 and I think we should have a structure where the cost of AI services is reduced to affordable rate of about Ksh. 100 per service or Ksh. 200 per service because that has been achieved in other counties like in Murang'a it is free and in Makueni it is Ksh. 200 now. But here in Machakos is it is Ksh. 1600 which is expensive for farmers.

*(Applause)*

So, we should see our ways of reducing the cost that our farmers can manage their way they do their work.

The other thing is on the same the co-operatives; we see how milk-producing farmers are helped so that they may do value addition to their products so that they may start now making ghee and other things from that milk and also see how we can market their products and help them market their products.

The other thing is item No. 11 is where he talks of issuing of title deeds. Madam Speaker, the old towns have title deeds like Wamunyu and Masii but those title deeds are held by the county governments. Previously, they were of the county councils and the municipalities, that way but now the letter you get for ownership of those plots are only allotment letter.

Currently, we can help those members because they have invested in the town. They have built plots worth millions but that plot cannot give you any money or any loan in the bank because the documents of the owner are very poor so we should see a way of giving them lease titles for those from the main title that they can access loans from the banks and they may uplift their living standards, Madam Speaker. So, I think that be considered by this Hon. House as we go on.

*(Applause)*

The other thing is on the hospitals; it is mentioning a lot of equipment but doesn't mention about pharmacy. So, we need drugs in our hospitals so that we may be able to serve our people from the wards.

The other thing is we try to see how we can have a universal healthcare cards for each family that has been achieved in other counties. Madam Speaker, I used to work in Makueni and every family has a card which they use now to treat the family and is helping families and reducing the problem of selling a goat, a hen or a cow and people are moving on well. So, I want we move that route. Madam Speaker, if it is possible, through the help of you and this House.

The other thing is the social welfare on the table-banking; nowadays people are trying to see all they can factor funds from the budget so that we may start a bank so what people do is just co-operatives to buy shares and we start giving them loans from the funds from the county government at very affordable rates or at just administrative fee.

So, with those few remarks, Madam Speaker, I think what we have lacked here is the financial position of the county in terms of who owes us who we owe so that we may know where we are starting this county from as the second county assembly. So, I think I am happy the bills are good but we will also hear others that are aiming at fighting poverty in our county and moving our county well. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Mutinda. I will call members that at this point we are going to put a stop to this debate, and I will call upon the Majority Leader to say a very brief remark before I call the mover and then we end.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker; thank you, Hon. Members. I think, Madam Speaker, before you are Hon. Members that in my opinion are sharper in the skills of debate. Listening to the quality of debate in the House today, you realize that before you, will be a very able House and Madam Speaker, I stand here because you realize most of the members are eager to start their work and, you know, aware that it will is not going to be possible for us to start without committees, Madam Speaker I wanted to move so that we agree that we stop the debate there so that we lead a delegation of the committee of selection to go and sit down and do the selection of members to place them in the particular Committees so that they will be able to report back to this House as I laid down on the Order Paper on the Tuesday next week so that members can start their work.

So, allowing us, I think Hon. Members, we request you understanding on this matter so that we constitute our House and start our business next week. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Kamitu the mover of the motion.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I am the mover of this motion. Madam Speaker, I stand in front of this House to put up a very sincere observation that this House is full of honourable members and the signs are that the Hon. Members who are ready and

as also what the Majority Leader has said, this is a house in regard to my observation, a House full of honour and Hon. Members who can reason out.

So, it is on this strength, Hon. Speaker that I would urge the House, the Hon. Members, through the speech of the Governor, it is not cornered on a cement. It is us that as Hon. Members who are supposed, now, to put things in regard to the Governor's speech in a plan of action.

The Governor's speech, the plan of action is supposed to be direct now to the Hon. Members and I don't want to go page by page, but in brief summary, when you talk about enhancing water projects, you are very sure that as a plan of action by the Governor, you are aware that water is one of the devolved functions of the county governments.

You are also aware that during the Governor's speech, he gave water as one of the priorities and when we talk about water you know that the quest for clean and safe water is not only a county affair but also a global issue. As I say, you are very much aware about that.

You are also aware that in regard to construction of tarmac road I don't want to repeat what the Hon. Members have said, but on a very sincere note, if today you happen to question or to have a questionnaire by especially the boda boda people who are operating their motor cycles along Kithimani-Makutano road, they will tell you that nowadays they don't go for the repairs.

Pedestrians, on very sincere note, the electorate along those roads, they will on a very sincere not tell you that during the rainy season before that road was constructed, they used to at least get a lot of problems in regard to their vehicles being stuck and the like of that.

So, it is on that regard that we also appreciate what the Governor did. So, let me not waste a lot of times for Hon. Members but say now that we are a team of Hon. Members, my request and my humble request, Madam Speaker, is that we should now stand work as a team.

I would like to give a practical example like the game of rugby, as an individual you cannot win alone. So, we need and I request this House to come up and we should stand as a rugby team whereby we are going to pass whatever ideas that we have and the action plan that whatever is going to come from the executive for the benefit and for the good governance and for the good of the electorate of this county. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Hon. Kamitu for that brief summary.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, at this point the house adjourns to the 26th day of September, 2017 Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.50 p.m.