

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, 25th February, 2020

The House met at 10.25 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning, Hon. Members.

Hon. Members: Good morning.

Hon. Speaker: We can start our sitting this morning. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 25TH FEBRUARY, 2020 TO 3RD MARCH, 2020

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order we have two businesses, the first one is by Hon. Majority Leader, Mark Muendo and the next one is by Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I stand under Standing Order 41(2) (a) where during the Statement Hour a Member of the House Business Committee designated by the Committee for that purpose shall for not more than ten minutes, present and lay on the table, a Statement informing the House of the business coming before the House.

Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 24th February, 2020 to ballot business for the week of 25th to 26th February 2020 pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151. The Committee balloted business as follows:

Tuesday, 25th February, 2020

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

1. Motion THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 20 (5), The Thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor during sitting of the Assembly delivered on 18th February, 2020 by Hon. Alex Kamitu, Minority Leader.

2. Response to a Statement requested on Strategies undertaken by the Department of Agriculture to control fall worm infection by Hon. Moses Mitaa, Chairperson.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

1. Report of Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization Committee on the Status of Village Administrators by Hon. Cosmas Kieti, Chairperson.

Wednesday, 26th February, 2020

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

1. Report of Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the Financial Statements of the Mwala water for the year ended 30 June 2017 by Hon. Joseph Musau, Chairperson.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

1. Report of Joint Committee of Delegated Legislation Committee and Education Committee on Machakos County Bursary Regulations by Hon. Patrick Kituku, Chairperson, Delegated Legislation Committee.

Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

1. Report of Finance and Revenue Collection Committee on the Number of Paybills in the County and the Extent of their use by Hon. Stephen Mwanthi, Chairperson Finance and Revenue Collection Committee.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, when you are still on your feet, on the business that is number one roman letter (ii) on the control of fall worm infection, is that the locust?

Hon. Muendo: I think so, Madam Speaker. Is it?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mitaa, it is your Statement. Is it the same? The fall worm infection?

Hon. Mitaa: No, Madam Speaker. As we were about to break for long recess, there was a request for Statement on fall worms, so that is the response even though I thought that Madam Speaker, today I would also have responded on the issue of desert locusts.

Hon. Speaker: In fact, that is what is in my mind.

Hon. Mitaa: The report is ready. The feedback is there; if it can be allowed, I can present it in the afternoon session.

Hon. Speaker: Because it came as an urgent matter.

Hon. Mitaa: The report is ready; we have received the response.

Hon. Speaker: On locusts?

Hon. Mitaa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: So, you need to bring it, I will approve it.

Hon. Mitaa: That is okay.

Hon. Speaker: What is fall worm? Do the Members know what that is? What is it?

Hon. Mitaa: Madam Speaker, you remember at the initial stage of our last season, there was invasion of army worms.

Hon. Speaker: So, it is the armyworms?

Hon. Mitaa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: I think then we can correct because you know this is business of the public, not even for the House. They want to know what this is you are discussing on their behalf. So we can alter to make it army worm. Can it make a difference?

Hon. Mitaa: It is the same thing, armyworms, if I am not wrong.

Hon. Speaker: So, army worms/fall worms. We can amend the Statement in that order, Hon. Majority Leader Leader, for record purposes.

Hon. Muendo: Okay let me amend Roman (ii) Response to a Statement requested by Hon. Members on strategies undertaken by the Department of Agriculture to control armyworms/fall worm infection by Hon. Moses Mitaa, Chairperson.

Hon. Speaker: Yes that is much clearer.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader Leader. So, the next Statement by Hon. Mitaa. Earlier on when we were talking on the Business of the House, you indicated that you may also be having the report on the locusts. Are you able to present it now or you want it to be later in the afternoon?

Hon. Mitaa: Let it be at 2.30 p.m. Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay go ahead with what you have with you now.

STATEMENT REPLY

RESPONSE ON EFFORTS BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MACHAKOS REGARDING
DESTRUCTION OF MAIZE CROP BY FALL ARMY WORMS

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. What I have before me is a Statement response. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41, a response to a Statement on what the County Government of Machakos has done regarding the rapid destruction of maize crop by fall army worms (FAW) was sought in this Assembly. The response was received on 25th November 2019 via a letter reference; CO/DOALF/CA/37/VOL.1/87. I hereby want to respond as follows;

Hon. Speaker, that the County Government of Machakos, through the department of agriculture, acknowledges the problem of fall army worms (FAW) is a national concern. That unlike the African army worm, this worm attacks maize crop at any growing stage. Therefore, the control of the worm is very expensive by chemical means since it requires repeated spray cycle.

Further, research on this worm is directed towards use of parasitoids and once the research is concluded the department will acquire the parasitoids for use in control. At present the department of agriculture has put in place the following measures to control the said fall army worms;

1. All the staff in the department have been put on red alert and have been trained on positive identification of FAW and its control methods.
2. The staff have been instructed to intensify scouting and monitoring of the pests infestation.
3. There is deliberate effort by the department to work closely with agrochemical companies to test effectiveness of chemicals and give advisories to all staff and draw synergy even with Chiefs, village administrators and farmers to reduce the pests.
4. That the department has designed pamphlets in English and *Kikamba* languages which are in circulation down to village level. The pamphlet is updated with information consulted from the agro-chemical companies, National Government and research institutions. That the major control strategy being used in the County include; integrated pest management with 16 demonstration farms, distribution of 80 pheromone traps, two per Ward for monitoring of the moth population, working with plant wise organization which is supporting identification and prescription on the right chemicals, procuring chemicals distributed to farmers, sensitizing farmers of FAW in all farmers *barazas*.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Members you sought that Statement, it has come; I am asking if any Member has any comment on the response or is the House satisfied with the response? Hon. Mitaa, why that facial expression?

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You know I am responding when it is a bit late but the reason we are bringing the response at this time is that this Statement was sought when we were about to go for long recess.

Hon. Speaker: So you are saying it has been overtaken by events?

Hon. Mitaa: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Is that the feeling of Members? Hon. Majority Leader what do you have to say?

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I concur with the Chairman of Agriculture. You know the time when these army worms were invading our *shambas* sometimes in November and that was why the Members were concerned but since we are all farmers, those army worms did not do a lot of damage and they died. In fact Machakos have got a lot of bumper harvest this time. So, to me I think it has been overtaken by events because they did not do any damage. So, I think we do not need to debate much about it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: So, we can go on and deal with other business but I do not think that army worms came and went forever. This one can be informative going forward but it also teaches us to give timely responses, I know we went on recess and so the locust report should come when the locusts are still with us unlike this one which is coming when the army worm has gone and we have got a bumper harvest. Hon. Mitaa, it is your report just a moment. Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I remember I was part of the team that consulted with the Chairperson, Agriculture then because our farms had already started being encroached by these fall worms and it is not then last season, this is something that occurs every season we do farming. So, I do not find the Statement being over taken by the time because we are also going to start our planting maybe in April and again we are looking to experience the same. So, it is a good task for this House to also discuss the same so that we can be ready for the next encroaches. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The responses we got and the action taken should not just relate to that person. Hon. Mitaa that is what you should be pushing that even as we start planting in the coming season, let them be ready with what they promised they are doing here.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will make follow up with the Department of Agriculture and ensure what they have recommended here is something which can be of a continuous situation. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kieti, you wanted to say something.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. What I wanted to say has already been said by Hon. Kiteng'u because we know insects have a life cycle and we cannot dismiss that the worms are not with us because we still have other seasons ahead of us so there is need for preparedness so that in case of any invasion in future then the County is ready to counter attack from those worms. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti and Members, as we wind up we still talk of the emergency fund when matters like this come up every time you should think about the emergency fund and you should not rest until we have that emergency fund up and running because that is why you will be getting money to buy the chemicals when an emergency like this

one arises. I hope that we assigned a Member on the emergency fund, did we? *Mheshimiwa* Dominic, we assigned you a role. The House wants to hear that you confirm we assigned you a role. Do you know what we are talking about? The emergency fund you were to follow up.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We were meant to meet the CO of Finance this morning.

Hon. Speaker: So, you are following it?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes, However, they did not show up.

Hon. Speaker: Do you know what you do when they do not show up?

Hon. Ndambuki: We were to write another letter.

Hon. Speaker: Another invitation?

Hon. Ndambuki: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Okay, go ahead and do it because we need that fund up and running.

Hon. Ndambuki: Okay.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Clerk proceed.

MOTION

THANKS OF THE ASSEMBLY FOR THE EXPOSITION OF PUBLIC POLICY CONTAINED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR DELIVERED ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2020

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one business by the Hon. Minority Leader, Alex Kamitu. Hon. Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware THAT Standing Order 18(1) provides that the Governor shall address a special sitting of the Assembly once every year and may address the Assembly at any time;

Aware that, H.E the Governor, Dr. Alfred N. Mutua addressed the Assembly on 18th February 2020;

Noting THAT the Governor's address outlined the roadmap which the County Government of Machakos should take to ensure the County realizes high economic growth;

Aware THAT Standing Order 20(4) provides that whenever the Governor delivers an address, a Member may as soon as practicable thereafter, lay the address on the Table of the Assembly following the reading of such address;

Further aware THAT Standing Order 20(5) requires that debate on the Governor's Speech should not exceed four sitting days;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 20(5), the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor during sitting of the Assembly delivered on 18th February, 2020.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kamitu, who is the Member to second your Motion?

Hon. Kamitu: I now call upon Hon. Phoebe Koki to second the Motion.

(Laughter)

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Koki.

Hon. (Ms.) P. Koki: Thank you, Madam Speaker and the Members. I second. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. I skip the first one, I will call you the second one. Thank you, Hon. Koki. Hon. Kamitu, I know you laid the Paper last week, so go ahead.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

(Hon. Kamitu read the Governor's Speech again)

Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I stand here today to open yet another session of the Machakos County Assembly. I stand here proud to be from Machakos, from Ukambani region and from our great nation of Kenya; *kweli najivunia kuwa Mkenya*.

Madam Speaker, today, my remarks will be short because I will avail myself later to this important House to deliver my State of the County Address. As we start another important session, I only have three main theme points based on the following premises; where we are, where are we going and how do we get there?

Madam Speaker, I am a lucky Governor, because Machakos has what I believe and know to be the most intelligent, focused and patriotic Members of the County Assembly. When I listen to my colleagues' lament about their Speakers and Members of County Assembly, I feel sorry for them and wish them well. Machakos *tuko sawa* and both the Executive and County Assembly undertake their responsibilities very seriously.

Therefore, congratulations Madam Speaker, for one, being elected to a national seat which we are very much proud of and for steering this House in the right direction as per the law and constitution. You make us proud. Now, where are we as a county and as a people of Machakos? It is without doubt that the Machakos of 2012 and the Machakos of today 2020 are very different. Since I took over as Governor in 2013, we have initiated amazing growth in all sectors; roads, water, energy, agriculture and health to mention a few.

It is a fact that we have built more tarmac roads and graded more roads than any other county in Kenya. While others for example have sunk 15 boreholes and 10 dams, we have nearly 500 boreholes and over 450 dams, pans and weirs spread across all our wards. Machakos was a dark region but today nearly 2,000 street lights and *Mulika Mwizis* light our towns and villages *na mambo bado*.

Our towns have grown especially our capital Machakos and urban areas in Mavoko due to our investment in tourism; the People's Park, stadium, activities such as the Tour De Machakos and the creation of an enabling environment for businesses. It is not by accident that majority of the National Government's affordable housing projects are being constructed in Machakos County and Foreign Direct Investments in terms of manufacturing and other companies are making Machakos their first, second and third choices. Why; because, we are the only county with a Cancer Research and Treatment Centre.

Furthermore, if by bad luck you are involved in a road accident or get suddenly ill, your chances of survival are higher in Machakos County than any other region because we have ambulances that respond between three and eight minutes and have health facilities that have been upgraded to provide quality health care. Universal Health Care is working well in Machakos County, *mambo iko sawa*.

Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, I could go on and on, but these Hon. Members represent wards and they have seen what we have been able to achieve. Hon. Members of this House travel to other counties and they compare what has been achieved elsewhere and what we have done and are continuing to do in Machakos. They know we are way ahead, *mambo iko sawa*.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, more important than what we have achieved is where we are going. Through collaboration with this House so as to capture the wishes of our people, we are currently implementing development projects targeted in setting the ground for wealth creation.

Currently, our country Kenya is struggling economically. Figures of high economic growth are not being felt on the ground. There appears to be a disconnect between Treasury figures and the reality of our people who are broke and living from hand to mouth. My Government's plan for Machakos is to set us on an economic growth path that enables us to generate revenue and speed up services and development projects.

To this end, my government's focus is to invest in infrastructure works such as roads, bridges, stadiums, markets and even airports so as to lay the foundation for taxing and take-off.

Access to education, Madam Speaker, is a main contributor to why all of us are privileged to serve today. My government is working closely with the National Government to improve the standards of education for our children. We will soon be holding an education sector symposium to strategize and come up with ways of improving the standards of education for our people.

Our children will not study well if they are hungry. Food security is very important. I am proud that due to our various agricultural initiatives such as free seeds, free chickens, subsidized fertilizers, free ploughing, quarter acre program, many dams and weirs for irrigation among others, Machakos is no longer in the list of regions that are given food relief. This is a remarkable score that shows that clear strategies, well executed, do work. *Kweli mambo iko sawa*.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, my dream to transform Machakos from a Third World to a First World region is still alive. I am confident that despite the many challenges we face, our will, dedication and strategy are sound and we will be able to transform the lives of our people.

Let me make it clear that everything is not 100 per cent perfect. Our projects, may they be roads, boreholes and even schools, face challenges as is the case in all counties. My government will continue to work and rectify any problems that arise. Let us work together to correct any problems as we improve our systems to make them more efficient and productive. We are well versed due to our stability to deal with calamities and challenges. Even locusts know that when they come to Machakos, we are ready for them.

As I wind down, Madam Speaker, we have a few challenges that I plan to deal with and ask for your support. First is the issues of abuse of Wananchi and other land matters have to be tackled and you will soon see me making tough decisions to ensure fairness and upholding of the law.

Secondly, our revenue collection is not what should be. My government has already adopted a few strategies to improve this and I thank this House for passing the current Finance Act which we are implementing. It is important to raise our revenue, not only to meet the rising demands but also to fund the ongoing program to clear pending bills, something that I fully support.

Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, if you are like me, you probably receive phone calls and messages daily from our youth asking you to “fix” them somewhere with a job or a loan that you know will never be repaid. The high levels of unemployment in our country Kenya are alarming. We really have to grow the economy and expand opportunities. To this end, we have planned a Machakos Youth Empowerment Conference to be held tomorrow, 19th February, 2020 at the Machakos People’s Park. I invite all of you to join me as we support the youth of Machakos and Ukambani.

As I conclude, there are many issues I could have discussed today but as I said earlier, I will, on invitation, be back to address this House on other issues. I encourage this House to generate Bills and to pass the various Bills emanating from my government so that we can lay a firm foundation for our Machakos County.

Finally, Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, our county is at crossroads. We have the Building Bridges Initiative to cure our country from traditional and negative politics and spur economic growth. As you are aware, I support the BBI and will continue to be part of the team working on the proposals to ensure our people get maximum benefits from it.

To this end, I wish to reiterate, that I will be on the ballot in 2022 running to be the President of this great country. As I campaign and position myself politically, I am willing to work together with all and I mean all Ukambani leaders to ensure the success of BBI and the development of our people. I request for your support.

Now Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my pleasure to declare the Fourth Session of the Second Assembly officially open. I do so by declaring the following three words that should form the spirit of our work. *Mbele iko sawa.*

Thank you; God bless you, God bless Machakos and God bless our amazing country Kenya. Thank you, Madam Speaker, this is H.E Dr. Alfred Mutua, the Governor of Machakos on February 18th 2020.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader, Alex Kamitu.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, the proposed Statement is a bit wanting but I think you get the message that you give the thanks to that address. So, I invite you Members to comment or debate on the Motion. Hon. Maitha.

Hon. Maitha: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to congratulate His Excellency the Governor of Machakos for his speech during the official opening of this Assembly. Madam Speaker, on the ground things are a bit different because when you look at our roads, they are in bad shape. We know there was a lot of rain but it is time that the Government of Machakos takes time and make our roads to be passable because our people are suffering. When we go to the boreholes, yes, the County has dug very many boreholes but to give an example of the boreholes in my Ward, most of them are not functional like kwa Munyao, Kithimani, Koma Hill at Kiamba Primary School and Misuuni whose pumps are broken and people are suffering because they are not getting water to drink and to give to their animals.

I am requesting the Governor to make sure that the he buys new pumps so that our people can drink water. Madam Speaker, yes we have ambulances but in most cases they lack petrol, so many times I am woken up by people demanding the services of the ambulances only for the drivers to tell us there is no fuel. We get into our pockets to assist our people to be transported to the hospitals. I am asking the County Government to have plenty of petrol or to give out some money to those ambulances so that our people can be taken to hospitals.

Madam Speaker, the last point I want to make is about the pending bills, this County is one of the Counties which are cited for not paying bills yet the Assembly provides funds to settle those bills through the budget estimates which pass in this Assembly. I would wish to request the Governor to make sure that the pending bills are paid. Madam Speaker, the Governor wants to be the next President of this Republic of Kenya and our people on the ground are waiting for him to hear him talk about his ambitions and again for them to tell him that services on the ground are not as he says. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Maitha. Hon. Patrick Kituku.

Hon. Kituku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank His Excellency the Governor for availing himself to open this session and as you see the speech, it does not have too much to discuss about but on the point of him saying that he will give a Statement of the County in a while, it is my request that he does so because actually as things are happening now Hon. Members are not very much comfortable in regards to the service that now the Machakos people are getting because as at now, there is no development that is happening, our graders have stalled, they have no fuel, no development money, issues of pending bills and as you have heard from my fellow Hon. Member, the roads at the ground have been eroded, they have been washed away and something needs to be done.

So, it is my request to His Excellency the Governor that he avails himself to the Hon. Members so that we can discuss on way forward because as we usually say Machakos is County number one, we also want the same to be replicated on the ground so that we can actually boldly say that we are moving on well. Our people need service and actually 2022 is very much near

and we have a lot of expectations. We all hope for our better future and if we plan it very well, I think we will not get it wrong.

So, it is my humble request that His Excellency the Governor meets Hon. Members in an official meeting or sitting so that we can discuss on way forward and so that we can also know the status of the so called Ksh. 15 million projects of the Ward and also the balance of the Ksh. 10 million projects that were to be undertaken last year.

Madam Speaker, remember that we have made so many promises to our electorates in regard to what we have passed in our budget and if the budget is implemented to the latter I think we will be in a good position. Also in regard to the pending bills, we also want to have clear information on what is happening, what plans the executive has made so that we can also be in a better position to explain to our electorates. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Patrick Kituku. Hon. Majority Leader? I will give you Members opportunity to comment.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute to this speech of the Governor. Let me start by thanking His Excellency the Governor for finding time to come to this Assembly and give his address.

Madam Speaker, I have gone through the speech and maybe most probably I would want to relate the speech and what is on the ground. Yes, on page 2 you find in his speech the Government has done 500 boreholes and 450 dams. Madam Speaker, digging a borehole and providing water are two different things, you can do the bore hole and then you do not put a pump and let the water remain there and you call it a borehole. That is not providing people with water.

Madam Speaker, as Hon. Maitha has said, most of these boreholes being mentioned as 500 done, I think the functioning ones cannot be more than 200 and this is reality on the ground Madam Speaker. It might not please others but I will say, there is a serious problem of water in Machakos and really if we have 500 borehole functional, Machakos could be having shower in every house. His Excellency could be right but I think he needs to consult his executive and know how many boreholes are functioning in this County. It is an easy duty.

Madam Speaker, the 450 dams which have been said, I think this is for long time ago because this rain has actually crushed most of the dams. They are no longer dams now they are just empty land dug out. Madam Speaker, if we really have 450 dams, that could mean, in every ward we should be having a dam. In my ward Kinanie and I am sorry to say, I don't have a dam, maybe they are concentrating elsewhere. We have a problem with these said 500 boreholes ; the government has no policy to do boreholes and put electricity; there is no person to repair, to do the piping and there are no technicians on the ground to do the repairs of the piping of that borehole. So you find most of the time, Hon. Members are spending their own money when there is that kind of breakage.

In my case, the only borehole and the only money which has been spend on my ward and God is my witness; it is only three million since I came in to this House- to rehabilitate a new borehole which is in Kyumvi town which served for only one month and the power was disconnected. It is only yesterday I went with my own money I paid Ksh. 200,000 and I have the receipts to Kenya Power to reconnect the water for my people.

So, Madam Speaker, when I go through the speech, I feel a bit ...because our people don't live in the moon, we stay here and we know what is happening on the ground. Madam Speaker, I

was expecting this speech, because the rains have given us bumper harvest, our people are okay, I was expecting to hear from the Governor the plan we are going to do our roads, including a road in Kinanie and everywhere; the roads are in bad shape---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, did you say including my road.

Hon. Muendo: Yes, the one that leads to your home; I saw you sometimes back on social media with a *leso* putting hardcore on that road with your own money.

Hon. Speaker: It is a public road; not mine.

Hon. Muendo: Alright, I withdraw but you know what I mean. Madam Speaker, let us call a spade a spade; this House, it is my feeling that we have left our business of overlooking the Executive. Because today, there is nobody who is talking about the Ksh. 15 Million which we were promised and we had put in the supplementary budget. In that time, no one told us about the pending bills; this song of pending bills came later. Madam Speaker, remember when we were doing the Finance Bill, we asked how much the pending bills were so that the House can give clear say; we have given you Two Billion your Excellency, can you spend Ksh. 500 Million on pending bills. That is how things are done everywhere.

Madam Speaker, the moment some of us talk about the Ksh. 15 Million, then the report goes we are now fighting the government; we are not. I will be here and I will leave a record in this House that I will talk of the reality on the ground and of my people. Whether I need to be favored for my ward to be done anything, God will be with me. Madam Speaker, let me say that we need, as Members of this Assembly, remember we want to come back here; this is business. We don't need this moment we say the roads are okay, we keep quiet that way we are keeping quiet, the Ksh. 10 Million which in my ward we spent only three Million; the seven Million nobody is talking about it. I have been following; there is no money, there is nothing.

Madam Speaker, I will speak for the people of Kinanie and I will be doing so in this House not in a common sad saying we are fighting the Governor or we are not. I will talk the truth in this House. When you look at the speech, and I will be focusing on my ward, when you see that we have lit 2000 *mulika mwizis* and then the Statement says distributed, it is not true. In Kinanie for the last two and half years, we have not installed a *mulika mwizi* and this is open; and I will tell the Governor.

I am writing a letter to the Governor to point out that there is nothing which has been done in my ward and I don't care but I will make sure he knows what is happening on the ground. Because Madam Speaker, I want to come back to this House when things will be done right after the BBI has given us Ward Development Fund. That is the solution to these issues of being a Mheshimiwa. For the time being, if the BBI is not going to pass and I want to be corrected, I will not come back to this House to have this kind of business of begging. I will do my own business which I used to do before I came.

Madam Speaker, there is a Statement the government side will clarify and I normally mince my words- maybe the mover there is a section on page five that is, "as I wind up Madam Speaker, we have a few challenges that I plan to deal with and ask for your support; first, issues of abuse of wananchi." I am not getting that well, "and other land matters have to be tackled and you will soon see me making tough decisions to ensure fairness and upholding of the law."

Maybe Madam Speaker on that part, I am a bit in darkness, if I can get clarification. Madam Speaker, let me say I am in dark because I am talking about myself and my ward in Kinanie now.

We agreed in this House that we will meet His Excellency the Governor very soon to talk about the Ksh. 15 Million projects which this House passed the supplementary without asking for anything and I am on record saying we will not be saying; we will not ask for anything from the Governor to pass a budget but for the Governor to work on projects for the people.

Madam Speaker it is still my request that we need a few clarifications because Madam Speaker, you can communicate to the Governor and ask for time where we can get some clarifications on the balance of the Ksh. 10 million, on Ksh. 15 million projects which we were promised and we had even promised our people, because as we are talking, from last year November up to now, there is nothing going on. Maybe in my ward there is nothing and now next month we are going to start the budget cycle. The budget is just three months away, so when we start with that without knowing the position of the Ksh. 15 Million, then Madam Speaker, this House will not be doing justice to our people.

So it is a request whether you can book an appointment for that clarification and Madam Speaker, we need to inform the Governor the status of our roads. We have several issues we need to discuss with him apart from his speech. So if I can get clarification on that and then I will say let us not forget of oversight; let us not have small differences. We only have two and half years remaining and I wish God will grace me I come back to this House and find all these Members in this House because they are good people.

My remarks are that now the people on the ground are losing that kind of.....you know it is true. So on the issue of being on the ballot, I welcome His Excellency Governor Mutua to be in the ballot in 2022; he is our son and this game of politics is competition. There is no law which bars anybody that this tribe should only be having only one presidential candidate. I believe in democracy.

Therefore, I wish him well but he must know that nowadays people don't follow propagandas; they will see when he was a Governor, what he did in Kinanie because he will be looking for votes in Kinanie and what he did in Muthwani and what he did in Mumbuni. So, we will be willing to support and campaign for him because we are all politicians but what am I going to tell the people of Kinanie? That is a question I leave for another day for the Governor to find for himself whether the people are with him or the Assembly only is with him. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Kiilu

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Hon Speaker. Allow me to thank to thank the His Excellency the Governor for finding time to come and open this session.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiilu I think you are much taller than the gooseneck; we need longer ones, but try and bend so that the HANSARD can capture what you are saying. It is a bit uncomfortable.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Madam Speaker; I am advised. Secondly, I also want to thank His Excellency the Governor for realizing that in this Assembly we have the most - underline the word most - intelligent, focused and patriotic members. I want to comment on the same that we achieved this one because of the intolerance that the Governor had and you as the Speaker of the

House and you too brought us together. So I also want to thank you on behalf of the Members for tolerating what had escalated as we started the Assembly.

However, Madam Speaker, I want to say that this House as he said, we are able to read, understand and make interpretations for ourselves because we are all learned. Therefore as we go through this speech, I want to believe that nobody as the majority has said that when we give the right impression that we will be poking holes in the Governor's office. I want to say that there is a book that we were learning in class two and the question was, who do you see in the picture, and the answer was mother, father and the sons. So in the Assembly literally we have a good mother and a father and the sons and that is a good House.

Hon. Speaker: What about daughters?

Hon. Kiilu: In the House we have the daughters and the sons.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, put it that way.

Hon. Kiilu: Actually we are one as a family. Therefore as we comment, let us comment something that is achievable and let us correct each other in a human face. Madam Speaker, when you look at the fourth paragraph, the Governor says that, "therefore congratulations Madam Speaker for one, being elected to a national seat and two, for steering this House in the right direction." If you see people walking along and you are asked, who is asked along the path, you are told it is the Speaker, Clerk, Majority Leader and others. It doesn't mean others have been belittled but they are outstanding. They cannot mention the others, so I want to congratulate the Governor because he actually saw that you are outstanding in the national figure and we are proud of you being in that position. Despite, in the same position, my brother Katumo is still there and I am also there, so we belong to others in that category and we are not complaining.

So, I want to say this, as long as we want to support our Governor, let us be honest and genuine, more so when we are giving information to the media. It is only this morning that I listened to the Chief Officer; when you look at the speech, the Governor says that we have 500 new boreholes but this morning, the Chief Officer said that we have 473. Who is cheating who? It means that the Governor was maybe misadvised, because you cannot say that we have 500 and this morning it is 473. The community on the ground is listening to what is happening. We are now streaming live, so those who have the gadgets can see what we are saying. They heard what was said on the radio; they can compare with what the speech is saying. So let us be honest and give the right information.

What I want to say is that we are in support of the Governor but maybe those who are working under him are cheating him as they give him the information. It is good and I want to comment that in his second paragraph he says, "today my remarks will be short because I will avail myself later." Let us not complain that the Governor will not be there, but he has promised that he will be there later.

Now in this one as the Majority said, I believe to think that it is the Majority and the Minority of the House who should spearhead this one; make sure we meet and sit with the Governor soonest but not the Speaker to go. There are times when we should need you Madam Speaker but if we use at these small matters, when the big matters will come, we will be tiring you. So I am requesting that the Majority and Minority you very quickly, no I am not directing,

sorry I withdraw. Kindly ensure that you see the Governor soonest and make sure that by next week, we sit and iron this issues that are affecting our wards.

Again Madam Speaker, I had an issue with paragraph 14, and it has been mentioned by the Majority Leader, that in that paragraph, something is not being clear. But let me move down to the next paragraph which says that, “our children will not study well if they are hungry and food security;” even that one is not clear because we need to know, for this food security, what will happen to those institutions that have been devolved-the ECDE and the polytechnics.

For the ECDE as Education committee, we went for bench marking and we realized that we need to secure some finances to facilitate them with a feeding program and we are still expecting the same will happen. However as we are saying, we set aside some funds for the same but I don’t know where the funds were slashed; the funds for the feeding program are nowhere to be seen. That is why I am saying that it is good whenever we make a budget here, let it be followed because you cannot tell who slashes what and where is it done, and that is the reason why, as I sat with the Chief Officer, there are some things that we need to press on with the Chief Officers.

Sometimes they don’t know whether the grounds are hot for us, more especially when it comes to the issue of the bursary. I was forced to keep on pressing him the whole of last week and some Hon. Members, a few, they have not given out their lists. And therefore he was delaying in issuing the cheques but when I pressed on him so much, he has agreed and assured me that the cheques will be delivered by tomorrow, Wednesday in the afternoon and by Thursday. So for those Members who have not delivered their lists actually they will be left behind and they should not complain.

Otherwise Madam Speaker, lastly, I want to comment on a paragraph on page six in the middle of the page, where he is saying that “to this end, we have planned a Machakos youth empowerment conference to be held tomorrow. Most of us did not attend the conference because we had no prior information and already we had done all what it takes for the activities of the day.

Therefore I am requesting because I have seen that he has said he is going to have an educational something in the speech, let us be told ahead of time so that we can budget and attend the same. It is only through attending and supporting this county government that we can be seen to be working. Otherwise, I want to wish the Governor well and the Members too. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kiilu, Hon. Kiteng’u.

Hon. Kiteng’u: Thank you Hon. Speaker. Let me start by thanking the Governor for this warm speech of opening of the fourth session. If I just do a complete overhaul of the speech, I found it being just warm and uniting and the Governor is trying to send the message that he will be back to address the county issue. I will tackle several paragraphs where he has tried to answer all our queries. For example in paragraph one, “today my remarks will be short because I will avail myself later to this important House to deliver my Statement of the county address.” Hon. Speaker, to me this means that the Governor knows that we have issues at hand as a county but the time according to him is where he needs time to come and address us so that we can know as a county where we stand.

Hon. Speaker, I will go to paragraph three on “furthermore, if by bad luck you are involved in a road accident or get suddenly ill, your chances of survival are high in Machakos County than

any other region because we have ambulances that respond between three to eight minutes.” Hon. Speaker, I do agree with his Excellency but maybe the departments sometimes give the wrong information because these Hon Members as per each ward we have received outcries from those facilities and we receive calls from the community where somebody has gotten ill but unfortunately the ambulance has got no fuel.

It is my call to the Governor especially on health sector to make sure that because we have ambulances in every ward, in my ward I have two - in Level III Kivaa sub-location and Level III Kithyoko sub-location and I must say that they respond well when they have fuel but when they don't have fuel, we always get challenges because if it is midnight and somebody has gotten ill and is brought to that facility, you can't get public transport because it is already midnight. So, we have to look for money fuel the ambulance so that this person can be referred to other bigger hospital maybe level four or level five.

Hon. Speaker, if I go to page five, let me make it clear that everything is not 100 per cent perfect. Our projects may they be roads, boreholes and schools face challenges as in the case in all counties. Hon. Speaker, I do agree with his Excellency but I must advise him that he is the CEO of the county and we get challenges even in our homes but in this House, we have been talking of emergency funds.

For example, we experienced a lot of rains recently and many roads have been cut off disconnecting the communication from one area to another. Hon. Speaker there are some areas you cannot reach the health center, reaching the school is also a problem. I call upon the budget committee and it has been requested before, to give out the Statement of this emergency kitty because it is needed in this county for the reason like the one we are experiencing on our roads.

Remember Hon. Betty brought a Statement here and it was for the county to explain the ways they are taking to cure or take care of our roads so that we can have easy communication. I understand Hon. Speaker you gave out directions that we will be having the CEC, Roads tomorrow so that he can be able to explain the above.

Hon. Speaker, if I go on page six first paragraph, “if you are like me, you probably receive phone calls and messages daily from your youth asking you to fix them somewhere with job or loan that you know will never be repaid.” Hon Speaker, I agree with His Excellency because on 19th, I personally joined them at People's Park and I must give him an echo because he gave out a nice message whereby, not everybody will or can be employed because we have challenges like our youth have not been employed like 70 per cent, but we need as leaders to show how we can be able to educate our youth that it is not a must you be employed but you can start business and I remember he gave out a cheque of Ksh. 10 million where a certain groups of youth could go and venture into business and further provide employment and expand their businesses.

Hon. Speaker, we must all agree that as a county we have challenges everywhere and we must work together so that we can be able to beat the challenges we are experiencing day by day. I will come to the 10 and 15 Million projects; this is a real thing where His Excellency we met in Mombasa for the Ksh. 15 million project. We also discussed the Ksh. 10 million projects because they had been done but half way and now we have four months to end the year and we have never sat down with the Executive to plan on these Ksh. 15 million projects.

Hon. Speaker, procurement is a process in the county because in the Assembly we have those projects we are doing; we have ward offices and we know the procedure the procurement takes and it gives timelines. If His Excellency does not take quick action on this matter get back to us as he had agreed on this speech, we may end up not having executed any Ksh. 15 million project. My request is through the leadership and the unity of Machakos Assembly and the

Executive, we hold a quick meeting with the Executive whereas the Governor plans to come and address the status of Machakos County. We have a quick meeting so that we can deliberate on the Ksh. 15 million projects.

When we met the Executive the other day on the Ksh. 10 million project, I must attest that 50 per cent of the Members here confirmed that the projects have been done and half of them have been paid, and we have 50 per cent which had not been completed and had not been paid. So we need to address that so that we don't pile Ksh. 15 million projects to the Ksh. 10 million projects and you find that maybe one ward has been done only one project like Hon Majority had said that it is only one borehole. It is us who are failing and the Executive for not having meetings even if they are weekly. We can do this because as an Assembly, we have already given out the budget; we will be getting another supplementary budget very soon.

The Ksh. 15 million projects have not started; we have not gotten 100 per cent execution of the Ksh. 10 million projects. I call upon the Governor, we love him; he makes sure that his officers in each department execute what we passed on the Ksh. 10 million projects to completion. Then we move on to the Ksh. 15 million projects within 15 days so that as a county we can now move forward because the community needs development. When we go to our wards, they always ask about projects, this time round we have not seen this project, but for equitable share, all the 40 wards, the Ksh. 15 million project can curb the situation on the ground. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u, Deputy Majority Leader. Hon. Members, we will have the occasion, it is just when. So allow me because we have to be gender sensitive, Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the report of the Governor by asking the Members that you have the key of seeing what the Governor is doing but not saying that you support the Governor. You support the Governor by doing the work in your ward. The other thing, I want to remind the Members that 2022 is on the corner, so if you sit here and start doing what you have not been elected to do, wanting to become a Majority or Minority, that is not the work you were given by the people who elected you.

Mine is to remind you, you are not better than the other Members who were here. Check and ask yourself, what have I done to my people and what can I tell my God I came here to do. So, be very careful, and the work of the Speaker is not to go to the Governor; the work of the Speaker is to control you in this House to do the work you were brought here by your people to do. So I beg you my friends or Members, to check yourself and ask, when I wake up in the morning, what am I going to do in the Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mueni. Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I don't have much to say but I would like to start with the first page where the Governor has shown that the Assembly is not oversighting him that is why he is very comfortable and he is even saying thank you to us for not oversighting him *juu anasema tuko sawa* when we know in the ground *hatuko sawa*. In the ward of Muthwani, there is nothing, absolutely nothing is completed, either for the Ksh. 10 million or by the

Executive which have given four billion in Machakos for development. Because after having what we have like this year, Ksh. 12 billion when you get a third of it, that is four billion which would be felt on the ground but yet there is nothing on the ground.

I support the municipal money because Ksh. 1.2 billion for the three counties can be seen and everything can be felt on the ground. But for the four billion which was supposed to be used by Machakos County Government for development, there is nothing we can show of it. I can say everybody is complaining about everything but where is the solution? Oversight. Although the constitution says may, that is where you should stand and be seen that you are working because that is one of the roles of the MCA.

Secondly, I want to say something else on Mavoko; yes he recognizes that the town is growing and the population too and people have invested in Mavoko; but development has not been invested in Mavoko. I want to ask the Governor, when he is talking about investment, investment is when the government is giving services where the people need them, and where the government is getting money it should also invest in that area; that is good economy.

In Mavoko and Muthwani where they get all the building materials, almost 40 per cent of the revenue of Machakos which comes from Mavoko we should see development of roads so that we just need services of roads, water and nothing more we need in that area because it is not an agricultural where we need agricultural things, but we need roads to be tarmacked.

He is talking about tarmacking of roads but in Mavoko, which road has he tarmacked? And that is where he gets his money. It is the high time we tell him the truth because that is our work to tell him that we need development in Mavoko and Muthwani in particular and also in Mlolongo/ Syokimau. Madam Speaker, it is our duty as Members of this Assembly to see to it that the development money can be addressed.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information, Hon. King'ori; Hon. Kamitu wishes to pass a point of information.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. When we are talking about Mavoko, it is practically there that there is a housing project that was done by the national government through the friendship and initiative of the Governor. So when Hon. King'ori stands to say that nothing has been done in Mavoko, I think the Statement is very clear and when he says tarmacking of roads, in our county and with a lot of respect, we have roads that have been tarmacked like the Makutano-Kithimani road, the other one in Masinga, the other one in Masii...so it is a point of information that when he talks of nothing, sincerely it doesn't carry the day. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of Order, Hon. Ndawa.

PROCEDURAL MOTION EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Ndawa:

Madam Speaker that aware THAT Standing Order 27(2) provides that the Speaker shall interrupt the business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning sitting;
Aware THAT Standing Order 27(3) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time; Aware THAT Standing Order 27(4) requires a motion to

extend sitting time to be moved at least 30 minutes before the time appointed of adjournment, Hon. Speaker I beg to move the motion that the House resolves to extend its sitting time until the business at hand is concluded.

Thank you Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Moses Mitaa to second my motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Moses Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second the motion

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mitaa. Hon. Members, you have an address which you are discussing at the moment and it is at the very core of the business that has brought you to this House; it is talking about the state of the county in some way. You wish to extend the time so that you can finalize it.

(The House resumed business as per the Order Paper)

So continue Hon. King'ori

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy to listen to my Minority Leader who was wrong and he did not get my point because I did not talk about Machakos County; I talked about Mavoko and I live in Mavoko so I know what I am talking about and about Muthwani in particular, where I live.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori, look at the Chair, don't look at Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. King'ori: That is why I am addressing, Madam Speaker; it is just that the mic is not giving the comfort of the---

Hon. Speaker: No, I saw you looking at the Minority Leader.

Hon. King'ori: No, I was addressing you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori, do you get the point? Address the Chair.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am going to address you. In Mavoko and in Muthwani particularly where I live, there is no tarmac road and that is where we get revenue in our county. That is what I talked about and I did not talk about Machakos; I talked about Muthwani where we have nothing in development on tarmacs. We could have one leading to the quarries so that the people of my ward could see that the Governor is doing something but thank you to his wisdom because we don't have one.

Madam Speaker, I also want to tackle this one which is a good thing done in Machakos. We have a research center; that is a good initiative and I congratulate him. It is one of the best he has done this year but we lack proper medicine in other small institutions like Kangundo. We do not have enough medicine because some people even after being bitten by dogs, we don't have anything for anti-rabies in our area, which is very wrong. A county like Machakos should not lack that; what about the snake bites? Madam Speaker, I think we need to put our priorities right.

The last one I want to speak about is, “currently our country Kenya is struggling economically with high economic growth is not being felt on the ground. That is true, even here in Machakos, we are using a lot of funds being given by the National Government but we are not feeling it. He should tell us what is happening to the development in Machakos because each and every area here I am hearing that roads are not working, boreholes are not working, and I wonder what he is doing with the budget which we always pass here.

I also want to thank the Governor for giving us warning about abuse of wananchi; I don't know whether that is in his directorate but it is also good to see that people on the ground are not abused by him, because if they don't get development, that is an abuse to the public because they have given him powers to act on those things. It is not good to abuse people by not giving them services when they have given him mandate to do it.

On the other issue of land, yes, land has been devolved and we need to act on title deeds which have been devolved. He should not be talking about giving and tackling; he should have tackled for seven. He has been the Governor of Machakos, he should have done something that the people in the ground should have title deeds because now titles have been devolved. Madam Speaker, it is also good to say that the last paragraph saying *mbele iko sawa*, is very good to say *mbele haiko sawa na ingekuwa sawa tungesema iko sawa lakini bado haiko sawa*. Madam Speaker *asante sana*.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: On what law are matters of titles devolved? Titles have not being devolved.

Hon. King'ori: Madam Speaker, if you read---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. King'ori, you will not argue with me on that. I know title issuance has not been devolved. The law remains the same. There is land which is still under National Government and it is the bigger part of issuance of titles. It is still the work of the National Government but I have also told you again that there are also titles which are issued by County Government; those are the ones you call plots within towns. So let us get things right.

Hon. Ndawa. Members, I will come to you. Hon. Mutinda I can see you want to contribute. Hon. Masesi, Hon. Kisini I will come to you; just a little patience but those who are submitting, you need also to hurry up because if it is matters which have been addressed, now I will not allow you to repeat. I will tell you stop the minute you start mentioning what has been addressed, because we should all pay attention to members when they are submitting. We will save time and also give opportunity to other members to comment. Hon. Ndawa, do not repeat what has been mentioned.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Speaker, I have gone through the speech of His Excellency the Governor. When he was making the speech in the House I was not present that morning I was chasing locusts from my ward. Madam Speaker, according to what is captured, the speech a big percentage is exactly what is on the ground and maybe a small percentage is not exactly what is on the ground. It is good Madam Speaker to be very sincere and very honest. Madam Speaker, and my fellow members, you will agree with me that problems vary from one ward to the other

one because what is in Matuu or the issues which are in Matuu may not be the same as the ones in Muthwani or Kangundo Central.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to issues of what the county or what the Governor has done, this is why I am saying a big portion of the speech is true. In his speech, he has said by 2020 and 2012 there is a big difference; he has told us that Machakos was dark and that is very true, Madam Speaker. If you happen to stay in Machakos until 7:00 in the evening, you will be able to see lights even in the hills where there are no towns.

You will see *Mulika mwizis* in very many points. Madam Speaker, why I am saying this is true is because before I was elected an MCA for Matuu, we had no single *mulika mwizi* in Matuu town and Matuu town should either be number two or number three in order of big towns in Machakos. As of now 2020, we have more than 50 *mulika mwizis* in that town so I am concurring with what the Governor is saying. During the night when I am in Matuu, I can see lights in Kivaa, I can see in Masinga Central and I can also see in Ekalakala and Ndalani. So that is confirming that the Governor and the County Government has done on that part.

Madam Speaker, when it comes to issues of health, I want to confirm that the Governor has done a lot. Matuu Level Four serves as a referral for that sub region that is Yatta Sub County, Masinga and part of Mwingi because when accidents occur along Mwingi-Thika-Garissa Road, the patients are brought to Matuu Level Four. Madam Speaker, I want to say as of now, we have an operational theater with officers who conduct operations. So Madam Speaker, on issue of health, I want to give the Governor 80 percent and I believe the MCAs who come from Yatta and Masinga Central, Kivaa and Ekalakala can confirm that because we share the same facility.

Madam Speaker, there is something I do not understand. Most of members are saying that---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Kituku Patrick.

Hon. Kituku: I want to inform Hon. Ndawa that in Ndithini, because we are from Masinga, we do not share those facilities because they are very much far. Our facilities do not have those things that he is saying.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, proceed.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take the information but I would wish to confirm to him that I normally make abrupt visits to Matuu Level Four and sometimes I enquire to know. Where do you come from? We have so many patients from Ndithini ward and Muthesya ward.

Hon. Speaker: What he is saying Hon. Member is that the residents or members of public of Ndithini. He did not talk about Muthesya but he talked about Ndithini; he says they do not have a facility that is the equivalent of Matuu. That is what he is saying.

Hon. Ndawa: Point noted Madam Speaker. The other issue I was saying is that I do not understand because most of the speakers who have spoken before me have talked about ambulances lacking fuel. This is something which I am not agreeing with because in Matuu since I came as an MCA, the issue of patients fueling these ambulances has never occurred in my ward. And it is good to be very sincere, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do you notice that your experience may be different from the experience of other members because when they talk, they are talking from where they sit so also understand we live in our worlds. My world is different from yours and their world is different. I think what they are saying is of equitable development in each part of Machakos County so that they can wake up with the same confidence and say in Ndithini, in Muthesya we have it. In Matuu we have it in Mutituni we have it.

That is the position; there is no fight about it members. It is about these services being felt in each part of the county and that is assisting the County Government to do what it is supposed to do. If they do not bring the report from where they are, who will ever bring their report? So talk about yourself and do not talk like it is a fight they are saying, I am saying no. Say, in my experience, it is like this and then everybody else will wake up and say in my experience it is different. Are we together?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the direction and guidance. What I was suggesting is that as elected members of the respective wards, we should also be aggressive to address what problems we have in our wards.

Hon. Speaker: No. Hon. Ndawa please do not blame any member for not being aggressive. The Constitution and the County Governments Act and every other law requires the State, which is the Government, to reach the people; to take development to every part of the county and the country. No member is supposed to be aggressive; no member of the public is supposed to be aggressive, so it is actually the State to reach the people. Are we together? Yes.

Let us just agree; if it is something that needs to be done, in fact, we are assisting the Government, and remember you are part of the Government, so that you can reach the people, because even if you do not discuss it here, it will be discussed out there.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think we are heading in the right direction.

Hon. Speaker: Sure.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes. I was saying when I took over from my predecessor, the problem which was there about the issue of fuel, I personally went to the medics who are in charge of the Matuu Level Four and we agreed on where he fuels his ambulances. We agreed it is Matuu Total Filling Station so we agreed when there is no fuel, and because the fuel will be paid to that particular station, let the ambulance take fuel or be fueled on credit basis so that when the payment is made, you just deduct what you owe the county. So Madam Speaker, that is working and that is why I am saying confidently---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to say that the Hon. Member is saying that Matuu ward is being taken care of more than other wards because if his ambulance is always fueled and mine I feel in Kivaa that sometimes it is fueled but other times there is no fuel until it forces us to fuel ourselves as Hon. Members, does it mean that maybe he is being taken care of better than other members? I am just asking.

Hon. Speaker: You know what Members, sometimes you appear to be mixed up and it is amusing alright? Let us just be open and I want it to be on the HANSARD because what you are doing here, you were brought a Statement by the Governor and it has been read again to you for the benefit of those who were not here and we all heard. In fact the table clerk came here telling me no Hon. Kamitu does not need to read it, Members just need to start debate and I told him no, let Members remember also like those who are not here.

So what we need to do is this, we look at the Statement. For sure there is a difference; devolution has done something in Kenya, not just in Machakos but in Kenya. So where devolution has done something, we say yes, it has done something but then we know devolution was to do much more and where it has not done that much more, let us be open and say it has not done this much more. So that when we are through with this, you are assisting the County Government. Do you know I am talking of the County Government and I said it includes you? You are assisting the County Government of Machakos to do that which has not been done.

You are not out to please anybody and it is not the days when a phone call would be made and the person calling you is not there but you wake up and salute the phone call, no. Just be yourself and tell the County Government yes, you have done this and everybody can see some change but you can still do much more, and I am your eyes on the ground let me bring the report of what you need to do much more, so that then it can now be felt even when you say 80 percent, that it can be 100 percent. The person who feels it is 50 percent it can be 100 percent. The person who feels it is 20 percent, it can be 100 percent. Please, am I talking to members? And that is how the public will judge you.

You know what? We went online and the public is watching. The same public that we are talking about service getting to them. It is watching and these days they are very harsh in their judgement against their leaders. So if you wake up and say at least in my place I am lucky I get fuel, let those who say they do not get fuel also say it and in fact what I am planning to do is after we are through with this, the HANSARD is going to be forwarded to the Governor so that he can read and he can feel the views of the members so that we can put efforts and attention to where we have not achieved. Isn't that what you are supposed to be doing? Is that what you are supposed to be doing members?

Hon. Members: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, so you do not do anything wrong by saying this has not been done. In fact, that is your work. Say it what has been done yes, let us pat ourselves on the shoulder and say we have done something but we can do more. Even the student who gets 70 percent the teacher will always say there is room for improvement and we are looking for that room for improvement and how to get the improvement so do not be scared to say what you feel is on the ground. You are the ones who are on the ground and your people send you here to come and say what they cannot come say here. So say it. Yes please, proceed and conclude Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: In fact I am just giving what is true; I am not defending anybody and I am not fighting anybody. This is the reality. Madam Speaker, the other issue that I want to say is about the issue of roads. It is evident that almost everybody went to his knees to request God to bring rain and the Lord brought the rains. It is only that he did not give the specifications so it came and all the roads were washed away. Madam Speaker, when I was in school, my economics teacher told me that some needs will recur even after satisfaction. You satisfy a need today, tomorrow it will recur. The county is trying to repair some roads, they are passable but after a short while, the rain comes again and they are washed away.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of roads, I would request if the County Government can focus more on the issue of drainage because most of our roads are becoming impassable because of that water on the road. If we can have water removed from the roads and maybe we do some spots murraming to areas that are not good, I am very sure the issue, even if we are not going to finish the issue, we are going to reduce it. So Madam Speaker, it is my humble request that the County Government considers to work out on issue of storm water drainage.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa you have made the point as you ought to be making because we appreciate yes, the rains came, they damaged our roads. It is a problem we are facing all of us. So what do we do to solve it? And now you have talked about drainage because if you grade the road well, and I know Hon. Ikusya is a contractor, if you drain the road...yes he has experience in construction. If you do the road you grade and you drain it, you put the drainage that can sustain; can survive even when lots of rains come. Isn't that so Hon. Ikusya? So we are looking for solutions and that is how we need to be going.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The other issue is about the equalization fund that we agreed with The Governor that we give out projects worth Ksh. 10 million and others worth Ksh. 15 million. Madam Speaker, a distinction exists between minutes and notes. If you go for a meeting and you take minutes or you resolve something and you have the minutes writer or the secretary takes minutes, if the minutes are not implemented, they turn to be notes so that is the difference between minutes and notes.

Madam Speaker, we had a retreat in Mombasa with His Excellency the Governor and we agreed that each MCA needs to give proposed projects worth about Ksh. 15 million that he or she wished to be done in their wards. Madam Speaker, since that time, no other meeting has been called to discuss the Ksh. 15 million, so it is our humble request to the Governor of Machakos to understand that after the meeting, Hon. Members do not give projects of their choice.

They also do public participation with the members of public who elected them. So when we went for those meetings to discuss on the projects that we should front to the Governor for implementation, we also made promises to the electorates. Madam Speaker, I belong to Salvation Army and Salvation Army is the only church that you do not get people who are liars. I do not lie; I like speaking the truth---

Hon. Speaking: Point of order Hon. Cosmos, yes go ahead.

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker, we should not allow the Hon. Member to disrespect other religions and more especially A.I.C where I do worship, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, all faiths are all God fearing and I want to believe we worship God and the only God who is alive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I wanted a member to deal with Hon. Ndawa on that point. Hon. Ndawa the most honourable thing you can do is to withdraw the last Statement.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Speaker, I wish to withdraw the Statement...

Hon. Speaker: Please can you conclude?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes. Then say, after withdrawing the Statement...

Hon. Speaker: You had still something to say?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes. When I was in standard four, I was given a price of the person who doesn't give lies. That is back in 1984---

Hon. Speaker: Do circumstances change over the years?

Hon. Ndawa: ---and since that time the award has never been given to another student so it means I remain the only person who doesn't say lies.

Hon. Speaker: But you are not a student in the school. You left the school; where will you be to be given the present?

Hon. Ndawa: I have never changed.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, can we just put a stop at that point.

Hon. Ndawa: So Madam Speaker, I was saying since we made those promises to our electorate, it will appear as if we are telling lies to the appointing authority. So for us to be saved, let His Excellency the Governor honor his promise so that at least the electorate can agree that whatever we promised and whatever they gave us to front is done. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The last point is that since the Governor has an ambition of being the president of the Republic of Kenya, I want to say I am going to support him and I wish him all the best on his desire to be the president of the Republic of Kenya. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Kisini. I am now on this side, yes I can see Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for also giving me this time. Not a repetition but I just want to say about the 450 dams. Madam Speaker, in Athi River we have not had one and I represent a community whereby they are agricultural; they graze cattle. We did not get one, so I am requesting the Governor to consider having one in Athi River ward.

About the cancer research, I want to commend the Governor because of that noble task he has done for that one Madam Speaker. About we visit the other councils to gauge ourselves and compare Madam Speaker, we cannot know. I would request maybe you facilitate us we go and benchmark with other counties we see where we are because it is as if the Governor has told us

we are far much ahead of the other counties. Madam Speaker, I would request you facilitate us and we go so that we can come and gauge ourselves. We might not know where we belong.

About the roads Madam Speaker, it is very pathetic, it is very bad and I want to say we are lacking fuel. The tractor for Athi River Sub County has been stagnant for almost this year for lack of fuel and I want to name a specific place whereby people cannot go or cannot cross over. We have a very big hole in Jam City which is connecting Athi River and Mohan Meakin. Because of that lack of fuel, we cannot move and that is just an example. We are feeling the heat; most of the people, some of them are taking it personal as if you are the one not doing something.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of pending bills, yes it is a government directive we pay the pending bills but they seem also to be affecting the normal business of running the county in other sectors. So we are requesting, it is good we get to know which are these pending bills. Some of them are as old as 2013 when the County Government came in place and it is very bad Madam Speaker, to be subjected to pay a bill of 2013/2014 which will affect my current development, so we also need to get on that one and get to know how old are they, how did they occur and which one should be paid.

A good example is as most of the members have said Madam Speaker, about the Ksh. 10 million some projects have stalled I want to talk about mine. The latrines, my case I have had three toilets, mine have stalled; they were built halfway and the contractor was chased away because he did not fulfil. So I am appealing in this payment of pending bills we appoint another one and be paid and likewise to the ECD classes Madam Speaker, I think in some areas the Governor is talking of *mbele iko sawa, mambo bado* and so forth. We need to balance between the two; which is which. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini. Hon. Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Madam, Speaker. Let me start by thanking His Excellency the Governor for his speech and Madam Speaker, let me say it was good but I expected that it includes some issues like the ECDE classes because Madam Speaker, today we have schools which do not have ECDE classes and some have one ECDE class while we know in the system, we should have two classes and two teachers.

Madam Speaker, we should have a policy or a time frame on when are we going to achieve the two classes and two teachers per ECDE or per school so that we do not have in a ward or in an area where some parents are paying school fees and in another area the parents are not paying. There is a challenge because our people are expecting that we employ more ECDE teachers and even in some areas our electorate is expecting that we build the ECDE classes.

So Madam Speaker, I expected His Excellency the Governor to touch something on that so that we may have a smooth running system and in fact Madam Speaker, as we speak, even where we have the ECDE teachers, we have challenges when the ECDE teacher goes for maternity leave because for parents to start paying the school fees again, it becomes a challenge. Madam Speaker, that is something that should be checked on so that we may move on smoothly.

The other thing Madam Speaker, I expected the report to touch on the public-private partnerships so that we may partner with other development partners who would wish to assist us. Madam Speaker, like in my case I have a family from the US which wants to do for me two boreholes in my ward but there is no framework on how we can partner with them. So that is a challenge where there is no way the partners can come and we work together. I have another

body which wants to do 10 boreholes for me but again the challenge is still the same. So I think we should have a private-public partnership so we can see how we can walk together in this journey of development.

Madam Speaker, the other thing is on food security. We have a lot of harvest and to be food secure, the County Government should come with a clear way on how to assist our farmers to preserve the harvest which they got, Madam Speaker, we are lucky that we were not so much affected by the locusts but still if we leave the food without good preservation, then we may end up in havoc despite that we had good harvest this time. So I expect something to be done on that Madam Speaker.

The other thing is on the state of our roads. They are in a pathetic situation. Madam Speaker, yesterday I was called by a church which is going to host all Kenyan Good News Churches of Africa in my ward and the place they are hosting is now impassable because of these rains so something needs to be done and I think it is the high time the County Government went and leased some graders from the National Youth Service so that they may support the existing ones, Madam Speaker, so that we may clear this problem because everywhere it is roads problem and we are not even able to move as people. So Madam Speaker, we expect something to be done on our roads.

Madam Speaker, lastly is on the ward projects. The Ksh. 10 million projects Madam Speaker, I am the chair for the ward projects and we are soon tabling a report on the same. We have assessed, we have gone round but I think the County Government should also finalize with what is being done with the Ksh.10 million projects because we expect the Ksh. 15 million projects to kick off.

Madam Speaker, the process of procurement this time will take longer because it is system based. Time has to be followed strictly. There is no way you will award the works tomorrow; you have to give them the mandatory 15 days. So when you see where we are and where we are going by the end of the financial year, then the Ksh. 15 million projects to implement may be a challenge, so Madam Speaker, I am calling upon His Excellency to call us and also we see how we can implement these Ksh. 15 million projects for purposes of equalization.

So Madam Speaker, with that, I support the report and say we expect something to be done Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutinda. Hon. Wambua.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, may I say that I fully support and I agree with the Governor's speech especially given that he has started with a reconciliation note. Comparing this speech with others we had before, you realize the Governor is recognizing members of this Assembly as able people. If we compare it to the very first speech we had in this House, actually it was a demolishing speech to the House.

This time I say thanks to him and I say hi to him. Madam Speaker, may I say that we are partly to blame, this House. This clause of *mbele iko sawa* Madam Speaker, the Governor is saying, originated from this House. Madam Speaker, we cheated the Governor *mbele iko sawa*. We knew things were not *sawa* and when we faced him face to face, we said *mbele iko sawa*. We had the opportunity to tell him *mbele sio sawa*---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information. Yes, Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform the member that times change and by the time that sentence was given by our Majority Madam Speaker, things were good. In fact Madam Speaker, we were implementing the Ksh. 10 million projects but now Madam Speaker, times have changed and I believe the same should change.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you that is a good clarification. Hon. Musau.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Hon. Member. It is unfortunate that when things changed we did not inform the Governor things have changed *na mbele sio sawa*.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Musau, I do not want underlying currents to affect debate in this House. I am not going to allow that. Whatever it is that is burning underneath, I will not allow it to affect debate in this House. When you wake up to comment, you just come and say the Governor is saying and I will allow *mbele iko sawa* say *mbele sio sawa* and you give your reason. Let us not refer to other matters that have not been said in this Assembly.

As a matter of fact I am a stranger; when was this said *mbele iko sawa*? Elsewhere? Please do not bring matters outside of this to the debate. Just go on and debate on the Statement. So if you feel that *mbele* is not good and I am allowing it even though we do not mix, if you *feel mbele sio sawa* say *mbele sio sawa* and what is the reason with regard to the contents of the Statement.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Allow me to move swiftly from that point and Madam Speaker, say this, the Governor has said he would wish to come back to air on the status of the development of the county, Madam Speaker. I do believe it is the time that leadership of the House faces the Governor and take our grievances for the things we want to be addressed, Madam Speaker, because the Governor is getting briefings from his cabinet where the ministers and the Chief Officers do sit.

They may mislead him because the Governor cannot be everywhere else. He cannot be found everywhere and he cannot go to inspect every project. He may go to Mheshimiwa Musau place and find this one is happening but in my place it is not happening and he may be misguided to believe everywhere things are going on well. He has his team which wants to be seen working and nobody will say in his docket this one is not working, therefore he will have an informed mind that things in the county are okay when they are not okay.

So it is time the leadership we have our Majority, we have our Minority, Whip and Minority Whip. We should give the grievances of the members. Things are not well because Madam Speaker, when it is projected on the wall that a class in my ward is done 20 percent, while we have that it is only the foundation that has been dug, then that is not 20 percent Madam Speaker. His Excellency the Governor will believe that 20 percent of that class has been done and now that we cannot all move to the Governor's office unless with such an invitation, we have our representatives, we have our leaders who should go and air our cries to the Governor. As he comes to address the status of the county, he addresses on that---

Hon. Speaker: No, I will not allow it. What Hon. Musau you need to say, Hon. Musau you have talked of your ECDE class. Say what else you feel is not right here because I communicated; I said after the members have given their views, the HANSARD that is of this

debate, I will have it taken to the Governor so that he can know the views of the members and their experience from where they come from.

Even as you say the leaders to go and address the Governor, he will have already heard what the members who are contributing here their experience is. So just come out; you have talked of ECDE class say what else is a problem in your ward. So go ahead. You will not be informed.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again now that His Excellency the Governor has said he will come back to this House Madam Speaker, I would wish to hear how far we have gone in making Mwala among other sub counties that have made the capacity to be municipalities, Madam Speaker such that Madam Speaker, we may have development at par with the other sub counties that have become municipalities, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, I would wish to lament that Madam Speaker, probably the problems we are facing of under development or development that is not meeting the threshold Madam Speaker, I truly believe Madam Speaker, this development can be 100 percent or achieved Madam Speaker, if truly we can have the ward fund anchored in our law.

Madam Speaker, we do realize that before President Kibaki became the leader of this nation, there was the problem we are facing now Madam Speaker, of undeveloped funds, Madam Speaker, and when he introduced the CDF Madam Speaker, through the MPs who are legislators like us Madam Speaker, we can see something being done in the ground by the MPs, Madam Speaker.

I will be very proud Madam Speaker, to see even if I will not be the MCA by then, to see a member elected pointing out I have done this and this to my people, Madam Speaker. and I would wish even when the Governor comes Madam Speaker, advocating himself for the ward fund to be anchored in the law such that Madam Speaker, we shall have members to blame when it is not working but we are being blamed for no good reason, because we do not have the ward fund kit Madam Speaker, and I believe Madam Speaker, the BBI we are fully advocating and fully supporting shall advocate for this and anchor it in the law. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker I want to stand and appreciate the speech of the Governor. Actually it is very well elaborated and I want to request my Hon. Members, let us teach ourselves to appreciate the little we have. At least Machakos County we are somewhere development wise; our Governor has done better than other counties and I have a lot of experience because I have been visiting so many counties when we were on retreat. I can testify on the side of water department on my side, I really appreciate the County Government. We have a very big dam even if it is not yet finished.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Annastaciah from Hon. Grace

Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand here to challenge the Hon. Member.

Hon. Speaker: Are you challenging her really, Hon. Grace? Just inform her.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa: To request her---

Hon. Speaker: Inform her---

Hon. (Ms.) Mutwiwa: Inform her to talk on her own behalf because we all come from different wards; we have different challenges. Personally, I come from Kangundo East. For example, my ECDE class was done foundation last year May so Hon. Member, talk on your own behalf. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Grace. Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you for that information. I concur with you. There are so many projects which are not yet finished but that is not the end of the Governor's job; we still have two more years so Hon. my sister Grace, let us wait and let us give the Governor and his government ample time so that they can do better for our people.

Hon. Speaker, I want to comment on page 4 paragraph 4 on food security. Hon. Speaker, I want to thank the Governor that he has quoted about food security. It is very good to have the Governor who is thinking about food security like now we have a very good harvest and I would like to request the Governor and his government to come up with a structure how we can purchase the food through National Cereal Board for our people to be benefitting from the harvest because we have a lot of brokers who are buying those cereals from our people at a lower price. In Kibauni we have a very good harvest but the problem is marketing.

So my humble request, because we have a store in Kibauni, if the Governor can collaborate with the National Government and see how we can support the people of Machakos County to sell their product with a very good price, could be support our people economically.

The other thing I want to say, Hon. Speaker, is about the water department. He has done a lot and if he has constructed so many dams and boreholes, let these dams and boreholes be fenced and let our people train on how they can come up with a project like tree planting to secure the catchment of those water areas where there is constructed dams because we see in our wards, so many wards like Mwala, let us say Wamunyu, Kibauni, and Katangi, it is dry somehow and we need to emphasize and come up with maybe donor funding or county to come up with some structures to advocate about tree planting so that we can have the catchment area where there is a swamp or where we can access water easily.

So Hon. Speaker, the other thing is about the fencing of those dams like Ikalaasa mega dam. We have a lot of work to do in that dam and I can urge the County Government although they have done fencing but that dam there is remaining work to do so that according to the BQ, the construction was not done well and I understand it was the issue of petty politics so I urge the County Government through the Governor to come and see that dam how full of water is but people to access that water, it is very difficult for them because there is insecurity for the small kids who go to fetch water locally.

So, it is my humble request to ask the Governor to consider all Machakos County dams to be fenced and construct somewhere people can access water through tap and where animals can drink water without using locally; you know I think you understand what I'm saying. So, it is very important for the County Government to do something which is a standard and viable project to our people, Hon. Speaker, because there is no need to start something and you leave that project uncompleted. There are many boreholes, yes, there is so many, but it is very difficult

for people to access that water. Some boreholes are dug in the site of the school and because of the security of our children; teachers don't allow anyone to use the water. We need that water to be piped outside and be piped to the community so that they can use that water in a proper way.

The other thing I want to appreciate our Governor and that is our AOB. I want to appreciate the Governor because of the handshake with Hon. Kalonzo because when they walk together, the better for us the three counties. Hon. Kalonzo is the national leader; Hon. Our Governor is also Governor and is accessing the national leaders like His Excellency the President of this country.

We would like the two of them to sit down with Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta for the issues of our roads. Actually in Lower Eastern, we are marginalized when we come to the side of road construction. So many areas have a tarmacking road through National Government but if you come in Mwala, we don't have any accessible road as now, like from Wamunyu to Kibauni, that road has been used by people to campaign up to today; that road is in a pathetic condition. As at now I want to appreciate our Governor because last week, the CEC roads called me and said because the road is in the National Government, the Governor has said he is going to take responsibility and grade the road and do some murraming.

So, I want to appreciate our Governor and Hon. Members let us pray for our government and for the handshake to be there and to be real because it will make us to be back to this House come 2022 and support our Governor and his government. And Hon. Speaker, I want to challenge you, you are our mother, and we understand where there is a mother there is peace and there is development, sit down, do some consultative meeting with our Governor, see where there is a problem, and we sit down with the Governor. Those issues you hear from the Hon. Members are very true; you have said it is better to say the truth.

Every member here who is elected we are facing a lot of challenges and we would like to sit down with the Governor and you to discuss those petty petty issues about the roads because we understand every road is impassable countrywide because of the rains; we cannot blame anybody. But implementation is very important and is the key; the Ksh. 10 million and Ksh. 15 million, we want those projects which were to be implemented to be actuated and we want to see every member be involved so that we can appreciate the handshake. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Annastacia. Hon. Members, I am now going to give the members who want to contribute one minute each. Please don't allow me to put you down, because if you continue, I will put you down. Most of the things which you are going to say have already been said. If you feel you must say it, you can say it in a very different way but one minute each. Hon. Ikusya, one minute.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker, for granting me this opportunity. Madam Speaker, one minute is too short but---

Hon. Speaker: Can we take another day to continue the debate.

Hon. Kaloki: I will try to condense my presentation, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I am looking at the wall because it is going to 1.00 o'clock and I have a meeting at 1.00 o'clock. That is why I am saying if members you still feel you want to say much more, we can take another day. You can continue with the debate on another day.

Hon. Kaloki: I can be the last contributor, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So please condense in one minute; I still mean the directive I gave.

Hon. Kaloki: Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would want to start by supporting the report from His Excellency the Governor. It is a good report, at least it was short and brief and to the point and again also, I want to say that one scholar said that if you want to be successful, you must learn more than one skill or more than two languages. It is good that we appreciate that I also have some background in construction, a HR person and I'm also a process server. So it is good that you know that I have many backgrounds.

Now to go straight to the point, I want to say two things: for us, I think a lot has been done on the ground by the County Government. Some have been done, others have not been done to the satisfaction of the members of this Assembly and to the satisfaction of the people who elected us, but I want to say Madam Speaker, we only have challenges and the challenges we have are not with the Governor but some of the members of the Executive.

We have some challenges with some departments but not all departments. The Governor needs to sit down with his team and that is why I said I want to summarize and agree with them on the way they are going to engage with the members of this Assembly. These are some of the officers whom we vetted and we gave them the go-ahead to serve the Machakos County people and they are the same officers whom we are unable to access as members of this Assembly.

Two, I want to say that again, different wards have different needs and have different ways of addressing those needs, so it calls upon the initiative of the individual Members of this Assembly to see how best, inasmuch as we say that it is the government which should reach the *mwananchi*, I know the Constitution as I said the other day that the Constitution has been very much unfair to the members of this Assembly or to the Members of the County Assemblies.

We have no kitty of our own; we have to talk to the Executive to initiate projects. So it calls for our own initiative to engage the Executive from where the Governor is sitting or the CECs or the Chief Officers. They may not be able to know whether there is a *mulika mwizi* which has not been operational in my area as the people's representatives. It is our initiative to engage the Executive; this is our initiative also to go to the ground but more also engage the Governor and let him know that we are not being served well by some individuals, not all of them.

Lastly, I want to say that although some members said that we need to speak for our own behalf, Madam Speaker I am elected by Kangundo Ward people but I seat here as a Member of the county Assembly of Machakos; I can speak for the entire county. I will be very brief on that; we know some areas have benefited, especially say for example Kibauni has a dam. In my ward, there is no space for such a massive dam they have benefitted.

We have some areas which have benefitted with stadiums; in my area we may not have ample space for a stadium, but when it comes to some projects like *mulika mwizi*, I will be very honest, let's be very honest, when the County Government took over in 2013, there was no single borehole in my ward but now we have 14 boreholes in Kangundo West ward, 12 are operational, 2 have issue and I am sure in the next two-three weeks, they will be operational.

I have three EDCE classes and as I speak, I have one new health centre, which was completed yesterday. I took an initiative and that is why I am talking about individual initiative. Before the facility is gazetted and handed over back to the government, I took an initiative to talk

to the Ministry of Health and as we speak, we have started what we call outreach programs. Every Tuesday and Thursday, we will be having mobile clinics for our people. As we speak today, there is already an ambulance and a team on the ground. It is about an initiative; I do not need to go to the Governor to beg for such services.

Hon. Speaker: At that point, Hon. Ikusya, the budget that we passed is an itemized, because it is a requirement of the law. Isn't it true that the projects that are to be implemented in each ward are set out in the budget?

Hon. Kaloki: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: So what is difficult by implementing these projects as passed in the budget in each ward?

Hon. Kaloki: As I said Madam Speaker earlier, we have issues and some challenges with individual departments and that is where the Governor needs to whip his people.

As I wind up, as he said in one of the paragraphs, he needs an invitation. Madam Speaker, we would want an open forum like a *Kamukunji* with His Excellency the Governor so that we can tell him the issues that we are facing on the ground and the challenges we are facing with his team without victimizing anyone because they are there, they are real and we need to come out openly. I am a member of the government, but I will not hesitate to tell him that there are some people who are unreachable, some people who cannot even pick our calls, some members of the Executive who are not cooperative and who are unavailable to us and who are unavailable to give services to the people of Machakos County.

There are others who are working; we know the departments which are working; we know the departments which are darlings of this County Assembly and we are ready to cooperate and share all those challenges for the sake of our people, not forgetting that we only have two years and probably 4 to 5 months to go back to the electorates and we cannot go on like this. We have to do something for the sake of our own people and if we want also to come back in 2022, Madam Speaker. So kindly, let us have that meeting as soon as possible. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Cosmos, one minute.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker; I will try to be very brief. I would like first to look at page one, on the three main points where we are. Some areas Ksh. 10 million projects have not been implemented. Where we are going Madam Speaker, we want the Ksh. 15 million projects and how do we get there, Madam Speaker? Can our leadership, headed by you Madam Speaker, organize a meeting with the Executive for us to use the Ksh. 15 million for projects being anchored on the June budget for them to be implemented? Madam Speaker, when you look at the Universal Health Care, I had a feeling that as the chair, Health, we need to invite both the Chief Officer and the CEC to give us some light on the same.

Madam Speaker I agree they have done big progress on health matters but still, issues of referrals to very small facilities within our areas are on the rise. Madam Speaker the issue of no medicine is on the rise again and we need to have both the Chief Officers and to be more

specific, on Level Five and Fours, Madam Speaker even the simple lab tests are not available within our hospitals.

Madam Speaker, it is also good to know that within Four Billion, I want to understand we have Two Billion which are meant for conditional grants, leaving us with only two billion for projects. Madam Speaker, again I want to believe we passed a motion here to have the ambulances being managed from the sub-county MoH. We need to get some information from the Implementation committee if the same has been implemented.

Madam Speaker, yesterday as I was walking across my ward, I met a child who was epileptic and had to be tied by his parents to make sure that he doesn't topple. I took the child to the education office where I realized that we still have some funds which are being sent to our primary schools made for these special cases. Madam Speaker, as Hon. Members, I don't think we know that we need to have our Chief Officer give us some light on these funds which are being channeled to these primary schools on the same.

Otherwise Madam Speaker I would like to rest my case there and lastly, on the youth fund, this House needs to make sure that there is some equity and affordable means of accessing the funds. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Johana.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to support his Excellency the Governor of Machakos speech and especially on the three thematic points which form this speech. Madam Speaker, addressing the issue of where we have come from and supporting the Statement where we have come from and supporting the Statement that the Machakos of 2012 and the Machakos of 2020 are different, I agree with evidence of what has already been done in my ward. People used to walk kilometers to fetch water and such distances have been reduced.

Madam Speaker, on the same on where we are, I would request the County Executive, under the leadership of His Excellency, to address the issue of sustainability. I could be talking of 10 boreholes on record maybe a year ago, you realize possibly a few are functional. Just to quote, I have like four boreholes, Kasaini borehole, I have AIC Mutituni borehole, I also have Kaloleni and Mithini boreholes which are not functioning as we speak today.

Madam Speaker it is common knowledge that machines have a life span and some of these machines or pumps were installed almost within the same period and therefore likely also to break down at the expiry of some period of lifespan almost at the same time and therefore they need for preparedness when forming our budgets Madam Speaker, the Executive should be taking into consideration that element of sustainability and that will answer the second thematic area of where we are going.

Otherwise, if we were not careful, we would now be making a U-turn to where we have come from. However, with proper planning on sustainability, we would be able now to go and ask ourselves where we are going and how we are getting there. Madam Speaker, to support that, I would also like to address page 5, on one of the challenges His Excellency the Governor has addressed and that is on the revenue collection. I would request His Excellency, with all due respect, as he forges ahead to take this county to a First World status, to uproot the corrupt officers in his government because without honest officers, it would be impossible to have or to maximize revenue collection which would otherwise now see us getting half funds to take this county to the next level.

Madam Speaker, to end my presentation, I join his Excellency the Governor of Machakos in support of Building Bridges Initiative and especially on matters of Ward Development Fund. Madam Speaker, this proposal of BBI with factoring of the ward development funds will ensure that our people feel the reason or feel what devolution is and I am sure we will be able to do our oversight mandate without any coalition with a lot of ease and we will also be able to ensure that development projects are maybe distributed equally towards the wards in the Republic of Kenya. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Johana. Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Hon Speaker. Madam Speaker, I will be very brief on the Governor's address, which I'm supporting, and especially the fact that he requested for an invitation so that we may meet him as the Hon. House to address some of the issues that are still affecting the Hon. Members.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Steve, allow me just maybe because I have heard that repeated by members severally, I just want to set the record clear. The address of the State of the County is a legal obligation on the part of the Governor under section 32(k) of the County Governments Act. So, when it is your legal obligation you don't ask to be invited to do that obligation and it runs from Article 132 of the Constitution where the President is equally obligated to a State of the Nation address to the National Parliament. But even adding to that, last year we invited the Governor; we just took it upon ourselves to invite him to come and address us. So, with that kind of information in mind, I think we are guided especially on our submissions.

Hon. Mwanthi: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker, though there are two issues that he talked of. I understand in his address, he said 'today my remarks will be short because I will avail myself later in this Important House to deliver my State of the County address and then there is another one that he has also said that he will come with an invitation to meet the Hon. Members. So personally, I was on that one whereby we can interact with him and now tell him of the issues that are affecting us just as Hon. Ikusya said that there are some departments that have failed totally and it is also good that we tell him some of those departments.

Not failing to mention on the health department that is somehow doing good in some areas especially in the Level Five and Level Four as Hon. Ndawa said, 80 per cent of patients from my ward actually are referred to Matuu Level Four and we have not been having some issues and it is good sometimes to give credit where it is. I think in that department we are doing well considering even when you call the Minister from those departments and the Chief Officers, at least they do address some of the issues even if they do not implement but other departments especially on roads, Madam Speaker there is a very big problem.

We also have problems in the Department of Energy whereby Madam Speaker, we have so many *mulika mwizis* that are not working and it is good the issue be addressed soonest because our members of public are also on us. So, thank you Madam Speaker, I had only that.

Concerning the issue of water is another issue that we are having; most of the boreholes have also stalled, not stalling but they are faulty and they need some maintenance. We followed for the last four months but there is nothing coming forthwith. So, those are some of the issues that we would want to be addressed by the Executive and see how best we can do. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen. Hon. Musyimi.

Hon. Musyimi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Madam Speaker, a lot has been said by Hon. Members and I will not repeat the same but Madam Speaker, my contribution will be on page 6 chapter 3 and above, Madam Speaker it talks about youth empowerment. Madam Speaker, it is true that his Excellency the Governor had a meeting with the youth in February 19th 2020. Madam Speaker the issue of youth actually is challenging. The lack of employment in the youth is alarming. We have many youth who are not employed and they are suffering a lot. Madam Speaker, it is my wish, and I request Hon. Members that we support the Governor to increase investors in our county so that he may handle the issue of unemployment in our youths.

The other thing Madam Speaker is about the fund which is set to give the youth loans. Madam Speaker, there is also a problem in that fund. Madam Speaker, the fund is issuing very little money to the youth, that is at the start; money that cannot afford to do the business. Madam Speaker, the money they are giving the youth even it will end up even the youth have started the business. It will end up just during the preparation. It is my request that the managers of the fund to make another regulation which will offer more loan to the youth. If I may suggest, the little they may give the youth group should be about Ksh. 1 Million.

Madam Speaker, they are offering money, which cannot do business; a group of 10 people being given Kshs 50,000; it cannot make any good difference to the youth. So, I beg that the managers of the fund make other regulations which will help the youth.

Madam Speaker, to finalize, I will talk a little on the Ksh. 10 million project. Here as a House, we gave the budget and the budget was not utilized; it was not implemented in our wards 100%. Madam Speaker, there are many projects which have not been done. In my ward, I gave two ECDE classes and even today, there was no contractor who has been sent in my ward or even if he was sent, he never came. Therefore, Madam Speaker I am wondering where the money went. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musyimi. Hon. Jeremiah and Hon. Minority Leader, the mover of the motion please prepare to reply. This is as a way of thanking members.

Hon. Munguti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Much has been said on the Governor's speech Madam Speaker, but my input just to emphasize what members have said is that from the speech Madam Speaker, we have the food security which is a very pertinent issue in our county. As earlier said, we have bumper harvest in the majority of our wards and one thing I would request the County Government of Machakos is that they ensure that we as an Assembly set up a policy which should ensure that our farm products from our electorates are being marketed.

Another issue is on the issue of PWDs which has not been mentioned by anyone here. It is my strong belief that even the PWDs have a share in the budget of this County Government and Madam Speaker, in the previous speeches, the Governor, has also skipped the PWDs and it is my strong belief that they have a share. So, Madam Speaker I'm requesting that we have schools which can accommodate the PWDs because in my ward, I have organized groups of PWDs and the same groups have got school going children who are not able to access some facilities and also some things like the latrines because they cannot share the same latrines with the other pupils.

We have also lack of the National Council Identification Cards, which they need to have so that the grown up people, you know they are very much taxed on the issues of when they are buying commodities. These are things, which they should not be doing because they need to be exempted in the tax paying. So, those are the things that our county needs to do.

Also on the issue of health, I want to congratulate the County Government through his Excellency the Governor because as we have been going through the facilities we have, especially the Level V and Level IV, you actually concur with me that we have a department which is doing very good. The dialysis which Madam Speaker is even fetching people far and wide from either Makueni County and Kitui County for people to come and be diagnosed with kidney failures and the dialysis unit is doing very well and also the ICU which can accommodate at least six patients in our county.

On the issue of the same, this is the cards, which were given to members to access free medical services, it is good and it is working for our people because majority of our people are accessing services for free.

On the issue of empowering the youth, Madam Speaker, I want to also congratulate the Governor because of the issue of sports. We are nurturing talents through the Department of Sports because last year December we had several clubs invited in the Machakos Stadium for Betika tournament which Madam Speaker, I can see it is improving the talents of our youth and therefore I call upon the County Government to ensure that we do a partnership with the private sports groups so that we can ensure that our youth are empowered in the issue of talent nurturing.

On the issue of tourism, we have several tourism attraction areas like the Macmillan House in Matungulu North and also Thui, which is in Matungulu East. Those are tourist attraction features which we can use so that our people can benefit on the same.

Madam Speaker as I conclude, I wondered when Hon. King'ori was giving his sentiments by saying nothing has been done in Muthwani ward and I was going visiting some of my friends in Muthwani ward, I found a road which was being tarmacked by the name Kinka road, and also a borehole which was done, and then two tanks set and reticulation done and therefore I want to say we give credit where it is due and criticize where there is a critic to be done.

Therefore I want to concur with this report and say that it is a good report and we must ensure that our Implementation committee is put on toes so that we can have a week on checking on our projects so that we can see where we have failed. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Minority Leader Kamitu, please reply.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, one, for your guidance when the Hon. Members were making their remarks in regard and in relation to the speech by His Excellency the Governor, Dr. Alfred Mutua.

Madam Speaker, as you have said, I just want to be very brief because Madam Speaker, we have heard from the Hon. Members they have gone through this document, they have given out their responses and it is on that strength Madam Speaker that I will say, it is also important through your guidance Madam Speaker, that it is true the Governor is supposed to come to this Assembly or the Members of this County Assembly are supposed to meet the Governor where they are supposed to air what is exactly happening on the ground.

As the Leader of the Minority and the eyes of the Government, Madam Speaker, the good thing is that all the responses made by the Hon. Members have been captured by the HANSARD, so on the strength of the report that is going to be made and forwarded to the Governor, my

appeal as you said Madam Speaker, let us get time when the Governor receives the report we should also get time in collaboration with the Governor so that we may go now see the document and see exactly what is the way forward for the electorate under the leadership of this Assembly and the Executive and in collaboration with the public participation that were carried out by the Hon. Members so that whatever has been captured and whatever also will come to this Assembly will be implemented because that is the essence of us being elected into this Hon. House and that is the essence Governor was elected because we are supposed to give services to the electorates as a team. So Madam Speaker, my appeal today is that let's walk together for the purpose of giving service to the members of Machakos.

Also in this document, Madam Speaker, the Governor also talked about us being focused, being patriotic and that is the Statement that as Hon. Members we are supposed to go together. Madam Speaker, my appeal to Hon. Members is also we don't want to hear of scuffles in this House because when there are some frictions, we cannot move. Any development should come out from members who are sober, from the Executive who are sober, from the Executive who can listen to Hon. Members because we are elected to get grievances for the electorates, so any representations that we do, any legislative thing that we do, any address to this Assembly by the Governor should be purposely directed to the electorates who made us to be here.

So as the Minority Leader, Hon Speaker, it is going to be read, I don't want to repeat again, it is going to be sent to the Governor so that at the end, everything that has been responded here should be put into practice. Once again, let's walk together as one Assembly, let us collaborate with the Executive for a purpose and for good leadership of Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Minority Leader Alex Kamitu.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Members, the directions from the Chair are as follows;

1. The HANSARD on this debate be prepared urgently and the same will be forwarded to the Governor on the issues that the members have raised and the same will go with a forwarding letter that is seeking that the Governor makes arrangements to meet the House leadership led by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader to discuss the concerns of the members that have been aired on the floor of this House.
2. A reminder be sent by the Assembly to the Governor, that under section 30(2) of the County Governments Act, he is required to give an annual State of the County Address before the Assembly and that this needs to be done urgently noting that in the past two years or so, it hasn't been done. It is supposed to be an annual event.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: With that Hon. Members, the sitting of the House is adjourned. It is going to resume on 25th February, 2020 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you Hon. Members.

The House rose at 1.25 p.m.

