

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MACHAKOS**

**OFFICIAL REPORT**

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

The House met at 11.07 a.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF  
MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

**Hon. Speaker:** I call upon Hon. Nzioka, Majority Leader to proceed.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka,** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Committee on Appointments is established under the provisions of Standing Order 184(1) whose composition consists of the Speaker who shall be the chairperson, the Deputy Speaker; the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party; and not more than four other members nominated by the House Business Committee, on the basis of the proportional party membership in the Assembly taking into consideration the numerical strength of the parties and interests of independent members;

Hon. Speaker, aware that Assembly parties proposed members to serve in the Committee on Appointments, which were thereafter nominated by the House Business Committee;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 184(1), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointments in addition to those specified in the same Standing Order:

1. Hon. Winfred Mutua
2. Hon. Francis Kitaka
3. Hon. Brian Kisila
4. Hon. Peter Kilonzo

**STATEMENT**  
BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 4TH OCTOBER, 2022

**Hon. Speaker:** I call upon Hon. Nzioka to give the Statement.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka**, (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on Monday, 3rd October, 2022 to prioritize business for the House as forwarded by Committees and Hon. Members pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151(6)(d). The Committee balloted as follows:

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

*Morning at 10.00 a.m.*

- (a) Motion on approval of membership of the Committee on Appointments by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority.
- (b) Procedural motion on varying nomination of members to sectoral committees by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority.
- (c) Motion that the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2022; continuation of Debate by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority.

*Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.*

- (a) Motion on Approval of Report of Committee on Selection on appointment of Members to Committees by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority.
- (b) Motion on Adjournment of the House by Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Leader of Majority.

### **MOTIONS**

#### **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Nzioka, kindly move the motion.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka**, (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Committee on Appointments is established under the provisions of Standing Order 184(1) whose composition consists of: the Speaker who shall be the chairperson, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party and not more than four other members nominated by the House Business Committee, on the basis of the proportional Party membership in the Assembly taking into consideration the numerical strength of the parties and interests of independent members; Hon. Speaker, aware that Assembly parties proposed members to serve in the Committee on Appointments, which were thereafter nominated by the House Business Committee; Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion THAT pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 184(1), this House approves the appointment of the following Members to the Committee on Appointments in addition to those specified in the same Standing Order:

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Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request the Leader of the Minority Party to second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Leader of the Minority Party please proceed.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Seconded.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite Members to debate the motion. Members, the floor is yours. Mheshimiwa Ndawa.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I stand before the House to support the motion before this House on the basis of the urgency. Madam Speaker, as you are aware the government has three arms; we have legislature, executive and Judiciary and for the case Machakos, we have two arms County executive and County Assembly. Madam Speaker, the two arms have to work hand in hand because each arm depends on the other arm. Madam Speaker, the arm of the executive as per now, is not complete because we only have the Governor and the Deputy Governor.

We do not have CECMs and COs in place so that means if we do not approve this report, we will not be able to sit and ensure that we have CECMs and COs in office. Madam Speaker, I am aware the Governor was supposed to submit a list of nominees to the position of CECMs and I believe the report must have reached your office. Madam Speaker, it is the role of the Assembly to approve those members and for the Hon. Members or the Assembly to do so, the names must be interviewed by the committee we are talking about here.

So, Madam Speaker, I am requesting the Hon. Members present to agree with the report so that we can pave way for the process to start because as it is now, we are not moving. There is what we call in English embargo; there is an embargo so let us remove this embargo so that we can have a complete Executive. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Any Hon. Member to contribute?  
Mheshimiwa.

**Hon. Stephen Mwanthi** (Ekalakala, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I support the motion that there is dire need for this House to approve this appointments committee to pave way for what Mheshimiwa Ndawa has just said that there is a need to start the exercise of vetting the CECMs that will be presented before the House, County Secretary and any other position and if you look at the list that has been submitted, I also believe it has considered various political parties and interests of Members. So, I support the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I now invite the mover to reply.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka**, (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Honestly, I want to thank Members of the County Assembly for supporting the motion of course without the Appointments Committee, it would be very difficult to employ the CECMs and the COs. So it is good that we are facilitating the other side of the Government, the Executive to enable them to perform their duties. Hon. Members, thank you, very much.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### VARYING NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SECTORAL COMMITTEES

**Hon. Speaker:** May I call upon Hon. Nicholas Nzioka, Majority Leader and Machakos Central Ward Member to move the motion. Please proceed.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka**, (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Speaker, that aware that the Committee on Selection is mandated to nominate or substitute members to serve in Committees, save for the membership of the House Business Committee and Committee on Appointments pursuant to Standing Order 152(2);  
Aware that the committee is in the process of nominating members to serve in various Committees of this Assembly;  
Aware that Standing Order 154(3) provides that no member shall be appointed to serve in more than two Sectoral committees except as the Assembly may otherwise resolve on recommendation of the Committee on Selection for reasons to be stated;  
Aware that in nominating members to committees, the committee encountered the challenge of not able to fill all the thirteen slots in sectoral committees and the exercise would have left some committees lacking members to the extent of lacking quorum;  
Further aware that the committee encountered few slots in select committees thus unable to nominate each member in at least one select committee;  
Aware that the committee observed that if allowed to nominate some members in to three sectoral committees, all members will be able to get almost equal number of committees and this will ensure balance and fairness;  
Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that, pursuant to Standing Order 154(3) this Assembly approves the Committee on Selection appoints some members to serve in three sectoral committees to ensure fair distribution.  
Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I now call upon the Hon. Whip to second the motion.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Whip proceed.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka**, (Machakos Central, WDM-K): I am well guided that he is not a member of the Selection Committee. Sorry! So I call upon the Minority Leader to second the motion.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC) seconded.

*(Question proposed)*

I now invite members to debate.

**Hon. Speaker:** Mheshimiwa Ndawa.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to support the motion which has been brought by my dear brother Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Speaker, the issue before us has been a stumbling block to the Committee on Selection and why I am saying so, if we go by what the Standing Order says, no member will belong to more than two sectoral committees and Madam Speaker we will be opening a lacuna.

According to Standing Order 152(2), we will be opening a lacuna or we will be creating a situation whereby the committees will not be having quorum and as you are aware Madam Speaker, the Assembly works through committees. If we do not have quorum, the committee cannot have a legal capacity to transact any business without the prerequisite quorum. Madam Speaker, why we have brought this motion before the House is to remove that stumbling block so that the Selection Committee can go ahead and table the list of nominees in various committees.

I am very sure if the committee goes as per the Standing Orders, we will have a lot of fight in this House because every member is entitled to at least four committees and if we go by this, Members will not be able to get three or four committees so we are kindly requesting the Hon. Members present, kindly let us not waste a lot of time on this. Just give a green light so that we can be able to move because if we do not approve this it means now the report of selection will not come to this House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Ngunga.

**Hon. Francis Ngunga** (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have been very keen listening to the debate that is ongoing and it looks like the Leader of Majority was faced with a challenge when he was apportioning members to committees and I think this challenge was actually brought in by our Standing Orders. So, now procedurally, when the Leader of Majority is faced with this challenge, it is upon the House to look at where the problem is, and the problem here is with the Standing Orders.

So I do not know with your advice Madam Speaker, whether it will be prudent for us to go ahead and say that we open without having to change the Standing Orders because that time we will now be breaching the Standing Orders that govern us. We are having a challenge of Standing Orders that govern us; it is actually very interesting because I am meeting this Standing Order for the first time. I have been in this House for long enough to be called a Father of this House, I remember.

*(Loud consultations)*

Just a minute, Madam Speaker. I wish I could finish this; this is the first time I am seeing this and it seems like this Standing Orders were actually changed and whether it was procedural I do not know---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ngunga, you can get the information. Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCP): Thank you Madam Speaker. I agree with my brother Hon. Ngunga but the same Standing Orders have given a leeway, that with the leave of the House, Members can be placed in many committees. So that is the information I just wanted to give to Mheshimiwa.

**Hon. Francis Ngunga** (Mua, MCCP): I have no problem with that Madam Speaker, The only thing I wanted us to guard against is where we are going to use our numbers to muscle against our Standing Orders. Standing Orders, you must realize that this is a House of procedure, it is a House of rules and when we have a rule that govern us that rule must be circumnavigated in the right way. So if Mheshimiwa the Leader of Minority says that there is way out, I have no problem with that but I do not want that way out to be a wall that we are breaking because tomorrow that same wall will be used by other people to also muscle the same Standing Orders that we so guard.

So, again Madam Speaker, looking at what Majority Leader is saying, time is of essence because of course this is now the third month since we were elected and we have become....actually I was looking at my pays slip the other day and I was very surprised to see the pay that came around and you know for Members to able to earn they must also work and we work through committees. So, if you have no committees then that we are going to dis-employ ourselves and actually we are dis-employing ourselves.

So, I want to support the Leader of Majority to move with speed and apportion members to these committees but care must be taken to ensure that at least Standing Orders are not broken. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. On the issue of Standing Orders being amended, I do not think it is necessary because first of all, there is a proviso that gives us leeway to enlarge the distribution. So that matter is settled. Mheshimiwa Felix you can make your contribution.

*(Applause)*

**Member for Katangi** (Hon. Felix Ngui, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am standing to support the motion that the Majority Leader leading the committee on Selection be given leeway to appoint members in more than two committees. Initially I wanted to raise on a point concerning our Standing Orders 1 that gives the Speaker express authority to give the direction on our Standing Orders where it is not properly guided and in that regard Madam Speaker, I want to say that there is a saying by the English people that the law is meant to serve people not the people to serve the law.

So, in this matter I would request that we bend the law or else allow the Majority Leader and the committee to go ahead and apportion members to different sectoral committees. Madam Speaker let me finish please---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Let him finish please.

**Hon. Felix Ngui** (Katangi, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to request the House to approve that the Committee on Selection be given an authority to appoint Members to more than two sectoral committees so that Members can be able to deliver on their mandate. I want to believe that most of the business in this House is generated or is done at the Committee level and when we do not have quorum in the committees that means that the members will be denied an opportunity to execute their mandate. So, I support that we move ahead and allow them to allocate members to more than two sectoral committees. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I want to bring to your attention that I have already handled the issue of distribution and that matter is settled; we do not need to keep on on it. It should not come up again. I feel if you want to contribute just contribute to support or not supporting. Hon. Mbuva.

**Member for Kangundo West** (Hon. Charles Mbuva, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. From the onset, let me say I support the motion. Let me first of all thank the Wiper Democratic Party for being courteous and magnanimous to consider Members of this House who are Independents and single member parties. We got opportunity to sit in the committee of Selection courtesy of Wiper Democratic Party donating one of their positions and the Members of caucus that exists in this House that brings together the independence and single member parties, PTP and UDA, gave me that opportunity to represent them in the Selection committee.

Madam Speaker, we as the Independent and single member parties were the people who faced the risk of missing even opportunity to get a committee because we did not qualify when slots were being shared according to party strengths. Those members who belong to my caucus were not qualified; we did not have a position that we qualify to give a member of a committee so we were relying on donations from the parties who qualified and I want to thank the Wiper Democratic Party again. Allow me---

**Hon. Speaker:** May be we can get the information first. Hon. Lucky.

**Member for Matungulu West** (Hon. Lucky Nzau, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I continue thanking the great people of Matungulu West, I would like to request the House whether the Member is in order because according to what he is saying he is pre-emptying what Selection Committee did and it is yet to be discussed. Is the Member in order please? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ngunga; I hope you are not contributing to the issue of....proceed.

**Hon. Francis Ngunga** (Mua, MCCC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think in addition to what Hon. Whip is saying, it is good for Hon. Mbuva to be informed that choices have consequences. When you chose to run alone or when they chose to go to a small party, choices have consequence because big parties were there and this is a payback time my brother so this you must get to know.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mwonga.

**Hon. Joshua Mwonga** (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want also to inform Hon. Mbova. Is it Mbova or Mbuva? Whichever but it is the Member before he was interrupted. Madam Speaker, I want to inform him that it is not a favour which was done by the bigger parties; it is their right and it is enshrined in Standing Order 154(2) and if I can be allowed I can read Madam Speaker...

**Hon. Speaker:** No. It is not necessary.

**Hon. Joshua Mwonga** (Masinga Central, WDM-K): It is not but my brother, read the Standing Order 154(2). It is not a favour; it is your right.

**Hon. Speaker:** He is guided and I want to guide you through how you will finish. Support the motion only.

**Hon. Charles Mbuva** (Kangundo West, GDDP): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand guided; may be because of my Christian values I felt I was very thankful.

*(Laughter)*

I just felt obliged; you just forgive me for being very thankful.

**Hon. Speaker:** That is okay.

**Hon. Charles Mbuva** (Kangundo West, GDDP): I would not wish to go to the merits or the details or what happened in the Selection Committee; I am not ready to go there. I just want to be on record that some parties showed a lot of magnanimity and we are very grateful. We are going to benefit from the benefits of this motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. I now call upon the mover to reply.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDP-K): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would really want to thank the Members for allowing the Committee on Selection to work for the benefit of all the Members in the House. As Mheshimiwa Ngunga has put it rightly put it that without committees we will not be working and then we will not deserve any pay. So,



as we prepare to bring the report in the afternoon, I really want to thank the Members for giving us the leeway to proceed as we have requested. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

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

*(Hon. Nicholas Nzioka on 04.10.2022)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 28.09.2022)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I call upon Hon. Nicholas Nzioka to proceed and introduce the debate.

**Hon. Nicholas Nzioka** (Machakos Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Members, you remember that on 27th September, 2022 H.E the Governor Wavinya Ndeti addressed this House and today we will continue with the debate of her address to the House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** I now call upon the Hon. Members to debate the Governor's speech; the floor is yours. Hon. Ndeti.

**Hon. Helen Ndeti** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to comment on the Governor's Speech and personally I wish to thank the Assembly for having given us this speech a few days before the debate. I am sure we have all read it and looking at it, Madam Governor, H.E. Wavinya Ndeti has captured most of the areas she had put in her manifesto her captured in her speech.

I like the fact that she has put a lot of emphasis on very crucial sectors of our economy and when we talk of Machakos, water is an issue which she has put a lot of emphasis on water, agriculture, education and without having to mention all of them because there is room for every Member of this House to debate on the same, I am happy with the speech and her manifesto and I am sure if whatever is put in that speech is going to be implemented, the people of Machakos are going to be a happy lot. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Ndeti. Hon. Paul.

**Hon. Paul Wambua** (Kibauni, PTP): Thank you, Madam Speaker for catching my eye. I keenly listened and read the Governor's Speech and I was happy that the three pillars upon which she based her development agenda; food, security, social economic welfare and infrastructure are very key issues that touch on our people's lives on daily basis.

On water, for instance, there is a process that is ongoing of de-silting dams. She has intentions of doing weirs and distribution of water that is in our boreholes. On health, we have seen she has already started movement towards purchasing and trying to safeguard the medicines that are purchased. Agriculture, although we live in a county that is classified as semi-arid, she is in the process of distributing seeds.

Although the speech was nice and touched on various aspects of lives of our people, there is something I felt missed on health; when we met the Governor, as selected members sometimes

back, she had promised we will have a subsidy or some form of support in the form of National Health Insurance Fund for our people especially the aged and I felt that is a very integral part of service provision in terms of health to our people.

On agriculture, we have River Athi which is very useful resource that cuts across large parts of our county and I felt that we needed to support our people more so that we improve on food security and income-generating ventures for our people. I would suggest that we seek possibilities of having technology such as hydrams for organized groups that would work along the river to increase food security for our people.

On education, she elaborated on baby-care, feeding programs for our children and the bursary program. However, there is a very serious section of our population that is going to waste because they have not gained skills that can help them in their lives and this is where the polytechnics lie which is a county government function and I personally feel that this county government should work very hard to develop, equip and have sufficient human resource for our polytechnics so that our youth and those who want to learn can get essential skills to enable them become productive.

I also would propose schools for people living disabilities where possible. When I was campaigning, Madam Speaker, I realized in Kibauni for instance, there are many people living with disabilities who cannot get education because we do not have specialized schools for them. Finally, the county has employed ECDE teachers but not sufficient to cover all our schools and therefore I would urge the Executive to worker harder towards achieving 100 per cent employment of our teachers.

About our markets, it has always been my belief that, these markets that generate income for the County should get services from our County Government. I would urge the Executive to ensure that in markets where we pay taxes we get services such as cleaning and public toilets. Those are nitty-grities which the Executive can work on.

Finally, on the pending bills which I am very sure at some point this House will discuss; a lot of audit needs to be done both on paper and on the ground so that we know where we are and the County pays what it is supposed to pay. Otherwise, I feel the intentions of the Governor are very good and she has the feeling of the people in her heart and I am very sure with the support of this House we will do a lot. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you too, Hon. Member. Hon. Ndawa then Hon. Douglas.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa (Matuu, MCCP):** Thank you Madam Speaker. I will start by saying the address of the Governor was the best according to my assessment. Of all the addresses that have been given, I want to classify this as the best because in that speech, all that is happening on the ground is what is captured in the Governors speech. Madam Speaker, the Governor almost touched almost all the sectoral departments that are bestowed to the County Government.

From the speech of the Governor, starting with the issue of health, the Governor is passionate about this department. Madam Speaker, the issue of health is provided for in Article 43 of the Constitution and it is not given as a privilege but as a right that every Kenyan is entitled to the highest standard of health. From that Article, the Governor is ensuring that every resident of Machakos gets the highest standard of medical health or support. So on health, I want to give the Governor 100 per cent.

She talked about ensuring that we de-congest Machakos level V Hospital and from the speech, the Governor intends to ensure that all Level IV hospitals are well-equipped and have

enough staff so that some of the reasons that bring patients from other sub counties to Machakos Level V can be addressed down at Level IV. She went further and said there will be Level III in every ward; this means that the services will be brought nearer to the people. Therefore, she is very much concerned with the essence of devolution which is to take services closer to wananchi. I do not want to talk much about health because much has been said.

On the issue of water, Madam Speaker from the Constitution, Article 43(1)(d) says that every Kenyan is entitled to clean and safe water and part of it says and in adequate quantities. This means if you consume 10 liters a day, you are entitled to be given the 10 liters and I can see my Governor here is very much concerned about ensuring that the residents of Machakos get water. From the speech, Madam Speaker, the Governor talked about rapid de-silting initiative and as we talk that is the work that is supposed to be done within the first 100 days.

Madam Speaker, we want to report here, what the Governor told us in this House is exactly what is happening on the ground. We have operational graders in every sub-county that are operational and work is going on. We have bulldozers and excavators de-silting our earth dams in almost all the sub-counties. So from the speech of the Governor, this proves that she concentrates much in work, not talking because what she says is exactly what she is doing.

Madam Speaker, one of the issues that was raised by the Governor that I was keen to hear is about ward development fund. In 2014, this House enacted Machakos Ward Development Fund Bill No. 2 of 2014 and it proposed that we have Ward Development Fund Committees that what supposed to man the funds. The Governor made a promise before this House that she is going to ensure that this Act is operationalized and I want to say *heko* to the Governor for that promise. I know whatever she tells us it will happen.

Madam Speaker, on issue of education, she said that there is a class of kids she promised to start what we call baby care because some mothers are very young and if they stay at home to take care of that young boy or young girl, she may not have time to go and look for food for the others. So, the Governor has come up with a solution to this problem and we need to support the Governor to ensure that her dream comes true.

On the same issue of education, Madam Speaker, the schoolgoing kids in most parts of the County, when they wake up in the morning instead of preparing to go to school they take a jerrican of water and rush to the nearby river or water source so they spend a lot of time going for that noble product or water. The Governor in her speech said that she is going to ensure that we have sources of water near the schools and near in almost in every village so that the schoolgoing kids can concentrate on education alone. We do not want to make our kids to be doing the work of donkey.

Madam Speaker the issue of the three pillars about food security, socio-economic empowerment and infrastructure. Those are the pillars that the Governor is working on and Madam Speaker I am requesting these Hon. House seated here; the Hon. Governor was elected by the majority of Machakos voters. We were also elected, those who came through parties were also elected because the party fronted your name to be in this House. I am calling upon my colleagues Hon. Members; let us assist the Governor to ensure that all what is contained in this speech is actualized and I am very sure by so doing, if the Governor is successful it means also the Assembly is also successful. So the success of the Governor will be our success. The failure of the Governor will be our failure. We all need to be re-elected again.

Madam Speaker the rank and file down in our Wards need nothing else apart from development. They do not want to hear that so and so was opposing so and so. Madam Speaker, we all came through different avenues. Myself, I came through Maendeleo Chap Chap, my

brother here Hon. Majority Leader came through WDM-K and others came through and others came through other political parties. I am calling upon my colleagues and Hon. Members; we now belong to one party known as Machakos County Assembly. Let us do the work which brought us to this House.

Madam Speaker if you board a bus in my Ward in my town known as Matuu heading to Nairobi and once you reach Nairobi, you will alight from the bus and you will let the bus go. Do what brought you to that particular town then on going back you will see whether you catch the bus to take you home. Let us not concentrate on issues of political parties forgetting what we were brought to this House to do. I am not saying we abandon the political parties---

*(Hon. Mutisya Kivuva spoke off record)*

Madam Speaker I beg for your protection.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Restrict yourselves to the discussion of the speech.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Thank you. I am well-guided, Madam Speaker. In fact, I just wanted to say let us all and I am repeating again, let us all support the agenda of the Governor and when we support the agenda of the Governor the electorate will be the beneficiary and us as elected Members or members in Lancaster House we will also be beneficiaries. Madam Speaker, one thing that I heard is about the *mama mbogas* and the Jua Kali the Governor said she is going to excuse them to do their business without paying anything and I want to agree with the Governor because these are people---

**Hon. Speaker:** We can have the information.

**Hon. Hellen Ndeti** (Nominated, WDM-K): The Hon. Member has already talked over five minutes and I think the standing orders are very clear. Other Members would like to contribute please.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you,

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): One more minute---

**Hon. Speaker:** No just conclude.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): Madam Speaker, from the practice of the other Houses, ranking Members are given more time than the new ones and I believe I am a ranking Member of this House so kindly let us be patient. I am concluding---

**Hon. Speaker:** I am giving you like half a minute.

**Hon. Mbili Ndawa** (Matuu, MCCC): I am saying we agree that these people the *mama mbogas* be excused and I am requesting because the Governor said that she is going to work

with Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), this is a recommendation I am making to the Governor; Madam Speaker, these volunteers have volunteered for a very long time without getting any pay. I am requesting the Hon. Governor to consider putting them on a payroll even if they will be earning Ksh. 2,000 per month *ama* Ksh. 3,000 per month, at least they will have something to feed their kids. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. I had identified you before Hon. Douglas Proceed.

**Hon. Douglas Musyoka** (Masii, MCCP): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for catching my eye. I wish first to thank the great people of Masii for electing me to represent them in this Hon. House. I also wish to thank my party which is Maendeleo Chap Chap also for nominating me and guiding me all through until I got this great position. On the Governor's speech, I wish to commend our able Governor and Hon. Members, I have noted that we have one of the best Governors around this region. Our Governor, if you have noted, I can term her as a workaholic; she is hands-on in whatever thing that she is doing.

(Applause)

That is exactly what we as the County Government of Machakos have been missing. Our Governor, at any given time, is very much well briefed on what is happening on the ground and most of the time, if you Hon. Members have noted, the Governor is like almost everywhere during the normal days.

During her address to this Hon. House, the Governor mentioned the three aspects or the three development pillars which majorly affect our people and to note Madam Speaker, I would commend the Governor on the *Barabara Mashinani* initiative. We as elected Members are very proud of that initiative. Majority of Members sitting in this House have already received graders in their respective Wards; something which has not happened before and even from experience and comparing this Hon. House with the previous House, I would see the Hon. Members running around and soliciting for funds from our dear constituents so as to fuel the graders and do roads which is the responsibility of the County Government.

For your information, Madam Speaker, I was even surprised to see a fuel tanker on the ground to refuel our graders which is a very great initiative from our Governor. It is my prayer and my wish our Governor continues with the same initiative all through.

(Applause)

Second to note from the Governor's speech, Madam Speaker, is the issue about education. Just as she noted about the Wavinya Baby Care program within our Wards, I commend that initiative and I promise to support my Governor to attain or to achieve it. When you go back to our rural homes, you will find out that majority of our middle-aged ladies are held back at home at the time of baby feeding. If the woman or a lady has a child who has not yet joined school, these women cannot do anything. Most of the time they stay at their home looking for their babies but from the Governor's speech when she talked of the Wavinya baby care program, these ladies will have the autonomy. They will have the time to move out and look for

something like an income-generating activity so that we can improve our economy back at home.

On the same matter, Madam Speaker, with the same Wavinya baby care program we know that our County and not only our County but our nation is majorly faced with unemployment. Huge numbers of our people and also youths are not employed. We know this Wavinya care program will create jobs for our people back at home. This Wavinya baby care program will employ ladies and men who, at the end of the day, will emerge as bread winners to their respective families.

Then the other issue, Madam Speaker, that our able Governor raised was the issue of bursaries. If we compare this House with the previous House, not that I was sitting in this House but also from experience we also learn from them, a Hon. Member could merely be allocated Ksh. 800,000 for bursaries but our Governor told us that every Hon. Member representing a Ward will be given Ksh. 5,000,000 per financial year as bursary.

What can we say our Hon. Members; nothing other than to thank our Governor. Getting Ksh. 5,000,000 for bursaries means that we will not see the normal Ksh. 2,000 or Ksh. 1,000 which previous Members used to allocate to our students back to school. Giving a student with a fees balance of over Ksh. 30,000 then an Hon. Member given that kitty a bursary of Ksh. 2,000 is just a grain of sand in an ocean but with Ksh. 5,000,000 I am confident that I can even sponsor a kid fully for a whole year or for a full four year course to study from form one all the way to form four.

Even to us elected Members, having bursary alone that gives a very major boost for our re-election come 2027. Most of these people look at MCAs as a source of income; we are fathers and mothers to the people we represent and given that autonomous budget on bursaries, we are really sure that we are going to give our people the best.

Then lastly and not the least, Madam Speaker, I commend the Governor on our socio-economic empowerment and her vision to support our great people through the Wikwatyo fund. Bearing the high number of unemployment within our areas through this Wikwatyo fund, our women, men and youths will be in a position to start income-generating projects and through these projects our people will be in a position to earn a living.

I applaud our Governor for the great speech that she made through this Hon. House and my last one; I call upon Her Excellency to move with speed and constitute the Executive so that immediately as we go for our recess, we be assured that we are going to get back to our Wards and get working immediately. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Let us balance the gender. I call upon Mheshimiwa Irene.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. Irene Mulu, WDM-K): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the achievable and smart vision shared to us by our Excellency Governor. As leaders, fellow Hon. Members, it is our primary agenda to translate the shared vision into reality not to only promote economic prosperity for our people but also the social impact development. I strongly believe we can only achieve all our individual---

**Hon. Joshua Mwonga** (Masinga Central, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, I am rising on Standing Order 176 which forbids a Member from reading. As you can see Hon. Irene, her eyes are fixed on that paper she is having and she is reading. She is not just reading extracts. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** She is guided, she is guided. Hon. Irene restrict yourself to referring only.

**Hon. Irene Mulu** (Nominated WDM-K): Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. So talk of *chakula mezani, pesa mfukoni, barabara mashinani, Wikwatyo* fund and Wavinya Baby care; these are all plans to uplift our people and it is only fit and right if we support our Governor to uplift the life of Machakos people. I support the Governor's speech and I urge the Hon. Members in this House to work together with our Governor for the betterment of people of Machakos County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Mheshimiwa. Mheshimiwa Muoki, then we come to Mheshimiwa for Kalama Ward after that.

**Hon. Muoki Musila** (Ndithini Ward, WDM-K): Madam Speaker, Ndithini ward is in the diaspora of Machakos. I wanted to go straight maybe to talk about just a few items and mostly I wanted to deal with the issues that are touching on roads. I commend the speech by Her Excellency, and when she touched on improvement of roads, which do not exist in that particular area and I say sure to our words, last week, I got a grader that did very good works up to Monday, then it went to the other area. I am saying this because I know when she says something she means it and I wanted to walk back and ask myself; yes, I need roads but then where do we get the funding to do the roads?

I am looking at trade and revenue because that is one source of funding that you will need to do very well so that she can get funding to do the very roads and the very hospitals or any other item that she has promised. To talk about the revenue and the trade, I wanted to talk about the cess collection points in that area called Ndithini. I may say we have a lot of sand there, which is scooped and if we only do well in the collection of the revenue, maybe the revenue we are going to get from there will be enough to do the roads in Machakos. I always say if you gave me 30 per cent of what we are collecting there, I would tarmac Ndithini roads completely.

*(Applause)*

On health, I do know from the First Assembly of this House of Machakos, they started health centers all over almost in every other ward. I am saying she addressed very well the case of health but then there are hospitals that were started. A case in point is Ndithini health center and Kathukini in Muthesya that were started, but they were not completed. So I would want to urge our Governor to look at that. As much as we are taking the medical supplies to the centers, we do not take them to centers that are under trees. *Tafadhali*, our able Governor, can we look at that; we finish up those centers so that the centers can be used well to the maximum or to the benefit of the local people?

On water, I would say yes, she addressed it very well, yes very good speech and good intentions to supply water to the whole of Machakos. Where I come from in Ndithini division,

we have got plenty of water and I accompanied her last Friday when she visited the Masinga division and I commend her for what she said that the source of water being Masinga, before it gets to Kitui, the Masinga people should benefit. I am saying that so that at least we encourage her and support her as much as we can, the local leaders there, that, that initiative can be realized.

We have got a lot of sources of water elsewhere and if we can put the Executive now in office so that we can put all our effort through them, this area could be well-watered for the benefit of everybody. On health again, they see the I don't know what the Leader of the Minority talked about the volunteers; I totally support the initiative of paying them, even if it is a stipend of Ksh. 5000 a month because these are volunteers who have given themselves 150 families to support I mean to visit and they are not recognized financially. I totally support when they are given a little amount to appreciate their work.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I would say that the speech the by Her Excellency, the Hon. Governor, was good, with good intentions and all what she needs is our support and support of everybody and by the close of five years, I know Machakos will not be the Machakos of today. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. We shall be continuing with this debate in the afternoon. So I just want to ask only two members to contribute then we close. Members, again, restrict yourselves to the maximum of five minutes. Don't go beyond there; two minutes, sorry. Mheshimiwa Ngunga you have spoken; wait I give somebody else an opportunity. Hon Kalama.

**Hon. Musyimi Maeke** (Kalama Ward, CCU): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity. I start by saying that what Her Excellency the Governor brought to the House and if I may say to the ears of Machakos County people, was a symbol and to the point approach on issues. I believe we have seen what she has done in those few days through the rapid project or program through the roads, the medicines and everything which is coming to our wards. I want to really thank her because she is touching and she is summarizing her manifesto to the things that have been disturbing the people.

If we are to summarize the problems of Machakos County, we will say its water, bad roads, health issues and we look into the speech, you will find water is one of the issues that has been there and I believe through the program that is there and which has started for example, the de-siltation of dams, construction of new dams and I am one of the beneficiaries because in a few weeks' time we shall be launching one of the dams in our ward.

I must say that the issue of water through the help of this House can be looked at in a broader way if at all we are to achieve whatever is put here. I will say for example, I was looking at some of the policies we have towards water because if we are to help Her Excellency the Governor to achieve everything that is there to ensure that every house has good water, good supply and everything that is put here, we have to help her, one is by passing the budgets and we know how that is possible.

I would say that the issue of the siltation of these dams is because of the way sometimes these dams are constructed. You will find out a dam has been well done but there are no smaller silt dams. So we can also look into all these dams so that we don't repeat these things year after year.



Another thing is about roads. The program that we are having is very good. Today as I speak now, a tractor has broken record because since 2008, one of the roads from Kimutwa-Makakoi-Kaathi, has never seen a grader but today as I speak, a grader is there. The village is joyous and everybody is celebrating and thank you very much, Her Excellency for that. However, we understand that these roads some of these roads need special attention. For example, you will find that same road, you do grading by December it rains, it becomes a problem again, and I believe the Governor wants to leave a legacy that by the end of the five years, we will come and say these what the Governor did and also these what Hon. Boniface did through the Governor.

My prayer is we look it holistically and through the help of those who will be in those committees, we give the right advice and we come up with sustainable things in that. Otherwise, in summary, if I may say the women empowerment kitty is making women not to sleep; they ask him when it is coming. So we are opening hands and we are waiting, when is it coming? Thank you very much, on the interest of time.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Mheshimiwa. Hon. Anastasia.

**Hon. Anastasia Nundu** (Nominated, WDM-K): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. The Governor's speech touched me so much on the agenda and social welfare. She touched on the Wikwatyo fund and our women in Machakos County love so much table banking and she factored the table banking on having Ksh. 1 million in every ward. These can be truly two and it can be a lot for them. If the table banking can be a revolving fund, and if our women can be monitored well, this table banking project can do so well across the county and across the 40 wards.

She also factored the PWDs in Machakos County; she talked of wheelchairs, she talked of the walking sticks, and so many things. The PWDs in Machakos County as the Governor stated, have a very big number. For example, Masinga sub-county, I had an opportunity to walk to Masinga and the PWDs in Masinga is a very big number. So if the research can be done so well, it can really help the PWDs.

*(Applause)*

She also factored the the gender based violence (GBV) which touched my heart so much. In Machakos County, our women are facing GBV so much and she said she will do a lot of sensitization and if this can be acted on with a lot of speed, it can really, really help our women so much.

*(Applause)*

She also factored on the participation of the PWDs day and that can be fun to us, it can work very well and it can help our PWDs. So thank you so much, Madam Speaker. This issue of gender-based violence, the Governor stated so well, I thank Her Excellency, and we have the thirst of working for our women. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Member. We will have this debate again in the afternoon. So for Members who have not contributed kindly, I asked you to contribute in the afternoon.

*(Applause)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** At this point, I like to adjourn the House to 2.30 p.m. today.

The House rose at 12.29 p.m.