

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 13th February, 2019

The House met at 10.49 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning members. Apologies we are starting a little late. I know yesterday was a very busy day for many of you and they got exhausted including the Chair but we are here back to work. So, we start the sitting for this morning. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
CONSTITUTION OF HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order there is a brief communication from the Chair. The short communication is as follows:

It concerns the House Business Committee and Hon. Members am referring you to the Standing Order 151(1) of the County Assembly of Machakos Standing Orders which provides that there should be a select committee to be designated the House Business Committee and it constitutes of the Speaker who shall be the chairperson, the chairperson of the committees, the Leader of Majority party, the Leader of Minority party and not less than nine and not more than 11 other members who should be nominated by Assembly parties and approved by the House at the commencement of every session.

The House Business Committee is to reflect the relative majorities of the seat held by each of the Assembly parties in the Assembly and it takes into consideration the interests of Independents. Those are the Standing Orders of the House.

Hon. Members, the House Business Committee is charged with the mandate of preparing the calendar of the Assembly for the approval by the House and also ballot business for the House. Both these functions are very crucial for the operation of the assembly and therefore the House Business Committee membership should be approved as soon as possible.

I call upon you members and the following parties to present their representatives the soonest and not later than the close of business today, 13th February, 2019. The parties are the NASA Coalition, the Maendeleo Chapchap Party, the Jubilee Party, and the NARC Party. The nomination is as follows; NASA six members, Maendeleo Chapchap three members, Jubilee and

NARC one member each. Please note the deadlines for forwarding the names. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

PAPER LAID

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

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order we have one business for the Hon. Kamitu, Leader of Minority party.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the house today on Wednesday, 13th February, 2019; the Governor's address to the assembly delivered on 12th February, 2019. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Alex Kamitu. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

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

Hon. Kamitu: I once again thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

Aware that His Excellency the Governor Dr. Alfred N. Mutua, addressed the Assembly on 12th February, 2019;

Noting that the Governor's address outlined key policies that the county government of Machakos will undertake to ensure the county realizes high economic growth;

Aware that Standing Order 20(5) requires that the Assembly debates the Governor's speech in not more than four sitting days;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to give a notice of the motion that pursuant to the provisions of the 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 12th February, 2019.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

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

MOTION

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

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, just a moment.

(Consultations)

Hon. Members, the next order, Mr. Clerk, call it out, I will give directions

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I notice that; this is a business of a motion and that is related to the Paper laid and the notice of motion given under order number 5 and 6 respectively. I know the practice of the House has been that notice of opinion must be given in advance before on a day before the motion is processed by the House but because of the fact that the House is yet to constitute the House Business Committee, the House having opened only yesterday and yesterday having been a prayer day and an official opening of the third session.

The fact that the House Business Committee is in the process of being set up; meaning that the House does not have other business other than the one under order number 8. The Speaker will apply the provisions of the Standing Order 1 and allow the mover of the motion to prosecute the business under Orders number eight. Now, I believe that that will be to the convenience of the members. Mr. Kamitu, proceed.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, once again.

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Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I call upon Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku to second the motion.
Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutuku: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Alex Kamitu and Hon. Annastaciah Mutuku.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Johanna Munyao.

(Laughter)

Hon. Munyao: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to applaud this speech, especially where on page two, fourth column; now that the petition was...sorry... 'I asked that we put aside what has been going on and start afresh so as to accelerate development and catch up on the lost time.' The speech to me has a good intention that although in the past year, we might have been having misunderstandings, maybe I oversight you misunderstand me for a fight. I also execute my duty maybe on the side of the executive, maybe I am also misunderstood.

The element of engagement to me is key for the growth and development of this county. I also want to applaud page four where the Governor is ready for a handshake where he is requesting us to open our hands and un-clench our hands and be honest in the handshake because together as a county we are not competing as Machakos County and if at all there was any competition would otherwise be competing with other counties.

So we are one team, as we oversight as the executive also implements the programs of the county, we must come together and see to it that we engage so that where there are differences we can always engage and settle them in a friendly manner. In the last bit, the Governor invites us to a retreat; these are good intentions and if we are serious to forget about the past, these are forums where we can be able to tell each other that we felt that this was not running in the right direction, we felt that when things are done in this manner, there are no consultations and that is where we appeared like we are fighting but actually it was not a fight, we can sit and agree on what is the best way forward for us as a county with the two arms, the executive and the assembly.

I want to stop there and support this speech. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Johanna. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, there is nothing much to discuss in as far as this speech by the Governor is concerned. Madam Speaker, the speech which was given by the Governor yesterday fell short of the expectations of a speech being delivered before this Hon. House by a Governor of Machakos. My expectation, Madam Speaker, on the speech would have been as the mover of the motion said, talking about key policies which the County Executive will be doing jointly with the County Assembly in executing the mandate given to us under the constitution. Madam Speaker, that speech which was tabled here yesterday was laced with political undertones which half way through the year 2019...the year we are dealing with is 2018/2019 and we are half way through the year.

My expectation would have been the Governor would have come here with a clear direction on what he has done for the first six months and a clear path on what he intends to do for the people of Machakos in the next six months. We are half way and all what we can be able to talk about is Supreme Court (SCOK), all what we can be able to talk about is people are being controlled by remote control from I do not know where.

A Governor giving such a speech before the Assembly whose majority is hardworking Hon. Members who want to see the best for their people fall short of my expectation? Nothing in that speech touched on the key issues affecting our people nothing and we are going to be able to follow this report by the Governor and debate it here for two hours.

He talked about passing the CIDP, he talked about the ADP, he talked about allowing even distribution of committee membership; is that the work of the Governor? To know whether

committees are evenly distributed in the Assembly, do you understand what I am talking about? The work of the Governor is to execute projects in his own area but when you start talking about committees and how they should be evenly distributed that is the work of the minority and majority leadership of the House.

The functionalities of committees in this House are the functionality of this House not of the executive. That surprised me; he talked about withdrawal of court cases, who has gone to court? Who is the majority of the person in court? Who is defending cases in court? Who is adjourning cases in court; it is the same executive and you are talking about withdrawal of cases from court before a County Assembly.

He talked about SEKEB; that is the only thing I heard from the whole speech yesterday and the way in which it was put is that SEKEB which is the South Eastern Kenya Economic Bloc, as the chairman of that committee had told us earlier during the day His Lordship the Archbishop, the direction of SEKEB has got nothing to do with political undertones but much to do with economic empowerment of South Eastern Kenyan people. That is Machakos, Makueni and Kitui and that is what we are championing for because remember that initiative was brought about by the three Speakers of those County Assemblies.

So, if on one hand the Governor comes here and he does not talk anything about what he has done, does not talk anything about development and on the other hand he is telling us to go and retreat; what are you retreating to do? What are you going to retreat to do? Are we going to retreat to discuss on what? We need the people who advise the Governor to tell him that a speech to be addressed to the Hon. House needs to be a speech centered on development, centered on the key issues and centered on the core items which the House does, which is representation, oversight.....those are the key things we need to talk about.

Policies, what direction is the County Government of Machakos taking, which is the direction we are heading. What are the major policy issues the County Government is going to do? Those are the things I would have expected to be in that speech---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information Hon. Museku from the mover of the motion. Hon. Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform my Hon. Brother that my point of information is in regard to the retreat is that we cannot preempt so maybe we cannot talk about the retreat after the retreat because possibly there might be positive on what we are discussing and what we may discuss.

So it is on that point of information the we cannot preempt because none of us has the agenda so maybe for that I would kindly request we forge ahead and we wait for that retreat because it might be beneficial to this House. That is my humble request Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu you have finished. Hon. Museku.

Hon. Museku: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. I have noted your concerns that---

Hon. Speaker: You noted his information.

Hon. Museku: Yes, his information concerning the retreat and I agree with you we shall have to adopt a wait and see attitude. So, in conclusion therefore, I would urge this Hon. House

to continue focusing on the key things which we have been empowered by the constitution of our people and forget about the side shows. Let us keep focus Hon. Members on the key issues which brought us here, representation and oversight being very key among that and legislation. This is the year of legislation.

The Governor also talked about, they have some Bills and Regulations; we will wait and see those Bills and Regulations when they are brought before the House and if they are value adding then those are Bills which obviously the House will be more than willing to look at and pass, if they are value adding. So, my take on this speech is that it fell short, in conclusion, of my expectations and did not touch on any key issues which we need to be addressing as an Assembly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to say thank you for this opportunity. Madam Speaker, the motion before us is exactly what is supposed to be done after opening the Assembly; it is a normal or it is a practice which is done in every Assembly whether County, National or Senate. Madam Speaker, the speech which was delivered here by the Governor yesterday, to me it was excellent because the Governor tried his level best to avoid politics in his speech.

Madam Speaker, we were all here, we heard what he said and according to me, the Governor has realized that people cannot keep on fighting every day. Madam Speaker, this is 2019---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information. Hon. Helen.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to inform the member who is currently talking that we have not been fighting; we have been asking for information. I think he is misleading the House by saying that we have been fighting. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa proceed; you have been informed.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you and well-advised; it is just a word one word can have different meanings so I want to replace the word fighting with debating.

(Laughter)

So thank you for the advice my dear sister. Madam Speaker, I was saying this is 2019; we came to this House in 2017 and we stayed here for the balance of 2017 as from August we came to another session in 2018 the whole year and this is another year. Madam Speaker, it is my humble request and appeal; the Bible says only angels are free from mistakes. The Assembly is not an angel, the Executive is not an angel and when you are solving one problem you might cause another one which might be serious and the one we are solving.

So, Madam Speaker my humble request is that we as an Assembly; let us swallow our pride. Let the executive also swallow its pride and we sit down and reason together. Madam Speaker, when I was doing my degree for business administration there was a unit which was talking about managing stress. Madam Speaker, one of the ways of managing stress is talking; if

somebody offends you and you keep quiet and say I will not talk to that person, the stress will increase and the final day, the last time you will not be able to accommodate that stress you just collapse and die.

Madam Speaker, in the Governor's speech yesterday, he requested that we sit somewhere together talk and forge the way forward on how to take Machakos County to the next level. Madam Speaker, the client who is served by the Machakos County Assembly is the same client who is served by the Executive. In short, we are serving one client and it is going to be unfair if the Assembly is going its own way and the executive is going its own way. Madam Speaker and the House, it is my humble request that we say 2019 is going to be the year of difference.

Yesterday we had prayers here and most of the speakers who spoke in that meeting emphasized on the issue of unity and we agreed even a very young boy tried to define the word unity and he taught us in daylight that unity is a state of being together. Unity is the state of sitting together and reasoning together. Madam Speaker, what is difficult.

This House has done very big things; coming together and reasoning together is not a big deal. So, I would request we welcome that request from the Governor; we sit together and see the way forward.

Madam Speaker, the Governor also talked about court battles which are in court; every arm of the government has right to request for the intervention of the court if it is not satisfied with one thing or another. I am very sure Madam Speaker, not all the cases in court were taken by the Assembly and not all the cases in the court were taken by the executive. The Assembly had its own cases, the Executive had its own cases the proposal by the Governor to have all the matters withdrawn, to me, Madam Speaker, is a wise idea because most of the monies we are spending paying the lawyers, the counsels to represent us, is money which is supposed to be used to bring water to our electorates and to grade roads to our electorates.

Madam Speaker, as we talk, the ground where we come from is hostile because nothing much has been done on the ground. The roads are not passable---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, do not ask questions unless you are asking when the Speaker has allowed you.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, the roads are not passable we are waiting for the graders to be sent to the ground to go and do that road. If we continue opposing each other Hon. Members, when shall we grade these roads? It is almost two years, we completed the first year and the other one is approaching the end we will only be left with few years. We have only 2019 and 2020; from 2021/22 politics. So, Hon. Members I would kindly request and it is my humble request Hon. Members, you have never let me down and I believe this time round.

(Laughter)

I believe this time round you will not let me down; this is my humble request that we sit together, reason together and air our views. You cannot correct somebody if you are 10 kilometers away from him. The moment you can correct somebody is when you are seated next to him.

Madam Speaker, people fight because of one simple reason. If you give me five minutes to speak and you keep quiet and listen to what I am telling you, once I am through I also give you five minutes and I keep quiet and listen to what you are telling me and I am very sure

Madam Speaker, we are not going to fight. If we do not give each other time, we will keep on fighting and I would request let us say that has passed has passed and say let us have a new beginning and ensure that we take Machakos County to the next level.

It was made very clear; uniting is not sycophancy. Uniting does not mean you have been compromised; the Executive has its roles and the Assembly has its roles. In the speech, of the Governor made it very clear that each arm of the government to concentrate on its roles and not to encroach on to the other party.

So, Madam Speaker, to me the speech is good. Madam Speaker, also in the speech the Governor promised to come back to this House and give us the state of Machakos County. That is another good promise that we expect him to come the soonest possible so that we can be able to share. Madam Speaker, maybe what he knows about the state is not exactly what we know and if we have time to sit together and listen to him, we will be able to tell him 'this is what you have told us and it is trues or it is not true.'

So, Madam Speaker, the speech is good; it was very brief and you know in the speech the Governor did not include any aspect of development. He did not talk about water, roads, and bursaries. He did not talk about anything so maybe by the time he is coming to give us the state of the County he is going to mention all these.

So, Madam Speaker, as I finish, I once again appeal and request my dear sisters and brothers, we all come from Machakos, we are all Kenyans and we are all members of this County Assembly. If I collapse today and die, I know during my burial all these Hon. Members will attend; why should you attend my burial and you cannot accept my plea?

(Laughter)

So, kindly Hon. Members walk together. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa. Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to comment on the Governor's speech for the third session. Hon. Speaker, if I take you back to the second session Governor's speech it contained of a lot of self-political interests of the Governor whereby he mentioned issue of 2022, issue of Maendeleo chapchap but this one I can commend, it is fair.

I feel settled when I read the mood of the motion in the speech whereby yesterday we had a prayer day and everyone was embracing on unity, your comments Hon. Speaker were also on unity, the clergy preached unity and also the speech of the Governor---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, this time round, I will be very particular.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Hon Speaker, I would request though the speech did not touch on development but if we flashback, the mood in Machakos had got a lot of political temperatures. At the end of the day, we need to skin a cat here and there are many ways of skinning a cat. Hon. Kiteng'u may wish to start with an eye, Hon. Betty may wish to start with a tail and another Member may also want to start with the stomach---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kiteng'u, if you did that you will all be charged in a court for being cruel to the animal.

(Laughter)

I know you are speaking metaphorically but imagine, removing the eye and removing the leg one after another? Proceed.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Madam Speaker, what I am saying is that at the end of the day, we need better results for Machakos county no matter which direction we are using and Hon. Speaker, I have seen some request which when you were doing your communication Hon. Speaker you also requested the Executive to do their duties and make sure they provide whatever documents for the CIDP to be debated, whatever documents needed for the supplementary budget to be debated in this House and all this requests, it is upon this Hon House and the Executive to come together and make sure we solve all these problems which have been there before without attacking each other because of that request by the Governor. My hand is open and we should also open our hands.

(Applause)

I am not saying that when I make my decision to unite with the Governor, I have been compromised. No, I must do my duty, if the Governor is misusing the funds I must say it, if there is any misunderstanding, we must come to a conclusion. Hon, Speaker, the conclusion, I ask this House not, because we are remaining with the fourth and the final session, we try to use this middle one and see if we can reach somewhere.

We don't know why the Governor wants to meet this House, the leadership has also been requesting for a meeting with the Governor; why can't we take this chance and hear him. If he gives us something which is not viable, then Hon. Speaker, we will also do our duty as a Hon. House. Thank you. I stand to be corrected.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiteng'u. Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Madam Speaker; and happy New Year to everyone. First, I will say this speech is a good one; there is no politics in this report because as Hon. Kiteng'u said earlier, the Governor, in the last speech, it he was talking of 2022 about being President which is none of the business in this House. What made me a little bit happier is when he apologized to the Members and he also quoted that he has forgiven those who have said bad words to his team.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to inform the member on the floor that there is no one sentence that the Governor apologized to the House; he only forgave but did not apologize to anybody.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, but I remember there is somewhere he said that we forget the past and I think that is a kind word from a leader.

(Applause)

I think it should not be a matter---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mulatya, I am also informing you; this written speech may not contain everything that the Governor said because we also have the HANSARD so if there is an issue on the full content of the speech, we may refer to the HANSARD and remember a speaker is not just tied to what the written; maybe for elaboration you find somebody throwing in words which are not in what they have written. Both of you are right but if you want to confirm, the HANSARD is there. Proceed, Hon. Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you Madam Speaker for that information. I have with me the Implementation review report from the Controller of Budget, first quarter 2018/2019. When you go to page 135, that chart of Machakos County, all development is dash, dash, dash and our work is to oversight; what are we doing oversight on if we have all negative development. This report is confirming, I would wish to lay it.

My request to this House is we unite. Retreating with the Governor means nothing; we have been retreating ourselves, we can always reconcile and if we go there and then something negative comes up, we are going to storm it there and then. We cannot sit down because we have spoken to the Governor and then it's like we have been given money or bribed; we want to sit down with him and analyze things with him and ask him directly to his face; Governor Alfred Mutua, we have given you itemized budget, what have you done about it. You have asked us to write letters, about toilets, about *mulika mwizis*, where are those projects while we are watching him directly.

I don't see anything wrong with retreating with the Governor. If it doesn't bear any fruits, we will have our own *Kamukunjis* and discuss what we said with him at the retreat then we forge a way forward. What if we went there and we receive graders in our wards, what if we receive bursaries? This is what we are crying for our people to get, nothing more; we are not crying for our stomachs.

(Applause)

So, Madam Speaker, I support this report and especially where the Governor is saying we retreat with him; he has asked us to consider the CIDP, Supplementary Budget, withdrawal of court cases, fair membership; this fair membership that one I cannot support him because that is business of this House but this other agendas are affecting people of Machakos. Committees are not affecting people of Machakos. Number four; I beg we should even scrap it from this page but CIDP, passing of supplementary budget and remember Hon. Members, budget is a give and take process.

We give his office this, he gives us development in the other side but if we draw lines and just say we are not going to meet, when we are going to forge a way forward; this is the second year. The other day during our recess, me and Hon. Alice we had a Baraza at Kangonde and we were asking the people, the court cases are over, what is the way forward; and they are telling us, unite, go talk to the Governor and if he doesn't listen to what you are telling him, come back and tell us.

So if am not going to meet the Governor and retreat together, what am I going to tell the people? Hon. Alice is my witness. Let us retreat, meet him, talk to him and if he doesn't implement and then also it is good for the Hon. Members to know, there are some Chief Officers there who are illegally in the offices; they are big-headed, you can never call them when elephants are killing my people, you call them, they decline your line.

We are supposed to know what pattern we are going to use to work with the Executive so that when they decline our processes, at least now we can go back to our people and there are so many legal ways; we can take signatures and send the Governor home, they can take signatures and send us home but we can never arrive at this without first sitting down and chatting the way forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mulatya. Hon. Dominic.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you Madam Speaker and thank you for giving an opportunity to contribute to the debate on the Governor's speech that he gave to the House yesterday. Reading in between the lines of the speech, it is packaged in a re-conciliatory tone in my view. As representatives of the people of Machakos County, I believe that the Governor is extending an olive branch to the County Assembly for us to work together.

County governments have two arms, the Assembly and the Executive and we have to coexist for us to deliver services to our people. Co-existence does not mean that we get compromised; however as an Assembly, we know that we have our mandate to check on the Executive.

My opinion, if we gave His Excellency the Governor a benefit of doubt and a chance to some of the proposals that he gave, for example the retreat so that we can see to it whether we shall have a cease fire but let any engagement be based on the law so that what the public might perceive that there are wrangles, that for once we prove any doubting Thomases out there that there are no wrangles but we are operating be guided by the law. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Dominic. Hon. Kieti.

Hon. Kieti: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As most of the Members have said, the speech does not contain politics as the other one but I want to mention that any word that comes from someone can be translated in very many ways and if we read this speech, you can translate it in so many ways. What is coming out clearly is that the Governor is down to earth and he wants us to reason together as a family because where Machakos is, we cannot allow deadlocks to continue haunting this county forever because we have brains and we are people who can reason.

As someone said, on page three, he has not doubted our ability; in the last paragraph, he says 'i do believe that Members of my government and Members of this House.....' we are Hon. Members and the Governor is not doubting our ability to execute our mandate as elected leaders. He has understood that we are people who know what brought us here and what we are supposed to do.

So, having that in mind, there is nothing wrong sharing our experiences as leaders of Machakos together with the Governor so that we unlock any deadlock that is making us not to

deliver to our people. At the same time, yesterday was a day of uniting the county and we would look funny having spent the whole day with the Bishop, pastors and stakeholders and then today we are the first people to distance ourselves from that unity that we were preaching.

My request is, let us swallow our pride as Members, let us know that we have a mandate to deliver and that unity we were calling for, let us follow it so that our people can benefit and I want to support strongly the idea of sitting with the Governor. Even in our families, those who are married, there are times when you don't agree with your wife and there are stories that are told about a man and a wife who disagreed for a very long time but one day they found that they had to sit down no matter what so that they can unlock a problem that was affecting the family.

So, unless we sit together with the Governor because we have always used a third party, if we don't sit with him then we are going to use a third party like the press or the court; the press will always give the wrong information. If I send someone to my wife requesting her to sit with me or requesting her for something, you will not deliver the information the way I ought to have delivered.

So using a third party will not help; what will help is sitting with the Governor and him disagreeing with our demands and then out of that we will have a story to tell the electorates.

(Applause)

Otherwise, if we just sit and watch, I know the future will judge us harshly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My retreat which I will give the Governor is if he goes to the 40 wards and do something within two weeks but the people going to the Governor without him opening the hands and go to every ward, those who support or don't support him and do something. Those are the people who elected him and they are also the people who elected the MCA, so we ask the Governor to go to the 40 wards and do something because he is having the power and he is having the money.

We are not begging him; he has go to the 40 wards and do something without asking us to go to him because when we go to him, he will spend but he should spend doing something to the county but not to the MCAs. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mueni. Hon. Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank God for giving us life and enabling us to see the New Year 2019. Yesterday, we had a prayer meeting and Madam Speaker I want to assure you we anxiously waited for our Governor to come and share the session with us. I wished the Governor could have come and heard the speeches which were made by the speakers of the day and more the person representing the Law Society of Kenya who said that our unity should not mortgage our independence or our role.

The speech of the Governor in some paragraphs is very good where I want to believe number one two three could have been summarized by the one saying that 'i know in the last two years of political games and power struggles, myself and Members' where he asks us to forget

the past and mind the future. I don't remember any time our contributions to this Assembly being influenced by any centers.

Our Governor could have told us when he talks about us passing the supplementary, of course in our wards; we have people who are watching us. How will these Members pass the supplementary budget if we have seen the roads which were advertised are only from the minority side?

The issue of CIDP, the Executive knows that it has been stopped by the non-existence of illegal ministers. My opinion, I am not saying we should not meet the Governor; there is a Kamba saying and if you allow me I would like to quote the saying---

Hon. Speaker: In English or Kiswahili.

Hon. Masesi: Madam Speaker, it will be properly driven in Kamba.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa is very good at interpreting he can interpret it for you; whisper to him.

(Laughter)

Hon. Masesi: Mtu hakatai wito, hukataa aitiwalo---

Hon. Speaker: So that is an interpretation of what you wanted to say?

Hon. Masesi: Yes, Madam Speaker. My take is that we should go for the retreat soonest if possible this week so that that when we are coming to sit on the supplementary budget, we have to exchange some words with the Governor on how our wards will benefit from passing the supplementary budget.

(Applause)

Our wards, especially the ones who are elected, we have a lot of questions to answer on the ground. We are four months to the lapse of the second year and according to my understanding, is that we have now around Ksh. 5.3 billion which is meant for development Madam Speaker. I want to believe we should sit down with the Executive and agree on how we should spend this money within the remaining four months.

There will always be tomorrow; I can say we were shortchanged when we came here, because when we were passing the supplementary budget there were projects that we gave to the Executive. We passed the supplementary budget and up to date nothing was done in terms of the projects which we gave to be done with the supplementary budget. I want to call upon this House and have in mind that our unity should not compromise or mortgage our role in any way but yesterday we assured the clergy that we will create a conducive environment for development in Machakos.

Let us as a House look for a neutral ground where we can meet with the Executive and agree on the way forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Musau.

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hon. Joseph Wambua Musau, representing Mbiuni

Hon. Speaker: You have changed your name?

Hon. Musau: Hon. Joseph Wambua Musau, MCA, Mbiuni ward, the place of multiple MCAs.

(Laughter)

Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity and may I categorically say for the first time, I heard it very clear from the Governor himself appreciate these Members are elected and are able---

Hon. Speaker: Point of order; on what Standing Order?

PROCEDURAL MOTION
EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Ndawa:

Madam Speaker, I am standing on Standing Order 27 'the Hon Speaker, aware that Standing Order 27 provides that the Speaker shall interrupt business at 12.30 p.m. for the morning sitting;

Aware that Standing Order 27(3)(a) provides that the House may resolve to extend its sitting time;

Aware that Standing Order 27(4) requires that a motion to extend sitting of the House be moved 30 minutes before the appointed time of adjournment;

Hon. Speaker, I wish to move the motion that this House extends sitting time until the matter at hand is finished.

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Ndambuki to second my motion.

Hon. Ndambuki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second that motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ndawa, Hon. Ndambuki. Any Member who is against an extension of time to finalize the business at hand? Hon. Ngunga.

Hon. Ngunga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand to oppose the motion that we extend the sitting of the House from 12.30 p.m. The mover of the motion did not indicate how the extension of time is going to injure; looking at the business in the afternoon, there is nothing urgent that bars this motion not to be discussed from 2.30 p.m. onwards and so I wonder why we have to extend the sitting to discuss just a normal one. I want to request---

Hon. Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, resume your seat.

Hon. Mitaa: My colleague is being affected by the fact that he has come late after we had transacted much of our business today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ngunga, you have been informed. Hon. Members, I believe this is a matter that you can put off your tables by just continuing and discussing it so let us finalize the motion at hand. So the motion to extend time is allowed.

(Debate on the original Motion resumed)

Hon. Musau: Thank you, Madam Speaker; I beg to continue. I was saying, for the first time I heard His Excellency the Governor appreciating these Members were elected, nominated and are able. So I can say it is a new dawn. If I go by the words of my party leader His Excellency Kalonzo Musyoka, during the Komarock 2, he said 'go and work with the Governor, you MCAs.' Bearing in mind we have tried severally to knock the doors of the Governor's office to have a reconciliation and meeting with him, unsuccessfully and in vain; the time he has come and he has opened the doors why should we say no while we are the ones who knocked.

(Applause)

So, I fully support that. We have tried so many means, some have been successful many have not; I believe the best way is a dialogue, unity of purpose and this purpose should only be limited to service to Mwananchi. Madam Speaker, we cannot hold such a dialogue when we are many kilometers far from each other; lets come to a round table and tell the Governor the truth and he tells us the truth and out of such we shall be set free.

(Applause)

As a Member said, we still have the opportunity and if anything goes against the outcomes of such a reconciliation meeting, we have the ability to say no. I want to appreciate these Members for opening their hearts. From most of their sentiments, I can attest to it that they are positive for a reconciliation that can work for the people of Machakos county since Machakos County is greater than this Assembly.

Machakos County is greater than His Excellency the Governor himself. I believe out of such a sitting, if at all it shall be genuine as it is anticipated, probably we shall find a way forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. I just want to finalize with this side but Hon. Alice has had her hand up for a long while.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Asante Bi. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Sisi waheshimiwa katika hii bunge, unatujua tabia zetu, maongeo yetu kwa sababu tumekuwa na wewe karibu. Wakati unataka kujua mtu lazima uwe naye karibu. Mimi napongeza Gavana wa Machakos kwa hotuba

ambayo alitoa jana. Kumbuka asubuhi tuliwaita wahubiri wengi hili tuombe pamoja kwa ajili ya umoja wetu. Bi. Spika kumbuka tukianza juu, serikali yetu rais wetu wa Kenya alileta mkono wa maridhiano na kiongozi ambaye walikuwa katika uchaguzi uliokuwa na joto jingi na wamesikizana na Kenya imeenda mbele.

Mimi ningeuliza wabunge wenzangu, twende karibu na Gavana wa Machakos ndio tumujue kwa sababu kama hatujaenda karibu hatuwezi kumfahamu na kumjua. Kama umeahidi mtu kitu katika meza na mmeongea na vile umeahidiwa haijatoshelezwa utauliza na una haki ya kuuliza.

Bi. Spika, huwa tunatofautiana kwa sababu ya maoni lakini tukifikia matendo, sisi wabunge tushikane pamoja. Mimi ningeomba maridhiano kwa ajili ya Kaunti ya Machakos na watu wa Machakos. Kuna watu wako na tabia wakati ambapo watu hawako pamoja, mtu anafaidi. Kukataa kufanya maridhiano kama wabunge na Gavana wa Machakos, kuna baadhi ya watu katika serikali ya Machakos hawataki sisi tuwe pamoja na hiyo ndio furaha yao.

(Applause)

Wakati hatujashikana, kuna mtu anafurahia na anafaidi kutokana na kutosikizana kwetu. Kumbuka hasa wabunge waliochaguliwa hapa, waliambia watu waliowachagua kwamba nitawapa bursary ya kusoma, nitaleta barabara nzuri, mtapata maji masafi; na hio yote karibu miaka miwili haijatendeka.

Kulikuwa na joto la siasa Machakos kwa sababu ya kesi iliyokuwa kortini na sisi kama wabunge tunafuata sheria na korti ilisema Gavana wa Machakos ni Mutua na kuna watu wamechaguliwa na ni lazima waambie watu wa Machakos wamewatendea nini. Maridhiano yetu na Gavana Mutua si ya kibinafsi; ni kwa sababu ya watu wa Machakos.

Tukikutana pamoja, tutaongea na tutasikizana; turidhiane kusaidia watu wa Machakos. Kumbuka jana, wahubiri walipokuwa wakihubiri tuliambiwa utajibu umefanya kazi gani kwa Mwenyezi Mungu. Kuchaguliwa kwa Mbunge hasa wale waliochaguliwa sio kwa mtu mwenyewe, Mungu alileta upendekezo uchaguliwe utendee watu kazi. Kabla hujafanya kazi hata Mungu Mwenyewe atakuuliza.

Mimi nimeteuliwa lakini wakati maongezi yanaendelea kwamba Machakos kuna vita, hakuna kazi imetendeka Machakos, mimi ni baadhi ya mheshimiwa katika Bunge la Machakos na pia mimi nitakuwa mhuusika. Hakuna vile nitajiondoa kusema kwamba sikuchaguliwa kwa sababu niko kwenye hio Bunge. Ningeuliza, kwa sababu Mungu amefungua njia, kila wakati watu wakisikizana lazima waende pamoja. Wawili wanatembea pamoja kwa sababu wanasikizana.

Ningeuliza tukutane na Gavana, tuongee na najua tutapata jawabu ya maendeleo Machakos. Bi. Spika, ukiongea huwa unasema kama itawezekana, kusikizana kwetu tutaenda pamoja na tutafanya vizuri. Kukaa na Gavana wa Machakos sio eti tumeacha kazi yetu. Sheria imetoa kabisa kazi yetu sisi wabunge kazi ambayo tunapaswa kufanya na wakati unapaswa kufanya kazi yako sio makosa lakini najua tukisikizana tutafanya kazi.

Nilete mfano wa Kaunti ya Makueni; mwaka wa 2013-2017 kulikuwa na mmenyano, walipigana, lakini sasa wamekaa pamoja na wakaona umuhimu wa kufanya kazi pamoja. Ningeuliza tushikane pamoja hili watu watu wa Machakos wapate huduma kutoka kwetu. Asante sana Mwenyezi Mungu awabariki.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Mheshimiwa Alice. Mheshimiwa Ikusya.

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to applaud the speech of His Excellency the Governor of Machakos and say that to me this sounds like a good new beginning for Machakos County people. From the speech, if you look at page one, he has actually said that, and the reason why he ignored elaborate so much of his or rather the achievements what has been done, what has not been done, he made it very clear that he will be coming back to this Assembly to give a State of the County Address which I am sure will highlight most of the issues that have been achieved by the executive, what is remaining to be done, what is pending and the issues that is to be addressed.

To me this was a very good speech. If you go to page three there is a model in psychology and counseling a life coaching we refer to as Neuro-Lingusitic programming (NLP) and one of the models in that concept is the model on what we call Solution-Focused Therapy (SFT); the Governor is actually coming up with a model on how to come up with solutions facing this county.

I still remember and recall what you said Madam Speaker in Mombasa in December and there is another time you also echoed the same sentiments that you would want to see the executive work with the Assembly and in December you did echo the same sentiments that come the this year, it was your prayer that you see the executive work with this Assembly and indeed I can see this is the direction that we are taking.

His Excellency the Governor, if you look at page 3, paragraph two, he talked about the issues that we have gone through between the Assembly and the executive, serious political wrangles and so many other things that have happened. It is good that he has appreciated and he has acknowledged nothing much was achieved; dialogue is the key, dialogue is the way. I appreciate the fact that the Governor has actually accepted to meet the Assembly in a bonding session to chat the way forward.

We have been yearning for this, we have been praying for this, we have been looking for this day; I hope it could be tomorrow. If you look at going back in 2008, this country was in tears, this country was on fire, but when Kofi Anan brought His Excellency President Kibaki and Hon. Raila Odinga together, we saw some peace in our country. We want to see the Machakos county family move together in one direction.

We have wasted almost one and half years; we have a duty, we have a responsibility as members of this Assembly and also the executive to deliver to the electorate. We must see results and we cannot continue doing the same things and expect to see different results; we must change our tune.

It is high time we agree with the executive, is high time we sit down and reason together. We have three years and few months to go; we must talk together and we must chat the way forward. We want to see this county move to another direction. We have no water, we have roads which are not in very good state; I am a member of the budget committee, I have always been saying to my fellow members that the day we shall sit down with the Governor, in one boardroom, in one conference room and share the budget on a screen and agree with him that this is what belongs to us this is what belongs to you and read from one script and move towards that direction.

That is the day Machakos county government and Machakos county people will celebrate the achievements of this Assembly. So it is my prayer that we minimize the politicking but that does not mean that we are compromising our standards. That does not mean that we are compromising our principles as elected members.

On oversight, the other day someone talked about over-sighting and over-fighting; yes we are here to oversight. Personally, I belong to the side of the Governor but if he goes to the wrong side, I will definitely tell him, 'Governor this is not the right direction' but I want to see him and us as an Assembly and the executive deliver to the people who elected us. I am a resident of Machakos County, I would also want to see clean water in my village, I would want to shower in those showers he has been talking about, I want to drive in good roads and I want to see our people celebrate the successes of this county government.

I want to be part of the success; I want to leave a legacy, not a legacy of fighting, not a legacy of insults but a legacy of deliverables to our people.

So to finalize on page 4; His Excellency the Governor made a humble request which I would believe will also be discussed in the retreat and he said it is high time we fast-track the approval of the County Integrated Development Plan. We passed the supplementary budget among other things; I will not mention each and every item. I still remember yesterday either you or one of the Speakers talking about the grant we have received from the World Bank that is through the municipalities. This is an opportunity that we do not want to lose; World Bank and donors are very sensitive entities.

If they see us still wrangling and infighting, that is the war between the Assembly and the executive, we are likely to lose these kind of funding and definitely it will be taken to another county. Let us come together and speak in one voice, let us work together as brothers---

Hon. Speaker: What about as sisters?

Hon. Kaloki: Sorry; as brothers and sisters from one House and as you said Madam Speaker yesterday and I used to be a close friend of the courts; I have interacted very closely with the courts.

There is something you said yesterday which I had witnessed for close to 15 years when I worked very closely with the courts and you know that./ Lawyers will meet in court, they will fight as if there is no tomorrow but the moment they walk out of those chambers, they will go and have a cup of tea, they will laugh together until you start wondering what is here but it is about business. Let us oversight, let us debate, let us legislate but when we get out there, we are brothers and sisters of Machakos County.

Let me finalize by saying that I am one of those people who are willing, more than willing to see this county government, the executive and the Assembly work together but not compromise on our policies but work together for the sake of the electorate and the people who brought us into this Assembly. We spend so much time and money asking for this seats but not for the sake of being called Hon. Members but for the sake of delivery and actualizing our dreams as politicians and leaders. Thank you very much. Let us work together as a team. Thank you. God bless you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members and thank you, Hon. Ikusya. Those who are wishing to contribute please minimize your speech because what you are saying is repeated and there is a way when we do it when you agree with what has been said, you just wake up and say, 'I have heard what members have said on this and this and I concur' and then you sit down. You don't need to elaborate on what one has already said. Hon. Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me also air my views on the Governor's speech. Madam Speaker, I was not expecting this kind of speech from the Governor or else, I was actually anxious to hear what kind of development and what are the future plans for Machakos people. But when I go through the speech, you find most of it is political and some parts of it is touching this Assembly like fair membership by all members in committees; that is not the work of Governor.

Let me say, Madam Speaker, because everybody is leaning towards reconciliation. Madam Speaker, to me this Assembly has done nothing wrong to anybody; this Assembly has not been fighting anybody, this Assembly has been doing its duty of doing oversight and fighting for our people. Where does the word fight come from, Madam Speaker? I wonder.

When we passed supplementary budget here, Hon. Speaker, when we had gone to our people to get views of what is supposed to be done on the ground.; we came here, we sat as a House and we said 'Governor, we give you the supplementary budget with all these what is wanted by the mwananchi.' We gave it to him.

We sat in this House, we passed a budget of Ksh. 12 billion; we gave it to executive that is to our Governor. Are we fighting when we give a budget of Ksh. 12 billion to our Governor? And now here some members are trying to blackmail this House by words that we have been fighting the Governor. Who is fighting who? Hon. Speaker, let us be honest; let us call a spade a spade. This Assembly has not fought the Governor anywhere.

I have not seen for example the Governor in my ward coming to do a development project and I go there and stop it. I have not done that. I have not seen the Governor coming to my place to launch a project and I stop it. I have not done that.

Madam Speaker, let us have a vision and clear where we are going. It is not the first time, Madam Speaker; let me inform the House. We have written more than two letters to His Excellency the Governor Alfred Mutua that we want to meet him as an Assembly. We received a letter from by somebody Mutuse telling us what we raised is not supposed to be discussed by the Governor; that is the leadership and Hon. Kamitu is aware. Let us not deceive to see when we see he said we are going to have a retreat as if is something new.

His Excellency the Governor Mutua refused to meet this Assembly through the leadership; let us not now jump up and down. Yes we have no problem; we are going to meet him but there must be, the meeting should not be for individual beneficiaries. It must be a meeting for all the members of this Assembly, the 40 wards.

(Applause)

Let us not have brokers in this matter, Madam Speaker. Already now, I know there are some people who have run away already given information that now some of the members of NASA have come and are now they are supporting us.

Let me say, Hon. Speaker, I will stand for the truth; meeting the Governor is not a problem, we are going to meet him, but we must move as a House as one team, the minority and the majority because it is not a secret some projects are being done on some wards, selected wards. We in NASA, are we going to be saying that we are together when we are moving that direction and others have *tingatingas* on their ground and we don't have our *tingatingas* on our ground,

(Applause)

What are we talking about here, Hon. Speaker?

Hon. Speaker: Point of information. Hon. Majority Leader from Hon. Minority Leader.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. With a lot of honour to the Majority Leader is that I don't want to talk about rumours and on a very sincere note, I would request the Hon. Majority Leader that you can even form a team of five or six, you o to my ward. I have never been discriminated; so on a point of information is that this is now the point that we should sit down so that any specific effective assignment should be carried out equally to the 40 wards. So unless---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, while you are still on your feet you said you have never been discriminated, that means you are favored---

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Are you favored or you arehow do you want to put it?

Hon. Kamitu: In any case, Madam Speaker, you are correcting me. I have never been favored in any way---

Hon. Speaker: That is okay. I just wanted you to go the way---

Hon. Kamitu: Alright, Madam Speaker. We have adjectives and adverbs and the like and it is good you have corrected me. In that regard, honestly, if there are some wards which are being favored, we would like to know which these wards are. Otherwise, with a lot of humility ask my brother the Majority Leader is that this request that has been put on the Governor's Address, let us go for it, listen to the Governor and there is a follow up.

Hon. Speaker: You were just informing.

(Laughter)

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, can you proceed and conclude your submissions.

(Hon. Ndawa spoke off record)

Hon. Ndawa, no more information.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am going to conclude but I wanted this Hon. House to be honest. When we are saying we are going to meet the Governor, we must go with our budget which was prepared by *mwananchi*; that is what we call devolution and that is what he is calling devolution here even on page four. The devolution came around because we

want our people to say what they want to be put on the ground. We did an itemized budget Hon. Speaker; I have in my ward for those two years nothing has been done and you are my witness, Hon. Speaker, you come from the same area and this is now the time we are happy jumping up and down because the Governor has said we are going to meet. Yes---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, I have not seen any member jumping up and down.

(Laughter)

Hon. Muendo: Okay, I withdraw. Let me say Hon. Members, let me say if you really mean the business of helping our people, not what we call game faces; I want the minority side to come with that itemized budget on the day we are going to meet His Excellency the Governor Mutua; the same budget we passed in this House and we are going to do an audit of what has been done in Kinanie, what has been done in Ndalani. Maybe the Governor is not aware whether these things are going on, maybe he is not aware but I have pointed out to him that we have seen KRB roads advertised which I know now they are executing in some wards and now I can see some of our majority side now we are jumping up, Madam Speaker.

We are saying that we are going to cross the bridge when we reach there but let us go there with what was passed by this House not by just saying being promised you get a lot of bigger share of the bursary, you get a tank in Katangi, you get all these. We cannot work that way; we must be considered as members who are elected in Machakos county and that is what we mean by saying we are going to meet with His Excellency the Governor for that retreat.

I will whip my members; I have no problem. We will move and meet but we must meet in certain parameters and not in general meeting, not to have a photo. If it is going to be that business, I will leave it to minority side but if they are going to tell the Governor the meeting will be serious based on development and budget which we passed. I can see where the Governor here where he talks about passing of supplementary budget, I can see where he is coming from that is why he was in low tone because he needs money to go and do work in Hon. Ndawa's place and leave *King'ang'i*. Hon. Mark Muendo will not allow---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa is protesting.

Hon. Muendo: Let me finish. Madam Speaker, why I am saying so it is like we were here when we passed the supplementary budget, everybody was here and we passed it with Ksh. 1.5 million bursary kitty for every ward; we came here and passed the main budget Ksh. 12 billion budget and here we are we are not questioning what happened with the first supplementary budget..... so that one keep it aside because we don't want a fight with the Governor.

(Hon. Ndawa spoke off record)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majority Leader, you mentioned the budget but somebody wants to inform you. Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to inform my colleague and my closest friend that some of the issues he is raising are what is going to be discussed in that meeting because when we have that meeting, we will tell the Governor things that we are not happy with. So, kindly just be patient.

The other issue that I want to inform you is that we have two sides of Assembly; we have the minority and the majority and there is another team which is left in between and we don't know our fate. Somebody like the representative of Matuu ward, I don't belong to the minority and I also don't belong to the majority.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, resume your seat please. Hon. Majority Leader, please conclude your speech.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you; I am concluding. I was on the point of supplementary budget which guides the expenditure of funds we send to the executive. I was and let me be candid; I protested on that supplementary budget and Madam Speaker, we were called in Mombasa by minority side through the Governor and we sat down and we agreed because we were protesting because the money that is in the bursary was not there and then the development fund on the side of Governor was about Ksh. 190 million. Then we raised money enough to our people and we gave Ksh. 150 million then we put only Ksh. 1.5 million, Hon Speaker.

I want to tell the House and I want the Hon. Members, listen candidly because that is why we are losing the sight of a squirrel because we have seen an antelope of this speech. We agreed and we passed supplementary budget; I have been passing there where we allocated Ksh. 150 million where those houses were supposed to be done and it is vegetation which has grown there. That one we are not questioning we are saying don't fight Governor because that Ksh. 150 million leave it.

(Laughter)

We didn't get the Ksh. 1.5 million on our people's bursary and now we are saying okay, we don't want to fight Governor because most of the Members are saying we have been fighting Governor. We said 'no, let us forget about the now the supplementary and then because we don't want to fight our Governor.' We came to the main budget; Ksh. 12 billion we passed here without even taken to a retreat the way others do, without being given any single cent from and quarter we passed because we loved our people and we loved our Governor. We said we don't want to struggle with our Governor, to suffocate him with the budget and we gave him the budget.

Hon. Speaker, when we did that, up to now money have been spent. Now, we are saying 'okay, let us forget also the main budget' because the Ksh. 4 billion in the first quota has been spent. Now we are saying okay because we don't want to fight the Governor let us forget about that let us now give him more money. Hon. Speaker, that is the key point.

First supplementary budget, the main budget now it is another a supplementary budget coming; no bursary to our kids, that Ksh. 150 million house not been done, roads are bad. I like the way the minority side are agreeing that the roads are bad. Yes, they are bad; I agree with Hon. Kamitu when he says in his ward nothing has been done but what have you done?

Have you told the king he is naked; they have not done so. Tell the king is naked; it is not your work to do development it is the work of Governor Mutua to do the job and is your friend.

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, as I conclude, let me say the supplementary budget which is now we are being sugar coated. *Tunapakwa ulimi*; sorry, I withdraw. We are being told that now I can see the blackmailing coming back to haunt this House and the Hon. Members by the terminology the supplementary budget is not passed; how are we going to pass it? How are we going to be assured that our bursary will be there, the roads will be there if we have seen the past supplementary budget and nothing has been done.

The first quarter with Ksh. 4 billion and nothing has been done and the Hon. Minority Leader, with due respect can admit nothing has been happening in his ward. Are you going to pass another supplementary budget to put that money in a pot and then you forget about it then we say our people are suffering? Hon. Speaker, I would like my majority team to remain after this because we must discuss how this meeting is going to be; we cannot go just like that because of a retreat.

We must put our points and say this is what is going to be discussed and who is going to talk about all these things will be so and so. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rest my case.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Majority Leader. Hon. Angela; please be precise if you repeat I think I will stop you.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You are free to stop me if I repeat anything. Madam Speaker, mine is just a suggestion on how to meet the Governor. The majority has expressed the need to have this Assembly meet the Governor.

Hon. Speaker: The only thing Hon. Angela with that line is that you are yet to vote on the speech because what you are coming to is the logistics; can you deal with the logistics after you have resolved on the matter; you get where I am coming from?

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Yes, because Madam Speaker, the issues that we have with the executive is not that we have any grudges against each other; all we have are facts and various committees in this Assembly can attest to the frustration that they have undergone through the executive and those are the points that should be brought together, formulated and possibly have the Governor and the Assembly meet within this precincts of the Assembly so that if there any clarification with figures or information that is required, it can be brought here and if the Governor could also have his staff so that the frustration that the House has been going through can be tabled before everybody and then we come with a resolution.

Going for a retreat in Mombasa, in Tanzania, in Arusha or wherever will not resolve anything; what will resolve this issue is having matters table and handled by the two arms of the government, the executive and the Assembly with facts and figures laid before all of us so that we can be able to pinpoint what is this, you said the bursaries were passed for bursaries and they were not implemented, the re supplementary was passed with itemized projects that were to be performed this has not been performed, this has not been performed but if we go for a retreat, we

will not have facts, we will not have figures, we will not have the responsible officers responding.

So, it will still be futile and we will be going round and round again to where we started. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela; you have been short and precise to the point. Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to thank God that He has brought us back to this Assembly to do the every work that He chose us to do and it is my prayer that He will bless the work of our hands going forward in the year. This a different session and it calls for a different tactics. I have been in this Assembly for the last six years, I think this is the fourth or the fifth kind of speech from the Governor I have seen but I can attest with my colleague Hon. Minority Leader; Hon. Alice has just left, Hon. Mueni is here.

This is a very unique kind of a speech that we received yesterday. But I want to say this; after that ministering that was done by the clergy continues to minister to me and to others and I feel good that the spirit of the Lord is moving but the narrative that says that we can resolve our issues by meeting, by having a retreat, I want to categorically, critically and positively say no. We can't solve problems or resolve ourselves because we meet but doing the right thing, so says Mahatma Gandhi.

I really don't understand sometimes if really we know our work. Right now, we are doing our work; somebody else should do their work. Even the African society and culture itself defines the roles and the norms which are the accepted roles within our society that you know the day what you are going to do.

Now you see a reference has been given to Makueni; I have a home in Makueni. What really happened in Makueni is that there were issues but the money was not being spent; the money that they are using was part of the money that was unspent but here what we are talking about money is spent and no project. My friends, my colleagues, even if you talk with the Governor, where is that bursary?

I am not refusing that we talk; we need to talk but talking with wisdom. I have gone through this speech but I don't want to labor much but I want to point out few issues as I go ahead. I have heard members say that there is a re-conciliatory tone. I don't agree; this is somebody coming down, diving in the water because there is something he wants from us.

(Applause)

I have been in this Assembly for long, I know the tactics, and I know the theatrics that they do. I have been a friend of the Governor since 2012; we taught together in 2009 and therefore before anything can be done, the speech that we need is a status speech that will give us an account of what has been happening.

(Applause)

Going just to eat, speak and sleep; I can't do that. I can sleep in my house. You remember you see saints here, you know, brothers and sisters in Christ, praise the Lord. You see, it is the same House that has suffered a lot of reprimand because we were told we are going to Mombasa

wearing *kinyasas* with our empty bellies in the seashore and then here we are being called to do exactly the opposite. Madam Speaker, Hon. Members, sometimes we will not allow people to take us for a ride for their own sake and purposes that they have in their heads.

We have passed a budget since 2013 for PWDs in the constituency that I serve; my members have not tasted even a single shilling from this county and there is a budget we passed here of actually Ksh. 40 million, Ksh. 90 million going forward; we have passed Ksh. 25 million in this budget and therefore people should work and not call us. I think where we meet is when we do our work and they do theirs we will be united.

They do their work and we do ours and then we meet somewhere; you might not like it but that is the truth. You see one former US President Ronald Reagan says 'in politics, there are no accidents or miracles; when you see things know that they have been planned that way.' This a great plan. I will not be intimidated; I will never be cowed here to accept things that don't work for my people.

I would wish the executive will tell us where that money we passed for the disabled people is. You members are asking wheelchairs from me, you are asking crutches and walking devices from me and the county you have given money and then you tell us we go meet those people; for what? I have from Ndithini, from Muthesya; we have disabled people, amputated people; we need to give them even the artificial feet, we give them wheelchairs, to give them walking devices. Hon. Ndawa you know our case with you.

Then we go meet, eat, enjoy and swim; for what? The Governor and his men who were wearing goggles here should have come here tell us where our money is, they should come here and tell us then we will have a compromise, we will have a consensus, we will begin from there. We cannot begin from a room, an empty room with no money. Madam Speaker, sometimes I don't feel good. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Is that.... how can I help you Hon. Katumo to feel good. Hon. Katumo, did you finish your speech in the right manner?

Hon. Katumo: Madam Speaker, I don't wish to continue; it hurts when somebody plays with the welfare of the people who suffer most.

Hon. Speaker: That is a substantiation of you of your last statement.

Hon. Katumo: Yes, I cannot continue.

Hon. Speaker: Alright; thank you. Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think according to the speech of His Excellency the Governor yesterday, probably I would say, I have been waiting for such a speech but with some truth in it. I have been here for the last now one and half years and as Daniel Mutuku Mbevi, I support the Governor in development but sometimes when we meet here, I just watch; you know I am new in politics, I have never been in politics I don't know how it is played, I am just learning and consult a lot because one thing that surprises me is that we are all Hon. Members in this House and I though it is like I used to live before because once I met I have been a chairman before becoming---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Daniel Mbevi, are you on the motion on the Table? It is not discussing Hon. Mbevi but discussing a speech.

Hon. Mbevi: Okay, the speech so far to me has made most of Hon. Members happy. They are supporting it, myself included but I just imagine, if we are moved by just a speech; what if there was action development-wise. How would we be happy? I just imagine. If this speech is making me so much happy, if it were development, I can't imagine how happy I would be as Hon. Daniel Mutuku Mbevi.

We have capitalized on the coming together with the Governor, which has been my prayer and the Hon. Minority Leader is my witness. I have been requesting him how we can meet the Governor, for almost a year and I don't know what has been the obstacle. I would wish when we have this meeting with the Governor, I personally will also tell the Governor what I have doing to looking forward to this meeting because I have consulted most of the those.....I have heard a member say, he belongs to that side. While I thought we all belong to the Governor's side because we are all from Machakos County.

I don't think whether one side should belong to the Governor and another side should not belong to the Governor and probably that could be the reason why we have never had this opportunity of meeting. So, I think it is important we meet with the Governor and see the way forward on how our people can benefit.

Yesterday, I raised a hand because when the preacher was preaching Archbishop Ndambuki and one of our Hon. Members told me to put my hand down but it was not a question but a concern because I was to ask what could be done if there is no unity because as at yesterday when we were having the preaching, there was no unity. I could see there was a lot of pretence. We were just pretending that we will be united and we are planning to unite which we are not ready for and that is us members; we are not ready for that unity.

Even now people are not ready for that unity, Hon. Speaker. So, my humble request we have that meeting with Governor and each member airs his views and the way he feels that this county should move forward for our people to benefit because it is each member's right.

The other issue is he mentioned about committees. When I came here, even today, I have not gotten enough experience and information on how to conduct committees. I am still learning but I wonder when in this Hon. House some of the members say that they want to be included in the committees, when myself my as Daniel Mutuku Mbevi, I was told and coached and taught how to handle committees by one our Hon. Members that we must command authority as majority and commanding majority is doing away with some members in some committees and now he is coming back to tell me 'no, include this Minority Members again to the Majority.

When that Hon. Member is still the one who told me, and I am very good at---

(Laughter)

So, what I am saying is; humble request, and let me tell you Hon. Members, you remember when we were in Mombasa each one of you raised his hand and I demonstrated very well that we un-clench our hands. Did I do that Hon.....oh, that one is not done in here. I remember that each member un-clenched his or her hand. If you remember that *Kamukunji* we had with Hon. Alice and we did that because we as Hon. Member should do that first before we move out of other parties.

We should un-clench that hand and shake our hands.

Hon. Speaker: Daniel Mbevi you are being informed.

Hon. Mbevi: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni.

Hon. (Ms.) Mueni: Madam Speaker, I think the member is out of point of what we are doing here. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mbevi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am informed and I will get back to the business. Let me say this.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mueni, if you feel the member is out of order, you needed to say what Standing Order he has breached and the Chair has not found that when he...when the Chair feel that the member was out of order, the Chair addressed the member. I would ask the member to continue and finalize.

Hon. Mbevi: Yes, I want to finalize Madam Speaker. What I would wish Hon. Members in this House is that; let us be patient and I think that this one in the Bible. Be patient and allow your friend to benefit for you to lose because in any scenario in life, if one is benefiting, somebody somewhere is losing. I would wish Hon. Members we have that in ourselves. If you are in minority, just next time, probably you will be in the majority. Just be patient for that other person Hon. Member to benefit then you lose because unless we accept realities and facts, we will keep on fighting and fighting and fighting.

Finally, Hon. Minority Leader, see how we can have this meeting before this weekend with His Excellency the Governor, as we start the business, we know how we are starting that business together because I believe, if we have it before the business we will have ample time to discuss the way forward for our Machakos people. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Daniel Mbevi. Hon. Kisini.

Hon. Kisini: Thank you Madam Speaker, for giving me this time to also air. I would just go straight to the point. I want to say, from the speech, in terms of reconciliation and unity, I am in the support of that. In terms of bonding and retreat, I am in the support of that. The Governor also talked about being open-hearted; I am in support of that but I am at pains to use this word 'afresh'. The Governor talked of we start at a fresh and I understand by saying that he want us to start afresh means that we forget about everything.

Why am I concerned about that one? It is because we are not all at par in terms of development. Some wards have been developed and I wonder if we are going to forget about the past and what has happened and start afresh, they will be ahead of us because we are not at par. Development has been done to their places development has not been done at my place. So there should be away forward of how we can all equal.

That is what I am saying because even if we are going to meet him, there should be a solution whereby, those who have lost so much in terms of development, when the Governor has been developing some other wards, some others areas, those who have lost should be

compensated. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kisini; you have been brief but to the point. Hon. Mitaa.

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you Madam Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to air my views on the Governor's speech. Madam Speaker, in the Bible, the book of Amos 3:3; it queries, 'can two walking together except they be agreed?' We are in a journey both the arm of Executive and the arm of Assembly. We must walk together from 2017 to 2022 and we must agree that we cannot walk together when we are not an agreement.

Madam Speaker, I think I take this opportunity from the speech to congratulate the Governor that he was declared the winner. I also wish to congratulate our candidate, Hon. Wavinya Ndeti, that H.E Uhuru Kenyatta has given her some job---

Hon. Speaker: Now those are matters extraneous; the two of them.

Hon. Mitaa: Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: You want to peg on the speech?

Hon. Mitaa: It is related Madam Speaker because there is somewhere the Governor talked about Supreme Court declaring him a winner. Well, Madam Speaker, I think what we need to do is.....we know where the problem is between ourselves as Assembly and Executive. Where the stumbling block is, it is well-known and that it is in regard to the CEC members and Chief Officers. Even if we go and bond, we have to restart that process, Madam Speaker.

So, my humble request is if we can as, Hon. Majority Leader has stated here, if we can categorically pick up what has brought this differences and see the way forward, engage the executive from that neutral point and see the way forward for the goodness of our county. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mitaa. Hon. King'ori, you had your hand up for a while. Proceed please and you remember we have ruled that we don't repeat; we are precise and to the point.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do understand. The speech of the Governor is good one, which we should try and give a least benefit of doubt and meet him and tell him the truth that the law says this; Chapter 11 of the Constitution of Kenya which mandates us and him the roles of legislation, oversight but now he asked us is to go and represent the people of our wards. That is very good and we should at least support it but not in a retreat. That is what I want to say. Retreat NO. We need to work for the people.

We need to meet somewhere in Machakos where we can get information, where we can get facts, where we can get the truth because Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya gives powers to the Executive only to work. We have nothing; we have no role on projects. In fact, I have read the Constitution to see where I can get anything. That is why even I am asking you

people to ask for the change of constitution so that we can get fund to trickle down to the wards because there is a hiccup somewhere in our in our constitution.

The Constitution of Kenya talks of a community being engaged in to do their work but where do they get their money? That is the big question. Unless we sit and think of the constitution itself and think on how to legislate on how these people, the community will get their own money. We have the municipal charter but we have not even been given a Bill here to make it legal that we have one. We have only words and not documents.

How can we deal without a written document? We need to engage the Governor to tell us when and how we should the municipalities.

Now, let us come to the Governor's speech; it was good. In fact, he tried but only that he did not even know the meaning of separation of powers, which is expressed very clearly on the The Constitution of Kenya Article 176. That the role of fair membership by all members in the committees is the prerogative of this House and not his and he should respect the separation of powers.

When we go there, we should even advise him never to repeat the same mistakes because he knows the constitution states separation of powers and that separation of powers is the one which has denied our wards chances to grow because you can't take funds from the Governor until he does it himself. Unless you are a contractor, no money should you get. Let alone anything, no money because that is where separation of powers is. It is stated in constitution four times so we should also know where we start and where we end.

When it comes to development, *tafadhali*, please, let us tell the Governor he is the one who is supposed to work.

Hon. Speaker: I have noted the mix of language but in the interest of time please proceed. You mixed two languages.

Hon. King'ori: I apologize for mixing it.

Hon. Speaker: For the interest of time proceed and finalize.

Hon. King'ori: Okay. I want to summarize, Madam Speaker. I want to also to say this: two wrongs never make one right. They have not passed the CIDP here. We should not be seen as white as snow because we should not be seen we are doing wrong when we know we can do right. So, two wrongs never make one right.

Let us pass the CIDP but not the supplementary budget because it is our role to pass CIDP. It is our role to passing supplementary budgets, so we shall say no until we get what they have to the money to the budget and the money they have used. So, if we get that that one, I can agree we can also pass the supplementary budget.

Withdraw of the cases of the court; *ai!* We did not take anybody in the court; did we?

(Laughter)

What he wants to is this and what I want to tell my Majority Leader; we can sit with the others and plan for what he wants because what we pass in this House should be respected and that is where the authority is.

You should know your role, whether in minority or majority that what happened to the time we impeached the CEC member for Finance, it was our duty to do that; we did the right thing. We did not even break the law; that is our mandate in the constitution under Article 185 where we are given powers to legislate.

Therefore, I would urge this house to respect the rule of law and also to tell the Governor to respect the rule of law. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, the mover, can you reply.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I have been following these sentiments and comments by these Hon. Members and I sincerely concur with their sentiments. I respect their sentiments and moving forward Madam Speaker, I would also like to remind this House that yesterday, because they are very much aware, we had powerful thanksgiving prayers that relate to this House as Hon. Members. I am saying this because these were the arrangements made by the Hon. Speaker, the secretariat and the agreement of the leadership of this House and that relates to the cohesion and the unity of this House towards service delivery to our electorate.

Madam Speaker, I stand here strongly, believing that the speech that was made by the Governor through the pages as you said Madam Speaker that; I am not supposed to repeat the sentiments the respectable sentiments and comments have been made by the Hon. Members but a light touch on page 1 that the Governor will be coming back to this House at a future date, as a requirement of the law and constitution to give the State of the County Address.

My humble request Madam Speaker to the Hon. Members is that; let us wait for that day and relate this to the same sentiments made by the Governor that he is going to look for a day that we sit down as a House and we agree with the executive.

We should not contradict ourselves that it was contradictory sort of the statement; It was a conciliatory statement that as Hon. Members that where we have gone wrong Madam Speaker, we should sit down as a family and come up with the strong things that we will benefit the electorate, our community in Machakos in contrast to what might be our weaknesses.

So my humble request Madam Speaker is that let us be patient. Let us sit down as Hon. Members, people who have got the heart of their people. We sit down with the Governor and we correct issues that might be burning within ourselves. We correct issues so that we focus forward to the service delivery of our people. We see what impact after that meeting with our Governor will bring forth. Will it be fruitful? Will it achievable? We should not preempt; let us wait because we have been given a date and I request Hon. Members because we have a leadership of this House; you give us those mandate as your leaders so through Hon. Speaker, I don't want to cheat the Hon. Members that I am going to convince the Governor to convene; No.

It is this House through the leadership of the House; through the Majority and the Minority, and Hon. Speaker and the Secretariat of this House that through that, we are going to be given a date. So as I said we should not preempt; let us be patient. Let us be brothers and sisters of this House. I believe we shall come out with the best course of action which is going to benefit our people of Machakos.

Once again, Hon. Speaker, let me once again stand and thank you our Hon. Members for the comments and the debate and for the contribution which we are supposed to take positively. Hon. Members, you may have thought that you stood and you gave out negative contribution; no,

it was very positive because we were looking forward for better development effective that we shall come out from the meeting that we are waiting.

Once again, thank you Hon. Speaker and may God bless Machakos. May God bless this Hon. House. *Asanteni na Mungu awabariki.*

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kamitu.

(Question proposed and agreed to)

Hon. Members, I usually give you time to debate and then after you resolve I make my comments because I am guiding you as the Speaker of this Assembly. I think it is important that you listen to what I would say about the resolution which you have already made. I just want to start by reminding you members and I know you remember very well, that yesterday we had a prayer day and that we had the clergy and members of the public and yourselves who attended.

On the 13th February, 2018 we had similar prayer day and we have prayer days for the Assembly organized by the Assembly because we appreciate that we can only do our mandate guided by God. So, it is an Assembly that puts God first and you heard the clergy appreciate that yesterday. The prayers are intended to assist us in discharging our mandate and to give us wisdom to resolve any problems that we may face in the discharge of that mandate. It is therefore important, the public that has been watching you praying, particularly yesterday, it is important that the public sees fruits of the prayers that you are engaging in every other moment.

You were praying yesterday for unity in the county because the feeling and the truth of the matter there has been a problem which you must face head-on and look for a solution. Speaker after speaker talked about the unity, the nature of the unity and you were told that the fact that you get united does not mean that you compromise on your responsibilities, does not mean that you become sycophants of any other party of the person you are uniting with.

On my part, I have shouldered a very huge burden over the period that I have presided this Assembly because of the state of the affairs. The minority and majority sides have equally shouldered a very heavy burden because things have not been working and you members, particularly those who have been elected have shouldered a big burden because there has been no development in your wards. Some of you, I know, you avoid going home because you are being asked questioned questions you cannot answer. That is a situation that we all need to come together and address on a serious note.

A member mentioned the period that is remaining and for sure you have only two sessions, the third session which you are in and the fourth session. The fifth session is about national politics. There will be hardly time for you to redeem yourselves and to tell the public after what you have been doing when you were in this Assembly. It is for you to decide now; in two years whether you want to see a change in the wards or you don't want to see a change.

I will tell you one thing; that if there is a dispute between two parties, the best you can do is to approach each other and to tell each other on their face, 'this is your problem.' and the other side to tell you on their face, 'this is your problem.' In fact, that is what you are supposed to do and that is what the public expects you to do.

I want each of you to be independent even of the person seated next to you because when it goes back to the public, you will face the public alone. You are not going to face it with the person seated next to you.

It is unfortunate that some of have been catalysts even of the situation that we have suffered all of us in. One of you also said that when there is chaos, when there is a problem, some people are benefiting and some of you have been benefiting from the situation. So, you have been catalysts for bringing problems to your county and that is very wrong.

If therefore, there is an opportunity of sitting down with the executive and telling the executive that it has been doing things wrong and demanding of the executive to tell you what it has done with the money that you gave it, you should grab that opportunity. You should be able to go with the demands, a list of your demands and tell the executive 'this is what you have failed to do, and the law requires you to do it, and ourselves we are empowered by the law to ask you questions.' That is the time you should go and ask questions.

I am referring about yesterday. I know that statements of politics will always come up and when I tell you to be independent, you should also be independent of your thinking which is wrong on politics because you cannot be led by wrong thinking to do wrong for your people. When is it going to end? Don't close your eyes. Don't be hoodwinked. If you are going for any meeting, say it as it is so that the solution is given and if the solution is not given, then you would take the next action. Hon. Katumo has said he has been here for the last six years. We talk of the experience of the current Assembly, because that is where we are.

You have done very good job members because I have heard it commented elsewhere if there is any success you have made is to oversight the executive. Don't give up on that. You have done something Hon. Katumo. Irrespective of the many big problems you still see, you have been wonderful watchmen of the people's rights but again remember, you need to move to the person who you perceive not to be doing the right thing and tell them that 'you are not doing this and I demand and I give you this time, deadline to do one two three.'

So, the fact that there is a request for a meeting does not matter whether it is called a retreat or it is called a meeting but the fact that there is a request for a meeting, because the kind of a meeting it is, is a logistic that you people you would agree on. Even what you are going to put on that meeting is a logistic. Where you are going to meet is a logistic but in principle, if there is a request for a meeting and flowing from yesterday's prayers of unity, take it up and take up wisely. Remember, you can work with your executive guided by the law and this has been my song throughout.

It is not an individual to go there and say I am going to work with the executive. Not an individual MCA, it is the Assembly that comprises of 59 of you plus the Speaker. So, members, sit on your home, think seriously about it and remember the public out there is watching. It wants to see fruits of the prayers that you have held yesterday even if not in 2018 and it expects something positive from you and it expects you to continue oversight and it expects you to make sure that you take change on the ground.

So, Hon. Members, it is very wise, going forward, anything which may appear to negate, anything which may appear to cancel the spirit of the prayers of yesterday, keep it away. Remember; don't forget to do your oversight because that is what you must do. If you go and say we want tractors or graders to work in each of the 40 wards and it should be within this time before we go further; we want to see results on the ground. Then you can take a(inaudible) after that. If it does not work, we want to see bursaries being given to the kids. We gave you supplementary budget for that; we want to see it within this given period.

There are bursary committees which are created under the law of the county; we want to hear those committees sitting and remember members of the Assembly are members of those committees. If a meeting of those committees is called, you will know because you are a member

and you want it done within a given period. You should see the results. Then after that, if it is not working you can now wake up and say, 'it is not working.'

Issues of the CIDP, you know why it has stalled. I addressed it yesterday. Issues of the supplementary budget, you know the issues what is stalling it and it is on that forum that you can wake up and say 'even the issues of the cases in the court. Which are these cases and what the issues in it? Let us discuss it here now, and let us give ourselves timelines to do one two three.'

So, Hon. Members, I thank you because you have seen the light. You have passed your resolutions. It is upon you but I have given you my advice and remember the seats you are sitting on are not yours; they belong to the public and you came here to serve the public and you must use your wisdom because you have so much wisdom and foresight to know which way to these people best.

Although I was telling Hon. Cosmus Masesi not to use the analogy of skinning a cat because it is very brutal; I guess you got his message that there are many ways you can use to serve your people without being compromised.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, thank you very much for listening and I remind you that we still have a sitting at 2.30 today. I notice that it is 1.30, and because the afternoon sitting is a brief one, I urge that we congregate again at 2.30 p.m. you have one hour to rest, then we will finalize the business of the day.

Two sittings make one sitting day. Hon. Members, at this point the sitting is adjourned to continue at 2.30 p.m. on the 13th day of February, 2019. Thank you.

The House rose at 1.28 p.m.