

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

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The House met at 2.34 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members. It is good, at least we are starting on time and with good quorum. So, Hon. Members, if I can remind you in the morning, we adjourned at a point where the Hon. Leader of Minority had moved a motion to discuss the address that was made to this House yesterday the 13th February, 2018 by His Excellency the Governor, Machakos County. I am going to proceed straight to propose...just a moment.

*(The Speaker consulted with the Clerk at the Table)*

Members, I was going to move straight to the point but I am being reminded that we go through the motions. This is a house of tradition and we cannot fail to go by the tradition. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, then proceed.

**MOTION**

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

*(Hon. Kamitu on 14.02.2018)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 14.02.2018)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. You see, I had jumped to motions because I thought we could just jump there. But I am told I am bound by tradition and we must follow it.

*(Laughter)*

So, Hon. Members under this order number eight we have the motion by the Hon. Minority Leader and as I was reminding you in the morning we stopped at a point where the Hon. Member had tabled the motion and he had been seconded and so we stopped at a point where I am going to propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

I invite members to debate that motion. Hon. Members, remember the motion, I am looking at some of you, you are supposed to have it the paper, it was in your pigeon holes. Alright, so I invite debate. Hon. Alice.

**Hon. (Ms.) A. Nzioka:** Asantie Bi. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Bi. Spika, namshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu ni kwa ajili ya siku ya leo. Mungu ametujalia likizo yote tumeenda tumerudi, sisi kama wabunge tukiwa salama salimini. Bi. Spika, jana katika ufunguzi wa bunge letu, tumeanza mwanzo mpya, ushirika mpya na matendo ni kwa ajili ya ya Kaunti yetu ya Machakos. Nashukuru taarifa iliyotolewa na Gavana wa Machakos kwamba sisi kama wabunge na Kaunti tushikane pamoja ili kaunti yetu isonge mbele ili tutoe kazi kwa walio tuchagua.

Bi. Spika, kwenye Biblia kuna mambo ama mistari inasema usipofanya kazi usile. Kuna wabunge ambao tunao hapa ambao walichaguliwa kutoka sehemu zao, Bi. Spika, wamekuja ni kwa ajili ya walio wachagua. Miaka mitano ikienda kuisha wataenda na kusema ile kazi ambao wamefanya. Ni mwanzo mpya maana tukishikana pamoja, utenda kazi utanza. Bi. Spika, wakati ukianguka ama ukiteleza, ukiamka usiteleze tena.

Mimi nilikua na waomba wabunge wenzangu huo mwanzo ambao tumeanza kama familia ya Machakos twende pamoja na tushikane na Gavana tufanye kazi pamoja. Bi. Spika, sasa ni wakati wa kazi sio siasa. Mimi kwa maoni yangu, nilikua nimeonelea kwamba taarifa iliyo tolewa na Gavana wa Machakos kwamba mwaka 2022 atatatafuta kiti cha Urais, tusiiongee; wacha tuongee wakati ukifika. Maana sasa wakati tunao---

*(Applause)*

Bi. Spika, tunaongea ni kwa ajili ya maendeleo. Sisi hatujui mipango. Siasa leo unazikuta nzuri kesho unakuta zimeenda mrama. Wakati ukifika tutaongea maana wakati ambao tunafanya siasa nzuri maisha pia ni mazuri. Tukifanya siasa za vita, mambo yanaharibika. Bi. Spika, Mungu atusaidie sisi kama bunge tushikane ili tufanye kazi pamoja na mambo yaliyo pita tusiyaangalie; tugange yajayo maana najua kama bunge tutafanya mengi.

Usiseme kama Mbunge kwamba mambo yaliyo pita unayafuata. Tulianza mwanzo mpya. Wafanyikazi wa Mungu waliomba sisi tufuate sauti ya Mungu ambaye Mungu alisema. Kwa hivyo tushikane pamoja ili tuendeleze Machakos na hasa waliochaguliwa wanajukumu. Mimi nimeteuliwa na chama cha Maendeleo Chap Chap; sina mtu wakuniuliza nyuma nafanya kazi ni kwa ajili ya chama lakini kuna mtu amechaguliwa anawajibu wa kujibu maana alise wakati wa kuomba kura alisema 'nitaleta barabara, nitawaletea maji.'

Mtapitia wapi barabara nzuri na ikiwa ni vita hizo vitu zote hazitapatikana. Itakuwa uliapa, uliongea na hujafanya kazi. Kwa hivyo, Bi. Spika, pia nikushukuru kwa kazi mwafaka ambayo umefanya ni kwa ajili ya kutuleta pamoja; Mwenyezi Mungu akupe nguvu, hekima na maarifa ili uendeleze bunge letu. Asante sana.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Alice; my tradition, we agreed we are bound by traditions. I deal with one side before I come to the other side and I started on this side so I will come back that side. Hon. Alex Kamitu you wait because you are the mover of the motion. We have Hon. Ndawa.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency the Governor of Machakos Dr. Alfred Mutua for the wonderful speech and elaborate speech that he delivered to this House yesterday. Madam Speaker, the Governor himself, in his speech, was very clear and he has talked about very important issues which touch the heart of the electorate.

Madam Speaker, one of the issues which was mentioned by the Governor in his speech is about working together; teamwork. Madam Speaker, it is very clear that we have two arms of the government, the executive and the Assembly. These two arms of government each has its laws. Madam Speaker, there is an engagement contract between the electorate, the executive and also the Assembly and the duty which is there, is that the electorate want service from the Assembly and the executive.

So, Madam Speaker, the issue of working together is something that should be accepted by everybody and this is the high time Madam Speaker, we should bury our differences. We must know that the employer is one and that is what we call rank and file or the common mwananchi who is on the ground there Madam Speaker. So, on that issue I want to stop there.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, that was raised by His Excellency the Governor, he talked about infrastructure, hospitals, roads, water and other things. These are things that mwananchi wants to hear. Madam Speaker, when we are in this Hon. House the electorate who elected me in Matuu do not have a screen in Matuu to see whether Hon. Ndawa contributes in the House. The only screen that can be seen by mwananchi of Matuu is the service that they get from all what we do from the Assembly and the executive.

So, Madam Speaker, I would urge the House and also the Executive time has come for us to deliver to the mwananchi who send us to Machakos.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, the two arms of government are very important and no arm of government is supposed to behave like a moving torpedo of the Indian Ocean which always has interest of making sure the ship does not survive on water. Its interest is to make sure the ship sinks in the water---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa do you have the report of the research of that proposal.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Yes, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Can you table it before the House or you withdraw. We need concrete evidence.

**Hon. Ndawa:** About what?

**Hon. Speaker:** The torpedo and the ship. You have the evidence on the torpedo and the ship?

*(Laughter)*

If you do not have a scientific research, if you do not have just leave it. Give examples that we have research on.

**Hon. Ndawa:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me not use that word maybe it is not understood by everybody but according to books that is what is written. The moving torpedo will always make sure---

**Hon. Speaker:** I thought you said you are leaving it so go to the next point.

**Hon. Ndawa:** I have left it. The other issue, Madam Speaker, is about the speech which was delivered yesterday is about uplifting the standards of wananchi of Machakos. This is what the electorate has been waiting for. He talked about job creation, everybody here including myself; those who elected us had a lot of hopes and requirements. They were expecting that when we come to office we will make sure that some are employed. Up to now I do not know whether there is any who has been employed.

So, once this is achieved I am very sure we will have answered some of the questions that our Hon. electorate have. The other issue is about business parks. Madam Speaker, the Governor was very clear that in his government he intends to have business parks in the first year in every constituency and the third here in every ward. If this dream is achieved, Madam Speaker, I am sure some of the diseases that we have will have been healed. When I talk of diseases, it is the problem that mwananchi has; I am very sure that will have solved.

The other issue, Madam Speaker, to finalize so that I may not take a lot of time, is to say that the electioneering time is over, it is now time to work. There is this msemu in Kiswahili or in English which says; *no ndia ndikolaa mbaaki* (a fool is never satisfied with tobacco snuff). So, Madam Speaker, I beg to rest there and say this speech is one of the best. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Ndawa is always the guru of proverbs; he must put a proverb in his speech. It is noted. Hon. Ndalana.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana:** Madam Speaker, I thank God for the speech which the Governor gave yesterday; it was a blessing to us as Machakos County Family especially for the elected. I am nominated MCA but elected MCA they have promised our people to work for them so I pray for them so that they can deliver what they promised the people and God.

Again, I thank you Madam Speaker; I remember I stood here and I said my spirit is going to unite this House and you have done that. So, I thank God for that. May God protect you and save you and meet all your needs.

*(Applause)*

I want to talk with nominated MCAs; let us unite together as nominated MCAs and respect the elected ones.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order from Hon. Majority Leader.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think if you let the House go that way, we are likely to degenerate into a Kamukunji and I believe that we are discussing the Governor's

speech which is very clearly highlighted here. So, Madam Speaker, I think the member who was on the floor is just out of order because part of what she is talking about---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader, please resume your seat.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** I was going to wait to hear the conclusion before I tell her she is in or out of order; alright. When she talks of the nominated MCAs, my belief is that she is talking of unity, unless I am not reading it. So, I think that is where she was heading but it is good you are awake and we are all awake.

*(Laughter)*

So let us carry on with the discussion but a caution; let us stick to the motion on the Table and if you deviate, you see members are very awake.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndalana:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, again. I thank God for what happened yesterday. We are going to continue like that and let us love one another and we make sure we work for our people down there. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. Hon. Members, if you allow me there is something that has been talked about by two Hon. Members on the elected and nominated members. I want to believe that much as the elected members have to account to the electorate, the nominated members must also account to the electorate.

*(Applause)*

Why do I so say? Because the nominated members represent parties and these parties had their manifestos and you must make sure that the manifestos of your respective parties are implemented on the ground.

*(Applause)*

So, you do not leave the work for the elected members; all of you have a duty to serve the wards. You have a duty to serve the people. I remember in the morning, is the MCA for Wamunyu now here. Yes, Hon. Mutinda. Nominated member Hon. Margaret represented you very ably because there were students here from your ward and I would have really been sad if both of you were away. So, both of you, wherever you come from, nominated or elected, you have a role to play. Please play it well for the interest of your people. Hon. Kisila.

**Hon. Kisila:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for guiding the House. First, I would start by saying that we had a very good event yesterday and to be honest those who were there witnessed a reconciliatory kind of approach and I would like to thank you for coming up with that idea. Now, going to the speech, if I can bring to your attention page eight; the Governor says the county is made up of well-versed and very intelligent men and women.

Now, let me tell you. Honestly, I do not think there is any other house probably in this country which has got the brains in this house. Starting with Madam Speaker, Majority Leader, Minority Leader and the leadership of this House and all the members who are here. So, that statement by itself speaks a lot about what is expected of us as MCAs; intelligent men and women.

So, intelligent people actually talk about issues; they do not talk about personalities, they talk about real issues. What are the real issues facing our people. This morning, I happened to go alone to the place where people are being issued with birth certificates because I came from home and saw what the people are facing on the ground. I was joined by Majority Leader and a few other members.

Our people need service, our people do not want any rhetoric and as intelligent people, let us deliver to the expectations of the intelligence in this House.

Madam Speaker, I will draw your attention to page six. Private-public-partnership; I think we all agree that the government does not have enough money to support all the projects which we are required to deliver. I fully support this idea of coming up with serious private-public-partnership which we can be able to partner together with donors, the private sector, with individuals including ourselves because actually we spend money to do a lot of projects.

In my ward, I am very luck I have one of the best donors called World Vision. World Vision, in fact, there is a lot of things this county can learn from World Vision. They do their things in a very professional way. Madam Speaker, one of the bore holes which World Vision has done in my ward which we are trying to distribute water has got 60,000 liters per hour. Now the boreholes we are doing ourselves do not have that kind of yield. There is a lot we can learn from them and I am really supporting this idea of private-public-partnership.

Madam Speaker, I will draw your attention to the same page and ask you to look at the last paragraph. We need to gain respect from our people and the only way we can gain respect, from the last paragraph, is we do not become personal in issues and whatever we are doing here is service to mankind.

Personally, I believe what I am doing I am not doing it because of money and I do not think any member of this Assembly is here because they are looking for money. We want to serve our people because service to mankind is service to God and if we serve our people well, I think God will reward us.

Madam Speaker, number 10 page 10 second last paragraph talks about best politics are politics of development. Yes, if you go to Mwala, Mbiuni, Masii, Matuu, Muthetheni, the same issues Masii people are facing, Mwala people are facing and it is the high time we unite together to be able to resolve the issues of our people.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, the mood is about forgiveness if anybody has wronged you. I do not think anyone has wronged us, I do not think we have wronged anyone but I think it is good to believe in what your principles tell you. The fact that we are saying we are going to work together does not mean that we sit back and do not do our role as a House.

In our committees, Madam Speaker, we commit to do what it takes to ensure that the executive is fully checked and whatever we pass in this House---

*(Applause)*

....is within the budget and is actually implemented. Mheshimiwa King'ang'i you have a very big role to support us with your committee to ensure whatever we pass in this House is

implemented on the ground. If we achieve that, I can assure my brothers and sisters we will come back all of us.

Now, on a lighter note, Madam Speaker, you talked about elected and nominated; whenever you hear people talking about the last Assembly, you hear of 40 were elected and only one came back. I have never heard of 20 more who were there. What am I saying? I want to be very categorical about this one.

As elected members of this Assembly, we are joined together and suffering together for the sake of our people. Let us put our parties, whether you are supporting your party manifesto or what, the party manifesto we are supporting is the one of developing what wananchi need. Let us not divide. If we leave this House, let people not go and say huyu amesema hii na huyu amesema hii. Hio ni cheapness. Let us rise above and be very intelligent the way we have been referred.

Actually, we are intelligent because three of us are doing their PHD. You cannot see any assembly doing PHDs and you underrate those kinds of people. The intelligence in this House is massive and I want us to rise to that level, let us raise the bar and they say 'when you see them going down, take your game higher so that things can move.' I believe, ladies and gentlemen we have an uphill task and I will be very happy to go to Wamunyu and see the people of Wamunyu celebrating what Mheshimiwa has done for them and I am very sure also when you come to Mwala, you will be very happy to see Hon Brian Kisila as a star.

Let us unite and jointly ensure.....do not be very happy when your area is being developed only. Let us make sure the entire county is fully developed. That is the only way we will succeed. I repeat, our success in this Second Assembly will not be measured by what Mheshimiwa Brian Kisila has done in Mwala; the success of this Assembly is if all the 40 wards are fully developed at the same level.

With equally distributed development, we will have succeeded. But the minute some of us start thinking I will do only my area; do not just be happy when only your area is being developed. Please understand we are members of the County Assembly of Machakos. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Brian Kisila. Hon. Moffat Maitha.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I start by wishing all these Hon. Members Happy Valentine Day.

**Hon. Speaker:** That is not on the Table but I think it is necessary for our health. So we can have it.

**Hon. Maitha:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The speech of the Governor was very elaborate and very good. It talked of unity of purpose for the people of Machakos County and I believe given the time, we of this Assembly can make Machakos County a great County. I want to start by talking about tarmac, Madam Speaker. When he talked about tarmac, we are happy we have seen tarmac from Makutano to Kithimani. We have seen tarmacked road from Kathiani to Kangundo. It is now my wish that His Excellency the Governor---

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

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can the member cease misleading this House? Roads are classified; are they done by the county or are they done by the national government?

**Hon. Speaker:** That is a valid point of order. Remember, Hon. Maitha there are national roads and there are county roads. Please refer to the ones specifically under---

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** Madam Speaker, hold on. Let me finish. Refer to the roads that are the responsibility of the county.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, even though you are talking about responsibility, it is for a fact that the road from Makutano to Kithimani was done by this Government of Machakos.

*(Applause)*

It is also a fact, Madam Speaker, that the road from Kathiani to the junction of the Machakos-Kangundo road was done by this Government.

*(Applause)*

Therefore, I am asking His Excellency the Governor, this time round if he can tarmac the roads in Matungulu Constituency and more so, there is a road they call Moffat road from Nimrod straight to Kyeleni-Ol Donyo Sabuk and Nimrod-Matuu-Kituluni to Kitambasye, we will appreciate as the people of this great County.

Madam Speaker, as he does what he has talked of which is tarmacking, we would wish that the tarmacking is done evenly in all the Wards of our County. Madam Speaker, when we talk about water, because he talked about it, the Ngalalya Water project in my Ward is one with massive water; it is second with voluminous water in this Country of Kenya and it can supply water to all the Wards in Matungulu Constituency and therefore, I am pleading with this Government when the Minority Leader will be responding, to tell him that we need that water project fast tracked so that the people of those areas can have enough drinking water.

When we talk about security, we have so many towns which are developing and we need security lights which they call *Mulika Mwizi* and, in fact, in my Ward and many towns in the Matungulu Ward do not have the security lights. Therefore, I am asking, if it is possible, towns like Koma-Malaa-Kisukioni-Mbiuni-Ndovoini and many others in that area to be provided with *Mulika Mwizi*.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, on health we have a dispensary by the name Kimiti Dispensary which stands on a seven acre plot. That dispensary is the largest in Matungulu Constituency. It was done by the National Government through the Economic Stimulus Programmes and Ksh. 30 million was pumped into that hospital and in fact there is nothing happening there. We took the Deputy Governor there last month when he came to visit and it is a very bad story when the people of that area cannot access medical station because that dispensary is under-developed.

We have Katome Dispensary and Kithuani Dispensary which were done by the CDF but they have not been officially opened. I am urging the Government to officially open them and



then provide the staff so that the people from those areas can have medicine. With those few remarks, Madam Speaker, I support the Governor's speech. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members. Just a small clarification and it is important that we all address matters from points of information. Hon. Members, matters of the roads went even up to the courts. You have heard of authorities called KENHA, you have heard of authorities called KURA, you have heard of authority called KeRRA, you have heard of the Kenya Road Board. Okay.

So, it is important when you are addressing the House, because you take the information to your people, you address them from points of information. It matters whether you are doing a road as an agent or a principal and there are roads where the principal and hence the provider of the resources is the National Government but they can be done through an agency of a County; understand that.

An agent will not be providing the money, they will just be used as an agent. So, as you address the matter just understand the distinction so that when you are talking to your people, address them on the roads that have been done using the County Resources or the resources that have been allocated for the County but not where the County is acting just as an agent of the National Government.

Why do you say that? Because you must make sure that all the money for the County is used for the purpose that is supposed to be used so that when the National Government does roads in your County, you know this is from the National Government and when the County Government does roads, you know this is from the County Government. For your information. Hon. Members can we proceed? Hon. King'ori.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to support what the Governor said about poverty. I will just talk about poverty in Machakos. Where does poverty start? Poverty starts from education, poverty starts from the ECDE, poverty starts when you do not take your children to school. Why do I say that? We need to improve our ECDE as the first priority so that we can defeat poverty that is found in our areas.

An educated person is more expensive than a non-educated person to deal with. Why do I say that? Because our understanding will be different. So, I would like to urge you Hon. Members to come with policies that will guide our children from that level of the ECDE so that our children will get the basics in education where it starts from which is the ECDE. The system is now changing where we shall have more resources put on ECDE. I think this House is very able to do the same which is to give the people of Machakos what they deserve.

Politics of education is the best investment we can ever have in this County. Why do I say that? If you want good doctors, good lawyers, they are found in education but they all started from the ECDE to their levels. I would like us now to compete against the private sector which is helping the Government to educate our children so that those children who cannot afford a better place to be than the Government place, may be able to see that they are not marginalized, that they have the sporting facility in their schools, they have food and mostly porridge.

We should see to it that all our children who are at ECDE are given porridge during the day so that they can attentively attend the class lessons. Some of them go to school hungry and if we do not think about it, we will not be doing any good to this County of Machakos.

*(Applause)*

I would like to talk about now on why are we poor? We are not only poor, we are very rich but the resources we have are not utilized to the best but this House can turn that in making sure that the resources we have we utilize them to the best unto ourselves.

Let us talk about sand harvesting; we have been selling it using lorries and I think it is the high time we change that policy and say sand should be packaged so that our children can also get jobs because if the factories of sand dredgers are put here, our children will automatically get jobs. If they are packaged with grades, we will earn more and we shall also have more capital.

So, let us talk about what we have as the County and we do not use it properly; water. We have our rivers dried by not putting gabions which should be mandatory when to all those people who are selling sand. All that revenue we are getting from sand they should put gabions in order to save the real water and water from rivers to be utilized by farmers.

Our farmers always cry about rainfall which is not always adequate but we also do not preserve the water and water is life and water will change the life of that peasant farmer like in my Ward in Muthwani. It will also change that life of peasant farmer in Ndithini. So, we need to come with good policies to safeguard our natural resources so that our people could benefit from them.

I thank my Governor because he also talked about improving factories or building industries near our people but what sort of industry do we need? We need factories that will deal with the resources that we have. Like what I have just talked about, sand; it is a mineral we are using badly. If we use it positively, this County can change.

About the investors we have here, they are good but most of them do not give back to the society. I think we have good laws but with no implementation or the way to implement them is bad. Like the Bill that was passed in this House in 2016, which is in operation now about quarries; it is talking about benefit sharing but our people do not share with those quarry people. They all pocket the money and take them to India or China or for their own use and what do we get? Cracked houses, no school, sleepless nights, no polytechnics, insecure roads, no schools provided by them.

It is the high time this House stands to the people of Machakos and give them what they deserve. It is a good policy that will make that change. So, if we work together with the Governor, if we work together with other arms of the Government, I think Machakos will prosper.

Why do I say this? How can we have an industry making Ksh. 30 billion per month and we get zero revenue? I am talking about quarries in my area, I am talking of sand in Ndithini, I am talking of sand in Mumbuni. I think we need to change the way we work and we should work closely with the Executive so that they can implement what we have passed here.

I have read another Bill, the sand Bill which is so good but needs some improvement so that we can have benefit from what they harvest in our areas. I also want to talk about something little about cement. We have industries in our areas, they get materials from my own Ward, Muthwani but we lack even a single tarmacked road, even a quarter kilometer and I wonder; what policy do we use to give the people of Muthwani their rights to at least enjoy some benefits from what they get from us and is there in our Constitution?

Article 202, talks about equitable distribution---

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Speaker:** I reject the point of order but Hon. King'ori can you start winding up your debate.

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will do that in a moment. I would like this House to help the Governor to make this place a better place to live by supporting what he has outlined in his speech. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Members, even when the matter is so close to your heart, please mind about the opportunity for others also to contribute. I am coming to this side now; can I have Hon. Angela.

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to say that I noted with a lot of interest when the Governor spoke about the elected and nominated Members of the County Assembly. I have realized that since the House opened, there has been a lot of division, now this is nominated, this is elected.

Madam Speaker, when we come into this House, we are all expected to contribute to the Motions, we are all expected to contribute to matters that can be of importance to the respective wards and the entire County as a whole. What I would like to emphasize is that, Madam Speaker---

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

**Hon. Mule:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like the Hon. Member to tell us what page she is referring to when she is talking about nominated and elected on the Governor's speech.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Angela, you do not need to respond to that because I was going to cut you short anyway. The point is that, the point of elected and nominated came up as an example of unity in the House. So, do not dwell on it. If you have an issue between elected and nominated, let somebody bring a Motion, let someone bring a statement and so on. Otherwise, when we talk of unity, we are talking of unity of this House generally but do not dwell on elected and nominated.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for the correction but the point I was bringing about is not about the division between nominated and elected. It was about the unity actually that if we were to unite; if all of us unite, we are going to be able to deliver better to the wards as Members of Machakos County Assembly or even of the respective wards.

When we went to the health facilities that the Governor spoke about, Madam Speaker, I am sure most Members in here are aware that the health facilities in the County are wanting; we need to really improve on the health facilities in the County and without collaboration between the County Executive and the Assembly, the Executive may not be aware of exactly what is happening on the ground. If we were to collaborate, it will be healthy for the two teams to come together and improve the County health facilities.

The respective Committees need to work double the way we have been working because we need to really find out what is on the ground and sometimes even the composition of the Committees may not be adequate. If a Member has an item that can be of help to another committee, we should collaborate and be able to solve the problems that are on the ground by bringing the committees together and whether you belong to a committee or not, if you have something to offer to the committee, it will be of importance.

Private-Public-Partnerships; a Hon. Member spoke about Private and Public partnerships and organizations that can help the County to improve facilities, infrastructure, education, health, water and other facilities that can be funded by other organizations. I would like to urge Members of the Assembly to concentrate very much on that because we have organizations that are really willing to assist the County in development projects.

*(Applause)*

If you know of any or if any of us is able to get such partnerships, it will be of great use to the County and we will be able to improve on education, we will be able to improve on infrastructure and health. I personally had an organization that was very willing to assist the County Assembly on bringing health-related materials to the County but my efforts, that time I was not in the Assembly, to get the County to collaborate with that organization were futile because there was no follow up and the Executive was not responding to emails that the organization was going to bring a whole container of medical equipment to the County for free. All that the County needed to do was to get the items cleared.

So, with such omissions, the County is likely to miss out on a lot of donors that are willing to assist the County but without collaboration and participation from the Executive, we are not able to move.

So, mine is to say that, we would like to keep urging the Executive and the Assembly to work together so that we are able to harmonize and prioritize on issues even when we are drawing budgets and implementing projects so that we are able to prioritize and get to the common mwananchi and get to sort problems in the grassroots by prioritization. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Muendo.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me contribute to this speech of the Governor. I will be brief Members because the speech is very short. I will go page by page. According to me, Madam Speaker, on page one there is nothing. I will do some clarification to the Governor and to the House on page two where it says, 'for example, this last weekend, Gor Mahia football club played an international match in Machakos, Kenyatta Stadium which currently is the only FIFA authorized stadium in Kenya.'

That is a lie. There is nobody who does not know there is Nyayo Stadium, there is Kipchoge Keino, and there is also Kinoru Stadium, Kasarani Stadium. So, that is not true; maybe he had no information. Members of this House and the Hon. Speaker, I am talking as an expert, so those stadiums that I have mentioned are FIFA registered.

Let me also thank Hon. Maitha and also Hon. King'ori for addressing the issues that I was expecting the Governor to address. In fact, Maitha talked of really on what is on the ground---

**Hon. Speaker:** There is no Member here called Maitha.

**Hon. Muendo:** Hon. Maitha.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you; I stand corrected. He actually pointed out what I was expecting from the Governor of this Machakos County. He mentioned about a hospital in his Ward which I think he said there is nothing going on there. I was expecting the Governor to tell us what he is going to do on health care.

I can give an example in Makueni and Kitui. There is a contribution of Ksh. 500 that you pay yearly and you go to the hospital and treated for free and that is the system that I was thinking the Governor was going to address on the health of our people.

*(Applause)*

I would like to go to page six---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order, Hon. Maitha. Where is the microphone?

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, when I talked of the Kimiti dispensary, I did not say nothing is happening. I said it is a huge hospital that was built with Ksh. 30 million where rooms are empty and we need doctors. I did not say nothing is happening in that hospital, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order noted. Hon. Muendo, please proceed.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Maitha. The rooms are empty.

*(Laughter)*

I thank you for that. Let me go to page 6, where the Governor talked about putting up a new City and also putting up new business parks of all factories in every Ward. Machakos people do not need such kind of parks; we need water, we need health care. There are basic needs of human beings. You cannot go to a park when you are hungry and when you are sick. So, I think our Governor was having what we call vision and vision without action is just a mere dream. Let me continue; on page 6---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muendo point of information. Hon. Minority Leader.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. With a lot of respect to my dear brother, Hon. Muendo, the information given by the Governor or the remarks that were made is that there is nothing that is impossible in this world. The vision the Governor had, there are methods in good governance that you can bring in investors from outside.

Investors will come with their money, they invest maybe for a duration of 15 years and after the 15 years or whatever investment will be left in our county. So, that is exactly what the vision the Governor had. There are investors I know---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information is usually short Hon. Member.

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

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muendo, proceed.

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you, Minority Leader for that but I think---

**Hon. Speaker:** I am not allowing another point of information. Let the member finish.

**Hon. Muendo:** My question is touching on the speech. We talk about building factories; for the last five years, we have been talking about showers. Do we have a shower in every house? I think we must have vision with action. I was expecting the Governor to address the issue of shower.

Madam Speaker, let me continue on that page and thank you for protecting me.

*(Laughter)*

Page six, the spirit of working together for our people; that is excellent and that is what I can pick from this speech and I think I will also like this House to look for a way of working with the Executive, not working together; us playing our part and Executive playing their part. For that unity, I say heko! Bw. Governor.

Madam Speaker, I was not expecting this speech to be short and brief, for the people of Machakos we expect a lot from the Governor. I will not say I support or I recommend is good; I will just be hanging there. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** What do you mean by hanging?

*(Laughter)*

We do not want to see anybody hanging in this House. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the speech of the Governor and also point out some issues which I thought the Governor could have briefed us. If you check on page one, the Governor said that he will talk on three important issues; vision of Machakos, importance of working together and the current state of Machakos.

How I wish he could touch on something in terms of the current state of Machakos in financial issues; how much debt we have and secondly on page six, the Governor agrees that we are lacking finances to match our vision. I don't think Hon. Members you are aware as we speak, no PSV vehicle is paying rates within Machakos County. How I wish that we could use the local resources we have, maximize on revenue collection.

*(Applause)*

On the ground, administrators and revenue clerks have got huge problems when they come to our people; there was a time like three months before the elections when the Governor went to the media and announced waiving of some taxes and rates. How I wish the Governor could go back to the media and announce coming back of the rates to enable us as a county to make use of the available resources which we have as much as we want to support him to partner with public and private partners to enhance our manifestos.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, I would like to wish the Governor well as he unveils his dream of becoming the fifth President of the Republic of Kenya. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Masesi. Hon. Pauline.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mene:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Governor's speech is commendable, generally the mood yesterday was reconciliatory and I believe the Governor extended an olive branch and it is acceptable. I feel there are things the Governor should have spoken about; one, pending bills; two, maximizing on revenue collection; three, the anticipated drought, that is *La Nina* and finally spoke about forgiveness. He asked us to forgive him, we have forgiven him and I believe it is a fresh start, it is a new dawn. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Pauline. Hon. Mueni.

**Hon. (Ms.) Mueni:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Yesterday was a good day for Machakos and maybe for the elected, you were saved if you work with the Governor, you might come back about five members.

*(Laughter)*

So, I think Madam Speaker, I think the Assembly people might mistake about working together with the Governor. You must not forget your work, watch the Governor or the Executive and maybe the Governor is not bad, the people surrounding him are the ones who are bad, from my view.

So, be watching them and understand what they are doing because when we call them here, we don't call the Governor, we call the CECs and they don't come to answer the questions. You have to be very careful and understand your work. When the Speaker talked about unity and

brought people to come and pray for us and the Governor, it was a very wise idea. I congratulate you for that.

The other thing is that the people take wrong things to the Governor, I think now they have no food.

*(Laughter)*

So, I think what is there, we have to work together and understand we did not come here to hate one another; we came here as friends and we will be going home and one day you will hear that Mueni has died and you will come to my funeral as a Mheshiniwa whom I was working with. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Mueni. Hon. Betty.

**Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to congratulate you for the good job that you did to us yesterday; it is spiritual and I know that where there is the presence of God, there is an accomplishment of victory. I want to tackle a few issues about the Governor's speech.

One, when he is talking of our household water programs which targets to have tap water in all homes in Machakos, I think one thing I would like the Governor to address, not to initiate other projects because back in our wards, there are some projects that he started and they are not complete.

So, I would rather ask him to complete the undone projects so that we can move to the next step. When we talk of health centers and dispensaries, Madam Speaker, in our wards we have dispensaries, they don't have facilities. I would also ask the Governor to address the issue because it is very serious; some of us and our electorates cannot afford to come to Machakos and when they go to the dispensaries, even a panadol is an issue in the hospital.

The other thing, I want to point out is number five. I think it's not a dream when we talk of business parks or factories in every ward. This is something that has happened in Makueni and in Masii ward as we talk, we have a factory of mango processing; it is now running. It is practicable, members came together, they started it as a project and they are getting donor from outside. So, I would ask the county government of Machakos to give our people a hand in our way or the other so that even us we can have factories as Makueni and we can make a move like Makueni and Kitui.

Lastly, Madam Speaker, the Governor spoke of the spirit of working together. It is critical again if we are to gain respect that we deserve. I want him to remember, even the Members in this House, there was a reason why God brought us into this position. After five years or the day when you are going to be with the Lord, we shall give an accountability of what God has called us to do for Machakos County. Even for him as our Governor, let him know that he has a responsibility that all people of Machakos County are looking up to him and before God he will as well give account. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Museku.



**Hon. Museku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to contribute to the speech which was made by the Governor yesterday. Thank you again for the arrangement which you made for the House to meet with the Governor. A few things; yes it was a great show of humility from him to extend an olive branch to us and say that he is willing to work with the assembly. We have always been willing to work with the Governor to the best of my knowledge so I was happy yesterday when both parties would see eye to eye and see that there has never been a difference before it is only that there has been perceived differences.

I also agree with him and echo what my friend has said that this House contains some of the best brains we have in the country. I believe with this House, we can be able to achieve much more than any other County Assembly in the country only if we utilize the brains which I can see in this House.

Since it is a critique of the report, I would like to mention a few things adding on to what Mheshimiwa Muendo said, there are a few things which were contradictory in the report. When we talk about...we want to bring about mind-boggling development and business parks and factories in every constituency, the next question you are asking is; is this really viable? Is it practical? Can we, within the next five years, be able to construct a factory and a business park in every constituency?

Why I am saying it is contradictory is, if you go to paragraph 10, our Governor in the same footing, says the Kenyan people are tired of endless political games but the most important word that I wanted to say is they want development, roads, water, improved education, jobs, security and the things that matter. Simple things which improve on the standards of living of people.

*(Applause)*

We as an Assembly, we have not been sent by our electorates to do much but to just make sure we improve on the standards of living of our people. That is what we as a House need to concentrate on, making sure that the basics. If we talk about a mind-boggling idea of a big city and my mother is still walking 15 kilometers to fetch water I don't think she understands what I am talking about.

Let us try as a House to use the role that we have, the mandate we have been given by the people to ensure we improve on the standards of living of our people. Hon. Mueni has talked about something very critical to us; yes we are cooperating between us and the Executive, but each has their own mandate. Our oversight role cannot be co-mingled with the Executive. So as much as we are cooperating with them, it will still be our role to ensure we have equitable distribution of resources within all wards in our County.

In the first assembly, we saw a few members five or 10, where in their wards, tremendous development was done according to their minds and in other areas nothing much happened. How many came back? I can see one; what happened to the other nine? That is exactly what is going to happen to us if we, as a House, entertain inequitable development in Machakos County.

Your people will not come and say Mr. so and so and developed my ward so we will take him back. What I have seen is that it is the mood in the county and the development and we are judged as a unit.

*(Applause)*

Whether we perform or don't perform, it will be done as a unit. So, Madam Speaker, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity and I urge the House to stay united as one and work to benefit or provide services to the great people of this county. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to start by congratulating you for what you have done; yesterday was a great day for this Assembly and also to echo what many of our Members have said here. First, I will start by congratulating the Governor for the speech he gave to us and also to critique in the right way.

My point starts with the household water program which targets to have tap water. For real we say water is life and for sure it is. One thing I have learned when going around my ward during the just concluded recess; I have realized that much has been done on boreholes but many of them have dried up and others are not in good working conditions.

My request to this House is that we make sure that before we go to new projects, we do what is necessary for the pending projects especially the boreholes that we have in our wards. Many boreholes have been sunk but they have not been pump-tested and they are not working. What I can say and to give a permanent solution on water is that we call upon the Governor, through this House, to make sure we tap all the water which runs through our rivers to Indian Ocean. Like in my ward, River Thwake traverses my ward and we can make a subsurface dam to River Thwake.

We also have River Miu which is a big river; we can also make a subsurface dam. We also have Muthetheni subsurface dam which is the second largest dam we have in Machakos county. It had a project before, since 1985 to 1995 and the project has stalled. These are just few things which are needed there; piping the project and buying generators or installing electricity on the same project and water will run from morning to evening to the people of Muthetheni.

We also have Mikolekya subsurface dam which has a capacity to supply water within the ward even without any hustle. So, in this issue of water, it is good to tap the rain water which is going all the way to Indian Ocean.

Secondly, on the hospitals, we have good health centers which were built by the last regime but many of them are incomplete. It is good as much as we give money to the Executive or authorize them to use the money, to make sure that all pending projects in our health sector have been improved or have been finished so that the services can go back to Mwananchi.

For example, I have a dispensary in my ward called Kalia Mbeu dispensary, which was built in 1997 and it was funded by the Hon. Mutua Katuku and up to this moment, it has never started giving services to Mwananchi which is very wrong. Therefore, I call upon this House to ensure that these projects are kick-started so that our people can start getting services.

Thirdly, when I look at this speech of the Governor, I see the vision for the people of Machakos is based on the promises that we gave on remarkable development that lifts the standards of living of our people. If we want to generate wealth to our people, we must start at the grass roots and this is done through the education sector. Many people have dropped out of school. Young girls have been giving birth and they drop out of school. Many guys went up to class eight and because the parents were not able to pay school fees for them, these guys are just down there---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah, who are guys? Please use language of the House.

**Hon. Munguti:** Sorry, Madam Speaker. These are the people in our wards. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am sorry. Therefore, what I was requesting was, we need to improve our youth polytechnics, so that those young people in our wards can be able to be taken to the youth polytechnics, given the necessary skills so that they can start earning or creating wealth to our area.

Lastly, I would also comment on the issue of rolling out New City project which I don't find it fit and also the factories; but my request would be we have pending market sheds which were done by the last regime and those sheds can be completed so that our *mama mbogas* can be able to do business in those areas.

We must put up factories at least for areas like Mwala Sub-County. It has good catchment of fruits and I want to believe if we can set up factories, our people can benefit. Right now, mangoes are rotting in our farms; oranges are actually being thrown away---

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

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let me inform the Member, in Makueni there is a new factory with a capacity of 30,000 metric tonnes of puree; you can take your mangoes there.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muendo, we are talking about Machakos County not Makueni County. Proceed, Hon. Jeremiah and start to wind up your speech.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you Madam Speaker for your protection. Hon. Muendo, I know in Makueni we have a factory---

**Hon. Speaker:** We are out of that. Please proceed on the line of the motion.

**Hon. Munguti:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Therefore, I was saying that it will be prudent for this House to see it that we build a factory so that we can tap all those fruits in our area.

Lastly, I would say that it is good to involve the people to have public participation in every ward especially when we are putting these projects so that people can know what exactly is being made for the people. I am grateful for this wonderful time. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah. Hon. Mulatya.

**Hon. Mulatya:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I would like to thank you Madam Speaker for a job well done, for uniting us with the Executive. As the Whip of the Majority, I would like to say that we are ready to work with the Governor and now the Governor becomes our son and we need to advise him well so that we can have progress and development in Machakos County. For example, we are not supposed to sit back and start looking for some words, maybe mis-spelt or not well-written and start criticizing the Governor.

We will be going backwards. We are supposed to stand firm, do our job and advice our Governor correctly. I understand he is also eyeing the highest seat in Kenya and he will not attain this if we are not advising him the right way. I would like to give our Governor few things which I have come across, Madam Speaker.

In page four, he talked about water; this has been, if I may say it to our politicians in Machakos County, if I could tell the Governor, now that we are united, we need him to include, in

the budget, every ward to have a drilling rig and we are going to pass the budget for him. We are not going to frustrate him.

We have other things like he talked about us having the best hospitals in Kenya; I don't know which criteria the person who was writing this to the Governor used to rate the hospitals. Let us tell the Governor the truth and we are going to win and maybe in the next five years, we will have a President in our County.

When we talk about hospitals, this person is supposed to tell the Governor, we have very nice buildings like in Masinga, if you come to Kangonde dispensary in Masinga, they have very nice buildings but no medicine. If you look at the parking the ambulances are parked there and they are not working.

So, there are some people who normally let the Governor down, because he cannot go in every ward looking at what is happening there but us Hon. Members, we are supposed to advise him. In my ward, I don't have an ambulance and there is a dispensary called Musumaa where there is no medicine. We are supposed to tell him so that the budget he is bringing to us is at least touching all areas in our wards.

So, I can advise the Governor, when he is bringing the budget let every sub-county have one drilling rig and we will never talk about water again and we are going to support the Governor. I am also trying to advise the Governor on the public-private partnership; he is not supposed to tell us he will bring it soon. Let me read from page 6: to this end we will soon be bringing a motion and later a bill for private-public partnership for debate and adoption by this respected House. He was supposed to bring this yesterday, not soon, because we need this.

*(Applause)*

This is what we need especially people who come from Masinga, we have KENGEN, TARDA, and a lot of companies even around here we have. So, this one is long overdue and he is supposed to bring it we pass it for him we start working for our people.

Madam Speaker, Hon. House, I would like also to touch briefly on page 8 where the Governor told us to forgive him and he has also forgiven us. I think this is Godly; for me, I have forgiven him, I know there is a Kamba saying which says '*nguli syonthe iyaniaa musuoni umwe.*'

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** That is not a language of the House, Hon. Tariq.

**Hon. Mulatya:** I withdraw.

**Hon. Speaker:** You can translate.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Point of information.

**Hon. Mulatya:** I withdraw.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is withdrawn.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Point of information.

**Hon. Speaker:** The point is withdrawn.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Not about that one.

**Hon. Speaker:** Which information?

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think it is a wrong culture that I have realized the House is growing into, because when we talk about a quote and actually a proverb, you cannot translate a proverb. And so when we have Kikamba proverbs that are brought into the House, look at the inscription that we have in the house here, Madam Speaker. It says *Kyaa Kimwe Kiyuaa Ndaa*; that is not to say you are translating.

That is already stands by there and as a culture we must preserve that. So, Madam Speaker, quite often when members bring proverbs in culture, I think that is acceptable. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** It is not acceptable, I rule you out of order

*(Laughter)*

The language is very clear. In the constitution, in the County Governments Act, in our Standing Orders and it remains. So, are you finalized Hon. Mulatya?

**Hon. Mulatya:** No I am still on my feet.

**Hon. Speaker:** Finalize.

**Hon. Mulatya:** I said we did not belong to the same party and us who belong to different parties we are joining him to make the development of this county. Then he also said, on page 10, that he will spend time politely wooing most of us. I can assure the Governor that he does not need to talk to us; let him just do the development and we will follow him, no problem.

So and finally, I remind him that I have been talking to the Governor, messaging him, sending messages on *whatsapp* him and I was a little bit disappointed because of electric fence I have been telling him; it was not included in this paper. So, may he remember to put that fence because of the elephants which are killing people in Masinga. Thank you, very much.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Tariq Mulatya. I have my reasons why I am skipping some of you. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

**Hon. Mwanthi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine I think, the Governors' address was fairly good but there are some basic that it did not address. For example, in our wards we already have some ambulances that have been grounded, some without insurance stickers and you can imagine only failing to have an insurance sticker in an ambulance that is helping our people wherever they want to maybe to be transferred to or referred to the level V hospital here in Machakos.

So, I think there are some those small things before we think too big, before thinking of the cities and the parks, why can't we first think of the basics that are needed by the Mwananchi on the ground there because I want to understand; most of us here, in fact including some of the Hon. Members here, have gone to an extent of using their own resources or funds to fuel the graders at least to help their people on the ground there.

When we are saying we are working for a government, why can't we think of those small issues that are affecting the normal mwananchi before even thinking of the factories and other things? It is a problem here at Machakos even to get an engineer to go down there and repair a broken borehole. Not even sinking a borehole but getting that engineer to repair that borehole? Why can't he address some of those small issues that are affecting us?

We have the feeder roads down there, before getting or before tarmacking the highways also, there are those impassable roads assured the Bishop yesterday as he said, there are those impassable roads and all these Hon. Members are aware of that, we are working even some of us after leaving this House I know we are going to those offices even to see whether we can get a grader to upgrade those roads.

We have other issues with the Mulika Mwizi (floodlights) also; we already have some have been erected in the markets but they are not working. When you go and get an engineer just to rectify that fault, it is a problem. So, I think to me is the high time the Governor called us as Hon. Members, we sit and discuss on the basic issues affecting our people on ground before we think of building the cities and those other things or even before talking of the investors.

It is also good, the little money we have, we are supposed to budget on the little we are getting, not only thinking of the investors' money when our money the little we are getting, the revenue we are collecting even to sometimes is not working for the people.

The clerks who are down there and the cashiers they, don't bring all the monies they are collecting from maybe from the sand trucks and other departments; we know all that. So, before thinking of other people's money we should think and work and make sure that all the money we get from our local revenue is doing the right job for the county. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Steve Mwanthi. Hon. Francis Ngunga.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Thank you Madam Speaker, thank you Hon. Members. Let me also add my voice to the debate that is ongoing about the Governor's speech that was delivered yesterday when we were officially opening our House, and I will start by saying as most of the members have said, I want to use this opportunity to thank you for the organizational ability that you exhibited yesterday by leading this House into the opening of the Assembly where members came, I think we were 100 percent in attendance and I want to say, Madam Speaker, again if you noted members came very smart they did not embarrass---

**Hon. Speaker:** They are always smart.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Ngunga:** They came very smart, this time round extra ordinarily smart and so let us commend them. For that remember that, Madam Speaker, members we are just from recess. So let me say again the cooperation of the mystic and the air that is blowing is something that is

long overdue. You understand that you did mention yesterday that we had legislation actually up to about 35, but I doubt whether much was able to be achieved in terms of execution.

So, now this cooperation that seems to be coming Madam Speaker, again must be understood in its meaning so that if you look at the Governor's speech, he did say those three issues that the Governor was to address is about the vision, importance of working together, and then the current state of the Machakos, Kenya.

So, let me say that I would just want to talk about the importance of working that members have dwelt on and that is a leader of this House, I would say that it is long overdue because most of us who were elected have found it very frustrating and I want to say very frustrating because there seem to have been competition that has been there between the Assembly and the executive. In fact, unwarranted competition but with the present mood that is blowing in the air, I think this is going to be a thing of the past.

Madam Speaker, receive greetings from the Governor; I had the opportunity to meet the Governor today over lunch hour with the Minority Leader and he said that I come and greet you and so receive the greetings from the Governor. One of the things that I want to assure you is that as an Assembly, we must not put down our guard in terms of oversight. This is a basic role as an Assembly, but again when it comes to the issue of cooperation, we must be very clear on this one.

Let me say this morning, for example, we were led by the chairman of environment committee today we had a meeting with County Commissioner, Machakos County, where we were addressing issues of conservation which has become a thorn even in your speeches Madam Speaker, you talked about issues of conservation. In our meeting, were elected leaders, I think we were about seven of us and we had county officials and we had County Commissioner, forest officers and all that.

You realize these are departments, some of them have national responsibilities and county responsibilities and in that cooperation we were able to stop the Katunga forest from deforestation further. You see, when we sat down in cooperation we were able to stop that further because the County Commissioner is here to enforce, the county government is here to take notes and we were there as legislators to raise the alarm.

So, Madam Speaker, this is the kind of cooperation as a House, I think we are going to move forward in. If you look at some of the issues that members have raised, they are actually very pertinent issues; issues of sand harvesting have come up here and unless we cooperate with government agencies, we will not be able to save our environment. We are living in very dangerous times and so these are times that we also need to think further as leaders of Machakos County Assembly and see how we are going to exhibit leadership.

For example, Madam Speaker, when we talk about the issues of environment which I have just talked about it will be impossible for us to be able to enforce this without the assistance of the executive. So, it is upon this House now therefore to call upon the executive to realize the cooperation that we are talking about here is cooperation from this side in terms of legislation and their side in terms of execution. So, Madam Speaker, we do not expect anything less than co-operation in written form.

If I am to talk, for example, my area of Mua ward which is just next door. Mua ward, for your information is a settlement area and we Kitanga, Katelembo, Kethaka Kai farms but now they are being taken taken advantage of sand harvesters now because most of the members have not been allocated the land so people are moving in to the land. Actually they are not harvesting

sand, what they are doing is they are carrying soil it is actually our land they are carrying away with lorries.

So, Madam Speaker, therefore we need to cooperate with the agencies so that we stop this one. We also need to see how therefore we are going to assist our people in terms of securing title deeds. If the Governor therefore we cooperate I expect a task force to be put in place immediately so that the Katheka Kai that lies just next to the Assembly, the members here and you know people have bought land in Katheka Kai and as we are speaking now, those members do not have title deeds.

So, Madam Speaker, in cooperation, I am hoping that people will be able to benefit. So, now Hon. Mueni could not have said better when she said that members we need to cooperate in principle, we do not need to obstruct proposals that come from the Governor, but we also need to have a pin eye, I mean of closeness in trying to look at what is brought from the Governor's side. We have agreed that we have a wait forward and I think Minority Leader will be talking on that. The thorny issue about CECs which has been everybody's concern, we have been able to discuss and tomorrow we are going to have a meeting with the Governor as leadership and these are some of the issues we need to address.

*(Laughter)*

The issue of CECs is not an issue that we are going to relegate; the Governor has promised that soon that he is going to name tomorrow the list of the CECs is going to be brought in the House for scrutiny and approval. So, the Governor asked when he brings this list you look at it as you have always done in a view of approving. He has not send me to tell you but I am saying there is good cooperation that is in the air now and so members of this Hon. House, I guess since as I did say yesterday, election period is over it is high time that we put our eyes on the ball we delivered services to our people and we cannot deliver alone as a House; we have to cooperate with the executive and I am hoping that Madam Speaker, with your guidance this is going to be achieved and as Hon. Mueni put it, the number is not going to be five the ones who are going back but we are going to come back 40 out of 40 and then Hon. Mueni--

*(Applause)*

.....that will also assist you maybe probably you can get a third nomination. So, Madam Speaker---

**Hon. Speaker:** I have not allowed you Hon. Kisila. Please sit down.

**Hon. Ngunga:** So, Madam Speaker, thank you for your protection. Madam Speaker, as a leader of this House, I want to ask members here to assist us so that with the Minority Leader we can be able to give direction when need comes so that at least we don't have to move a lot in the wilderness trying to look for the direction.

I am aware that there are proposals that are coming, you are aware members that you we are in the cycle of doping the CIDP, the budget proposal, and it would be my challenge to you members that now like never before we need to move around, management by moving around to ensure that the project that you are talking about in the House here are captured in the CIDP so that those projects here will be able to address them in the next five years.



So members tafadhali, move in and ensure that all the departments that you so want to give services to you are given money so that in the next five years as we pick our ADPs, those projects are captured here in the CIDP. It would be very important for us so that at least in the next five years we would be able to say that we have been able to achieve this.

We would therefore be given the role of oversight in trying to oversight that the projects that we have portioned in the CIDP are captured there. Madam Speaker, I am wishing members a very fruitful session this one starting from yesterday all the way from December hoping that members are going to give us motions; remember we have chairpersons of committees and we want to give them a challenge that chairpersons of committees and members of committees, it is up to you now because this lengthy time here you need to apportion business, look for business, create for business, bring it to this House here so that we discuss so that we have healthy, fruitful discussion for 2018.

*(Applause)*

Otherwise, Madam Speaker, we also must give caution; those chairpersons who are going to sleep on the job, what is going to happen? We are going to de-whip them because now departments must be balanced. There are chairpersons of their committees that are sleeping on the job; I want to appreciate the committee on justice and legal affairs which many thought do not work but today I think it is one of the most active committees.

*(Applause)*

So, committees, please rise to the occasion, chairpersons please whip members here and let us get businesses that are coming to the House so even the House can be lively here in, also even the life can be here as you are here. Members, also talk to members of the public so that we have petitions coming to the House; there are so many complains out there, but members, note how all those petitions will find way here.

Please assist them so that we have those business here coming to the House for the purpose of assisting our members. Thank so much, Madam Speaker, thank you so much Hon. Members.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, remember the Standing Order 1 which gives the Speaker unfettered discretion to allow matters, but of course use it wisely. I have used it wisely; you have heard it elsewhere said that the Majority Leader always has majority issues and that is why I allowed him to discuss majority issues.

*(Applause)*

I call upon the mover of the motion Hon. Alex Kamitu to reply.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As a mover of the addresses that was given by our Governor, Madam Speaker, I won't take long because Hon. Members I don't want to repeat myself liker the same that much has been spoken. It is true Madam Speaker, Hon.

Members have gone through this report and on a reality is that they have addressed most of the important issues that the Governor came up in his address.

So it is on that note, Madam Speaker, if I can go to page one. 'Today, my speech is very short and I will only address three important issues; the vision of Machakos, the importance of working together and current state of Machakos and Kenya. Madam Speaker, I would like to bring to attention that on a very sincere note, it is like also you had a vision, you had a dream because what happened yesterday was a very historical moment for this House under your leadership that we were brought together we had some stakeholders in our meeting.

So, your leadership and the Governors address really are relating and Madam Speaker, as the Minority Leader and one of now the most, I won't say the most respected elected member but the elected member who came back to this House, and comparing the First Assembly and the Second Assembly, I would say that we are now gifted with most of the intelligent MCAs in this House.

*(Applause)*

So, Hon. Members, with that one in mind, we should also prove that we are really intelligent, we are hardworking and that is by committing ourselves. Commitment is the real word at this Second Session at this Second Assembly. So, as I said it is very important for us to work together, as Hon. Members and I don't want to repeat the same word that elected and nominated; we are all Hon. Members, respected members that are supposed to come up with a purpose of reasoning.

Madam Speaker, I don't want to give it as a summary but there are some issues that I would also like to bring to the attention of Hon. Members; in page 4, it my just simple interpretation that when the Governor was mentioning the Machakos football stadium was only highlighting that among the counties, about the 47 counties, because when we talk about Nyayo stadium they are stadiums that were built by the national government. But in comparison to the counties, Machakos happens to be one of the stadiums that through the Governor's initiative, we are now collecting money as a resource of revenue collection.

So, those are some of the highlights that of my interpretation that we should also embark, as a House we should come up with such programs and again when the Governor says and this is in page 6, like for example, we will soon be rolling out the new city projects.

My interpretation, as I said, I was gifted, I had a chance Madam Speaker and let me give as an example; when I was in the police I was given a chance to go in a peace-keeping mission in Yugoslavia and what was happening is that through the history of the bigger Yugoslavia, they were inviting bigger companies from the USA and the like.

Even as a communist country, for them to put investment like factories and the like, so it is on this line that I was thinking when the Governor was saying that he will soon be rolling out the new city project and this will be expanded to set up new business parks, factories in every constituency, what he had in mind is that it is a question of inviting the big investors. What am I saying, it is that you know we don't have that much that we can put a city, but through investment, through cooperation, through partnership with private companies in the country and in the international companies, the Governor will be able to roll out such dreams.

These are visions and they can be achievable. That is exactly Madam Speaker what as I said. I am not trying to interpret but this is exactly what may happen and it is achievable and it can happen. So, on this regard again Madam Speaker, when we are talking about page 6, also to

achieve the great dream for Machakos, my Government will be undertaking massive infrastructure development because we do not have enough financial resources to match our vision.

That is exactly what I have explained and to this end, we will soon be bringing a motion and later a bill for Private Public Partnership for debate and adoption by this respected House as one of my respectable mentioned, this is what I am requesting my Hon. Members, if such a bill or a motion is brought, my request to Hon. Members is that we should pass it we adopt it for the betterment of our electorate for the betterment of our Machakos county.

So, Madam Speaker, as I say again it has been repeated; we need that unity in this Hon. House so that we may bring, we may have the spirit of working together, so that we may give the service delivery to our electorate and by so doing, we shall be an efficient House of purpose and by so doing again we shall be seen to be committed to our electorates.

So, without much ado Madam Speaker, I would say let me complete by saying; let us work in unity and we undertake our service delivery with one spirit, with one heart as brothers and sisters. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I beg to sit down. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

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

*(Question put and agreed to)*

*(Applause)*

Hon. Members, it is incumbent upon the Chair to guide you. Remember that this address is to serve a purpose for the people of Machakos County. It is not just to be part of the archives of the document of the Assembly and I want to remind you that you need to be objective on everything that comes before this House.

It doesn't matter who has brought it provided it is for the interest of the people and that is why when we are discussing this address, now and even in future, just open your minds objectively and where you feel like it is something which is not for the interest of the people of the Machakos county, point it out without fear.

Where you feel that, it is going to serve the interest of the people of Machakos County, support it. Don't oppose for the sake of opposing, don't support for the sake of supporting and when I address you on this, I want to guide you that from this address, you go back sit down go through it and bring such motions as you think are going to serve the address where you feel is for the interest of the people.

Go to your reading rooms and bring such statements as you wish and as you think will deserve the interest of the people. I have heard debate on the state of health centers, there are statements from the floor that there are health centers, yes, buildings but may be no medicines; where is the statement to ask for the medicine?

I have heard contributions that there are ambulances that are there, parked; where is the statement on the ambulances? But now the Public Private Partnership (PPP) law, why do you say let it come. Bring it yourselves because your work is to legislate. So, let us have the Bill, don't even wait for the executive and that is in the spirit of saying we want to do what is good for the

people that is in this statement and what is not good for the people we point it out on in the way that you know that this House contacts its business.

Finally, we have work for each committee here, we have the implementation committee so that if you feel there is work here which is indicated to have been done but it has not been done, what is the committee on implementation doing? Bring work here so that it can be done. So, what I am driving at Hon. Members is that this has given work and the work is in the interest of the people of Machakos County and going forward, let us see work or business being generated from this speech.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, at that point this House is adjourned. It is going to resume its business on 20th February, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Have a good evening.

The House rose at 4.36 p.m.