

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MACHAKOS COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 19th September, 2018

The House met at 3.36 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Museku) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Good afternoon, Hon. Members. We have four notices of Motion by Hon. Katumo, Hon. Musyimi, Hon. Katumo again and the last one by Hon. Angela Hon. Katum.

RENOVATION OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES IN MACHAKOS AND MAVOKO

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Aware that the Universal declaration of Human rights recognizes the right to housing as part of the right to an adequate standard of living;

Aware that Part 2(8) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya provides for housing as a devolved function;

Noting that Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya explicitly provides that every person has the right to accessible and adequate housing and to reasonable standards of sanitation;

Aware that before devolution, the defunct County Council of Machakos owned residential rental houses which were later inherited by the County Government of Machakos after devolution;

Acknowledging that the rental houses are a source of revenue for the County Government; and aware that the houses are in pathetic conditions and are in need of major make over as an effort to facelift them;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that the County Government of Machakos renovates the County residential houses in Machakos and Mavoko and redistributes them to its staff.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Katumo. Hon. John Musyimi.

MOVING ELECTRICITY POSTS TO ROAD RESERVES TO ALLOW GRADING IN KANGUNDO
NORTH

Hon. Musyimi:

Mr. Speaker, that aware, that the Constitution of Kenya 2010 introduced the devolved system of Government to bring services closer to the people;

Further aware that Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution provides for the functions and powers of the County Governments which includes County transport including County roads, street lighting, traffic and parking, ferries and harbors, excluding the regulation of international and national shipping and matters related thereto;

Mr. Speaker, that aware that roads are the most common means of transport used across the County and the Country at large;

Noting that many roads have been destroyed by the heavy rains that have been experienced in the Country lately;

Mr. Speaker, acknowledging that the County Government has embarked on an exercise of grading various access roads in the County;

Noting the Kenya Power and Lighting Company has erected their electric posts along Masewani-Kikambuani road which has made it difficult for the road to be graded and the road is in a pathetic condition;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that the County Government of Machakos liaises with the Kenya Power and Lighting Company to move the electric post to the road reserves to allow grading of the road to improve transport and service delivery in Kangundo North ward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musyimi. Hon. Katumo.

PROVISION OF WHEELCHAIRS AND WALKING AIDS TO PWDs

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker again.

Aware that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities main aim is to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities by promoting, protecting, and ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities and ensuring that they enjoy full equality under the law;

Acknowledging that Article 54(1)(c) and (e) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that a person with disability is entitled to reasonable access to all places, public transport, information access materials and devices to overcome constraints arising from the persons disability;

Noting that section 12(1) of the Machakos County Person with Disabilities Act 2016, provides that persons with disabilities are entitled to a barrier-free and disability-friendly environment to enable them to have access to buildings, roads and other social amenities, assistive devices and other equipment to promote their mobility;

Further aware that Section 12(2) provides that a proprietor of a public building or public service vehicle shall adapt it to suit persons with disabilities in such manner as may be specified by the Persons with Disability Board;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the motion that the County Government of Machakos provides more wheelchairs and walking aids during this year's United National disability day on 3rd December, 2018 and make County Offices and facilities more accessible to Persons with Disabilities.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Justus Katumo. Hon. Angela Munyasya.

SELECTION, EQUIPPING AND STAFFING OF MODEL ECDE CENTERS IN EACH WARD

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

That aware that early childhood education plays a critical role in a child's development hence it should be emphasized, new researches on early childhood programs continue to emerge; recent studies demonstrate that pre-kindergarten programs have had positive effects on children's readiness to learn;

There is evidence of improvements in children's health and safety and there have been increased calls on state policy-makers to expand public investments in early childhood education:

Mr. Speaker, aware that the ECDE classes construction project was initiated in the year 2013 and up to date, the project has stalled despite constant funding in the previous financial years;

Recognizing that the Education and Social welfare committee conducted field visits in the wards to assess the classes and in its report, the committee established that the classes were in a deplorable state with cracks, sagging ceilings and broken down window panes;

Further aware that model ECDE centers with high operational standards in terms of infrastructure and quality of education, once set up in each ward will serve as a threshold for consequent ECDE centers to be set up in the County;

Mr. Speaker, I wish to give notice of motion that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the Department of Education selects, equips and staffs one Model ECDE center in every ward.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Munyasya.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUSE FOR 25TH TO 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have two Statements by Majority Leader Hon. Mark Muendo and Hon. Moses Mitaa. Hon. Mark Muendo.

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

Statement informing the House of the business coming before the House. Hon. Speaker, the House Business Committee met on 19th September, 2018 and balloted business for this week pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 151 as follows:

Tuesday, 25th September, 2018

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion by Hon. Angela Munyasya that this Hon. House discusses and approves that the Department of Education selects, equips and staffs one model ECDE center in each ward.

Afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Motion by Hon. Justus Katumo that the County Government of Machakos provides more wheelchairs and walking aids during this year's United Nations Disability Day on 3rd December, 2018 and make County Offices and facilities more accessible to persons with disabilities.

Wednesday, 26th September, 2018

Morning at 10.00 a.m.

Motion by Hon. John Musyimi that the County Government of Machakos liaises with the Kenya Power and Lighting Company to move the electric post to the road reserve to allow grading of the road to improve transport and service delivery in Kangundo North Ward.

Motion by Majority Leader that the House adjourns its sittings from 26th September, 2018 to 9th October, 2018 to allow the Hon. Members:

- i. To hold Meeting with the new Machakos County Commissioner on security Matters on 26th September, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.
- ii. To give Committees time to prepare; and hold approval hearings of County Secretary and Chief Officers scheduled for 1st to 5th October, 2018.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Mitaa.

STATEMENT SOUGHT DISBURSEMENT OF BURSARIES

Hon. Mitaa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for granting me this opportunity. I beg to request for a Statement.

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) I wish to seek the following statement; what steps the county government of Machakos has made to ensure that the disbursement of bursaries as contained in the Machakos County Supplementary Appropriation Act of 2018 of Ksh 80 million has been done since the implementation of the same seems to have taken long. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mitaa for that Statement and looking at the nature of the Statement, I would like to receive a few comments from the Members if they want to contribute on this specific Statement by Hon. Mitaa; we may ventilate on it for a few minutes. Hon. Winnie.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I applaud Hon. Mitaa for that Statement; it is quite sad from the time the supplementary budget was passed and the people of Machakos have received no bursaries. The Governor is seriously campaigning, traversing from every place to another, talking about bursary; we want accountability not PR business in Machakos County.

It is good for the Governor to come out clear and tell the people of Machakos where the bursaries went instead of throwing blame to our Hon Members. It is very sad indeed for a whole Governor to come about and claim that he gave MCAs money for bursaries. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Patrick.

Hon. Kituku: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am Hon. Patrick Kituku, MCA Ndithini ward and as I call myself the Party Leader. Actually, we happen to have passed the supplementary budget with one voice and we said that Ksh. 80 million should go to bursaries and as things are going now, things are not so good because the Governor is intimidating us. Like today, I have been told that he is in my ward and he is claiming that he has given us Ksh. 3 Million which we have taken to our homes and this one is very bad and I condemn it seriously with the possible terms.

The committee on education should explain to us soonest possible where this money went and if they have been squandered, let us know because our people are being lied to that the MCAs have again failed to go and collect the cheques from the Governor and that is total lies because now and then we have been asking for these monies and they are not there and people are coming to our homes because their children being sent home for school fees.

So, this Statement should have answers as soon as possible so that our people can benefit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want this to be taken seriously by every side that, we passed supplementary budget, including Ksh. 80 million with Ksh. 2 million for each ward. It is now past three months and we have not seen anything on the ground, Hon. Speaker. Let me state that for that supplementary budget to be passed, the House leadership sat down; the Minority Leader, the Deputy in Mombasa and we agreed that we are going to pass the supplementary budget on condition that our children get bursaries, on condition that our roads will be done and on condition to also give the Governor Ksh. 150 million for the construction of the Governor's House which had not even taken place.

That Ksh. 150 million, Hon. Speaker you pass there and it is only grass and bushes on the same house which Governor was to make construction. Let it be clear and members of press, you

should report correctly that; the Governor is now lying to the members of the public that he has given bursary to the MCAs to take them to the people.

Bursaries are not distributed by MCAs who just provide the names when the money is provided by the executive. It is a bit pathetic, Hon. Speaker, and that is why we say some people don't pass the integrity test because when you lie to the public to be popular that you have given MCAs bursaries. It is pathetic.

I can see the Minority here, I can see members of that side minority side, Hon. Speaker; really are we elected by the same people? It is a bit, a bit touching when you consume children's money. You were given Ksh. 80 million you sunk that money in your pockets and then the kids are not going to school.

Hon. Speaker, I am spending a lot of money especially to the kids who are in Form Four because the mother will come with the kid to my home, the kid is in uniform, she is in Form Four; I went through education and I know what it means when you chased one day or two when you are in Form Four. I get back to my house get Ksh. 10,000 write a note to the principal of that school when somebody is going to Dubai, when somebody going to Australia with money for the public. God will never forgive him.

Let me say now the Governor we hear is in Yatta in Muthesya, on top of a car saying 'did your MCA give you money of bursary yet I gave him money for the bursary.' Really, this county is not rotten.

(Applause)

We blame the leadership of county and Hon. Speaker this is not a matter which we should be sitting here trying to debate. Hon. Mitaa, next time he is coming to your place; let him come to my place I will be there and I want to be clear that I will be having two meetings; his meeting and my meeting, when he tells the people he has given me bursary, then I will be saying ask the person who has eaten your money. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mark Muendo. Hon. Steve Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I want first to thank the member who has brought that Statement to this Hon. House. This is the second time I think we are requesting for such information from the executive which has never happened. We have the Ksh. 80 million that been asked by the Hon. Member and we still have and I insist that we still have another Ksh. 49 million which is; in fact Ksh. 65 million as at now. I confirmed the other Ksh. 17 million has already been deposited to Machakos County Government and more so from that time we still have another Ksh. 65 million which should be going to our people in Machakos County.

It is funny that no response has ever come to this House telling or informing the house about the same. First time when we requested for that Statement, the Governor just went to Masii and issued Ksh. 400,000; four cheques to four polytechnics and pretended that he has issued bursaries to our people.

Now he is again moving round purporting that he has given Hon. Members funds for bursaries to our students. I don't know how he is calculating or he is thinking; in reality our

people are suffering down there yet I think this is just playing around with our people. We need money and this is high time this House stands tall and request for the rights of Machakos people.

We might move around pretending and saying all sorts of things but at the end of the day, this are monies for our people that is supposed to be given to them; we have pleading but I don't think we are going to plead any further. Let the people of Machakos or residents be given their rights which is money for bursaries, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from Hon. Kamitu. Let it be a point of information please. Go ahead

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Members of this House your very much aware that the point of information that I am giving is that it is a fact that we were given bursaries for colleges that is 51 students in each ward in regard to break down that university students were given Ksh. 15,000 each---

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order please! Let him finish his information then we can respond to it.

Hon. Kamitu: I repeat again, Hon. Speaker that university students in each ward were given Ksh. 15,000 per university student and these things were online, colleges were given Ksh. 10,000, for polytechnics each student was given Ksh. 7,000 a total of 51 students in each ward and it is in record. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, can I comment on that please. I would like to give a guideline on that. When you provide information before the Assembly concerning disbursement of funds, do you have records with you there which you can table before the Assembly?

Hon. Kamitu: Hon. Speaker, this launch was done in Masii town---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I am asking you; do you have the document with you?

Hon. Kamitu: Given time, the document---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Please when you are debating on the House and you have got some information especially when you talking about specific fingers of disbursements, then you need to have documentary evidence with you. We would like you and I am going to direct that you provide with this House the name of the child, the college which was paid into and the amount.

(Applause)

Hon. Kamitu: Alright.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: When are you able to provide us with that information?

Hon. Kamitu: Hon. Speaker, with no fear or any I will do that because it is in record and is in the department of---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, then I give you a week within a weeks' time please table before the House the full report.

Hon. Kamitu: Fine, I will do that.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We may continue. Hon. Stephen Mwanthi.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let him finish then you can...because the member has already sat down. Just continue Hon. Steve.

Hon. Mwanthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I also inform the member with evidence is that the Ksh. 49 million was supposed to be disbursed to 2,984 polytechnics students; none of those students received even a single penny.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I have evidence over the same and if the documents are needed, I will table them and I want to believe I tabled the same information in this Hon. House. The money I am talking about was supposed deposited to each polytechnic account that should not receive any other funds and there is none and I can come with bank statements showing that those accounts never received any shilling from the county government.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker, it is yesterday when I was in the office of the Chief Officer---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I will not allow any point of order; let the Hon. Member finish please.

Hon. Mwanthi: It is yesterday when I was in the office of Chief Officer, education and he told me that they have not given the Ksh. 65 million that was deposited in our accounts 13th June, this year and he told me a second disbursement has been done by national government again of Ksh. 65 million which is now trying to get vote heads to give Ksh. 65 million. What happened to the first Ksh. 65 million what happened to the Ksh. 80 million Mheshimiwa is asking for?
If going per his record as he is saying 51 students times 40 wards those are 2,000 times 10,000 and we were told in this House that that was Ksh. 25 million; what anyway what happened to the Ksh. 55 million for the same?

If we go as per his statement; we say and we mean it we want bursaries for our students. Let the Governor come and issue or give. In fact, to some extent, Mr. Speaker, it is very funny when the Governor knows very well that they don't or governments don't run on cash money. Cheques are supposed to be.....and we have in place committees that were supposed to receive that money and even vet the students to be given those funds.

Did that happen? We have committees that never worked and if at all he gave to any person I think calls for EACC to come and interrogate him over that same fund because it is illegal. We are not supposed to be given any funds that is illegal and calls for EACC to come and take on that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Steve. Hon. Kiilu, chair of Education committee.

Hon. Kiilu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to first and for most applaud Hon. Mitaa for that Statement and actually again allow me to applaud the Majority Leader for the information that he has given us that leave alone the bursaries, there are more allocations that were not factored in. Allow me also to applaud Hon. Steve, the source of information and kindly let me request all the members; let us be frank enough to ourselves, this issue of the bursary is a thorn on the flesh. Personally, I am the chair education committee and when we summon the CO to give us information on the same he juggles around.

The last time we asked to be given a list of all the beneficiaries and the institutions; that never happened. I am surprised when you talking about the disbursement that was done in Masii. That was scholarships. Was there any budget for that from this Assembly? There wasn't. Even some of us may not know.

I went through my list and I went to claim to the CO, it is only that I never disclosed to some of you members. Out of the 51 Mheshimiwa you are talking about, 29 from my ward are not from that ward and I confirmed with the CO and when I requested him to explain he told me it was not his fault because we are doing things online and anybody can maneuver his way; what is he telling me? That something is not right somewhere!

We need a bursary where it will be told that you are the MCA, you have Ksh. 1 million, can you give us the list and we bring the list or members what do you say? Is that not the bursary that we want? This issue of the Governor going around actually it pains me. He was in my ward this morning and he said he has given me bursary, personally and he doesn't know where I took the bursary; he is telling the community.

It is so sad and actually we should agree the Governor is not going the right way he is been misinformed and number two he came to my ward without my notice; even you are married, Mr. Speaker, you normally notify your wife that you coming home so that she can put things order but I am told the Governor is there and when he is questioned by the community 'where is our MCA' he says that he refused to come, he had information he didn't come and I was with Muthini in the morning taking tea, at Dillons I was heading here is unfortunate.

I spent the whole of yesterday retrieving a body of a lady who was attacked by crocodile with the wildlife people and it is so painful, after spending the whole day there coming here very early, he says I have information and I refused to go. How do you refuse to go when the Governor is coming, actually? He was elected by people who also elected me and he should also respect Hon. Members of this Assembly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kiilu. Hon. Betty Nzioki.

Hon. (Ms.) B. Nzioki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity and applaud the Hon. Member Hon. Mitaa for what he has brought to the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, it is too frustrating and tormenting; we cannot even have peace in our offices back in our wards. When you are seated there you see women coming there claiming bursaries. Here we are seated as Hon. Members of this House where we passed the supplementary budget.

Mr. Speaker, it is so unfair even before God when for sure if that is what is happening right now with the Governor saying that he has given us bursaries is too unfair while he knows that he didn't give us anything. Another thing that I am so surprised even some of the committees back in our wards that he himself appointed to give out the bursaries still they are not aware whether we have been given bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, this is the high time Hon. Members of this House, it does not matter now where we are coming from with our political parties, this is the time we are supposed to stand, speak the truth and nothing but the truth and give the people of Machakos their rights because we are sick and tired of this games; every now and then is about MCAs of Machakos County. Seriously, where are we heading to? Is this what God had send us here to Machakos County to do?

That is my concern and my question and is too unfair but let us say this to our Governor Alfred Mutua; this is the time that the people of Machakos county should know the truth but nothing but the truth because we are sick and tired every now and then we are talking of this and nothing has been happening in Machakos County. We passed, I personally, passed the supplementary budget knowing that the poor will be given an opportunity but all it is in vain. Enough it is enough, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Betty. Hon. Tariq Mulatya.

Hon. Mulatya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is very sad as Hon. Members have put it and I think it high time now because enough is enough, Hon. Speaker. I think we are now supposed to take action. We cannot allow a whole Governor to mislead the county. I think is almost a crime to mislead people. To talk false and as our Hon. House, we are supposed to take action on this 'misguidance' of the Governor.

You cannot stand in front of people and say Hon. Kiilu has been given bursary when we have not been given. I think as an Assembly not only talking, we are supposed to take action on that direction the Governor has taken. With you guidance, Hon. Speaker, I think we are supposed to take action on those lies; you cannot mislead the citizens of Machakos and go home free. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon Tariq. Hon. Angela.

Hon. (Ms.) Munyasya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to applaud all the members who have spoken today and especially those that are supporting that this House should hold itself honorably and in all sincerity, everything that we present to this House should be held with high esteem and if we were to be held in high esteem and referred to as Hon. Members, it is

the high time we held ourselves responsible for anything that we pass in this Assembly and also identify with what is the truth.

When a Governor goes over the county preaching that bursaries have been issued out, I am sure all Hon. Members here present in whichever divide of the House have been disturbed their members asking for bursaries. It is only fair that we come out and talk the truth about this bursaries; I am in the education committee we have enough times summoned the CO education and every time we ask for this fingers we are given different fingers.

Today you are told now this has been disbursed; now IFMIS did not allow for this. At what point were funds disbursed to some of the wards and not others because if IFMIS did not disburse funds and there was no time to disburse them because the supplementary budget was passed late, that is one of the excuses we got from the education CO that IFMIS could not access the funds because the supplementary budget was passed late.

At what point did the Governor issue some of the funds to some of the Assembly members and not to others? It beats logic, Mr. Speaker. So in all sincerity, Hon. Members, let us be sincere to ourselves and to the people we represent because they trust us with these positions so that we can cry for them, we can fight for them, we can cry with them. Let us be sincere and support our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Angela. Hon. Cosmus.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to start by thanking Hon. Member Moses Mitaa for the Statement and I want us to stick to the point that we are requesting we are asking for the bursaries which were made on the supplementary budget. What was made there was bursaries for secondary schools not for higher education. Mr. Speaker, it is the high time we push for the *Bunge Mashinani* to educate the public what are the legal roles of an MCA.

Mr. Speaker, it is good for the public to know that us as MCAs we do not handle money; our role is oversight role. Mr. Speaker, I am surprised, I do not know where because I smell a rat somewhere; the executive is seriously on campaigns. We want to tell the executive that time is coming where for the campaigns. Let them be patient; when the time comes we will meet on the ground and we will be there with them, Mr. Speaker.

(Applause)

I do not see why the executive can go to my ward; last week the executive was in my ward, the Deputy Governor that is, trying to re-confirm their promises to the self-help group and giving them money Ksh. 50,000. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell our people that these money is theirs so let them take money use them and more is coming. We want to tell them that we have time and we know where we are heading to.

Mr. Speaker, it is surprising that now we are unto our second year; we did not give bursary on the first year, this is the second year and Mr. Speaker, the budget committee was given another supplementary whereby the executive is alleging that there is some Ksh. 1 billion which was not used. Mr. Speaker, this House should be very careful because I am guessing that money has been used they want our stamping.

Mr. Speaker, we have to be very careful; this House has a role and we cannot allow the executive to be spending the money from which is made for Machakos residents anyhow. Mr. Speaker, I am surprised; how can a full Governor say that they gave money to an MCA to bring home for a bursary where the committee at the ward level has never sat down and given the names for our kids whom we want them to benefit.

How is the process there? How can an MCA be given money? The public has to know us MCAs we do not handle money; what role we do Mr. Speaker is to give a budget which we have already done. Mr. Speaker, I think and I believe the General Oversight Committee has to summon the Chief Officer education and we sit on a round table he tells us where the monies for bursary are. Mr. Speaker, I wish to rest my case.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Katumo.

Hon. Katumo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Much has been said concerning this Statement; I thank Hon. Mitaa for this thought actually. It has reached a time we should ask ourselves very hard questions. A year has gone a budget or a supplementary budget is gone, a whole budget financial year has gone and we are still here sitting pretty and we do not know what to expect next.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am a reader of the Holy Bible, the book of God; it says liars will never see the kingdom, will they?

(Applause)

I also read....I am also a theologian Mr. Speaker; we have the book of Exodus 2: 24, which says.....of course this was the time when the children of Israel, after 400 years were still in Egypt, they were being oppressed, they were suffering and things were not good, but God heard their cry and in that particular verse he came down to rescue them. It has reached a time in this Machakos we need rescue; seriously.

(Applause)

Why am I saying that? I have experience of four years with this executive, with this Governor. Sometimes, I ask myself silently; is this Governor actually in right mind? How at your position, the honor that we give you as the President of this county, you make a journey, you holiday yourself to Muthesya, Ndithini and elsewhere just go lie to your people instead of taking development, take the bursary that you are saying. My friend, just going to lie concerning a Hon. Member who was chosen by the same people!

I think, seriously speaking, God should do something I am tired with this Governor; he will take us where... actually we are just mark timing, going round the way he took us round last time, taking us round, promising us nothing, telling us nothing.

You know while we were somewhere in a place, he told us can you see Machakos from here, I said *Munene*, it is not possible and then he was telling us he is building the tallest building in Africa in Machakos city. Now my friend President Uhuru came to launch the same; you are claiming about a bursary, the city. Just imagine the city the President coming to launch; now I did visit that place sometime back, actually that place where the tent was, the shrubs that were small have become trees.

Now Hon. Members, my friends, brothers and sisters in Christ, one year is gone and we are in the second year; we are going to a recess coming back going to another recess and I tell you nothing will change. Now I propose in this Hon. House, we should mobilize our people; we have talked enough, we have legislated enough, we have done what we can do but there is an opportunity for the Governor to go around holidaying around. You see, we should bring our people here to get the bursary---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from the Majority Leader.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Voice. Let me tell you we are now running fast; in another two weeks, you will see a major demo. We are going to mobilize every person in Machakos County from every corner and I will be the leader. So, rest your case and you see action being taken. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Katumo: Thank you. I want just to conclude, Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes please,

Hon. Katumo: With that assurance, I think that pain comes down slowly but I tell you watch at me like this; it is very shameful for us to sit here and watch and wait for nothing. It is shame on us even our wives, our husbands will never understand what we have come here to do. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Katumo. Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am rising because I hear that tomorrow the Governor is visiting Kivaa ward---

(Laughter)

Actually, I start try to be ready to be shaved but Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank the member who brought the Statement because is brought at the right time when the Governor just came from Muthesya and we heard all what happened and actually I have just heard that little there are other things even the Hon. Member is being said that he has not been coming for the tractors; tractors are at the Governor's office no one to come for the tractors and you Hon. Members you know very well that this executive has been telling us that there is no fuel.

Then the governor goes to Muthesya and says the member of the Assembly does not come for the tractors to grade the roads. Hon. Members and Mr. Speaker---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a minute; just to interrupt, Hon. Members, we still have a lot of business. So, I would like us to remain concentrated and understand what is going on. We still have a whole Order Paper to go through. Continue, Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to state very clearly Mr. Speaker that.....and I want to address through the Minority Leader; I think we have just come from a House leadership meeting whereby we were trying to see how we can be able to bring the House together and try to make sure that people of Machakos get development or what belongs to them.

To the Minority Leader, through Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you this; the government hits its own people---(??)

(Applause)

You will be hit more than us when you are trying to shield what you know is evil; you know this and this is evil, you know the Governor Alfred Mutua has not been doing anything to Machakos and now you are here trying to defend His Excellency the Governor. I am telling you before you go home, before we go home trying to prevent the people of Machakos, you will be leading to leave this leadership in Machakos. Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of information from the Minority Leader please.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I want to just inform my dear brother our Hon. Deputy Majority Leader is that from my point of information is that I stood here and said that the information that was giving is that there were those bursaries that were given in terms of the colleges and universities. So, when he points to the Minority Leader as if I am out of order, on a very sincere note, I am not.

I was only correcting him as a point of information that I gave were the bursaries that were disbursed by the governor at Masii in regard to university students, colleges and the polytechnics and that is the statement that I made here so he stands to be informed. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Also to be informed also from the Chair; there was also a question which was asked that the scholarships which were being given to students and the rest had not been budgeted for and that was not what the Hon. Members were asking for. The Hon. Members were asking for Ksh. 80 million which had been budgeted for secondary schools but not what had not been budgeted for scholars (??). You may continue Hon. Kiteng'u.

Hon. Kiteng'u: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to state very clearly here Hon. Members in this Hon. House that we passed supplementary budget and everybody is aware of we passed supplementary budget and those who were in the House leadership, the Speaker of this Hon. House and the Clerk stated very clearly before the close of the year the account had only Ksh. 130 million. Now we have been getting this information that or the money was overcome by the financial year and returned back; where?

The money does not return; we only have Ksh. 130 million which we will do a supplementary budget in this House so that we can.....the rest of the money was withdrawn and has been utilized by the executive. So, it is high time either we join them or we stamp authority as this Hon. House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Fred.

Hon. Muthoka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know I wonder when this showbiz and acting will stop in Machakos County; that is my question I have been asking myself. If a person, who is purporting to be a Presidential candidate in 2022, is going in reversed downwards to fight an MCA, which kind of a Governor do we have? You know it is a pity for Machakos County and God help us because even this person has not appointed ministers one year down the line.

Us as MCAs have done our work; we have passed a supplementary budget, we have passed a main budget and still he goes out claiming you will..... I think in Muthesya ward he has issued a letter telling them to sign to recall the MCA.

(Laughter)

Only 10 people have signed and the paper has been torn. Please Governor, media report, please Governor Mutua, stop this acting, stop this showbiz; can you start working for the people of Machakos and me I am calling the DCIO 'can you take action to this man, because even these ministers are getting salaries illegally. We saw yesterday a Governor arrested for the same when the Deputy is in America and he is still paying those people salaries.

Mr. Governor, we gave you Ksh. 80 million for supplementary budget, Ksh. 2 million per ward and Mitaboni got nothing. Soon, I am carrying five buses to your office; you tell the people of Mitaboni where you took our money. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, I am only going to allow about on this side of the House to comment on now because now remember, this is a Statement and we need to move on with the main business of the House. Hon. King'ori. Okay, he has put his hand down. Hon. Kalumu..... okay, Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am happy to hear voices up, congratulations everybody but this come to my side of Minority; be men enough and tell the Governor the truth and the truth shall set you free. Why? You lie to the Governor, you tell him lies, you tell him he has people and you tell him he has something but he has no brains if he listens to you.

(Applause)

Why? He knows he have done nothing in Machakos yet you tell him you have done this. Let me tell you for free, 'my Governor, I love you so much, I like you and I would tell you the truth that the people of Machakos are suffering,

On bursary, in fact, I get phones calls and I always tell them I am sorry I do not have money because the money is with the Governor. We do not have money as an MCA and if I have I could have given you yesterday but the law does not allow me to have any money. The law states this way, there is separation of powers. The executive execute what we pass here in the Assembly and here in the Assembly, we just do the oversight job of telling the Governor 'give my people their money.'

I do not have to have any money; even I do not need any penny even ten cents Mr. Governor. Please do your work, let me do mine. If you say I am not working and you want to recall me, I agree I have passed a motion here where our children should be fed. Please feed those children because the law says so. I have just passed that; if that is a mistake, I am ready to go home but if I am not, please go home before me.

Why? I will not tolerate you to kill the dreams of the Machakos people, the Machakos children who are suffering because they do not have school fees because you have taken too long to disburse that same money we have passed here. I will be sorry to you if only you have disbursed the Ksh. 80 million we passed in the supplementary budget. I will only be sorry if only you gave my people what I passed, the time we had calamity in my ward but I got nothing and we passed money here for emergencies.

My Governor please, I love you so much but I will tell you the truth because the truth will set you free and the people of Machakos will judge you harshly or wisely. Why? Because we need services in this county and we need services which belong to the people which is their birth right to be given. That is why you are paid by the same people of Machakos.

The people of Muthwani need roads. That is not an abuse, they need roads and they need hospitals. That is my work; if I have done wrong please forgive me. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. King'ori. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand here to say that the Statement is proper.

(Applause)

Why do I say the Statement is proper? Mr. Speaker, it is evident that there is urgent need of secondary school bursaries. That is evident, Mr. Speaker, 80 percent of the clients we get in our offices come for bursaries. We normally tell them we are waiting for the bursaries to be given out. Mr. Speaker, a lie does not go far and a lie has short legs.

(Applause)

If we tell them to wait next month we will have bursaries, next month will come, we do not give them anything. We tell them next month, it comes we do not give them bursaries. Mr. Speaker, this is the highest time we should stand as an Assembly and say if we promise something, let us make sure whatever we promise we honor our promise.

Mr. Speaker, as we talk, most of the students are at home and the parents are looking at the elected leaders to provide solutions. Mr. Speaker, a lie will make someone not to go to heaven; myself I am a staunch believer of Salvation Army and I want to go to heaven I do not want to lie to anybody but it is evident that there is urgent need and that is underlined word, there is urgent need for secondary schools bursaries.

Mr. Speaker, I do not like quoting Bible verses because pastors and priests spend a lot of energy and money studying theology but I believe there is a verse in the Bible which says leadership comes from God. All the elected leaders were given that leadership by God; whether you are an MCA, whether you are a Governor, whether you are a Senator we are all leaders and we need to respect each other. Everybody has his own jurisdiction; as the MCA for Matuu, I represent the people of Matuu and the people of Matuu are looking at me to provide a solution.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is evident and it is very clear that since we passed this supplementary budget which is talked about what do we tell the electorate because when we passed the budget, the media aired that story. That the County Assembly of Machakos has passed supplementary and some of the contents of the supplementary were the issue of bursary. So, Mr.

Speaker, we need to talk and ensure that we give our kids bursaries so that they can continue with their education.

The other issue, Mr. Speaker that I would request this is a Statement which has been sought by a Hon. Member and I believe the answer is not going to be.....we are not going to get it from this House; it is supposed to come from another office. We have spent a lot of time on the same, Mr. Speaker, even though you have given us time at least to air what we had in our minds. Let it be acted on and let us get the response as soon as possible so that we can have answers to give to our clients who come to our offices.

The other issue, Mr. Speaker, that I would say there is urgent need for us the County Assembly and also the Executive; let us cool down. Let us bring our tempers down, let us reason together and try to get the way forward because if we pull on our side and the Executive pulls on its side, it means we are going to complete our term without doing anything to our electorates and we will be judged because staying in office drawing salaries, getting allowances and not delivering anything.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would urge both sides, the majority and minority side and also the Executive, let us calm down, reason together and let us ask God to come himself and not send anybody to come and make us reason together and forge the way forward. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay, finally Hon. Kalumu, please?

Hon. Kalumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to start by commenting about the Statement which is timely because one day we spent here and we passed a very good supplementary budget. After that, we waited for so long for that money for bursary to be disbursed to our people. What we heard later was Dr. Alfred Mutua's scholarship. Mr. Speaker, there is a difference between bursary and scholarship.

Where did he get that money for scholarship and where is our bursary because every ward, my ward Kithimani ward was to be allocated Ksh. 2 million. Where is that money? When I am asking this those *mama mbogas* who sell *mboga* in Kithimani are asking the same question because it is their taxes which was spend without authority. The other thing is to the whole House, Mr. Speaker, we have spoken for so long about implementation and the snake has been rattled.

I would like to send a very clear message to the Governor that he has rattled the snake because and this time round he will be bitten because every time we talk of a budget there is no implementation.

(Laughter)

When we came here, we found a budget which was running for that financial year. After a short time, we passed supplementary budget and nothing is done. In the first budget there was Ksh. 80 million for the bursary, in the supplementary there was Ksh. 66 million for the bursary now also this financial year there is Ksh. 3 million for the bursary. Where is this money going? We want to get that information.

We have spoken for so long doing nothing; my fellow Hon. Members, we have authority, it is only that the Governor belittles us to show us we are nothing yet we have the powers. If you go back to your senses, you will believe yourself that you can bring this county into order. We

can bring this County to order through doing the right thing, asking the right questions and asking what is for our people. So, it is the right time now we stop talking much and do action. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. Hon. Members, I think you have seen I have allowed a little bit more time on this debate because the issue of bursary is touching each and every member in this House and that is the reason why I have allowed it to continue for some time. A few comments before I commit it. I think several issues have been raised here which need to be looked into; the first one is the issue of the money which was put in the supplementary budget and the adequate need for us to be able to get a direction as to where that money has gone.

The second issue is on the issue concerning the money which was given for polytechnics which by the time a Statement was done in this House, Ksh. 49 million had been disbursed and now the balance of the money we understand has been disbursed so we are talking about Ksh. 65 million which was meant for helping 2,900 children in polytechnics in our county and the money was deposited in a bank in KCB; documents of which have been deposited in this House.

We have also heard about the issue to do with bursaries; if I can comment on the bursaries, we I have heard Hon. Members talking about that monies that were returned, monies were brought, monies were done this and that and as far as the excuse being given are concerned, remember bursaries are recurrent expenditure they are not under capital budget but under recurrent expenditure. Even if the money which was passed under the supplementary budget could be said to be awaiting a further supplementary budget, in our current budget we allocated Ksh. 3 million.

The coffers have since opened; recurrent expenditure is being requisitioned every month; why are our people not getting their bursaries while we had planned for Ksh. 3 million in the current year? I am going to dedicate this Statement, commit it to the committee on education which needs to do quick investigations on this issue of bursaries, get in touch with the executive, and find out what happened to the bursaries money because it has not been disbursed.

I would also like the same committee to look into the claims being made that the Hon. Governor has said he had given bursaries to a specific member of this Assembly, to find out the truth behind it so that we can be able to understand from where the Governor is coming from. I would also like the same committee to look at the issue of polytechnics. I have talked about the Ksh. 49 million and the money which was deposited in the KCB bank.

We would like to get from the committee the list of the names, the polytechnic which was paid, and the bank account into which it was paid to disburse the entire funds which had been provided for to assist our polytechnics. This committee needs to report back to this house an urgent matter by 26th of September, 2018 so the House can be able to make further decisions on the same. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, proceed.

MOTION

NEW BUS PARK TO DE-CONGEST MACHAKOS CBD

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, under this Order, we have one motion by Hon. Pauline Munguti. Hon. Pauline.

Hon. (Ms.) Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, that ware that Article 174(c) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution is to give powers of self-governance to the people and enhance the participation of people in the exercise of powers and of the state and in making decisions affecting them; Further, the Fourth Schedule of the constitution bestows the County Government with matters of county planning; Further aware that with the growth of the county, Machakos Town has of late experienced congestion which has been evidenced by traffic jam around the Bus Park. Further aware that the bus pack space is limited and with increased influx of vehicles---

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Point of order Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, I want to bring to the attention of the Chair that the House lacks quorum.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Okay. The House does not have quorum. Serjeant at Arms, could you please ring the bell. Ring the bell for 10 minutes please; Hon. Pauline just a minute.

(Quorum bell rung)

We do have quorum; now you may stop ringing the bell. Hon. Pauline, you may continue.

Hon. (Ms.) Munguti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

That ware that Article 174 (c) of the constitution of Kenya 2010 stipulates that one of the objects of devolution is to give powers of self-governance to the people and enhance the participation of people in the exercise of powers and of the state and in making decisions affecting them; Further, the Fourth Schedule of the constitution bestows the County Government with matters of county planning; Further aware that with the growth of the county, Machakos Town has of late experienced congestion which has been evidenced by traffic jam around the Bus Park; Further aware that the bus pack space is limited and with increased influx of vehicles, there is need to come up with a long term plan to de-congest the town; Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the motion that this House discusses and approves that the County Government of Machakos puts into consideration measures of de-congesting the town by planning for a new Bus Park outside of town central business district.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I call upon Mheshimiwa Jacinta to second the motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Pauline. Hon. Jacinta.

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

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jacinta.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members, you may debate on the motion. Hon. King'ori.

Hon. King'ori: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to support the motion; it is very good and timely. We need to have several bus stops depending with the area where people are alighting from or where they are going because we do not have enough space for one bus stop. I think it is better to have several bus stops in Machakos so that the people of Machakos can be served promptly and also services given to them by the County Government. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kingori. Hon. Winnie.

Hon. (Ms.) Mutua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to applaud Mheshimiwa Pauline for that motion that she has brought. Machakos town is very congested; in fact, if we can have a suggestion where we can move the Bus Park from where it is to outside like industrial area where we can have a good Bus Park that is being built to accommodate the buses and all other passengers, it can be good so it is a good suggestion. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Winnie. Hon. Musau.

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would wish first and for most to congratulate my sister Hon. Pauline for understanding the challenges we are facing in that industry. Mr. Speaker, if you just march there you will realize more that 80 percent of the matatus and the buses that enter in to the Bus Park are parked outside the Bus Park creating more and more traffic jam on the road.

Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate to note that even our inspectorate are doing illegal business by impounding the matatus which are not properly parked and they are not properly parked because they lack the parking . So, the time has come; by the time that Bus Park was constructed, we had very few motor vehicles; right now we have times ten of the number that was expected to be parked there.

Mr. Speaker, Machakos County Government has a lot of idle land. It has thousands of acres that can be utilized and provide larger Bus Parks to the benefit of the motorists who park and the easy access of the commuters to different parts of this county, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is the time the planning of this County Government sees that need and moves with speed but I am a worried Member of this County Assembly, Mr. Speaker because passing these motions is one thing but implementing is another major issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musau. Hon. Thomas Mutinda.

Hon. Mutinda: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am glad to be given this opportunity to say a word on this motion. Mr. Speaker, our town is already congested and when you see the area which is having a lot of problems is the main road where currently we have traffic, always

you find there is traffic around this main town, the CBD and it is the high time we came up with a transport policy for this County at least to manage the transport flow in this town.

There is need to move the Bus Park to another place and maybe have two or three Bus Parks from different destinations so that those vehicles coming from those sides can disembark their passengers there and people move to the other side and take the other vehicles to other destinations.

Otherwise, if we do not go that route this time will find people getting to this town at 8 o'clock and they move from this town at 10 o'clock meaning they have wasted two hours just around because of the traffic. So, I think it is the high time we designated other areas for Bus Park so that vehicles do not have the congestion for the traffic jam.

The other thing is the Level V hospital which is a referral hospital; the population around is high and it is referral hospital for even people from Kitui, Makueni and so many areas. So, I think there is also need to have a Level IV or a health center to take care of the population around so that not everybody is going to the referral hospital so that either we look for a place where other people can be treated or given services without necessarily going to the Level V because once you see the Level V and the Bus Park all that, that place and the CBD town is full of congestion.

So, I think measures have to be taken to see to it that the town does not start congesting at this early time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mutinda. Hon. Mark Muendo.

Hon. Muendo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me also congratulate the Hon. Pauline for coming up with this motion. In fact, Hon. Speaker these are the motions which will shape the Machakos and it is very important if we consider such motions especially when you are balloting. Let me say that the congestion in Machakos is growing every day and unless the County Government of Machakos sets aside a bigger area for the Bus Park, in another five years to six years, we will not be moving.

Hon. Speaker, when you look at the revenue we are losing at the Bus Park, it is a lot; the reason is most of the matatus they pay when they get inside the Bus Park and since the Bus Park is full, they tend to park on the side of the road near the Level V hospital and this is the high time for the County Government of Machakos to think about re-allocating or setting aside or creating a bigger Bus Park.

For example, when you go to Kajiado especially Kitengela, they used to have a Bus Park which resembles the one in Machakos but now they have put a very neat and bigger bus park before you enter Kitengela. This means now you create more jobs for other people. For example when you are coming from the CBD of Kitengela you have to ride on a *boda boda* or you ride on this tricycle *Tuk tuk* and then you are taken to the bus park so the matatu has gotten something and the matatu has gotten something from the same customer.

Also the people who have been to Makueni, when you go to Makueni Bus Park, it is a bit out it is not in the CBD like ours that one was created, when you go to Emali there is a modern bus park because actually bus park are one of the biggest revenue centers for any county. You collect a lot of revenue from bus parks and if you do not keep them neat and you do not give them security, the matatus will now be paying.

Hon. Speaker, I suggest that although we have a Government which does not listen to this House, this is very important and I propose whatever we call People's Park because we do not

get anything out of it, that one can be created to become a bus park and we will be getting revenue than putting people to rest there when they are hungry. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mark Muendo. Hon. Cosmus Masesi.

Hon. Masesi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I want first to thank Hon. Munguti for bringing in this motion. Mr. Speaker, this one reminds me of statement which was tabled on this House seeking to know what the Government is doing to take care of conmen purporting to be mechanics just alongside opposite the bus park which has been a great mess to our visitors who turn out to be victims, Mr. Speaker. Coming back to the motion, the issue of the bus parks, across the County it is chaotic.

Mr. Speaker, for instance in Tala ward, Tala Bus Park is very small with a lot of potholes on it. Mr. Speaker, my concern is we lack a good system of giving back to the community. Mr. Speaker, we are getting not less than Ksh. 100,000 from the Machakos Bus Park. There has to be systems on how we give back to the community and make sure that as much as we want the money, we also create some sound environment for the business.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support and maybe we can add that, all the bus parks within the County be taken care of, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Cosmus. Hon. Judas.

Hon. Ndawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand to support the motion and there is urgent need for that bus park and many other bus parks. I want to cite an example of Matuu, Mr. Speaker. That bus park that we use somebody is claiming ownership and last week but one he had sent *fundis* to come and fence the same. Mr. Speaker, it is the high time we identify what belongs to the County and what does not belong to the County because we do not need to have conflict.

(Applause)

The person who is purporting to own the bus park is an electorate and if he is an electorate it means he is one of my appointing authorities. It becomes also difficult for me to handle him because he cast his vote on me. So, Mr. Speaker, as we source for Machakos bus park, we also urge the County to address the issue of Matuu Bus Park.

The size of the bus park which we are talking about is very small, it is a space which is purported to have been bought by the previous Matuu Town Council and I am made to understand that whoever went to purchase the same paid only a portion of the amount that they had agreed and the balance up to date has never been paid and that is why that gentleman is claiming ownership because he was given very little money and the bigger part was not paid.

The size is very small, we only use a road reserve and a week ago, Mr. Speaker, officers from Kenya National Highway Authority, came demolishing everything which was on a road reserve and they erected a beacon which marked where the road reserve ends. If we remove the plot reserve, we will only be left with 40 by 120 which is a very small area which cannot fit even 10 vehicles.

We are along Thika Garissa Highway and that Highway is becoming very busy, nowadays we have so many vehicles which are on that route. So Mr. Speaker, I request that we address that issue. The issue of Machakos, I would also propose just as my fellow colleagues have done. It is good that we have several picking and unloading zones so that people who are going to Mutituni, Kangundo and that side can have their own side. Those who are going to Makutano, Mwala, Kitui can have their own side and those who are going to Makueni side can have their own side.

If we do that we will also have created jobs because we will have officers from the County who are going to man those particular bus stations and I am very sure we will also have improved our economy. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Judas. I call upon the mover of the motion to respond please.

Hon. (Ms.) Munguti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I am a frequent user of that road and what informed me to bring this motion is that last year on the 23rd of December, as I was going home for Christmas which is the usual culture for Kenyan families. I spent five good hours from the roundabout at the old Naivas to Machakos Girls School.

Mr. Speaker, there is so much congestion there, it is chaotic not to speak of the noise pollution, the air pollution and the revenue lost. So, it is the high time the County Government of Machakos moves with speed to create more bus parks depending on where vehicles are coming from. Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Pauline.

(Question put and agreed)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker. Now that this has been adopted by the House, this motion is committed in the committee on Trade, Economic Planning and Industrialization to report back to this on or before the 27th of November, 2018. Hon. Members, that marks the end of today's business on the Order Paper and the House stands adjourned to Tuesday 25th day of September, 2018 at 10.00 a.m. Enjoy your evening.

The House rose at 5.16 p.m.

