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The House met at 10.09 a.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Good morning Hon. Members. Proceed, Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR
COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I do have a communication this morning and it is in relation to the membership of the County Assembly Service Board and this is pursuant to section 12 of the County Governments Act 2012 and as it is exemplified in section 46 of the newly-legislated County Assembly Services Act 2017. I want to draw to your attention to the provisions of that law which is to the effect that the County Assembly Service Board shall consist two members of the county assembly nominated by the political parties represented by the political parties represented in the County Assembly and according to their proportion of members in the County Assembly.

Further, note that, with regard to the above stated law, I am in receipt of letters from the Majority and Minority party whips, communicating their respective party resolutions as to the nomination of the members that are to serve in that board.

For the Majority, I have been given Hon. Francis Ngunga and for the Minority, I have been given the name of Hon. Caleb Mule Mutiso. They are to sit and represent the parties in this county in the Service Board. I wish the two members success in their deliberations in that board which is intended to be for the welfare of you members as well as the staff of the Assembly. Thank you Hon. Members.

(Applause)

STATEMENT
SUSPENSION OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we do have a statement and as listed in the appendix and I call upon the Majority Leader Hon. Ngunga. Is he in the House? He is represented by Hon. Justus Kiteng'u.

Member for Kivaa (Hon. Justus Kiteng'u): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to seek statement on status of the following;

1. Why the county treasury staff including the County Executive member, Chief Officer, all the accountants, revenue clerks, subordinate staff, finance and procurement officers in all county sectoral departments were suspended by the Governor on 18th August, 2017, paralyzing the activities and operations of the county government in totality. The services affected include collection of revenue, procurement of goods and services and requisition of funds from national government.
2. Whether, in the circumstances, revenue is being collected as stipulated.
3. Why the county government is in the process of recruiting other officers.
4. What the County government was doing to ensure service delivery was not affected.

Thank you Madam Speaker. I request the Chair of committees to comment on the statement. Thank you, members.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Justus Kiteng'u. Chairs of committees you have been asked to make some comments.

Member for Mumbuni North (Hon. Paul Museku): Thank you Madam Speaker. Just to comment on the statement which has been made by Hon. Deputy Majority Leader. I think it is important to note that the issues which he has raised are weighty because we are talking about revenue collection for the county. We do not know whether in this county, revenues are being collected and if they are, who is collecting them in the face of the fact that all county treasury staff were suspended.

So what we are saying is that, we do not know who is collecting the revenue, where the revenue is going and whether it is being accounted for properly since the officers who have been entrusted with this have already been told to vacate the offices.

I think this is a weighty matter considering that without revenue collection and accountability, funds require a lot of accountability and the people who had been chosen to perform this duties do not only collect the revenue, but were forming part of the history. They have the history of what was happening before, they know the procedures which were being put in place, how the revenues were being collected.

If you bring new people into the fold, who do not have that, then we are saying that this county is in the hands of people we don't know in as far as revenue collection is concerned. That to me is something weighty.

(Applause)

One thing that we noted was that, even during the election period, the Governor had stopped revenue collection. My question is; does the Governor have the mandate to stop revenue collection?

(Applause)

And if he has, which I doubt, how does he expect the services of Mwananchi to be done without any revenues. I think the issues that are being raised by the Majority Leader are weighty and this house needs to discuss them or we need a response on these issues so that we can be able to know from the Executive what they are doing as far as this is concerned. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museku. Members, I will allow other comments and queries particularly on that statement from a few members before we agree on the way forward. I can see Hon. Mueni's hand is up.

And remember when you are rising to give a statement or address this House, say your name and the ward you represent or the capacity in which you are here because the HANSARD is recording and we want to know in future what you said on any given day. Thank you.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Benedette Mueni): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is to ask the Governor; what is he expecting our people or the members in this House to get their salary from? We are paid from those taxes and it is not being collected. So, it is unfair. I don't even know whether we will get the salary because our county is not collecting money and we cannot be paid from other counties money. So it is an urgent matter and we want those people here to answer us. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Minority Leader, let me come to you after a while. We have Hon. Mutinda.

Member for Wamunyu (Hon. Thomas Mutinda): Thank you Madam Speaker. The issue of non-collection of revenue is worrying, it is only in Machakos where people can come and trade and go and we should not encourage that. There are issues that need to be considered here; the issue of the revenue not being collected while we know very well that the Appropriation Bill takes into account the local revenue collected from the within.

We are waiting for the money from Treasury and we are not collecting ours. This is bad and worrying, and it is the high time this assembly takes the necessary steps and we start now, at the committee level, we check the CECs, we ask them what they are doing about this, because

since July, that is when this revenue stopped being collected. We are losing a lot, people coming from far to trade and we are only sweeping whatever is left. I think that should be checked.

The other thing is on the staff; staff have been sacked and the contract between the employer and the employee is individual; it is not collective. We cannot have a situation where somebody comes and say all this category of accountants or procurement officers to go. There are terms and conditions of service which guide the way people should work. And we should not assume; we might end up heading this county government into legal tussles with the staff because we have terms, we can be sued on this matter and a lot can be lost.

We will lose money, we will pay them, they have not worked and this is the money which should go to the ground to offer services. So, I think, Madam Speaker, this is something which should be checked, we know there are contract staff who can be terminated anyhow, but the others, the labor laws stands for them and we have to go by the law if we have to go far.

We have to check what the law says and the relevant committees which will be charged with these responsibilities and Hon. Members who will have the privilege of serving in those committees should check how things were done so that we may have an orderly county, an orderly civil service, so that services are delivered. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Maitha.

Member for Matungulu West (Hon. Moffat Maitha): Thank you Madam Speaker. This is a very weighty matter. The matter of taxation means money for the county. It is not right for anybody to stop collection of taxes and stoppage of workers from performing their duties. Madam Speaker, this is the time when this House should rise to the occasion and request that the Executive must do whatever it can to make sure that taxes are collected promptly and accounted for by the officers.

(Applause)

It is during this time now where we have bogus tax collectors all over the county. I know of an example where some people masquerading as tax collectors are harassing people from my ward and I am asking this House to take measures that are important for what is needed to make sure that taxes are collected in this county. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Alice.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Alice Nzioka): Asante Bi. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi. Nimesimama kuongea juu ya ombi ambayo imeletwa na Kiongozi walio wengi bungeni juu ya ukusanyaji wa ushuru katika kaunti yetu. Bi. Spika, ningependa kusema, Gavana wetu wa Kaunti ya Machakos, wakati alisimamisha ukusanyaji wa ushuru,, sisi kama bunge tulikuwa likizo. Kwa

hivyo hatukuwa na habari kwa nini alisimamisha. Baadaye tukasikia Gavana amesimamisha wafanyi kazi wa ukusanyaji wa ushuru.

Mimi ningeomba bunge letu kwamba, ingekuwa kwetu kama mwongozo, tutengeze kamati ya fedha; tutakuwa na mwenyekiti na naibu wake ili waende kwa upande mwingine ili wajue ni sababu gani Gavana alifanya hivyo.

(Applause)

Sababu sisi tukiendelea kuongea, hatukuweco na tujue kwanini alifanya hivyo. Maana tukiwa na utaalumu tugesema ni kwa nini Gavana alisimamisha ukusanyaji wa ushuru. Kwa hivyo ni ombi langu na wabunge wezangu, kama tungechukua muda kidogo ili tutafute kamati, tuwe na wawakilishi ambao tunaweza watuma kwa upande mwingine wa serikali watuletee majibu.

Kwa sababu si vizuri kama Kaunti yake hakuna ushuru, lakini inawezekana kuna jambo ama sababu kubwa ambayo ilielekeza Gavana wetu kusimamisha ushuru. Kwa hivyo naomba bunge tushikane pamoja na tuwe na kamati ili tuone ni kwa nini hio ilitendeka. Asante Bi Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Shukrani. Muheshimiwa Muthoka.

Member for Mitaboni (Hon. Fredrick Muthoka): Thank you Madam Speaker. I think this is a very weighty issue which this house should take seriously. For example, I come from a ward where sand is harvested in masses. This sand goes to Nairobi county, imagine free of charge. Somebody comes from Nairobi, collects sand from Machakos, no tax and takes it to Nairobi. I think this something which should be addressed like yesterday.

Another issue, in fact I am late because I had to give a car to our mothers back in Mitaboni, because today is vaccination day for these children. We have to take them to Machakos because there are no nurses and we are not collecting revenue to pay these nurses. I think this is a weighty issue; we should take it seriously and very fast. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Mheshimiwa Annastasiah.

Member for Kibauni (Hon. (Ms.) Annastaciah Syomwai): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think we need to debate this issue seriously but as Hon. Members. What I can request is let us not blame the Governor really because there were some people who went to court because of political agenda but for me, because we know it is a very crucial issue, I would request the committee to be formed as soon as possible.

Speaking for my ward, I know there are a lot of issues on water. We have machines there and there is fuel challenge from the county government. Accordingly, the way it is everywhere in the county I know the challenge is finance, while the finance people have been sent home. Maybe the Governor had some issues with the accountability and transparency. For me, I would request

all the Hon. Members; we have a committee to deliberate these issues as soon as possible because it is a very crucial issue for us.

Hon. Ndawa: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Somebody has a point of order? Yes Hon. Ndawa.

Hon. Ndawa: Madam Speaker, I am requesting the Hon. Member who has just spoken to stop misleading the House because we cannot sit down and wait until we elect a committee when we are seeing there is already a mistake which has been committed by the Governor. We are kindly requesting that the House continues deliberating this issue, bearing in mind that there are staff who were sent home and those staff are also electorates.

I believe most of the members who are here were voted by the same staff who are at home. The same staff who are at home have families, they have kids---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, the point of order is noted because you are not meeting---

Hon. Ndawa: Yes. Kindly, let the member not mislead the House.

Hon. Speaker: Please resume your seat. Thank you very much. I indicated Minority Leader, I want to ask you just to hold on a bit because we give some time to the other members and there is the Hon. Member seated next to you, Hon. Kisila.

Member for Makutano/Mwala (Hon. Brian Kisila): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I would like us to acknowledge the fact the motion being put is weighty but let us understand from the onset, what is our role as an assembly and what is the role of the Governor. It is within his mandate to take any decision at any given time when he finds there is any malpractice or any level of corruption within the system.

Yesterday, we took an oath of leadership and integrity so it is within the powers of the governor to take action when he deems fit and it was in the news that there was corruption emanating from that department and that is why he took that decision.

What I gather, is that the Governor is within his period going to put systems and procedures to protect the revenue being gotten from these various areas. You cannot continue collecting revenue when people are just pocketing it; it is better you stop it, put systems and then you proceed and hold on. Thank you.

Hon Speaker: Point of information, Hon Kisila. Even as Hon. Mutiso rises to give the information, we don't have a motion; we have a statement and we just agreed to do a few comments as we take our decision, so we don't have a motion on the Table. Hon. Mutiso, you still have your point of information.

Member for Machakos Central (Hon. Peter Joseph Mutiso): Yes, I wanted to say something on that matter because that Hon. Member who has spoken has misled the House because as far as I know, the government is supposed to give us money apart from the taxes we are collecting, but we are given money according to the amount of money that you collect. Every county is given money as per your collection. So we might not get any money?

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: The information is received well, Hon. Mutiso. Hon. Kamitu, you have a point of information?

Member for Tala (Hon. Alex Kamitu): Hon. Speaker, I am standing here to give guidance to this Hon. House that, as per the Standing Orders and procedures of this House is that, a statement has been sought in regard to why revenue collectors were sent home. It is on this trend, Madam Speaker that we don't have a committee that can stand in and give out the answer to this statement because it was a statement, Madam Speaker.

I would also ask for your guidance in regard to statements; either the Majority or Minority Leader is supposed to give out a statement on the strength of the statement that has been brought in front of this House. So my point of information and my guidance is that, now that things have not been put into structures, I would request this Hon. House that we accelerate the selection committee so that we may vet the various officers from the executive because we are mixing things.

There are those mandates of the Governor that he can do one or two three issues but now for us as a House to follow that statement that has been brought to this House, we have to put our house in order. The Governor has to put his house in order; the structures and procedures, so that if it is a committee given that task, it will move out of this House seeking the same answers we are seeking. We need your guidance Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Point of information taken. Thank you very much. And now I am going to allow just two comments because this is a statement not a motion and then I will give directions on the way forward. Hon. Ndeti.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Hellen Ndeti): Madam Speaker, I would like to contribute to the discussion that is ongoing by saying that it is very unfortunate and very irresponsible of the Governor to get rid of workers who are doing the most important job of collecting funds to continue funding our services.

(Applause)

You cannot fire your worker and not replace that worker. At the moment, we have got, apart from our salaries and other services that are being offered by the County, you have got business people who have given services to this county in the last three or four years and they have never been paid a penny. Where is this money that is being collected or is not being collected, why can't we collect this money and make sure that we take care of our services?

Hon. Kamitu: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order and strictly speaking point of order.

Hon. Kamitu: The Hon. Member who was standing because, we are repeating the same thing, so it is on a point of order that Madam Speaker you guide us on this because this is a statement so that we may not repeat the same thing from more all members.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamitu, please resume your seat. There was no point of order in that one she completed what she had to say. Can I have the final comment from Hon. Jeremiah.

Member for Muthetheni (Hon. Jeremiah Munguti): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine was a comment and I would like to say the following, since we have been enlightened on what is going on in the county, my concern was; in the office of the Governor, as it is put, he had fired some finance staff but from my own investigations, I have found that there is recruitment which is going on.

At the same time, I want us to remember in this House, when we are not collecting revenue, we are sabotaging this county. So it is my concern that, if we can actually have committees which can lead and investigate on issue, then we will come and discuss this motion. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Jeremiah. At this juncture, I give my directions in the following terms; that the Minority Leader, Hon. Kamitu will bring to this House a feedback on the statement that has been discussed before this House on Thursday, 28th September, 2017 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you, Members. Proceed.

MOTION

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

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we have a motion and that is as per the appendix as per the Leader of the Minority party, Hon. Alex Kamitu.

Hon. Kamitu: Thank you very much Madam Speaker.

That aware that Standing Order 17(1) requires the Governor to address the opening of each newly elected assembly;

Aware that His Excellency the Governor Dr. Alfred Mutua addressed the opening of the assembly on 18th September, 2017, and noting that the Governors address outlined key policies that the county government of Machakos will undertake to ensure the county realizes high economic growth;

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

I wish to move the motion that pursuant to the provisions of Standing order 20(5), the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor during the opening of the second assembly delivered on Monday, 18th September, 2017.

Thank you Madam Speaker. I call upon Hon. Brian to second the motion.

Hon. Kisila: Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members.

(Question proposed)

Members, who want to debate, now we have a motion. Hon Helen Ndeti.

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: I would like to take this chance to say that I am very happy for Wiper party to have nominated me to serve in this assembly and to be able to give whatever services I have to the people of Machakos County.

Madam Speaker, I have gone through Governor's speech and my take is that he is trying to build bridges where there are no rivers. He has got very over-ambitious projects which are not sustainable. If I remember very well, one of our members has just talked about the scarcity of water and having machines that don't even have fuel to be able to pump that water. I am not seeing how we are going to collect enough money if we cannot do a collection of rates.

With the kind of allocation that the national government gives to this county government of Machakos, I am not seeing how we can be able to sustain this projects that His Excellency the Governor of Machakos is proposing to do. I think I would ask him to think of joining NASA because it is the NASA government that is saying that once they get into power, they will be able to increase the allocation to devolved units, so that we can be able to complete these projects.

Hon. Member: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order when she is finished talking? So we just have somebody to contribute to the motion and I ask members, let us stick to what is on the Table. Hon. Geoffrey.

Member for Upper Kaewa/Iveti (Hon. Geoffrey Kamulu): Thank you Madam Speaker. My contribution towards this is based on this statement '*kuweta na Kwika*' (to promise and fulfill) He should promise through action.

Under education programme, the Governor has pledged that he is going to ensure that there is free fees for Machakos students; certificate, diploma and university level this has not been done previously so I hope he has a better program which is well set in order to ensure there is no more complaints like it used to be.

To me there was oversight as far as increment of bursary is concerned because everybody within my ward was complaining previously. He also overlooked the Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) which I thought he could also address in his speech because there is need to take care of nursery schools, the infrastructure and the material which is supposed to be used in the school and also the employment of ECDE teachers. He also overlooked the youth polytechnics which is very essential as far as our county is concerned.

My other concern is on agriculture. Is the program well set? Because he is addressing very topical issues but I urge that they should be increment of fertilizers with lower price; that is fertilizers and also insecticides so that we can have increased production especially on coffee in the region. Remember the co-operatives especially the coffee sector have been mismanaged so there should be a well stream-lined way of making sure such complains are not there.

I also have an issue with the *Mulika Mwizi*. Before *mulika mwizis* are put on the roads, I think it would be fair that we establish them in all the market centers because those are the places where people are living unlike just putting them on the roads.

About hospitals; Mavoko, Matungulu, Yatta and also the x-ray maternity and all that it was very nice but the Governor overlooked one major issue which is happening in Kenya; the nurses are on strike but he never mentioned such a concern. People are in problems and even now people are exposed to a lot of torture.

Hon. Munyao: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order Mheshimiwa Johanna.

Hon. Munyao: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have a point of order to correct the member. Some of the issues the member is raising as having been overlooked are captured in the list of bills which are yet to be tabled before this House. Bill No. 31 on the list talks of Machakos County Early Childhood Development Education Bill. Bill No. 12 on the list talks of Machakos County Coffee Bill so I am requesting the member to hold so that we can get the bills and see what they contain then the concerns.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order taken. Thank you Hon. Johanna. Hon. Geoffrey you want to continue?

Hon. Kamulu: Yes, I wish to continue a bit. Thank you very much. That is a nice correction. I thank you very much. It is my hope that he is going to make them in action just the way he has said ‘*kuweta na kwika.*’

My last comment is on vetting of staff and undertaking radical surgery. I stand to be guided, actually who is supposed to do this? Because this one has even led to a request on a statement in this Hon. House because an individual should not purport to be the vetting authority of staff and radical surgery. I think this one I stand to be guided whether this one is supposed to be done by an individual or it is supposed to be guided by a collective responsibility. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I will go to Hon. Ndawa and I will look at that side shortly.

Member for Matuu (Hon. Judas Ndawa): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to contribute on the speech of the Governor which was given here on Monday. It was quite an elaborate speech but contents of the speech was just like building castles in the air because some of the issues which were raised or which were given by the Governor are things which are not realistic. I doubt whether they can be implemented.

Issues like free college and university education. You know when it comes to devolution, education was not devolved the only part that was devolved was early childhood education so the other one is a function of the national government. So I do not know which way the Governor will use to ensure that he gives us free college and university education.

The other issue that he raised is about electricity. He said he has done a lot on the issue of power and he is going to bring about 1,000 transformers. Again issue of energy is also a function of the national government and not the county government. So I am also wondering whether he is going to be able to undertake that.

The other issue is about ambulances; he told us that he has managed to give every ward an ambulance. An area like Matuu every evening, like last evening, I was forced to send my two vehicles to transport patients from Matuu Level IV to Machakos here because we do not have ambulances. I do not know whether other areas still have the same problem that I am facing.

(Applause)

The other issue which was raised is about water. He has promised or he has told us that he has connected most of the homesteads with water. I do not know which area because in my area, I do not recall any part of Matuu ward that has water. Matuu, as we talk know we do not have water and we are buying a jerrican of 20 liters at Ksh. 30. So that is an issue. The other issue is about the---

Hon. (Ms.) Syomwai: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order, Hon. Annastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Syomwai: Thank you Madam Speaker. I do want to rectify the Hon. Member that he was forced to use money from the pocket to get the vehicle to serve your people. But also everybody needs to know all the county functions are at a standstill because of lack of finances

and I think our governor was here on Monday and he addressed that issue. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa, are you through with your statement?

Hon. Ndawa: Yes, I want to continue with what I was saying. Thank you very much for your correction but we have to bear in mind that all the ambulances within Machakos County most of them are grounded.

(Applause)

The other issue is about iron sheets; he promised that he will make sure we do not have grass houses. I do not know whether in our constitution whether that is possible to ensure that everybody has a house roofed with iron sheets.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Point of order by Hon. Brian and members please make points of order brief because a point of order is just a point of order.

Hon. Kisila: Let us not make wild statements in the House. When you say ambulances are all grounded and I come from Mwala and mine is working. Please let us give this House serious thought when we are making statements. Do not make allegations which are not true because we are going to lose focus. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Point of correction from, Hon. Jeremiah

Hon. Munguti: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to correct Mr. Brian Kisila.

Hon. Speaker: He is, Hon. Brian Kisila.

Hon. Munguti: Yes, Brian Kisila.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Brian Kisiku.

(Laughter)

Hon. Munguti: Hon. Brian Kisiku. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to say Hon. Mbili Ndawa said some not all. Thank you madam.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Ndawa and I request that you wind up so that we can hear other members.

Hon. Ndawa: I am winding up. When I say some, I come from the Yatta sub-county and we are along Thika -Garissa highway and most of the accidents which occur along that highway, all the patients are brought to Matuu Level IV hospital and whenever they are brought there we try to enquire whether there is an ambulance in Kithyoko, we do not get one. Whether there is an ambulance in Kivaa, we do not get one, from Ndalani, we do not get one, Kithimani the same and for Matuu, it is grounded so that is why I was saying most of the ambulances are grounded.

So, the last issue, Madam Speaker is about market sheds. In Matuu, which is the second capital city after Machakos in this county, Matuu is the only area East and central Africa where *mama mboga* do their business between latrines. We do not have sheds and those people are forced to pay levies to the county. Before they did not have to pay levies. So, we are kindly requesting that the statement or the speech which was given by the Hon. Governor, it is not something which is realistic. I wish to stop there Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Muli.

Member for Ndalani (Hon. Joshua Muli): Thank you, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members. Mine was a point of correction to my brother Hon. Ndawa who happens to be my neighbor. Madam Speaker, Ndalani neighbors Matuu ward and I do not think that my brother Hon. Ndawa was in order to tell this House that in Ndalani, we do not have ambulances. Ndalani we have about five sub-locations and we have two functional ambulances as of now which are doing work and they are doing well.

Again, I just wanted to correct my brother Hon. Ndawa that the colleges, when we talk of colleges devolved we talk of polytechnics which are actually devolved now.

Hon. Speaker: A point of direction members. If you have a point of information, you have a point of order; put up your hand and say it because if you put up your hand and keep quiet, my assumption is that you want to contribute to the motion and so I will just wait until I point you out like I did with Hon. Muli. So it is just a direction I am giving. Hon. Ngunga, point of order?

Hon. Ngunga: I would want to also rise on a point of order stating Standing Order 79 because we have realized that members are interrupting members while on speech. It says here that ‘any member may raise a point of order at any time during the speech of any other member stating that member rises on a point of order and that member shall be required to indicate the Standing Order upon which the point of order is based.’

In other words, Madam Speaker, I am saying members are only interrupting debate here because if a member rises on a point of order, then it is indicated in the Standing Order that the member may or is required to state the point of order or Standing Order that has been breached.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Majority Leader. That is a point that members need to note. You have a Bible for this House. When you are rising to raise a question of information, point of order, refer the Standing Order on which you are supporting yourself. Thank you.

(Applause)

Point of order, Hon. Mitaa?

Member for Kangundo Central (Hon. Moses Mitaa): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would request to get your guidance on the way forward especially now that most of the Hon. Members are making their maiden speech. Is it supposed to be interrupted? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: It can only. Hon. Members interruption is only as allowed in the Standing Orders and if it is a point of order and I have directed that the member raising on a point of order contributes, you who is on your feet should resume your seat and the point of order should be brief and not a narration; not a long debate so that the member who had been contributing can take up the position and continue to finalize.

Point of information should even be shorter. It is just to tell the member 'Hon. Member you are forgetting there is this' and sit down so that when it comes to debate you give the member who is on their feet as much time and as much peace as possible so that they can put their thoughts in order for the benefit of this House and the benefit of the county. We are in agreement? Point of information?

Hon. Kamitu: Briefly Madam Speaker, it is also on that strength that our Majority Leader brought ups a very good idea. My point of information is also that the point of order should also be related to the statement.

I am sorry I have a cough. The point of order should also be related to the debate that is being deliberated by the Hon. Member who is contributing. It will be pointless for you to stand and give a point of order of an Hon. Member who has already contributed and is seated so as also in line with what our Speaker has said and what the Majority Leader has brought, the point of order should be related to the contribution by the Hon. Member who is contributing at that time. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kamitu. Let me just finish. What Hon. Kamitu is saying is we be relevant. If you are raising a point of order, do it as it strikes you that the member contributing is out of order and on the particular point that he or she is discussing and that also brings us to the other issue of even the member who is contributing. Let the member remain within the four corners of the issue we are discussing.

Remember we talked about relevance of the matters that are in the House so that we are able to transact the businesses in a more orderly manner and without getting out of hand. If you feel that there is a point that you wish to bring, you know you can do a notice of motion on the point that is burning you so that we can discuss here. Hon. Maitha, had a point of order.

Hon. Maitha: Madam Speaker, I want to support Hon. Mitaa. Since this is the first time members are contributing, it is their maiden speech I think they should be heard uninterrupted. There should be no point of order, there should be no point of information because it is their first time and they are assumed new. So that is why I have said they should be heard uninterrupted.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Point of order is taken Hon. Maitha but I think and I believe it would be in order even as we are learning; let us learn correctly so that even those who are to raise points of order also do it correctly and the member who is contributing just carry on and do it and I am telling you within a short while there will be perfection in this House. Members, this debate is still open we have a few more minutes and we have Hon. Constance Mbula.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Constance Nzioki): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to say that the Governor's speech was well presented and everything in that speech was analyzed. Members we need to know that there are projects which are ongoing like when we come to talk about water in houses. Rome was not built in one day, of course.

So, whichever ward got water we should say 'thank you.' We know water cannot reach every area in one time. Because the Governor is still in, we put it back, we expect him to finish all the projects and whatever he promised us. When I hear a member say there are no ambulances, yes ambulances are not there because maybe they are broken down but they are all over in my area we have never missed even in one day.

So let us be clear on what we are debating. If the Governor says there will not be thatched houses, he is still coming. He has got a second time and I believe he will start and I believe we are going to be with him, God wishes, and so I want to say whatever the Governor promised, we are also here to remind him. You told us this will happen, where is it? He has talked about all those things in his speech; analyzing is a problem but we need to know what we do not have and what we are expecting in due course. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Constance. Can we hear Hon. Katumo?

Nominated Member (Hon. Justus Katumo): Thank you Madam Speaker and Hon. Members. I have gone through the governor's speech. The speech it is very exciting but to that point. It begins with a positive note of unity and in page 1, it says 'we must come together as a pillar to unite so that we can move and accelerate development.' I agree with that but when you come to page two there is a section of question and answer, a very good section. You look at it there are several questions there with answers where and where only in Machakos you find but I am concerned with the last question.

Where else do you find a Hollywood style setup to announce the talent of youth? The point I am making here is that some of these things, I am hearing them for the first time. I do not know where we have these talent scouting and, of course, when you look at these questions and answers, you will be wondering, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, whether these are the particular elements that touch on the needs of the common Mwananchi that we have come to represent here.

That notwithstanding that, we move to page.... is it 3? Yes, where we have 'I wish to assure my people' that last paragraph then we have a slogan '*kuweta na kwika*.' I have never heard of that before. Whether it was there, I never listened to him during campaigns but you go to number 4 where he lays down some of the action plans that he has and we were here last term making the budget and some of the things that are listed here are not in the budget. So, how are they going to be implemented? It is not possible.

When you talk of high education programs which you will provide fees for the following categories of students; certificate, diploma and university. You know this is not within our mandate unless we do not know what we do as a county government.

(Applause)

Now number 6 on the same, Hon. Members, let us elaborate ourselves and be very clear. Creation of over 100,000 jobs while at the same time when he was sworn in as Governor, the following day, early in the morning, he went round chasing people from offices. Very funny! So, he sacked around 437 employees on that particular docket; no revenue collection, no nothing. I am told most of these employees have not been paid up to this moment.

(Applause)

Then we sit here we get excited about things that will never happen.

We move on. We go to page 4, Hon. Members. Then you look at that list it; continues and the agenda therein, I want just to read, I will not read everything. You go to number 15 he is talking about expanding social welfare programs like the interest-free table-banking for women, youth fund and increase and well-managed bursary funds.

I am really concerned because we have been in this House before and nothing has happened but he has omitted something very important dear members that he has not even mentioned persons with disabilities.

(Applause)

He is mentioning women, the youth and he is not mentioning people with disabilities who you know for sure, there are people with great need who want to be taken care of and when I look at a speech like this not mentioning my people, I feel that marginalization, discrimination, lack of sense to the very people you want to represent is not part of it.

You look at also page 5, dear members; you look at the Bills that are supposed to come to this House from the executive wing of this government. They are so many. Brothers and sisters let us not be cheated; we passed so many bills in this House and the status is they have not been implemented. The issue is not the Bill the greater part is to implement the same so that mwananchi can get fruit of our representation.

(Applause)

You are forgetting that Hon. Members that our members our friends and colleagues who were here could not come back it is because of such things.

Hon. Munyao: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order Hon. Johanna.

Hon. Munyao: I wish to caution and I am sorry to use that term, the Hon. Member that although it is important to give reference to the past assembly, he may not wish us to be scared. We are here to bring change and we hope we will not come here to discuss Bills which will not be passed.

(Applause)

So, referring to the past assembly as a failure is discouraging this team but we are here to bring change. Kindly it is a caution.

Hon. (Ms.) Syomwai: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Hon. Anastaciah.

Hon. (Ms.) Syomwai: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to rectify the fellow Hon. Member, Hon. Katumo because we are not here again to blame but we as the members we have the mandate to change this county and I see some of the allegations are factual but I like to request Hon. Katumo as you are here as a disabled person, I think you have a very big chance to represent the disabled in the right manner and to bring the motion I the House. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Ngunga: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: A point of order on a point of order. Can we allow the Hon. Member to conclude?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Katumo: Yes allow me to finish. I will not take long. I want to say Hon. Members you cannot drive a car that has no side mirrors. Would you? You would not. I was just taking a background and reference so that we can move forward but also well-corrected.

Now I want to jump and go to page 7 of this great speech. The last paragraph, he talks about dealing with facts and not propoganda and then he talks about things to do with corruption, malpractice and the status of things is that we are not doing well because of such. I would wish to see what action will be taken.

Page 8 Madam Speaker, Sir---

(Loud consultations)

Oh, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: I am waiting for someone to rise on a point of order.

(Laughter)

Hon. Katumo: Madam Speaker, the third, fourth paragraph he says and argued that one of the reasons some failed is because the Machakos County Assembly has also become a House of blackmail deal-cutting and extortion. If you say I am going back then where does that come from? You see, Hon. Members, if this is a House of blackmail, extortion, deal-cutting, are we such here or was it before and if that has happened before, who really initiated the same?

(Applause)

I want to finish Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Hon. Member has referred to a statement in this speech.

Hon. Katumo: Or if you want me to---

Hon. Speaker: I ask you to finish your contribution.

Hon. Katumo: Yes, I want to finish. Then lastly is it lastly, really? Yes lastly. I will not take long. You look at that following paragraph, I am very much interested; ‘motions and impeachments were engineered in this House as shakedown so that affected business people, wananchi and public officers could fork our bribes in exchange.’”

Very wide allegations not worthy of that office. You see Hon. Members, we are not just saying we give and we are not taking back. Now this demeanor cannot be accepted to continue in this House being seen as people who come here for bribes and extort other people. Or you see Madam Speaker, when we are doing motions of impeachment or otherwise, if we will get that opportunity it is a process that has procedure and if that happens, it is not a matter of extortion because if it has to be admitted in this House according to provisions and Standing Orders, it takes that process because there is procedure.

So, when His Excellency the Governor just addresses the House in that manner, I stand while seated to say, that is a demeanor (??). Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. I am looking for members who have not contributed this morning and I will be on this side for some time. Can I have Hon. Nziva.

Hon. (Ms.) Nziva: Thank you Madam Speaker and Hon. Members for this chance. First and foremost, I would like to comment on some few issues concerning the address by His Excellency the Governor on the unity. I think, members, we should unite for a purpose because at the end of the day we are supposed to account to our electorates. When I go to point number 13 on Level IV hospitals, I think---

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member please refer the Hon. Members to the page you are addressing so that you can walk together.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Jacqueline Nziva): Sorry, on the referral hospitals we are on page 4 on the level IV hospitals. I think it is crucial because it will lessen constraints currently faced by the referral hospital that is Machakos. Because if we have more hospitals at the level IV the lesser the constraints and I think it will also correlate with the number of personnel like if we have the level IV hospitals, I think if we have enough personnel, like enough nurses, enough doctors, I think things will move smoothly like our level IV hospitals they do not have enough personnel.

When you go also to page number 3 on the tarmac roads, is it number 3? Yes on the construction of tarmac roads in all sub-counties. I think the tarmac roads will propel quick development like Makutano ma Mwala road. How I wish the roads will be a bit more constructed, the tarmac roads like in my ward there is a Katangi-Ikombe-Matuu road and even Kithimani-Kikesa-Kenyatta road. I think if we add more tarmac roads in our areas, development will be enhanced.

When we go to the agricultural subsidy, page 4 on the point number 8, on the agricultural subsidy program; members you bear with me we are approaching the onset of the rains and I am pleading that we get enough seeds for our farmers because our farmers need seeds and even our vulnerable farmers groups need to be ploughed because if the program which is mentioned here is efficiently done, I think the vulnerable groups, if we do this in an efficient way and even in a transparent way, you will bear with me, members our farmers, our vulnerable groups will be at the right hand, members.

When I go to the creation of the groups, the jobs I do not know which page I had numbered that is number 6 that is creation of 1,000 jobs. Members if we want creation of jobs and even quality jobs in our county, like in my ward, I think our youths are supposed to be capacity built with a lot of agricultural companies.

Let us form like agricultural companies and then let them be well facilitated so that our youths will be well-equipped with knowledge. We have the agri-business which can help our youths very much and I am very sure at the end of the day, our youths will have something to smile at the end of the day.

Madam Speaker, as I finish I believe and I am pleading with your office and even Hon. Members; can we come up with some more motions because the speech, we can come up with the motions so that we can discuss on the same for the benefit of our electorates. So, thanks a lot Madam Speaker and Hon. Members for this chance. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nziva. Can we have Hon. Mark Muendo? I will come to you Mheshimiwa Cosmas.

Hon. Muendo: It is too short.

(Hon. Muendo referred to the gooseneck microphone)

Thank you, Madam Speaker---

Hon. Speaker: I think the Office of the Clerk is noting that we are forced to lean as we are talking.

Member for Kinanie (Hon. Mark Muendo): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to contribute on a few points on this Governor's speech which to me sounds like Hollywood cinema.

(Laughter)

Because when we look at what is listed here like when you go to number two on page 3; construction of tarmac roads in all sub-counties and improvement of our towns. The question

here is, how much money do we have? How much will it cost top tarmac one kilometer of a road and how many sub-counties we have?

(Applause)

To me that is not possible because we understand some of the roads are not even devolved. So, there is a lot of mixture in this speech. There is no separation of our mandate as County and the National Government.

(Applause)

I will take you to number four also. Higher education programme which will provide free fees for all Machakos students to undertake certificates, diplomas and university fees; this is misleading, Madam Speaker. We know there is no free education in our counties nationwide. To provide free education for Machakos County students will consume all the budget of the whole County in a year.

It is not realistic. To create nearly....number five 1,000 new transformers to expand the electricity coverage with plans to have power in every household in 2022; that is also misleading this House.

The energy sector is not devolved and also when we talk about 1,000 transformers in this County; that will be very expensive also because our budget cannot support that installation.

I will take you to another area of concern, this is installation of *mulika mwizis* (floodlights) that is number 10. These *mulika mwizis* you are talking about include the street lights; some of them are misplaced because why still put *mulika mwizis* from Makutano all the way to Kithimani when the people around Kithimani and that area do not have power in their houses.

(Applause)

So, I think sometimes we must be realistic on these speeches when we are doing this we must understand what is supposed to be done for mwananchi not just for what we call in English game faces, right.

I would like also to point out that, most of these, for example number 13; when we talk about such a level hospital for Mavoko, Matungulu, Yatta and Masinga and Machakos sub-counties in addition of the existing ones in Kathiani, Mwala and Kangundo. We all know there is a cost on this.

How much are we going to spend on this and how much do we get as a County in a year from the National Government? This, I think to me it cannot realise this as a County. So, I would like, maybe, to say to me the speech, Madam Speaker, was just a way of showing that things are good when they are not. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Cosmas and I will go to this side maybe. After Hon. Cosmas, I will go to this side. We still have four days to debate this remember Members.

Hon. Ngunga: Which Cosmas.

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, sorry, Hon. Kaloki

Member for Kangundo West (Hon. Ikusya Kaloki): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me an opportunity to make a contribution to the Governor's speech which also gives me an opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the people of Kangundo West for electing as there Member of County Assembly to represent them and that makes me a happy person to achieve my dreams after vying for the last 15 years..

(Applause)

I think I want to be very sincere and also urge my fellow Members of the Assembly to be honest. If you look at this speech, it is well-presented and well-prepared. To me this is one of the best ways of preparing a speech. If you understand the content, it has three categories. The first one, the Governor has outlined his achievements so far which to me are visible.

The second category; pledges, the same pledges we made during our campaigns and then the third category and I go back to the pledges. A pledge is more or less like a manifesto, like a strategic plan which must be supported by a strategy on how to implement it and a strategy must be accompanied by an activity. He has also outlined the bills that will be brought before this House to implement his pledges.

If you look at the achievements, for example the stadium; for the first time in history, our people have the opportunity of meeting the famous football clubs like Goal Mahia and the AFC Leopards, have been to our place, and they have never been to Machakos before. I also had the opportunity of witnessing some of the international footballers during the CECAFA which had never happened before.

Those who were in the campaigns in 2013, the last CORD big rally where Raila and Mheshimiwa Kalonzo were present. If you look at the way that stadium looked like, there were no toilets, there was no fence, and there was nowhere to sit. It is now an international standard kind of a stadium.

(Applause)

If you look at the People's Park; I used to work in Machakos about 20 to 21 years ago and there is nowhere where you could go and rest. Most of the times after 5 p.m---

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: Point of information.

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

Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti: I would state that, I think our Member is out of order by mentioning the name of Kalonzo and Raila because at the time they were in office, the Government had not devolved funds to the various counties for such development.

(Applause)

Hon. Kaloki: Thank you. I did not say that they never did much. I just gave an example of 2013 when we were doing our campaigns; we were all at the stadium. Hon. Ngunga and

others were there and if you compare how the stadium was and how it is today, there is a very big difference. I am not saying that they never did much, I am just saying the state at which it was that time compared to the way it is right now; there is a very big improvement. It is a wonderful stadium with an almost, I will say a five-star kind of a toilet. To me that is an achievement.

Look at the People's Park, we have never.....even the Nairobi's Uhuru Park cannot be compared with what we have in Machakos County. To me that is an achievement, isn't it?

(Applause)

And what we normally say as scholars is that, when you talk about your achievement to from the rooftop, it does not amount to bragging. To me that is a serious achievement.

Let us look at the pledges; some of our Members have actually confused the pledges with what the Governor has already done. The Governor has said in his last statement on page three 'that I wish to assure the people of Machakos that, the pledges I made during my campaigns will be fulfilled. My motto from the beginning has always been, ABCD *'kuweta na kwika'* (pledge and implement).

I wish to point out a few promises, these are basically promises like the contents of a strategic plan, whether they are smart, whether they are achievable, there is a time frame. Rome was never built in a day.

(Applause)

If you look at point number 1, enhancing the water project. This does not necessarily mean that, it is not saying that I have done 1,000 functional boreholes. He is talking of enhancement or improving on what is already there. Okay? If you look at point number 2, construction of tarmac roads; he has already done a few things.

High Education programme; he has not said he is providing free primary and secondary fees but he is talking of coming up with a programme which can be by way of a bursary to support because higher education has not been devolved. He is talking of coming up with a programme, for example about two, three years ago, he came up with a programme of providing food to class eight and form four candidates, that was a programme.

If you look at point number 5; we have the energy department which has already been devolved. The only thing which has not devolved is the Kenya Power which is a parastatal. The energy department can come up with a programme of buying the transformers for our people.

It depends on whether the funds will be there but again the Governor said he is bringing up a Bill to look into ways of actualizing these pledges. If you look at point number 6; 100,000 jobs. To me this is not a dream, it is a reality.

If we come up with mechanisms and ways of making our County as attractive as possible to the international investors, definitely they will come and invest into our County, we will create employment. When we were doing our campaigns, some of us promised jobs to our unemployed youth. If they hear you criticizing this statement then they will ask you, which jobs were you promising us?

(Applause)

Where will they ever come from? Again, let us not confuse this is what happened at the department of finance from a point of an expert as a human resource practitioner. The Governor probably has a reason and the circumstance which led to laying of staff and how he is going to compensate that but I will not dwell on that. Creation of jobs to me is key so that we can also be seen to be fighting for unemployed youth. Where will we take this youths if we do not create employment?

I want to go to the last bit of my contribution. If you look at the reduction of taxes, he is talking of 'my Government will re-introduce taxes,' that one I may not 100 percent support that. My point is very clear; instead of scrapping completely this boda boda guys are in business, we can think of reducing their fee to a minimal and affordable fees because we want to make money or rather raise funds to support our County Government.

The point of eliminating the shame of food relief; this happens all over the world especially in the Western World. People get vouchers but my question is the criteria. He needs to come up with a criteria, how do we identify these people, how do we know who is needy and who is not needy? We have seen in the past, rich personalities getting bursaries from the County Government and even from the National Government. It is the criteria; who is responsible for this, how will it be implemented, and how long will it take?

The other point was free iron sheets. Again the criteria is very key. We need to get a detailed programme on how this will be implemented. On *Mulika mwizis* there has been a challenge in the past, I will not shy away from that. We need our department of energy responsible for restoring *mulika mwizi* must work in hand with the other departments especially the department of roads in the national government. We have seen *mulika mwizis* which have been installed earlier like in my place, Kangundo road and they are being pulled down because they are misplaced.

So for us to have a meaningful project on *Mulika mwizis*, again the criteria is also key and all the parties and other Government departments should be incorporated so that we do not have a repeat of what happened a year ago and what is happening now during the expansion of our major national roads.

The last point will be decentralizing Government operations. Kudos. To me that is wonderful.

(Applause)

We want some of these functions to be decentralized in the ward level where we can take charge because at the ward level, we are unable even to question who authorized so and so to come and supervise the construction of my road because I do not even know who the Chief Officer is. If they had decentralized to the ward level, we would be able to witness them, our people would be able to access some of the services as opposed to travelling all the way to Machakos County headquarters only to find the concerned officers not available.

The last bit is on the public, I mean the bills to be brought. The implementation stage. The activities and the strategies to achieve the pledges. To me, this is a well-designed, well-prepared speech and as I said earlier, Rome was not built in a day. We expect to see a well detailed CIDP touching on the various pledges which have been made by our Hon. Governor on how it will be implemented within the five years strategic plan and probably another 10 years because it cannot be achieved within five years.

To me this sounds like it is a bit too congested but it is a good idea, it is achievable, it is going to be realized. Thank you, Members.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kaloki. I promised I will come to this side because we have to balance the House and Hon. Daniel Mbevi.

Member for Mlolongo/Syokimau (Hon. Daniel Mbevi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. My concern is, having gone through the statement, and the Governor's speech, I think it was important for him to highlight some issues concerning the liabilities of the County as at now because I think it is important for this House to know the position of the possible debts that may be there in the County.

(Applause)

So that it can give this House a better planning.

The other issue is about, I have not seen any concern about this most populated towns like Mlolongo and Athi River, most of our issues I have not seen them captured here like we have a lot of garbage, heaps of garbage in Mlolongo, Athi River even in Machakos. So, I think to me it has not captured probably most of the issues of the concerned towns. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mbevi. I want to ask Hon. Rozina Kanini to make her contribution.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Rozina Kanini): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am on page four, point number 14; I want to state that, when the Governor said he is going to complete, staff and equip a community hospital that has a mini-theatre, I want to say that, health is a devolved function and I was very anxiously waiting for the Governor to tell us what he is actually doing with the nurses strike. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Rozina Kanini, we have Hon. Huruma.

(Laughter)

I know that is not your name.

(Laughter)

It is a nick name but he is allowing it to be used in this House. Please say your official name.

Member for Mbiuni (Hon. Francis Wambua): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would wish to appoint that our Governor's speech makes the sweetest speech a Hon. Member can listen to because it carries both divides. For instance if you go to page four, some clauses are so good to the mwananchi we serve if at all there have been premonitions, if at all their dreams come true.

For instance, if at all we have programmes for table banking for our women and our youth, it is a progress. If at all, we have the grass thatched houses with iron sheets, is a very great success but Madam Speaker, on the other side you realize our Governor has in page nine, he urges Members, 'if at all we want to grow our local economy then Hon. Members, be visiting a places like Masinga.'

Just imagine retreats in Masinga to build capacity. I have been talking with Mheshimiwa Tariq here of where all these Members would be accommodated in Masinga. There is no hotel that accommodate 59 Members here plus the Members of the staff.

(Applause)

So in the real sense, whatever our Governor, His Excellency wanted to show, he wanted to depict to the public through the Members of the press, it is as if we are extravagant, we do not like our County---

(Applause)

But in the real sense that is not the point. Our point was to have somewhere where we can have a very suitable educational climate. Somewhere where Hon. Mulatya is not bothered by his constituents every now and then because of the nature of what we are learning.

So Madam Speaker, if he gets a chance again, we will urge the Governor, just through way through the press, to tell the public that we are not out there because we do not like our County.

(Applause)

On the same point Madam Speaker, during his election campaigns in my ward and almost all over Mwala constituency, His Excellency the Governor promised our people that, he will borrow an idea from the Makueni County and construct a fruit processing plant because the area produces so many metric tanks of the citrus fruits had to go into waste and it would have been one of the best ways to create employment.

I have seen in his promises there is nowhere it is appearing. So, I would wish that he considers the same promise because farming of the citrus fruits in my area is so expensive but the profits are just peanuts.

Again Madam Speaker, I would wish to stand and as I stand here once again and say, Mr. Governor heard in quoting people staying in Karen, people staying in Lavington. I think we agreed all we work as a team. Let us forget the party issues.

(Applause)

Hon. Munyao: Point of correction.

Hon. Speaker: Point of correction? Point of order?

Hon. Munyao: I stand to correct Hon. Member that unless you want to interpret that there could be some names of places which could be representing names of people, the speech as it is, does not mention any name of any person but places. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Musau, continue and finish your contribution.

Hon. Wambua: Thank you, Hon. Member but I stand on my grounds once again and say, if at all it was just calling names of towns, our Governor would have called Mwala, Masinga---

(Applause)

But calling Karen and Lavington was just to paint a certain picture and that, I trust Members Madam Speaker cannot be allowed in this House. I would wish to thank the Governor, if at all he can do the good in this speech and avoid the bad for the sake of development of this County. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members just to give you guidance. I direct that we do hear two Members then we will adjourn. Remember we are still here at 2.30 p.m. Hon. Kiilu.

Member for Muthesya (Hon. Daniel Kiilu): Thank you, Madam Speaker. One thing I am delighted by the way you are mentioning our names, I do not know whether you have written somewhere.

(Laughter)

That is actually a credit.

(Laughter)

I went through the Governor's speech. In fact, it is wonderful but how I wish we could sit with the Governor and discuss the same. You know when we were campaigning, he made his pledges and we made ours. How I wish we could meet and match the same and discuss also the speech with him.

Let me say that, I hate blame games but I like telling a person at the eye. Let us not be so sensitive. We agreed that let us work as a House and we forget about our party issues and it is as if that thing is still in our minds. You hear somebody from Wiper talking and you hear somebody from the Chap Chap talking and you hear the wiper 'point of order.' Why don't we forget about the point of order first and discuss the issues.

(Applause)

If at all, Madam Speaker, what I want to acknowledge first is that, this House is comprised of bright brains. Ndio unaona kila mtu ako macho and I want to accept that. But what I want to say---

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: Point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order from Mheshimiwa Alice.

Hon. (Ms.) Nzioka: I would like to inform the Member on the floor that when we are debating, we should use one language. If you propose to use English, use English. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Point of order noted. Thank you, Hon. Alice.

Hon. Kiilu: Advised. I have been a teacher for the last 26 years and I am very good in English and fluent English---

(Laughter)

So, what I want to say is that, I want to like the Governor's speech and I want to like what the Governor did even by sacking the workers and whatever by stopping them, but one thing that we should realize is that, once you differ with your spouse you do not punish the whole family.

You take care of the kids and you sort your issues. So the Governor should have involved.....how I wish I buy the idea of Mheshimiwa Minority Leader, he said 'let us have the committees so that we can discuss these issues and forward them.' That is the only solution.

(Applause)

When you look at the speech also, there are so many pledges but one thing is that I pity the Governor because even during the campaigns, I remember he came to my place with the Mheshimiwa from Ndithini and he asked Mheshimiwa from Ndithini because in Muthesya is the only place we do not have a *mulika mwizi* and Ndithini. But Mheshimiwa from Ndithini, former Mheshimiwa Muli stood and told the Governor that in his ward there are six *mulika mwizis* and they are nowhere. I do not know whether the Hon. Member from Ndithini can ascertain to that.

So, it is only fair that, we give the Governor the right information if we want to save Machakos. Thank you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: And last contribution from this side Mheshimiwa Winnie.

Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Winfred Mutua): Thank you Madam Speaker and the Hon. Members. Mine will go on the debate about the speech that the Governor gave and I stand

to be corrected. Is it possible we get an audited account so that we may know where the first Assembly left and where we are taking over? Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I just remind you that we still have a further sitting and debate on this speech and now the House adjourns to today, Wednesday, 20th September, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.50 a.m.