

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

**Wednesday, 20th September, 2017**

The House met at 2.37 p.m.

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

**PRAYERS**

**Hon. Speaker:** Good afternoon, Hon. Members.

**MOTION**

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

*(Hon. Kamitu on 20.09.2017)*

*(Resumption of Debate on the Motion tabled on 19.09.2017)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, when we were here in the morning, we were debating a motion by the Hon. Minority Party Leader, Hon. Alex Kamitu, the same was interrupted today Wednesday morning, 20th September, 2017 and we resume from where we had stopped. Hon. Members, I welcome your debate over that motion. Hon. Kamulu.

**Member for Kithimani** (Hon. Francis Kalumu): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to say the Governor's speech was partially positive, partially rhetoric and partially debasing. He indicated that Madam Speaker, you are held in high esteem in this country. So, that indicates to us that we did not make a mistake when we elected you as Speaker of this House.

*(Applause)*

He also indicated that he wants to work with each and every Member for the achievement and betterment of the people of Machakos County. Another thing which is rhetoric; he talked about people who are extorting, the last Assembly was extorting and also he had all these powers to write to the relevant agencies to come and investigate the Assembly issues.

For me I saw that, was so rhetorical and he could not be able to let that continue and he had all those powers to write to the relevant agencies to come and investigate those issues.

Another issue he touched on was construction of roads in each and every sub-county. I think construction of roads to each and every sub-county is a good idea but the question is, where is the budget and where is the plan to achieve that because whenever you say you want to do

something, you must show us the road map on how you will achieve that and where you will get the funding from.

*(Applause)*

And as you look at the roads which have been constructed in those sub-counties, some of them are not to the right standards because in the beginning of the road, you will see certain type of road you should not pass through that road. You wonder if we continue having many roads in our sub-counties and the roads are not passable by some of the big cars or big lorries, I think it will not be of any economic value. So, that is something to be checked; if a road is to be made, let it be made to the right standard.

Another thing was the priority, there is something he mentioned about the People's Park, I think there was something which was amiss there, the priorities was missed because, first of all you cannot start enjoying life when you do not have money or your people still have problems.

*(Applause)*

So the first thing I think which should have been done is to let like the funding which was meant to construct that People's Park could have gone to something like expanding of Social Welfare programmes like bursaries and expanding table-banking for our *mama mbogas*; that could have brought some economic value to our people.

Another thing, he talked about was acceleration of surveys to the land of Machakos County. That one was also very positive because some of the people in our County need title deeds so that they can get loans from banks. Even before going to that, I think some of the title deeds of many people of this Machakos County are lying idle at the land offices. So, I would wish to ask if those people can be given their title deeds instead of just going to surveying others while others are lying in the land offices without any use.

If they are given to the right people, to the owners, it will add value to the people of Machakos because they will go to the banks and take loans.

*(Applause)*

There was a contradiction somewhere which came as he was speaking on the oral speech, he indicated that, there will be generators to improve electricity supply to the people of Machakos and in the written speech, it is 1,000 transformers. I do not know whether you got that one.

He also talked of construction of toilets to the many towns of Machakos County and some of them cannot be used right now because they do not have water. So, it would be better first to make the toilets which are available now to the right use as we continue adding others.

He talked about the implementation of pledges he made to the people of Machakos when he was doing his campaigns trails. This implementation needs to come up also on the way to collect revenue because you cannot implement promises with bare hands, you need funds. As of now, everything in terms of collection of revenue was put into halt; it was stopped. So, I do not know how we will meet these pledges or the promises he made to the people without revenue. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kalumu. I will come to that just a moment....Hon. King'ori.

**Member for Muthwani** (Hon. George King'ori): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am happy to be elected in the Machakos County whereby democracy is at work.

*(Applause)*

I think the people of Muthwani and the people I represent, have confidence in me and the Governor who has already shown his intention to build this area if guided very well by this House.

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I want to thank His Excellency, the Governor, for what he has termed in page three about improvement of our market places including construction of clean and free toilets in all towns. To quote on what my former contributor has said, he has done a good job. In fact, we the House, we have an obligation to use the Bills which are represented to us on page six, like number 26, you can check on your bill where he proposed.

So, it is our work to make sure that those things are arranged in order. It is not to criticize the Governor when we have not done our job. Our job is to make the Governor work very well with suitable way and everything on the right place.

Like number 26, we can use Machakos County Trade Bill so that our markets should be on that act and another one, number 28; he talked about the County Small and Medium Enterprises Fund. That belongs to the people in our areas. I think everybody needs to be positive sometimes. Let us not only see the negative part of it.

*(Applause)*

Because now it is our duty and we are duty-bound to make sure that this Government of Machakos succeeds without even imagining it can fail at all. Because the only people who lack knowledge is like Peter, when he went to the sea, he did not have enough faith to make him walk on the top of the water but when Jesus talked to him, he was able until he lost control and lost faith. Let this House not get lost on the way.

We should be positive and make this Machakos and our people enjoy what they did not enjoy in the last assembly. I hope, when we are united, when we have faith and we have big dreams, then we shall have our people see that we have tried. But if we have no faith, we shall have to do better than that.

The other thing I want to talk about is the installing *Mulika Mwizi* and street lights. It is also covered in the Bills. He talked about road and infrastructure, I think to be positive and to be very wise, we know that every road needs at least some lights and every town needs some lights. That is where infrastructure is and we shall have to do it in this House and to make sure that the Bill we get, we shall make it to our advantage so that our people should also enjoy what the Governor proposed.

So, I do not see any conflict of interest here because we come from different parties or different whatever, but we need to put our electorates in mind that, they need services, they do

not know where they come from or who brought those Bills or who brought what. What they need is services and you are supposed to give those services and not the Governor but us through the Bills by making the Governor's work easier so that we can serve everybody equally. That is our duty, to make it possible.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Point of order.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order, mheshimiwa Ndeti.

**Hon. (Ms.) Ndeti:** Thank you. I just want to ask, is the Hon. Member made remarks or---

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. King'ori, can you proceed with your debate?

**Hon. King'ori:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. About number 12, decentralize all Government operations and service to the ward level for mwananchi to be served closer and ensure public participation in all Government programs. I think that is also in our Constitution where we should have public participation and we should help by asking our electorates on the best way we can go about infrastructure and whatever the Governor wants to be done.

So, I think that also is supported by the many Bills we have here, almost eight of them. When it comes, we will need to go to the public for public participation. If you need to move the market, if you want to pitch anything, you have to involve the mwananchi. So, he also adhered the constitution and so I think we should support the Governor by putting good Bills with positive ideas so that those people who elected us will be the same people who elected our Governor and our Senator.

So, we need to support them by doing our portion and passing good Bills that will support the mwananchi on the ground. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. King'ori. I will cross over to this other side. Hon. Mulatya.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Point of order.

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

**Hon. Ngunga:** I have noted during the debates that Members have been speaking more than twice and as rules of the House is that, when a debate is on the floor, a Member shall only speak once. So, Madam Speaker, I raise to correct that.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order noted, Members. Hon. Mulatya.

**Member for Masinga Central (Hon. Tariq Mulatya):** Thank you, Madam Speaker. To my view, Governor's speech, it was kind of exaggerated and if you check page two because it is not numbered part four, he says 'where else do you find the fastest constructed highway not only in Kenya but Africa? Only in Machakos.'

Madam Speaker, and Hon. Members, this road he is talking about, I want to quote one road from Mwala to Kithimani. It is true that this road was constructed very fast, but it is the worst quality. I think to me this is wastage of resources.

*(Applause)*

Number two, because I want to be brief, page three, number six; creation of 100,000 jobs for our unemployed youth through attracting investors. This will involve creation of new City as an incentive so as to have factories in every Ward and vibrant towns.

Madam Speaker and Hon. Member, we know history because our Governor was here for a term, now this is the second term and we know what he promised and we know all kind of things. He was talking about new City in Machakos which we never saw. Now, my question is, does he really think that we are going to pass through the same, same promises he used to promise people because now from where I come from, Masinga, we have some companies there.

I received a call this afternoon that they are sacking people who come from my area, the casual workers, they will be sacked from 1st October, next month and when I come back to what is happening in Machakos, that is previously, a few days ago or a month ago, he sacked over 400 employees. Now, are we creating jobs here or we are just playing around with peoples' minds?

*(Applause)*

There is another thing, on page four number nine; provision of free iron sheets to eliminate grass-thatched houses in Machakos. To me this is a joke. People do not need sheets, they need water, and they need services because you cannot tell me that you have built a house for me and I do not have water to drink, you cannot tell me you are going to construct a house for me and I do not have food and I do not have other things.

*(Applause)*

So, I think he is really trying to make himself look very good in front of people because when I go to my area, people need water, they do not need sheets and I think, Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, you will agree with me that, there are no sheets here and we cannot be lying to ourselves. This is a House we are supposed to respect and when you bring this kind of speech and you are telling me, I will give your people iron sheets and yet this people need water.

Like where, I come from there is problem of water. I am using my own excavator to construct earth dams for my people from my own pocket and I am giving my own water, I have one borehole and I am sharing with 18 villages. Even Kangonde hospital, they get water from my house for free and yet he is telling us he is going to put water in every hospital. I think this speech was really exaggerated and he needs to bring to this Hon. Members, things that matter. Not just saying anything that he just feels like. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

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

**Member for Masii** (Hon. (Ms.) Betty Nzioki): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to tackle two issues in the speech of the Governor; number 13 and 14 that is page 4.

Starting level IV hospitals for Mavoko, Matungulu, Yatta, Masinga and Machakos sub-counties in addition to the existing ones like Kathiani, Mwala and Kangundo. Madam Speaker, I think down on our ground, we have dispensaries that are non-functional. For example, in Masii ward where I come from, they are there, they can function but you can even go to the dispensaries but you can't even find gloves or panadol to give a patient.

My concern was to the Governor because we have the structures on the ground. If we can put the facilities and everything that is needed for the hospitals for the sake of the people, instead of constructing more hospitals that don't have health facilities.

He is also saying that; to equip them, that is a good idea. I can say this is a national disaster. There is a disease, Hon. Members, that is killing us day by day, cancer. Hon members, cancer is a killer disease and it is very expensive to manage. I would wish if, before we construct these other hospitals, we manage the ones we have even in our wards, at least if we can get a machine to screen the cancer patients that are able to come all the way from our homes to Machakos or Kenyatta National Hospital.

By doing that, we will at least be there for our people. So, I would rather suggest, for heaven's sake and for the good of our people that have elected us, let us first manage the health facilities that we have for now. Even now, the nurses are on strike, people are dying day and day, and the other people can afford to take their people outside the country to seek treatment; what about the poor who cannot be able to fly out, get treatment and come back. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

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

**Nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Pauline Mene): Thank you Madam Speaker. Mine is just one; I am a short and brief person; I have noted with concern that I have not seen any mention of pending bills- payment for contractors and suppliers, all my other sentiments have been mentioned. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you from being brief and to the point. Hon. Margaret.

**Nominated Member** (Hon. (Ms.) Margaret Mwikali): Thank you Madam Speaker for noting my hand. Since morning, I have tried to catch your eye but I think I am very lucky. Mine is very brief and it is on page 6, number 39; while I note that the Governor's speech is really exciting, very tickling, very elaborate; it is very unfortunate to our ears its music. But when you go down on the ground, its tears; tears for our mothers who have no water, they still have to go very long distances to fetch a jerrican of water, yet you remember, sometimes two years ago, His Excellency the Governor, took our old mothers to Bomas of Kenya and they kicked empty jerricans and said that there is water all over in Machakos county to the shame of our county.

I want to reiterate that, it is very shameful when we see number 39, something called Machakos County Beautification Bill. Madam Speaker, I would like to suggest that this Bill should be scratched completely and thrown somewhere very far---

*(Laughter)*

....because we cannot afford to see chunks of clean water go down up to Makutano junction, pouring water on the ground when some mothers, fathers, children; everybody is crying for water. I beg this House to throw this Bill before it is even conceived and born. Thank you Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Margaret. I am looking for the people I have not given an opportunity to speak today. I have Hon. Justus Kiteng'u before I move to the other side. We will come back.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you members. I would like to comment on His Excellency the Governor's speech but before that I would like to ask the House, we need to understand that we are not fighting. We are not trying to force things to happen. We are to trying to make things happen in the correct way. We witnessed the last term which most of you were not there, and to talk about the ambulances, Hon. Ndawa made a comment where he showed a concern in his ward there is no ambulance.

Then there was a comment on the same from the Minority side that the ambulances are working and they are intact. I want us to go back to the last term; you remember the way the Assembly was being run. You remember if His Excellency the Governor, am quoting from my ward, if I don't support what he wants for example, in my ward I have requested or brought a motion whereby I need two boreholes, and they have not been done and then the Executive wants to force me to prove it has been done. If I go against the Executive, I don't get the support.

Hon. Ndawa, you are on the right direction because probably he knows his ward there is no ambulance but at your ward because maybe whatever the Governor wanted to be executed you did, and which maybe was wrong, maybe the ambulance was sent to your ward and maybe its functioning.

But you find here, we are in one House and we would like to work as a community. One time Martin Luther King said, 'we live like brothers or we perish as fools.' We don't want that to happen in this House.

*(Applause)*

In 2017 to 2022 period, we would like to run this House as a team. I would like to go and hunt votes in 2022 and I would like to use my scorecard not by 'you went to fight with the Governor, you went to fight with the Majority and Minority, you went to fight with the assembly.'

We need to get back to the drawing board and were the other assembly went wrong, we need to rectify that.

*(Applause)*

I go back to the motion. I will start with number one---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kiteng'u, where were you now that you are coming back to the motion?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** I was trying, Madam Speaker, to---

**Hon. Speaker:** Let us remain just be on the motion.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to quote something in the speech on paragraph two; 'Hon. Members and my people of Machakos, during my first term in office, Machakos was able to achieve great economic strides. We are currently the leading county in number of roads built, water provided, *Mulika mwizis* (floodlights) installed, health facilities upgraded and even free seeds given to farmers. Research after research by both local and international organizations have shown that Machakos, under my leadership, has become the fastest growing region in Kenya.'

That is in order, that is correct, but my point, Madam Speaker, is; is this a conclave whereby whatever His Excellency the Governor presented here is the correct one? My point is, some are, some are not. Let us call a spade a spade so that we can be able to move fast and pass more Bills and motions as we can.

*Mulika Mwizi* is in order. If you look at Mwala-Kithimani, we have them in that road but, is that the priority? Is that what we promised Wanjiku? Mpaka choo? No, it is not. The problem of our County is one; we need to be independent. We promised them jobs. My ward has a volume of 40,000 people times 40, probably we give a 50 per cent, we can't be able to get job opportunities in Machakos unless we also think of self-employment.

If we get water, we can be able to use our skills and do some farming, we always get the cabbage, sukumawiki, all these we get them from Kikuyu, of which our county land is rich- we can be able to produce this in our county.

*(Applause)*

What we need is water. We need to bring back our rivers; we need to build as much weirs as we can, in every 500 metres we need to put one. We need weir dams whereby we block our rivers and do weir dams, in every sub-location maybe we can be able to do three and we can raise the water table.

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

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

**Hon. Muendo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can you bring the member back to the motion because he is diverting from the motion. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** The member is on the motion.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you.

*(Applause)*

I think the Hon. Member for Kinanie, I am on page one paragraph two, I am trying to quote what has been read by His Excellency the Governor, what he has achieved in the first term. So I think I am in order.

Madam Speaker that was my point and what I think our community wants. If we say we are going to do a rivers dams in every sub-location, how much will one mega dam cost? Is it Ksh. 5 million?

Then how many sub locations do we have in Machakos? Then we have to put that budget aside. So that before we pass that motion we have the money at hand, so that we don't promise people something which we can't deliver. Number two---

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of information.

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

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you Madam Speaker. My point of information is that in every government we have the budget, so when we are talking about water, in the last assembly monetary funds that were given to water was given according to the number of locations we had in every ward. So, I am wondering when members who have been elected and who are coming from those areas. My point of information is that, there is no single ward in regard to the strength of locations that has not even one single borehole. So it is on that regard that as we say---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, the point of information is agreed. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Thank you. I would like to quote, in our good Machakos County, we have several areas where we can do the boreholes. In other areas we cannot, even get water, we can get the water in a depth of 140 meters and what we need to and we better do is we need to bring our rivers back to the norm.(??)

We need to build more wares, whereby in every 500 meters we can have weirs along our rivers; we need to do weirs. In that connection, we can be able to raise the water table and enable us do boreholes at 80 meters because some of our areas in Machakos are mainly arid and we need to bring our land back to normal.

Again, the last paragraph where His Excellency the Governor was terminating his speech, paragraph two; 'finally, to this House, Madam Speaker and to the people of Machakos in Ukambani and the entire nation, I wish to officially submit in this House that this is my last term as the Governor of Machakos. With all the experience that I have gathered over the years, internationally, in the former central government and as Governor; with the energy that I have and the transformative ideas I have as well as the goodwill from every corner of Kenya, I will in 2022 run to become the President of the Republic of Kenya. I request for your prayers and support.'

This was the opening of the Assembly and now the Governor tried to put us in the mood of 2022 whereby we would like to deliver first to what Wanjiku sent us here to do.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, my direction is that we are discussing the development agenda. Let us leave out matters of politics here. This one you leave it out, it is not part of the business of the House.

**Hon. Kiteng'u:** Sorry, Madam Speaker. I was not aware of that because it is still in the Governors Speech. I thought it was in order. Thank you.

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you. I am looking for the people who have not spoken. Hon. Nick.

**Member for Katangi** (Hon. Nicholas Mutuku): Thank you Madam Speaker. Mine is brief because much has been said. I want to mention a few things from the speech of the Governor. Page three where he says; 'improvement of our marketplaces including construction of clean and free toilets in our towns.'

In my ward Katangi for example, we have a public toilet that has been constructed there. It is complete but it has never been used for the last two to three years now and you see public money has been used here. So, I want to later get the details, Madam Speaker to know, why this toilet was built and it has never been used. From hearsay is that, the contractors or guys who did the toilet were not paid.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Member, use proper language in the House. You know the one you have used? Guys. We don't have that in that in the House.

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Mutuku:** Madam Speaker, that is one of my concerns when the speech says there are toilets in all towns. I also have another issue on page three, number four. The speech talks about institutions of higher learning; whereas we know very well that these are not concerns of the county. My concern would be we deal more with ECDE like the teachers and the construction of classes, like in my ward, there are many problems; the teachers are not paid and they tell me, you know my ward is neighboring Kitui County, their counterparts in Kitui and Makueni County have been paid but those teachers are paid by the parents.

So, instead of focusing on higher education, why can't we sort what squarely falls under the county government that is the ECDEs.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of order.

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

**Hon. Kamitu:** Madam Speaker, it is true that the Hon. Member is misleading the House.

*(Hon. Mutuku stood at his place)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Please resume your seat briefly, Hon. Mutuku.

**Hon. Kamitu:** We have 1000 ECDE teachers who were employed and they are in the payroll. That is a fact. They did interviews and they are on the payroll of the county government.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of information noted. Thank you, Hon. Kamitu. Proceed, Hon. Mutuku.

**Hon. Mutuku:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, thank you Hon. Kamitu. For information, I would like to know the number of teachers employed in Katangi ward because most of them are not employed they are still requesting to be employed.

*(Applause)*

Again number 6, creation of 1,000 jobs for the youth; I think in this regard instead of saying we create a factory in every ward, it will be prudent and better if we can create a small fund for every MCA in the 40 wards to nurture talent. Like when we talk of the Hollywood set up stadium, I think that will not have tangible results but if we decentralize to every ward, so that we will be able to monitor how much talent to nurture to be footballers, to be runners, to be musicians. I think that will be better to monitor than having one big setup in one central place.

Again in page 4, number 9, he talks about provision of iron sheets and elimination of thatched houses in Machakos County. When you go to Bill No. 24, it talks about Machakos County Cultural Bill and some of these grass-thatched houses are part of our culture because like in my ward, there are old men and *wazees* who cannot sleep in iron sheet.

*(Laughter)*

They better sleep in grass thatched houses. So when you say you eliminate all these grass thatched houses it is like you are eliminating our culture. I think this is not in order. It is not applicable.

Again point numbers 15; expand welfare programs for free table-banking and youth fund. In my view again, I think this is a good point because as you see, in my neighboring counties like Kitui, the old are getting their money. The widows and widowers get some money every month. So I think this is a good point and should be supported by all members and some funds be actually put in place for these ones.

When we go to the bills, Bill No. 39. I think this does not add much value to Machakos County because when you talk of beautification of Machakos County, there could be those who are employed to deal with the beautification program and some other suppliers who will be paid for giving these services and goods. But again, I think Machakos County there are more basic needs to be done. Basics of the basic, roads, water, ECDE and such like.

So I think this kind of Bill should not be given a lot of weight and I would also like to request to know how much was used in the previous assembly for beatification in Machakos County. Thank you

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Nick. Hon. Cosmus.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is just a few comments concerning the speech of the Governor. His action plan is actually like the ours. On page 3, number 1, we have

the water projects. I wish the Governor would have shed some light on whether there are any plans of finishing the boreholes which were half-done and we have them in place in our wards.

Again on the some projects, will the same precedents like in some cases where a dam is done will the credit always go to the Governor with billboards? On the same page number 4, we have education on free fees. It is my thinking that the issues of bursaries lie on that spot. We need to know how soon we will be able to access the bursaries because we promised our electorates and these are the people who are coming to our homes every now and then demanding and asking if they can access some bursaries for their young ones.

On page 4, I want to say there is some good stuff. Our Governor says that he is not ready to re-introduce the fees on *mama mbogas* and bodaboda guys. That is good and I want to disagree with the Hon. Ikusya. Introducing a small fee, I think those guys should be left clear and let them struggle to bring something on the table.

*(Applause)*

In my ward, I have some issue with the askaris at a place called Kalala. Those soldiers do extort some money on daily basis within the market days. I do not know whether this House is able to do something about that. You do away with those soldiers on my ward extorting money from the bodaboda guys on market days. Ksh.100---

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Muli, has a point of order.

**Hon. Muli:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine was a concern. The Hon. Member of this assembly is referring continuously other people in his area areas as guys. Is that correct?

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order noted. Hon. Muli. Thank you.

**Hon. Masesi:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, but I corrected and said people from my area.

**Hon. Speaker:** I believe Hon. Cosmos has taken note.

**Hon. Maitha:** Point of information

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

*(Hon. Masesi stood in his place)*

Hon. Cosmos, please resume your seat.

**Hon. Maitha:** Madam Speaker, I would like to inform the member that the policemen he is talking about are not extorting money from his ward. They are extorting money from those bodaboda operators all over Machakos County.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Masesi:** Madam Speaker, thank you but I am talking for my ward please, Hon. Members. Sorry, if there is any issue I have to raise it has to be for my own ward for this case. On page 6, again I thought it was good stuff. The Bill if Machakos Coffee County Bill. It is my wish we will have some parameters on having ready markets for people like in my area, the coffee is my cash crop.

And again also, I hope the Governor or the contents of the speech will also bring in place a main miller for our people not to go far to the central Kenya counties to look for millers for coffee.

Lastly but not the least, on page 8 we have the issue of vetting. I want to understand that we have some appointees of the Governor of which I do not think we will be able to vet them. So on matters where we feel that these nominees are not worthy how will we chip in? That is on the vetting of nominees on political seats.

Lastly, I just want to remind the Hon. Members that our core mandate in our constitution, Article 185(3) we have the mandate in respect to the principal of separation powers and oversight duty. It is one thing to see some sign of alignments and I believe that we, some of us let us criticize where need be and also give credit where it is due. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, I seek you consensus. You know, we have to fully debate this motion; we do not want to rush it and we want to be discussed when your minds are fresh. There is only all that, that a human being can do and I propose that we have only two members and then we adjourn the House to tomorrow when we continue with the debate.

*(Applause)*

Because I see there are many members who want to contribute. Do I have you ayes with that? So can I have two members who have not spoken Hon. Kieti to start with?

**Member for Lower Kaewa/Kaani** (Hon. Cosmas Kieti): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to start with reminding this House or members that we are sailing in a boat and we are all in that boat called Machakos County. Our captain is our Governor but at the moment, I can see we are divided on the issues that are touching the Governor as our captain. Can we abide to the

mandate that we were given by our people. We see how best we can advise the Governor to take us across to the next level.

Otherwise on the speech, there are good things but at the same time there are things that are touching on some issues are not good. One, when you talk about quality of projects on page 2, it is good that we address the quality of those projects. Yes they are projects but what is the quality of the projects we are talking about. When we talk about a road that was built very fast, what is the quality of that road.

When you talk about a stadium that was built fast in Africa, what is the quality that we have in place that is able to serve our people to the next generation. So, as much as we embrace the projects at hand, it is good to address the aspect of quality.

When he talked about eradicating grass house as the Hon. Member from Katangi has said; I support him because one it is a sign of a national heritage as Kambas and at the same time even today grass houses are being built by the rich. People are running away from the iron sheets to the grass thatched houses.

Now when he talked about distributing the iron sheets, I think the iron sheets are also going to the wrong people who are building the grass thatched houses. So it is good we address the issue of poverty in a better way than talking about doing away with the grass-thatched houses.

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of information.

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

**Hon. Kamitu:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. On that regard, the Governor is mentioning about *mabatis*. This is in regard to water, for the purpose of harvesting water as contrary to the house with grass thatch.

*(Applause)*

Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Kieti proceed.

*(Loud consultations)*

Hold on Hon. Kieti. Just a moment, Hon. Ngunga.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Madam Speaker, I stand on a point of correction. I want to correct the Minority Leader that however he says that the purpose of the intended supply of iron sheets will

be to give water but that can only be implied. Otherwise, the statement says here that ‘the Governor would want to supply iron sheets so that we move away from the traditional grass-thatched houses to run away from poverty.’

*(Applause)*

Madam Speaker, I have heard the quite often the Minority Leader misleading the House again on the point of the ECDE teachers. He did mention here again that 1,000 ECDE teachers are in place---

**Hon. Kamitu:** Point of order.

**Hon. Ngunga:** I do not want, Madam Speaker that in a time that is appropriate in this House that the Minority Leader tables a list of that 1,000 members that he is talking about. Because members are serious here.

*(Applause)*

This must be a serious House where---

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order taken, Hon. Francis Ngunga.

**Hon. Ngunga:** Yes Madam, I am not done, Madam Speaker.

**Hon. Speaker:** Point of order is too long. It is supposed to be short.

*(Laughter)*

Hon members let me just draw your attention to one fact. When you are discussing this speech of the Governor, please remain within the four corners of the speech.

*(Applause)*

Do not try to put meanings into it. Do not try to put implications in it. We are in agreement? The last member for today. You had not finished. Sorry, Hon. Kieti please finish your speech and then we will have Hon. Abdirahman.

**Hon. Kieti:** I take the correction. The other thing is that I welcome the idea of decentralization of resources to the ward level and that is number 12. I also want to encourage

him, when that time comes, we deal squarely with the Ward Development Fund also coming to our wards.

The other thing is where he talks about hospitals; that is in number 13 and 14. Our people need personnel and drugs but not the infrastructure because so beautiful hospitals but there are no services in those hospitals. So, I would encourage that he considers the issue of personnel; that is doctors and nurses and drugs.

In number 8 on page 8 paragraph 2 and 3 are to my sight I have found it intimidating. It is a way of intimidating us as a House and I am sorry because I did not take it positively. There were better terms that could have been used to advise us on how we should carry our debates to say so that our people get services from the little that we have saved from our sittings or from our outings because the Hon. Members who are seated here are people who have been criss-crossing this country.

These are people who have been going outside the country on their own but when they are put in a situation where it is as if we came here so that we may get a chance to go to Mombasa or to go to Kisumu or to go to wherever, then to my sight, it is intimidating and needs to be corrected but I have concerns---

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

**Hon. Speaker:** I want to allow the Hon. Member to complete his debate.

**Hon. Kieti:** I have concerns, I am concluding. On the bills, there is no single bill that is touching on the issue of ICT that is on emerging issues. We are in a developing country and ICT is one of the areas that are offering quite a number of jobs. In fact, the jobs that he is talking about he could get so many of them from the ICT industry if it could be incorporated within the bills.

*(Applause)*

So, I have a concern over that bill. At the same time the bill that is touching on environment, we only have one bill that is touching on environment and at the moment we have climate change which needs to be addressed. Machakos, as it is, we need to have a bill that is clearly well-structured to address issues concerning the environment.

Within his speech, I do not know whether it was deliberate or he forgot but these two issues, ICT carrying emerging issues (??) and environment were omitted and they are very crucial. As I sit, I want to say that I wish this speech was married to the CIDP and it could have been a very good speech. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kieti. Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed.

**Nominated member** (Hon. Abdirahman Mohammed): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Mine is just brief. Madam Speaker, I am very optimistic in life. I still deeply believe in the slogan of former US president where he said ‘yes, we can.’ Looking at the second stage of His Excellency the Governor ‘*Kuweta na Kwika* because you cannot fulfill or act on a promise, you have to make your promises so that you fulfill your promises.

*(Applause)*

As members in this House we all made promises to our electorates, our people. So, my concern is that whatever His Excellency promised here, we need to scrutinize and guide, do the oversight and come up with solutions. Because, let us not present only the problems here but I know the issue is the budget. But the budget, you can only scrutinize within the committee that is going to be formed, whatever is reasonable here should be achieved.

Looking at the tarmac road, if you ask the public sector today in Machakos County, they will only tell you we do not want to be fed we only need good roads. Looking also at the transformers from the ministry of energy, I think nothing stops His Excellency the Governor to go and talk into this ministry and ask some assistance to prioritize Machakos County as one so that in this ward, the priority of this ward is, for example the boreholes or the dams. I think with that the budget can be in line with our plan as we made to the electorate.

Mine is just one lastly, page 4 number 15, ‘expand social welfare programs, like the interest-free table-banking for women, youth fund, increased and well-managed bursary fund.’ As I still support the Hon. Member who is representing here the people with disabilities, we also need to add the marginalized groups in the same county so at least it is included in the same speech. It also covers, the key word there the people with disability. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Hon. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Speaker:** At this juncture, Hon. Members, the business will be interrupted. I thank you for the robust debate we have had since morning and the House adjourns to tomorrow Thursday, 21st day of September, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The house rose at 3.45 p.m.