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***[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki) in the Chair]***

**PRAYERS**

**MOTION**

**MOTION ON THE GOVERNOR’S ADDRESS**

***(Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Harrison Maluki)***

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** This motion had already been moved and therefore I will give (a chance) to Hon. Members who have not contributed on this motion to contribute. Yes, Deputy Minority Leader.

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to put some comments in reference to the Governor's address in regard to the state of the county, because I didn't have an opportunity to do so.

Mr. Speaker, this chilly morning, and cool morning, I can remember vividly the address itself that the Governor did on the floor of the House sometimes this month, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I want to get some few talking points that I would like to share, even with the people of Kitui County. Mr. Speaker, I want to start with the education sector. Mr. Speaker, if everybody listened to that address, people were convinced that a lot has been done, because it was long overdue. Mr. Speaker, I want to challenge the executive arm of Government on matters of education. I heard the Governor saying that the administration has constructed so many ECDE classes, which is true. Mr. Speaker, categorically in my own ward, in every financial year when we are doing public participation for CLIDP, preferably the Financial Year 2024/2025, Mr. Speaker, I have eight (8) villages, and then you realize out of those eight (8) villages, we did around five (5) ECDE classes. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, even in the other financial years, financial year 2022-2023, when even there was an allocation of one class by the ministry. This

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performance in terms of construction of ECDE classes, it was anchored into that speech. But Mr. Speaker, there's a very big challenge. We cannot have so many classrooms in the entire county without teachers. Mr. Speaker, you realize that even some of the ECDE centres where an ECDE teacher existed, when this policy came for converting them into P&P terms, many of them were left not manned by ECDE teachers. Then the government proceeded to build more classes without teachers. So, the burden to pay ECDE teachers for us to promote the early childhood education in our schools has been left on the hands of our parents. Mr. Speaker, there's an outcry everywhere. I want to say this one because I pity him. The advisor to the Governor, matters Education, was once an MCA in this chamber, the former MCA from Nguni Ward. I just pity him when he comes to forums because he is the one advising the Governor on education policies. It becomes a very big challenge even to speak about government policy to the people.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say this; we have two years remaining. The government should come up with a policy and think outside the box and see how we can ensure that these ECDE centres are manned. Mr. Speaker, early childhood education is a function of the County Government and not the National Government. Mr. Speaker, if you visit even to the areas where those ECDE teachers are, the way the management is being done, you realize that the thing is very complicated. We have the primary school, which is being headed by the headmaster, currently is being called head of the institution.

Then you have another section, Mr. Speaker, that which we are calling the JSS, also being manned by the same head of the institution. And then you find other unit, which is dealing with early childhood education, and then you find the ECDE teachers there. They don't know whom they are reporting to. In terms of provision of chalks, that is learning materials, they rely on whatever is being procured by the big primary school, Mr. Speaker. Then the entire thing concerned, the early childhood education, Mr. Speaker, I think is infiltrated. And the County Government should come up with a mechanism to ensure that our people are not suffering anymore.

Number two, Mr. Speaker, is about the roads. I heard the Governor saying that the number of roads which have been opened since this government came into power, and preferably for the last two financial years.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot lie to our people, and we cannot lie to ourselves; very little has been done in terms of road networks in this county. I want to speak on behalf of the people of Nguni Ward, where I come from. Mr. Speaker, I don't know when I saw a grader doing more than the kilometres allocated in any budget since I was elected. Mr. Speaker, about road opening; since I was elected in the year 2022, Nguni Ward has never received any road in terms of road opening. Mr. Speaker, some of the allocations which were done, and I will repeat every time on the floor of the House so that the people can understand, because we cannot carry burdens on our backs when something has happened.

There is this kind of arrangement in getting graders to do some portions of roads when we have funerals and other social functions. Eventually, an MCA is told, look here, Mr. MCA, the number of kilometres that we allocated you for grading and road opening has been consumed in a function, either a funeral, a merry-go-round, or in any other social function. Mr. Speaker, those kilometres are never redistributed to the other villages. This leaves so many wards without having roads graded and roads opened.

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Mr. Speaker, I received a grader just the first financial year, and we have roads that need to be opened. If it is not for the mercy of good MPs that we have in our constituencies, some of us would have been chased by the people.

Mr. Speaker, finally, because I want to talk about the three things which got into my heart. I want to challenge this government before I move away from that point of roads. We have the fuel levy maintenance thing, and Mr. Speaker, if you check that schedule, you realize that even those wards that are really marginalized in terms of road networks, in terms of poor grading, in terms of road opening, again, Mr. Speaker, they have been left out. And then you ask yourself a question. So, when are these wards, especially Nguni Ward, when are we going to receive these roads?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Where is that schedule?

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Mr. Speaker, there's a schedule.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** In this Governor's address or from the ministry?

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Mr. Speaker, the Governor's address talks about doing drifts and doing roads, and the information is given to us by the ministry itself. I'm referring to that information that the minister has given us. So, we're asking ourselves, when are we going to receive these roads, even after winning the case at the court?

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to speak about water, and especially this thing they're calling cluster irrigation in sump wells. You know, Mr. Speaker, we have to fear God sometimes. There are those moments, those times when you come close to God and then you say, let me fear God at this particular moment, because the act I want to undertake right now is an action that's going to hurt so many people, and that's why I'm referring to that phrase.

Mr. Speaker, I have said, even at public forums, that leaders can go to opposition, but people will never go to opposition. The people understand the government of the day, either at the county level or either at the national level, this is our government, and this government must serve us. Do you know, Mr. Speaker, when you talk about sump wells and cluster irrigation, there are wards that have never received anything, and this is the third year. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak on behalf of my people, because when you see me in public forums saying these things, that Nguni has not received a sump well nor a cluster irrigation yet I can see the budget going in, going out, and when you ask the chief officer, he's saying, we have a plan to do it, but at the budget level, there's no plan.

Mr. Speaker, there is a river called Enziu, and around Mwanja there, there was a sump well which was done by the former Governor, Honourable Charity Ngilu, and that sump well is providing water to the people of Nguni ward. In fact, many lodges there, many restaurants, and many others.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** I can see Honourable Munira is very happy.

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** It is because that was an impactful project, which was done by the former Governor. Mr. Speaker, that sump well was destroyed by rains. There is even a tank there. I can invite the chairperson for trade, Honourable Ngoima. They visited Nguni town, and one of the things those people told them was about that huge water tank that used to serve them water from the sump well. Today, Mr. Speaker, even after the Governor's address, even after him telling us about the cluster irrigation and the sump well success stories, those people of Nguni ward are still suffering. We have two years and a few months remaining. We are watching. Mr.

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Speaker, we can sometimes do nothing. We cannot fight you, we cannot bulldoze you, but Mr. Speaker, we leave everything to the heavenly father to fight for us, because personally, I could have been elected through an opposition party, Mr. Speaker, but my people will never go to opposition. I have just highlighted a few issues. Given another time, Mr. Speaker, I can raise even more issues that I have from that Governor's address.

Mr. Speaker sir, it is not business as usual that we come to the Assembly, even we go to the public forum, and clap, and praise, and exhort, and uplift the government when some assets and some departments are not working better for people. Mr. Speaker, I rest my case.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. Hon. Members I just want to remind you that the debate on this Governor's address will be concluded tomorrow. As I had said, it has timelines. Therefore, if you haven't said anything, make sure you say something between today and tomorrow, because next week, this motion won't be there.

Let's have Hon. Mukwaiyu, Hon. Mulandi, then Hon. Mary Ndumbu in that order.

**Hon. Alfonse Mukwaiyu:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, sir. I stand also, first of all, to thank the County Government of Kitui on behalf of the people I represent. Mr. Speaker, the state of address given by our Governor actually highlighted, and specifically went to point out where these projects were done, and the number of projects done actually translates to the budget.

Mr. Speaker, I will go directly to Kyome/Thaana Ward, which has been mentioned a lot in the address. I would like to say that, in all sectors, and I repeat, in all sectors, my ward has actually been served well, specifically on the issue of roads.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** So, you don't have issues with the speech, as the representative of Kyome/Thaana, you are very okay.

**Hon. Mukwaiyu:** No, let me finish, Mr. Speaker. I said in all sectors, my ward has been covered, and I said, especially in the case of roads, Kyome /Thaana Ward, there were sections which were remote and actually almost closed, and immediately the Governor came into power, he promised my people that he would join them with the area of Machakos, one area called Kithyoko, and that was done.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** On a light note, and I want to repeat, on a light note, Hon. Jeremiah was saying, his ward has not been mentioned, and now you are saying your ward has been mentioned in almost every sector. You can proceed.

**Hon. Mukwaiyu:** Mr. Speaker, that's why I mentioned Kyome/Thaana. Unless Honourable Jeremiah invites me to Nguni and go around, although I've been also to Nguni, but allow me to say that I was talking about my ward.

So, Mr. Speaker, I was saying there was a lot of need, but at least a lot has been done. So, Mr. Speaker, let me say, although that has been done, there are other areas which still need to be done, especially in water.

Mr. Speaker, when I came to this Assembly, Kyome/Thaana actually needed a huge connection of water, especially from KITWASCO, and our Governor himself came and made a promise that water would be connected, though it has not yet arrived to Kyome/Thaana, but it's just near the neighbouring ward of Nguutani. I am urging the government now to complete that other part, so that Kyome/Thaana people will get their promise.

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Mr. Speaker, on the issue of roads, Kyoombe/Thaana borders with Embu, and I have my people crossing from a town called Thaana to another town in Embu County, and they cross River Tana, and a lot of the Kyoombe/Thaana people are drowning, and others are being attacked by crocodiles. I have already raised this issue with the National Government as well as with the County Government, and I know the matter has been taken up, so I'm urging the County Government to fast track this. This will create employment and also open up my area, Kyoombe/Thaana.

On the sector of agriculture Mr. Speaker, I've been in Kitui for quite a number of the decades, and I would like to say we have to do much more in agriculture, and especially in water harvesting, because every season we are losing a lot of crops, and that is also what contributes much to our poverty. So, if we were to look at the next budget, and we put a lot of emphasis on agriculture and irrigation, it will help our county go far.

Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I thank the government, and I'm happy. I urge it to keep doing much in Kyoombe/Thaana.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, for giving me a chance to add my voice on the Governor's State of County Address.

Mr. Speaker, we listened to the Governor when he made the address to the county, and as the member representing Mutonguni Ward, I want to add my voice on this motion.

I applaud the ministries for doing some notable job across the county. However, I have seen some skewed way of developing the county. Some wards are being developed, while other wards are not being developed.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** There is a point of order. What is your point of order, honourable Deputy Majority Leader?

**Hon. Erastus Mbuno:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to the provisions of standing order no. 87 on 'responsibility on statement of fact'.

Is it in order for the Honourable Member from Mutonguni to say that some wards are being developed more than others without substantiating? I request him to prove to this House that a particular ward has been more developed than another so that we can ascertain the truth of his statement. Although we are elected politically, we need to get the true picture of what is happening. I am yearning, Mr. Speaker, to know which ward is more developed than the other as he has just alluded. Otherwise, he needs to withdraw and apologize to this House. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you, Deputy Majority Leader, but allow Honourable Benjamin Mulandi to continue. You see, Honourable Mbuno, if we go that route, you realize some wards have been mentioned more than others. That is enough to say that, but this information is not very necessary. Let Honourable Mulandi continue.

*(Hon. Jeremiah Musee rose on a point of information)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** What is that information? You want to inform Hon. Mulandi or Hon. Mbuno? You want to inform Mulandi? Okay.

Honourable Jeremiah Musee is informing Honourable Mulandi to substantiate what he said.

**Hon. Jeremiah Musee:** Mr. Speaker, I want to inform my comrade. In fact, we schooled together at Kenyatta University, just the same as with Honourable Mbuno. Mr. Speaker, I want to

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inform my good friend. Just proceed the way you are proceeding. Do not be disturbed. Because, Mr. Speaker, there is no way someone can raise a point of order at the start of a sentence. Even the sentence did not even end. Someone raised a point of order. Mr. Speaker, you cannot have that business when you are talking to someone raising a point of order. My friend, can you proceed the way you are proceeding? You were doing it well.

*(Hon. Mbuno rose on a point of order)*

**Hon. Erastus Mbuno:** I think this is a House of rules, regulations and procedure. When I stand here, I know exactly what I am trying to put across to the Honourable Members. Now, saying that I should not raise a point of order, I know point of order number 79 in that standing order. Because my brother, you should know that we follow rules, not emotions. So, when I stand here, Mr. Speaker, I stand following that standing order, and I know exactly what I am trying to put across to the Honourable Members. Now, saying that I should not raise a point of order, I know point of order number 79 in our Standing Orders and I also follow the laws that govern these proceedings. So, Mr. Speaker, I need to get clarity on the issue of skewed development. If not, then it should be withdrawn, and an apology tendered.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** Mr. Speaker Sir, I am the one who represent the people of Mutonguni ward. I sleep and wake up in Mutonguni ward and I am the one who knows the issues affecting my people. When I say that some wards are more developed than others, I have facts. I where in Mutonguni ward development has been done and where it has not been done. As we talk, in my ward, I have not gotten any project worth three million and above from the County Government of Kitui two and a half years down the line. So, when I say that my ward is not being developed, my people have got rights, they pay taxes to this government, my people voted in this government. Whether I sing praise and worship to the Governor or not, my ward deserves development. So, I have the right to speak and question why the government of Kitui is developing some wards more than others.

So Mr. Speaker, my concern was that the County Government of Kitui should distribute development across all the 40 wards, irrespective of whether the MCAs wake up and sweep the doorsteps of the Governor or not. We were elected by our people. We were elected by people to represent them, to be their mouthpiece, and to advance their agenda and their interests in this county.

So, going forward, we shall be asking the County Government, after we pass the budgets, how are they being implemented? It's very weird, Mr. Speaker, sir, when my 10 kilometres for the road opening for the last financial year are yet to be done. So, I speak with bitterness because my people deserve development. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** We will have Hon. Mary Ndumbu, then Hon. Muange.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the Governor and his Executive as a whole. Mr. Speaker, our Governor gave his speech and he...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Ndumbu, your good neighbour...

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** I have not even started. I don't want a point of order.

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*(Laughter)*

I have not started.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Yes, Honourable Ngoima

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to air my point of information. Mr. Speaker, I'm not informing one Mary Ndumbu.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** I'm informing the Chair of the Speakership that in this House, the majority whip, according to the yesterday's ruling, it is me. Not the one you have referred as majority whip. You should get informed because the ruling is out. Thank you.

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** No...no, Honourable Katula, Honourable Katula, Honourable Katula, Honourable Katula, relax, relax.

*(Loud consultations)*

Honourable Katula, take back your seat first. Take back your seat first. No, take back your seat first. Take back your seat first.

Honourable Ngoima, I've heard you and I was clear when I said Majority Whip.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Mr. Speaker, because it's in the public domain and you should have been informed. It's not worthy for the Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Ngoima, I'm trying to say this. From where I sit, yes, I heard in the media.

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

Order, Honourable Katula! I'll give you an opportunity. Order! Order! No order! Order Katula! I'm saying the person who was being informed is the chair and the chair has heard, but this is a House of order. Actually, if there is anything that needs to be communicated, it should be communicated through the right channels. And definitely, if it has to be, it will be done. But according to the records that are in this House at the moment, Honourable Ngoima, the majority whip is Boniface Mukwate. You've said it is in the public domain. I was listening to County FM when I was coming here and I've had some discussion going on there. But let us handle that matter at the right time.

*(Hon. Daniel Ngoima spoke off record)*

Meanwhile, let Honourable Mary Ndumbu proceed.

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate spoke off record)*

Katula, relax.

Honourable Ndumbu, kindly proceed.

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**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** Speaker, these members are confusing me because I have already started.

*(Laughter)*

So, Mr. Speaker, I stood to thank the government; the Governor and his government for the work they have done. Mr. Speaker, we all listened very well. The projects, the development they have done. And we believed what was read and what was said was the right thing.

The only problem is with this House, Mr. Speaker because these developments have been done in every ward. And it's our work as a County Assembly, through the committees to go around and examine what we were told here was done. That is the only way we could, if there are mistakes, we can summon the COs and the ministers to come and explain why things are not done the way we were told they were done. Mr. Speaker, I urge this House. You know, we have failed through our committees. We are supposed to be going around and after the oversight we come up with a report. If there are mistakes, we call the COs, they will explain because when we talk here, we leave it here, nobody is going to answer.

So I don't want to say a lot, because we have failed and we have failed, and we have to wake up to our duty.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Hon. Ndumbu, Mary Paula

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** We have failed, Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Hon. Mary Paula Ndumbu.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** Yes.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Because we are in this House, and we've been going around, and we've been generating reports.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** Mr. Speaker, *Tangatanga* is not the thing. *Tangatanga* is a general thing. Because after finishing *Tangatanga*, you can't call the CO to come and explain. To who?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** There is a point of concern.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** It has to be done properly the way it's supposed to be done, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** There is a point of concern from Mukwayu.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** No, I don't want to be corrected. I've just said what I wanted to say, because that is how I know it's done.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** It's a concern. I'll give you an opportunity to finalize. Honorable Mukwayu.

**Hon. Alphonse Mukwayu:** Mr. Speaker, I'm seriously concerned when Honorable Mary Ndumbu says we have failed. I have not failed myself, and therefore it's not good to put us all in a bunch. I think it's also good to be specific. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you.

**Hon. Mary Ndumbu:** Mr. Speaker, he can't isolate himself because the committees have not been working the way they are supposed to work. He knows what is happening in this ward, but we don't know. As a committee, we don't know. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. Let's have Honorable... From Ndumbu's sentiments.

*(Hon. Mary Ndumbu spoke off record)*

*(Laughter)*

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**Hon. Stephen Katana:** Not I am not. I'm not going to mention it Speaker, but I'm astonished. I'm very much astonished. When Honorable Member from Mulango who was nominated to put it that that this House has failed, Mr. Speaker. I represent the people of Nguutani Ward and I have not failed Mr. Speaker. I'm doing my work. Nguutani people are happy. We are getting water. We are getting roads. We are here now talking about the address of the governor. Mr. Speaker. I think if now we continue giving people who are not concerned of what is happening in the House, Mr. Speaker, we are going to fail. This House has been doing its business. We are still here sitting, transacting business. Mr. Speaker, we have not failed. We are going on very well.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay, yes. Can I give Honorable Muange, then I come to you. I had already given him, so Honourable Muange.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for according me the chance to add my voice to the debate on the Governor's address. First of all, I want to thank His Excellency, the governor of Kitui, Dr. Julius Malombe, for fulfilling his mandate and doing his constitutional duty of coming here to give the state of County Address. That one, I give him the accolades.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to state from the very onset is that when I speak about Tseikuru ward, or anybody speaks about their wards, kindly, let's give them the benefit of knowledge. That is their ward. Don't tell me the project that are in Tseikuru you don't know and even if you do, you have no right to speak about them here. I am the one who represents the Tseikuru people.

Now, Mr. Speaker, concerning roads in this county, I want to say that a ward like Tseikuru where I come from, we have the disadvantage of being a frontier ward. There is only one national road in that ward, one national road. (The rest are county. So many times when I'm given the 70 or so number of kilometers to grade from the County Government, I am always disadvantaged. And it's very painful and, of course defeating when you see perhaps the neighboring county doing the roads upto River Tana, and then on the other side of the river, that is Kitui, the roads are in bad shape. It's not a good thing to see. So that's why I'm urging, now that we have the fuel levy money that was given to us by the courts, can we have the roads be done more regularly and maybe the kilometers added? And in addition to the grading, we also need to have structures. Mr. Speaker, you realize even the roads that were graded last season, when the rains came, everything went down crumbling. So until we either gravel our roads, we put them culverts and drifts, we will continue in a vicious circle. Every time we do roads, when the rains come, they're washed away.

Mr. Speaker, the other thing that I want to point about the address is the moment you hear some wards being mentioned more than others, it is a clear indication that there may not be equality or equity in the way the wards are developed. I listened, I read, perused, and understood the speech very well. And I know some wards, even Honorable Alphonse Mukwayu has mentioned it here, my contemporary and my senior, that his ward was mentioned many times. I want to thank you, Honorable Mukwege, thank you for getting the development. (But some wards are not mentioned as many times as your ward. That means there are many discrepancies in terms of development. So let us not reach a point, Mr. Speaker, where we shall have sibling rivalry. Let the wards and the counties be developed, if not equally, equitably, so that we will have no qualms from anywhere in this county ours – Kitui. We love this county, we have been elected here to represent our people, and we want to see if not equal development, we want to see equitable development in the county. Mr. Speaker, that's my contribution.

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**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. Honorable Mukwate Boniface.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Has your ward being mentioned many times?

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, I have raised, Mr. Speaker, to Governor's speech, whereby, Mr. Speaker, in my ward, I am not complaining, in my words, in many things. But also, Mr. Speaker, because my mind was straight listening to what has been done on the side of roads across Kitui County. Mr. Speaker, I think it's my prayer, and I will advise accordingly that next time Governor comes here to read his speech to the people of Kitui, roads be mentioned in many numbers because it is very necessary to our people. Mr. Speaker, without roads, Mr. Speaker, we are going nowhere. Because even the farm produce that we get from irrigation schemes, Mr. Speaker, cannot reach to the market without roads. We cannot reach into this Assembly without roads. Mr. Speaker, I will start by saying that, apologizing in advance because truth be told, the time that rain will come, I might not come into this House because of road issues. If roads are not done, my people cannot be represented, and you know I come from home. So it is as serious as that.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to inform Honourable Mbuno about what he was complaining and saying that it's not in order that some Wards are more developed than others. Mr. Speaker, you see a ward, let me use an example like Athi Ward. It's equivalent to Kitui Rural constituency. Mr. Speaker, what I get in Kanyangi ward is the same allocation which is given to Athi Ward, which is equal to four wards in my constituency. Mr. Speaker, we cannot be equal. And something needs to be done on those big wards. Again, if you see a ward like here, Township, Mr. Speaker, you see like in lights, you see Ministry of Trade, they are installing lights here, street lights. Ministry of, that is the Department of Urban, lights here Energy, lights here. Municipal lights here. Now, you know, Mr. Speaker, those, some of those things are not in those periphery wards. So it is, it was very true. My brother here, Honorable Benjamin Mulandi, described it the way it is. That something needs to be done and that something should come from this House. We are the one who are supposed to make, to legislate and give laws how to develop our county. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. Let's have Deputy Minority Whip, Honorable atumbi. (15:43) Then we'll go to Mwanza, Sila, oh sorry, Bernard. I don't know whether Sila is an official name. Then we'll go to Ngoima. Yeah, the rest maybe we can debate in the afternoon. Thank you, I've seen you, the chairman, the able Chairman, Budget and Appropriation. Hon. Katumbi kindly proceed.

**Hon. Boniface Katumbi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to add my voice concerning the Governor's State of the County Address. Mr. Speaker, I will start by appreciating the work done by our governor especially in my ward, Kyangwithya East ward. One, pertaining laws, Mr. Speaker, I'm happy because already the road opening he talked about, I'm happy because we have opened in Kyangwithya East 13 new roads, Mr. Speaker. Thirteen newly opened and graded roads, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Last financial year alone?

**Hon. Boniface Katumbi:** Since I was elected, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay.

**Hon. Boniface Katumbi:** Mr. Speaker, I know, because we have appreciated, Mr. Speaker, as we have appreciated, I know men are complaining. Mr. Speaker, I want you to take your example in your ward. Mr. Speaker, you will hear your electorates complaining that you are

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taking projects to some areas, Mr. Speaker. This song will not end here, Mr. Speaker, even in the next election, Mr. Speaker. Elected members will continue complaining that their wards are not developed, Mr. Speaker. But I know, and I want to give them free advice, Mr. Speaker. We have a formula in this House, because this is a House of rules and order, of handling issues where the ward is not developed. Mr. Speaker, if a member feels that no development is done in his or her ward, Mr. Speaker, we have a state where you can request a statement concerning a certain committee, Mr. Speaker, so that you can be answered.

As I appreciate our Governor, Mr. Speaker, I always complain, but I will not complain more because the Ministry of Health has done nothing in my ward, Mr. Speaker. Even the Minister of Water has also done nothing, Mr. Speaker. But the areas where the Minister has done well to my ward, Mr. Speaker, I must appreciate, because the Ministry of Energy and also the Ministry of Trade has delivered a lot, Mr. Speaker. They have installed solar lights or security lights, in six markets, Mr. Speaker, which I appreciate and I need more. So what I can only add in the Governor's speech, Mr. Speaker, is that the Ministries of Health and that of Water actually do something in my ward, Mr. Speaker. And through that, I requested a statement through the Ministry of Health, Mr. Speaker, to the Chair which he has not yet responded to me, to know why the ministry has done nothing in Kyangwithya East so that I can know what to do, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of ECDE, I don't need ECDE in my ward, Mr. Speaker because in the first term, that is 2013-2017, in all public schools, Mr. Speaker, when I was elected, we constructed all the ECDE centres, Mr. Speaker, the ECDE classes because I was a member of the Basic Education Committee, Mr. Speaker and through that, I initiated all the public schools to have an ECDE class.

*(Hon. Benard Munyasya stood on a Point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** There is a point of Order from the member you served together in that First Assembly. Yes Honorable Bernard Munyasya and also Ngoima can confirm whether he did exactly that. Honorable Bernard.

**Hon. Bernard Munyasya:** Thank you Mr. Chair, the member, in order to say that he constructed a lot of ECDE classes because he was a member of the Education Committee? Does being a member a warrant you to influence really or you are a member to influence the working of a ministry or department in the whole county?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay. Thank you, thank you, but...Yeah?

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** I respect you to know that. I wanted to find that from you. And you did well in that first tenure of your service. Five years, you constructed ECDE classrooms or classes in all your primary schools. Now, you want us to believe that since 2013 to date, there has not been a new school, primary school, coming up in your area? Kindly clarify to us?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay. Yes. Something more... Katumbi, be a bit patient. They compile all their arguments. I know you are able to respond. Yes, Honorable Katana.

**Hon. Stephen Katana:** I am a friend to Kyangwithya East. And in the last Assembly, I served with a member who was elected from the ward. And all the time in Assembly, he was crying when we were being allocated ECDE classes. He was standing here and saying that in Kyangwithya East, there are very many schools without ECDE centres. Mr. Speaker, I am

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bewildered to hear the Hon. Member say all schools in Kyangwithya East have ECDE centres. Is he in order?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Another information. Let's have Jeremiah, then we come to Katula. But I know, you see now, there is somebody who has said here, and it is Honorable Daniel Muange. He has said, if a member knows his ward more better than another person. But anyway.

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Mr. Speaker, just a concern. I stand here as a wounded Deputy Minority Leader. Mr. Speaker, in the Kitui County Government, we don't have a broad based. I am just worried the direction my Deputy Whip is.... Let me finish, Mr. Speaker. And I want to be on record. Just a concern. I stand here as a wounded Deputy Mayoral Leader. Because I am worried the direction that my Deputy Whip is taking. Because I understand in the Kitui County, we don't have any arrangement to talk about broad base. Mr. Speaker, the language that he is using, Mr. Speaker, we are almost losing the outright Opposition to the government, Mr. Speaker. I cannot... It is very worrying. It is very worrying, Mr. Speaker, to hear such kind of a language. Anyway, as he proceeds, let him understand that us in the Minority side, we are actually very worried with some of the sentiments.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Let's have the last one. Katumbi, let us have Hon. Mukwate then I know, they are bombarding you with a lot of issues but...

*(Hon. Boniface Katumbi spoke off- record)\*

You will forget? Let us have Hon. Katula as the last one then you will repond.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I think right now, Mr. Speaker, every member here is given a contract of five years. And when that contract ends, you should not refer it anymore. Because right now, there is a member like me who has just come. In my ward, many things have been done, but I cannot mention them. Mr. Speaker, again, I wanted Honorable not to mention the first term when he was serving here, Mr. Speaker. Again, Mr. Speaker, when we talk of ECDE classes, he is talking of each school, one ECDE class. Yet, the system of today is PP1, PP2. That is a responsibility of the County Government. So you should not say that the classes are enough, because he has not yet done the second round of ECDE classes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. I respectfully urge Hon. Members to let Honorable Boniface Katumbi prosecute his argument. Whatever language he uses, let it be. But your Deputy Minority Leader is worried that you are speaking the language of the government.

*(Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno spoke off-record)*

No, no. I am... Of course, on a light note, I am not debating Honorable Mbuno, and you cannot direct the Chair. (So, relax. The Chair is happily in the chair; seated in the chair. So, Katumbi, kindly prosecute your argument.

**Hon. Boniface Katumbi:** Mr. Speaker, I will start by giving an example, because many have said they are all taxpayers, Mr. Speaker. And I will give an example, which I know many will not be happy because of that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as parents, we normally take our kids to school. And we normally take them with an expectation of them scoring an A Mr. Speaker. And not all students score A. Some will

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score E, others D, others C, others B, and others A. So, Mr. Speaker, I will not elaborate on that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, and Honorable Katana said that the Honorable Member who served in the second term, Mr. Speaker, was complaining about the ECDE centres, Mr. Speaker. I know because already the Governor had constructed the ECDE centres in all public schools, Mr. Speaker and he wanted to do something pertaining to education, he had to request for ECDE, so that he could repeat what I had done, Mr. Speaker. So that he can be felt by the electorates, whether he has done something, Mr. Speaker. Because, sincerely speaking, as Honourable Mukwate has said, if you go to all primary schools, Mr. Speaker the enrolment now is very low. We cannot construct ECDE classes where we don't have more students, Mr. Speaker. You will see a whole primary school, having six kids, Mr. Speaker. Even, I don't know whether the County Government will sustain the ECDE teachers, because, like in my ward, I know the enrolment is very low. I don't know whether our people are giving birth or, Mr. Speaker, there is a family planning going on, Mr. Speaker. I'm wondering, Mr. Speaker. So, by that, I cannot insist on ECDE classroom construction, Mr. Speaker. I need other things. If I can request other things, pertaining to schools or ECDE schools, Mr. Speaker or polytechnics, that is vocational training centers, Mr. Speaker, that one will be helpful to my people, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, I was just thanking the County Government, but I'm not saying that I'm satisfied with all what has been done. That is because I need some projects pertaining water and pertaining health, Mr. Speaker. With those few, Mr. Speaker, I support the Governor's address, and I will be there to guide whoever wants me to guide them, Mr. Speaker. That is to give advice where possible, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. Let's have Honorable Peter Kitonyo Mwanza, and then Honorable Ngoima. Then, yeah. The rest, you can talk in the afternoon. You have one. Honorable Peter, a.k.a. *Kyaa Kyolote*.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Mr. Speaker, I'm a man of few words, so I won't take a lot of time. Mr. Speaker, I was here when the Governor was giving address, and I'm a very good listener. But before, Mr. Speaker, I contribute, allow me to inform Honorable Katula Mukwate, my former classmate at Kitui School, that Kanyangi is not within municipality. And I think that Kitui Township ward that they are supposed is not the same thing Kanyangi should enjoy. The same as Mulango.

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Yes, what is your point of order?

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to give a point of order to my brother here...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Your school classmate?

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** ...whom we schooled together and we were desk mates at Kitui School. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kanyangi (ward) have the same right as the people of Township (ward). They vote. Their votes count as equally as the votes for the members of this ward.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** And they pay tax. We all need to enjoy the services...

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**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I am a man of few words and therefore, I would take a lot of time. Mr. Speaker, I was here when the governor was giving address and I am a very good listener.

However, before I contribute, allow me to inform Hon. Katula Mukwate, my former classmate at Kitui School. That Kanyangi Ward is not within the Municipality and therefore, privileges that Kitui Township Ward is supposed to enjoy is not the same privileges that Kanyangi ward should enjoy. The same applies to Mulango, Mr. Speaker...

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Yes, yes. What is your point of order?

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a point of order to my brother here...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** You are school classmates.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Actually, we schooled together and we were desk mates, locker mates in Kitui School. Mr. Speaker, the people of Kanyangi have the same rights like the people of township. They vote and their vote counts as equal as a vote of a resident from this ward and they pay taxes.

We are all supposed to enjoy the service equally, if we make the right decision in this House, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. And I believe, Mr. Speaker, he should apologise and withdraw. Because since I am bitter right now, even my people are bitter and therefore, he should withdraw that statement. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Mukwate, you are out of order. You see now, there is something called municipality. That is what Honourable Peter is saying. Not all wards are within the municipality.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order, Honourable Mukwate. First, listen. There are some other wards that fall under municipality. That's why Mwingi is being upgraded to a municipality. But now, not all constituencies in larger Mwingi are part of Mwingi municipality. For reasons well known to all of us. So, you don't have to say that he needs to apologise because of saying that Kanyangi is not within the municipality. But the point that all your people deserve services, that's okay.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, do you know the words that he has just used? That the people of township should not enjoy the same as the people of Kanyangi, the people of township should enjoy more. That is the word that I am saying should be withdrawn. And, Mr. Speaker, if you have heard me clearly, I have said that... If the right action can be taken by this House. Every resident of Kitui County would enjoy equally. Those were my words, Mr. Speaker. And, Mr. Speaker, also... You see, Mr. Speaker, you cannot demean the people of Kanyangi. They have the right and the constitution of Kenya is one. It gives every member of this country equal right, Mr. Speaker. So, it should be withdrawn. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Katula, thank you. But I think I've given an advice. Let me use Honourable Munyao's Ward in Kitui West as an example. Kauwi is

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not part of Kitui municipality but it's an urban centre. So, there are some services they are getting which Honourable Mulandi's Ward is not getting because it is an urban centre.

*(Hon. Mulandi stood on a point of order)*

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** No, Honourable Mukwate, kindly. No, no, no. You're ordering the chair?

*(Laughter)*

You're ordering the chair? Point of order to who... No, I think, Honourable Peter Mwanza, you may proceed.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know *Mheshimiwa* from Kanyangi is representing his own people very well. And you know, what *Mheshimiwa* is forgetting is that, when I was at Kitui High School that time, I used to visit that area. And I was almost getting married from that area. So, I'm not demeaning the people of Kanyangi ward.

Otherwise, you are doing a good job. But have this knowledge, that some privileges, let me use that word, that they can be given to township, Mulango ward is not the same privileges that can be given to Kanyangi. Because of they fall within the Municipality. That is what I meant.

Mr. Speaker, let us go to the Governor's address. And Mr. Speaker, I'm hearing Honourable members speaking. But they're forgetting to give themselves a credit. That, it is this Assembly that passes the budget, gives the executive a budget on how they are going to implement it.

So, Mr. Speaker, the first credit should be given to us as Honourable members. We are the people who pass that budget, so that the Governor or the Executive can implement it, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I've heard *Mheshimiwa* from Kyangwithya East. And I want to confirm that the Governor has really performed. In my ward, I have more than thirteen (13) projects on road opening.

*(Foot-thumbng)*

However, Mr. Speaker, you know we are human beings...

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** I'm talking of the last Financial Year...

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Yeah, since I was elected *Mheshimiwa* from Mutonguni.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** We have done thirteen projects on road opening.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Mr. Speaker, protect me please.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Hon. Peter Mwanza, stop engaging them. I am the Chair, kindly proceed.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for protecting me. But I want to confirm that I have more than thirteen projects on roads opening since I was elected. I want also to confirm to this House that I have five boreholes that have already been done in my ward, fully equipped.

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Further, I want also to confirm that I have a new dispensary at location called *Wii*, that was not there before. But now it is fully operational, Mr. Speaker and a lot of other things, we have a lot of things we can speak that Executive has done.

However, Mr. Speaker, I'm not saying that Executive has performed 100%. If I were to rate them in terms of grading, I would give them an A (minus) for now. As we wait for A (plain) in the two-remaining year.

Mr. Speaker, it is good to call a spade, a spade, not a big spoon. You know I speak the truth. And you can remember the last financial year, actually I was identified as one of the MCA who used to keep the Governor on toes in terms of performance.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Governor because he heard my cry, or the Executive heard my cry and they did it in terms of the road network, road projects were done.

So, Mr. Speaker, I have nothing negative...

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Mulandi, Order! Order! Katula.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Mr. Speaker, protect me.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** You are protected. They are microphones are off. You can proceed.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** You are...

*(Hon. Jeremiah Mutua stood in his place to seek for clarification)*

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Mr. Speaker, I'm concerned. And I want the Honourable Member for Mulango to confirm to you and to us whether he's the new contractor in the House.

*(Laughter)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Don't respond to that question. Kindly...

*(Laughter)*

...finalise your argument.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** You know, Mr. Speaker, this House has bright people. And I respect that. So, allow me not to respond to propaganda. I'm a man of truth. Yeah, and I don't want to stoop that low. Mr. Speaker, if you want to confirm whether development has been done in my Ward...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Your voter, Mary Ndumbu is very happy.

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Yeah, she comes from my ward. Actually, I'm the only MCA who has three nominated MCAs. And they have not complained. I think you have not heard *Mheshimiwa* Ndumbu complaining. You have not heard *Mheshimiwa* Mutune complaining. You have not heard the Hon. Member, who is absent *Mheshimiwa* Deborah, complaining and many other Honourable Members. I know some have interest here and even they have land in my own ward, including *Mheshimiwa* Mbuno, they are not complaining. So, who am I to complain, Mr. Speaker?

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I'm just here to keep the Executive, on toes on things that have not been done properly. Like in this situation, Mr. Speaker, there was a committee, during *Tangatanga* that went to one of my location called Kathungi. And there was...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Waziri, Honourable Waziri, no, you see, Honourable Waziri, the chair sometimes doesn't have eyes, but I've seen you crisscrossing over as if you are in your House. Kindly go there and bow as it is expected. This is not your home. No, go back. Yeah...

**Hon. Waziri Bakari:** Mr. Speaker, I must thank you for that direction but from what has been happening since morning. Mr. Speaker, a lot of crisscrossing has been happening. I don't know whether you have seen an incident from our Sergeant -at -Arms who came out from that door. Did you see what he did?

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Go back and bow and then we can...

**Hon. Waziri Bakari:** I can confirm from this floor of the House, Mr. Speaker. I think you need to be guided by the Clerk-at-the table. There are so many movements...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** So, you are repeating the same mistake. I've said so, because I've seen you. Go bow and then you can go and consult your good friend.

**Hon. Waziri Bakari:** I hear you, Mr. Speaker, but let it be to everybody. Thank you.

*(Hon. Waziri Bakari walked towards the mace and bowed)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you, my vice-chair, Committee on Finance...

**Hon. Peter Mwanza:** Mr. Speaker, allow me to conclude because I can read the mood of the House. Mr. Speaker, what I would like to urge to the honourable members of this Assembly is that we have now remained with two years and a few hours. If you calculate in days, it's around 730-something before we go for election on 8th of August 2027, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, what we should ask ourselves as the honourable members of this House is what have we done or what are we going to do for the remaining 730 days, remaining or two years because as long as we praise the Executive that, they have done their job.

We should also ask ourselves what have we done since we were elected in this House. because Mr. Speaker, this House, since we came, we have never come up with any bill. We have never passed any bill being brought by any honourable member to this Assembly but the executive has brought more than two bills.

We had the Alcoholic Bill, and the one for environment but as an Assembly, we have failed on that part, Mr. Speaker. So, with those few remarks, I really support the address by the governor and it was very positive to my people of Mulango. Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Thank you. When you are blaming the Assembly, blame yourself again because also nobody can be excluded from this House. Let's have Honourable Ngoima, then we will have Honourable Mbuno, finalizing.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity also to add my voice to this address on the state of our county. Mr. Speaker, I want to start by congratulating and thanking the governor for a well-prepared state of county address.

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Mr. Speaker, I listened carefully, although there were some wrangles before but after settling the dust, I was keen to hear what the executive has done, what the governor has always done to our county.

Mr. Speaker, I saw wisdom flowing, the wisdom of the governor, the visionary leadership, and it has repeated again the 2013-2017 leadership style; where our governor used to undertake many projects in our county. We are now three years down the line, Mr. Speaker, and what we are seeing, and as we go around doing inspection or what we call *Tanga tanga trips*, where we go around our county, a lot has been done.

Let credit be given to where it is due. Mr. Speaker, as I narrow down to my township ward, we have seen a lot has been done here and I know everybody is here every day in this town seeing the projects our county is doing.

Mr. Speaker, our town now is almost a dustless town. We are only remaining with a few metres to have a dustless town here through the county government. Not forgetting about what municipality has done. We are doing cabros everywhere and a lot is being done. That is a plus to us, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the health, a lot is been done at KCRH and we witness ourselves and it is also through this wise leadership. We have constructed a very big morgue. Actually, we started in 2013-2017, it was unfinished but it's now getting finished, a very big morgue.

Mr. Speaker, a lot is been done by this government under the leadership of one Dr. Julius Makau Malombe. Now, when we go to Kalundu River, we can see the sand dams being done there, to stop that water from running, to stop the sand from being driven away so that the buildings we have, we can use the sand we are trapping from these sand dams.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at our town, all the estates are being lit through the solar lighting, replacing the electric ones we had before. Mr. Speaker, I want to point out here that even the roads to the villages have been opened. They have been enlarged especially on areas where the town touches the villages.

So, Mr. Speaker, we are talking of the “*kazi*” which has been done. Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of one Boniface Mukwate about the township, the solar lighting being done by every other ministry in town. And I want also to draw attention that we cannot have the solar lights at the places where we don't have the shops. We cannot put solar lights at somebody's homestead...

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

Mr. Speaker, some points of order are nonsense because I'm putting across a point that...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** let's hear him.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Okay.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, one honourable Ngoima has just said that you cannot put solar lights in a place where there are no towns. Mr. Speaker, does this member here, honourable Ngoima, want to insinuate that in Kanyangi ward there is no town? I want that clarification. And, Mr. Speaker, the people of Kanyangi must be respected and they deserve to be served as the people of the township, Mr. Speaker.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Okay

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, he should withdraw that.

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**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Mr. Speaker, thank you for his point of order. Mr. Speaker, what I meant is that where we don't have shopping centre, we can't put the solar lights. We can't put solar lights at the villages. We have only one Kanyangi shopping centre.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** And, Mr. Speaker...Let me have my...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Honourable Ngoima, honourable Ngoima.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Yes.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Take your seat first, take your seat also Katula. Honourable Ngoima, when you are communicating, note that, there are so many shopping centres without these security lights. Now, we are talking about a bigger town called Kitui town, which is the head quarter. That's why I referred to the issue of municipality.

But now, Honourable Katula is equally right to say that there are some shopping centres in this Ward which don't have solar security lights. But you don't need to use a lot of energy, Honourable Katula, to make your point. I've heard you, and of course, I know, Honourable Ngoima, has heard you. So, you need to correct yourself.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Yeah, it's okay.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker I think you have addressed it so well to the Honourable Member for Kanyangi, who is in complaint. But, Mr. Speaker, my point was that, where we have big towns like this one, which is a head quarter, we need to light the estates, we need to light the streets, because everybody is here. And remember, we have a lot of population here, a lot of population in this county...

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood on a point of order)*

Mr. Speaker, prevent me from being disturbed by one...

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** I think he doesn't have time from you, please. Please, unless he doesn't want me to debate. Control this, Mr. Speaker, because this is hooliganism... in this House, and we can't allow this one. Let you give him time to talk. This is hooliganism, of course. And this is a House of order. I did not disturb him. Please.

*(Hon. Benjamin Mulandi also stood on a point of order)*

Now, this is hooliganism, and we want you to prevent this one. Please. I want to finish my point.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Kindly, kindly proceed. Kindly.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Mr. Speaker...

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Honourable Mulandi.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

*(Several members stood and demanded Hon. Ngoima to withdraw his remarks)*

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**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to withdraw. There is nothing to withdraw here. Nothing to withdraw here. That is what we call hooliganism.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** That is now what we call hooliganism. Yes.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Order! Order! Honourable Mulandi. Take back your seat. Hon. Ngoima, When the chair is in the chair...

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Ooh sure, Thank you.

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** No, no, no, no. Order! Honourable Members. You see now, I want to agree with all of you everybody in this House is a politician. And everybody who came here was number one in his/her Ward or in the list of nomination.

So, I must congratulate you. But I'm trying my best to give every member an opportunity to say something. But let's not misuse those opportunities. Kindly.

**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Honourable Munyao. Sometimes when we are debating, let's not get personal. You see now, I'm sure after this, we'll be taking some tea out there and...

So, I know some of us come from areas which are too remote, which it is normal. That's why you heard Honourable Muange saying his Ward, when he's given around 70 kilometres, he is disadvantaged. And he was right to say that because... and I've also heard somebody saying the Ward of Athi is equivalent to... Actually, I think it's Honourable Katula.

He said, the size of Athi Ward is equivalent to entire Kitui Rural. And now, when it comes to grading, they are given 70 kilometers. And your four Ward, they are given each 70 kilometers.

Therefore, I'm trying to say that, let's have some order, when we are debating, Honourable Ngoima, and every other person, let's be specific. Let's touch on issues that... You see, we are not debating about our Wards, Honourable members. We are debating on the states of the county address by the county governor.

So, everything that we are talking about should be in this document. Every other thing that has not been mentioned, please, we can discuss about it some other time. But I would like to advise that we stick to this address for heaven's sake. And I've said we are finishing tomorrow.

If there is something you've not said, you will say it in the afternoon session and tomorrow's sessions. So, I don't want any exchange between two Honourable members. If it has to be, let it be through the chair.

So that now I can give you an opportunity because when you wake up, you shout and have not switched on your microphone. It is not captured in the Hansard. And because we are House of record, I order and request that Honourable Ngoima kindly finalise with your debate. Honourable Mulandi, Order!

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** *(Spoke off-record)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** You are not a hooligan, of course, you know you are not a hooligan.

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** Let him withdraw.

**Hon. Ngoima:** I will not. That is hooliganism. You are making noise while I'm contributing. I will not.

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**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Mr. Speaker, are you a hooligan because we have been called hooligans?

*(Hon. Boniface Mukwate stood in his place)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Order! Who has given you an opportunity to stand first? Honourable Ngoima. Because this is a House. If withdrawing hooliganism would make you a lesser Honourable member, kindly withdraw and proceed. Maybe you can talk about hooliganism behaviour without really having to talk about someone being hooligan. Thank you.

**Hon. Daniel Ngoima:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving that kind guidance. Mr. Speaker, as I prepare to withdraw. Mr. Speaker, there is no other name; you can call somebody who is shouting in this House of order while you have not given him any permission to talk. And he is shouting at this loudest voice.

There is no other name you can describe that other than hooliganism. But kindly, Mr. Speaker, I withdraw that word and proceed. Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to finish by saying Mr. Speaker, I want to finish by saying that every part of this county we have done market sheds through the Minister of Trade. And Mr. Speaker, that is the kind of the leadership I was talking about which is very justified.

Mr. Speaker, the Ministry of Tourism has constructed eco-park at Kalundu. And that also will be attracting some revenues coming to this county, Mr. Speaker...

*(Laud consultations)*

So, Mr. Speaker, the state of county address we listened was all inclusive, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, I think going forward, this was a just address. I finish. Thank you, Sir. I finish.

*(Hon. Boniface Katula stood on a point of order)*

*(Hon. Daniel Ngoima walked out of the Chambers)*

**Temporary Speaker (Hon. Paul Maluki):** Take back your seat first. Hon. Katula, you are a leader in this House and a very senior leader, you can leave that task to some of your members.

*(Laughter)*

Sometimes, I see a lot of potential in you and therefore, at times, you need to hold your horses and let somebody else do that on your behalf, Hon. Katula, with a lot of humility. Now, you are standing on a point of order, the person who was talking has left!

*(Hon. Boniface Katula assumed his seat)*

Hon. Members, let us be upstanding so as to adjourn the House.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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This House remained adjourned until today at 2.30 p.m. The debate on this motion will continue in the afternoon. Thank you.

*County Assembly rose at 10:38 p.m.*