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The House met in the County Assembly Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin K. Katisya)] in the Chair

PRAYERS

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to recognise visiting students from Bishop William Dunne Muthue Secondary School from Kanziku Ward, Ikutha Sub-County. In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to the Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to them. On behalf of the County Assembly of Kitui and on my own behalf, I wish them a fruitful visit.

Hon. Kimuli where are you, those are your people. So, they are welcome and after the rise of the House, I will pose for a photo with you and them outside the chambers. Thank you.

And for our students, I wish we had more time to interact with them but let them feel welcomed and follow the proceedings of the House.

Next Order.

(Consultations at the Clerks Table)

You may finish consulting then we continue.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE PROGRESS ON CONSIDERATION OF
THE SUBMITTED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES I FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/20223.

Honourable Members, Section 135(1) of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012 outlines instances in which supplementary budget estimates can be submitted to the Assembly for approval. These include:

- i. Where the amount appropriated under the Appropriation Act is insufficient;

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ii. Where a need has arisen for which no amount has been appropriated by the Appropriation Act.

Subsection (2) of the same Act mandates the County Government to submit to the County Assembly, a supplementary budget in support of the additional expenditure for the authority to spend.

Honourable Members, in light of the above legal provisions, on 3rd November, 2022 the County Executive Committee Member, County Treasury submitted the Kitui County Supplementary Budget Estimates I, for the Financial Year 2022/2023 to the Assembly.

Honourable Members, on 16th November, 2022, the Supplementary Budget Estimates were Laid on the Table of the Assembly and Subsequently Committed to the Committee for consideration in line with the provisions of Standing Order No. 214.

Honourable Members, it is important to bring to your attention that at the time the Committee was retreating, only the original copy of the subject Supplementary Budget Estimates had been forwarded to the Assembly via a letter referenced *CGKTI/CT/FIN/1/(2022-2023)/14* dated 3rd November, 2022. This necessitated a request for more copies for issuance to the Members of the County Assembly and the Committee for consideration.

Honourable Members, it was reported to my office that guided by Section 131(2) of the PFM Act, 2012, the Committee had invited the County Executive Committee Member (CECM), County Treasury on Friday, 18th November, 2022 for clarifications and input to the Supplementary Budget. The CECM brought to the Committee twelve copies of the Supplementary Budget which unfortunately were a different Budget from the one laid and committed to the Committee.

Honourable Members, I was further informed that the submitted Budget had not factored the new benefit for Members' Car Reimbursements as conferred by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission and an additional allocation to replenish the Members' Car Loan and Mortgage Fund. Owing to this, the CECM, County Treasury wrote a letter referenced *CGKTI/CT/FIN/1/(2022-2023)/II/2* dated 17th November, 2022; an addendum to the Budget providing Kshs. 235,720,000 for the same. This was further transmitted to the Committee for consideration.

Honourable Members, upon further scrutiny of the Budget, it was revealed that quite a number of re-allocations proposed in different budget lines could not accommodate the proposed virements. This was in reference to the available balances in the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMIS) as at 18th November, 2022, and as such would result to negative balances.

Honourable Members, the above circumstances made it difficult for the Committee to continue with the Budget consideration and thus called upon my office and that of the Clerk of Assembly for consultations on the way forward in a meeting held on 19th November, 2022.

Honourable Members, out of the discussions, it was resolved that the Committee should not proceed with consideration of the said budget committed on 16th November, 2022. The following was further resolved: -

- i.) That the matter be report to the Assembly on details of what had transpired as pertains to the budget.
- ii.) That, the Clerk of Assembly writes to the CECM, County Treasury informing him of the new development and request for revised supplementary budget taking into the following;

a. A provision for the Members' Car Reimbursements and a replenishment to the Car Loan and Mortgage Fund in the realigned Budget.

b. Realigning the budget to the up-to-date IFMIS balances and ensure no further spending on the affected budget lines

c. Resubmit the revised budget to the Assembly for committal and consideration.

Honourable Members, I hereby direct office of the Clerk of Assembly to fast track the process as highlighted. This will allow the budget approval before the Assembly adjourns for the December recess.

I thank you all.

PAPERS LAID

1. REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES I FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023
(Chairperson, Committee on Budget and Appropriations, Hon. Syengo)

The Speaker: Hon. Members this one will be deferred until when the House sits on the 29th of November 2022, and the same will apply to the motion.

2. TO REPORT ON THE INTERVIEW OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD, A MAN AND A WOMAN 2022
(Member County Assembly Service Board, Hon. Hussein Mwandia)

The Speaker: Yes Hon. Hussein Mwandia.

Hon. Mwandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I am Hussein Mwandia, member of County Assembly representing Ikutha Ward and in this matter, I am a member of the County Assembly Service Board and I beg to lay the following paper;

THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of section 46 of the County Assemblies service Act as read together with paragraph IV of the first schedule of the same Act, I beg to lay the following paper on the table of the House today Tuesday 22nd November 2022;

The report by the County Assembly Service Board on the consideration of the nominees to the positions to the position of members to the County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the paper.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023.

The Speaker: Hon. Members this one will be deferred until Tuesday 29th of November 2022.

Next Order.

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT ON THE INTERVIEW OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICE BOARD, A MAN AND A WOMAN 2022.

(Hon. Hussein Mwandia, Member, County Assembly Service Board.)

The Speaker: Yes Hon. Hussein Mwandia.

(Hon. (Ms.) Mary Ndumbu rose in her place)

What is it Hon. Ndumbu?

Hon. Ndumbu: I have a concern Mr. Speaker Sir. The screens are not working and it is a shame when we have visitors who can't see what is happening here.

The Speaker: That is a very good concern. Deputy Clerk can you ensure that the students are transferred to the Speaker's gallery right away so that they can witness what is happening.

(Hon. Charity Mwangangi rose in her place)

What is it Hon. Charity?

Hon. (Ms.) Mwangangi : I have a concern Mr. Speaker Sir. There is no drinking water in the Chamber. Some Members have water when others don't have. What is happening?

The Speaker: That is a very good concern. Madam Clerk ensure water is provided, especially to Hon. Charity Mwangangi right now.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo rose in his place)

What is it Hon. Munyalo? Is it a concern?

Hon. Munyalo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. We invested so much public funds on this issue of these screens. This Assembly has been allocating monies for the same and it is good you make a ruling concerning this matter. In the last budget, we allocated 3.5 million for these screens. They have costed us more than 15 million and it is time you made a final ruling. It is very shameful where Assembly money has been invested in this system and up to now, for the last six years, they are not working. Mr. Speaker Sir, this Assembly demands that this matter be sorted once and for all.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Munyalo. I am sure Hon. Mwandia who is a member of the County Assembly Service Board representing the minority party has heard you loud and clear and I am sure at the right time those demands will be met. Please let us allow Hon. Hussein Mwandia to give notice of that motion.

There is another concern? Yes, Hon. Masaku.

Hon. Masaku: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I respect your ruling for the students of Muthue secondary school to shift to the other side, but to our Hon. Kimuli, he is now disadvantaged because he can't even see them so he has to change his siting position.

(Laughter)

I request Hon. Kyalo to change positions with him or if possible, allow him to occupy the seat next to you.

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(Laughter)

The Speaker: Hon. Masaku you are out of order on that last part. This chair is reserved for the senator and any other dignitary. But this is what I will do. Let us allow Hon. Mwandia to give his notice then I will allow him, or rather Hon. Mwandia you can take a seat first, let Hon. Kimuli come forward and recognise officially the students from Muthue secondary school and then you come and sit next to Hon. Nganga. I am sure they will be able to see you from there. So please come and officially introduce them and let them wave to us so that they can know that you are the able and God-sent MCA for Kanziku Ward. The floor is yours Hon. Kimuli.

Hon. Kimuli: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I take this opportunity to welcome my students from Muthue Secondary school from Kanziku Ward and just ask them to wave to us. Thank you, you can be seated.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is an opportunity and I take this time to thank you and the Clerk for allowing our students to come and tour the Assembly. They are in a club and I know from here they will gain a lot of confidence when debating there. So Mr. Speaker Sir, I welcome them and as you have said, after this we will have a brief with them so that you can share a word of encouragement to them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Muthue secondary school is the oldest secondary school in Kanziku Ward and funny enough, they don't have any vehicle for their transportation. They rely on hiring vehicles since 1980s up to date. I would wish, if possible, make some arrangements and visit the school to see how the environment is and see how you can assist the school.

Thank you very much.

(Applause)

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa Kimuli, you can sit next to the Minority Leader. We have heard your request, I am sure Hon. Masaku has heard and I am sure together with all the members of this August House, he will make the necessary arrangements. Thank you Mheshimiwa Kimuli.

There is a point of order? Yes, Mheshimiwa Munyithya.

Hon. Munyithya: The Hon. Member for Kanziku did not bow to the mace as he went back.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Kanziku please go back and do the needful. Sergeant at arms direct Hon. Kimuli accordingly.

(Hon. Kimuli went back and bowed to the mace before resuming his seat)

What is it Hon. Munyalo?

Hon. Munyalo: Thank you. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am one of the most privileged people because my brother, Mr. Muusya, worked at Muthue Secondary School as the principal until three years ago when he was transferred to Narok boys. I think it is good for the Hon. Member for the honour you have to bring the future leaders in the Assembly, leaders who will benchmark on the proceedings of an Assembly and see for themselves how good and honourable it is for one to represent and work for your people. Thank you Hon. Kimuli for the good gesture you have

shown us the way forward and we wish the school all the best in the forthcoming national exams. I was a visitor there sometime back when my brother was the principal and what he has said is the truth about the school. Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Munyalo. Actually, allow me at this point to also wish the students of Muthue Secondary school success in their KCSE and indeed all the other students sitting for their exams. I saw Hon. Masaku doing something last week. I am sure all of you have done the same. So, we wish all students all the best in their exams.

Hon. Members allow us now to proceed with Hon. Mwandia so that he can give notice of the motion. I am sure some of those students know you since you neighbour Kanziku. So, you better great them, they are your potential voters.

Hon. Mwandia: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. For purposes of information and for the benefit of the teachers and students of Muthue Secondary School from Kanziku Ward, where my able friend Hon. Kyalo Kimuli comes from, allow me to echo his words in support of what he has requested: that he needs help. It is true that this is one of the oldest schools in Kitui South and a school bus has remained a dream to them. Since they have come to this Hon. House, I think their dream will come true. It will be a matter of short time for me to honour any invitation to go....

(Hon. Katumbi on a point of Order)

Hon. Katumbi: Mr. Speaker Sir,

The Speaker: Which Ward do you come from? Tell the students.

Hon. Katumbi: I come from Kyangwithya East Ward, Kitui Central Sub-County Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker Sir, is it I order for the Hon. Member for Ikutha Ward to continue misleading the students that their request will be considered while we know that secondary school functions like buying a school bus belong to the national Government, instead of pushing for the CDF money or pushing the Hon. Member for Kitui South constituency to buy this school a bus? I think he is misleading and I request him to withdraw.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Katumbi, indeed I must say that I agree with you but Hon. Mwandia you have heard Hon. Katumbi. Please go ahead.

Hon. Mwandia: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Katumbi should understand that we do fundraisers. So, it depends with the level of giving. We are able to donate enough money to buy a school bus.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me now to continue and protect me. I had introduced myself earlier as Hussein Mwandia, representing Ikutha Ward and on this matter, I am a member of the Kitui County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I now seek leave to give notice of the following motion;

Motion on Approval of the report by the County Assembly Service Board on consideration of the nominees to the position of members to the County Assembly Service Board.

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of section 46 of the County Assemblies service Act, as read together with paragraph IV of the first schedule of the same Act, this Assembly hereby approves the report by the County Assembly Service Board on consideration of the nominees to the position of members to the County Assembly Service Board.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Hussein Mwandia, member for Ikutha Ward.
Next order!

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT REQUEST FOR SPEAKER'S CONSIDERED RULING ON THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE KITUI COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO 41(2)
(*Leader of Minority party, Hon Nganga*)

The Speaker: Hon. Alex Nganga, please go where the students can see you and wave at them.

Hon. Nganga : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I also join my colleagues in joining the students of Muthue Secondary school to the County Assembly of Kitui. Mr. Speaker Sir, alluding to the cry of Hon. Kimuli, their representative in this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, these are some of the sentiments which justify why members of the County Assembly should be allocated Ward Development Fund because it was within the means of Hon. Kimuli, then he would have sorted the issue of a school bus. His cry is heard and I beg you to take it further as you bargain for the welfare of members of County Assembly that such sentiments and requests are coming to us MCAs but Mr. Speaker Sir our hands are tied by lack of means.

Mr. Speaker Sir, allow me to proceed to request for a speakers considered ruling on the constitution of the Kitui County Executive Committee members. This is in pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (2).

Mr. Speaker Sir, H.E Dr Julius Makau Malombe was sworn-in as the 3rd Kitui County Governor on Thursday 25th August, 2022 whereas the Members of the County Assembly were sworn-in on 21st September, 2022.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Governor has a responsibility to constitute the County Executive Committee as established by Article 179 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 to facilitate delivery of services to the people of Kitui.

Mr. Speaker Sir, by dint of section 42(2) of the County Governments Act, the Governor is mandated to constitute the County Executive Committee within 21 days of swearing-in of the Members of the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am requesting for your considered ruling noting that H.E the Governor constituted the County Executive Committee on 4th of November 2022, more than 21 days from the day the County Assembly was sworn in.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the provisions of section 42(2) of the County Governments Act are couched in mandatory terms and therefore, the County Executive Committee Members should have been constituted within the stipulated timelines.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in view of the foregoing, I wish to request for your considered ruling on this matter and particularly on whether it is not illegal for this County Assembly to vet and approve or otherwise the Governor's nominees to the County Executive Committee because in my view, the County Assembly would be acting in breach of section 42(2) of the County Governments Act and aiding the Governor to break the Law.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay my request for your consideration. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Mheshimiwa. Allow me to consult and advise accordingly.

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(The Speaker consulted with the Clerks-at-the Table)

Hon. Leader of Minority Party, Hon. Alex Nganga, thank you for your statement where you have requested for my considered ruling on the constitution of the Kitui County Executive Committee Members pursuant to our Standing Orders No. 41 (2), this is a matter I have to consult the Committee on Appointments which you are a member before I can give an informed ruling on this particular subject.

Allow me therefore to direct that after the rise of this House, I will meet all the members of the appointment Committee at my boardroom so that we can deliberate on this matter and I will also consult the office of the clerk so that we can give a considered ruling on this particular issue. I will therefore give my ruling tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

Next Order.

MOTION

MOTION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

(Resumption of debate deferred during the afternoon sitting of Wednesday 16th November 2022)

The Speaker: Hon. Members remember that this motion has been with us. This is the fourth day we are discussing this Address and today is the last day for us to have an opportunity to discuss it.

In the interest of the visiting students, I am sure Hon. Kimuli will be the first one to give his input and I know the issue of the school bus will be mentioned there because this is the moment where you have a chance to make your requests to the Governor and the Executive.

Hon. Members I am sure you know very well that we need to give our views on the Address by the Governor because this will go hand in hand with the agenda which the Governor has for Kitui County.

I humbly request you to give your input if you haven't done so yet. I will give each member who wants to contribute not more than ten minutes. Madam deputy Clerk ensure you time members so that we can dispense with this particular matter.

Hon. Kimuli I will give you the first chance so that the students of Muthue Secondary School can see their able, one and only member for Kanziku Ward advocating for the rights and interests of the people of Kanziku. The floor is yours Hon. Kyalo Kimuli.

Hon. Kimuli: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. On the Governor's Address, what I can commend about it is that we know that there is a committee which is addressing the issue of pending bills amount to about 2.4 billion. I would like to ask if possible that after the committee's resolutions, they bring that report on the pending bills to this Assembly so that the Assembly can go through it to confirm whether they are true pending bills or not.

On the pro-poor program I would like to request an increase into this amount so that the program can cater for other things apart from the school fees alone. For instance, the issue of a school bus could be factored in that program if more funds were allocated to it.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kyalo Kimuli, member for Kanziku Ward. Any other member who wants to give their input? Yes Hon. Godfrey Muthengi Ndagara, member for Tharaka Ward.

Hon. Ndagara: Ahsante sana Bwana Spika. Manake wanafunzi wamekuja huku hii leo, lazima wajua kwamba wabunge hapa vilevile wanajua kuzungumza lugha ya Kiswahili.

Kuna mjadala unajadiliwa kote Afrika wakisema kwamba ndiposa waafrika waweze kutambulika kote ulimwenguni, ni vizuri tukuze lugha za kikwetu.

Kuna wakati mmoja rafiki yangu, mbunge Mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Matinyani alisema kwamba ataleta mswaada hapa kuhusiana na kuleta Kikamba na vilevile Kitharaka kuwa zinatumika kama lugha za bunge, lakini hayo ni mengine.

Ningelipenda nitoe maoni yangu kuhusiana na hotuba ya Gavana wakati alikuwa hapa. Jambo ambalo nitasema ni kwamba Gavana alitoa hotuba iliyokuwa nzuri sana ikiangazia maswala yote ya kimsingi ambayo yanafaa kuangaziwa wakati huu ambapo tumekua na ugumu mkubwa sana kuhusiana na maswala ya maendeleo.

Nampongeza Zaidi manake ule mgao wa pesa ambao unasaidia wanafunzi kutoka familia maskini, na nasema hivo manake tunao wanafunzi hapa, mwaka wa bajeti uliopita, walikua wameweka shilingi milioni arobaini lakini gavana wetu sasa hivi ameongeza maradufu ama mara tatu hivi na ikawa ni milioni mia moja na ishirini. Kwa hivyo nafikiri swala hilo ambalo Mheshimiwa wa Kanziku amesema tutaendelea kulipigania vilevile ndiposa tuhakikishe kwamba wawakilishi wa wadi watakuwa na uweza wa kusaidia shule za upili kupata vifaa muhimu kama vile basi.

Swala lile nitauliza kwa unyenyekevu mkubwa, marekebisho yale ambayo gavana anaweza tengeneza, kuna jambo alisema kwamba wanasukuma chuo kikuu cha seku kiweze kutengenezwa enea la Mwingi ya kati pale wadi ya Kivou. Nashukuru kwamba Mwakilishi wa wadi ya Kivou yuko hap ana alisema katika hii bajeti ya ziada ataweza kuhakikisha kwamba kuna mgao wa pesa ambao utatumika kuweza kusukuma kile chuo kikuu pale. Nataka ieleweke kwamba chuo kikuu cha seku bado hakijakita mizizi pale lakini serikali tayari imetenga pesa ya kuweza kuhakikisha kwamba chuo hicho kiko pale na kuweza kukidhi mahitaji ya elimu katika eneo lile zima la mwingi. Nataka pia nimweleze gavana na vilele spika kupitia waheshimiwa hawa wako hapa, tulibahatika vilevile katika wadi yangu ya Tharaka wakati nimekua mwandishi wa Habari nyakati hizo tukasukuma chuo kikuu cha chuka kikaweka makao yako katika eneo bunge la Mwingi kaskazini mahali panaitwa Kamayagi. Na tayari Chuo Kikuu cha Tharaka kimeshapewa mkataba (Charter) na tayari kiko na tawi pale kamayagi ambalo ni chuo kikuu kinajulikana kama “the great Tana University”. Kwa hivyo eneo nzima la Mwingi hakuna chuo kingine ambacho tayari kimeingia pale isipokuwa chuo hicho. Kwa hivyo nitauliza kuwepo na mgao wa pesa vilevile kama wanasukukuma Seku kuweza kuingia pale Kivou na tayari hata haijaanza, kuna chuo kikuu ambacho tayari kimeanza pale na tutauliza vile vile serikali ya Kaunti iweze kuakikisha kwamba chuo kile kimesimama ndiposa maswala ya masomo na elimu eneo nzima la Mwingi liweze kutiliwa maanani.

Nashukuru sana kwa maana hotuba ilikua nzuri na naiunga mkono.

The Speaker: Ahsante sana Mheshimiwa Ndagara. Any other member who wants to give their input? Yes, Mheshimiwa Paul Maluki, member for Kithumula kwa Mutonga Ward.

Hon. Maluki: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I also join my colleagues in welcoming the students from Bishop Dan, Kanziku Ward to this chamber and I wish them well in their exams.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Governor’s speech was one of the best but after going through it, I have been asking myself a few questions; my concern, when the Governor was addressing this House, he said that he had already advertised positions for Chief Officers and ten more are coming. Considering the fact that the Governor talked about the ration casuals versus the

permanently employed staff, I think the Governor overdid it. These departments that he has created are so many and if he is serious on matters addressing wage bill, he shouldn't bring so many other departments which have duplicating roles. I was looking at a department for instance of water, then there is another one for irrigation. Where does the Chief Officer for irrigation get water from? That is a department that can be managed the same officer. As much as we want to create job opportunities for the people who supported us, we must look at the wage bill. Is transport devolved? Because I saw there is a department for boda-boda. What will that chief officer be doing? These chief officers have their roles very well outlined. So, it was a matter of rewarding people at the expense of tax payers' money. As much as I agree with the Governor, he needs to reconstitute his government well considering the fact that every chief officer will come with more than three other staffs.

Mr. Speaker Sir, much as we support the Governor, we pray that he considers the fact that there is more that needs to be done rather than rewarding people. There are so many ways of rewarding people and I just pray and ask this House that it considers that opinion of reducing that department so that we can save money. Otherwise, I support the motion Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you. I saw Hon. Deputy speaker clapping. Perhaps you can tell us something but before then, Hon. Mulandi, member for Mutonguni Ward, the floor is yours.

Hon. Mulandi: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I extend my hand in welcoming our students from Muthue secondary school, Kanziku Ward, to this House. Mine is to congratulate the Governor for seeing it wise to come up with a very crucial department, the boda-boda department. This is a department that has employed so many youths, men and women in this Country, department that has seen families being fed, children going to school, getting clothing and many other needs in the family being met. I have fed my family for the last five years using the same boda-boda. It is a crucial department that the Governor saw it wise to established so that he can boost both learned and non-learned men and women who have chosen to invest and toil very hard to see that their families are being fed so Hon. Paul Maluki, I think you are not considerate to the voters in Mulungu kwa Mutonga Kk Ward who voted you in overwhelmingly.....

(Hon. Paul Maluki rose on a point of Order)

Hon. P. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, there is no Ward called Kk or Kwa Mulungu in this County. If the Hon. Member doesn't know my Ward, he should just withdraw that statement. And of course, it is wrong for the Hon. Member from Mutonguni to claim that I am not considerate for boda-boda people. They are my people but he needs to go for some training to understand my point because he has not understood me. I said there are departments that have been created which don't add value to the people of Kitui but they can be done by a chief officer from another department. Thank you.

The Speaker: There is a point of order. What is it Hon. Ndagara?

Hon. Ndagara: Nakubali kuwa kuna mambo mwenzangu ameyasema lakini nataka kumwambia, *he is out of order.*

The Speaker: Mwenzako yupi?

(Laughter)

Hon. Ndagara: Mwakilishi wa wadi ya Kwa Mutonga/ Kithumula.

The Speaker: Ndio.

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Hon. Ndagara: *He is out of order* kwa sababu hayo majina niliyaona kwa magazeti. Hayajaletwa hapa. Kuna wakati tunafaa kuyajadili hayo mambo. Vilevile ajue kuwa Gavana ana mawazo yake mwenyewe ya jinsi anavyotaka kutengeneza serikali. Kama labda anataka kupigana naye awanie kuwa gavana siku moja ama alete mawazo yake vile ambavyo anafaa kutengeneza serikali yake. Kwa hivo tumheshimu gavana vile ambavyo aliona hatutaki vipindi kama za wakati uliopita wakati kulikuwa na watu ama 'departments' amabazo hazifanyi kazi.

The Speaker: Is that a point of order Hon. Ndagara? Let us respect the fact that every Member has their right of opinion. Hon. Paul Maluki was in order to give his opinion with regards to the Governor's address. So we don't need to all support the Governor's address, all we need to have is an input. Maybe his input will assist the Governor. So Hon. Ndagara please allow Hon. Paul Maluki opinion to be allowed. So Hon. Mulandi, please finish your input.

Hon. B.N. Mulandi: Thank you very much. Hon. Paul Maluki, Kithumula/ Kwa Mutonga ward. Thank you for that concern. Mine was to say that this is an important sector and also to say that it has helped to reform many youths who were involved in social crimes. They have abandoned what they were doing before, which was harmful to them, to the community and they have engaged in a meaningful activity; a meaningful means of getting something to put a bread on the table for their kids. So mine is to congratulate the Governor for taking up that issue. And knowing that is a good sector. Other thing is that encourage Boda boda people. That as a governor I see it powerful to empower them, they join Saccos where they can invest to boost their livelihood. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Let us have Hon. Cornelius Muthami Kiteme, Member for Mui ward. Please, take the floor.

Hon. Muthami: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First, I would like to join my colleagues in welcoming the students who are among amongst ourselves in this chamber to follow the proceedings of the House, which I'm sure we know will go a long way in shaping their future.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to first of all, thank my great people of Mui ward for entrusting me with the running of the affairs of the ward for the next five years being their representative in this August House. Number two; I would like to indulge myself with the Governor's speech which he delivered in this House.

First of all, I would like to say that, following the outlined agenda that he lay in that speech, for the great County of Kitui, I associate myself with a good percentage of that speech. However, I like to put across requests that we know and the Governor mentioned himself, that there is a Committee that is looking into the pending bills, some of which run for so many years. Those pending bills I know and it is true that they are pending bills coming from works and supplies to this Government, or to the Government of Kitui by business people in other groups, ranging from 2018 to date. That has in itself created a lot of suffering to our people. I would personally urge the Committee to work with a lot of speed, as we also look forward to passing or interrogating the Supplementary Budget which is supposed to facilitate payment to those suffering business people.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, having the Committee that is looking into those pending bills, Through the chair I want to put across or even inform you that we have other pending bills in different ways. Going back to our villages and going to my ward, I've come across casuals, our sisters and brothers who have been working for the County Government, in cleaning

markets, in our dispensaries helping the sick. They have not been paid for nearly two years. Now these people have responsibilities because they have families, they have kids who are in school. They have needs just like any one of us, and these people, have gone through hell in the hands of the County Government. So Mr. Speaker, Sir, make a plea a passionate one to those who are looking into those pending bills to the relevant offices in the executive to see where money can be allocated to pay them like yesterday, because these people are really suffering.

Last but not least in importance, I request the Governor, His Excellency Dr. Malombe to consider in his next budget. We know there constraints, as he explained but for this particular year's budget, but in the next subsequent budgets, I would request that he looks at the allocation to the water sector. It is common knowledge to all of us that we have made a very bad severe drought that has ravaged and impoverished our people. The main backbone for survival of our people is agriculture and livestock and owing this last drought, which we've not fully recovered from, we know and we had the allocation that the government tends to put to put into water, but in my considered opinion, I think we need more. And we need this grassroots leaders to be fully involved in articulating in planning for the water provision for our villages. They have done quite good in mentioning that, there wills and dams and all that, but I request that we get involved because we know our villages better. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you very much Hon. Member. Allow me to request Hon. Leader of Majority to also give his input. Then Hon. Sammy Muniyithya, Hon. Musyoka, Hon. Muange, Hon. Muthama Kieti, Hon. Sylvester Kitheka and Hon. Gabriel Muniyao, in that order. Yes Hon. Leader of Majority.

Hon. H. Maluki: Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir for giving me this opportunity to have a say on the Governor's speech. What touched me most in that speech is the road with cuts across from Museve through Miambani, Kamandio, which is in Miambani ward, through Kaluu Nzeluni Mumbuni road. I believe that it will be a game changer for the people who will be traveling from here to Mwingi because it is the shortest route. So I really support that speech. However, there is a mention of the South Eastern Kenya University (SEKU) campus in Mwingi Central. There has been a land which already SEKU possesses the title deed which is in our place at Nzatani whereby already buildings which have been constructed for the said University. So I would also like to have my input and request for its consideration. But that university in Nzalani which is in Nzeluni division should also be put into consideration because already there is a huge chunk of land which was donated by the community and already the buildings had already started being constructed. I fully support whatever is in the Governor's speech, because if it is fully implemented, I know it would be changer to the great people of Kitui County. Thank you so much.

The Speaker: Thank you. Allow me to allow Hon. Sylvester. He seems to have a burning issue. Let him to address us then Hon. Sammy Muniyithya.

Hon Muniyalo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. I am Sylvester Muniyalo Kitheka representing the greatest ward called Matinyani ward. I am fully in support of the Governor's speech and we are fully behind our Governor because we all belong to Kitui County. We have to support the leadership of Kitui County. We are there to support him in turning his vision of Kitui County to reality. We have a few comments concerning the speech. And since he is our

Governor, we still have some reservations about the speech. Any leader who is not questioned by his followers is not worthy to be in the position of the leadership.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is so much about the development of Kitui County. The development and the growth of your people is their calling in any leadership. All these monies goes to Kitui County. But as the Hon. Member from Kithumula /Kwa Mutonga ward has said, when we have a Chief Officer for Basic Education, do we need a Chief Officer for home craft centres? When we have the CO for hospitality why do we need the Chief Officer for Hospitality when we just need a chef? We still have our CO for disaster management, and also a CO for emergency. I don't understand English very well and I don't differentiate the two. I am an accountant we also have the CO for revenue management and accounting and still we have the CO for planning and budget. As much as we want to reward our people most of our people are also dying somewhere because of hunger, or people are still dying because of banditry. Our people and our kids are still crying because of going to school, without food, our people, our students and pupils are still suffering because of carrying jerricans of water to school. This Assembly should stand with the people who elected them. Being elected and being re-elected, doesn't come from the executive, it comes from your people who put you in the seat to defend them and to fight for them.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I still support. I am in full support of the Governor for allocation of Kshs. 120 million for pro-poor in the budget. That's a positive note. We urge the governor through this Assembly to put more emphasis on the issue of agricultural revolution and the Industrial Revolution which will help more people of Kitui County to get more jobs in agricultural sector and industrial sector. Boda boda is one of the best because we have a member here, one or two, we used to feed your family for the last five years because of boda boda sector. And when we have a CO for transport do we seriously need a CO for Boda Boda?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we support the growth of our people but the growth of this Kitui nation and our County belongs to the people whereby you put the people first before rewarding the loyalists.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in support of this, I say this Hon. House should rise to the occasion and stand for the truth, stand for the people of Kitui County stands for the right of County, stand for the right... Most of us here who went to school without food. We don't have money. At least in the current budget, which you can't discuss in this Assembly supplementary budget. We have no money, or totally we do not have a shilling for food for primary school kids or our smallest pre units, which is the mandate of the County Government.

Mr Speaker, Sir, we support fully the Governor we support the growth. We support his agenda, we support his will to turn his vision to reality. But we have to stand for the truth and truth will get most back most of us back here in this Assembly in 2027. I rest my case and say thank you, Mr Speaker. Mr Speaker on this assembly, I urge the assembly to pray for the family of one of our village administrators from Matinyani ward, Maseki village who collapsed and died after reaching home. He has worked for us so well. And village administrators are the smallest units of our County administration. He is called Josphat Mbuli Kiema. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Thank you.

The Speaker: There is a point of information from Hon. Harrison Maluki. Do you need the information Hon. Munyalo?

Hon. Munyalo: Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't need it for now.

(Hon. Harrison Maluki rose on a point of order)

The Speaker: Point of order? Yes, go ahead.

Hon. H. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, from where I sit, Kitui County is very expansive and that is why we have a clarion call that we split it and have the two Counties. I therefore believe and trust that due to that expansive nature of our County, that is why the Governor has seen it important.....

The Speaker: Is that a point of order or a contribution? That is not a point of order. Please take your seat Hon. Majority leader.

Hon. Members, I think in respect to the departed village administrator, let us be upstanding for one minute and observe a moment of silence.

(Hon. Members observed a minute of silence while standing)

Thank you, Hon. Members. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Hon. Sammy Munyithya, Member for Kivou Ward.

Hon. Munyithya: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise first to thank my God for giving me this opportunity. I also thank the Hon. Members for their contributions on the Governor's Address. The reason why the people of Kivou elected me was due to the many problems they have faced following poor leadership.

I must applaud the Governor for the many issues he has pointed out in his Address. We have had the community health volunteers who have not been paid for the last five years. The Governor has addressed the matter and said that they will be paid and be increased in numbers. What I can urge Hon. Members is to consider having their people get absorbed in that field.

Again Mr. Speaker Sir, I must applaud the Governor for his move to absorb the ECDE teachers on Permanent and Pensionable terms. I can't wait for us to pass the supplementary budget to ensure that our people start getting services. I want to thank the Governor for keeping his word concerning the timely salary payments for County employees. We appreciate that.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we need to check on some things before we criticise. In the Governor's Address, the issue of the Chief Officers has not been addressed and we should distance ourselves from such talks until when the list will be submitted to us. There are so much good things in the speech and we should focus on that.

With those remarks Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to support. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sammy. Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Nzioka: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I wish to join my good friend Hon. Kimuli in welcoming the students from Kanziku.

I was on a point of order Mr. Speaker Sir, when Hon. Munyithya was making his contribution. I think he should withdraw the statement that Hon. Members are out of order when they talk about the many chief officers. He alluded that they were not captured in the Governor's speech. But if I got it well, Hon. Members were talking in respect to the wage bill and not the Governor's speech. So, the Hon. Member should withdraw as early as yesterday. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Sammy do you wish to respond?

Hon. Muniyithya: I believe I was in order to state so because I have gone through the Governor's Address. Hon. Members aired the issue of the chief officers a week ago and yet they are not in the Address. I don't understand where the point of order is. Maybe it is a mix-up.

The Speaker: I think Hon. Muniyithya has not understood the Deputy Speaker. Hon. Nzioka do you need to clarify?

Oh, sorry there is a point of order from Hon. Gabriel but let the Deputy Speaker finish.

Hon. Nzioka: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. My point is; we are debating the Governor's Speech which has brought out the issue of wage bill in terms of the employees who are in Permanent and pensionable Scheme and those on contract. It also addresses the issue of the wage bill being above the ceilings and I think it is in order for members to address that issue as opposed to how Hon. Muniyithya is misleading the House. He is trying to mislead the House that the speech doesn't address anything to do with employments.

Hon. Speaker Sir, if I heard the Governor's Address well, I am well informed and aware that the Governor addressed the issue of wage bill. When we have people being employed, doesn't that affect the wage bill and its ceilings? If we love our County, then whatever is good, whatever is sound and praiseworthy, should be embraced without fear of favour. Thank you.

The Speaker: Hon. Muniyithya, would you still want to say something?

Hon. Muniyithya: I believe I need to clarify. The thing is becoming a bit peculiar but to the House not to me. Members here talked about COs for boda-boda, COs for emergency and such like while making their contributions. I am not talking about the wage bill which the Deputy Speaker is focusing on. My urge to Hon. Members was that we avoid going deeper into the departmental issues and address only the matters that are in the Governor's address and are affecting us directly. I rest my case Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Thank you. There is a point of order by who? There is one from Hon. Muniyao, let him go first then Hon. Maluki and then the minority leader. Yes Hon. Gabriel Muniyao.

Hon. Muniyao: Mr. Speaker Sir, I first congratulate the students from Muthue Secondary School, Kanziku for paying us a visit. You are much welcome.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I rise on a point of order concerning what Hon. Muniyithya of Kivou Ward has said. He has misled the House when he says that the Governor's Address had nothing to do with the ministers. Mr. Speaker Sir, pages 31 and 32 of the Governor's Address talks about the re-organisation of the ministerial sectors. Actually, the Governor split the ministries into sub-ministries from which he has appointed the COs although we have ministers in charge of the ten ministries. In actual sense, the positions which were advertised for the COs were actually in the Governor's speech. So, I request the Hon. Member to withdraw that statement because he has misled the House. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Sammy, would you still want to comment?

Hon. Muniyithya: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you once more for the airtime. I believe I have the Speech by the Governor with me and all the ministries are combined as opposed to what Hon. Members were saying. Everything is complete as it is in the Standing Orders. That is why I was saying, let us not discuss issues which are not in the Address of the Governor.

The Speaker: Hon. Paul Maluki, then our minority Leader.

Hon. P. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, the Hon. Member for Kivou is pretending that he doesn't know what we are talking about and he is continually misleading this House. All of us were in this House when the Governor was issuing his Address. Unless Hon. Member Muniyithya is living in eutopia.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Hon. Maluki, is that an English word? Please tell us the meaning.

Hon. P. Maluki: Yes, in quotes Mr. Speaker Sir. All of us Mr. Speaker Sir,

(Hon. Nzioka rose on a point of order)

Hon. Nzioka: Mr. Speaker Sir, can Hon. Paul Maluki explain to us what he meant by eutopia?

The Speaker: Yes, Mheshimiwa Maluki I also need to know. Switch on your microphone.

Hon. P. Maluki: Mr. Speaker Sir, I said in quotes because those who want to know that can go and refer to their English class. Eutopia Mr. Speaker Sir, is an imagined place or state of things in which everything is perfect. So, I have just answered my good friend because he is imagining that everything is alright. Mr. Speaker Sir, not unless we are in a different County called Kitui. The positions that have been advertised and shortlisted for departments in the County Government of Kitui are the same positions that the Governor mentioned.

So, when somebody pretends and says, let's wait for the Governor to submit the names here before we discuss about it, we will be already overtaken by events. The names which are going to be brought into this House Mr. Speaker Sir, are the names which have been selected for the positions of Chief Officers in all those departments. It will be very wrong to deny someone who will have been confirmed by the Kitui County Public Service Board an opportunity to serve simply because this House didn't do due diligence when doing this. If we are doing this Mr. Speaker Sir, we must be ready to work with all those departments

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, my good friend Hon. Muniyithya is just misleading this House. Mr. Speaker Sir, it must be understood to all members here; nobody is opposing the Governor and again we are not debating to pass or reject the Governor's speech. The speech was delivered to this House and it will remain to be a property of this House. So, we are not in any way accepting or rejecting the speech. We are just giving our views. Let members not think that any one is fighting the Governor. Hon. Muniyithya should withdraw those statements. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you. Your point is noted. Let's hear our Minority Leader because we can give Mheshimiwa Sammy another chance to see if he is convinced to withdraw. Yes Hon. Alex Nganga.

Hon. Nganga: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, we are airing our views on the Governor's address; which is an entitlement of every Hon. Member. First and foremost I want congratulate our Governor for choosing to be with us and opening the Assembly officially. He gave us his speech and I think I had the privilege of sitting close to where he was issuing his speech. So probably I heard him better than my good friend Hon. Muniyithya.

(Laughter)

Hon. Munyithya, I want to confirm to you Sir that yes, the Governor talked of his Chief Officers. He talked of the many he had advertised and the many he was going to advertise and indeed he did so. So that was my personal view.

Mr. Speaker, the time to speak is up, it's now time for action. We heard His excellence the Governor and we are all elected members as the Governor is and we all stand with the Governor because what he highlighted and elaborated in his speech before this Assembly; coming to happen. Indeed this County will be a great County.

Mr. Speaker the electorates are out there waiting for us leaders led by his excellence the Governor to match our words with action. And that is what is important to them. Because apart from us, the speech of the Governor is out there with the people of Kitui County. In matching his words with action and one of his words, was his statement before this House; was how he was very keen on bringing down the wage bill in this County.

Mr. Speaker in a mix-match of words against actions, the Governor went ahead to advertise for 26 positions of chief officers in this County. I was just drawing a comparison, a County with a huge budget and huge revenue base like Nakuru County, which has got a budget of 23 billion shillings can only afford to employ 21 Chief Officers. How comes a County with a budget of 12 billion shillings is hereby employing 26 Chief Officers, matching words with action!

Mr. Speaker I was looking at the remunerations and benefits to a Chief Officer. The salary and benefit for a Chief Officer in a month can employ twenty young graduates in this County.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker as we represent our people, as we address the issue of unemployment, we should try to reach as many people as possible and offer opportunities to as many people as possible in this County. And that will be important to us. Matching words against action, the Governor expressed his willingness and readiness to work with Members of this County Assembly. In his Supplementary Budget, the Governor has proposed a reduction of County Level Infrastructure Development Programs (CLIDP) funds. That is how our Governor matches word with action!

Mr. Speaker we will continue correcting and reasoning with each other. We want the best for the Governor as he also wished us the best but as we stand here as leaders and as we speak before our people and God. Let's match our words with action, the two action of reduction of CLIDP and the action of bloating a wage bill. Employing one person unnecessarily in a position whereby the same resources can create opportunities for twenty of our young people in this County. Then we need every time when we get an opportunity, we meet the Governor and remind him to match his words with action.

Mr. Speaker, on the proposed tarmacking of road through Kyangwithya East – Miambani Ward- Mingwani Ward I want to confirm before this House, if that was to happen, my Ward will get the first inch of tarmac and that is a very good gesture from the Governor. My worry is, as he has already demonstrated, will he match his words with action? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Alex Nganga, Hon. Sammy Muniyithya, do you still want to say something?

Hon. Muniyithya: Mr. Speaker Sir, I only want to read the second paragraph of the Governor's speech on page 31. It says, "the structure is organised into twelve ministerial portfolios and departments, including portfolios to be performed under the office of the Governor, Deputy Governor and ten County Ministries as provided in the Constitution of Kenya 2010". I believe you can read the rest. Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sammy but allow me to inform you that if you count the departments in all these portfolios, they total to twenty six positions. Because in every ministerial portfolio, for example, the office of the Governor has three departments, office of the Deputy Governor has two departments and each department has one Chief Officer. Therefore, Hon. Sammy allow me to say that Members are right that these departments are one which have been converted to positions of Chief Officers. Hon. Members, let put that issue to rest.

(Hon. Nzioka Stood in his place)

Hon. Deputy Speaker is it a contribution or point of Order?

Hon. Nzioka: Point of Order.

The Speaker: Okay, proceed.

Hon. Nzioka: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I am still maintaining my position that this being a House of record, Hon. Sammy Muniyithya, must withdraw his statement that the Governor did not mention about the Chief Officers anywhere and so he must wait for the names. Looking at the speech on page 34, second last paragraph "the posts for Chief Officers have been submitted to the County Public Service Board for advertisement. The CPSB has advertised sixteen positions last week and the remaining ten will appear in the new paper this week" that is in page 34.

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker for sake of our records and the Hansard, let Hon. Sammy Muniyithya withdraw the statement that Chief Officers were not mentioned. I rest my case.

The Speaker: Before Hon. Sammy responds, Hon. Cyrus Musyoka, is a point of information or point of Order?

Hon. C.K. Musyoka: Point of Order.

The Speaker: Okay proceed Hon. Cyrus, switch on your micro-phone.

Hon. C.K. Musyoka: Mr. Speaker, Sir I rise on a point of Order to Hon. Sammy Muniyithya, on the point that, the County has employed Community Health Volunteers. I request that he withdraws that particular statement because he talked about increment of salaries for Community Health Volunteers when we all know very well that for the last five years the Community Health Volunteers in our respective wards have not been remunerated and have not been under the County Government of Kitui. They have been under 'CNB' which is a Catholic based NGO. And the Hon. Member has got the audacity to stand here and say that they have been paid and their salaries would be increased. Hon. Muniyithya please withdraw with immediate effect.

(Laughter)

The Speaker: Before I allow Hon. Munyithya to respond to those two ‘orders’, Hon. Muange, is it a point of order or a point of information? Switch on your microphone.

Hon. Muange: Mr. Speaker, Sir I want to contribute.

The Speaker: Wait until Hon. Munyithya responds to the two points of order. Hon. Sammy Munyithya, I am sorry, we must rest this issue before we proceed.

Hon. Munyithya: Thank you very much. I have two comments. On the basis of the things we have just heard, I know they are twelve. I believe I told you that there is a peculiar thing which may be some of you will not understand. For the basis of common good I withdraw the statement of the Deputy Speaker

The Speaker: Was it the Deputy Speaker’s or your statement?

Hon. Munyithya: The order. I withdraw.

The Speaker: So you withdraw your statement?

Hon. Munyithya: Yes, on the Deputy Speaker.

(Applause)

The Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Munyithya: Then on the issue of Hon. Musyoka, I didn’t say people were... *(incoherent)*. May be he has misquoted... I didn’t mention any CHV who has been paid also any CHV who has gotten a salary increment. What I have said is that, they will be reinstated as per the Governor’s address. I have just applauded, if you heard me very well. So I don’t think I have anything which is not in order.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sammy Munyithya.

(Hon. Mulandi stood on a point of order)

There is a point of order. Yes Hon. Benjamin Mulandi.

Hon. B.N. Mulandi: I think Hon. Member for Kivou said they would be paid in arrears for the period of five years that they were not paid by the previous regime.

The Speaker: Can the Hon. Member for Kivou confirm whether you said that, or rather clarify?

Hon. Munyithya: I believe they are mixing issues. I have talked about...

(Point of order)

The Speaker: There is a point of order. Yes Hon. Cyrus.

Hon. C.K. Musyoka: Hon. Member is mixing himself... *(Spoke off record)*

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Sammy Munyithya.

Hon. Munyithya: My statement was very clear. I mentioned about ECDE teachers which now are to be paid on permanent and pensionable terms.

The Speaker: What is it Hon. Cyrus? Switch on your microphone. What is it?

Hon. C.K. Musyoka: Hon. Speaker, Sir, the Hon. Member is still mixing himself. He did not talk about ECDE teachers, he talked about Community Health Volunteers.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Sammy I am sure you heard your colleague. Please go ahead.

Hon. Munyithya: That is not in order, I haven't...

The Speaker: Hon. Masaku you have come late. Hon. Sammy has finished.

Hon. Munyithya: Hon. Member...

(Hon. Masaku rose to give information)

The Speaker: Do you need information from Hon. Masaku?

Hon. Munyithya: Give me a minute I will finish and...

The Speaker: Yes, Hon. Masaku

Hon. Masaku: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I was just saying that in this House we have an Hansard Department. Therefore, I was asking perhaps if you can give them some time to confirm what Hon. Muthithya had said so that we don't take more time debating about this issue please. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: I will immediately rule on that and say that Hon. Sammy is here. And I am sure he is of sound mind, he can remember what he has said. Let us give him time to confirm what he said. Hon. Sammy please proceed.

Hon. Munyithya: I think Hon. Musyoka also needs to withdraw his remarks (that I am mixing issues). Because I am of sober mind and I know what I have talked about, I only mentioned about Community Health Workers Volunteers (CHV) that they will be paid.

(Hon. Musee stood in his place)

The Speaker: Hon. Musee take your seat. Please allow him to finish. Hon. Munyithya, can you finish your contribution.

Hon. Munyithya: Mr. Speaker Sir I need your protection.

The Speaker: Yes I will protect you.

Hon. Munyithya: Thank you.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Munyithya I think Hon. Munyithya was giving his remarks. Let's not dig too much on what Hon. Munyithya was saying because he was giving his contribution. Yes Hon. Muange please.

Hon. Muange: Thank you very much Mr. Speaker sir. I also want to join my colleagues who have been welcoming the students from Kanziku Ward. Thank you so much our students you are most welcome. Hon. Kimuli you have done a great job, we salute you for bringing our young ones to see what we do as leaders.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the Governors speech, I just want to point out three things very quickly. The first one is that, in the Wards that we come from and also the villages, we have very few overhead powerlines in our villages. So as we wait for Kenya Power and Lightening Company to think about connecting us the national grid, of course they have a monopoly in this Country, I would urge the Executive and all of us to support a lot of use of solar energy in our

villages. We need to light our markets, churches and centres. Mr. Speaker Sir, when you do that you increase the business hours and our mamas in the villages can do business. People can stay in the markets longer and the town looks safe and clean.

When I was working with the County Government some time ago. I went for a benchmarking trip in Kisii County on solar energy. I was with my two other colleagues and we prepared a very good report and it must be somewhere in archives.

We can a lot of solar energy in County and Country because we have plenty of sunshine. So let's not wait for the Kenya Power and Lightening Company to come to our villages because they may not come in the near future.

Secondly, in the first term of Dr. Malombe's tenure there was a lot of emphasis on the zoning of the County. This County is endowed differently in different regions. I remember very clearly at that time there were six zones: Tseikuru, Kyuso and Tharaka were for agriculture, Mwingi area which was an industrial hub because of the coal deposits in Mui basin, Kitui region was a financial and economic hub and then around Kwa-Vonza was education.

Mr. Speaker Sir, if these things can be revived properly and be implemented, then our County would develop very quickly and I believe in a proportional manner because we have different natural resources.

I also want to mention something about Miambani - Mwingi road. Mr. Speaker Sir, I travel more than 200km from my home in Kaningu, Tseikuru Ward to come to this Assembly. I am sure if that road is done, it will do very many good things including reducing the distance. For me it will reduce my distance by 50km and of course I will save on mileage, fuel and even wear and tear.

The other thing is that Mwingi town is the second largest town in this County and if the two towns can be connected directly, I believe the people of Mwingi will not feel that Kitui is far. It would be easier to reach.

We are the only people from Mwingi when we are coming to Kitui town. You first of all head to Nairobi direction, appearing like you are completely lost. You travel more than 50km heading to the wrong direction and then you turn to face to Kitui. So if his excellence the Governor can tarmac that road, our distance would be reduced. I remember during his first term he said that road will be his legacy project. I believe it should remain his legacy project.

My last point is on the 26 posts of Chief Officers. In my well-considered view, those posts are way too many for our little economy. If the ministries are 10 there may be no good justification why the Chief Officers should be 26 because we are struggling economically. We don't need 26 Chief Officers, the number can be reduced substantially so that we can have a reasonable number.

I don't know, I think the take home of one Chief Officer is over 200 thousand shillings. So you can imagine that magnitude of money that one individual is going to take home. If we can reduce this number substantively we will be good to go. With those few remarks, I support the speech and I have given my input. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Muange, I expected you to say something about Tseikuru Ward. I can give thirty seconds.

Hon. Muange: Thank you Mr. Speaker, you are a good man.

The Speaker: I am the second MCA for Tseikuru Ward.

Hon. Muange: Yeah, in Tseikuru we have a problem of banditry. They call themselves the Somali camel herders but sometime I believe they revolutionised themselves to become bandits. Somebody was killed in the forest. He was lured by those headers; “come with a lot money, we have goats to sell to you”. So, the man took all the money that he had saved. He went to the forest and there were no goats. A little while the man who had called him came and told him to leave that place because the goats were in the forest. ‘Let me lead you’ he told him. So, as they were going, two young men emerged from the forest with pangas, machetes and the man was slashed to death.

They are quite brutal. After killing him, they cut his right hand and placed it on the chest. I think Hon. Bakari is here. Perhaps he can tell us that Muslim sharia says that a thief is normally chopped off the right hand...

(Hon. Bakari stood on a point of order)

The Speaker: There is a point of order. What is your point of order Hon. Waziri Bakari?

Hon. Bakari: Mr. Speaker, is it in order for Hon. Muange, my good friend and one of the oldest politicians in this House to say that the Islamic sharia allows killings. Is he in order Mr. Speaker? Because I belong to the Muslim faith and I believe that we are not supposed to kill anyone.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Muange, you either withdraw or justify your statement.

Hon. Muange: I only talked of cutting the right hand. I know in the Sharia law in some Countries if you are caught stealing, your right hand is cut but on the part of killing I have not said that the Muslims kill.

(Hon. Waziri stood on a point of order)

The Speaker: Yes Hon. Waziri Bakari.

Hon. Bakari: Mr. Speaker what the Hon. Member is saying and perhaps I don't know is whether he knows that person stole some belongings from those people? Is he in order to allude that if someone steals is supposed to be cut his right hand? Whereas if he knows more he should tell us.

The Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Muange, you either withdraw or justify your statement.

Hon. Muange: The debate is moving and I may not sustain that argument ...

(Laughter)

So I am withdrawing my statement.

(More laughter)

Although, the right hand was cut and placed on the chest, whatever had happened prior we are yet to know but we were made to believe that he was depicted as a thief. So, there is that issue of insecurity in Tseikuru. We are burying that man on Saturday in a place called ‘Kyamalutu’, the very lower part of the Ward actually it is towards Tana River.

I am inviting the Hon. Members, please come and stand with me. The way we did in Mutomo for Hon. Mwamisi. So if you hear that we are going, please come. We go and comfort

the family and then on Saturday God willing, we lay him to rest. He is called Musee Mati, a young man of 39 years. He was very active in business, feeding his family and now he is no more. It is a destitute family. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Member for Tseikuru Ward. Hon. Boniface Mukwate Kasyula. The people of Kanyangi are waiting to hear from you.

Hon. Kasyula: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to support the speech by the Governor because I went through it and I saw that it is a very nice one. The speech is covering the entire County. In regard to splitting of departments, I also support that idea because it will make all the departments to be served well. Instead of giving our Chief Officers and County Ministers a lot of work to perform, I think they cannot do it into perfection when they have a lot of work. Again, I also support it because our people need change, a Government which can work for them, deliver for them. And as per the Governor's speech, he is trying to make sure that our people are well served.

So Mr. Speaker Sir, because I had no chance to debate about it and I have gotten it, I rise to support. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Hon. Mukwate. Hon. Judith, Member for Nuu, the floor is yours

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

Mr. Speaker: What is it Hon. Mulandi?

Hon. Mulandi: Mr. Speaker Sir, is it in order for Hon. Mukwate to say that the Chief Officers and County Ministers to be given a lighter job at the expense of a strained County budget?

The Speaker: That seems like a contribution not a point of order. I sustain it, Hon. Judith Wanza, please take the floor.

Hon. (Ms.) Wanza: Asante sana Bw. Spika. Kwanza, yangu ni kushukuru na kusema ya kwamba, tusijihisi ya kwamba sisi ni wanyonge sana kwa sababu ndio tuko na nyadhifa ndogo katika uongozi.

Nataka kuwahimiza na kuwapongeza, tusijione ya kwamba sisi ni watu wadogo sana kwa sababu chenye tunafanya kinasikika. Kwa mfano, jana sisi kama kamati la dharura (Ad hoc committee) tulienda Ngomeni na pia tulikuwa na Seneta wetu, Mheshimiwa Enock Kiio na tukamwambia amwambie Rais wetu aje hadi Ngomeni hili ajionee chenye kinaendelea huko kutokana na vile Mheshimiwa Muange amesema.

Leo hii Mheshimiwa Rais ametuma Waziri wa wizara ya ulinzi, Mheshimiwa Kithure Kindiki. Habari inayotufikia ni kwamba, wataongeza askari. Inasema hivi "*Kitui County Wards along the border of Tana River County, to have 250 national police reservists (NPR), Tseikuru Ward, Ngomeni Ward, Nguni Ward, Nuu Ward, Endau/ Malalani Ward, Voo/Kyamatu Ward and Mutha Ward*" confirmed by the secretary for Interior, Security And Coordination of National Affairs, Hon. Kithure Kindiki.

Kwa hivyo, nawahimiza tuendeleo kuinua sauti zetu, tuongee na Gavana na wale wengine wote ambao wanahusika katika kutimiza majukumu yetu. Sisi tuko hapa kuwakilisha watu wetu na chenye kunaongea kinasikika ingawaje tunaonekana ya kwamba sisi ni wadogo sana. Nataka kuwahimiza ya kwamba umoja ni nguvu. Niko na Imani ya kwamba hata hili

hotuba la Gavana tunayojadiliana atasikia. Kwa hivyo tusikizana na mtu anatoa maoni yake, tuyaheshimu na tujue ya kwamba yatasikilizwa. Kuzungumza ndio kuelewana, kwa hivyo tuinue sauti zetu na tutafikia malengo yetu hili kusaidia watu wetu. Asante Bw. Spika.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Judith Wanza. Our senior Member, Hon Muthama Kieti, MCA for Athi Ward. Please take the floor.

Hon. Kieti: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Nashukuru sana kwa kunipatia hii nafasi. Mimi ni mwakilishi wa Wadi la Athi. Nataka kuongea kidogo, kiliunga mkono taarifa ya Gavana wetu Bw. Julius Malombe. Lakini kwa niaba ya watu wa eneo la Athi kuna kitu kidogo nataka kuongezea katita taarifa ya Gavana.

Eneo letu ya Athi ni kubwa sana na kwa hivyo kulingana na mimi zile pesa ambazo zinapatiwa eneo yangu kwa ajiri ya kufanya maendeleo kidogo kidogo uko mashinani ni kidogo sana ukilinganisha na ukubwa wa eneo la Athi.

Vile vile watu wa Athi wanalia sana kwa sababu hakuna mradi mkubwa umefanywa na serikali ya Kaunti katika eneo la Athi. Kwa mfano, kuna barabara ya kutoka Elengi hadi Kyandula, tunaombe Gavana atuwekee hiyo barabara lami.

Pia kuna barabara ya tukoka Tangai – Katilini, Katulu- Sembene. Bw. Spika pia kuna bwawa la maji mahali kunaitwa Nguni lakini imearibika. Tunaomba Gavana atutengezee hiyo bwawa na hizo barabara na atufanyia miradi zingine kubwa kama tano kwa sababu Athi ni kubwa, tuko na eneo ndogo tatu.

(Mheshiwa Bakari anasimama kupeana habari)

Spika: Kuna nini Mheshimiwa Bakari?

Mhesh Waziri: Asante sana Mheshiwa Spika. Nataka kumpongeza Mheshiwa Kieti kwa maoni yake. Inaonekana kwamba anataka sana watu wa Wadi yake wafanyiwe maendeleo. Lakini ako na bahati sana sikuwa nafikiri ya kwamba atalalamika kwa sababu sana kwa Gavana amependekeza mmoja wa wapinga kura wake kama waziri wa fedha kwa jina Peter Mwikya Kilonzo.

Kwa hivyo ningemuhimiza badala ya kulalamika sana kuhusu maendeleo, angojee hio orodha ya mawaziri ikija hapa bungeni alipitishwe kwa roho moja na mambo hayo mengine yatashughulikiwa. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker: Hon. Waziri you are out of order because Hon. Kieti has the right to speak in addition to what you have said, if indeed the people of Athi will benefit from what you have said, he still has the right to ask for more. Hon. Kieti proceed.

Hon. Kieti: Mheshimiwa Bakari, mimi nimechanguliwa na watu wa Wadi ya Athi na ndio nina waakilisha katika hili Bunge. Mimi sina uhusiano wowote na Tangawizi (Peter Kilonzo) wala. Wakati hiyo agenda italetwa, tutalijadiliana kama vile Mheshimiwa Sonko amesema, hatuwezi changanya mambo. Kwa sasa hivi nazungumzia matakwa ya eneo langu kwa sababu walinituma hapa hili niwatetee.

Kwa hivyo lazima Gavana Malombe anisikize kama mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Athi. Kwa hivyo yale mambo nimesema hapa ni ya watu wa Athi Mheshimiwa Bakari lakini si maneno ya Mwikya Kilonzo.

Wakati wa kujadiliana kuhusu Mwikya Kilonzo utafika na mimi sina shida na yeye tutamuhidhinisha kama waziri wa fedha, Kaunti ya Kitui, kwa hivyo nenda ukamwambie hivyo.

(Kicheko)

Bw. Spika, eneo letu ni kubwa sana na tuko na shida sana, kutoka katika mpaka wa Wadi ya Athi na Kaunti ya Makueni, ni lazima tuzunguke kupitia eneo bunge la Kitui mashinani. Kwa hivyo watu wa eneo hilo wako na shida sana. Kwa hivyo tunaomba tutengenezewe barabara na lile bwawa la maji, asante sana Bw. Spika.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to end the debate on this motion at this point. I can see Hon. Bakari and Hon. Ciambutra standing. Therefore, in the interest of respecting the rights of marginalized community and the gender, I will allow Hon. Bakari and Hon. Ciambutra two minutes each to say something. Since you have made the Speaker to sit down I urge you to stick to two minutes, thank you.

Mhesh Waziri: Asante sana Mheshiwa Spika. Mambo mengi mazuri kuhusu watu wetu yamesemwa hapa na viongozi mbalimbali ambao wamechanguliwa kutoka Wadi tofauti. Nataka kuchukua nafasi hii kupongeza hotuba ya Gavana wa Kitui, Daktari Julius Malombe. Ni hotuba ambayo imejaa mambo mengi mazuri kwa watu wa Kitui katika pembe zote. Kama vile tunamjua, ni mtenda kazi.

Kitu ambacho ningemshauri Gavana kwa ufupi kwa sababu umenipatia dakika mbili sitaongea zaidi ya dakika mbili. Mheshimiwa Spika, tumeongea mambo mengi mazuri kuhusu Kaunti yetu ya Kitui kama vile usalama kwa sababu watu wengi wamepoteza maisha. Pia kuna swala kuu ambalo ni ajira na maendeleo ya Kaunti yetu.

Mheshimiwa Spika ningependa kutoa wazo kwamba serekali ya Kitui imewakilishwa na upande wa serikali kuu na sisi pia kama Bunge la Kitui. Kwa sababu ya matukio ambayo itakuja baadaye ni vizuri tutowe taarifa kama Bunge la Kitui kupitia kwa ofisi yako na ile ya katibu wa Bunge. Tuangalie vile yale maneno ambayo waheshimiwa wasema hapa kuhusu hizo hoja mbili vile zitamfikia Gavana kwa sababu wakati alikuwa hapa, wafanyakazi wakuu katika serikali yake walikuwa hapa.

Kufikia leo hiyo hotuba ya Gavana tumeijadilia kwa siku nne. Lakini ni jambo la kusitisha ya kwamba yake membo yote ambayo tumeongelelea hapa haitamfikia Gavana. Waheshimiwa wazungumza maneno mazuri na ya maana sana lakini hakuna mtu wa kunukuu hili kueleza Gavana.

Kwa hivyo ningependa wakati mwingine tutakapo kuwa tunaongelelea mamba muhimu kuhusu Kaunti yetu. Gavana awatume wakilishi wake katika hii Bunge wasikilize malalamishi ya yetu. Ni jambo la kusikitisha sana kama serikali kuu inaweza kutuma wakilishi wake hapa Kitui kusiliza malalamishi ya watu wa Kitui lakini wakilishi wa Gavana hawawezi kuja kusikiza hoja za viongozi katika hili bunge.

Kwa hivyo tunaomba Gavana baada ya kutoa hotuba yake katika hii Bunge hawe anatuma mwakilishi wake hili hawe ananukuu hili afuatilie ni nini tunakata kulekembisha. Nafikiri utakumbaliana na mimi Mheshimiwa Spika ya kwamba sisi tunataka kurekembisha. lakini hakuna mtu wa kuambia Gavana kwa sababu unaweza kumwambia kwa kumpigia simu au

barua lakini akatae kusikiliza. Kwa hivyo naomba haya maneno hayaweke maanani. Asante Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Bakari. Hon. Ciambutra Karigi, ungependa kutuambia kitu? Kuja hapa mbele ndio wanafunzi wakuone. Mheshimiwa Kasungi wakisha hicho kipasa sauti.

Hon. (Ms.) Ciambutra: Asante sana Bw. Spika kwa Kunipatia nafasi. Kwanza nawasalimia wanafunzi wote ambao wamekuja kututembelea katika hili Bunge la Kitui. Katika eneo langu kuna shida nyingi sana lakini sijasikia Mheshimiwa ambaye amechaguliwa kutoka eneo hilo (Mheshimiwa Ndagara) akizisema. Kuna mto katika mpaka wa Wadi laTharaka na ile la Mumoni ambao unabeba sana gari wakati wa mvua lakini sijaskia Mheshimiwa Ndagara alisema. Lakini yeye anaongelelea mambo ya bwawa ambalo lilianza kuongelelewa kitambo hata kabla sijazaliwa na hadi wa leo haijatengeneswa. Pia hiyo bwawa inatengenezwa na shirika lisilo la serikali. Kwa hivyo mimi nilikuwa namgonja Mheshimiwa Ndagara alizungumzia hili nimuunge mkono. Kuna shida kubwa ya maji na barabara katika eneo letu lakini Mungu atatusaidia. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

(Kicheko)

The Speaker: Thank you so much. Hon. Ndagara, do you want to respond?

Mhesh Ndagara: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika. Wacha pia mimi niendelee na kuongea kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Ninamshukuru sana mwenzangu ambaye ndiye tunasaidiana na yeye hapa Bungeni. Hakuna shida yeyote akiongea kuhusu mahitaji ya eneo la Tharaka kwa sababu akona mamlaka yote kama Mheshimiwa wa kutoka sehemu hiyo kwa sababu tumekuja hapa kusaidia watu wa Tharaka. Vile vile najua wewe unawakilisha Kaunti mzima, kwa hivyo hakuna shida na ninakushukuru kwa kunikumbusha hilo.

Lakini leo tunazugumzia hotuba ya Gavana, tungeleta maswala mengi, lakini tutaendelea kueleza Gaavana mashida yetu. Pia hayo maswali yameangaziwa na wizara ya barabara.

Lakini kwa kukumbusha Mheshimiwa Spika, eneo la Tharaka ikona na shida kubwa sana ya mambo ya usafiri na kama vile mwezangu amesema. Sasa hivi barabara kuu ambayo inatoka katika eneo la Tharaka kuingia maeneo ya Kitui ni mbaya sana hata mimi mwenyewe nasumbuka sana nikipitia njia hiyo. Kwa sasa itanibidi kuenda ubali wa kilomita mia tatu kupitia njia ya Tseikuru.

Kwa hivyo ninatoa wito kwa serikali kuu na pia kwa Gavana kupitia kwa wazara la barabara kufanya jambo la dharula kwa kuwakikisha ya kwamba mto wa Katse na vili vile mito mingine iko katikati wa Katoloni na Kaziwa imetengeneswa hile usafiri wa eneo hilo huweze kuimarida.

Vinginevyo, namshukuru sana mwenzangu Mheshimiwa Ciambutra na ningemuliza tuendelee kufanya kazi pamoja pasipo kuuliza ni nani anafaa kuongea mbele ya Mwingine. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.

The Speaker: Thank you so much. Allow me Hon. Members to end the debate on the Governor's address at this point. I think I will be asking you to be bringing students in this House because today Members have really contributed. Thank you Hon. Kimuli, I think the spirit of Kanziku has been with us.

Thank you, Hon. Members for your good contributions and I heard you Hon. Waziri Bakari that it is important for the Governor to get a report of our contributions. And on that note, I will direct the office of the Clerk within seven day from today, to prepare a comprehensive report on what every member said concerning the address by the Governor. I am sure the Hansard department has all the recordings on what every member said. I will approve that report and forward it to the office of the Governor. And I can assure you Hon. Waziri Bakari that you can put me on task on that particular matter.

Therefore, thank you very much Hon. Members. I am sure there is a lot we can see concerning this address and there is a reason why the Assembly must be addressed by the Governor before it begins its official business. The Governor addresses the House so as to set the agenda for the House. So the agenda was set by this speech and there is more we can get from this particular speech. However, if you think there is anything else of County importance you can bring to this House for proper debate, you can bring it.

I have the heard the issues of Chief Officers, pro-poor program and CLIDP projects. All those issues are issues which we can debate as a House but at the moment we were only debating on what needs to be looked into by the Governor. And therefore that is why this is not a motion for us to approve or reject. It was only made for us to understand, digest and put the Governor on task because our role as the Assembly is to oversight the Executive and come up with good legislation.

Therefore, I will challenge you the Hon. Members, please we have very efficient members of the Service who can help us come up with very good legislations and motions. The task is now on you. So please make sure that you come up with relevant Bills and Motions and I am sure members will be ready to discuss all those motions. Thank you very much Hon. Members and I request that we continue interrogating this particular address by the Governor. Next Order.

(Hon. Ndangara stood in his place)

The Speaker: What is it Hon. Ndangara? Is a point of concern? Switch on your microphone.

Hon. Ndagara: Mr. Speaker Sir, I am rising on Standing Order No. 30; ‘Adjournment on definite matter of urgent County importance’. I know Hon. Members are tired of debating so many issues but I really urge Mr. Speaker and the Hon. Members to bear with me because we have a lot issues we need to discuss and I kindly request Mr. Speaker that you heed to my call.

The Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndagara, I have heard you. Indeed I saw the proposed motion on County importance. Allow me to direct that, the same to be scheduled for tomorrow in the afternoon sitting. Because tomorrow morning sitting we have two motions to discuss, so your motion will be debated tomorrow afternoon and perhaps approve or reject it. So please let’s adhere to that directive.

(The Speaker consulted with the Clerks –at-the table)

Okay, I have been advised by the Clerk, perhaps in the interest of the procedure, you can move your motion, at least 20 Hon. Members must support it and then we can schedule it for tomorrow. So please move the motion. Switch on the microphone.

**MOTION ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGH GRAND
FALLS DAM IN THARAKA AND TSEIKURU WARDS, KITUI COUNTY**

Hon. Ndagara: Mr. Speaker Sir, Aware that the High Grand Falls Hydroelectric Power Station (popularly known as the High Grand Falls Dam) is one of the LAPSSSET Corridor Projects under the Kenya Vision 2030 set to be located across Tana River to harness the energy of Kibuka Falls at the border of Kitui and Tharaka Nithi Counties;

Further aware that the project, conceptualized in 2009, was recently revived during the United Nations 27th Annual Conference of the Parties (COP 27) held in November 2022 in Egypt whereby the United Kingdom (U.K.) and Kenyan Governments agreed that it will be one of the flagship projects under the UK- Kenya Strategic Partnership mainly targeting the agriculture and energy sectors, with the project set to officially commence in 2024 and projected to cost about Kshs. 425 billion, being Africa's second largest dam after Aswan High Dam in Egypt;

Noting that Article 10 of the Constitution calls for participation of the people, human dignity, social justice, inclusiveness, protection of the marginalized, transparency and accountability;

Further noting that the project will involve relocation, resettlement and compensation of displaced households and this calls for public participation and informed consent on their part and adequate compensation;

Recognizing that feasibility studies were done in 2012 and there was no land adjudication, residents did not have title deeds, and monetary compensation per Hectare was Kshs. 8,000 which does not currently reflect the current market value of the land;

Further recognizing that land adjudication has since been undertaken in many areas with the exception of Kamaindi Sub location in Tharaka Ward and some parts of Mwingi North;

Concerned that some of the residents to be affected by the project live in historically neglected areas and failure to consult and involve them will only further marginalize them leading to social exclusion;

Further concerned that previous projects of similar nature have had negative consequences on affected citizens including misuse of compensation funds, leading to negative impact such as loss of livelihoods and diminished standards of living;

Cognizant that there seems to be general lack of information by the residents to be affected on what the project entails, relocation and compensation terms, timelines, etc, which is attributable to lack of meaningful involvement in the project;

Further cognizant that the project has the potential to benefit Kitui County through creation of over 5000 jobs, irrigation based farming, Corporate Social Responsibility activities, climate change, amongst others, for socio- economic development;

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Recognizing that whereas road connectivity and accessibility is crucial in successful implementation of this mega project, the following roads/ bridges are currently in a dilapidated state while they directly impact on the project:

National Government roads:

1. Kamuwongo- Kandwia- Gatoroni- Ciampiu
2. Twimyua- Tseikuru- Usueni
3. Nguuni- Kamayagi- Ciampiu
4. Ngalange- Kamali- Kaningo- Kamukunga
5. Kanzinwa-Nthangani- Muinge- Irira

County Government roads and bridges:

1. Kora- Kalambani- Kalalani- Kalwa- Nguni
2. Muinge- Kanzinwa- Gatoroni- Ciampiu
3. Kakunguu- Musavani- Mutindwa- Kyamalutu- Kambwea- Wikithuki-Kyenini- Kithayoni- Kamali- Musavani
4. Mwanzingi- Kwa Musembi- Mataka- Ngomano- Ilamba- Miramba Ikamba- Kamayagi- Ciampiu
5. Kaivirya- Ngongoni- Mama Malia- Ciokereke- Nzanzenzi
6. Usueni- Mutindwa- Musavani- Kwa Kiamba- Kithayoni- Kaningo
7. Kyuso- Maseki- Kivangwa- Itura Mura- Gatoloni
8. Kora- Manzuva- Karindi- Kalimbui- Tseikuru
9. Muguusi- Kairungu- Ivonya ngy'a
10. Kwa Kiinga- Kathungu- Siveta
11. Kaningo-Nyamboni- Katangini- Katumbini
12. Muuna, Ciiri, Musavani/ Munyolini, Kaningo, Mataka and Kaivirya/ Muarageni road Bridges

Further recognizing that Article 189 of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Intergovernmental Relations Act call for consultation and cooperation between the National and County Governments;

Now, therefore this House resolves that:

1. The Governor, should engage with and consult the National Government and its relevant Ministries or Agencies and other stakeholders to ensure that:
 - i) Public participation is conducted by the implementers to ensure that there is:
 - a) Sensitization of the public on the importance of the project which will play a key role in ownership and informed consent as far as the project is concerned;
 - b) Involvement of citizens in development planning;
 - ii) Expedient land adjudication and title deed issuance is undertaken in areas where this was not done as it will be crucial for compensation purposes;

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- iii) Detailed information on the project is made public in furtherance of the constitutional right to information, including on the number of households to be affected, areas to be affected, terms and conditions of relocation/ resettlement and compensation of the affected locals, amongst others;
- iv) New feasibility studies are undertaken examining all aspects of the project including environmental, economic, financial and legal impact amongst others;
- v) The grading, rehabilitation or tarmacking of the following roads is expedited before commencement of the project to ensure good road accessibility and connectivity for ease of transportation:

National Government roads:

1. Kamuwongo- Kandwia- Gatoroni- Ciampiu
2. Twimyua- Tseikuru- Usueni
3. Nguuni- Kamayagi- Ciampiu
4. Ngalange- Kamali- Kaningo- Kamukunga
5. Kanzinwa-Nthangani- Muinge- Irida

County Government roads and bridges:

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3. Kakunguu- Musavani- Mutindwa- Kyamalutu- Kambwea- Wikithuki-Kyenini- Kithayoni-Kamali- Musavani
4. Mwanzingi- Kwa Musembi- Mataka- Ngomano- Ilamba- Miramba Ikamba- Kamayagi- Ciampiu
5. Kaivirya- Ngongoni- Mama Malia- Ciokereke- Nzanzeni
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- vi) The proposed project construction sites to cover both Kitui and Tharaka Nithi Counties;
- vii) The Members of the County Assembly of Kitui, local leaders and other stakeholders are fully involved in the project's decision making process so as to ensure that citizens are fully consulted;

2. The Committee on Lands, Infrastructure and Urban Development in conjunction with the relevant Ministry should take up this matter to ensure expeditious implementation of the resolutions contained in this Motion;
3. The Committee on Implementation should update this House on implementation status of this Motion within 90 days of its approval.

Hon. Members, I am talking about one of the biggest projects in Africa today that the Government of the day want to implement in my Ward Tharaka. The dam is called High Grand Falls Dam, in our local language it is referred to as 'Kibuka' dam.

Kibuka dam is going to cost 425B Kenya shillings and it will be the second largest dam from Aswan high dam of Egypt...

(The Speaker interjected)

The Speaker: Hon. Ndagara before you explain, 20 members have to support the motion. Madam Clerk, you can conduct that exercise. Hon. Members you can stand to show support to the motion. Madam Clerk confirm whether we have more than 20 members supporting the motion.

(Twenty-three (23) Hon. Members stood in support of the motion)

I think Hon. Ndagara you will allow me to request you to defend your motion tomorrow. I am sure after defending your points will be fresh in Members' minds. And so, they will debate accordingly. Thank you. I now defer this matter until tomorrow in the afternoon sitting.

Hon. Ndagara: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker Sir.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, as the motion is being supplied, allow me to issue a communication as relates to re-committal of the revised Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 for the financial year 2022/2023.

Hon. Members as you can all recall, at the beginning of this sitting I made a communication on the decision made on consideration of the Kitui County Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 2022/2023 by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. This was in regard to the Supplementary Budget Estimates 1 which was laid in this House on 16th November, 2022.

Hon. Members, the communication had been directed the re-submission of the revised Supplementary Budget Estimates by the County Executive Committee member for County Treasury taking into account the issues raised by the Committee.

Hon. Members, this afternoon my office was furnished with the revised County Supplementary Budget that takes into account the concerns as contained in my first communication. The new revised Supplementary Budget was submitted to the office of the Clerk by the CECM, County treasury via a letter referenced: CGKIT/CT/FIN/1/2022/2023 11/4 today 22nd November, 2022. This was in line with the Provisions of Section 135 of the Public Finance Management 2012.

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Hon. Members, to hasten the approval by the Hon. Members before they proceed to December recess, I do hereby commit the Supplementary Budget 1 to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, which shall retreat as from 23rd November, 2022 until 29th November, 2022 to undertake the considerations and submit a report for approval by the Assembly in line with Provisions of Standing Order No. 26 3(b).

I thank you all. Hon. Members, lets now be upstanding to adjourn the House.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, this House hereby stands adjourned until tomorrow at 9:00 a. m.

The County Assembly rose at 5:27 p.m.