

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, 14th September 2017

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Muturi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: I will make the communication a little later when we have more Members.

PETITION

IRREGULAR ACQUISITION OF VIPINGO COMMUNITY LAND

Hon. Speaker: Order Members! Hon. Members, this is Petition No.01 of 2017.

Standing Order No.225 (2)(b) requires that the Speaker reports to the House any petition other than those presented through a Member. I, therefore, wish to convey to the House that my office has received a Petition signed by one Messrs. David Munga Mwadende of ID No.8463168 and James Kalenga Muganga of ID No.5012765, on behalf of the indigenous people of Vipingo Lands Community in Kilifi County.

The Petitioners aver that during the colonial era in 1913, the Government took over their ancestral land for public use with the assurance of resettling and compensating them, but this never happened. Further, upon expiry of the leases, the land was transferred to private owners under unclear circumstances instead of reverting back to the Kilifi residents. This state of affairs has rendered them as squatters to date.

The Petitioners further contend that even with successive Governments coming into power, efforts to reclaim their ancestral lands through the National Land Commission (NLC) and State Department of Lands have been futile. This, according to them, is a contravention of Article 60(1)(b) of the Constitution which recognises and upholds the principle of security of land rights.

The Petitioners, therefore, pray that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Lands, inquires into the matter with a view to ensuring the reverting of the title deeds issued to private owners back to the rightful owners.

The Petition, therefore, will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Lands, whenever it will be formed. Since the Departmental Committees are yet to be constituted, the Petition should be handled by the Committee once its composition is approved by this House. The Committee, when formed, will be expected to consider the Petition, undertake to hear the Petitioners and report its findings to the House in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No.227 (2).

PAPERS LAID

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table:

The Memorandum to the National Assembly on the Ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment of an International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organisation

Reports of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements in respect to the following institutions for the year ended 30th June, 2016:

1. Postal Corporation of Kenya;
2. Kenyatta University;
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade;
4. The National Treasury Vote 1071; and
5. Multimedia University of Kenya

The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements in respect of the following constituencies for the year ended 30th June, 2016 and the certificate therein:

1. Bahati Constituency.
2. Limuru Constituency.
3. Kirinyaga Constituency.
4. Baringo North Constituency.
5. Baringo Central Constituency.
6. Kuresoi North Constituency.
7. Malindi Constituency.
8. Nyali Constituency.
9. Tetu Constituency.
10. Kilifi South Constituency.

With your permission, I would like to tell the new Members whose constituencies have been mentioned that they need to go to the Table Office so that they can get a copy of the audited reports of their constituencies by the Auditor-General.

POINT OF ORDER**UNAUTHORISED USE OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION RESOURCES**

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Speaker, as the Speaker and as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), I need you to give direction. Article 108 of the Constitution, under the presidential system of government and the presidential parliamentary system, talks about the leadership of the House that is, the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party. The same is done in Standing Order Nos.19 and 20. The rule and procedures are very clear that parliamentary parties or coalitions under this system will hold their parliamentary group meetings, elect their leadership and present a minuted document to the Speakers for them to recognise the leadership of both sides of Parliament. I am aware that our colleagues in the minority side in both Houses have not yet submitted their list and minutes as per their parliamentary group until today.

I am shocked that when I walk around Parliament, there are certain Members of the leadership of the minority who still enjoy the facilities of Parliament under your leadership. I saw the Leader of the Minority Party in the Senate, Hon. Moses Wetangula, driving a Government of Kenya (GK) vehicle. That is an audit issue. Hon. Moses Wetangula and the rest of the minority

team, to the knowledge of this House and to you, Hon. Speaker, as the Chairman of the PSC, should not enjoy any facility, whether physical, monetary or space, within the 12th Parliament unless they comply with the procedure that the Jubilee coalition or any other group has to comply with.

This will bring serious audit issues on the account of the PSC. As the Chairman of the PSC, I want you to give direction to the Accounting Officers both in the Senate - in consultation with your colleague - and in this House. That, if you are from the minority side and in the 12th Parliament - which is now sitting for the third day - and within the reading of Article 108 of the Constitution you have not fulfilled the process, then you should do so as you consult with *Baba*.

I can see one of the former PSC Members, Hon. Gladys Wanga. She comes, signs her name and goes out. That is dishonest. You are also not honest with *Baba*. *Baba* told you not to enter the Chamber but now Gladys Wanga is entering the Chamber and signing her name so as to get the Kshs6000 sitting allowance. *Baba* is watching you. Raila Odinga should know that. There is a lot of doublespeak. Even that is dishonest to the people of Kenya. You are either in the Chamber or not. There are no two ways about it. Since morning, I have seen Members of the minority party walking into the Chamber and now I can see a ranking Member, Hon. Gladys Wanga, one of the biggest defender of *Baba*, doing the same. You can cheat anybody else, even Hon. Duale, but not *Baba*. I want to tell the people of Kenya that they are cheating them and their constituents. They are at the lounge taking tea. They are in the offices. They are accessing the gym. They are coming here, signing their names and going back. To all the people who are signing their names and going back, I will take the list and give it to *Baba*.

As the Chairman of the PSC, nobody should enjoy the facilities as provided for in Article 108 and Standing Order Nos.19 and 20, unless the coalition sits and writes the minutes of the parliamentary group meeting and submits them to you. As a leader of this august House, we are the custodians of public resources. We cannot allow the likes of Hon. Moses Wetangula to make a lot of noise out there and here he drives a GK vehicle when his coalition has not appointed him as the Leader of the Minority Party in the Senate. I hope Senator Kipchumba Murkomen will make an official communication to the Speaker and to you, by virtue of you being the Chairman of the PSC. We want you to give direction and protect the resources of Parliament.

Hon. Member: On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do you want to speak on the same issue? Yours is different. Let us hear this Member on the same issue. Let us have Hon. Jude Njomo.

Hon. Njomo: Hon. Speaker, I was just wondering whether it is in order for the Leader of the Majority Party to refer to Sen. Wetangula as the Leader of the Minority Party in the Senate while we know very well that they have not submitted their list. Secondly, he is the only Member of his party who has been elected to the Senate. Therefore, if he becomes the Leader of the Minority Party, he will be a leader of himself and not of the party. He is the only Member of his party who has been elected to the Senate. Therefore, he may not be a Leader of the Minority Party.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Maybe he is leading himself. Let me not deal with that issue because it belongs to the other House. I will make a communication relating to the areas that touch on the PSC.

Hon. Mwathi, did you want to raise the same issue?

Hon. Mwathi: Hon. Speaker, I was consulting with the Leader of the Majority Party regarding the same.

Hon. Speaker: On that one, I will give a communication.

Let us have Hon. Kangogo.

Hon. Bowen: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On the same issue, in the 11th Parliament, I was a Member of an *ad hoc* Committee which was led by Hon. Naomi Shaban and Jakoyo Midiwo. It was on the same issue which the Leader of the Majority Party raised about the resources, including the vehicles of the PSC.

Hon. Speaker: You want to raise a point of order that you have seen Hon. John Mbadi Ng'ongo---

Hon. A.B. Duale: Hon. Speaker, the Chairman of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) has just signed in and walked out. This is doublespeak. It is very shameful. Raila Odinga is working with a bunch of dishonest, hypocritical leaders who want to eat public resources. I want to go on record that again John Mbadi and Millie Odhiambo have come in. You should sacrifice the Kshs5,000 and agree with *Baba*. You cannot have your cake and eat it too. You cannot sneak in for Kshs5,000 and claim that you were in the Chamber and out there you are making noise that you will boycott Parliament. For the record, I want to say that the Chairman of ODM, John Mbadi, the proposed Leader of the Minority Party is shaming Parliament, the people of Suba, the people of Nyanza, the people of Kenya and *Baba*.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kangogo, you were raising the issue of an *ad hoc* Committee.

Hon. Members: Simba Arati!

(Hon. Simba walked into the Chamber)

Hon. Bowen: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Simba Arati is also signing his name. This is very serious. As Members of Parliament, we have a clear defined role in the Constitution. If you check that list at the entrance, even for the morning sessions, almost all the Members of the NASA coalition have signed. You can see Simba Arati is walking out and he has even taken water. You need to give direction.

On the resources which the Leader of the Majority Party talked about, you need to look into those Members of NASA who purport to be the whips or Leaders of the Minority Party, yet there is no official communication to this House. Even during the elections, some of them - and this one is serious - were changing the number plates of the GK vehicles which were assigned to them and using them during the campaigns. We need to be very sincere with ourselves and, you as the Chair need to crack the whip and give a proper direction on this matter.

Hon. Speaker: Do you want to speak on the same issue, Hon. Lentoimaga?

Hon. Lentoimaga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On the same issue, we need to be firm. I know you will give a ruling. The reason why these Members are behaving the way they are, is because of their principals. I walked into an exchange bureau in a market in Nairobi today and asked them why the rate of the dollar was very high. The shilling is down and the dollar is high. They told me that they are waiting for *Baba* to take over. That is the time dollar will now depreciate. Let us put more effort in ensuring that we hold elections on 17th October. These fellows will be humbled on that day. Let them not even continue coming here because they continue disturbing us. They are 'eating' resources of the country without accounting for them. Let us just continue with business the way the President has said. Let this thing not deviate us from what we are doing.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, a lot of what you are saying could be said in your contributions during the debate. It is also good to remind ourselves at all times. I can see the Hon. Member for Mumias West, the Hon. Johnson Naicca. Do you want to say something on this one?

The Member for Mumias West (Hon. Johnson Many Naicca): Yes, Hon. Speaker. First of all, thank you for your re-election as the Speaker of this House.

I want to comment on what the Leader of the Majority Party has just mentioned. To say that *Baba* instructed us not to come to this House is something I am not aware of. I am a member of NASA and ODM. I am not aware. If Hon. Mbadi has come in and walked out, maybe he has gone for a cup of tea.

(Members booed)

Now, I am here. Hon. Oku Kaunya is here. Hon. Oyula is here. Babu Owino has just been here. We are several. We are coming here and we are seated. So, if somebody comes in and walks out and we are told that it is because of monetary reason, it is not true. As far as I am concerned, I know the new rules. We do not get any money for coming to sit here, apart from the monthly salary. The people of Mumias West voted for me to come to the House and represent them; here I am and I will come.

(Applause)

Therefore, I just wanted to tell the Leader of the Majority Party, if he has issues with Hon. Wetangula, let him sort it out with him. From now on, we shall not allow the Leader of the Majority Party to interfere with NASA affairs.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, I just wanted to draw your attention to Standing Order No. 87. If you read through the various subsections, go to subsection 4 thereof, it says that no Member shall impute any improper motives on the other except by a substantive Motion. Therefore, we can do the politics but allow people to play their gymnastics as they choose. Of course, people do all manner of things. I will be making a Communication which is going to address the issue of what happens in the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC).

(Hon. Naicca gestured to Hon. Speaker)

There is nothing to withdraw, Hon. Naicca. You are the only one who seems to be here to defend the indefensible.

Hon. Ichung'wah, did you want to raise a different point of order?

Hon. Ichung'wah: Yes, Hon. Speaker. Thank you.

I rise under Standing Order No. 258 as read together with Standing Order No. 260. It is on a related matter to what Hon. Duale has raised on failure to attend sittings. As read together with Article 103(1)(b) and if you allow me to read the Constitution without just going to the Standing Orders, it says:

“The office of a Member of Parliament becomes vacant –

if, during any session of Parliament, the member is absent from eight sittings of the relevant House without permission, in writing, from the Speaker, and is unable to offer a satisfactory explanation for the absence to the relevant committee.”

The committee that the Constitution refers to is the Committee that you chair. It is the powers and privileges of Members of the House. The issue I am raising is related to what the Leader of the Majority Party raised because what we are seeing happened here with Hon. John Mbadi, Hon. Wanga, Hon. Simba Arati, Millie Odhiambo and many other Members of the purported coalition called NASA which is not even a parliamentary party. What they are doing is not just dishonesty to the people of Kenya – as the Leader of the Majority Party has said to their party leader. It is actually an abuse of the powers and privileges conferred on us as Members of Parliament by our Standing Orders and by the Constitution of this Republic.

In his Address to this House this week, the President asked Members of this House to uphold the provisions of this Constitution and defend it. Even those Members in the NASA Coalition swore, holding either the Bible or the Holy Quran to uphold, protect and defend the provisions of this Constitution.

You are not just as Chair of the PSC but as Speaker. In relation to the provisions of Article 103, it has been stated in writing that any Member who misses eight sittings without your written permission errs. If you read the provisions of Standing Order No. 260, even if a Member is outside the country, he needs to notify you in writing and give you the address of where he is or where he is going. Those provisions are clearly spelt out in Standing Order No.260.

Therefore, I want you to give guidance to the House: One, as to whether there is any Member of the NASA Coalition who has written to you in your capacity as Speaker seeking for permission to be absent from this House for whatever number of sittings. Two, the dishonesty we are seeing of people coming in to just sign is just to lie to our systems. By the Supreme Court ignoring the numbers, we may not also ignore these numbers in this Chamber today. We can see what numbers are there. We have technology in this House through our Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras in and outside of this Chamber to ascertain which Member was in the House. The attendance register is not just to walk into the Chamber and sign it. It is meant to make sure that you come, work and represent your people who elected you like Hon. Naicca said that he was elected by the people of Mumias West to come and represent them in the House and not to come and sign registers and walk out.

I also seek your guidance as to whether you can give directions to the Clerk and the Office of the Serjeant-at-Arms to make sure that every Member who walks in to sign that register is a Member who is coming to do what he is paid for by the people of Kenya. It does not matter whether you are paid sitting allowances or not; you are earning a salary. If you are earning a salary to come and represent people in this House, you should either come and sit here or sit in the bars or wherever you want to sit and earn from the bars, but do not earn taxpayers' money while you are not representing your people.

I also want your guidance on whether you can direct the Office of the Clerk and the Office of the Serjeant-at-Arms to make sure, as much as we are yet to get the biometrics working, that attendance list is true. If that register can be moved to the Clerk's desk or somewhere here to make sure everybody who signs is somebody who is coming to sit here and do the business that brought him or her to this House, it would be good. Nobody was sent here to represent political parties.

Again, let me offer free advice to our colleagues in the NASA Coalition that when the Constitution and even our Standing Orders talk about attendance, they do not speak to attendance

by members of a party or a coalition. It is attendance by an individual Member. Responsibility in matters to do with attendance and compliance with the Constitution and all Standing Orders must be taken to the individual Member.

I would also beg that you direct the Office of the Clerk to make sure that they make public the attendance of all the Members who have attended these four sittings. This should include this one so that those who are out there, including those who are competing with our colleagues in our constituencies... They might have forgotten there is a court ruling in a case filed in the High Court, when we were on recess during the campaigns. That court ruling did wonders in matters to do with recall of an MP. It is now much easier for any member of the public or any registered voter anywhere to institute proceedings to recall an MP. Previously, provisions in the Elections Act, Section 45 or 46 of 48, is one of those that were annulled. It had barred your competitors from instituting proceedings to recall you. But the court has now allowed even those who were competing to do it. I am just speaking in reference to those who are out there seeking to occupy these seats occupied by the Members of the NASA Coalition. Now they have an opportunity to come to this House and extract a record in line with the Constitution because they have constitutional rights to get information from this House showing which MPs of the NASA Coalition have missed four sittings. They only need to count another four sittings and institute proceedings to recall these people and allow others to represent their people.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As you can see, there still could be others who are coming in to sign. It is important you pronounce yourself on this matter.

Hon. Speaker: Well. Hon. Members, like I said earlier on, I will not deal with the issue of who is the Leader of the Minority Party in the other House. But, I will issue a Communication which maybe for the benefit of all Kenyans, should be issued from the Chair as well as from the administration dealing with that issue because the Standing Orders are very clear - the issue about how the seat of a Member becomes vacant. Article 103(1)(b) states as follows:

“...If during a session of Parliament the Member is absent from eight sittings of the relevant House without permission, in writing, from the Speaker, and is unable to offer satisfactory explanation for the absence to the relevant Committee.”

I wish to confirm that I have received some request for leave of absence from two Members. One is unwell. The others may be doing the things you have just been describing, but I do not know. I have not yet looked at the record, but I think your request for that register being made public, if you look at the same Constitution, it says Parliament shall conduct its affairs in the open. Indeed, your request is not without foundation. It has a constitutional foundation. Therefore, I will be laying it bare in the Communication. Of course, the Member who is dosing next to you will recall, many years ago, there used to be that practice of Members doing what they used to call “technical appearances”. So, I may not deal with that aspect of appearances but, of course, the requirement we have in the current Constitution was not there. Therefore, the request about making the record public is a good one. It also shows we are doing our affairs in the open.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

INDUCTION WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

Hon. Members, I wish to make this short Communication regarding the induction of Members of the National Assembly in the 12th Parliament.

As you may be aware, and in keeping with the practice at the start of a new Parliament, the National Assembly has organised a one week induction programme for Members under the theme “*Setting the Stage for the 12th Parliament: Preparing for a Smooth Take Off*”. The workshop is scheduled to be held from Sunday, 17th September 2017 to Friday, 22nd September 2017 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Nairobi.

(Loud consultations)

If you waited, you would know the difference between this one and what you expect.

This will be a residential programme. Members wishing to reside in the hotel are requested to indicate to the Office of the Clerk. Participants who will be accommodated are, therefore, expected to check in on the evening of Sunday, 17th September 2017 and check out on the morning of Friday, 22nd September 2017.

This first induction is usually held here in Nairobi. The second induction workshop commonly referred to as “*A Post Election Conference*”, organised jointly with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), is attended by key speakers from other jurisdictions and held, usually and by tradition, outside of Nairobi. It is, therefore, not this one.

Hon. Members, this particular induction workshop will deal with various aspects relating to your constitutional duties, including the functions and mandate of Parliament, transformative leadership and public trust, legislative rules of procedure, committee systems, formulation of laws as well as legislative budget oversight. The programme will also offer Members an opportunity to interact and share experiences with participants from other arms of the Government as well as from the private sector.

In addition and in recognition of family values, Members and their spouses are invited for a gala night on the evening of Thursday, September 21, at the same hotel.

(Laughter)

Hon. Caleb Kositany is very excited about that latter bit.

Subjects to be covered include: My experience as an MP by a former Member; The experience of a spouse of a Member of Parliament by a spouse of a Member; and, a new beginning: fame and social life – striking a balance.

Hon. Members, it was also notified that Members who may not have submitted registration documents during the pre-swearing in sessions take this opportunity to submit the documents. The documents include current curriculum vitae, a duly filled bio data form, and copies of ID card/passport and passport-size photographs. Members will also be expected to update their personal information with the relevant offices of the National Assembly.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to the workshop as we endeavour to create synergies amongst ourselves as we embark on the path to nation building. A logistics memo for the workshop has been prepared for your information and can be picked from the Office of the Clerk.

I thank you.

Well, of course, the rider to that is that you could also inform those that may be doing their legislative oversight work in the villages and market centres; those who may not wish to be here or those ones you say are in the bar, if they desire to attend.

Next Order.

MOTION

THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

THAT, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the President delivered on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

(Hon. A.B. Duale on 13.9.2017)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 14.9.2017 – Morning Sitting)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I may just wish to remind you that the record does not show me if anybody was on the Floor. So you can just sit because the information that has just come through is that the Member for Runyenjes has a balance of four-and-a-half minutes. I also remind ourselves, once again, that those that have contributed will not be expected to contribute again. I can see the Members for Kipkelion West and Mosop, I am aware that they contributed.

The Member for Runyenjes.

The Member for Runyenjes Constituency (Hon. Erick Njiru Muchangi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity once again. I want to congratulate you on your re-election to lead the 12th Parliament. I also want to take this opportunity to once again thank the people of Runyenjes Constituency for giving me an opportunity to serve them in the 12th Parliament. I also want to congratulate Hon. Cecily Mbarire, who is my predecessor. Runyenjes is one of the few constituencies that have two MPs. I want to believe that it is an opportunity for us to combine her experience and the energy that we have to serve the people of Kenya and of Runyenjes.

I want to go back to the President's Speech. The Speech was short, precise and focused. It was focused on bringing unity and reconciling the people of Kenya. One thing that we need so importantly in this country is the unity and reconciliation that the President talked about. The other thing that I noted about the Speech was that it had everything to do with Kenya and not the President. That portrayed the President as a selfless leader and a person willing to do everything he can to ensure that the country moves on well.

The other bit is that the President's Speech dwelt on the youth and the women of this country. I want to thank the people of Kenya for believing in the young people and for investing in them. It is my hope and prayer that this Parliament will be very proactive in passing laws and policies that will help solve the problems that are being faced by the youth of this country; it will pass laws that will help the young people not just get jobs but also be at a position to create jobs for themselves and for the rest of the young people.

I also want to pass a message to the NASA Coalition. You realise that in the recent days and months, the coalition has been threatening and issuing statements that are not doing this country any good. The people of this country spoke in one voice and said that they wanted one Uhuru Kenyatta to be the President. What we are witnessing now is that there is uncertainty when the NASA Coalition says that they will not have elections. This is not good for the

economy of this country. The economy that everybody, and particularly the young people, rely on. So I would wish to urge them....

Hon. Speaker: Sorry Members. Let me just say this: The Clerks-at-the-Table will try to locate you where you are, so you do not have to come to the Dispatch Box. They are trying to reorient the machines which appear to have been disoriented by the more powerful ones from the President's Office.

As you know again, given his position as the father of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, let us give him opportunity.

The Member for Kitutu Chache North (Hon. Jimmy Nuru Ondieki Angwenyi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me a chance to contribute for the first time in the 12th Parliament. On the Presidential Speech, the President was very clear that he wants this country to be united. He was very clear that he wants this country to be developed so that we can move to the next stage, from the Third World to the First World.

Hon. Speaker, what the President is asking Kenyans to do is not something which has not happened elsewhere. For those who know how Singapore jumped from a Third World country to First World country with no or little resources can support the President in his endeavour to make this country develop.

If you look at China's case, within a period of 20 years it moved from a Third World to a First World country. We can also move from a Third World country in the next five years or in the next 10 years, if God allows the President to continue and hand over to His Excellency the Deputy President, William Ruto. It will jump to a First World country. However, we cannot achieve that unless we are united and committed for the welfare of this country.

Hon. Speaker, at times I am shocked if this is the same country we have been living in before. How can an individual tell Members of Parliament who have been elected by thousands of Kenyans not to attend sessions of Parliament? That they can only sign and run away and they agree. I am particularly concerned ----

(Hon. Arbelle crossed the Floor without bowing)

Hon. Speaker: Order Member! It is not done that way. Do not do anything. Just go to the Door.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kitutu Chache North (Hon. Jimmy Nuru Ondieki Angwenyi): I am particularly concerned about the National Assembly Members. A week ago when we were being sworn in, Members of the other side were told not to come and be sworn in. However, later on they realised that they might be rendered ---

Hon. Speaker: Member for Laisamis! Member for Laisamis! Member for Laisamis! It is never done that way here.

(Laughter)

The Member for Kitutu Chache North (Hon. Jimmy Nuru Ondieki Angwenyi): Hon. Member for Laisamis, now see how you are wasting my time. Members were told not to come and participate in the election of the Speaker. The people who told them not to come and elect

our Speaker participated in electing their Speaker in the Senate yet they cannot see that. Are they kids to be directed by the people in the Upper House? I thought the National Assembly is more superior to the other House we created recently yet they are giving them directions here. I want the National Assembly to keep its integrity and record in this country and guide and direct this country to be a First World country in development.

With those few remarks, I beg to support the President's Speech.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Nyaribari Masaba.

The Member for Nyaribari Masaba (Hon. Ezekiel Machogu Ombaki): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

I would like to take this opportunity to first and foremost express my very sincere thanks to the Almighty God for being so gracious that he gave me and all of us the opportunity to serve for this term. I also congratulate you and the Deputy Speaker for being elected. I also take this opportunity to thank the people of Nyaribari Masaba for having confidence and faith in me. It is a great honour that they have bestowed upon me by giving me the opportunity to serve them at this particular time.

My remarks concerning the Speech given by His Excellency the President to this august House last week will touch on three pertinent and cardinal issues that came out very clearly in the Speech. First, it concerns the Constitution of this country which is the foundation and core of the nation. Our survival as a country means that we have to uphold it.

I also thank His Excellency the President because he has not only shown but demonstrated that he is clearly able to obey, uphold and defend the Constitution of this country. As much as he does not agree with the ruling of the Supreme Court, he has accepted and moved on. I request my fellow Members of Parliament to emulate what His Excellency the President has done because we cannot go on condemning the Supreme Court. Let us respect it as much as we do not agree with that particular ruling.

Secondly, His Excellency highlighted peace and security of our country because we know that indeed the prerequisite of all aspects of development is security and peace. As a country, we have to stay united. The President has made it very clear that we are one people. Language or religion should not differentiate us because we are one. Our focus, challenges, aspirations and needs of the people of Kenya are one. His Excellency is determined to deliver on his agenda. We know that he has a development agenda for each and every part of this country.

Look at the infrastructural projects that he has initiated. Look at every other aspect of development that he has been able to initiate in this country. Indeed, each and every one of us should give him the support that he requires so that he can leave a legacy and deliver the development agenda for each and every part of this country.

Where I come from, people require services to be delivered. They want to improve their lives. Our women walk long distances in search of water. Our youth want decent jobs. Our people want to improve their livelihoods. I think that is why we swore as Members of Parliament to discharge our functions diligently, conscientiously and faithfully. Therefore, when we make technical appearances we are not being honest to the people of Kenya. The people who came up with their Standing Orders never envisaged that at any particular time a Member of Parliament who is called honourable would make a technical appearance only. It is time we revisited that particular aspect of the Standing Orders such that if we find that some of our colleagues are behaving in a way that amounts to wastage of public funds, then we should do something about it.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kajiado South.

The Member for Kajiado South (Hon. Judah Katoo Metito): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank God and the people of Kajiado South for giving me the privilege and honour to represent them for the fourth straight term without interruption. I promise that I will serve them to the best of my ability.

As for the President's Speech, it was a brief one. For those who have been here before, there was no legislative policy or proposed statements. I hope he will come soon again after 17th October to outline the legislative framework or policies that his Government would like to be implemented. He said no one should disrupt our hard-earned peace and stability. He mentioned the need for us in this environment of politics to compete in a free atmosphere without threatening the security of our nation. He talked of the need for all political players to avoid engaging in divisive and destructive politics that have no place in the modern Kenya. That shows the President, as a symbol of national unity, was talking about the need for the country to be stable and united.

Coming from a party that calls on building bridges, you will understand the background of his call for unity and stability of our nation. That brings us to the need to adhere to it and especially because we have a presidential election ahead of us. We should not be distracted by issues that will affect our economy. As we get to the public and shout the loudest, we will affect the private sector, which is one of the drivers of our economy. I also urge my colleagues who are demonstrating out that they will shrink our economy not just for this country but the region as well.

In his Speech, the President talked about the need for us to uphold the Constitution that all of us swore to protect and defend. He said that the three arms of the Government – the Judiciary, Legislature and Executive – should work together, without interfering with each other. The three arms of the Government are independent of each other but at times they become interdependent. There is need for the three arms of the Government to appreciate the roles assigned to each one of them by the Constitution. Hon. Members will remember that in the last Parliament we had so many cases where the Judiciary injuncted Parliament – both the National Assembly and the Senate – on matters that were before this House. I remember we passed a constitutional amendment that should stop that kind of behaviour.

Some politicians do not want the Judiciary attacked, but they continue to attack the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), which is also an independent institution. In order for us to move smoothly as a nation, we need to respect the independent institutions that have been created by the Constitution, just as this House is the representative of the people.

Finally, there is a serious drought in this country, especially in pastoralist areas. This adverse weather phenomenon will affect the turnout of voters on 17th October. There is need for the Government to mobilise resources and assist those areas.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Cherangany.

(Loud consultations)

He is contributing to this Motion. Hon. Members, I consult the records. The Member spoke while he was on a point of order. He has not contributed to this debate. I do not see many people from the NASA Coalition. Is he representing them?

The Member for Cherangany (Hon. Joshua Serem Kutuny): Hon. Speaker, my contribution yesterday was on a point of order.

At the outset, I thank the people of Cherangany Constituency for giving me this opportunity to represent them again in the National Assembly. I am not taking it for granted. The phrase: “*Heshimu Raia.*” is real.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to contribute on the President’s Speech. It is coming at a time when the ruling coalition feels they have been robbed of their victory after the election that we believe was free and fair. The President mentioned very well that the sovereign power of this country belongs to the people, and that the people exercised their will on 8th August. Unfortunately, there is a price that has to be paid in a democratic process. The Opposition presidential candidate went to court and challenged the election of Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta. I can say without fear that the allegations against the entire process lack substance. Given an opportunity after the elections are over, we will re-visit the matter. I suspect that some people will be accused of using illegal evidence to overturn the will of the people. We are going to the repeat presidential election on 17th October. The Jubilee Government is ready. The President reaffirmed his commitment to the rule of law, and the IEBC has no way out. Elections must be held and if they do not conduct the elections, they will face contempt of court charges. Nobody has power to stop the repeat presidential elections. If anybody wants to push forward the repeat presidential election, he must go back to the Judiciary to seek concurrence.

Hon. Speaker, this is not happening for the first time. Some political actors in this country are known to cause chaos every time we have a general election. They must beat the drum wars. They are masters of violence. People lose lives every time there is an election. In 2007, my constituency was affected by the post-election violence.

The Member for Kibwezi East (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Nduku Kiko Mbalu): On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Kibwezi East.

The Member for Kibwezi East (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Nduku Kiko Mbalu): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am representing the people of Kibwezi East for the second time.

Hon. Speaker, is Hon. Kutuny in order to debate the elections and re-elections? He should be addressing his people and thanking them. He is not a presidential candidate. We are waiting for 17th October to exercise our rights. I belong to the NASA Coalition, and we are here to debate independently. He is not a presidential candidate.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jessica, what Hon. Joshua Kutuny addressed is contained in the President’s Speech.

(Hon. Members booed Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu as she walked out of the Chamber)

The Member for Cherangany (Hon. Joshua Serem Kutuny): Hon. Speaker, I understand the circumstances she is in. She has to please the masters and the goddesses. That is what they have to do.

In 2007, people lost property in my constituency. Some lost their lives. This country is not ready for a post-election violence. We are prepared to go for the repeat presidential election. We want to tell our opponents that if they are not ready---

Hon. Speaker: I will add the Member for Cherangany some 30 seconds which were taken from him.

The Member for Cherangany (Hon. Joshua Serem Kutuny): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to tell the Opposition that the country is not ready to go back to what happened in 2007. We are ready for election and we are telling the IEBC that they should not be intimidated and scared. They should prepare for election. The National Treasury should release the funds needed. The Supplementary Budget needs to be discussed in this House so that we give them resources to prepare and lay the framework for a free and fair election.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: There is something called regional balance. Given what I have heard so far, I will give the Floor to the Member for Eldas.

The Member for Eldas (Hon. Adan Keynan Wehliye): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wanted to say something which I will not.

It is with profound humility, respect and appreciation that I want to thank the people of Eldas for giving me another opportunity to be their Member of Parliament in the 12th Parliament.

At times, we talk of, “Member of the august House”. I want to urge all Members to look at the true meaning and what the framers of Parliamentary practice had in mind when they coined this term and whether it has any correlation with the technical appearances we have been seeing here over the last few days. The only thing I can understand from the technical appearance is that it is meant for pecuniary gains with the desire to deceive the taxpayer. Therefore, I will leave that to their conscience because it is something which will take a bit of time if we decide to debate.

Secondly, I know in the next few years our colleagues will be transiting from pressures of politics to the pleasures of politics. Therefore, let us not be carried away by circumstances because this is a temporary gift from God and the voters. At all times, the voters must be highly regarded because they are our employers and we are their servants. Therefore, we must appreciate them. Whatever they do here somebody somewhere in the villages always takes cognisance of it.

One thing we have emphasized over the years is institutional independence. While I really respect the decision of the Supreme Court, as a country, we will not be prepared to allow any individual to ascend to power through extra-legal or extra-constitutional means, which I see being referred to by everybody. Elections come and go. Again, for new Members, although others among us are fairer old here, I want us to look at the different aspects of the Vision 2030. We have three key pillars: economic, social and political. Two pillars are working; the only one which is not working is the political pillar and it is simply because the elite and the governing class have failed to meet the expectations of the people of Kenya.

Last night, I watched a programme on the level of underemployment and unemployment in the region. It is unfortunate that Kenya is leading and yet it should be the other way because we are an economic hub.

Recently, under the leadership of His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, we were about to graduate from least developed countries to developing countries. That is where we are headed and that is what Hon. Jimmy Angwenyi was referring to. Some time back, 50 or 60 years ago, Kenya was a donor nation. South Africa was in existence as a country but was not independent. We should ask ourselves, what has made South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand develop much faster than us?

Sometimes when I am reflecting on issues, I think we need a leader with dictatorial tendencies. If you look at the history of the countries that have outpaced us, for example, China, you realize that their politics is not the kind we experience here. For instance, after every election we have to be prepared because donors pull out and we close the stock exchange and the shilling drops. These things must come to an end. I just want us to reflect for a moment on the geopolitical history of all the neighbouring states. Kenya is the only lucky country because it has not gone through political turmoil and the quagmire of having a military coup. We need to thank God. We need to move. We need to graduate. That is why elections come and go.

It is the electorate that decides who should represent them. They cannot be coerced or forced. The only thing we can do is to give them an enabling environment to vote. For those who are perpetrating violence, please, we have a country which must be protected. Theoretically we say we are the best country in the region, or we are the economic hub, security hub and the humanitarian hub. These tags can easily go away if we are not careful. I am talking in particular to the political class. That is why I want to urge our colleagues on the other side--- I was a senior Member of the other side in the last Parliament. It is about the wish of the people. Let us do whatever we do in line with our Constitution. That is why I said, we will not allow anybody to ascend to power through extra-legal or extra-constitutional means. We must all accept and submit to the will of the people as enshrined in the Constitution. This is the only way we can proudly say that we have---

Hon. Speaker: The Member for Laikipia County.

The Woman Representative for Laikipia County (Hon. (Ms.) Catherine Wanjiku Waruguru): Ahsante sana Mhe. Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii na pia kwa macho yako kunimulika. Ndiyo maana sichukulii jambo hilo kuwa la kawaida. Ningetaka kuchukua nafasi hii kuwashukuru watu wote wa Laikipia kwa sababu waliamua kwa sauti moja kumtuma mama kijana kwenye Bunge hili la Taifa. Nitawafanyia kazi.

Ningependa kuchangia Hoja iliyo mbele yetu. Rais wa Jamhuri ya Kenya, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, anatumia sisi viongozi tushikane mikono pamoja ili tuelekeze taifa la Kenya kwenye barabara moja.

Mhe. Spika haiwezekani eti sisi wanajubilee ambao tuko wengi hapa Bungeni tutazuiliwa kusonga mbele. Hatupaswi kuwapatia nafasi kubwa wenzetu katika Upinzani, ilhali tunayo Miswada ya kujadili na kupitisha humu Bungeni. Miswada hiyo ni ya kuwanufaisha wananchi wa Kenya.

Uchanguzi umekaribia. Watu wengine wameamua kutokuja Bungeni kuwashukuru wananchi waliowapigia kura. Wao wameamua kuleta kasheshe humu Bungeni. Namuunga mkono Rais, mia kwa mia. Wembe ni ule ule. Hakuna Rais mwingine ambaye tunatarajia kupitia anga, maji ama nchi kavu. Rais wetu ni Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta.

Hon. Speaker: The Deputy Majority Whip.

The Nominated Member (Hon. (Ms.) Cecily Mbarire): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to add my voice to this Motion. I want to begin by congratulating all the Members of Parliament who have found their way here in the 12th Parliament and especially those who have been elected for the second, third or fourth time. This is not a mean achievement. Let me congratulate all the women who have found their way into this august House and especially those who have come through the single member constituencies. They were brave enough to face the men in the constituencies and make it this House.

We are very proud because we now have 23 women elected from single member constituencies up from 16 in the 11th Parliament. I personally feel very encouraged and proud of

you ladies. *Kudos* to all of you, also in particular the fact that of the 23 women 16 are from Jubilee or Jubilee affiliation, for example, an independent Member from Turbo Constituency. We are very proud of the work that Jubilee Party is doing in terms of political empowerment of women and the fact that the President, in his Speech, mentioned that he is proud of the many steps the women of Kenya are making towards political empowerment. He talked about the youth too.

Let me also congratulate my own MP, Hon. Eric Muchangi Kalemba who now takes the seat of Member of National Assembly for Runyenjes Constituency after me. I am very proud of his achievement. He is a great guy who will do a great job for the people of Runyenjes. I am very sure that he will take that constituency to the next level. I want to assure him of my full support as he does the work that the people of Runyenjes have sent him to do in this House.

I want to go straight to the gist of the matter, which is the fact that we are just a few days to the presidential repeat elections. There is no doubt in our mind that President Uhuru Kenyatta was robbed of his victory. He did say we do not agree with what came out of the Supreme Court, but we appreciate we are a nation that must uphold the rule of law. We must uphold peace and ensure that the fabric of unity in this country is not in any way destroyed. To that extent, we are ready for the repeat presidential elections stated for 17th October 2017. For avoidance of doubt, it is important for us to say here that the President of the Republic of Kenya to date, and until the next president is sworn in, remains President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. Nobody can take that away from him. He continues to play the role that he has to play, in accordance with the Constitution, as the President of Kenya.

However, it is worrying that we have decided to take the ruling of the Supreme Court piecemeal. According to our opponents – NASA – it was okay for the victory of Uhuru Kenyatta to be annulled. They further go ahead to say: “Yes, we are ready to go to the repeat elections but we do not want to go to the elections with the IEBC.” It is clearly in the ruling that the IEBC will conduct another presidential election within 60 days following the ruling, but they say: “No, we are ready to go to the elections only if certain people in IEBC are out of office.” Therefore, they have agreed that they will only accept the ruling in piecemeal, and not in totality. They want to go to the repeat elections only when they have certain people who they agreed to in that office. We must say “no” to selective application of the ruling. We must insist that the elections must be held on 17th October as gazetted by the IEBC as is constituted today. We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by NASA, who have said that there will be no elections without certain people at the IEBC being sacked. We insist that there will be elections on 17th October, as per the Supreme Court ruling. I add my voice to that of Hon. Kutuny and say that in the event they have any concern about that ruling, they should go back to the Supreme Court and seek interpretation of the same ---

Hon. Speaker: Member for Sirisia.

The Member for Sirisia (Hon. John Waluke Koyi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to also air my views. The President’s Speech was good and what impressed me is when the President highlighted on the empowerment of women in this country. Indeed, the President and the Deputy President, or the Jubilee Government, have shown practically. For the last four years, we have seen a lot of changes on the side of women of this country being put in different positions. The President highlighted on so many things that affect the country. For the last four years, this country has changed in terms of development in every corner. I managed to go round when I was in the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security. I have realised that the President and his deputy, Hon. Ruto, have really tried to develop this

country. In terms of infrastructure, we can show many things that this Government has done. The same can be said of water and electricity all over the country. This is a unique President who has been appreciated all over the world, because he accepted the ruling of the Supreme Court. He has shown the whole world that he really loves this country, and he respects the Constitution. What would have happened, if it was somebody else? Imagine you have been declared the winner and then the court rules otherwise. We congratulate our President for the patience he has exhibited. We, as his foot soldiers, are going to make sure that we talk to our people in our constituencies to make sure that we re-elect our President. We are going to show them. He is going to get triple the number of votes he got on 8th August, 2017.

The President highlighted the issue of security in this country. The security of this country has changed. It is not like before. When they took over, this country had a lot of problems with security but now we are happy. We can do anything. We can walk. Even in towns like Nairobi, there were so many robbers but it has come down. So, we appreciate that the leadership of President Uhuru has really changed this country. He told the country to respect the Constitution. By doing so, he showed himself as an example of love and unity. That is why he gave his success to the Opposition. They had their way but those of us who made sure that President Uhuru won, were not happy. We are not happy even to today. This country needs unity. It needs a president like President Uhuru. Even after Uhuru retires, we need somebody who can mind the welfare of this country.

I thank the people of Sirisia Constituency for electing me again and---

Hon. Speaker: Member for Igembe North.

The Member for Igembe North (Hon. Richard Maoka Maore): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also take this moment to record my support for the Speech by His Excellency the President on 12th September, 2017.

I begin by thanking the people of Igembe North for electing me to this august House for the fourth time, especially this time after an interval of 10 years. The other point I would like to highlight is what was contained in that special address, and the tone and content of the President's Speech. If you check, you will realise that it did not expound a lot of issues about governance for the next one year. It was very specific about the national unity that we need. The presidency, as defined in our Constitution, happens to be the confluence on which all the other arms of the Government meet. All the Bills that we pass here, as the Legislature, usually end up being signed by the President. All the judges who get appointed to the Supreme Court, or the High Court, end up being sworn in by the President. So, the presidency is unique. That is why we need to emphasise on the need for unity and talk to our colleagues on the other side of the House. We need to tell them that we do not have a spare country. We do not know what theory or ideology of governance you would use to go to the Supreme Court, get a ruling and when you are walking home out of that ruling, you start stammering with what you heard there.

Hon. Speaker, the language was very clear. We will have an election which will be conducted by IEBC within 60 days from 1st September 2017. There was no provision in that ruling where the Judges of the Supreme Court assigned the IEBC to arbitrate the grumbling, yawning, dreaming and the screaming by our colleagues in the Opposition. The Supreme Court said we conduct a fresh presidential election supervised by the IEBC. So, if you are having problems in understanding what they said, we need to tell you what it was. This country has a very good institution called the Judiciary which has come up with an unprecedented ruling in Africa, which is the third such ruling in the world. That is why all the people who are panicking about this country are just not normal. It is the only country you do that kind of ruling and the

whole country is moving forward; there are no riots in the streets. I know if it would have been the other way, if the other guys were the ones who had got a bad ruling, there would be chaos and bloodshed. I am sure that is what they were planning and wishing for but they missed. That is what they are wishing to visit upon this country. We will have the election on 17th October 2017. It is not the wish of any of us here but the wish and the voice from the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kenya.

The President differed with the ruling. He did not like it but he respected it. Those who were awarded the ruling or the fair judgement according to them do not seem to be ready for elections because that was not the intention. The country needs to be very clear and sound that on 17th October 2017, there will be an election in the Republic of Kenya for the Office of the President. It is not the wish, grumbling, dreaming or wishing away by any demands given by the Opposition. This is not time for demands but for campaign. Go and seek for votes and multiply what you say was not transmitted. I ask Kenyans to be loud and clear this time. There is no stammering. We will have elections and I wish President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta and the Deputy President, William Ruto, will win with a bigger majority than they won on 8th August.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Banissa. The Member for Ainabkoi contributed in the morning but I have seen him standing.

The Member for Banissa (Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My name is Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan, Member for Banissa. I begin by thanking the people of Banissa Constituency for electing me to this august House. This has been long overdue in the sense that I have looked for this position for the last 25 years. This is quarter a century. The people of Banissa said that after a quarter of a century I should represent them. I am greatly humbled and I will live to that expectation.

Having said that, I would like to move to the subject which we are deliberating and that is the President's Address. It was a balanced and very short Address which was devoid of polarisation. What really caught my mind in this Address is when the President referred to the three arms of Government.

(Hon. Mishra crossed the bar without bowing)

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kesses, go back to the door and bow.

The Member for Banissa (Hon. Kulow Maalim Hassan): Hon. Speaker, the decision that was made by the Chief Justice of this country and the Supreme Court to nullify the Presidential election gratified and disappointed many. We, the Jubilee Party and its affiliates, were greatly disappointed by the decision but our President accepted it. That is what really moved me. He used his discernment and wise judgment to accept the decision. He said that in as much as he differed with the Judiciary, he would accept the decision and accept the ruling of the Supreme Court.

No other President in Africa has ever accepted such kind of ruling. It is only few in the rest of the world. This is unparalleled in the annals of history. It is because of this that I was very touched by our President as a man who has the tenacity and courage to lead this nation to prosperity. Likewise, the people who celebrated and were gratified by the decision were the Opposition. They say in English that you have to stop at the victory. That decision of the Supreme Court was a victory for the Opposition, but they should stop there. They should accept

the decision and whatever ruling that was made by the Supreme Court, and we conduct elections on 17th October 2017.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to quote from Frantz Fanon book: *Black Skin, White Masks*. He says: “Man is a yes and man is a---”

Hon. Speaker: Member for Samburu West. Hon. Members, you must appreciate the diversity of this country. We have to move from Banissa Constituency in Mandera County to Samburu County.

The Member for Samburu West (Hon. (Ms.) Josephine Naisula Lesuuda): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to first congratulate you and all the leadership of this House for being elected. I would also like to congratulate my colleagues for being elected to this 12th Parliament. I would also like to take this opportunity to most sincerely thank God and the constituents of Samburu West for electing me as their Member of Parliament, and for making history by electing the first woman to represent them in Parliament.

(Applause)

I listened to His Excellency the President’s Speech when he said that he is very proud of the women of Kenya. He does not just say it but he walks the talk. I vied on a Kenya African National Union (KANU) ticket which is an affiliate of the Jubilee Party. He has held the hands of the 16 women who were elected. He has supported us those from the Jubilee Party and its affiliate. He has done it, and we have continued to see it. We hope that even our opponents will also learn to support their women and young people.

Secondly, there is one thing that His Excellency the President spoke about: The Opposition does not want this country to move forward. They want to hold this country hostage. They want the world to believe that Kenya is on a standstill. That is why they did not want even His Excellency the President to preside over the official opening of this House. It is very unfortunate that they want to read and accept the Constitution when it suits them. They want to accept the ruling of the Supreme Court because it favoured them. However, the Constitution is also very clear that we have a President in this country and he has powers to continue with his work, one of which is to preside over the opening of this House. So, they cannot read the Constitution and be happy with it only when it suits them, but when we want to continue as a country, they refuse and are not happy about it.

Hon. Speaker, we are confident that the numbers did not lie when we went for election. In fact, the ruling was based on technicalities. They did not ask for a recount of the votes and they did not deny that we won. They just talked about things to do with transmission. If they are very confident of their numbers, then let us meet on 17th October 2017. As a country, we need to move forward and have the election behind us. We are ready for election and if they are also ready, let us go to the ballot on 17th October 2017.

His Excellency the President also spoke on issues of peace and security. It is very unfortunate what we saw in Kisumu where people went and disrupted a meeting that was going on. We would like to say that violence will only take us many steps and miles backwards and yet we really want this country to move forward. So, just as it was said yesterday, violence will not choose where you come from or the political party you are in. We, therefore, cannot continue to misuse our young people for our own political selfish gains.

I would also like to comment on the issue of our colleagues coming here just to sign and walk out. I believe that it is selfish of them. I would want it to be published so that their

respective principals know about those who only sneak in here to sign and walk away. Probably their principals do not know whether they come to the House or not. It is unfortunate that Sen. Wetangula, in the other House, participated in the election of the Deputy Speaker and yet he has been telling the other Members not to participate in the business of this House, including Committees. They will not hold us hostage. We will continue with our work.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Limuru.

The Member for Limuru (Hon. Peter Mungai Mwathi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I will start by thanking the people of Limuru who saw it fit to have me a second time here having first been elected in 2007. I scored a first because I vied for the first time and they got me in. Even this one is a first because they are not known to re-elect somebody to this House.

Secondly, I would want to congratulate you as the Speaker of this august House knowing very well that we did this even as the coalition called NASA boycotted your election. We made a statement which we are very proud of.

Thirdly, I would want to congratulate all of us Members who were elected. I know it is usually very tough and for you to find yourself here it is a big achievement.

We are discussing the President's Speech. For President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta to come to this House and with all humility tell us how he accepted the decision of the Supreme Court, though bitter, it must have taken him a lot of courage. We are also saying to our people, please, accept that this country has got systems and processes which must be followed. We have commissions which are established under Chapter 15 of the Constitution and there are constitutional ways and processes concerning the removal of commissioners. So, somebody cannot skid on the tarmac then start saying that the commissioners have to leave office. We are telling our competitors, "Sorry that is not the way to go." It does not matter how much they are going to skid and it does not matter how long they are going to boycott Parliament, business will continue. We have the numbers and they are for Kenyans. The numbers are for Kenyans and not only for Jubilee. The debates that will be held here and the development agenda that we are pursuing are going to assist the whole Republic. We are not just going to look at the areas we got votes.

Hon. Speaker, as the debate regarding the Supreme Court rages on - we gladly accept the verdict - they should know that we have a Constitution. If I was occupying the seat of the Chief Justice, I would ask myself, "Who is more supreme? Is it me or the people of Kenya?" What does Article 1 of the Constitution say? It says that all sovereign power is vested in the people. So, I would have thought of the pain I was going to take the people of Kenya through by telling them that because of Forms 34A and Form 34B you woke up, went to queue to vote, but all that is nonsense because of the forms. Actually, the issue was not about numbers but the process. The NASA Coalition is now saying that it wants the results to be electronically transmitted on 17th October 2017.

Even in the USA, during their election of President, there was a state where machines used in electronic voting failed. Supposing the machines fail on 17th October 2017, will these people, again, say that the election was not free and fair? The thing is that every party should go out there to talk to the people and look for votes and let the best person win.

To the Supreme Court, the sovereign power is with the people, please, for the second time, do not waste our time. We are wasting time and money. We are going to use Kshs12 billion which we are losing...

Hon. Speaker: I will go to another county now. We need a voice from Kipkelion East. Hon. Members, I must balance that way. I know I have not heard from Narok.

The Member for Kipkelion East (Hon. Joseph Kirui Limo): Ahsante sana Mhe. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hii. Kwa niaba ya watu wa Kipkelion Mashariki...

Hon. Speaker: You have an extra 40 seconds.

The Member for Kipkelion East (Hon. Joseph Kirui Limo): Ahsante Mhe. Spika. Ningependa kuchukua fursa hii, kwa niaba ya watu wa Kipkelion Mashariki kukushukuru na Naibu wako kwa kuchaguliwa tena kuwa Spika wa Bunge la Kitaifa. Ningependa pia kuchukua fursa hii kushukuru watu wa Kipkelion Mashariki kwa kunipa nafasi tena kuendelea kuwa Mbunge wao. Nitawatumikia kwa nguvu zangu zote nilivyowaahidi.

Vile vile nashukuru Wakenya wote kwa kuchukua muda wao kuwachagua viongozi mbali mbali ambao wako katika Bunge hili. Nawapongeza Wabunge wenzangu kwa ushindi wao. Pia nashukuru Wakenya kwa sababu walichukuwa fursa yao kumchagua Rais Uhuru Kenyatta na naibu wake William Ruto, hata ingawa Korti ilibadilisha hilo. Hiyo sio hoja kwa sababu jambo la maana ni kwamba Kenya imeonekana dunia nzima kuwa nchi inayojali sana usalama na amani.

Jambo la maana ni kwamba Kenya imeonekana dunia nzima kama nchi inayojali sana usalama na amani. Kuhusiana na jambo la kubadilisha matokeo ya urais, niliangalia kwa upande mwingine. Niliona kama ni Mungu alikuwa anatumia Uhuru Kenyatta kuonyesha dunia nzima kwamba yeye ni mtu anayeheshimu sheria, na kwamba yeye ni mtu wa amani. Miaka iliyopita, alichukuliwa, pamoja na naibu wake, na kupelekwa katika korti la kimataifa. Akawa Rais Mwafrika wa kwanza kukubali kuenda kwenye korti la kimataifa kujibu mashtaka. Hakusema yeye ni Rais hawezi enda. Alishukisha kiti chake akaachia naibu wake na akapanda ndege akaenda. Mungu akashuka akamfungua minyororo hiyo. Vile vile, Upinzani ulikuwa unangojea kuona Wakenya wakipigana kwa sababu wao walikuwa wanashinda kwa sababu ya karatasi tu, siyo kwa sababu ya kura. Wakaenda kortini na walikuwa wameapa kwamba kama korti ingeamua kwamba Uhuru Kenyatta alishinda vizuri, kungekuwa na vita. Mungu akabadilisha. Akaangalia roho za watu wa Jubilee akaona wao ndio wazuri. Akasema kura irudiwe, na amani ikaendelea kudumu nchini Kenya.

Kwa hivyo, tunasema ahsante lakini hatuwezi kupelekwa hapa na pale. Rais amesalimu amri. Amesema turudi kupiga kura tarehe 17 Oktoba, kama ilivyoamuriwa na korti, lakini sisi hatuwezi kukubali hawa jamaa wa Upinzani, wakiongozwa na Raila Odinga, ambaye amekuwa kigeugeu miaka mingi, kutupeleka hapa na pale. Yeye anasema ati sisi hatuwezi kupiga kura tarehe 17 Oktoba. Kwani yeye ni korti kuu? Amesema hawezi kuenda kupigiwa kura. Hiyo ni sawa. Asiende. Hatuna haja naye, lakini juzi alibadilisha kauli yake tena akasema eti kura haitapigwa. Mimi nauliza, ni nani anayepiga kura? Wananchi watapiga kura. Sisi tunataka kusema hivi: Wabunge ambao wako kwa Upinzani na wale ambao wako kwa Serikali, wengi ni wapi? Jubilee imechukua kiasi kikubwa cha viti vya Bunge. Vilevile, tumechukua kiasi kikubwa cha viti vya Seneti. Tumechukua viti vingi katika mabunge ya kaunti, na tunasema tutaendelea. Inafaa wakubali kupiga kura. Wakikataa, sisi tutapiga kura tuendeleze Kenya mbele. Tunataka maendeleo.

Kwa hivyo, Raila Odinga ajitayarisha. Tutamshinda na kura nyingi zaidi kwa sababu alikuwa na risasi moja tu. Hata nashangaa Kalonzo Musyoka aliahidiwa kwamba risasi ilibaki moja. Ilitumiwa tarehe nane mwezi wa nane. Sasa nashindwa anangojea risasi gani itumike? Si anangoja ashindwe?

Ahsante, Bw. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: *Tusikie kutoka kaunti ya Nairobi.* Member for Roysambu. We must balance. If you know that somebody from your county has just spoken, allow others whose counties have not been heard to also be heard.

The Member for Roysambu Constituency (Hon. Isaac Waihenya Ndirangu): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I also wish to join my colleagues in congratulating you and our Deputy Speaker on your election. I also want to extend congratulations to all the new Members of Parliament and the ones who are continuing with me. Special congratulations and maximum respect to the people of Roysambu who have returned me to Parliament for a second term. This is my third term in Parliament, having served in the Sixth Parliament, the 11th Parliament and now serving in the 12th Parliament. I thank the people of Roysambu, starting from Soweto all the way to Marurui, Kenyatta University (KU), United States International University (USIU), National Youth Service (NYS), General Service Unit (GSU), Kamai and Roysambu. I want to thank them especially for electing His Excellency the President and all the Jubilee Members of County Assembly (MCAs) in the five wards.

As I debate the exposition of public policy in the President's Speech, I want to dwell on the matter of devolution. In Nairobi, we have a Jubilee majority. Among MCAs, we have 45 out of 85, and it is our hope and trust that Nairobi will not be a city in the garbage, as it had been turned into by the National Super Alliance (NASA) coalition, who have been on the throne for the last five years. I also congratulate the residents of Nairobi for voting overwhelmingly for Governor Mike Sonko. I appeal to him to work closely with the Jubilee MPs and the Opposition MPs. If the 17 MPs work together with all the 85 elected MCAs, we can deliver services. Our Constitution, in Chapter 11, Section 189, provides for cooperation of the two levels of Government – the county government and the national Government. We, as MPs representing the national Government, are appealing to our governors; that we create links and bridges and we cooperate to bring development to the City of Nairobi. I say so because about 85 per cent of the services the residents of Nairobi require should be provided through the devolved functions of the Nairobi City County. I am talking about functions like water, sewage, garbage, roads and health. As MPs, we chip in when it comes to security and education. It is, therefore, important for the residents of Nairobi to feel the impact of the services that MPs, the national Government and the County Government are providing.

On politics and the ruling of the Supreme Court, it is true that all of us Jubilee supporters felt hurt but like our President, we gracefully accepted the ruling. We are ready for another round of presidential elections. We plead with the other side to carry themselves with decorum this time round, when we defeat them again.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Bonchari. Kindly introduce yourself.

The Member for Bonchari Constituency (Hon. John Oroo Oyioka): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. My name is Oroo Oyioka, the Member for Bonchari Constituency in Kisii County. I was here briefly in 2013/2014. You did not get to know me. I wish to thank my people for bringing me back here again. I hope to serve a full term this time round.

Regarding the Presidential Address to Parliament, when I look at the decision taken by His Excellency the President, I see somebody who chose unnecessary evil for the purpose of the Constitution and for the purpose of peace. Where I come from, donkey meat is not classified as food. Whereas the donkey does a very good job of carrying luggage, I do not see eye to eye with its meat. If today you asked me to choose between eating donkey meat and losing my eyesight, of course, I am not stupid, I will say give me the donkey meat. I will not be accepting it because it is palatable to me or because it is sweet, I will take it as a last resort to save my eyesight.

When I look at what the President did, he must have examined his conscience very much and that is why he decided to choose the Constitution of Kenya and peace. He had other alternatives to choose from. He is a human being like you and I. He could have said, “No, I do not accept this. I am the winner because millions of Kenyans voted me in and yet somebody is telling me I am not the Head of State”. Had he taken that route all of you know the kind of country we could be in today.

The President dwelt on the issue of peace. When I look at the Kenyan elections, there are scenarios which keep on recurring. We need to move away from that. When you look at the prelude of our elections, you will realise that people are always moving. There is always an exodus of people moving mainly from urban areas to the rural areas. Some of them genuinely move to go and vote. However, there are very many who move not because they are going to vote, but because they fear the aftermath of elections. They do not know what will happen. They have had bad experiences since the 2007/2008 General Election. I think that is the reason people move. When elections are over, to an extent, there are those who do not go back to their work stations, including public and civil servants. There was a time after 8th August 2017 when civil servants were being asked to report back to their offices. It is not that people have lost interest in their jobs it is because they do not know what will happen if they go back to those places where they feel unwanted. We want to move away from this kind of thing.

I know that on 17th October 2017, something similar to that is going to happen. I am not saying it should, but I anticipate something is going to happen. Very many people are going to move away out of fear to the extent that others will not vote because they will not be at their polling stations. That is why I am urging Kenyans, especially Members of Parliament, to promote peace and Kenya will be a better country to live in.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: From which county is that voice?

Hon. Members: Kisii County.

Hon. Speaker: Mandera has had a chance just a while ago. We have heard from Kipkelion just now. Let us hear a voice from Elgeyo Marakwet.

(Loud consultations)

The Member Keiyo South (Hon. Daniel Kipkosgei Rono): Hon. Speaker my time is being eaten up.

Hon. Speaker: I will give you an extra 30 seconds.

The Member for Keiyo South (Hon. Daniel Kipkosgei Rono): Hon. Speaker, the immediate former Member for Keiyo South is Jackson Kiptanui. The previous one was the famous ‘Total Man’, Nicholas Biwott. May God rest his soul in eternal peace.

Hon. Speaker: For avoidance of doubt, just in case people do not know where Keiyo South is.

The Member for Keiyo South (Hon. Daniel Kipkosgei Rono): Keiyo South is in Elgeyo Marakwet County where the famous Senator Murkomen comes from.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker, first and foremost I wish to thank God for enabling me to come to this House. On many occasions, I have made attempts to come to this House. This was my third

attempt to come to this House and I was successful. I am forever grateful to the people of Keiyo South Constituency for voting for me overwhelmingly to come to the 12th Parliament. Secondly, I wish to congratulate you for being elected the Speaker of this House for the second time. I also want to congratulate the Deputy Speaker, Hon. Cheboi, who was equally elected by his constituents.

I would like to touch on the President's Speech where he talked of good governance that delivers to the people peace, security and prosperity. We know our President has done a good job. As he enumerated all his achievements, you could tell that there is no doubt we are going to vote him in for a second time and even the third time, now that we have been forced to go back to the ballot.

He touched on the progress of devolution, which has been achieved through collaboration between the Legislature and the Executive. He equally went ahead to prevail upon us to uphold the supremacy of the Constitution, which he himself respects and that is why he accepted the decision of the Supreme Court. He equally emphasised that Kenya is progressing well and that all arms of Government are in place and no matter how the Opposition runs up and down – they have been going to Kibera and coming back here to make appearances - Kenya will continue to make progress.

The President also emphasised that the Jubilee family is set to take Kenya forward. I support him thoroughly. I appeal to my fellow Members, as we go back to our constituents, let us talk to them so that they come out and vote to the last man on 17th October 2017. This will prove to the doubting Thomases that President Uhuru was rightfully elected during the elections of 8th August 2017.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: A voice from Nyandarua County, Kipipiri Constituency.

The Member for Kipipiri (Hon. Amos Muhinga Kimunya): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity to contribute to this debate. This being the first time I am speaking in this House, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate each one of us for having made it this far. I know the elections were tough. I visited not less than 15 counties in the course of the campaigns and I know what each one of us went through.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for having won the confidence of all of us to lead us for another five years. I would also like to congratulate your able deputy, my friend, Hon. Cheboi; the latest kid on the block, Hon. Kindiki and Hon. Lusaka of the Senate.

Hon. Speaker, the people of Kipipiri decided that I should be back. I am glad some of the people who had said Kimunya must go have now gone. Now I can be here for another five years, thanks to the people of Kipipiri and their wise decision. For that, I will forever be thankful. This is the third time I am representing them, having been here in the 9th and 10th Parliaments. I believe we have a long way to go.

May I also take this opportunity to thank Members of this House for the confidence they showed yesterday in confirming our appointment to the House Business Committee with my colleagues. I do not take that for granted. We have already started working and I am sure we will continue working for the benefit of the membership of this House.

Turning to His Excellency's Speech, as the Member for Kajiado South mentioned, in ordinary circumstances, we would have had a very elaborate discussion on a detailed speech by His Excellency, showing how the very robust and elaborate Jubilee Manifesto is going to be converted into policy and action through this House, but we know we are operating under very unique circumstances brought to us courtesy of the challenge that was imposed on His

Excellency despite the 8.2 million people who turned up and voted for him, with an overwhelming win. We know the challenge. We respect it. I am sure come 17th October, the people of Kenya will reaffirm the choice they had and we will be back to business. I hope at that point His Excellency will come here and articulate that very robust Jubilee Manifesto and how it will be translated into programmes to improve the quality of life of the Kenyan people.

While we are at it, there have been concerns that some of our colleagues are not coming to the House. I want to take it from a different perspective. I am encouraged that despite the pressure they have that they should not participate in this House, they are actually finding time to come and defy their leadership and say: “Even if you tell us not to go, we will go and sign that register as evidence that we are participating in Parliament because we believe that Parliament is properly constituted”. That is why they are coming. Let us encourage as many of them as possible to come to the House. Let them sign so that their leadership can see that there is documentary evidence that despite being told not to come, they are actually coming. We need to liberate our colleagues. We know they are under pressure from a dictatorial leadership. It is only by encouraging them to come that we will find peace in their seats as they get that courage to not only sign, but to come so that we can together move along as a House.

With those words, I wish every one of us success in the next five years. I will be there to support as and when needed.

Hon. Speaker: The Member for Emurua Dikirr.

The Member for Emurua Dikirr (Hon. Johana Ngeno Kipyegon): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this chance. From the outset, I want to thank God the creator and the people of Emurua Dikirr for giving me this second chance to come back to this House and serve them again. I know my people of Emurua Dikirr went through a lot during these elections. They went through a lot of pain, persecution and agony. Some people died. Others were hospitalized and others are rotting in jail because of an election. I have never understood why there had to be violence. I do not want to say much on that because it reminds me of what some people did to our people. I want to thank them for their patience and consideration that I should be brought back to this House to serve them once again. I also want to congratulate you, Hon. Speaker and your deputy, for being re-elected.

On the matter of the President’s Speech, I would like to say Kenya is a great nation. It is a nation that almost each African country now admires because of three fundamental things. Number one, the handing over of power by the former President Daniel arap Moi to the Opposition was a landmark which no other African country has done. The second was the passage of the Constitution. In most African states, the Constitution is normally passed during war, but we passed our Constitution at a time of peace. The third issue is the court ruling. It was one of the amazing rulings in the world. It affected our President, but they always say the law is an ass. The Judiciary is a creature of the Constitution. Sometimes when it cuts the other way and comes back, we would rather understand that this law that we are dealing with is an ass.

I want to thank three people. I know it is very controversial, but I must thank three people. Number one, I want to thank Raila Amolo Odinga. He has been relentless on democracy in this country. He has been fighting for our democratic space and most importantly, the latest, jurisprudence, in this nation. When he decided to go to the streets, I thought Raila was going to kill this country, but when he said he was going to court, I thanked him and I said God is great.

Number two is Hon. Maraga. When he made that fearless, steadfast and true to his calling decision, we thought it was wrong, but I think he was also Godsend to show the world that Kenya can make an extraordinary decision. Most importantly, I want to thank the President of

this country. Like what my colleagues said, I think it was by design that God wanted us to have this ruling so that Kenya can show the world that Kenya is a democracy, believes in the rule of law and the Constitution. When the President accepted the verdict of the court, although he said he did not agree with it, the whole of Africa was at a standstill: How can a sitting president accept a verdict like this? The world thought this country would go to the dogs or would decide to go to war. But our President made a decision that I would call Solomonic. He showed the world that he is a statesman. He is a patriot. He believes in the rule of law. Forget about the whining and ranting and all that. We have another chance. On 17th, the world knows that Kenya will go for another election without a problem. I want to congratulate the President of this country and I wish him well. I also wish my friend, Raila Odinga, well in his endeavours. Let us go to this election peacefully.

Hon. Speaker: A voice from Nandi. Kindly introduce yourself.

The Member for Chesumei Constituency (Wilson Kipngetich Kogo): Hon. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. My name is Wilson Kipngetich Kogo, Member for Chesumei in Nandi County. First of all, I want to thank the people of Chesumei Constituency for the opportunity they gave me to represent them. It is my first time to be in this honourable House. It is history in my life. I have always dreamt of this. I also want to thank great people of Nandi County for having held very peaceful elections on 8th August. As leaders from Nandi, we appreciate the peace that we witnessed during that period and more so, for having chosen the youngest governor and Senator in the whole country. We appreciate because we believe they chose people who can take our constituencies and county forward.

On behalf of Chesumei people, I congratulate the Speaker, the leadership of the House and Members of this House for having been elected to serve our people in this great country. For the President's Speech, when the court gave the ruling, I am one of those people who feared because I did not know what would happen next. You can remember the problems we witnessed in 2007. I prayed that somebody would stand up and probably provide leadership.

I appreciated my President, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, for the way he stood and provided leadership for the sake of this country. It was a time anything could have happened with that ruling from the court. As the President stated before, it was a very painful moment for him. For the Jubilee family, I would say that it took the hand of God and the wisdom of the President. We saw leadership in him. He is a leader who loves this country. He loves peace and means well for this country. Having accepted the verdict of the court and respected the Constitution, I thought that was leadership in itself.

Hon. Members, if we have to take this country forward, we have to ensure there is progress and that we are moving in the right direction. It is good to take note of the fact that it is a choice. We have to choose. That is what our President did. He chose to take this country forward. Congratulations to our President. How I wish our Members in the Opposition can shelve their personal interests for the sake of this country. I request them to look at the bigger picture and appreciate the fact that we need each one of us if we are going to move forward as a country. As for the IEBC, they should forget about the noises in the streets and prepare for the elections because we are ready.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, let us remind ourselves again as I did earlier. If you have contributed to this debate, be it yesterday or today morning, please, allow others to have a chance. The Member who has just contributed did so yesterday. That is against our rules. It is not right. Let me hear a voice from Baringo County. Hon. Kamket. You appreciate that we have not

heard a voice from Baringo County this afternoon. We have to do it that way. Please, this will give some element of equity.

The Member for Tiaty (Hon. William Kassait Kamket): I thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have been trying to catch the Speaker's eye since yesterday. As an immediate former Speaker of Baringo County Assembly, it is not very pleasant to be on the other side.

Hon. Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the great people of Tiaty Constituency, Baringo County, for giving me this chance. For those who do not know, Tiaty Constituency was misrepresented for 15 years by the immediate former Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security. I am happy that I am now here to represent their interests properly.

Hon. Speaker, in February 1997, I was employed by the Kenya National Assembly as a Hansard Reporter. I sat in that HANSARD Box for a good five years. I resigned to go and study. Again, I was employed for the second time and thereafter I resigned to go and vie and I lost. I am happy that finally I am back where I belong. I kept saying to myself that I belong to Parliament either as an employee or as an employee of the people of Tiaty.

Hon. Speaker, I am also greatly humbled and honoured to have been elected as a Member of Parliament through the independence party, the party that brought this country Independence, the one and only party that we all belong, the Kenya African National Union (KANU), *Chama Cha Baba na Mama na Watoto*.

(Applause)

Coming to what the President said on the occasion of the Presidential Address in this Assembly, he came and did his constitutional duty after the Supreme Court reinstated him not as an aspiring President, but as a sitting President.

Hon. Speaker, the only thing that I thank the people of Kenya for is the peace that they have maintained since the ruling of the Supreme Court. I commend the people of the Republic of Kenya for maintaining peace throughout this period. I am sure that there are some who were wishing for the opposite. I thank the people of Kenya for maintaining peace at this very defining moment in our history. In the last election, on the 8th August, the people of Tiaty Constituency were a bit generous with their vote for very good reasons. They voted 50-50. They voted 50 per cent for the Opposition and 50 per cent for His Excellency, Uhuru Kenyatta. However, we have a saying in the Pokot language that when you chase a man, you do not cross the river when he has crossed.

In that spirit, therefore, as we move to 17th October, I shall be asking my people to turn up in large numbers and vote for His Excellency President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. We are targeting a 100 per cent vote. I will personally lead that campaign. We have our own issues and we shall have them addressed as we move along.

The first one is the rampant extra-judicial killings happening in Tiaty and Laikipia and the killing of livestock by security officers, which is an abomination. I am sure those matters will be addressed as we move along.

Hon. Speaker, the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga is a gentleman who is drowning. He is like a captain of a drowning ship, and all he is doing is trying to destroy institutions and counting how many people he is going to drown with.

Tribal profiling of individuals who work in those very key pillars of our democracy will not help him. I offer a free advice to that gentleman this afternoon; please, even if your wife or

daughter or girlfriend, or whoever, is made the Chairperson of the IEBC, the results will be the same. You shall lose.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Naivasha.

The Member for Naivasha (Hon. (Ms.) Jane Njeri Wanjiru Kihara): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I am the Member for Naivasha Constituency also known as “The Happy Valley” in the great Nakuru Constituency, where there was a vote basket for Jubilee. I wish to congratulate all of you Members for going through a very rigorous campaign and coming out unscratched, except for your pockets.

Hon. Speaker, I am humbled by the way people of Naivasha voted for Jubilee and gave me a chance to serve them again after a break of 10 years. I do not take it for granted. They missed my leadership and I thank them for electing the President with a very high vote. It is worth mentioning that I was elected with the second highest vote in a single Constituency after Ruiru. I love you, Naivasha people.

I thank everybody who helped me in one way or the other. There are those who helped me with their finances and in kind. Specifically, I would like to thank Hon. Ichungh’wa and KJ, who came to my youth peace event dubbed “Mzuka Youth Concert”. Do not ask me what “Mzuka” is. It was called so by the youth and they were very happy for the visitation of the two Members.

Hon. Speaker, the President visited us last Friday, and we assured him that we are ready to vote for him on 17th October. We are all waiting. We were hurt by the ruling of the Supreme Court but, like everyone has said, we take it in strides, get ready and campaign for President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy.

Hon. Speaker, I was very excited when the President talked of peace. Naivasha was the hardest hit in the post-election violence in 2007. My name ended up in the infamous “Ocampo Envelope”. I have carried that baggage for seven years, trying to fight it. So, when our President and his deputy were put on trial at The Hague, I knew what they were going through.

I may not have gone to The Hague but there is not a single investigator or researcher on this case who never interrogated me. All said and done, that is past us. It is time to talk about peace in our nation.

It is very unfortunate for the newly elected Members who have been put in office by Wanjiku but whose principals, who have had their time in this House, have held them back from participating in the business of this House. You can imagine how they are feeling.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Marsabit County.

The Woman Representative for Marsabit County (Hon. (Ms.) Safia Sheikh Adan):

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am the County Women Representative for Marsabit County. I am honoured and humbled to be representing my people in this august House. I thank all the people of Marsabit County for having faith in me. I hope to surpass their expectation. I will make use of this position to highlight the many challenges women face daily, not only in Marsabit County but also in many parts of this nation. I would like to congratulate all the new Members as well as those who have been re-elected. I want us to unite and work together for the Kenyans who elected us. Our struggles, fears and challenges are all the same across the nation. We can only succeed when we bring our heads together and find solutions to the many problems that our people face in different parts of our country.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who worked tirelessly to give us the new Constitution. Due to that, women have representation which is essential for our growth as a society. I would like to acknowledge here that I appreciate the President’s Speech especially

because it touched on peace and unity. As a pastoralist woman who is experiencing tribal conflict in my county, I understood what he meant by peace. Indeed, peace is very essential and without it we cannot develop or carry out any activities. We have seen what goes on in our neighbouring countries like Somalia. Let leaders unite the people of this nation and maintain peace.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of you the very best as you undertake this journey. Thank you so much and I appreciate you for listening to me.

Hon. Speaker: Can I hear from the Member for Kirinyaga Central.

The Member of Kirinyaga Central (Hon. John Wambugu Munene): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to sincerely thank the people of Kirinyaga Central for having faith in me and electing me from among the many contestants. I also would wish to thank the whole of Kirinyaga County for coming out in large numbers on 8th August 2017 to vote for President Kenyatta with the highest number of votes in terms of percentage. On 17th October 2017, they should do it again and let Kirinyaga shine again as the county which will vote for the President with the highest percentage of voter turnout. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the Speaker for having been elected. I believe he is going to guide this House for the next five years.

Coming to the President's Speech, I want to touch on two things. He was very clear about peace and security in this country. We all know what peace means. We owe it to our forefathers who gave us a peaceful country. It is upon us to bequeath a peaceful and secure country to our children and future generations. We cannot run away from that. As we go through this re-election, let us maintain peace and security. It is only through peace that on 17th October 2017 Kenyans will again come out and express their will.

The President touched on the three arms of Government, namely, the Judiciary, Executive and the Legislature. We all know that for a country to run smoothly, the three arms must respect each other and work together. On my part, I think when judges are interpreting the law and the Constitution, the basic rule should be the public good of the country. Taking this into consideration, never again should this great country of ours be subjected to another election on very whimsical grounds. I do not say this by accident because in the whole world, only three countries have annulled presidential elections. The bar should be so high so that in order to overturn the will of the people, the evidence should be as clear as day before night. I wish to call upon the people of Kenya not to get tired and come out on 17th October 2017 to express their will again.

Thank you, very much.

Hon. Speaker: The Member for Belgut. I better mention constituencies and then you can introduce yourselves because that is the only way.

The Member for Belgut (Hon. Nelson Koech): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First and foremost, I take this opportunity to thank the great people of Belgut for according me an opportunity to represent them in this great House. Again, I want to congratulate my fellow Members for being elected. I specifically want to congratulate the Member for Bomet East, who also doubles up as my mother-in-law, for her election.

After our swearing in and the Supreme Court ruling, I went back to my people of Belgut and I was at pains to explain to them what really happened in the Supreme Court. They were telling me that they had elected me and the President and yet I was going back to them to ask for votes. This is unfortunate inasmuch as the President spoke about respect of the rule of law. I want to mention that what happened in the Supreme Court was a judicial coup. I really want to laud the President and say that I will be part of the team which is very ready to streamline our

Judiciary so that when people exercise their constitutional mandate, it does not become a matter of four or six people overturning the will of the Kenyan people.

In his Address, the President mentioned that the three arms of Government should work together. I was taken aback when I realised that the Judiciary was not represented in this House on that day. Hon. Speaker, maybe, you should look for an opportunity and ask for an explanation as to why members of the Judiciary were not in the House during the Presidential Address. It is important for all these organs to work together. The President also mentioned about giving the youth, persons with disabilities and women opportunities. I am very happy that even though some of the people with disabilities did not make it on elective platforms, Jubilee felt it fair to nominate some of them. One of them has just left and he was my head boy in High School, Hon. Sankok, whom I must congratulate.

On the issue of hatemongers, I must laud the President for mentioning that he will not tolerate them.

As I speak here today, I do border members of a community that are firmly in belief of one of the principals. Two days ago, there was high tension. We do supply them with milk and vegetables. The tension is so high that at this moment we are not able to take our products to our nearby market in Sondu. This is because of the tension that has been created by unnecessary political talk by the political class. Like one hon. member mentioned here, we will go back and request for votes, and I know that the people I represent in this great House – the people of Belgut Constituency – will reaffirm the position they had taken on the 8th August election by voting back His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Taveta Constituency.

The Member for Taveta (Hon. (Dr.) Naomi Namsi Shaban): Asante sana, Mhe. Spika. Pia mimi sina budi kujiunga na wenzangu kuwapongeza kwanza kwa kuchaguliwa kwenye Bunge hili la 12 baada ya kinyang'anyiro kilichokuwa kigumu. Nataka pia kuchukua nafasi na fursa hii kumpongeza Mhe. Rais kwa msimamo wake wa dhati na kwa upendo wa nchi yetu na kutuliza wananchi kuwa kuna umuhimu wa watu kudumisha amani wakati huu tunavyoelekea kwenye uchaguzi wa tarehe 17 Oktoba.

Wakenya wengi walipigwa na butwaa tarehe 1 Septemba wakati uamuzi ulipofanywa. Ulikuwa uamuzi wa kuridhisha. Uamuzi wa Mahakama ya Juu haukueleza kwa nini walifanya uamuzi ule. Wakenya wengi wamejiuliza maswali. Nashangaa nikisikia watu wanashangaa kuwa tunashangaa. Ukweli ni kwamba ukifanya uamuzi kama ule kuna umuhimu wa kueleza sababu. Wakenya walitoka kwa wingi tarehe nane mwezi wa nane kwenda kupiga kura ili kuchagua viongozi wao. Sisi ambao tuko hapa tuko kwa njia iliyo halali na tunaambiwa kwamba uchaguzi wa urais ulikuwa hauna uhalali. Vipengele kadhaa katika katiba yetu vimempatia mwananchi nafasi na fursa ya kuchagua viongozi wake. Si sawa kwa uamuzi kama ule kufanywa na tusiambiwe ni kwa nini.

Mhe. Spika, vile vile, Wabunge waliochaguliwa katika Bunge hili la 12 wakumbuke kwamba wana jukumu walilopatiwa na wananchi wao ambao walitumia haki yao ya kidemokrasia kuwachagua kuja hapa. Bunge letu la kitaifa lina Wabunge wa pande zote mbili, upande wa walio wengi na upande wa walio wachache. Kawaida kwa sasa hivi walio wachache ni wale ambao wako katika Upinzani. Jamani muangalie msigeuzwe mkawa wanasarakasi ama wanavitimbi kwa sababu upande wa Bunge la Senate, wenzenu wamekwenda wamechagua Spika. Wamerudi leo wamemchagua Naibu wa Spika lakini nyinyi mnaambiwa msifanye masuala yaliyowaleta hapa na haki yenu iliyowaleta hapa na msifanye kazi za wananchi waliowatuma hapa. Wanaowatuma wamewaona nyinyi kama watoto wadogo na hamjui

mlilokuja kufanya hapa Bungeni. Ninawaomba ndugu zangu mkumbuke umuhimu wa uchaguzi uliotokea na kuwa wananchi waliwapatia nafasi. Mkumbuke kuwa mlipovyokuwa katika kile kinyang'anyiro kulikuwa na wengine pia ambao walikuwa wanastahili kupatiwa nafasi. Wewe ulibahatika kuwa Mbunge wa eneo lako kwa kuweza kuwawakilisha wananchi wako. Nitashangaa sana Wabunge hawa wakienda kwenye vikao vyao kwenye vyama wanashindwa kuwaambia wakubwa wao ukweli uliopo ya kwamba mmetumwa hapa na wananchi waliowachagua. Nawaomba ndugu zangu mkumbuke kuwa Rais Uhuru Kenyatta yuko kwenye kiti kihakika na ndio maanake Wabunge wa Senate wamekwenda kufanya vile wanavyotakikana kufanya. Nyinyi hapa ambao mko wengi kushinda wale mnashindwa nguvu na wachache. Wanawachezea kizungumkuti na mnakubali kuchezeza.

Mhe. Spika, ulimwengu una mambo mengi. Unaambiwa unavyozidi kukua ndivyo unavyoona mengi. Kuishi kwingi ndio kuona mengi. Nimechaguliwa sasa kwa mara ya nne na ninajua ya kwamba Mhe. Uhuru Kenyatta mpaka tarehe 17 mwezi wa 10 yuko kwenye kiti kwa njia ya halali na baada ya tarehe 17 tutakuwa tumepatiwa nafasi nyingine ya kuwa na rais ambaye atakalia kile kiti. Nina imani kuwa rais huyo sio mwingine bali ni Uhuru Kenyatta. Naunga mkono masuala yote ambayo rais aliyazungumzia haswa suala la amani, suala la uchaguzi na kuwapongeza kina mama na, nikimalizia, kumpongeza dadangu, Mhe. Teyiaa, kwa kupatiwa nafasi ya kuwa Mbunge katika kaunti ya Kajiado. Mungu awabariki. Tufanye kazi iliyotuleta hapa.

Asante sana, Mhe. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. (Prof.) Zadoc Ogutu, an independent member.

The Member for Bomachoge Borabu (Hon. (Prof.) Zadoc Abel Ogutu): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me take this opportunity also to contribute to the address given by the President of the Republic of Kenya. First of all, I would like to congratulate you for being elected to lead the 12th Parliament and also extend my gratitude to my colleagues who have joined us, especially those who have been elected on an independent ticket. It was not a very easy job for those categories of MPs because it required a lot of effort and mobilisation of their own resources to be able to make it to this Parliament. I thank the voters of Bomachoge Borabu Constituency for deciding that they did not want to go for the party as it were but to go for the person who had the policies and vision of their needs. They went out in large numbers to give me an opportunity to serve in this Parliament.

People from Bomachoge Borabu are agriculturalists. They love this country and its leadership. They are very happy with the recent initiatives that the Government has already begun in the constituencies. They are particularly happy with the 47-kilometre first tarmac road in the constituency and they are also looking forward for more benefits that will make them feel to be part of the Kenyan community.

With regard to the Address by the President, I want to make a number of observations. The Address was extremely brief. I have heard from my colleagues that previous addresses were longer. Maybe there will be future addresses where the President can provide more, especially on the direction of the legislative arm during the current Parliament. However, I picked a number of interesting areas. The President spoke about devolution. Devolution is only about four-and-a-half years old. I was very impressed by that Speech. A lot has been achieved and the 11th Parliament was able to see the 12th Parliament gain in terms of women, youth and people with disabilities who have now joined this House.

He spoke about elections. Personally, I am not very comfortable with the way we have been engaging in elections. Kenya is a young democracy. We have the democratic space that we

have created. I think it is very important for us to be keen in picking out the lessons that we learn from what appears to be challenges in our democracy.

Hon. Speaker, for that reason, I would also like to congratulate the President for accepting the court ruling and moving ahead and ensuring that our democratic space is respected. Therefore, the re-election process is allowed to take place as it has been planned. All I am saying is that we need to be slow to blame. We are on a running track and we have made a number of achievements which can also be cause for us to rejoice and nurture those achievements to see this country grow into greater heights. We have our friends who are watching and they would like to see how we react to the various circumstances and situations that come due to our growing democracy.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kajiado East. Come to the Dispatch Box.

The Member for Kajiado East (Hon. (Ms.) Peris Pesi Tobiko): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am grateful for this opportunity to contribute. Let me start by thanking God because of his great mercies and grace to bring me back to this august House for a second time. I also congratulate you and the Deputy Speaker for being re-elected which is a vote of confidence by the Members of this House. I am very grateful to the great people of Kajiado East who found it fit to return me back to the august House for a second time. I am grateful. I thank all of them in Kajiado East. We have people of all walks of life. I was elected by people across the board and across the religious divide, muslims and Christians. I was elected by all ethnic communities of this nation because they are all in Kajiado East. I was also elected by the indigenous community of the Maasai people. I am very grateful.

I have plans for them. I will take development to a notch higher. I will continue treating all equitably and with respect and will give a listening ear. I will go into the much-needed development in Kajiado East. Let me specifically say that we are very grateful in Kajiado East that the tarmac road that we were promised by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta starting from Isara Mashuru to Kajiado has started. It is progressing and we are more than grateful.

Let me applaud His Excellency because of the Speech that he made the other day. He captured the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the mood of the country at this particular moment. He talked about peace, security and respect for the rule of law. He applauded the gains made by the women of this country and the young people. A good number of women have made it to this august House.

The 11th Parliament which I was privileged to be part of did a lot to implement the Constitution and entrench devolution. However, there is still a lot to be done in our various counties. The governors and those who have been elected to county assemblies should take devolution seriously. They should use the resources that are allocated by this House wisely.

Let me just talk about the court ruling that was made the other day. Although Hon. Raila Odinga may have thought he was able to pull the rug from under the feet of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, I will tell him that he put him on a pedestal because he has now shown Kenya and the world that he is a statesman who obeys the law even when he is not necessarily in agreement with the kind of judgment that has been made. I will tell Hon. Raila Odinga that Kenya can no longer be held to ransom by one individual from 1982, 1992 and 1997. He has been taking this country in a circus. It is not possible that he continues to hold our children and his grandchildren to ransom. His grandchildren call him *Baba*, but I think he is *Babu*. That is his right title. On 17th October, we will show Hon. Raila Odinga again that we voted for Uhuru Kenyatta and his victory will be affirmed.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: The Member who is occupying the position of the Deputy Minority Party Whip. Say your name and constituency. He has been occupying that position for the last three-and-a-half hours. It is only fair that we hear his voice.

The Member for Embakasi Central (Hon. Benjamin Gathiru Mwangi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am Hon. Benjamin Gathiru Mwangi, commonly known as Menja Donk representing Embakasi Central Constituency. First, I would like to thank God for giving me the chance of being in this House. I also want to thank my family and the people of Embakasi Central at large for coming out in large numbers during the general election and deciding that the Jubilee Party candidate should carry the day. I am very happy for that. I would also wish to congratulate you, Hon. Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the leadership of Parliament.

It is good that we have new faces in Nairobi County. People of Nairobi County have decided that they want to be represented by the youth. I believe the youth suffer more, especially in Embakasi Central. That is where all illegal gangs originate from. Under my leadership, I hope I will help and liberate our youth.

The President's Speech was very good. He talked about the stability of the country. For the country to remain united, the people have to remain stable. The President also noted the progress made by the youth and women in this country. I believe Kenya is heading towards the right direction. Many women and the youth have been elected to this House and I believe if we head on that direction, we will achieve the two-third gender rule.

I would not wish to take a lot of time. I congratulate each and every Member of this House for the test they went through during the Jubilee nominations and during the elections on 8th August. I urge them to mobilise their constituents and ensure that we win by a bigger margin than we did come 17th October 2017.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. May God bless you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Narok South.

The Member for Narok South (Hon. Korei ole Lemein): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. From the outset, let me thank God and the great people of Narok South for re-electing me overwhelmingly. I want to tell them that I will work diligently for the benefit of their welfare and for the constituency in general. Let me also congratulate you, Hon. Speaker, for being re-elected to lead us in this House. I also congratulate Hon. Deputy Speaker and all the Members of this House. Kenyans have spoken on matters election.

On the President's Speech, I was amazed by his humility. This is a President who once conceded defeat in 2002 and he is the only sitting President who was summoned by an international court and still obeyed. This time round, our own Supreme Court invalidated his win and again, he obeyed. It is amazing when you look at the humility and the character of His Excellency the President Kenyatta. I believe on 17th October 2017, Kenyans will speak loudly once again. I believe His Excellency President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, will win and will remain the President of this beautiful country.

The development and transformation in this country speaks for itself. I know, and as His Excellency said, the 10th Parliament did a commendable job as far as the Constitution is concerned. I am proud to be associated with the 11th Parliament which again, Hon. Speaker, you led. We did a commendable job of implementing the Constitution.

Kenyans have shown the National Super Alliance (NASA) a yellow card. On 17th October 2017, the people of Kenya will give these fellows a red card and that will be the end of the Opposition in this country. Kenyans are tired. I believe Kenyans want to see more

development, peace and harmony. It is only under the leadership of His Excellency President Kenyatta that all these virtues can be attained in this country.

Because of lack of time and I want to give my colleagues opportunity to contribute, I thank you and the people of Narok South as well.

Hon. Speaker: The Member who said is from Mandera West, have you spoken to this Motion?

The Member for Mandera West (Hon. Yussuf Haji Adan): No.

Hon. Speaker: Your face looks familiar and I assumed that you had spoken.

The Member for Mandera West (Hon. Yussuf Haji Adan): No, I have not spoken.

Hon. Speaker: Then it is your chance.

The Member for Mandera West (Hon. Adan Haji Yussuf): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First and foremost, I thank the Almighty God for giving us the opportunity to be here with everybody else. I hereby congratulate Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Deputy Speaker and all the Members of this House for having been elected as representatives of the people of this great nation.

To touch a little bit on the President's Speech, it was short, clear, timely and conscientious. He started by saying that we must fear God. Everything that starts in the name of God always succeeds. Therefore, I take this opportunity to urge everybody here to observe keenly the rule of law. This country has a very clear Constitution, which is humane and close to the people. The President, in his wisdom, has shown a lot of patriotism by accepting the judgment of the Supreme Court in order to save this country from turmoil.

The President talked about peace and stability. I come from a background of peace building. It is something I have done for many years in many African countries. Without peace and stability, nothing can be achieved. No development can be achieved and we shall have sleepless nights. Therefore, calling on us to maintain peace and stability as a priority is a display of wisdom on the President's part.

The President also talked about our diversity being our strength as Kenyans. Kenya is composed of over 40 tribes and different languages. We should use that diversity as a strength and not as something to divide us. We should be proud that we can fit anywhere in this country and at any time.

Because of the situation the President finds himself in, he was not in a position to mention a lot about development. I come from a constituency where men and women of 90 years old and above have never seen a tarmac road in their lives. They do not know whether a tarmac road is black, yellow, green or white. If you tell them that a tarmac road is white, they will just accept that because they have never seen one. I heard the President say that in the near future, he is going to construct a tarmac road that would connect Moyale and my constituency. I will be happy for my grandfather to see a tarmac road before he passes on soon. He has been asking me whether a tarmac road is black, white, yellow or blue. That is also a constituency where the backbone of its economy is livestock production. The ribs that you enjoy here come from there. Therefore, I will definitely, in the course of this time, come up with Motions and requests to see how best we can develop our livestock industry. Being an expert of the livestock...

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kimilili.

The Member for Kimilili (Hon. Didmus Wekesa Barasa Mutua): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the Address by His Excellency the President. Let me also begin by congratulating you for being elected Speaker of the National Assembly. I am Didmus Wekesa Barasa, Member for Kimilili Constituency. Where we have

used a lot of resources to get where we are as the National Assembly, we need to be firm so that people do not import their bad manners from the village to the Floor of this House. This is a House where serious matters that affect Kenyans are discussed.

Commenting on the President's Address, I was very much touched by his warning to individuals who think that they can hold this country to ransom by breaching the peace that we enjoy, as Kenyans. In Kimilili Constituency, every time we have an election, lives are lost. Even during the campaigns running to the just concluded general election, some lives were lost. Even as we head to the 17th October repeat presidential elections, people are worried about who is going to be killed. We must also ensure that the law is applied equitably, regardless of who breaks it. It should not matter whether the victims are the lords who live in the castles or the paupers who live beneath the bridge. No one's ambition is more important than the lives of Kenyans such that for one to assume a particular political office, lives have to be lost. In the same spirit, I urge the security agents to investigate and apprehend those who want to cause chaos in this country.

I came to this House courtesy of the people of Kimilili Constituency, who gave me clear instructions to vote for you as the Speaker of this Assembly because they believe that you are a strict person. We are not going to allow the shenanigans and games that are being played by the Members of the Opposition in this House. It is not that we are good people or so honest to ourselves. We must tell them that they are in this House to serve Kenyans, not to serve a few individuals who have been on record sacrificing our economic gains for selfish and baseless political reasons.

Thank you.

The Woman Representative for Murang'a County (Hon. (Ms.) Sabina Wanjiru Maitu Chege): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to speak. First, I thank the people of Murang'a. We were among the top in the voter turnout on 8th August in voting for our President, Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. I was glad to see him coming to address the nation through this House. I also thank the people of Murang'a for having confidence in women. In his Speech, the President commended Kenyans for voting women into this House. We have three women who have been voted in as Members of a single constituency and myself as the Member for my county. We are four women out of the eight Members of Parliament from Murang'a County. With the women, we will not let them down.

I am also glad to see very young people, including my friend, KJ, with whom we have come from the same industry. Initially, in this House we are used to having doctors, engineers and the likes but we have a new team from the emerging industry. We are several of us, artistes, here. Personally, I have featured in the Swahili soap *Tausi* as an actress. I am very proud that I have been an artiste, a broadcaster, and now a Member of this House. We want to promise Kenyans as young people, because we are the majority in this nation; that we are going to work towards achieving the promises that we made, of creating job opportunities for them. We also want to be part of the mentors. I am foreseeing a situation where, in the next 10 or 20 years, if you are 50 years old, politics will not be your game again because young people will have taken over.

The President spoke about having no vacuum in this nation. We also have no vacuum in this House. I was ashamed this morning to see Members from the Opposition side sneak into the House to sign the attendance register and leave. I would like to remind them that they call us thieves but we now know who the major thieves are. This is taking money from the taxpayers. You sneak in because you would not want to be seen by your leader that you came to this House

and signed. It is a shame. This is robbery without violence. We will be naming and shaming them. We will be looking at the list of the people who came in, signed and left because they want to please their masters.

It is also a shame the way we look at the women in this nation. Yesterday, there was a case in Kisumu where some women who had met to discuss development were harassed and beaten up just because some people's DNA material reads violence. We want to stand with those women. As a Member of this House, and as a woman leader, I call upon the police to crack the whip on those hooligans who went to harass those women. Women need to be given a chance in all corners of this nation. Firstly, they should enjoy their freedom of association. Secondly, they have freedom to assemble in any part of this nation. We would not like to see such cases going on.

We have around 1.6 million children who are ready to sit for national examinations. One of the Opposition leaders was on record saying that the children will not die if they do not sit for the examination. That is a shame. Unless the person who made that statement never went to school – Of course, he is a class six drop out – nobody would joke with the minds and the emotions of our children by trying to say that their examinations can be moved to some later dates. So, we are ready.

It is 33 days to go to the repeat presidential elections so that we can, again, see the will of the Kenyans. Thousands of them queued and their voice was heard. I am very sure that this time round, the Supreme Court will respect the sovereignty of the people of this nation as they vote for their President – the one and only Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, who has the interests of this nation at heart, and who has a development agenda for this nation. As Members of this House, ours is a commitment to serve the people who voted for us.

Thank you.

The Member for Samburu North (Hon. Alois Musa Lentoimaga): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I want to join my brothers and sisters to congratulate you for your election as the Speaker for the second time. I also congratulate your deputy, the Members of Parliament who were elected for the second or third time, and those who have joined us for the first time.

I also want to thank the people of Samburu County for giving me an opportunity to serve them for a second time in this august House. This is a show of the confidence they have in me. Most of my previous colleagues in the neighbouring counties, and within my county, lost their seats in the last general elections. That is the will of the people of Kenya, and Samburu County in general. This is a very important opportunity. I promise them that I will do my best, just as I did in the last Parliament. I want to do it better this time round, so that they can reap the fruits of my good leadership. Even though we are talking about the President's Speech, people in our constituencies, especially in northern Kenya, particularly Samburu North, are still suffering because of insecurity. I expected the President would address the issue of insecurity and cattle rustling in his Speech. Over the weekend, we lost four young men due to insecurity in that part of Kenya. I want the Government of President Kenyatta to ensure that it eradicates cattle theft in the near future. It should deal with crooks that kill people in the name of snatching animals. It is barbaric and primitive to engage in such acts in the 21st Century. So, we need to bring the culprits to book and ensure that they are taken where they belong. We still need the Government to do that as soon as possible.

I also want to commend the President because from 1st September 2017 to date, His Excellency the President has behaved like a Statesman. He has been very humble, patient,

patriotic and peace-loving. He is a role model for us because he is standing out as a symbol of unity. Losing an election through a court, and an election we know he won, is not an easy thing. He won with a margin of 1.4 million votes! This was a strong win. Most of us know how painful it is when you lose an election through means you did not expect. When I saw the Supreme Court announcing nullification of the election, I felt like I was dreaming. If I was feeling like that, what about the person who won and yet within seconds his win was nullified? It is very unfortunate.

We know the opponent of the President. He is somebody who likes chaos. It happened in 1997, 2002 and 2007. All the time he keeps complaining and calling for mass action. He is very dangerous for this country. God willing, we want to humble that fellow. I appeal to Kenyans to vote in large numbers so that we humble him once and forever.

Thank you very much Hon. Speaker. I also want to thank my colleagues. Let us go back and ensure that our people vote in large numbers.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamanda.

The Nominated Member (Hon. William Maina Kamanda): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was wondering whether it is because I do not have constituency that you are not seeing me. I used to catch your eye very easily. I want to remind everybody that I have the largest constituency having been nominated by His Excellency the President.

I want to congratulate each one of us, those elected and those nominated. I also want to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for having been elected to steer the 12th Parliament. Those of us, who were in the 11th Parliament, know how you worked extremely hard under very difficult circumstances, but you made it. I have been here three times courtesy of the people of Starehe. I thank them. The people of Starehe have been very generous to me. For 20 years, they have made me their councillor and for 15 years, their Member of Parliament. So, losing one election cannot make me condemn them. I only need to thank them more sincerely.

To the young man who has taken over from me, I would like to assure him of my support. He should not see me as a competitor anymore. Let him see me as a guide. The people he will compete with in 2022 will be other younger people like him and not Maina Kamanda. It is true Nairobi has young people but, please, do not boast too much about it because we were also young people at one time. At some point, I was the youngest councillor at the age of 25 years. At the time, there were elderly men who were, say, 70 years old. So, it is something that you should carry with respect. Also respect the elderly people. It is that respect for the elderly that has made me who I am and brought me where I am today. All you need to do is to walk by their side and, at some point, they will be phased out and you will take over.

I want to talk about the President's Speech. I want to thank President Kenyatta for the way he has steered this country in the last four years. The Opposition has been making noise that the Government has done nothing and that it cannot be trusted or elected. However, Kenyans voted for the Jubilee Government. That means that the agenda and the manifesto of Jubilee Government, the President and you, Hon. Speaker, have been put through this Parliament.

For those who do not understand Raila, I have been with him all this time in Nairobi. People died in 1982. I was then a councillor here in Nairobi and over 400 people died during the 1982 coup. This man is cursed by the blood of those who died. He should know that he will never make it through the ballot. He knows it. That is why he wants shortcuts. I also want to talk about the Senate. Sen. Wetangula is telling his people not to attend sittings of both Houses, but he is busy contributing in the Senate. We are telling his people to be ashamed. They are being misled. They should wake up and come and work for their people.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Imenti Central.

The Member for Central Imenti (Hon. Moses Nguchine Kirima): Hon. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to thank God for enabling me to be the Member of Imenti Central Constituency. I had tried more than once to vie. It has taken the hand of God and the support of my people to win in this particular election of 2017. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected the Speaker of this august House. I also congratulate the rest of the House leadership for being elected. In the same vein, I wish to take this opportunity to generally thank the people of Meru. They really supported me throughout my campaign period. They supported me through prayers and financial contributions.

Hon. Speaker, we still have remnants of Mau Mau. They are still alive. As a child of a Mau Mau, the Mau Mau really supported me and I appreciate. They did their best. They have been praying and saying they have never seen a child of a Mau Mau general or participants who came from the forest making it to this Parliament. I really appreciate and thank God for that.

As pertains to the Presidential Speech which was delivered here by His Excellency the President, I take this opportunity to say that the President did his best in the circumstances, taking into account that there is an election looming over his head. Everybody could see that the President was firm. He does not have any pressure. He is not agitated. Only to say that what was done by the Supreme Court requires a closer analysis by people who have a legal mind. If one could have a legal mind, one could tell from the word go that things were not good initially, from the time when the documents were admitted out of time. That was against the Constitution which stipulates the time when proceedings challenging the election of a president are supposed to be filed and admitted.

Since that has gone, it is my pleasure to note that I am in a party which is not shaken by what is ahead - the Jubilee Party - because we are sure that our people who turned up in large numbers - over eight million - this time round they are going to be more than 10 million. I am assured of that especially from my place. The peace which the President talked about, I assure you, even though my friend from Samburu has talked about four people being killed because that is the clashes between the Meru and the Samburu due to cattle rustling between the Igembe and the Samburu—this is just an isolated incident—we have peace in our country. Mine is to pray that the President do affirm the sovereignty which has been shown to him by the members of this country. He should hold it firm and he should not be shaken by anything. He should not feel threatened by anything because when it comes to voting, we are going to vote him in large numbers.

With those few remarks, I say that what my people have been missing in Central Imenti Constituency, whom I thank so much for electing me this time, they are going to get it. They have been complaining that the Members whom they have been electing have not been participating in debates in this House. I am up to that task.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Member for Kericho County. Hon. Members, do not worry; all of you will have a chance to contribute.

The Woman Representative for Kericho County (Hon. (Ms.) Florence Chepngetich Koskey): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance. My name is Florence Koskey Bore, County Member of Parliament for Kericho, the green county full of rain. We are blessed. It is referred to as the bathroom of God, but that does not mean we have everything; we need services as Kericho people.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for having been re-elected as the Speaker of this House, together with your Deputy. Let me take this opportunity to thank God, my family, the people of Kericho County for having given me this opportunity to serve them for the next five years.

Going into the Speech of the President, I want to congratulate President Uhuru Kenyatta for giving us a great speech that was meant for all of us as Kenyans. The Opposition said the speech was skewed to us as Jubilee, but that speech was meant for all of us as Kenyans. Some of the highlights of the Speech were: The need for peace in our country as the basis of activities as we develop our country. After the Supreme Court gave out the verdict, I looked forward to the voice of the President. And when he came out to speak to the nation, he did not disappoint: He was strong. If you can remember, he said, "Peace, peace, peace." I think that is what made us stand as a country. Otherwise, if it was somebody else, we would have been burning and fighting. We want to congratulate him for standing with us as a country.

Two, the President acknowledged the election of all of us but with specific note and celebration for the marginalized groups, women, youth and persons with disabilities. Third, the President urged us to avoid divisive and destructive politics. On this note, I want to tell those members of the public that take the law into their hands, like what we saw in Kisumu—it was very painful to see harmless, peaceful women being beaten and robbed. That was barbaric. That was shameful and backward politics in this modern Kenya. We want to tell members of the public to avoid taking the law into their hands. That happened at the door of Raila Odinga. Is he happy when he sees such things happening? We do not want to go back to what happened in 2007.

The President also warned Kenyans against allowing a free, competitive process to become a threat to our peace. As we head into the fresh presidential elections on the 17th of October, I want to affirm my support and that of the Kericho people to His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta. Kericho County gave Uhuru Kenyatta 92 per cent of the votes. I want to assure him that this time round, we are going to give him 100 per cent. We are going to move to the neighbouring counties to seek for votes for him to be re-elected.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Member for Githunguri.

The Member for Githunguri (Hon. Gabriel Kago Mukuha): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. First, I would like to thank the Almighty God and the great people of Githunguri for electing me to represent them in this august House. Two, I want to congratulate you on your re-election as the Speaker of this House, together with your Deputy, Hon. Cheboi. I also want to congratulate all the Members of this House for being mandated by the people of this Republic to represent them in this House. I would also want to congratulate His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta. We know for sure he was elected on 8th of August with over 8.2 million votes from all the corners of the Republic of Kenya, and he won with a big margin of over 1.4 million votes.

Hon. Speaker, we know very well that the will of the majority of Kenyans was overturned by the Supreme Court decision. We have a very peaceful President in this Republic. If that was the case for the Opposition, they would not have accepted. However, as much as we disagree with the ruling, the President respected the decision of the Supreme Court. I want to affirm that on 17th October, His Excellency the President is going to win with over 70 per cent. If he takes the Supreme Court ruling that went against the will made by Kenyans on 8th of August on the positive side, next month he will go down in history for having been the first President in

Africa and in the world to be elected twice in a span of two months. While on the other side also, Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga will go down in history for having lost elections in a span of two months.

Hon. Speaker, as I move to the Speech of the President during the State Opening of the First Session of the 12th Parliament last Tuesday, I am so happy because His Excellency the President recognised the women and youth who were elected overwhelmingly in different positions. We have three women governors who were elected in this Republic. Two of them are from Jubilee. Out of the 23 women who were elected to this House, 16 are from the Jubilee Party. We also have four elected Senators. It is only in Jubilee where women are given space to exercise their democratic freedom.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Melly.

The Member for Tinderet (Hon. Julius Kibiwot Melly): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank God for enabling me to come to Parliament for a second term.

Two, I would like to thank the people of Tinderet for showing confidence in me and allowing me to represent and serve them again for this five year term. I also want to congratulate all Members who have made it to the 12th Parliament. I know it is difficult to go through campaigns. It is not very easy. I would like to thank each and every Member who is here. Moreso, I want to thank and congratulate our President for having won on the 8th of August. He carried out a very good campaign in the whole Republic. We saw the kind of campaigns Jubilee Party carried out. In October, we are going to win with 70+1.

Hon. Speaker, the Speech by His Excellency the President showed the statesman we have in the name of Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. He came to this House to inaugurate the 12th Parliament, as is mandated by the Constitution.

The Constitution does not spell out, if, when or who is supposed to open Parliament. It states the President of the Republic of Kenya shall open Parliament. When our NASA opponents say that President Uhuru is not supposed to inaugurate the 12th Parliament, I wonder who else is supposed to do so. I would urge my colleagues to appreciate that the Constitution that was promulgated in 2010 provides for three separate Arms of Government. The Executive is working and running very well under the leadership of the President, his Deputy and the Cabinet - the whole Government system. The Judiciary is also working well under the leadership of the President of the Judiciary - Chief Justice Maraga. I do not understand why our colleagues would not want the third arm of the Government to operate. It is this third arm of Government that has been given the mandate by the people. It is the Sovereign will of the people that has enabled us to be here.

When we were being sworn-in here, we took an oath to be faithful, respect, honour and abide by the Constitution. When our colleagues do not come to this House and yet they swore to abide by the Constitution, be faithful to the people and ensure that the Constitution is implemented – in fact, it is indicated that they do so consciously – they are not living to their oath of office. I tend to think that they are appearing here technically, and that they do not understand the seriousness of the oath they took in this House.

I thank the people of Tinderet because I served them in the 11th Parliament. I will serve them even more diligently in the 12th Parliament. I commit to ensure that the projects that we started are completed. As we move to 17th October, I would like to confirm that Nandi County and the people of Tinderet gave the President over 90 per cent of the votes cast. This time round, we will give him 100 percent. Let us maintain peace and tranquillity, as advised by President. I

urge all Kenyans; we are one people. Let us maintain peace and ensure that the people of this great country of ours work together as brothers and sisters whenever they are.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I can see that quite a number of you have placed requests to contribute to this debate. Remember that at 6.30 p.m., the Mover will reply and then we will proceed to the Motion of Adjournment. If you remember, you passed various Motions yesterday. One of them is that if you are going to adjourn for a period in excess of 10 days, there must be debate. Therefore, even if you do not get a chance to contribute now, you will make your contribution during the time of the Motion of Adjournment.

Let us have the Member for Kigumo.

The Member for Kigumo (Hon. (Ms.) Ruth W. Mwaniki): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity. I want to start by thanking almighty God for the privilege to serve in this august House. I also want to thank the people of Kigumo for finding it fit to elect me as their representative in this House. I promise to serve them with humility. I will listen to their needs and take Kigumo a notch higher.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being re-elected for a second term as Speaker of this august House together with your Deputy, Hon. Cheboi. I also want to congratulate the members of the House leadership, that is, the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Whip, for being elected into those positions.

Coming to the President's Speech, I remember the three words he talked about which are peace, unity and service. The noble calling for Hon. Members is to serve and so he reminded us about the oath of office that we took. I want to quote something he stated: "Vibrant democratic competition is not destructive division." When His Excellency took over power in 2013, I was a public servant in his Government and I recall the pains we went through during the West Gate and Likoni attacks. He has shown humility and this has brought this country together. Peace, which has been fought for hard enough by his Government, should not be put to waste. We should not back-peddle on the gains we have made because of personal gains and leadership.

The people of Kigumo and I support President Kenyatta. The reason is the development he has brought to this country, for example, infrastructure, energy and the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF). Today, people are doing their dialysis for free and having kidney transplants which are paid for by NHIF! We all knew about NHIF, but we did not know what it was doing until President Kenyatta came into power.

Today, our youth are able to access procurement opportunities. Tendering had been very difficult particularly for start-up companies, the youth, women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). His Government has taken steps and made it mandatory for any Authority-to-Incur-Expenditure (A-I-E) holder to consider the youth, women and PWDs. Kenyans returned this favour on 8th August 2017 by electing him as their President. Following the overturning of his win by the Supreme Court, the stock exchange recorded a loss of Kshs32 billion.

As Hon. Keynan was speaking here, I remembered the pain we went through as a result of insecurity in the country. The Kenya Shilling dropped. Tourists stopped coming and our economy received a heavy beating. These are the things which pain me when I see that for some people, seeking political power supersedes the needs of Kenyans. I am happy that President Kenyatta saw it fit to allow all the three arms of Government to start serving. Both the Judiciary and the Executive are already serving people. He opened Parliament so that all of us can serve Kenyans. I am disturbed because Members of the Opposition have found it impossible to swallow their pride and come to serve Kenyans, which is what they have been called to do. Our president has shown remarkable resilience, humility, patience, fear of God, patriotism and love

for Kenya. If you go round this country, which I have been able to, even in places where he did not receive support---

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Melly.

Hon. Melly: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise under Standing Order No.96. Looking at the mood the House and the debate before the House, I request that the Mover be called upon to respond.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Because of what we have already agreed, in the interest of time, in order to allow as many members as possible to contribute, I direct that the Mover do reply.

Hon. Washiali: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party who actually moved this Motion, I take this opportunity to thank Hon. Members for their opinions and discussion on the Presidential Statement. Quickly, I admit that as a Whip, I have noted some vibrancy in Members despite the fact that this is the first Motion they have debated. I was even wondering what would happen if some of our Members did not choose to abscond because the demand and pressure to the debate is still very high despite the absence of some of our Members. Therefore, as a Whip, I want to say here that in comparison to the other Houses that we have seen come and go, I am sure this is a House that is really going to be vibrant. I take this opportunity to thank Members, especially the new ones, for the comments they have made and encourage them that this should be the way to go. I think it is very important for us to debate and make good laws for this country. Otherwise, I wish to reply.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. There is no Question put on this debate. We will move to the next Order, which is the Motion for Adjournment.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT TO A DAY OTHER THAN THE NEXT NORMAL SITTING DAY

Hon. Washiali: Hon. Members, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 28 on the Calendar of the Assembly (Regular Sessions), as read together with Standing Order No.30(3)(c) on Hours of Meeting, this House adjourns until Tuesday, 26th September 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Speaker, the purpose of the adjournment is to grant an opportunity to Members of Parliament. This is a normal programme of Parliament that when we are opening a new House, Members of Parliament must be given an opportunity to be inducted and trained on how the business of this House is carried out. Part of the programmes that would be in the induction is the functions and mandate of Parliament. That is part of what will be in the induction. Others are rules and procedures of the House in detail. The process of law making will be part of the agenda that will be in the induction programme. They will also be taught about the legislative budget process including oversight as contemplated under Article 95 of the Constitution and also the Committee system, which is an integral part of any Parliament, among others. While we were moving the Procedural Motions, again a number of our colleagues were not here. Because it is important and it is about them and the people they represent, I would like to take this opportunity to ask them to join us and the other Members in this induction programme that will start on Monday, so that they know how to conduct themselves while in Parliament. It is very important

that all Members be present for the induction programme even if they are old Members because some of our Standing Orders have changed and I am sure even the old Members will also benefit from the induction programme.

I was an observer in the elections that were carried out in the Senate. I realised that both the Jubilee and the National Super Alliance (NASA) sides were in the Senate Chambers and they voted for their Deputy Speaker. I am wondering why this boycott by our colleagues on the NASA side is only being effected in the National Assembly while in the Senate, business is going on as normal. I just want to encourage our colleagues that the buck stops with them as individuals and leaders who have been elected. At the end of the day, the people who elected them will be the ones who will question what they are doing in terms of how they are representing them. Therefore, I just want to encourage them that they should join us in the induction programme so that, as we resume on 26th September, as per this Adjournment Motion, we shall all have the relevant knowledge to carry out proper programmes during the sessions of Parliament.

I beg to move.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Kisang.

The Member for Marakwet West (Hon. William Kipkemoi Kisang): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am Hon. William Kisang, the Member of Parliament for Marakwet West. I rise to support the Motion for Adjournment as moved by the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, *Mheshimiwa* Washiali. Before I contribute to the Motion, I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Marakwet West for giving me a second opportunity to serve them. I served them in the 11th Parliament for four and a half years and did a great job. I want to promise them that I will continue to do even better than what I did in the 11th Parliament.

Secondly, I want to congratulate you and the Deputy Speaker for your election, especially you for your re-election because it means you did a great job in the 11th Parliament and that is why we saw it fit to give you another term to serve us even better. Congratulations, Hon. Speaker.

Thirdly, I want to contribute to the Motion for Adjournment. We are breaking for a short recess to undertake some induction. I remember in the 11th Parliament we went to Safari Park Hotel. We were taken through all the procedures and how we were expected to behave in this House. For the new Members, this activity is very important. It will take us through what we are expected to do. I saw some new Members crossing from the right side to the left. As per the procedures, those are things that we will be taken through.

Hon. Speaker, we will be taken through the procedures, for example, our dressing code and behaviour in the precincts of Parliament and many other things. I have also seen in the programme that the officials of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NGCDF) will be there. They will take us through on appointment of NGCDF members, and how to select projects that we will undertake in the next one or two years and, subsequently, the remaining three years. So, it is very important. Even those Members, who did not come today, do not ignore it. If they are watching, you should not be cheated because come 2022, your party leader will not assist you. It is what you will have done for the five years that will save you to be re-elected. So, you better appear on Monday at the Inter-Continental Hotel up to Friday so that, at least, you can know what you are expected to do as a Member of the National Assembly.

Having said that, I want to thank and congratulate our President, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, for his re-election on 8th August 2017. As a Member for Marakwet West, I know we gave President Uhuru 95 per cent of the votes.

Hon. Speaker: Are you seconding the Motion?

The Member for Marakwet West (Hon. William Kipkemoi Kisang): I second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, even as you contribute, remember I indicated that you are at liberty to say something about the previous Motion. Therefore, I will extend the sitting for 15 minutes to discuss that Motion.

Member for Chuka/Igambang'ombe.

The Member for Chuka/Igambang'ombe (Hon. Patrick Munene Ntwiga): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am Hon. Patrick Munene, Member for Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency. First, I want to thank God for giving me an opportunity to serve in this House, and the great people of Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency who gave me an opportunity to come to this House. I wish to congratulate you for being re-elected as the Speaker of this House. It shows the great confidence the Members of the National Assembly have on my kinsman. You happen to be my kinsman and a neighbour at home. So, I was really glad when you were re-elected as a Speaker. I also wish to congratulate Hon. Cheboi for being elected as the Deputy Speaker.

I have worked in this Parliament as a personal assistant. I was telling some people today that I was the only personal assistant who was elected as a Member of Parliament, and the boss, whom I served, Hon. Muthomi Njuki, became a governor. I wish to thank the great people of Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency for giving me this opportunity.

I want to tell the National Super Alliance (NASA) that they are wasting our time because I believe the great people of Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency expect me today to be in this House debating matters that affect them. We have wasted almost two days talking about NASA. I want to tell Members of NASA that Hon. Raila Odinga is misleading them. I looked at young Members who are my age mates and have been elected from the NASA coalition. Hon. Raila is wasting young leaders because I have seen them loitering in town taking beer and hanging around because their party leaders have told them not to go to Parliament. I want to tell my age mates that Hon. Raila Odinga is over with his work in politics in this country. Let them report to Parliament and work for the people who elected them.

I listened to the President's Speech. Yesterday, I went to K24 television and one Member of NASA told me the President did not discuss important issues. I told him that I understand why he is saying that the President did not discuss important issues because peace and unity of this country have never been important elements in NASA. Peace and unity are very important in this country. Once again, I thank the great people of Chuka/Igambang'ombe and promise them that I will work for them diligently. May God guide me.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Ikolomani.

The Member for Ikolomani (Hon. Bernard Masaka Shinali): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the President's Address which was very wonderful because it had feelers from the ground. People did not believe that the President would give such a good speech because of the events resulting from the Supreme Court decision which stunned the world. Such a thing has never happened in Africa – A sitting president to concede to go back to the ballot and ask for peace to prevail. He did not even ask for a recount of the ballot papers in order to ascertain what each candidate garnered.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for having come back as the Speaker of the 12th Parliament. You really deserve it because it was out of your good work in the 11th Parliament that Members had confidence in you. I would not want to leave that subject before congratulating my colleague Hon. Cheboi for being elected as the Deputy Speaker.

Above all, allow me to thank the good people of Ikolomani for having brought me back to this House. It is historic that the people of Ikolomani, under the circumstances I vied, that is, on a party which is not popular in that region, elected me. I have learnt a few lessons. The Kenyan voter is wiser and knowledgeable now. Whatever one decides to do, the voter will still choose wisely. They chose the President because Uhuru has liberated them from darkness. Uhuru has liberated them from poverty because we can now see good infrastructure in our areas. For the very first time, we have tarmac in Ikolomani. We have people who never believed they will have electricity. They have got free connection to the national grid.

Hon. Speaker: The Member who is second in this row, please, introduce yourself and your constituency.

The Member for Mbooni (Hon. Erastus Kivasu Nzioka): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I would like to congratulate you for being re-elected as Speaker of the National Assembly so that you may continue giving us leadership. I also want to thank the people of Mbooni Constituency for electing me as a Member of Parliament to represent them in this august House. I promise them that I will fulfil the duties of an MP as stipulated in the Constitution.

I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating His Excellency the President for a short, well thought-out and focused Speech that he delivered on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 in this House. I would like to commend the President for assuring Kenyans that there is no vacuum in the presidency as is outlined in our Constitution. He said that he is in charge and in control until another President is sworn in on a day after 17th October 2017. We are in an election period and with this assurance, Kenyans will exercise their will on October 17th and give us their choice of a president to steer this country ahead.

Secondly, I would like to commend the President for accepting the Supreme Court ruling. This is going to ensure Kenyans are at peace and are united as they prepare to carry out the repeat presidential election on 17th October. Once more, I thank the people of Mbooni Constituency for electing me to this House.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You have been here for quite some time. Just introduce yourself. We will all get a chance. We have organised ourselves to make sure that everybody speaks.

The Member for Sigor (Hon. Peter Lochakapong): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. My name is Peter Lochakapong, Member for Sigor Constituency in West Pokot County. I support the Adjournment Motion.

We are “freshers” here, or people who have come to this august House for the first time. We are looking forward to the time when we will have the induction. I also take this earliest opportunity to thank my people of Sigor Constituency for giving me an opportunity to represent them in this House.

I equally thank the entire community of Kapenguria Boys High School, where I was before coming here. I thank them for their encouragement and support that enabled me to be here. We have had some experience as people who have come here for the first time, from the time we were sworn-in on 31st August to the time the President gave an Address to this House,

and up to now. We have been waiting for an opportunity to make our first speech in the National Assembly.

I commend His Excellency the President for the Speech that he made on Tuesday, while opening this House. I also thank him for abiding by the Constitution. Although he does not agree with the Supreme Court ruling that annulled his election, he has agreed to abide by it. I just want to tell the petitioners to allow the IEBC to conduct the repeat election as ordered by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court did not give orders to the effect that a different body shall conduct the repeat presidential election. Above all, in his Speech, the President talked about peace, security and prosperity. That is very key given that there is high insecurity in West Pokot where I come from.

Hon. Speaker: That Member who appears to be isolated, please, introduce yourself and contribute.

The Member for Subukia (Hon. Samuel Kinuthia Gachobe): Hon. Speaker, first and foremost, I would like to thank the almighty God because it his favour that has enabled me to come here. Secondly, I want to thank the good people of Subukia who supported me thus enabling me to make it to this House. I say, thank you and God bless you abundantly.

I also wish to congratulate you Hon. Speaker for having been re-elected. I also want to send my congratulations to the Deputy Speaker and my colleagues, the Hon. Members, for having made it to this Parliament. I applaud His Excellency the President for he has truly shown the whole world that he is a man of God and a patriot. He has been preaching peace in this country ever since his re-election was reversed. It is because of him that peace has prevailed in this country. God bless him as he will be re-elected on 17th October 2017 to rule this country. He will show the world that he is an ambassador who respects the law and is ready to defend the Constitution of Kenya. He was able to remind us of our roles as Members of Parliament. I am therefore calling upon our fellow colleagues in the opposition to understand that there is nobody who is elected to be in the opposition. They have only found themselves in the opposition. Therefore, they should agree to work for the benefit of this country.

Finally, I wish the President good health, God's blessings and success. I am looking forward for a "jubilated" celebration after the election of 17th October 2017.

Hon. Speaker: The other time you stood. Now it is your chance.

The Member for Thika Town (Hon. Patrick Kimani Wainaina Jungle): This is the second day that I am trying to catch your eye. Thank you for noticing me. In the morning session, I heard the Deputy Speaker mentioning the name of my former Member of Parliament and, for once, I thought I have been rigged out. It was a hard one. I think Thika is the only place where I wrestled with the storm. It was tougher than Irma, but we made it. I thank God and this is the first time that I am addressing this House. I first owe it to God and to the people of Thika. Thank you, people of Thika for electing me to represent you. This is a powerful House. The people of Thika said: "Go to Nairobi in the powerful House and bring us back the power of economy." My major theme has been economic empowerment. Basically, what they are saying is that they are very productive. They produce the best fruits and eggs and they get dismayed when they see eggs and oranges imported from South Africa. They plant the best fruits but they cannot sell them in any of the supermarkets because Thika has become a dumping ground. I know it is one of the places in Kenya that has become a dumping ground. Why is it that we use the Constituencies Development Fund (CDF) to educate an engineer and when we want to do the roads, we go to a construction company in China? The people of Thika are telling me that things will have to happen. They are now my bosses. They have told me to come up with a Bill that

will change all those things I have talked about. In his Speech, the President said one thing that really touched me. That from Mombasa to Malaba, we may speak different languages, eat different foods but we are one people. He talked about love which we must propagate. I ask the Members of the Opposition to join us and together we can make it happen.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Turkana South.

The Member for Turkana South (Hon. James Lomenen Ekomwa): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity. First and foremost, I want to congratulate you for being our Speaker for the second time. It is only your election that has not been petitioned and we are so happy. We are always worried when Jubilee wins because we expect many petitions. After 17th October, we will expect more petitions. I hear that people have already prepared petitions in big volumes. However, I think we will win by a landslide.

Hon. Speaker, I stand to tell Kenyans that we have trust in our President. Since he has shown maturity after the verdict of the Supreme Court, shows that he has already won the 17th October, election. He told Kenyans to sustain peace. We need peace in this nation. In Turkana South, we voted for His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta because we need peace. Many people have lost lives including women and children. Since President Kenyatta came to power, people have been saved from that catastrophe of losing lives. We cannot make a mistake to vote for any other President because we are secure and we would like to maintain that security.

Hon. Speaker, I really sympathise with the IEBC. I would request that we remember IEBC in prayers. Every time Hon. Raila does not win, he takes his anger to IEBC. The other time, he took his anger to Mr. Kivuitu. Where is Mr. Kivuitu now? He also took his anger to Mr. Hassan who is no longer the Chairman of IEBC. When he did not win again this time round, he turned his anger to Mr. Chiloba. What will he tell Kenyans if he loses in 17th October? Even if we choose other IEBC Commissioners, he will actually take his anger there. For how long will he continue mistreating Kenyans working at IEBC? It is a high time he changed his position so that the people working with IEBC will be rescued from this catastrophe. I request Kenyans to vote Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga out to save Kenyans who are working with IEBC. Otherwise, we will be tired from demonstrating and abusing them. They are also Kenyans. They have children and families and they belong to a certain community. For how long will we continue ruining their names?

Hon. Speaker: Member for Sotik, you have been there for quite some time. It is not that you have not caught my eye.

The Member for Sotik (Hon. Dominic Kipkoech Koskei): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I have been here since yesterday. Finally, I have gotten the opportunity. First of all, let me thank the Almighty God for bringing me to this place. My name is Hon. Dominic Koskei, Member of Parliament for Sotik. I am grateful to the people of Sotik for having faith in me. For you to note, you were together with my dad in the 8th and 9th Parliaments. He was replaced by the former Deputy Speaker, Hon. Laboso whom together you worked with in the Speaker's Panel and who is now the Governor of Bomet. In future, I may also be the Speaker if you follow that order.

Hon. Speaker, I am grateful for the President of this country. He has led the country peacefully. Even after the Supreme Court ruling, the country is at peace and we are moving on well, save for the Opposition.

I empathize with our colleagues on the other side. Being an engineer myself--- If you know you are going to lose the elections, you must have something to use as a scape-goat. So, I

empathize with Hon. Raila. I come from the County where one of the Principals of NASA has joined Jubilee. I am sure our county will give the President 100 per cent votes on 17th and we move on smoothly. With those few remarks, I thank the Almighty God for this wonderful opportunity. I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Kuria West.

The Member for Kuria West (Hon. Mathias Nyamabe Robi): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I congratulate you and the elected Hon. Deputy Speaker. This happened because you served us well. You got more votes than your opponent.

I thank the people of Kuria West who took their time to re-elect me for the second term. I had a hard time in my constituency. We were many contestants in Kuria West. We were ten members fighting for the same seat, including the former Senator Machage who came back for the Member of National Assembly seat. However, I was giving promises to my people because of my work and the Government we had.

Since Independence, the people of Kuria have been in the cold. It is only this Jubilee Government that came and saved the people of Kuria, being a minority and the fact that we share the County of Migori and you understand its challenges.

In 2013, I was elected with the United Republic Party (URP) ticket and people wondered how I managed. This time round, I vied in the same Jubilee Party. People think that Migori County is “CORDED”, but it is not. I am assuring Kenyans this time round in the coming elections that our President will get more votes in Kuria West than what he got the last time.

We are praying for peace in our Country.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: There are two Members who have been sitting here for a long time. You can choose amongst yourselves who will speak before the other. I know the Member for Ndaragwa has just come in. Is that Hon. Mariru?

The Member for Laikipia West (Hon. Patrick Kariuki Mariru): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My brother here is very kind for having given me a chance to talk first. I want to register my support for the Adjournment Motion which is before the House.

First, allow me to say something about the President’s Speech but, before that, allow me to take this chance to thank the people of Laikipia West for having given me a chance to represent them here. Hon. Speaker, I also want to congratulate you, the Deputy Speaker and my fellow Members for having been elected.

The fact that the President had an occasion to address this House is a testimony of what he clearly said - that the Government is fully functional. We have a working Parliament, Executive and Judiciary. This should be made very clear because there is concerted efforts by our brothers and sisters in NASA to portray that the country is not going in the right direction. This is a testimony that every arm of Government is working. Being here testifies that fact.

Secondly, the President stated clearly that the elections on 17th October 2017 will not be about two individuals in this country, that is, him and the former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga. It is actually about the future of this country and how to deal with issues like lack of water, health, roads and infrastructure. As we head to the election on 17th October 2017, that fact should be in the minds of Kenyans. This stand-off is clear, especially after the ruling by the Supreme Court. Businesspeople are saying they have lost more than Kshs100 billion. The sooner this ends, the better for our country.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker for the opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: Next is your colleague.

The Member for Kinangop (Hon. Zachary Kwenya Thuku): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to take this very first opportunity to thank God for having given me a chance to represent the good people of Kinangop Constituency. Hon. Speaker, I also want to congratulate you on your election as the Speaker of this House for the second time. I was looking forward to a time like this when I would be in this House under your leadership. I have known you as a seasoned leader and a scholar in law. I am, therefore, privileged to be in this House. I also want to congratulate the Members of Parliament who were elected having gone through a very rigorous campaign period and coming out successfully. We are privileged to be in this House, which is robust because we have fresh minds. We will bring on board new ideas and ways of doing things.

I want to support the Adjournment Motion which is before the House bearing in mind what is ahead of us in the next one week. I want to go back to the speech which was presented to this House by His Excellency the President, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. I was moved immensely by the kind of statesmanship that he showed to this country. Being under such kind of pressure, he was able to stand strong and tell the country to remain cohesive and together as a country. There is no way we are going to have development and economic growth until such a time when we hold together and speak as a people. Nothing should divide us whether tribal or whatever happens in this country. We have to remain one. I wish to thank the President for being a father. I think it is a contrast between the so called *Baba* and our father, the President. The President should go on record as the father of democracy because, really, he upholds what democracy is. The opposite that we call *Baba* is the father of chaos and confusion and a time has come that on 17th of October, the people of Kenya will rise up and really send that guy home because time is up for him. That way, our President can rule for the next five years with a bit of sanity in this country.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Gichugu.

The Member for Gichugu (Hon. Robert Gichimu Githinji): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I, first of all, start by thanking God for having enabled me to reach this far. I also thank the mighty and good people of Gichugu for having found it fit that I represent them in this House. I also congratulate you, Hon. Speaker, and your Deputy, Hon. Cheboi, for having made it as Speaker and Deputy Speaker and we are very expectant that you will guide us through this Parliament and your wise counsel will enable us to pass the necessary Bills and to move this country forward.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the other Members for having been re-elected or elected to serve their respective constituencies and counties. I must say that in the initial Motion whereby the President gave us an address to this Parliament, that address is anchored within the Constitution. That is contrary to what our once worthy but now unworthy competitors are misleading the Kenyans that it was unconstitutional for the President to attend and address this Parliament. Speaking as a lawyer, according to Article 132 of the Constitution, the first function of the President is to address a new Parliament and within the confines of Article 131, he actually based his Speech on the powers that have been bestowed before him. So, I wonder which constitution our competitors are reading because it is very clear. Even when the President has no---

Hon. Speaker: Member for Ndaragwa.

The Member for Ndaragwa (Hon. Jeremiah Ng'ayu Kioni): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion for Adjournment. I know we need to be inducted, even those of us who were here before. We have new Standing Orders that we all need to get familiar with.

Allow me to also speak a bit to the Speech that was given to us by the President on Tuesday. I recognise the fact that it had many themes; one of which was the sovereignty of the people of this country. It is something that we need to be clear in our minds, in our various places or all the institutions in this country. They need to know that the sovereignty of this nation lies with the people. It is important that this becomes clear in our minds as we go forward because if we do not do that, we will end up with judgements like the one we got from the Supreme Court.

Allow me to also thank God because it is his mercy and grace that has made it possible for us to be here. I would also like to thank the President because unlike before, when thanking the people of Kenya for his election, he now starts his statements by thanking God - which is a very good thing. If we also acknowledge the sovereignty of God as a country, we are certainly bound to achieve more. His Speech touched on many issues of development that we in Ndaragwa were keen to follow. I am sure my colleagues here in Parliament will support me as I seek to get some of those things done in Ndaragwa.

I am also happy with your election as the Speaker of the 12th Parliament. I take this opportunity to thank you and congratulate you and the entire leadership that we have in Parliament.

Let me say something about NASA. I was here during the 10th Parliament and I thank the people of Ndaragwa for allowing me a second time. During the 10th Parliament, Members of ODM were always reminding us that they were the most popular, most populous and the majority party in Parliament then. Tables have turned. Jubilee is now the most popular, most populous and the majority party in this House. They should have the courage to come and articulate their issues. We did it then. The country continued and grew. They should not treat us to shenanigans outside there. It is not useful. It calls for leadership, courage and direction from the NASA leaders to tell their colleagues to come and debate with us in this House. If they have issues to articulate for the nation, it should be done here.

Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, in terms of our Standing Orders, the Motion for Adjournment does not require any Question to be put. There being no other Members desirous to contribute, the time being 7.23 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 26th September 2017, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 7.23 p.m.