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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

(Several Hon. Members entered the Chamber)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I will be issuing a Communication later. Let us proceed. Leader of the Majority Party.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Amos Kimunya (Kipipiri, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Judicial Service Tribunal to inquire into the conduct of Justice Said Juma Chitembwe;

Rules and Procedures 2022 published as Gazette Notice No. 6608 of 8th June, 2022; and, The Exit Report of Committee on Selection for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairperson, Liaison Committee. Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Moses Cheboi (Kuresoi North, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Liaison Committee for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: A member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. Zuleikha Hassan. You do not have a card?

Hon. (Ms.) Zuleikha Hassan (Kwale CWR, ODM): I do, Hon. Speaker.

On behalf of my Chairman, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security, Hon. Mwathi.

(Hon. Peter Mwathi walked in the gangways)

Hon. Mwathi, these days...Anyway, Proceed.

Hon. Peter Mwathi (Limuru, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, I had just gone to pick the Report. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. The Chairperson, Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund. Hon. Wamunyinyi.

Hon. Wafula Wamunyinyi (Kanduyi, FORD-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

I thank you, Hon Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairman, Committee on Delegated Legislation, Hon. Kamket.

Hon. Kassait Kamket (Tiaty, KANU): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairman of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (Caucus), Hon. John Kiarie, Member for Dagoretti South.

Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South, JP): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker.

I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the World Scout Parliamentary Union (The Kenya Caucus) for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

I take this opportunity to thank you and the Clerk of the National Assembly for the great support you have given this caucus to make it a robust caucus of the House.

Hon Speaker: Very well. A Member of the Parliamentary Caucus on Business and Economy

Hon. John Kiarie.

Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South, JP): Hon. Speaker, this is yet another active Caucus in the 12thParliament.

I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Parliamentary Caucus on Business and Economy for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon Speaker: The Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Lands and Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations on the Joint Report. Hon. Charles Kilonzo, please proceed.

Hon. Charles Kilonzo (Yatta, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands and Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Lands and Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations regarding investigations on selected Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Lands over land under dispute and security challenges.

Hon. Speaker: A Member of Departmental Committee on Energy, Hon. Ali Wario.

Hon. Ali Wario (Bura, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of my Chair, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Departmental Committee on Energy for the 12th Parliament 2017-2022.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker

Hon. Speaker: Very well, Hon. Francis Kuria on behalf of the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association. The youth have decided to go under and, therefore, the Member will give the Report when he comes.

The Chairlady of Regional Integration Committee, Hon. Ruweida Obo.

Hon. (Ms.) Ruweida Obo (Lamu CWR, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on its consideration of the Report of the inspection visits of the semi-autonomous institutions/organs of the East African Community.

The Report of the East African Legislative Assembly Committee on Regional Affairs and Conflict Resolution on the progress made by the community towards achieving the East African Community consideration.

Constitution and the East African Election Observer Mission held on 29th November to 3rd December, 2021, and the Report on the capacity building activity held on 26th to 29th October, 2022.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Once the Exit Report for young parliamentarians has been tabled, we will have tabled all... Sorry, the Member for Nyando. Is it the one indicated? I think the youth took your part. Let us have the Member for Nyando from the Special Funds Accounts Committee.

Hon. Jared Okelo (Nyando, ODM): I thank you, Hon. Speaker. I miss my youth! How I wish we would roll back the clock.

On behalf of my Chairman for the Special Funds Accounts Committee, Hon. Kathuri Murungi, his Vice-Chair, Hon. Chepkut, together with the members of this Committee - I have been appointed the agent of necessity.

I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 9th June, 2022:

The Exit Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee for the 12th Parliament, 2017-2022.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, before we proceed, allow me to recognise the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery, of Standard Eight pupils from Stepping Stone Elementary School from Kajiado East Constituency, Kajiado County; and Standard Eight pupils from Kimbo Githurai Primary School in Ruiru Constituency, Kiambu County.

They are all welcome to observe the proceedings of the National Assembly this afternoon.

REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (No.2) BILL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, consideration of this business was concluded in the Committee of the whole House. What remains is for the Question to be put and Third Reading.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Supplementary Appropriations (No.2) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2022), be now read a Third Time.

(Hon. Ali Wario and Hon. (Ms.) Joyce Korir walked in the gangway)

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Please Hon. Wario and Hon. Joyce Korir, just wait for 20 minutes.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I request, Hon. Kamket, the MP for Tiaty to second.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kamket.

Hon. Kassait Kamket (Tiaty, KANU): Hon. Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members: Put the Question!

Hon. Speaker: I can see that it is the desire of the House that I put the Question. I confirm that we quorate.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE COMMUNITY ALLOCATION OF REVENUE BILL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, again, consideration of this Bill in the Committee of the whole House was concluded this morning. What remains is for the Question to be put for agreement and Third Reading.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move that the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, (Senate Bill No.1 of 2022), be now read a Third Time.

I also ask Hon. Aden Duale, Member for Garissa Township, to second.

Hon. Aden Duale (Garissa Township, JP): Hon. Speaker, I second. I also urge the people of Kenya that on 9th August, 2022, they elect governors who will not steal their money.

(Laughter)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members: Put the Question!

Hon. Speaker: Seeing no one with the desire to contribute, I will put the Question, having confirmed that we quorate.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON SCRAP METAL DEALERS RULES, 2022

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Scrap Metal Dealers Rules, 2022, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 8th June, 2022 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013, annuls the Scrap Metal Dealers Rules, 2022, published as Legal Notice No. 84 of 2022.

(Hon. Kassait Kamket on 9.6.2022)

(Debate concluded on 9.6.2022 – Morning Sitting)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, again, debate on this Motion was concluded in the Morning Sitting but the Question was not put.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON LAKE TURKANA WIND POWER PROJECT

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Public Investments Committee on its consideration of the Special Audit Report on the Lake Turkana Wind Power Project, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 2nd June 2022.

(Hon. Abdullswamad Nassir on 9.6.2022)

(Debate concluded on 9.6.2022 - Morning Sitting)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, again, debate on this Motion was concluded in the Morning Sitting and what remains is for you to vote on it.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. (Ms.) Joyce Korir walked on the aisle)

Member for Bomet, today you are extremely agile. You are up and down. The Member who is following you, in the old days in the village when schools were closing, people would identify whom they wanted to “close” with.

(Laughter)

I hope the Member following you is not giving a notice of intention.

Hon Joyce Korir, that is on a light note. I know the Member is an honourable gentleman. He cannot “close” with you.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this is just for clarification. You will note that during consideration of the Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 35 of 2022) in the Committee of the whole House stage, the Mover, who is the Leader of the Majority Party, withdrew the Bill pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.140, which provides in Sub-Section (i):

“Either before the commencement of business or on the Order of the day for any stage of the Bill being read, the Member in charge of a Bill may, without notice, claim to withdraw a Bill.”

In this regard, Hon. Members, and pursuant to the same provisions and sub-section (ii), I direct that the Bill be deemed as to have been withdrawn, as was indicated by its Mover. Nevertheless, the sponsor is at liberty to re-introduce the Bill in accordance with the provisions of the law.

(Laughter)

(Hon. Nixon Korir walked into the Chamber)

Hon. Kilonzo. Let me resume my seat so that that Hon. Member can make his way in. Is that the Member for Lang’ata? I did not know that you are one of those who like hiding at the back.

CONSIDERED RULING – CONSTITUTIONAL PROPRIETY OF UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

Hon. Members, I have this Communication to make before we go to the next Order. You will recall that during the Afternoon Sitting of the House on Wednesday, 8th June, 2022, the

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Member for Kikuyu Constituency, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, rose on a point of order, and raised a number of questions on the constitutional propriety of the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021, that was scheduled for consideration at the Committee of the whole House stage during that Sitting. The Member referred to previous rulings and guidance by the Speaker allowing the challenge of any business before the House on the basis of its constitutionality at any stage. He then proceeded to challenge the Bill with reference to the provisions of Article 10 of the Constitution on national values and principles of governance; Article 43 providing for economic and social rights and Article 201 which provides for principles of public finance. According to the Member, by giving the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education sweeping powers to appoint and replace Vice-Chancellors of public universities and members of university councils, Clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill violate the principles and values of governance expressly outlined in Article 10 of the Constitution.

(Several Hon Members walked into the Chamber)

Those three Members, please, make your way in quickly. Hon. Abdullswamad, you cannot make your way in when you are still reading messages on your phone.

(Hon. Joseph Oyula walked into the Chamber)

That must be the Member for Butula. Please, make your way in. Just take a seat somewhere.

Further, the Member for Kikuyu Constituency claimed that to the extent that Clause 18 of the Bill proposes to advance the existing practice of placing Government-sponsored students in private universities even in instances where there are existing vacancies in public universities, the Bill violates the provisions of Article 201(d) and (e) of the Constitution, which require that public money has to be spent in a prudent and responsible way; and financial management shall be responsible and fiscal reporting shall be clear, respectively. It was his submission that Clause 18 of the Bill automatically leads to allocation of public funds to private universities without subjecting private universities to the same stringent reporting and audit requirements that are applicable by law to public universities.

Hon. Ichung'wah also submitted that by forcibly placing Government-sponsored students in private universities despite their eligibility for placement in public universities and without due regard to their subjection to meeting a potentially higher fees requirement, the provisions of the Bill effectively curtail the right to education meant to be enjoyed by all Kenyans under Article 43(1)(f) of the Constitution. The Member further noted that the issues highlighted in his point of order had been raised at a very early stage, in conjunction with concerns from other Members, and had led to a directive from the Speaker that the Departmental Committee on Education and Research conducts a winnowing process to harmonise the proposals made by Members on the subject.

According to the Member and others who spoke after him, the winnowing process did not meet the requirements of Standing Order No.131 dealing with referral of proposed amendments to Committee, as it did not see the concerned Members invited nor did it take into account the peculiar demands and circumstances of those who had expressed an interest in amending the Bill.

The nature, extent and quality of public participation over the Bill was also brought into question, with allegations made that the exercise was not representative of key stakeholders in

the education sector that stand to be affected by the passage of the Bill. It was argued that the Departmental Committee on Education and Research devoted most of the time committed to the public participation exercise to private universities, their representatives and the affiliated bodies, to the disadvantage of public universities.

In the ensuing debate, several Members were in support of the points raised by Hon. Ichung'wah, including Hon. Gitonga Murugara, Hon. Owen Baya, Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, Hon. John Kiarie and Hon. Joseph Limo, who requested the Speaker to make a ruling on the matters before proceeding with consideration of the Bill at the Committee of the whole House. The Leader of the Majority Party; the Member for Uriri, Hon. Mark Nyamita; Hon. Abel Ogutu and Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Ojiambo Oundo noted the need for the Speaker to consider the continuity of public entities and equal treatment of all students by the Government.

I will resume my seat to allow those three Members to make their in. Hon. Member for Karachuonyo, I was just allowing Members to make their way in.

(Several Hon Members walked into the Chamber)

From the general debate, I isolated the following issues for resolution with regard to the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021:

- 1) Whether the Bill violates Articles 10, 201, 229(5) and 43(1)(f) of the Constitution;
- 2) Whether the Bill concerns county governments;
- 3) Whether sufficient public participation was conducted on the Bill in terms of Article 118 of the Constitution with regard to the involvement of public universities; and,
- 4) Whether harmonisation of the proposed amendments to the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was conducted in terms of Standing Order No.131.

While I note that I reserved the foregoing issues raised by Members for a considered ruling today, I must admit that the period between yesterday's Sitting and today's afternoon Sitting has not been sufficient for the exhaustive consideration of the issues touching on the constitutionality of the Bill. I will point out the following issues in light of the scheduled adjournment of the House to proceed on *sine die* recess after today's sittings:

In the circumstances, and for the convenience of the House, I have consciously decided to provide an interim guidance for purposes of continuity of the business of the House.

I am fully cognisant of previous rulings that I have issued, pursuant to Standing Order No.47, where I have noted that an issue touching on the constitutionality of any business before the House may be raised at any stage during the consideration of the affected business. The Hon. Members were, therefore, perfectly in order to raise the matters covered under their points of order.

Allow me to now examine the four issues that require my guidance this afternoon. Firstly, on the issue of whether the provisions of the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021, violate Articles 10, 43(1)(f) and 201 of the Constitution, I will note that from my perusal of the Bill, it does not seem to fully address the issue of the need for audit of the utilisation of public funds directed towards private universities. No provision in the Bill addresses how funds proposed to be directed to the tuition of students placed in private universities are to be audited to ensure that the expenditure of the funds is legally and prudently spent in accordance with the requirements of Articles 201(d) and 229(5) of the Constitution.

Let me resume my seat to allow those Hon. Members to also make their way in.

(Several Hon. Members walked into the Chamber)

Member for Emurua Dikirr, do not run into the Chamber. You are an honourable Member. Just stroll in majestically, as you normally do.

Indeed, Clause 18 of the Bill, which seeks to repeal section 54 of the Universities Act, 2012, has established the Universities Fund Board without providing the standard provisions on auditing and reporting normally found in legislation which have established Funds. I note that Articles 226 and 229 of the Constitution as read together with the Public Audit Act, 2015, require the Auditor-General to audit any entity that is funded from public funds.

The Bill ought to have expressly actualised these standard provisions in Clause 18 with specificity. Certainly, to have a Bill without audit provisions where public funds are to be advanced to private entities is tantamount to negating the provisions of Articles 201, 226 and 229 of the Constitution. Simply put, to establish a board or a fund without auditing provisions is certainly putting the cart before the horse.

Hon. Members, what troubles me is the fact that from the outset, this was not a consideration that informed the introduction of the Bill in the House. However, I note that the Members for Kikuyu and Seme constituencies have, in their proposed amendments to the Bill, provided for the requirement for the audit of the public funds directed to private universities.

I am quite uncomfortable to leave the inclusion of a provision seeking to reflect a constitutional principle to the vagaries of a vote of the House, which may go either way, or be withdrawn by the Mover. Indeed, the Speaker has no power to order that a proposed amendment by a Member be carried in the House to cure a constitutional deficiency. To this end, it is my considered view that any provisions in the Bill seeking to address any concerns raised with regard to its constitutionality, ought to have been addressed at its publication.

Any revision at this particular stage of the Bill through amendment fails to properly address the constitutional concerns raised, as the amendments may be defeated by a simple majority of the Members of the House present and voting, and lead to an absurd result. Though unable to pronounce myself with finality on the constitutionality of the cited provision at this stage, I am perfectly able to direct that the issues raised are valid and ought of have been addressed by the proponents of the Bill before its publication.

Hon. Members, whereas, it is notable that the Auditor-General has a constitutional obligation under Articles 226 and 229 of the Constitution to audit any entity funded by public funds, the auditing requirements ought to be included in legislation and the case presented by this Bill is not exceptional. I, therefore, urge the next House to ensure that public funds that may have been expended this year or indeed previously to entities under the Universities Act are held accountable, and the Auditor-General has certainly a constitutional obligation to audit and report on the accounts of such entities, separately.

Hon. Members, with respect to the constitutionality of the Bill with regard to Article 10 of the Constitution on the national values and principles in particular of good governance, I note that Clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill propose to give power to the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education to appoint Vice-Chancellors of public universities, and to revoke the appointment of the chairperson and/or any member of the councils of the universities. Clause 13 further gives the Cabinet Secretary power to approve meetings of the councils of public universities where they propose to meet more than four times in a year.

Hon. Members, certainly clauses 13 and 14 of the Bill raise questions on whether the clauses, as couched in the Bill, would promote good governance; and it is an issue that the Committee on Education ought to have considered.

Lastly, on the constitutionality of the Bill in respect to Article 43(1)(f) of the Constitution, I will restrain myself from guiding this House on the matter, as I note that it relates to a question of violation of the right to education as an economic and social right as contained in the Bill of Rights. As I have guided this House severally, a question on the violation of a right and fundamental freedoms falls within the exclusive jurisdiction of the High Court in terms of Article 165 of the Constitution. I do not intend to depart from my previous rulings on this matter.

I resume my seat to allow Members to come in.

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

The Member for Karachuonyo, you are in and out. You are confusing people, given your height. They do not want to tread on you. Member for Shinyalu, just walk in. I just resumed my seat to allow Members to come in. The Member for Nairobi does not want to sit. Members who are coming late, I wish to remind you, because I believe you may not know. I am sure that Hon. Jimmy Angwenyi will recall the old days in the villages, when people would choose whom to “close” school with. This being the last day, I hope the Member for Nairobi is not choosing to “close” with Hon. Wangwe.

(Laughter)

Hon. Members, moving on to the second issue, which is with regard to the issue of whether the Bill concerns county governments, I do note that despite this issue falling squarely under the province of the two Speakers of Parliament in line with the provisions of Article 110 (3) of the Constitution, an argument may still be sustained in the event amendments proposed to the Bill affect its nature. A perusal of the Bill reveals that Clause 9 of the Bill as published seeks to repeal and replace Section 26 of the Universities Act to require the Commission on University Education to ensure accessibility of public universities by all counties.

Additionally, the amendments proposed to the Bill by various Members, including those proposing partnerships between universities and counties and the committal of public land held in trust for the public by counties, may result in a designation of the Bill as a Bill concerning county governments in terms of Article 110(1)(a) of the Constitution, as read together with Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, if passed by the House. This now settles the second issue.

Hon. Members, on the third issue, I will not belabour on the question of the adequacy of public participation on the Bill. I have ruled on numerous occasions in this Parliament on the need for the procedures of the House to incorporate meaningful public participation, as directed severally by the courts. I have also, on numerous occasions, emphasised on the need for this House and its Committees to ensure that public participation is not a cosmetic process, but one of probative value. In this regard, I note that the Report of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research on the Bill seems not to meet the thresholds set by this House on the meaningful involvement of the public.

At face value, I am at pains to discern from the two reports tabled by the Committee any meaningful engagement with key stakeholders affected by the Bill. In the reports, there is no

indication of whether the Committee, at the very least, invited the Vice-Chancellors of all the 52 chartered universities, 32 of which are public, and the 12 universities with letters of interim authority to make representations on the Bill.

There is no mention of whether the Committee invited and considered the crucial input of stakeholders such as the Commission on University Education and the existing Universities Fund Board, and whether it considered their views. If it did, there is no record of it in their Report to the House and the addendum to the Report. To my mind, a meaningful public participation exercise should mirror the current practice adopted by the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, which invites its principal stakeholders to make submissions on any business appearing before them, even if they do not send any memoranda. This allows them a broad perspective over the issues under their consideration, whether or not such stakeholders opt to submit memoranda in response to a call for public participation.

The paucity of the Committee Report becomes more glaring when one takes into account the allegations made on the Floor of the House, that the response to the Committee's invitation for public participation drew rather partisan submissions, including submissions from a forum said to represent the Vice-Chancellors of universities, instead of the actual Vice-Chancellors. I am of the opinion that the exercise conducted by the Committee would have been sufficient if it involved its key stakeholders and persons directly affected by the Bill by default.

Hon. Members, finally on the fourth and last issue, which is whether the harmonisation of amendments proposed to the Bill was properly executed, I note that Standing Order No.131 is a device that assists committees to harmonise amendments thus, in effect, assisting the House and Members to avoid unnecessary objections during the Committee of the whole House stage. I, however, note that a number of Members who joined issue with the Hon. Ichung'wah noted that they proposed amendments to the Bill, but their efforts to have their issues addressed during the harmonisation process envisaged under Standing Order No.131 was less than fruitful. From the foregoing, this indicates that the harmonisation or the winnowing process under Standing Order No.131 by the Committee on Education and Research did not meet the dictates of the said Standing Order.

Hon. Members, I note that lack of the harmonisation process does not in any way impede a Member from proceeding with their amendments in the House and, indeed, as ably noted by Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Ojiambo Oundo, the amendments proposed by the Members were included in the Order Paper for the Afternoon Sitting of the House yesterday, and are also included in the Order Paper for this particular Sitting.

A committee directed to conduct the harmonisation process under Standing Order No.131 must demonstrate compliance with the Standing Order. It however appears – from the submissions made by the Members in yesterday's afternoon Sitting and the plethora of amendments contained in the Order Paper – that the winnowing process failed to meet the bare minimum of the expectations of Standing Order No.131.

In light of the foregoing, what then is the prudent action to be taken at this stage of the Bill, in view of the concerns raised? At the outset, I note that in addition to the concerns raised by the various Hon. Members, the Bill has attracted numerous amendments, as may be seen from the Order Paper. This, in my view, is a pointer to the need for a re-think of the Bill by its proponents. Insisting on prosecution of the Bill in its current form, despite the objections, questions of constitutionality, concerns on the quality of public participation undertaken on the Bill, and the numerous proposals for amendments may only easily expose any resultant Act passed by this House to easy challenges in courts of law. Conscious of the fact that the House is

scheduled to adjourn *sine die* today, in view of the forthcoming General elections, I note that if the Committee had taken time to address some of these issues when they were first raised during Second Reading, we would be facing a different situation today.

Hon. Members, it is also notable that the issues raised by the Hon. Members touch on three main clauses, these being clauses 13 and 14 on the powers of the Cabinet Secretary in respect to the public universities and Clause 18 of the Bill with regard to the Universities Fund Board. These clauses form the crux, the flesh, the pith and substance of the Bill. Indeed, one may want to argue that the easy way to cure questions of constitutionality is to expunge the unconstitutional clauses in a Bill.

However, should I order the expunging of the three clauses from the Bill, this will also require me to order the expunging of other clauses and consequential amendments to the severance of the three clauses. From a perusal of the Bill, if you were to expunge clause 18 of the Bill, you may also need to expunge clauses 16, 17, 19 and 20, among other related clauses. This would leave a shell of a Bill with no clause to deliberate on. Suffice it to say, that severance of clause 18 of the Bill would also be an abdication of the watchdog and oversight role of this House of ensuring accountability on the utilisation of public funds.

In light of the foregoing I am, therefore, of the considered opinion that it is prudent and advisable for the Bill to be re-published in order to align it with the Constitution, and take into account the concerns raised by Members on the issues of constitutionality, public audit, public participation, and the nature and extent of the discrimination in the policy that seeks to commit a student eligible to attend a cheaper public university to a private university with a higher fee requirement.

Hon. Members, as your Speaker, I have previously ruled that I cannot close my eyes even when faced with competing unpleasant scenarios. In the present case, the question as to whether I should let the House commit a constitutional requirement to a vote or to stand down a Bill that has attracted serious questions by Members of the House, I would prefer standing the Bill down to allow its regularisation. Any other decision would, in my view, be reckless and would establish a defective precedent. In light of the foregoing, the Bill cannot, in its present state and form, proceed for consideration in the Committee of the whole House.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I thank you for raising this matter and for all your contributions on the ensuing debate for valuable insights that shall undoubtedly enrich future interrogation of Bills before this House. In summary, this is my finding:

THAT, in the interim and pending further interrogation of the constitutionality of the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021, the Bill fails to fully actualise the provisions of Articles 201 and 229(5) of the Constitution on the need for reporting and audit of the utilisation of public funds allocated to private universities;

THAT, the Departmental Committee on Education and Research failed to propose any remedy for action by the House to actualise these two provisions. The only proposal close to actualising one of these provisions is by the Member for Seme Constituency and the Member for Kikuyu Constituency. However, at this stage, leaving the inclusion of a provision seeking to reflect a constitutional principle to the vagaries of a vote of the House would be imprudent;

THAT, to the extent that the Bill makes provisions touching on county governments and that various amendments, if passed, would require an interaction between universities and the

functions reserved for county governments, the Bill is likely to concern county governments within the meaning of Article 110(1)(a) of the Constitution;

THAT, the public participation exercise conducted by the Departmental Committee on Education and Research was not sufficient as it did not involve its primary stakeholders and persons directly affected by the proposed legislation by default. The Committee ought to have invited, heard and considered the views of the Vice-Chancellors of, at least, a reasonable fraction of all the 52 public and private chartered universities, the 12 institutions with letters of interim authority, the Commission on University Education and the Universities Fund Board, at the very least;

THAT, based on the submissions by the Members in the House and the plethora of amendments contained in the Order Paper for yesterday and today afternoon, the harmonisation of the amendments proposed to the Bill by the Committee did not meet the dictates of Standing Order No.131; and,

THAT, the Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021 be and is hereby, ordered to be re-published in order to take into account the concerns raised by Members and align it with the expectations of Articles 10, 43(1)(f), 201 and 229(5) of the Constitution.

The House is accordingly guided. I thank you, Hon. Members.

(Hon. (Ms.) Esther Passaris consulted loudly)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Member for Nairobi, listen to this. At least when you come back in the 13th Parliament, you will remember this.

Hon. Members, the Order Paper provides that not later than 3.30 p.m., the House shall be moved to adjournment in accordance with the Calendar of the House. Therefore, any other business on the Order Paper falls. Those are the rules. So, anything else in the Order Paper falls. You resolved that you will be doing four hours of *Sine Die* adjournment. So, that is how it ends.

Hon. Duale.

Hon. Aden Duale (Garissa Town, JP): Hon. Speaker, I am happy that I followed the procedure. Today is the last day of the 12th Parliament but I have serious constitutional issues to raise on the Huduma Namba Bill, 2021. So, the Speaker of the 13th Parliament...

(Hon. Amos Kimunya consulted loudly)

I am talking to Hon. Speaker. He can guide me and even tell me that there is no business. So, Hon. Amos Kimunya, relax.

Hon. Speaker, I want to go on record and allow you to give me an opportunity to table my document for future reference on why the Huduma Namba Bill is unconstitutional. It wants to finish the people of northern Kenya. It is against the Muslims. It is against many people and we must oppose it. I am happy that it has died.

Hon. Speaker: Let me just guide you on this one. Hon. Duale, you are at liberty to table that document while you make your contributions to the Motion of Adjournment. During debate on the Motion for Adjournment *Sine Die*, you are at liberty to table anything. It will be collected and put together for the other House. All of you who are raising these Papers can table them here.

Proceed, Leader of the Majority Party.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENTADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE *SINE DIE*

Hon. Amos Kimunya (Kipipiri, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.28 on the Calendar of National Assembly (Regular Sessions) this House adjourns *Sine Die*.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the leadership of this House for the guidance that it has offered throughout the tenure of this Parliament. I am glad that we have been able to process critical business that will allow smooth transition and continuity of Government services even as we head for the general elections in two months' time. We are finally at the homestretch and over the past weeks, I have used this position to highlight critical and urgent business that the House needed to prosecute.

Today is not the same as all other days because it is officially the last day of the 12th Parliament in this Chamber. Therefore, it is a moment of reflection where we look back as a House and pat ourselves on the back for the achievements that we have recorded for the last five years and take pride in the services we rendered to our great Republic. It is important for Members to know that as we adjourn today, we are Members of Parliament until 8th August and we still have some time bound business that is pending before the other House on additional revenue allocation to the county governments. Should that Bill be passed, we will consider recalling you to come and give those funds to the county governments. I said this in the morning. We are only taking a recess but we are still on duty and it is important that Members know this. Even the Huduma Namba Bill that we could not prosecute because of a technicality, we can still enact it during a Special Sitting. So, all is not lost. That is the confirmation I wanted to give Members.

I am aware that the House Business Committee has facilitated about 557 sittings, including Special and Joint Sittings. Over that period, I believe we steered the business of the House in a very fair and accommodative manner. We have managed to guide the Calendar of this House efficiently and effectively. More importantly, we have accommodated various varying interests of the House and Members.

I remember that the House Business Committee indicated that all legislative proposals by individual Members should be expedited through the process to publication. On this note, I wish to thank you, Hon. Speaker for having chaired and guided the House Business Committee over the last five years and indeed over the last 10 years. I also wish to note that the House Business Committee has consistently sat every week when the House was in session and never missed a single opportunity to sit and guide the House. I hope we have set the pace for those who will come after us now and in the future.

Hon. Speaker, we have successfully processed a number of legislative proposals. The total number of proposals that have been introduced in the House is 342, ranging from those by the Government, those by the Committees and those by individual Members. I believe we have accorded fair distribution of time to all the business, including sometimes sitting till late in the evening to just complete them. This is an incredible feat despite the disruption occasioned by the COVID-19 pandemic during the Fourth and the Fifth Sessions.

Over the term of the 12th Parliament, the National Assembly passed over 140 Bills out of the 342 that have been introduced. Of the 140 Bills that have been passed, 114 have been assented into law, while 26 others are being processed in the Senate. We will be following up on

the progress of the Senate between now and next week at least to increase the number so that we do not have many of those 26 not being passed into law. Among the legislative proposals that have been assented to, I wish to highlight on those that have far reaching implications and are unique in nature without mentioning the obvious; the Finance and Budget associated laws, which are considered every year. They include the WAQF Bill, 2017 - which sort out the issues for the Muslim Community; the Computer Misuse and Cybercrime Bill; the Physical Planning and Land Use Bill, 2017; the Petroleum Bill; the Irrigation Bill, 2017; the Energy Bill, 2017; the Nuclear Regulatory Bill, 2018; the Parliamentary Service Bill, 2018; the County Government Retirement Service Benefit Scheme Bill, 2018; the Data Protection Bill; the Warehouse Receipts System Bill; the National Youths Service Bill; the Sectional Properties Bill, 2019; the Tea Bill, 2018; the Refugees Bill, 2019; the Early Childhood Education Bill, 2018; the Foreign Service Bill, 2021 and the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill, 2021.

In the same period, the 12th Parliament considered and approved the appointment of various persons to hold important offices in Government. It is in the 12th Parliament when we vetted and confirmed the appointment of the first female Chief Justice, Lady Justice Martha Koome. Besides, we considered the appointment of 60 Ambassadors and High Commissioners. We vetted and confirmed the appointments of Cabinet Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Commissioners, among other key Government appointees.

It is also during the 12th Parliament that we made significant headway towards the attainment of one of our strategic pillars – enabling E-Parliament. Although we have a long way to go, we have the necessary infrastructure in place to enable us to be digitalised, including the amendments we made to our Standing Orders. I can go on and on and I certainly cannot adequately capture in enough words the work that this Parliament has done during its tenure.

I urge Members to take pride in all that we have done and have been able to achieve. Take the lessons learnt and seek to improve the sacred constitutional mandate of Parliament.

In honour of Members who rested during the tenure of this House, I wish to mention their names to allow us to accord them respect and recognition for their notable contributions to the House and the country at large. They are as follows:

(i) In December 2017, we lost Hon. Francis Mwanzia Nyenze, the Member for Kitui West Constituency;

(ii) In April 2018, we lost Hon. Grace Kipchoim, the Member for Baringo South Constituency;

(iii) In July 2019, we lost Hon. Ken Okoth, the Member for Kibra Constituency;

(iv) In March 2020, we lost Hon. Suleiman Dori Ramadhan, the Member for Msambweni Constituency;

(v) In November 2020, we lost Hon. Justus Murunga Makokha, the Member for Matungu Constituency;

(vi) In December 2020, we lost Hon. James Mukwe Lusweti, the Member for Kabuchai Constituency;

(vii) In December 2020, we lost Senator Boniface Mutinda Kabaka, the Senator for Machakos County;

(viii) In February 2021, we lost Hon. Francis Munyua Waititu, also known as Wakapee, the Member for Juja Constituency;

(ix) In February 2021, we lost Hon. George Oroo Oyioka, the Member for Bonchari Constituency;

(x) In February 2021, we lost Senator Yusuf Haji, the Senator for Garissa County;

- (xi) In August 2021, we lost the young Senator Victor Prengei, Nominated Senator;
(xii) In March 2021, we lost Hon. Paul Koinange, the Member for Kiambaa Constituency; and,
(xiii) In May 2022, sadly, we also lost Hon. William Kamoti Mwamkale, the Member for Rabai Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, I believe it will be a befitting occasion to ask this House to rise for a minute in honour of these fallen heroes.

(Hon. Members observed a moment of silence)

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Hon. Speaker, it is also during the life of the 12th Parliament that we lost two former Presidents, namely, former President Daniel arap Moi and former President Mwai Kibaki, who were also Members of this House for a long time. I believe we have eulogised them enough. I do not want to ask Members to rise again.

Hon. Members: We will!

Hon. Amos Kimunya (Kipipiri, JP): Thank you. In honour of our two former presidents, I ask that we rise again for a minute to honour these long-serving Members of Parliament who went all the way to be Presidents.

(Hon. Members observed a moment of silence)

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

Having summarised the business of the House, it has been a very interesting time for me, as the Member for Kipipiri and the Leader of the Majority Party, for the last two years. I thank my predecessor, Hon. Aden Duale, for having taken care of the first eight years as the first Leader of the Majority Party, and setting in place the frameworks and systems that I inherited and used during the last two years.

I thank the Members of this House for their support, which has energised me to sit in this House from 2.30 p.m. to the rise of the House at 7.00 p.m. I believe I have spent more time in this House than any other Member for the last two years. I was so excited. In fact, I would not mind being given more time because this House has become an integral part of my life. It is the support and encouragement of Members that we have been able to carry out this business. I thank each and every one of you from the depth of my heart for the support you have accorded me in carrying out the mandate that I was given, pursuant to Article 108 of our Constitution.

I thank our Whips, led by the Chief Whip, Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, Hon. Eseli, Hon. Junet, and my able deputy and grandfather of the House, Hon. Angwenyi. Even when he was constrained from attending the sittings during the COVID-19 restrictions, he was always on call to come and give support when required.

I thank the entire leadership of the House and the Members of the Speaker's Panel. We have done everything together. I would have wanted my co-leader, the Leader of the Minority Party, to be here today. I know he made his last speech yesterday. He has been a wonderful friend and we have worked together in achieving what we have in this House in a very bi-partisan approach, which I hope the 13th Parliament will emulate and carry on.

To the people of Kipipiri, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to serve you for the last five years. I look forward to serving you for another five years, effective 9th August 2022.

I beg to move.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, I wish to remind you, because I know it has been a long time; that, on Wednesday, 2nd February 2022, you passed a Motion about the length of time that this Motion should take. According to the resolution, the leaders of the majority and the minority parties are the only ones accorded 15 minutes. The rest of you each have five minutes. The machines will be adjusted accordingly. Just organise your thoughts on what you want to say, whom you want to close with, if at all, but I will follow the order.

Before we do so, allow me to also recognise the presence in the Speaker's Gallery and Public Gallery students from South Tetu Girls' High School, Mukurweini Constituency, Nyeri County, Form Four candidates; and those from Sekenani Primary School, Narok West Constituency, Narok County, Class Eight students. They are all welcome to observe the proceedings of the House this afternoon.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, you have the first shot.

Hon. Moses Cheboi (Kuresoi North, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, let me say I wanted to know the pronunciation of "*sine die*" because a number of doctors like Hon. Pukose were pronouncing it differently. It means we are adjourning without a date being fixed for future transaction.

I went to some good high schools. One of them is Kabarnet High School between Form one and Form four. Every time we closed school, we used to sing a song by Jeremiah Rankin. I am not saying I will sing but it stated clearly, 'God be with you till we meet again'.

Hon. Members: Sing.

Hon. Moses Cheboi (Kuresoi North, JP): Many people like Hon. Ng'eno think it is for funeral processions. It is meant to wish each other well until you meet again. It says, 'Till we meet again'. I know in the university he attended it would mean going away completely.

Hon. Members, it is time we wished each other well. I personally want to thank the Speaker of the National Assembly for steering this House very well. He made it very lively and highly recognised. He managed to preside over this House without noticing the difficulties he had. At one point, I am sure he was unable to differentiate between the minority and majority. It is always a very difficult balance when you are in that position. Things evolved quite a lot during this Parliament but he managed to steer us very well.

I want to personally thank all my colleagues for making me the Deputy Speaker unopposed. When I sat in that seat, I enjoyed quite a bit because there was a lot of yelling from Members of either side of the House. I believe we achieved quite a lot as a House. I also want to thank the Members of the Liaison Committee, which I have chaired for the last four-and-a-half or five years. We managed to achieve a lot.

As we go home, I would not want to go the direction of the Leader of the Majority Party, when he said others might not come back in the next Parliament. I wish all the Members in this House are able to make it back. Many of you are willing to come back. Some have decided to vie for other seats, which is fine but for those who want to come back, I personally wish them well.

This was a Parliament of many new and good achievements. For example, we managed to demystify the National Assembly and opened it to the public and they did not have to come to the National Assembly to see what was happening. The Committee proceedings were made live.

Members of the public who were unable to follow in English were assisted through the Speaker's and Clerk's Offices to follow in the easier Kiswahili language.

This is a happy moment for me. I know we will come back in different formations. There are some who will come back as majority, minority and others independent like me.

Hon. Speaker, if you will be lucky to be presiding over us, I am sure you will have 30 plus independent candidates willing to work for their constituencies independently.

Hon. Speaker, I thank you and God be with you till we meet again.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kilifi North.

Hon. Owen Baya (Kilifi North, ODM): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. At this particular time, I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity as a first time Member to learn a lot of things. I remember the first time I spoke in this House it was on a Procedural Motion. I did not know how to manoeuvre; whether to speak on the content or procedure but you guided me very well. From that day, I knew I was at home in this Parliament. I profoundly thank you for that opportunity.

I also want to thank my fellow Members. I have made so many friends in this Parliament. I have interacted with Members and learnt a lot from them. It has been a wonderful time being here. I thank my friends whom I joined in the formation of the ODM together. They gave me an opportunity to move to the other side and exercise my freedom, democracy and ability to articulate issues.

Most of all, I thank the people of Kilifi North for giving me an opportunity to represent them in this House and work for them. I also thank them for giving me this platform to articulate issues of national importance. As I end my presentation, I want to read the final verse of the Invictus Poem by William Ernest Henley. It enabled Nelson Mandela to go through 27 years of imprisonment. This country requires such kind of resilience. If you allow me, the final verse of that poem states, "It matters not how strait the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul."

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Well spoken. Member for Garissa Township.

Hon. Aden Duale (Garissa Township, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. At the outset, I want to thank you for having worked with me in the 11th and 12th Parliament. I also want to thank the Clerk of the National Assembly, various directors in all our directorates, the able and competent staff of the National Assembly; my colleagues from all shades of political persuasions in this House; Hon. Amos Kimunya, who took over from me; the Leader of the Minority Party, whom I worked with in this Parliament and the previous Parliament; my colleagues in the Pastoralists Parliamentary Group, who gave me an opportunity to be their patron, as well as all those I worked with in the precincts of Parliament.

This is my 15th year of service in this House and I want to thank the people of Garissa Township, formerly Dujis Constituency; for giving me an opportunity to represent, legislate and oversee Government operations on their behalf. They elected me in three different political parties, signalling that it is not the political parties that they elected. They elected the person, Aden Duale.

I have walked a long journey with many people. I have worked with the former Prime Minister, who I was with in ODM in 2007; the former Vice-President, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka whom at one time left Hon. Maanzo and I without a party; Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, whom I was very loyal to until recently when he felt that he did not believe in friendship and loyalty; and, above all, the only man who has maintained our relationship for the last 13 years and believes in

leaders from humble backgrounds, Hon. William Ruto. The Deputy President, Hon. William Ruto, whom I am with in the fourth party - United Democratic Alliance (UDA).

I want to thank all the leaders, including Hon. Raila Odinga and His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta whom I have worked with for seven years. In one way or the other, they contributed to my political career. Despite parting ways, I have a lot of respect for the President of the Republic of Kenya, many staff, many Ministers and Permanent Secretaries I have worked with.

Today I am making my last speech in the 12th Parliament. I had to fly from Mandera to ensure that the Huduma Namba Bill, which contravenes various Articles of the Constitution, including Article 118 on public participation; Articles 201, 221, 226, 229 and 94 (6), Article 31 on the right to privacy as well as Article 24 and Standing Order No.133 (5) is scrutinised.

This Bill is different from Sessional Paper 1 of 1963. It wants to marginalise some Kenyans and create two sets of citizens. There are people in Government who feel that Muslims, the Somali community and other minority communities are visitors. I want to tell them to their face that Kenya belongs to all of us. Through your help, Hon. Speaker, and the petition that I brought to this House, thousands of the people whose data was captured in the refugee camps have already got their Identification Cards (IDs).

My Party Leader traversed Garissa, Wajir and Mandera counties and committed to two things: First, that never again will the people of northern Kenya be denied their constitutional citizenship rights. Secondly, never again will the people who profess the Islamic faith and the Somali community be killed through extrajudicial killings.

I want to say it here that it is very sad that this Parliament allowed this Government to borrow Kshs7 trillion; and this House, through coercion, bribery and intimidation approved Kshs10 trillion. When Kenya *Kwanza* takes over, we will stabilize the economy. Please, let us not fight *mitumba*; let us not fight scrap metal...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, because of the resolution that you passed, each of you has five minutes only. You, therefore, have to organise your thoughts properly. Members, you should also remember the “grandfather” of the House ...

(An Hon. Member spoke off-record)

(Laughter)

The “grandfather” of the House is being reminded that at the rise of the House, there will be a Members’ event. When you finish your business, do not go far away from the precincts of Parliament because there will be a Member’s event for those who remain cool. For those who are short tempered, please, you can go and enjoy the event elsewhere. Please, have five minutes each.

Hon. Maanzo.

Hon. Dan Maanzo (Makueni, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity.

First, I want to thank the people of Makueni and God for giving me an opportunity to serve them for 10 years.

I want to personally thank you, Hon. Speaker, for guiding me and the House throughout the entire period. This time round, the people of Makueni have proposed that I run for the Senate

seat which is currently occupied by Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Junior. I have complied, and got cleared to run for the Senate seat in Makueni.

I want to thank the House and particularly, Hon. Kareke Mbiuki because his Committee dealt with the issue of Thwake Dam. The Committee visited Thwake Dam when the project was starting and assisted me when the matter came up. I also want to thank Hon. Kanini Kega for making sure that the budget for Thwake Dam went through.

Thwake Dam being constructed in Makueni Constituency is worth Kshs39 billion and is 80 per cent complete. We will soon be supplying water to Kitui, Makueni, Konza City, Machakos and Kajiado.

I want to thank the House and God for this particular project, which will ensure that the people of Makueni see their dream of having piped water come true, and their children will no longer go far to fetch water with donkeys.

I would also like to thank the House even though legislation of my Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill of 2021 has not started. I was proposing to make an amendment so that people who have been bitten by snakes can be compensated in the event of an injury or death. Unfortunately, this Bill seems to lapse. If elected to the Senate, I am likely to raise it again.

In today's Order Paper, there are amendments from the Senate concerning the County Boundaries Bill. This is affecting Makueni County and many other counties with our borders. Although I have seen that it is likely to lapse, if God and the people of Makueni give me an opportunity to serve them in the Senate, I will be able to revive it.

There was also a very important Bill which lapsed – the New Cooperatives Act, which had come from the Senate and was sponsored by Hon. Prof. Zani. The Government of Kenya through the Department of Cooperatives had also proposed their own law, which I believe will be in the new Parliament. The death of this Bill has helped the cooperative movement in the country. They did not do proper public participation on it and every time they made a presentation, they were not taken on board. The Bill was being reviewed by the Committee that I serve; the Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives. Unfortunately, the Committee did not complete its work because of the new proposals. The Committee also needed to ensure that there was public participation. Therefore, the Bill has died, to the amusement of the 14 million members of the cooperative movement in the country.

(Loud consultations)

I want to thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the National Prayer Breakfast following the death of the former Chair, Hon. Paul Koinange. Over the last weekend, I attended the Berlin Gathering, where Parliaments of the world met. The main discussion was “Service to God and Service to Mankind.” The main theme was ‘The War in Ukraine’ and how countries neighbouring Ukraine have welcomed poor orphans and homeless people to their homes so that they can take care of them. The Chief Guest was the President of Hungary.

Hon. Speaker, the Parliaments of Kenya and Hungary have very close ties. Thank you, for giving me the opportunity to serve the House in that manner, and to represent it all over the world.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon Speaker: Hon Kanini Kega.

Hon Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. Thank you for saving me because there were rigging claims by the Chairman emeritus, Hon. Kimani Ichungwa. Hon. Kimani Ichungwa, kindly, be nice because there is no way you can remove my card.

(Laughter)

I want to start by thanking the voters in Kieni for giving me an opportunity to serve them as their Member of Parliament for two terms.

For the interest of other Members, and just to insist on how special it is; in my three neighbouring counties of Kirinyaga, Nyeri and Laikipia, I am the only Member of Parliament who was re-elected in 2017. To me, the reason is very dear and I really appreciate. It is basically because of the work that we are doing and I have no doubt that I will get season three because of the work that I have done.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to thank your office, and especially you. When we came here, we were naïve, we were very green but you guided us and made most of us who we are today. We have grown up. We are not where we were in 2017. As the Chair of Budget and Appropriations Committee, I have learnt a lot through the leadership of the Director of Budget, Ms. Phyllis Makau, who by coincidence is also retiring today. Ms. Phyllis Makau has been very instrumental in guiding the Budget process and all the things that we have been doing on matters finance. I wish Phyllis Makau all the best as she goes on retirement. If I were the President, I would hire her as an advisor on financial matters. We wish her all the best.

I want to wish my colleagues all the best as they proceed to vie for their next terms. There are those who are going for their second terms, third terms, fourth terms and fifth terms. However, I have noted something unique and peculiar in the character of some Members. The 12th Parliament will go down in history as one of the Parliaments where Members would go to constituencies of other Members, talk ill of them and disparage them. I hope that will change. There is no point as to why I should for, example, go to Hon. Kimani Ichung'wa's constituency and wish him ill. We have seen it and I do not understand why. We have sunk that low. I hope during the 13th Parliament, which I hope to be part of, God willing, we will be able to learn a lot from the 12th Parliament and avoid doing some of these negative things.

To Kenyans, the rate of turnover is alarming. The Members who are deselected in all positions in Kenya are at 70 per cent. Hon. Speaker, that has a toll on development because there is no continuity. The rate of turnover in the developed world is about two to five per cent but in Kenya it is at 70 per cent. We need to embark on some research and understand why there is this high turnover rate. I am sure Kenyans have by now learnt that re-electing their Members of Parliament, governors and Senators has more value.

Hon. Speaker, I wish you the best in the next life, whether you will be here or elsewhere. Thank you so much.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Member for Funyula.

Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It is indeed a great honour for most of us to sit in this august House. Out of a population of close to 50 million Kenyans, if you are among the 349 Members who sit in this House, you are indeed the selected few in this country. We should be eternally grateful to the Almighty and never take it for granted because without God we would not be here.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the people of Funyula Constituency for giving me a chance to serve in this House. The people of Funyula Constituency have been

careful and selective in terms of who they send to this august House. Many times the Members that they have sent to this House have never disappointed. There is Uncle Moody, who is famous for serving this constituency for unprecedented term of 24 years. I hope the people of Funyula Constituency will give me a chance to match that record. Let us clear the hurdle on 9th August 2022 as we move forward.

The five years I have been here have been interesting, an eye opener and enriching experience. Coming straight from the lecture halls to the rough and tumbles of politics has been a learning experience which I will be grateful for the rest of my life. What I have learnt here will be valuable. Coming from where things were ordered in a certain manner to where things are totally different, where there is a true reflection of the people of Kenya – all characters you can study anywhere in the books – has essentially enabled many of us to understand how people think, behave and interact.

On the lower side of it, after the first term, I live amazed at how people can turn positions unashamedly within a very short period of time in view of pure politics in order to please shifting political grounds. Nevertheless, that is the nature of life and we sincerely want to thank them.

I want to sincerely thank all the Members of staff of Parliament we have worked with in various Committees. I have had opportunity to work in the Committee of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, the Committee on Delegated Legislation, and the Public Accounts Committee. I am grateful to them for the service and advice offered to us. We might have had differences on how to do some things, having come from where I come from. Nevertheless, we accomplished the intended goals. I sincerely wish them well. As I said earlier, there is no end to learning. We must continuously learn so that we improve the output because ultimately, we serve the people of Kenya.

To my colleagues who are vying for elective seats, I wish them well. As Hon. Kanini has said, you return to this House because you served the people who elected you. The expectations vary from one constituency to another. The fact that the turnover is 70 per cent could be for various reasons. I urge my colleagues to go and work hard for the people. Where you have made mistakes, you have a chance to redeem yourself in the next two months.

Hon. Speaker, I am grateful for having accorded me the chance to speak on the Floor of this House, and having generally listened to us. You have guided us, the new Members who came to the rough tumbles of politics. We leave being more mature, organised and able to handle all the political pressure that will come our way. Whatever you intend to do after today, I wish you well and do not forget Busia. You had your mark there and we are still tracing your roots in Busia. Welcome anytime and reinstate your roots.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Oundo. Hon. Fatuma Gedi.

Hon. (Ms.) Fatuma Gedi (Wajir CWR, PDR): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to thank you for being there for us when we needed you most. As a first timer, I take this opportunity to thank the people of Wajir, who elected me to this august House, being the youngest female Member of Parliament in the 12th Parliament.

I want to thank my party leader, His Excellency the President for trusting me to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, the Budget and Appropriations Committee and later as the first Vice-Chair of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security.

I want to thank my colleagues, the 47 Women Representatives in this House who elected me to be the chair of the Caucus 47. It was a great achievement for me. Being a young and a

first time Member of Parliament, it has been a learning session and it was quite a good experience. There have been ups and downs. As a first timer, you will not learn everything but you keep learning.

There are many people who have helped me in my achievements. I want to thank my colleagues in the committees and the clerks of the various committees I have served in, who helped me to learn very fast. Where I come from, it is not easy for a young woman like me to make the strides that I have made both locally and internationally. In life you need to have consistency, loyalty and confidence in whatever you do. That is when you will achieve what you want to achieve.

Hon. Speaker, you also serve as the Chairperson of the Powers and Privileges Committee. I have encountered many controversies, one of them being the famous manufactured fake video. I sincerely thank you because of the way you conducted those proceedings with fairness and allowed Kenyans to know the truth. I would never wish for that to happen to any person or leader. It was a trying moment for me and I am happy that I had good friends and colleagues who stood with me. I thank Hon. Sabina Chege, Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, Hon. Gladys Wanga and Hon. Sophia Abdi Noor, who is also my mentor. Those are the women who stood with me. You conducted the inquiry with fairness and showed Kenyans that what happened was wrong.

I thank His Excellency the President for trusting me. The achievements and projects that I have accomplished for my people while serving as a Member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee will bring me back to this House. My advice to the voters is that they should not change their leadership mid-way. They should give their elected leaders opportunity to learn and help their people so that when they come back, they continue with the work they started.

I wish all my colleagues well. I hope those who are going for re-election will come back so that they help their constituents and counties. Finally, I wish the presidential candidate for Azimio la Umoja well. He will win the elections.

Thank you for the opportunity, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. ole Kenta

Hon. Richard ole Kenta (Narok North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you have done for this country, this House and for all Kenyans. I have been with you for the last 10 years. As you very well know, I was with you even before we came to this House. It has been a pleasure working with you. I look forward to working with you in future.

I would also like to thank the people of Narok North for electing me in two consecutive terms. Now that they have called me to the solemn duty of becoming their governor, I shall do so. I am sure they will elect me as the next Governor of Narok County.

I would like to thank Members of the Committee on Implementation, the staff attached to us and the staff of Parliament for the good work they did and the support they offered us in the last five years. I wish them well in their future endeavours.

I would like to thank all the colleagues I have interacted with. I am very proud of the friendships that I have created, and of the good things I have done with many of those colleagues. I am sure our friendships will continue beyond this House. It is unfortunate that some of us decided to follow other callings, but I am sure that this House will always remain what I have always known it to be - a great House for the future of the people of this country.

I would also like to thank the President, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, and the next President, Hon. Raila Odinga, for standing with my people, the Maasai community, and Kenyans at large. I specifically thank them for restituting the Mau Forest and the Maasai Mara National Reserve for

the benefit of our community and the country. I thank them for the survival of the Eighth Wonder of the World; the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

When I hear some people criticizing the President, I wonder what kind of people they are. I remember that from 2013, we had a certain clique of people called the “Sky Team”. They bankrupted this country between 2013 and 2017 yet they are the loudest at criticizing the President. I thank the President for being tolerant despite a lot of unnecessary provocations from quarters that benefited from his largesse for the last eight years. That is the nature of man. He is ingrate. That is something that people should learn.

I see some of those colleagues making so much noise yet they are the ones who benefited from Uhuru’s Government in the last two terms. That is the nature of the negative human spirit that should not be tolerated. I assure my colleagues who go shouting all over that they will take leave of this country. Kenyans have already made their choice, which is Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga. There is no question about it. If this country is to survive, we have to give the reins of leadership to people who really treasure this country, and not looters and people who are never satisfied. It is time we did so and elected leaders who can stand for the future of our children, and not their own stomachs.

I would like to singularly thank the people of Narok for being steadfast in the support of the future of this country, and not themselves.

Hon. Speaker and Members, it was nice working with you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Always know that this country is greater than any one individual.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. It was a pleasure being in this Parliament.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Kiarie.

Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I am honoured. A few weeks after being elected, I stood on the Floor of this House and gave my maiden speech. I anticipated serving diligently and conscientiously in the five years that I had been given.

I will start by thanking you for the mentorship that some of us who were first-time Members received under your tutelage. We especially benefited from the experience that you have gathered over the years. I thank all the staff who work under you, who have supported us especially in researching and preparing for our sessions in this House and in the Committees.

I take this opportunity to appreciate that the 12th Parliament has had some extremely good times as well as bad ones. The highlights have been many. I have had an opportunity to lead diligently and perform my roles as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, namely; representation, oversight and legislation even through the Committees that I have had an opportunity to sit in. I had an opportunity to sit in the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, the Committee on Selection and the Committee on Regional Integration.

I also had an opportunity to sit in a committee that I really loved before the fumigation, namely; the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation. It is there that my pride in legislation lies. During this Parliament, we have brought forth some amazing Bills that have become Acts of Parliament. Without mentioning all of them, I am very proud that we were able to address the plight of performers and owners of intellectual property by enacting the Kenya Copyright (Amendment) Bill. We had the opportunity to protect Kenyans’ data with the Kenya Privacy and Data Protection Bill. We also had the opportunity to wade into the digital and emerging media space with the Computer Misuse and Cybercrime (Amendment) Bill.

I have also had an opportunity in this House to lead a caucus that you, Hon. Speaker, was very instrumental in bringing up – the Caucus of the World Scout Parliamentary Union. I have

been chairing the Kenyan Chapter. I proudly report to this House that Kenya got the opportunity to take the seat of the Global Vice-Chairman of the World Scout Parliamentary Union and yours truly currently occupies that position. God-willing, if re-elected, it is a caucus that I would still like to serve in and take it further ahead.

We have had extreme lows. We have lost Members of Parliament, loved ones and had some false starts on some amazing pieces of legislation that would have changed this country. For me, I think one of our worst laws was having Committee Chairpersons and Parliamentary leadership being selected elsewhere other than the precincts of this House by Members of Parliament. I believe this was a false start. I am celebrating the new amended Standing Orders. This is because they will ensure in the next Parliament nobody will be holding the remote control of this House and it shall truly stand independent. I pray that Members of Parliament will be lucky and blessed enough to be re-elected so, they can enjoy the gains of the new Standing Orders.

Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) was a big law. Three courts have proclaimed it was unconstitutional and illegal and some of us stood on the Floor of this House to say the same. I take this opportunity to tell the people of Dagoretti South a big thank. I want to tell them to look at the roads done in this tenure, five new high schools in four years, chiefs being moved from *mabati* offices to serve in decent, modern urban housing and the new police stations that are coming up. This is the billboard and posters I am putting up for this campaign. I pray they shall give me an opportunity to continue serving them. So, when I get back here, I shall tell them...

Hon. Speaker: Member for Mvita.

Hon Abdullswamad Nassir (Mvita, ODM): Asante sana, Mhe. Spika. Kwanza, ningependa kuwashukuru watu wa Mvita na Mombasa kwa jumla. Wanamvita walinipigia kura mara ya kwanza na ya pili wakanipigia kura kwa idadi kubwa zaidi. Nashukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kuwa mara ya pili niliporejea katika Bunge hili, Wabunge kwa imani yao wakaamua kunipigia kura niwe Mwenyekiti wa kamati ya Uwekezaji wa Umma kupitia chama cha ODM. Nataka kutoa shukrani kwa *party leader* wangu Raila Amollo Odinga kwa kuweza kuyaona yale ninayoyafanya. Nilikuwa Mpwani wa kwanza aliyeweza kupatiwa nafasi kugombea na kuchukua kiti cha Mwenyekiti wa kamati ya Uwekezaji wa Umma.

Nimeweza kufanya mengi katika Bunge hili. Lakini kuna yale binadamu hukumbukwa nayo. Katika kumbukumbu ya yale niliyoyafanya; kwanza ni kupitisha sheria kuhakikisha nimekataa ubinafsishaji wa Bandari ya Mombasa, kupitisha Miswada na Hoja za kutetea watu wa Mombasa, Mvita na Wapwani kwa ujumla kuhusiana na athari za uchumi wetu kupitia *Standard Gauge Railway* (SGR) na mambo mengi,

Pia niko katika historia. Wakati kanisa la *Salvation Army* lilitupiwa *petrol bomb*, nilikuwa katika Bunge hili nakutetea makanisa yaweze kupata hifadhi. Vile vile wakati masheikh walikuwa wanapotezwa ni sauti yangu ilikuwa ikisikika katika Bunge hili. Nimekuwa katika mstari wa mbele kuwatetea wafanyikazi maelfu wa Kenya Ports Authority (KPA), Kenya Ferry Services (KFS) na Kenya Airports Authority (KAA).

Nilipokuwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Uwekezaji wa Umma niliweza kuhifadhia nchi hii mabilioni ya pesa. Ilikuwa ni rahisi kupata fununu na harufu na binadamu kujaribu kuteleza. Lakini, utajiri si fedha ni utu. Tuliweza kuhakikisha kuwa fedha zile zimehifadhiwa. Wakati ule, nilihakikisha kuwa pesa zilizokuwa zimeibiwa, tukaonyesha wazi walioiba ni nani, jinsi ya kuwashika na bila hofu wala njia yoyote nyingine.

Nina imani leo ni siku yangu ya mwisho kama Mbunge wa Mvita. Nitaendelea kuwa pamoja na wao kama Mbunge mpaka Agosti. Mhe. Spika, nitarejea hapa katika Bunge kama

mgeni wako. Nina imani yale niliyoweza kujifunza katika Bunge hili yataweza kunifaa nikiwa Gavana wa jiji la Mombasa. Wasia wangu kwa wanaokuja ni wawe simba kwa kutetea watu wao. Wasiwe simba kwa kuwatetea katika *video* za *Whatsapp* bila kuja hapa Bunge kuleta Miswada inayotakikana.

Kauli yangu ya mwisho ni kuweza kutoa Aya ya *Quran Surah An-Nahl Ayat 53* “Na neema yoyote mliyo nayo inatoka kwa Mwenyezi Mungu”. Shukran sana, Asanteni.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Limuru.

Hon. Peter Mwathi (Limuru, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. From the outset, it has been a privilege to serve in the 12th Parliament. It was significantly different from the 10th Parliament which I also served, where Ministers were drawn from this House without clear separation. Therefore, I learnt a lesson on how to conduct business as an entity called Parliament and doing proper oversight.

I would like to thank the people of Limuru for the overwhelming support they have given me right from the time I was elected, the various groups that worked with me like the *boda bodas*, salonists, clergy, teachers and the business community. They have supported me to date and we have worked together towards bettering the lives of the people of Limuru. Also, the empowerment of youth and women and all other programmes I do under the very well-known Mwathi Foundation. This has been of use to our youth after finishing Form Four and university.

In this Parliament, I have also served as a Member of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations. Hon. Speaker, I had the peculiar privilege of being your deputy in the Committee of Powers and Privileges. I liked the way we worked together and the fact that you trusted me with every duty you assigned me and stood with the decisions made by the Committee. This is something I was very proud of. After that I was placed in the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. I want to thank His Excellency the President and the Jubilee Party for having found me fit to serve as the Chair of this Committee.

Thereafter, in about a year-and-a-half I got the chance to serve in the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security which had various challenges. Many words have been thrown to me by colleagues because of what happens in that docket. Nevertheless, I have been able to carry the huge responsibility very well. As I exit the 12th Parliament, I carry everybody as my friend. Those who disagreed with me, it was principally and objectively and there was nothing personal.

Hon. Speaker, let me also recognise the leadership of this House starting with you and those in the Committee of Honours and Awards. This is because after working in many Committees and having served as a Commissioner in the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) in the 10th Parliament, you found it fit to recognise my dedication and commitment to duty in this House and awarded me the 1st Class Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS) of the Republic of Kenya. It is something I am very proud of. The people of Limuru should also be proud of having produced a son who can perform to that extent.

As I end, let me thank all MPs. I hear my neighbour, Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah, saying yes. I thank you for working with me on road networks. You know we are working together on security, especially at Gatune where we have placed our officers who have been always helpful to our community.

Finally, I pray that most of us or all of us make it back to the 13th Parliament. I have no doubt in my mind that I am fighting for the Limuru MP seat. I pray and hope the people of Limuru will walk with me the journey that remains so that we complete the projects that are pending. I thank you, Hon. Speaker:

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Eseli Simiyu.

Hon. (Dr.) Eseli Simiyu (Tongaren, FORD-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this chance to also contribute.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the good people of Tongaren Constituency who have elected me to this House three times now. I assure them that I will diligently continue working for them. This 12th Parliament has been very interesting. I thank the Members for what they have done in the dying minutes and days of this Parliament. That, finally, they have agreed that the NG-CDF should be shared equitably. This has been my cry for the last five years. I have had a nasty experience whereby my neighbouring constituencies in Bungoma County are half the size of my constituency yet we get the same amount of money. That makes service delivery very difficult for me. I thank this Parliament that we have finally arisen to what the Constitution dictates, that national resources should be shared equitably. That is the Constitution.

I would like to urge that those of us who will be back in the 13th Parliament really look at this issue of gender balance, the two-thirds gender principle. It is a constitutional thing that we should not have more than two-thirds of any elective house being of one gender. We have a difficulty because the electoral law that is supposed to operationalise that is a law for first-past-the-post. It is impossible to fulfil the two-thirds gender rule using the first-past-the-post electoral laws. The next Parliament should consider relooking at the electoral law and either adopt a proportional representation system or a mixed-member proportional representation and first-past-the-post, a mixed-member kind of proportional representation so that we attain that two-thirds gender rule as dictated by the Constitution. Without that, every Chief Justice is going to be asked to dissolve this House. Every Chief Justice will be asking the President to dissolve this House. We need to solve that matter once and for all.

I would like to agree with Hon. Kanini Kega that sometimes we have fallen short of the expected dignity of MPs. I have been a victim of colleagues coming to my constituency and abusing me. What amuses me is that the colleagues doing this are actually first timers while I am a third timer. It is really a shame. It is good to inform the colleague that you are visiting and then go about your business without calling your colleague names and things like those. It is not a very good thing to do.

There has been talk about the attrition rate in this House. Yes, it is high. One of the reasons is that when you have been in Parliament for five years, given the way our people take an MP to be, you will have been spending a lot of money throughout. By the time campaigns come, your pockets are dry and the new comers have a lot of money. That is one of the contributors to the high attrition rate. While that is said and done, there are parts of this country where the attrition rate is not that high. The 70 per cent attrition is a global figure. When you look at the Western region, that is Nyanza and Western, that attrition falls to below 40 per cent. It actually differs from one part of the country to the other. We need to carefully look at the cause of this high attrition rate. That high attrition rate means that the institutional memory that comes into the next Parliament is curtailed.

Hon. Speaker, finally, I wish you well in your endeavours. You have guided this House for the last two Parliaments. I wish you well in your next endeavours even if it means coming back here. I believe the people of Kenya will always look up to you favourably. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kitutu Chache North.

Hon. Jimmy Angwenyi (Kitutu Chache North, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me a chance to conclude our Session here today. I thank you for a good job done. I am proud of myself to have voted for you to be our Speaker. You have performed beyond standards.

I thank every Member of this House because they have worked with us, as leaders in the House leadership, very well. It does not matter what party each of us belongs to. We have all worked together, which is a great thing.

I thank the people of Kitutu Chache North and Kitutu Chache in general. Before it was divided into two, it used to be Kitutu Chache, a constituency which has been subdivided into two constituencies. I thank the people of Kitutu Chache who sent me to this Parliament. There are a lot of benefits that Kenyans have received by the people of Kitutu Chache sending me to this Parliament. One, I participated effectively in bringing the law on NG-CDF. Before I came here and before Eng. Karue came here, we did not have the NG-CDF in this country. We sacrificed our resources to hire a lawyer, Dr. Gicheru, from London to come and do a Bill for us. No lawyer in Kenya wanted to do that Bill which was against the Moi Government. He did a good law for us. I thank God and our late President, Kibaki, because he was then the Leader of Opposition. He gave a very nice comment while he was contributing on that Bill. He said and I quote: “Why did Kenyans not elect these two young men? Kenya would have developed if they had come here earlier and introduced this Bill.”

Of course, the late President Moi could not assent to that Bill. Fortunately, at the end of that term, Kibaki was elected the President of Kenya. We took the Bill to him and reminded him that and I quote: “You commended us for bringing that Bill. Can you now take it up and assent to it?” He called the late Mwiraria who was his Minister of Finance. Mwiraria said, “When we took over power, the coffers of the National Treasury were empty. So, we cannot take up the Bill.” But Kibaki convinced him. He said: “Let these two young men reduce the minimum amount from five per cent to two-and-a-half per cent and we take over their Bill.” That is what happened. It is unfortunate, since that time, 2003 up to now, we have not raised that minimum from two-and-a-half per cent to five which was in the original Bill. That is where I blame ourselves as MPs. You can see what has happened with the county governments’ share—they say a minimum of 15 per cent but it is 31 per cent this year. We have never increased the amount allocated to NG-CDF beyond 2.5 per cent of the national Budget. I blame ourselves as Members of this Parliament. Hon. Speaker, since you call me the grandfather of the House, you have to add me time. This House has been denied house allowance and yet this same House approved a lady...

Hon. Charles Kilonzo (Yatta, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I came to this House in 2003 as a young man. I thank the people of Yatta for having elected me, not once, not twice but three times. In this term, they had faith in me and voted for me as a person. I am here as an independent Member of Parliament, representing and acting in the interest of the people of Yatta. From 2003 is a long time. I believe there are many young men who were in school that time and who have gone to university and have worked and can take care from where I am leaving. For that reason, I have made a decision not to defend my seat. I am running for the Senate seat. To the people of Machakos, I promise them I bring experience. What you need in the Senate is a parliamentarian with experience.

When I joined this House in 2003, Hon. Angwenyi will tell you, it was a very difficult time. There was no CDF. We did not have the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. There were no monies for women. Members of Parliament did not even have offices or staff. I want us to recognise those Members of Parliament. They might not be here, but they played a key role, influencing the role of Parliament and ensuring Members of Parliament are empowered. One of

them is former commissioner Oloo Aringo. Hon. Angwenyi was also a member of the Parliamentary Service Commission. They ensured every Member of Parliament was facilitated. Another Member of Parliament we must remember and recognise his role is none other than Eng. Karue, the father of CDF.

(Applause)

Because we do not have much time, this 12th Parliament had its challenges. We have not been able to pass laws that can reduce the cost of living. One of the lowest moments, this House passed a law introducing Value Added Tax on fuel. That was the lowest moment. Today I listened to one of the FM radio stations and strangely calls were about Members of Parliament from western Kenya. By the time I got to Parliament, going by the number of calls on the radio station, 90 per cent of Members from that region had gone home. I want to encourage Members of Parliament, as an old Member, where there is smoke there is fire. There is a good reason. Attrition rate has been very high, but it is not high everywhere. In Ukambani where I come from, 30 per cent of Members lose elections while 70 per cent come back. Free advice to Members of Parliament: You must pull up your socks. When you are elected as a Member of Parliament, you are elected to come to the House. People need to see you in the House to legislate and represent their interests. They do not want to see you in public rallies out there. The main complaint I listened to on the programme was that those Members of Parliament were rarely seen in the House. You are elected to fight for interests of the electorate in the House, not in public *barazas*.

Being in this House for long has taught me something else. Remember this is about politics and democracy. Do not abuse others. If you are in the Azimio la Umoja coalition, do not abuse Ruto. Criticise him. If you are in the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), do not go abusing Raila. The Luhya say *vindu vichenjanga*. And then there is handshake. You should not be the one with a big mouth abusing Raila or Ruto. It is very important to deal with facts as they are. Leave abuses alone. Do not post evil things, because the internet does not forget.

Finally, Hon. Speaker, I want to wish you well. You also joined the 9th Parliament as a young man, although you are my senior. You have done a very good job.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kikuyu.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to take this opportunity not to bid farewell but to wish all Members of this House all the best as they embark on their campaigns. Hopefully, we will see many of you back in this House after 9th August 2022.

I have had the privilege and honour bestowed on me by the great people of Kikuyu to serve them as a Member of Parliament for the last two terms. Unlike what Hon. Kilonzo is saying, I am proud that I have been able to articulate issues both in the House and in political rallies. I want to encourage those who shout in political rallies to continue doing so, because it is important. Also articulate issues on the Floor of the House. This is where you articulate issues to represent your people. I am honoured to have served with many Members of this House, some for the first time and others with whom we served in the 11th Parliament. I wish all of them the very best as they embark on their campaigns.

There is a disturbing episode I have seen in this House unlike in the 11th Parliament. After the handshake, this House regrettably became a marketplace. People never allowed other people to articulate their issues and to say what they want to say without shouting them down. It is sad that we call ourselves honourable men and ladies but we cannot have the patience to listen

to one another. How I pray that in the next Parliament we will have the patience to listen to one another. Allow your colleagues to articulate their issues and have the opportunity for a rebuttal to anything that they say that does not please you.

As you can see, I am in a yellow shirt. And I must announce it is a *mitumba* shirt. Even the court, tie and trouser I am wearing are *mitumba*. They are all nice. I believe I am looking smart in this outfit. Even as we say do not insult others, and I am on record I have had tremendous respect for the former Prime Minister, as vehemently as I have opposed his policies and political persuasions, I have never insulted him. I will never insult him, neither will I ever insult Uhuru Kenyatta as the President of the Republic of Kenya or as a person. But I will criticise them. I will tell them the truth as it is. Those who believe they are gods, I will tell them I believe only in one God the Almighty. I can never worship a man and no Kenyan will ever worship another man. As leaders, let us have understanding hearts of our people. Our people do not wear *mitumba* clothes because they like wearing dead people's clothes, as you tell us. They wear *mitumba* clothes because you have captured the State. You have strangled the economy. You have strangled Kenyans to an extent that they cannot afford the designer clothes that you wear. Today, I decided to wear *mitumba* clothes in solidarity with the people of Kenya who are being insulted for what they wear. I ask the people of Kenya on the 9th August, remember those who care about you. Remember those who care about your economy, your families, your livelihoods and those who want to build your economy from the bottom up.

I can see time is passing. I promise the people of Kikuyu that as I have said, *kazi iongee*. As we say where we come from, *wira warie*, I am saying I am proud of what I have been able to achieve as a Member of Parliament even as I ask them to give me a third term to continue serving them and serving the great people of Kenya in this Parliament. *Tuonane Bunge lijalo*.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kibwezi East.

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Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu (Kibwezi East, WDM-K): Hon. Speaker, even as I give my exit remarks, allow me to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House:

The Exit Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the 12th Parliament, that is, 2017 to 2022 signed by the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee.

I am the Vice Chairperson of the Committee.

(Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu laid the document on the Table)

Hon. Speaker, on the same note, I take this opportunity to thank the people of Kibwezi East for giving me the chance to serve them not for one term but two consecutive terms and having promised to give me a third term. I am really working hard to come back to this Parliament.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to thank you as my mentor. Since 2013, I have been serving under you in the Speaker's Panel. Also from 2017 to date I have been serving as a Speaker under you. I thank the Members whom we have worked together. They are my very good friends. I know at times it has been difficult when you are chairing but we have done very well as a House.

I register my appreciation to my party, the Wiper Democratic Movement through Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, the party leader. Through him, I have been able to get the opportunity to

serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee, which I have just tabled its exit report. Again, I thank the President of this Republic. Through my hard work in serving the community, the country and Parliament, I have been awarded first class Chief of Burning Spear (CBS). I associate myself and thank the Members for being able to walk a long way. I have been part and parcel of the achievements of this Parliament in terms of the Bills that have been passed and assented to and in terms of the Motions. I have really enjoyed the Committee of the whole House where we passed Bills. I have been chairing it and I have really enjoyed. I wish the Members all the best. There are those who are going for other seats especially those who are leaving the National Assembly and going to the Senate and us who hopefully are going to be back here. Of course, we have the confidence that we are going to come back here to serve our people in the 13th Parliament. I wish them the best.

Hon. Speaker, as the leader, you have been my mentor. I wish you the best. I know the future is very bright for you. We wish you the best as a House. On behalf of the Members of the Panel who are not present, allow me to register our appreciation. You have guided us. You have been our father and we have learnt a lot. I thank you and wish every other Member the best.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Laikipia North, Hon. Sara Korere Paulata.

Hon. (Ms.) Sara Korere (Laikipia North, JP): Mhe. Spika, ninashukuru kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Kwanza kabisa, napenda kumshukuru Maulana kwa neema na fadhili na kwa kutuhifadhi tangu tulipoanza Muhula huu wa 12 katika Bunge hili. Mhe. Spika, kwa njia ya kipekee nakushukuru wewe kwa kazi nzuri uliyofanya katika Bunge hili. Zaidi ya yote, ningependa kukuarifu kwamba Muhula wa 13 Mwenyezi Mungu akitujalia nitahesabika kama mmoja atakayerudi katika Jumba hili.

Mhe. Spika, uko na kazi nzuri na kubwa ambayo umechangia kurudi kwangu hapa. Nawashukuru zaidi wananchi wa Laikipia Kaskazini ambao kwa mara ya kwanza tangu Kenya kupata uhuru walimchagua mwanamke kama Mbunge kutoka eneo bunge hilo ijapokuwa natoka katika jamii ndogo ambayo hata wakati nchi ya Kenya inafanya sensa, sisi tuko katika kundi linaloitwa wengine au kwa Kimombo *others* kwa sababu sijaona Mdorobo akiorodheshwa katika kuhesabiwa.

Mbali na hayo, Mwenyezi Mungu si Mungu wa vitu vya kawaida. Ameweza kunipa kibali na nikaweza kuchaguliwa na walio wengi. Zaidi ya hayo, nimeweza kufanya kazi kwa uadilifu na kwa uaminifu kutumikia wananchi walionituma hapa bila hofu, shaka na kuogopa yeyote yule.

Nilipoingia Bunge hili mara ya kwanza, niliteuliwa na chama changu wakati huo na Mhe. Spika nakushukuru maana ni kawaida sana kwamba wale ambao wanapitia uteuzi wa vyama mara nyingi wanadharauliwa na wengine wanafikiria wako hapa kuonekana lakini sio kusikika. Hata hivyo, nashukuru Mwenyezi Mungu leo kwa sababu hata Raisi anayeondoka sasa alipitia kwa njia hiyo hiyo na amekuwa Raisi wa nne wa Kenya. Naamini kwamba hata mimi siku moja nitakuwa Raisi wa nchi hii.

Nataka kusema kwamba tumewakilisha watu wetu kwa njia mbalimbali lakini zaidi ya mno kupitia kwa kapu la maendeleo ya maeneobunge (NG-CDF). Kapu hili limesaidia zaidi wananchi wa nchi hii. Ukitazama ugatuzi, gatuzi la NG-CDF ndilo ambalo limeonekana mashinani. Ndilo ambalo limeweza kufanya mengi mashinani na ndilo ambalo limeweza kugusa mwananchi wa kawaida. Inasikitisha sana kwamba ni fedha kidogo sana zinaweza kuwekwa katika kikapu cha NG-CDF. Mimi ninawarai wenzangu ambao watarudi hapa kwamba jambo la kwanza ambalo lazima tushughulikie ni kuinua mapato au ugavi wa NG-CDF. Wananchi wa nchi hii sio sawa. Katika nchi hii, wale ambao tunatoka sehemu zingine tumebaguliwa na

inasikitisha kwamba ndugu aliyeongea, Mhe. Ichung'wah Kimani, ambaye anatoka Kikuyu, walianza kujenga shule huko kabla ya mkoloni kuondoka. Yeye anapewa fedha sawa na mimi ambaye ninaanza kujenga shule. Kwa hivyo, ni matumaini yangu makubwa kwamba jambo hilo litashughulikiwa ili tuweze kuona usawa katika ugavi wa rasilimali katika nchi hii.

Nikilamalizia, nataka kusema kwamba wale ambao tuko katika mrengo wa Azimio tunajua Baba *the 5th* atakuwa Rais. Mhe. Spika, ni aibu kueneza uongo na fitina kwamba Mhe. Raila Amolo Odinga amekashifu sekta ya mitumba. Alisema atafufua ukulima wa pamba.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Wangwe.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I must thank you very much for allowing me to also make my closing remarks in the House. At the outset, allow me to appreciate you as a person and our Hon. Speaker. While serving as the Majority Whip, you have been of great help to me. You gave me the induction on how to move on. I must appreciate and thank you so much for that induction. I thank the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Amos Kimunya. We work very well. When he is not in, I sit in his place. That kind of delegation is not easy. Most of the leaders do not delegate their duties. However, Hon. Kimunya considered that.

Allow me to thank the Chairs of Committees for really working hard to make sure that reports come on the Floor of the House on time. When they are not there, we liaise with them. We have really worked together. Allow me to also appreciate your Deputy Speaker for being there for us. He keeps us alive as we wait to come into the session of the House. Allow me to thank all the Members who have been very cooperative. If Members do not co-operate with us in our positions, these are all our equals. It is simply a matter of cooperation that you are able to work with them. I thank you, my colleagues, for giving me that ample time to work with you. It has not been easy. However, I must appreciate you for what you have given me.

Allow me to thank the President of the Republic of Kenya. One, I thank him as the President and two as the leader of the Jubilee Party. As the President of the Republic of Kenya, he decorated me with the Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS) (First Class). Through you and your recommendation, he really did well to me. I do not take it for granted. On behalf of the people of Navakholo, allow me to thank the President and you. As the Leader of Jubilee Party, I must thank His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta for giving me the nomination and appointment to serve in this House as the Majority Whip. I serve in this House on behalf of the Jubilee Party. I really thank the President as the Party Leader. Allow me to thank the Jubilee Party for allowing me to be in this House. They gave me the ticket. I served honestly and diligently until today. As we go into the election on 9th August, I have said that I will cross over. I will vie through the ODM. I thank the Right Hon. Raila Odinga for coming up to my village to give me the ticket and show the people of Navakholo that I now belong to ODM.

Hon. Speaker, allow me to thank my colleagues whom I served with in the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock in the beginning of the term as their Vice-Chair and a Member of the Regional Integration Committee. Later on, I joined the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. I must thank Hon. Muturi Kigano who is my Chair. I thank Hon. Kanini Kega who is my Chair in the Budget and Appropriations Committee. I also thank you, Hon. Speaker, as the Chair of the House Business Committee (HBC) where I serve. You have really been of great help. You showed me how to organise a House to move on.

The Education Bill which we passed in this House last term has now come to fruition. The manifesto of his Excellency Raila Odinga will perpetuate and make sure that the Kenyan child gets education from basic to university as a result of what we passed in this House. This is the Bill that exempted Kenyans from paying examination fees. In this 12th Parliament, I must

single out two Bills which are of great importance to me. One of them is the Children Bill which has defined how children are supposed to be guarded. The second one is the Employment (Amendment) Bill which allows the youth not to be subjected to so many regulations.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Matungu.

Hon. Oscar Nabulindo (Matungu, ANC): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance to say a word or two in this 12th Parliament. It is the last day of debate but not the last day of Parliament.

First and foremost, I would like to take this chance to sincerely and from the bottom of my heart thank the people of Matungu Constituency for electing me to this Parliament through the by-election that came at the tail-end of this 12th Parliament. I came in through the by-election after a very rigorous campaign period. My election to this House showed that the people of Matungu have a lot of faith in me. The by-election happened after the death of the former Member for Matungu, Hon. Justus Murunga. I take this opportunity to pay my glowing tribute to the late Hon. Member. I also take this time to pledge that the trust that the people of Matungu gave me to replace Hon. Murunga at the tail-end of this session was a clear indication that they wanted me to complete his vision, to go on with it and fulfil the mandate that they had given him. It has been a very short period of time. I came in March last year. I was in court battling a petition for the better part of the year. Therefore, the time that I had to fulfil a lot of promises that the late Member of Parliament and I had made for the people of Matungu was not enough to realise all of them.

Nevertheless, I have achieved a lot during the short time that I have been a legislator. If I go by what the residents of Matungu say, during the few months that I have been there, I have achieved more than what the former Member of Parliament had achieved in 15 years. Therefore, I continue telling them to keep their faith and believe that all their visions will be realised through me.

As I had said earlier, during the short period that I was given by the people of Matungu to work for them as a Member of Parliament to replace the late Member of Parliament, I have done a lot in education. I took that time to give priority to education. That is a field that I felt that had not been attended to well by the previous regimes. Therefore, one of the major programmes is that I enhanced bursary distribution from 10 per cent to over 80 per cent. I introduced new education programmes like Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and National Industrial Training Authority (NITA) programmes.

Hon. Speaker, I took many children from their homes to colleges to get skills that will help them in future.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Shamalla

Hon. (Ms.) Jennifer Shamalla (Nominated, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. It has been an honour to serve my country, Kenyans and the Jubilee Party in the 12th Parliament as well as to sit on the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the Committee on Delegated Legislation.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker. You have taught me so much. You honestly have the patience for the job. You also have an incredible sense of humour, incredible wit and of course incredible experience and knowledge of Standing Orders, something I simply could not understand when I got here and tried to correlate it with the Civil Procedure Code. Thank you.

You have taught me so much. I want to thank His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya for nominating me to this position. It has been really special for me. I want to thank all the Members of this House. We had our bad times and good times but at the end it is

amazing. I called it an old boy's club in spite of the fact that there were many girls in it as well. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself in spite of very heavy times.

Finally, I thank the Almighty Elohim because I know where He leads me and it is said and I believe that every sunset is also a sunrise. It just depends on where you are standing.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kinangop.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Zachary Thuku (Kinangop, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Sorry for that temporary interruption by Hon. (Ms.) Jennifer Shamala. I take this opportunity first to thank you for the opportunity to address and give my exit speech or rather my speech towards the end of this Session.

At the outset, I want to thank God for giving me an opportunity to serve the people of Kinangop. To the great people of Kinangop, I will forever be grateful for the chance to serve that great constituency that happens to be the biggest in Nyandarua County in terms of population and vastness. In addition, we have done much. I have represented them effectively to the extent that we have tremendous growth owing to the level of my skills in negotiation and in terms of lobbying for projects from the national Government. We have grown immensely. Kinangop had not experienced the kind of growth that it has experienced in the last five years. We have established two colleges: a technical training college and a Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC). In fact, we got to an extent where we had to change the policy in the Ministry of Health whereby KMTC is only built around hospitals but because of the scarcity of land and areas to expand we decided that that policy had to go. This is so that within the proximity of the hospital, then we could acquire land and build these colleges, which are very instrumental in terms of getting the required human resource for our hospitals and health workers in all cadres.

Hon. Speaker, I have also had a moment to learn and I must appreciate your effort in leading us and ensuring that we are conversant with the Standing Orders of this House, which you are so well conversant with. I give you credit for that. In addition, it has given us an opportunity to really do things as per the rules, regulations and in terms of traditions of this House. We have done and learnt much. Specifically, I want to thank you for being so kind with some of us who were doing first terms. You accommodated us through the learning curve.

I also happened to benefit by serving in three committees that are very important in this House though I do not want to mean that there are committees that are less important. I served in the Departmental Committee on Health, and the Public Investments Committee where I gave my contributions based on my background in terms of training. I think the *Hansard* will judge me very politely for being very instrumental in that Committee. I also served in the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations. I must appreciate the Chairmen of these two committees especially the Departmental Committees on Defence and Foreign Relations and the PIC who are now going to run for gubernatorial positions. Of course, I wish them well. They delegated some of their responsibilities to us to learn. As we transit to the next Parliament, God willing, we can be more effective in the 13th Parliament. I believe the people of Kinangop believe we still have unfinished business that we have to do in the next five years.

Hon. Speaker, one thing I am so proud of having served as a Member of Parliament is that I have placed so many children in school. I have been an advocate of education in my constituency and for sure I have been telling them that education is wealth. In the interest of

time, I also have a Paper here that I would like to lay before you on the Table of the House of a caucus that I was a part of; The Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA).

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I want to lay the Exit Report of the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association on the Table of the House.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for the opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Table it.

(Hon. Zachary Thuku laid the document on the Table)

Hon. Martin Owino (Ndhiwa, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

First, I want to thank God for the gift of life, also the gift of health and all the providences that have managed me to be in this House. There are some things I have learnt from you and admire. One, is your patience and humour that has kept us going. You have also gone through free showers during those water bottles. You went through them all. As for the mastery of the Standing Orders, that has been amazing to me.

I am challenged by the Standing Orders in Swahili. I am working on my Swahili. When I come back, I do not think the MP for Mvita and others will intimidate me. Therefore, those are take home messages which I got from you. I wish you well. I want to give you a text, which is Jeremiah 29:11: Let no one tell you, you cannot. Your future is bright wherever you will end up in.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Ndhiwa and especially the NG-CDF members. When I started there was no institution of higher learning in Ndhiwa as a whole as big as it is. However, working with them, we have managed to build KMTC which now has over 100 students. We have also initiated the Raila Amolo Odinga University of Agriculture and Technology, a branch of Tom Mboya University. I thank the Ndhiwa community for that opportunity.

In addition, we were the pioneers of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) hubs when it was floated that we could allocate the NG-CDF. I allocated for two and now they are five. Out of that, amazingly through the help of the Ministry of ICT, we have managed to employ 40 youth who are now transcribing all those things written by lawyers into a digital platform. In addition, I expect to do seven of them in the seven wards.

Allow me to also thank Hon. Sabina Chege. When I came here, I had only one Committee which I was frequenting. Hon. Sabina, as a Chair, gave me the opportunity to chair that Committee whenever she was not there. That taught me a lot. In the same line, I want to thank my colleagues: Hon. (Dr.) Dahir, Hon. (Prof.) Umar, and Hon. Thuku for the support they gave me as a *de facto* Chair so to speak as we were going through many Bills. We managed to pass dozens of Bills.

Allow me to thank my party leader, Raila Amolo Odinga, who has been in and out of this House. He has fought liberation after liberation. For those who have the history of the institution of politics in this country, even if we are campaigning we have to have due respect to those who have fought for us so that we can speak and express ourselves. The champion of that is Raila Amolo Odinga, the incoming President of the Republic of Kenya.

I also want to acknowledge the Bill that has just been passed, on equitable share of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund for us. As one Member said here, we have suffered because Ndhiwa is three constituencies in one but we were getting funds at par with others. We have 240 schools while others have 40 schools and we have to look at all those.

Lastly, when I come back I will not call any MP a mono and I am happy I will also not be called a mono. We are honourable Members. That is on a light note. Sometimes they said it on a light note but that language will go so that we can usher in the decorum we deserve.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, and I wish all colleagues the best.

May God bless you all.

Hon. Speaker: Member for “royal suburbs”.

Hon. Isaac Ndirangu (Roysambu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for recognising my constituency as such. Indeed, Roysambu is a corruption of “royal suburbs”.

Hon. Speaker, deep from my heart, I am very thankful and grateful to the residents of Roysambu. It is most humbling and a great honour to me to have been elected twice by the people of Roysambu. I thank them and tell them that I am most indebted and assure them that I have done my best within the capacity I have and the resources that have been at my disposal from the Government.

In my term, I have endeavoured to improve educational facilities in my constituency such that Many people assume constituencies in Nairobi are developed. Little do they know that when I was first elected, there were only 250 spaces for secondary students in Roysambu. That was in Kamiti Secondary School, and Kahawa Garrison. Today, I proudly report that we have grown those spaces from 250 to 5,000 for secondary students in my constituency. That is a transition from 46 per cent to 85 per cent. I assure them that we will gather momentum and achieve 100 per cent transition from primary school to secondary school.

I do not have a lot of words but I prefer to speak in figures. That is why I am reporting today that in my constituency, the Government has spent Ksh400 million in bursaries, Ksh300 million for secondary schools and Ksh100 million for tertiary institutions, universities and colleges. That turns out to be 55,000 bursaries for secondary schools and 5,000 bursaries for individuals in universities and tertiary colleges. We have also done a lot in building secondary schools to create those opportunities. I need not mention their names. We have also revamped almost all the public primary schools within my constituency.

Within that time, on the front of creating jobs, we have disbursed over Ksh50 million of Uwezo Fund, Ksh35 million of which my constituency has repaid. In fact, my constituency is ranked number one in Nairobi in repayment of those loans.

In matters infrastructure, through the Kenya Rural Roads Authority and Kenya Urban Roads Authority, we have completed 25 kilometres of roads of cabro and murrum. We have improved roads in Zimmerman, Githurai, Kahawa West, Garden Estate and so many other areas. In the Budget we have passed, we allocated a lot of money to the Nairobi Metropolitan Service which has ongoing projects in my constituency which we hope are going to be completed by the time our duration of Parliament is completely over.

We can also proudly report that within those years, we have built two Level 4 hospitals at Pickens Njathaini and at Githurai, a new Level 4 hospital was done by the national Government through the Nairobi Metropolitan Service. We have also improved Marurui Hospital and Kahawa West Hospital.

My rallying call to the people of Roysambu is that we will not stop building schools until we are able to accommodate all the pupils and students of Roysambu within our constituency.

We are tired of parents, every year, taking their children to Murang'a and Kajiado constituencies to look for secondary school spaces while we can develop them ourselves.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker, for your guidance and leadership to the House. I also thank all my colleagues and wish them a comeback. Thank you and God bless you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Samburu North.

Hon. Alois Lentoimaga (Samburu North, JP): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity.

Hon. Speaker, as we exit, I thank you so much for your exemplary leadership. You have guided and advised us and we are now able to transact business here because of the quality of your leadership.

I also want to thank God for giving us an opportunity of life. Being here for 10 years is not by chance but because of the Grace of God. I also want to thank Members of the Pastoralist Parliamentary Group who gave me an opportunity to be their chair in the last five years. I wish them well and pray they all come back in the 13th Parliament.

To my colleagues here, thank you so much for knowing you. We have made friends, we have interacted and we appreciate. I am going out of here with more friends than when I came in.

To the people of Samburu North, I thank them for giving me an opportunity to serve them for the last 10 years and for trusting me to do on their behalf what I have done. I inherited a seriously marginalised constituency. We were marginalised by Samburu West before the constituency was carved from the same. We have done what a human being could do. In the last 10 years, I have been able to build 10 new secondary schools. In that region, 70 per cent of our people do not know how to read and write. Primary and secondary education is necessary for our people to close the gap of 70 per cent illiteracy.

We have also done roads and water projects. I request the people of Samburu North Constituency to give me another opportunity to serve them. There is a lot of work that has not been done. I want to finish the projects that are left behind; things like roads, water, electricity and security. That is so that we fill the gap. We have been marginalised and left out because of previous systems and governments. For the current and future governments, I appeal that the county I come from and northern Kenya in particular, we are ravaged by drought all the time. No Government has made serious deliberate efforts to ensure we solve problems of drought or emergencies when they occur. Livelihoods are not well. If we improve the management of livestock and other sources of income, we would be able to fight drought and emergencies when they come.

On security, we appeal that the current and future governments together with us try to change our policies to face insecurity. It is really affecting our people. The biggest problem we face is the flow of illegal firearms from Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia. We need to face that head on in the future. I am sure the Azimio administration, when it comes to leadership, will address that. We have trust they will do that, take insecurity head on.

For NG-CDF, we know this has been a very good project for the country and us. The NG-CDF has made a lot of steps in making sure we feel it on the ground. We want to support allocation to NG-CDF so that we can develop our areas.

Finally, peace is paramount. I appeal to my colleagues, when you go for campaigns, let us preach peace. Let this country belong to us. It is only for us. We do not have another country. As we campaign, let us always remember to keep peace.

Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Member for Isiolo North.

Hon. Hassan Hulufu (Isiolo North, KPP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for the opportunity to contribute.

This being our last Sitting, I would like to start by thanking the Almighty Allah for giving me an opportunity to serve my people of Isiolo North and the people of Isiolo North for electing me to represent them in the 12th Parliament. I also thank you for your guidance. There are several occasions when I had issues in my constituency and sought your guidance. That guidance came in very handy in how I approached the issues.

Being a first term MP is not an easy thing to play one's role in this House effectively. Because of the support from senior Members, a few of whom I am going to name, I was able to pick up quickly and be active in contributing to debates in this House which on many occasions were on matters touching on the welfare of my constituency. I would like to thank in a very big way the former Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Aden Duale, who gave me a lot of guidance immediately we were sworn in. He encouraged me to be active, and gave me encouragement after each and every Motion I contributed to. I thank Hon. Rasso, Hon. Chachu and my sister Hon. Sophia here with whom we belong to the same Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

In a very special way, I thank my Members with whom we are serving in the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. I thank my friend Eng. Nzengu of Mwingi North, our very able, considerate and third term Chair who has, through the Committee, been giving us a lot of guidance and helping us to look at some of the issues that are pertinent to my people. I point out, through the intervention of the Committee and my lobbying, how we extended 25 kilometres of clean water from Merti to a place called Korbessa. We covered five centres. People who have never enjoyed clean water since Independence are today having access to clean water. Three dispensaries and five schools have access to water. To my great people of Isiolo North, I want to tell you what I have learned in my first term, I have implemented. I appeal to them that because nothing is broken, please do not fix it. Give me another term so that I can perfect and do more for you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Bahati.

Hon. Ngunjiri Kimani (Bahati, JP): Asante Mhe. Spika kwa kunipa nafasi hiyo. Naanza kwa mambo mawili ama matatu ambayo ningetaka kuangazia. La kwanza ni kukushukuru, Mhe. Spika. Nimeona watu wote wameongea mambo yako—uzuri wako, vile umeongoza kwa miaka kumi. Nashangaa! Wana macho na kweli wameona. Nawauliza hivi, kwa ufupi sana: kama ametuongoza kwa miaka kumi kwa ule uzuri mumetangaza hapa na mnajua yeye yuko Kenya Kwanza na Spika wa Seneti yuko Kenya Kwanza, mnangoja nini? Hamuwezi kuona pahali Serikali inakuja?

(Applause)

Serikali inayokuja ya Kenya Kwanza ni uongozi ule umekuweko na mnasifu mkisema ni uongozi mzuri. Mhe. Spika, tunashukuru. Ukiingia, tukitengeneza hiyo Serikali nyingine, utuongoze namna unavyotuongoza. Wewe ni mtu mzuri na una maono mazuri.

La pili, tumekuwa na kamati tofauti tofauti. Umetusaidia. Nashukuru Kamati ya NG-CDF ikiongozwa na Mwenyekiti Wamunyinyi. Tumeshukuru sana kwa sababu tumehakikisha hakuna

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Mbunge hajapata pesa zake za NG-CDF wakati huu. Nashukuru sana kwa sababu ya uongozi wako.

Tatu, kuna mtu mlaifi. Ningetaka kukupa hii barua nikimaliza mazungumzo yangu. *County Director of Education* kwetu Nakuru ameandika barua ya kusema hakuna Mjumbe anaruhusiwa kwenda kwa shule kufungua shule na mijengo au *public participation* na hata kupeana *bursary*. Nafikiri ni mtu haelewi. Ningetaka aelewe saa hii kuwa kazi ya Wajumbe ni gani. Nina hiyo barua hapa na nitakukabidhi uone tuna watu walafi ambao hawajui Wabunge wanafanya kazi gani. They have done a lot of work.

(Applause)

Mwisho, kuna watu wanarukaruka kukatakata mazungumzo yangu huko na huko wakisema sijui *nasupport* Raila Odinga na sijui nafanya nini. Mimi ni UDA na mimi ndiye *founder* wa UDA. *Candidate* wangu ni William Samoei Ruto mpaka tumalize mpaka mwisho. Mimi si mtu wa kutapatapa. Nina msimamo na mimi ni UDA na ni *candidate* wa Bahati. Sitazungumza mambo ya Bahati kwa kuwa watu wa Bahati wanajua ile kazi nimefanya. Watufuate sisi watu wa Bahati. Mfuate Wabunge kwa vitendo vyao. Msiwapinge. Muangalie wamewafanyia nini. Hakuna haja ya kubadilisha mtu mzuri na mtu ambaye hujajua. Chagua Mjumbe ambaye umekaa naye na umemuelewa.

Asante sana.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kwanza.

Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi (Kwanza, FORD-K): Hon. Speaker, let me also take this opportunity first and foremost to thank you most sincerely. I have known you even before you became a Speaker of this House. You have made me proud because you have not let us down. You have guided this House in the best way possible. So, I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely and wish you well in whatever you are going to do. Of course, I wish your staff well like the Clerk of this National Assembly and others. I particularly wish you well because you have made me proud. Whenever you come to this House, it is quiet. It is respect because they know you are a man of wisdom. I thank you for that.

Secondly, I take this opportunity to thank MPs who have come to my constituency and helped me, including Mhe. Pukose and the rest. They came to my constituency and made me proud. I am now doing my second term and I am sure I am going to do my third term because of the work that has been done in Kwanza.

Thirdly, I also take this opportunity to most sincerely thank the Members. Because someone mentioned about people speaking anyhow, we are leaders of this country. If anything goes wrong, you were elected as a leader. You are not elected as a Member of Parliament for your particular constituency; you are a national leader. If anything goes wrong, it is good for you to say so. We want this country to develop economically and socially so that we are proud as leaders of this country.

I also thank His Excellency the Deputy President for coming to my constituency to launch a road that the previous Member of Parliament who worked for 24 years could not get constructed. He was saying if you want a tarmac road, you dig six feet deep. The Deputy President came and launched the tarmac road that connects my constituency with Mhe. Pukose's constituency as well as with Cherang'any. I thank him. He is going to be the next President of the Republic of Kenya. Hon. Ruto is the next President of this Republic. Take my word. That is the way to go.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker, for guiding this House. I wish you well in your next endeavour. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kitui West.

Hon. (Ms.) Edith Nyenze (Kitui West, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I thank God for the opportunity which He gave me to serve the people of Kitui West. I also thank the people of Kitui West for giving me the opportunity to serve them. I have served for four years because I came in through a by-election after the passing on of my husband, Francis Nyenze. I am grateful that I was able to fit in his shoes. The people of Kitui West tell me that I have been able to fit in his big shoes. He was a Leader of the Minority Party in the 11th Parliament.

I sincerely thank Hon. Millie Odhiambo who encouraged me to make my maiden speech immediately I joined Parliament. I was able to make my maiden speech in my second week in Parliament. That has really helped me. I am very grateful to her. I am also grateful to the people of Kitui West whom I have served for four years. I have been able to do a lot, especially in education and security. I have been able to ensure that education is embraced in my constituency, having increased the number of students going to university.

During my term in Parliament, I sponsored a Children (Amendment) Bill on mentally challenged children. I noticed that one of my wards has many mentally challenged children. I wanted centres to be built for them so that their mothers would be free to engage in other businesses. The Bill did not go through but we captured its provisions in the Children Bill. I am really grateful for that.

I am also grateful to my colleagues who held my hands. I thank my party leader, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, for giving me the opportunity. I also thank Hon. Mulu Makali. He has been my chairman in the county and he has led by example. I have learnt a lot from him. I thank my colleagues for the support they have given me. I wish them success in their campaigns.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kapenguria, it is not about closeness. The next one is the Member for Kitui Central.

Hon. Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM-K): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. From the outset, I thank the Almighty God for the far he has brought me. I also thank him for giving me parents who were able to do what was expected of them and push me through the education system so that I would be a leader in Kitui Central.

I thank the people of Kitui Central for having given me the chance to serve them for the last 10 years. It is through their trust and confidence that I was able to meet people like you with whom we have served together on the House Business Committee for the last 10 years. We have also served together in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) for a long time. We have had many sessions together out of this country. I must confirm what our colleagues say that you are a very special person. You have provided guidance and leadership to us as a House. My prayer is that one day you will be able to do the same at the highest level in this land, so that Kenyans can feel what it is to be led by you.

I thank my party, Wiper Democratic Movement-Kenya (WDM-K), led by Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka. He is another person I wish to one day get the opportunity to lead this country. I have been sponsored by that party twice. As I am talking, for the third time I have the party sponsorship. I do not take it for granted. It is also a show of confidence in my leadership. I thank the party and its members for their support.

As I conclude, through the election by the people of Kitui Central, I have met a number of honourable Members of this House. I must thank the Members. We have worked together as a

team. My highest point has been working as a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. My lowest point has been the Third Reading of Bills. I wish that when we get to the 13th Parliament, more Members participate in the stage. It is a very important process, but many Members do not participate in it. We end up with few Members sitting through the Third Reading of a Bill. How I wish we got a majority of Members sitting through the process.

I submit, Hon. Speaker. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Bomachoge Borabu.

Hon. (Prof.) Zadoc Ogutu (Bomachoge Borabu, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to make my remarks at the end of this term. First of all, I thank the people of Bomachoge Borabu for giving me the opportunity to serve in this Parliament. It was a very strange experience. For many years I had spent my time with international bodies. When I went to the people of Bomachoge Borabu, they were convinced and trusted me to be their leader for the five years ending in August this year.

I thank the leadership of this House. It is a different experience being in Parliament compared to what happens in the corporate world. I thank you because you were able to adopt and mentor me through the processes and procedures in Parliament. May God bless you.

Being in this House has been with many challenges and accomplishments on my part. I joined Parliament as an independent Member. It was not easy for me to find my bearing, especially because I did not have an association with parties. I want to thank the Jubilee Party for accepting to work with me for the five years, and for giving me a ticket to defend my seat come August this year.

In this House, I have come across various characters and diversity in the way life is perceived and things are run. It has been a learning experience. I want to particularly single out the experience I have had with Hon. Wamunyinyi, the Chairman of the Committee on NG-CDF. Through him, we have been able to get all NG-CDF funding. Through the funding, I have been able to transform Bomachoge Borabu in different ways, making it the leading constituency in Kisii in terms of education, electricity connectivity and motorable roads.

I can see time is running out. I want to end by saying that as we all leave this place, let us go out with one voice that God has a purpose in our lives and He has already destined to every one of us their future. We hope that all those who are committed to come back to this House will come back and proceed with the business that we have already began.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Butula.

Hon. Joseph Oyula (Butula, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also say something. I start by thanking you most sincerely for the leadership and good guidance you have given us in this House. Your leadership has taught me a lot as a first timer in this House. I also thank the chairs of the committees in which I worked. I participated in the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning under the able leadership of Hon. Limo and Hon. Wanga. I thank them most sincerely for the guidance they gave me in the committee matters. I also worked in the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committee. I thank Hon. Wamunyinyi for the guidance he gave us in the Committee. Particularly, I thank him for appointing me a Chair of the sub-committee that reconciled the Ksh4.9 billion of NG-CDF and cleared with Treasury and got the money put in the budget.

Finally, I thank the great people of Butula for having given me this opportunity to serve in this House for these five years. The people of Butula have gained a lot through my leadership because of the work I have done in these five years which surpasses all the other years. The great people of Butula have been able to increase the number of secondary schools and primary

schools through my leadership. I thank them most sincerely and ask them to grant me another term to clear the projects that are ongoing.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Dadaab.

Hon. Mohamed Duale (Dadaab, KANU): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker, for giving me a chance. I take this opportunity to thank you greatly for the leadership you have provided to this House for the last two terms. I understand that your background is law. I really have admired your great understanding of the Standing Orders, the Constitution and the laws of this country. Bravo for that and you have actually done your work excellently beyond everybody's expectation.

Secondly, I also thank my constituency, Dadaab, for giving me a chance to serve them for two terms. It is on record that actually that community has not elected somebody for two consecutive terms. I was the first one. I understand that one of the reasons why they gave me that chance is because perhaps they were happy with my performance. In the last 10 years, we have done a lot in Dadaab in particular on issues of water even though water is not part of our work. We have drilled more than 30 boreholes. We have done a lot in the area of education. Last week I was in Dadaab and we gave four buses to secondary schools. We have built offices for the national Government, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and many other offices. So we have done a good job.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the support I got from Members of this House. In particular there was an issue of concern to those people who were caught up in the refugee database. Today I want to say that my colleagues here, Hon. Professor Mohamud Sheikh Omar, Hon. Abdikhaim of Fafi and Hon. Sophia of Ijara, have also contributed greatly to the issue of supporting the removal of Kenyans from the refugee database.

Finally, I want to say that in this country, we have hosted refugees now for over 30 years especially in that part of the country. I just want to say that the Government of Kenya has not addressed the issue of refugees very well. I think 30 years is a long time. One thing I appeal to the next government and the next Parliament is to consider giving those refugees citizenship of this country because they have been here for 30 years and they have nowhere else to call home. On the rest, I thank my constituency and all the Members of Parliament who served with me. For those who are vying, I wish you all the very best and, Hon. Speaker, we wish you all the very best in your next endeavour. Thank you very much.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Masinga.

Hon. Joshua Mwalyo (Masinga, WDM-K): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker, for the opportunity to give my farewell to my colleagues whom we have been together for five years. It has been an honour that we have been under your leadership. In fact, I was amazed by the way you know everybody. One day we met at the entrance and you called me by my name and where I come from. I thought you did not know me because I was not a frequent speaker in this Parliament. I thank God that He has given you that memory to know each one of us by name and where they come from. Therefore, I salute you.

I thank God for the people of Masinga Constituency who have elected me for the first five years and I have served them diligently. I know they are going to elect me again. One thing I know is that I have been able to do a lot of work. They have been saying that I have done projects that are worth the 15 years my predecessor was in Parliament. I have been able to do 365 projects for the last five years that I have been a Member of Parliament, which is an excellent job. I thank God that he has enabled me to complete all those projects. One thing I have

been able to achieve, having been a contractor for many years, is I have never started a project that I have never finished. I have always made sure that whatever I start, I finish. Therefore, I thank the people of Masinga for that opportunity and I know they are going to re-elect me for another second term so that I can continue to serve them.

The other thing is that they gave me a platform to help people that can never help me, those are, the poor and orphans that I have been able to educate. I have been able to educate 800 orphans from Form One to Form Four for those years I have been a Member of Parliament and I am proud that I have been able to put something in their heads that they will never forget.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Ijara.

Hon. (Ms.) Sophia Noor (Ijara, PDR): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance. First, I take this golden opportunity to thank the Almighty Allah for giving us this chance to be here today. I feel very humbled and privileged and I want to say a big thank you to the great people of Ijara for electing the first Somali woman to the august House. Hon. Speaker, again, I thank you in a big way. You have been a pillar in all what I have done in these five years particularly when I was in this House. I really appreciate the support you have given me and everyone else in this House. Thank you so much and may God bless you.

I also want to thank the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta. I thank him because he supports me in a very big way in terms of programmes and projects in my constituency, which I will not mention. His Excellency the President respects and accorded me the position of chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. I thank the Members of the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for the work we have done together.

Hon. Speaker, I also thank you again. You nominated me to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). When you did that, the Kenyan delegation shone in the international forum and I was elected as the president of the IPU Standing Committee on United Nations (UN) Affairs. Thank you.

(Applause)

I also thank His Excellency the Right Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga. He is the one who nominated me the first time to come in the 10th Parliament. May he succeed in whatever he wants to do in future. When he nominated me to Parliament, he gave me the opportunity to become one of the framers of our current Constitution. I am a very proud woman. I am the one who advocated for the position of the 47 Women Representatives who are here. That is how they appeared in the Constitution.

(Applause)

Then, His Excellency the President chose me to become the first Chair of their fund. I am the one who structured and made it what it is today. I thank the people of Ijara Constituency. I am asking for their votes again. There are a lot of pending issues...

Hon. Speaker: Member for Karachuonyo.

Hon. Adipo Okuome (Karachuonyo, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Let me start by thanking the people of Karachuonyo very heartily for giving me an opportunity to serve them in the 12th Parliament which is ending today, in terms of attendance. I believe I have served them well. According to what I have done for them, I have no doubt that I will come back in the 13th

Parliament as their representative. I am saying this with confidence because I know what I have done for them. They too know what I have done for them.

Let me not sit down before I mention my party leader who is the fifth President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Raila Amolo Odinga. His record in Kenya is known by everyone. The manner in which both he and the President of this Republic, His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, coined the Azimio Coalition to be a vehicle for getting Kenya the next President is admirable. I thank them for that. Let me also thank His Excellency Hon. Raila, for having thought it necessary to appoint the first woman, Hon. Martha Karua, to be the Deputy President of this Republic. That is a not a mean achievement. It is a great thing. I believe that all ladies in Kenya will accept and thank him for that. I know that my time is almost up. I thank you, Hon. Speaker, for your leadership in this House. I admire it and thank you for it.

Finally, the NG-CDF is something that I cannot fail to mention. It has contributed to a lot of development in this Republic. I support the increase of the NG-CDF from 2.5 per cent to 5 per cent of the budget because that will create a lot of impact in this nation.

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

Hon. Speaker: Member for Emurua Dikirr.

Hon. Kipyegon Ng'eno (Emurua Dikirr, KANU): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to convey my gratitude to God, the Almighty, who created us and for allowing us to live up to this moment.

I also want to give my gratitude to the people of Emurua Dikirr, who have elected me twice to this House and given me that opportunity to serve them. I also thank Kenyans for their love and prayers towards Members of Parliament who have served in the 11th and 12th Parliament, in which I served. I also thank you, Hon. Speaker, for your love and guidance to the Members in this House, especially those of us who are new. You are of great importance and help to many of us.

This Parliament has lost so many Members of Parliament both here and in the Senate. It is a very sad situation. This House saw the deaths of two former presidents. I do not know of any other Parliament that had experienced that. The 12th Parliament saw the purge of many Members who were sitting in various committees, and especially those who were serving as chairpersons. This is a time when democracy was vilified in this House. I am one of those people who faced the axe simply because I decided to support a person who is not some people's choice. I was a Member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the NG-CDF Committee. However, I was removed because I opted to support somebody else.

This is also a House which saw the fallout of the President and his deputy. It also saw the introduction of an illegal constitutional change in the name of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), which also fell. This is a House which will see the transition of the current Government to the next one. I hope a new President and new Members of this House will serve this country diligently. I am very grateful for serving in this 12th Parliament. I am praying that God will allow us to also serve in the next Parliament. I hope the people of Emurua Dikirr will see it fit for me to come back to serve them again as a diligent Member.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Trans Nzoia.

Hon. (Ms.) Janet Nangabo (Trans Nzoia CWR, JP): Asante sana, Mhe. Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Kwanza natoa shukrani zangu kwa Mwenyezi Mungu kwa kutulinda katika nchi yetu hii ya Kenya.

Pia, naungana na wenzagu kukushukuru, Mhe. Spika wa Bunge hili, kwanzia Bunge la Kumi na Moja mpaka Bunge hili. Tena, nataka nikushukuru, kwa kuleta Kanuni za Kudumu za

Bunge la Kitaifa. Naelekeza shukrani zangu kwa watu wa Kaunti ya Trans Nzoia na hata Wabunge ambao wanatoka huko.

Nashukuru Mhe. Pukose kwa sababu amekuwa katika Kamati ya Umeme katika Bunge hili. Hakika tunaona matunda yake kule kwetu. Namshukuru sana kwa sababu alifanya kazi nzuri sana kama Naibu Mwenyekiti.

Mhe. Spika, umenisaidia sana. Wakati tuliingia katika Bunge hili, wengine wetu tulikuwa kama *councillors* wa enzi zile. Hatukujua tunatoka wapi na tunaelekea wapi. Nakushukuru kwa mchango wako kwa kutuelekeza sisi kama Wabunge hadi tukajua ya kwamba tunatoka hapa na tunaelekea kule. Haujakuwa mtu wa kugonganisha watu vichwa katika Bunge hili. Huangalii huyu anatoka kwa kabila gani. Nakushuru sana.

Pia, natoa shukrani zangu kwa Rais wa nchi pamoja na Serikali yake yote kwa jumla kwa kazi nzuri ambayo amefanyia hii nchi. Pia, sitasahau Naibu wake. Nikichaguliwa katika Bunge hili, hawa wote walikuwa watu wawili. Pia mimi nilikuwa mwanachama wa Chama cha Jubilee. Saa hizi, mimi ni mgombea huru katika kiti cha akina mama kule Trans Nzoia. Hii ni changamoto ambayo tunaelewa kama wanadamu.

Mheshimiwa Spika, haya ni majaribu ambayo tunayaona katika ulimwengu kama bado tuko hai. Nawashukuru wenzangu wote.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Member for Likoni. Member not there. Let us have the Member for Wajir South.

Hon. Mohamed Mohamud (Wajir South, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. On this last day as the curtain of the 12th Parliament falls, I wish to start by thanking you for the great work you have done for this and the last Parliaments. I want to thank Allah for the great honour he has given me to serve the people of Wajir South. It is very important that I start by saying that it has been a very important journey for me and for the people of Wajir South.

To my constituents, thank you for pursuing confidence in my leadership. To my other fellow Kenyans, it has been a great contribution and opportunity to contribute to this country and its development. To my colleagues, I thank you all for your support especially during the trying times of COVID-19 pandemic, where we lost many of our colleagues. To my colleagues who were in the Committee together with me, like Hon. (Dr.) Owino and Hon. (Dr.) Dahir, it has been a great pleasure to be with you and to have taken a journey of putting health care services in order at the national level.

To my family, lots of love and gratitude. You were patient and kind enough to have supported me through the trying times of the 12th Parliament that I had opportunity to serve Kenyans from all corners and particularly the people of Wajir South. To my wife, Catro, my eight children, my first-born Naomi, Ahmed, Abdulwahab, Yahye, Yunis, Yusuf, Alas and Tudur, and to my mother, thank you all for your patience. I am proud of my achievements. On the walls of my campaigns, you are going to see the entire development projects that we have done. Over Kshs4 billion has been expended to the nation during my tenure and far beyond. Therefore, you are going to see that on my campaign walls.

Another win on the horizon, *In Shaa Allah*, in the 13th Parliament. I thank everybody, and all Kenyans. I wish everyone a happy come back.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kibwezi West.

Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Musimba (Kibwezi West, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity.

First, I thank God because, indeed, he is awesome. We are a living testimony of having gone through three elections and still standing. I want to greatly thank the people of Kibwezi

West Constituency for all the faith they have in me, the prayers and the support they have given me in delivering this great mandate. In addition, one of my former colleagues told me when I came to this House that there is no school that teaches experience. Indeed, that is true because we have gone through the hurdles and more importantly, we have seen greater sense of unity in terms of purpose in delivering for the people of Kenya.

Indeed, it is humbling. We have passed through these doors for the last 10 years as among the less than 3,000 people of the over 50 million Kenyans. Indeed, if you were to count since Kenya was formed, only over 100 million Kenyans have got the privilege to come into this great House to serve Kenyans, live up to the ethos of our national anthem and be true patriots. We come here not to be faint hearted, but to deliberate upon what is difficult out there, to speak what other people can only whisper about. To stand in the door as defenders of this great nation against any threat both local and international. We stand here with the same energy and zeal that our forefathers stood at Independence and liberation of our people towards prosperity and towards fighting ignorance, disease, and poverty, and to take it to the next level.

Indeed, having served in both the 11th and 12th Parliament, we pass the baton to the next leaders who will have the privilege to come and serve here. To my colleagues, I can only pray for those coming back in the 13th Parliament. I thank our families that keep upholding us every day. I embark on a noble venture, which is to go and serve the people of Makueni as their governor, God willing, in this forthcoming election and beyond. In addition, may we keep the flag and the promise that plenty may be found within our borders.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Fafi.

Hon. Mohamed Abdikhaim (Fafi, Kanu): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity.

First, I thank you because I have served under you in the House Business Committee and the Committee on Powers and Privileges. As my Chair of the both committees, I learned a lot from you, your patience and mentorship. I also thank the people of Fafi for giving me the opportunity to serve them as their Member of Parliament for the first term. I hope they will re-elect me to serve them five more years, *In Shaa Allah*. I thank my colleagues, Hon. (Dr.) Dahir, Hon. Sofia, Hon. Abdi Shurie and Hon. Hire, for working together as a team.

Hon. Duale earlier today talked about defending the Somalis or Muslims and the issue of Muslims being intimidated in this country. I want to tell him clearly that he is the one who passed in the 11th Parliament the Security Bill, which has killed many Muslims especially in this country. I want to tell Duale that if he wants to campaign for Ruto, he should not use Somalis or northern Kenya. To be honest to Kenyans, it is not good to be a hypocrite, especially in the northern part of Kenya where we are in the Azimio Coalition. It is only Hon. Duale who is in *tangatanga*.

Hon. Speaker, we should not use the Floor of this House to campaign or to talk bad about other leaders. I also want to respect and thank His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta for giving me the opportunity to serve in the House Business Committee and also to be the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and standing up with me and giving me all the support. The bottom up is designed by Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta. In fact, it is happening in Fafi, Lagdera and Daadab through our project called the World Bank Project.

As my colleagues earlier said, we hosted refugees on behalf of Kenyans and the beneficiaries are now Fafi, Lagdera and Daadab. Our communities are very happy for hosting the refugees. It is a programme that was started by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta when

he was the Minister for Finance. Therefore, we thank His Excellency. We will support him and stand with him.

I also thank my party leader, Hon. Gideon Moi, for giving me the opportunity...

Hon. Speaker: Member for Ainabkoi. Hon. Chepkut.

Hon. William Chepkut (Ainabkoi, Independent): Hon. Speaker, permit me from the bottom of my heart to say that you are a special person. You are top notch, Hon. Speaker, since Independence. You practise the law of the balancing act. You are a moderate person. As Members of the 12th Parliament, we have deposited Justin Muturi in our hearts because you love us and we equally love you.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, permit me to speak in this *sine die* Adjournment Motion and thank the people of Ainabkoi forever for electing me as their Member of Parliament.

Hon. Speaker, I thank you most sincerely because I have been sick for the last two years and you came to see me. The people of Kenya and the people of Ainabkoi prayed for me. His Excellency the President, Uhuru Kenyatta, came to see me. His Excellency, the Deputy President, with his entire family, came to see me. I called him when he was leaving Maasai Mara and they all prayed for me. All Members who had opportunity to come and see me, I wish them success.

I did not participate in the UDA preliminaries because I was sick and incapacitated. Therefore, I ask the people of Ainabkoi Constituency what the late Hon. Biwott told them. He was my hero; my father. It is in the internet and internet never forgets.

Finally, I have done great in Ainabkoi Constituency. Title deeds, a lot of buses, bursaries and I practise at all times the doctrine of transparency, accountability, equity, fairness and justice to the people of Ainabkoi. I am always available, accessible and I am a transformational leader. I love all of them because if it were not for them, who would have paid my hospital bills?

Hon. Speaker: Member for Taita Taveta.

Hon. Hon. (Ms.) Haika Mizighi (Taita Taveta CWR, JP): Shukrani sana, Mhe. Spika, kwa kunipatia fursa ya kuzungumza siku ya leo ambayo ni maalum sana, siku ya historia ambayo Bunge la Kumu na Mbili linaenda kufika kikomo. Natangulia kabisa kwa kumshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kwa neema na rehema zake kwa kutupatia fursa ya kuwa hapa na kutuweka salama hadi sasa.

Pia, nachukua fursa hii kuwashukuru watu wa Taita Taveta kwa kuniamini na kunipatia fursa ya kuwa mwakilishi wao hapa Bungeni na Taita Taveta yote nzima. Nilipokea fursa hiyo kwa upendo na nimeifanya kazi kwa juhudi na upendo mkubwa. Asante sana Taita Taveta.

Tumekuwa na wakati mzuri na tumekuwa na changamoto hapa Bungeni. Mhe. Spika nakushukuru sana kwa sababu sisi Wajumbe ambao tulichaguliwa kipindi cha kwanza, tunakushukuru sana kwa mwongozo wako. Umetuongoza vizuri, umetupatia mawaidha na umetuongoza kwa hekima ya hali ya juu. Tumejifunza mengi, tumejionea mengi na tumesoma mengi sana ambayo yatatusaidia hapo mbeleni wale wetu ambao tunatazamia kwa kibali cha Mwenyezi Mungu tutarudi hapa katika Bunge la Kumi na Tatu. Naendelea kuwaomba wananchi wa Taita Taveta wanipatie fursa ya kuwatumikia tena kama mwakilishi wa akina mama kwa kipindi cha pili.

Mhe. Spika, changamoto kubwa ambayo ilinikera sana hapa Bungeni ni wakati nilipoona sisi kama Wajumbe tukisimama sana na vyama na vinara na kuwapuuza wananchi na haki zao

waliotuchagua haswa ule wakati wa Mswada wa marekebisho ya Katiba (BBI). Natazamia tutakaporudi hapa, kwa uwezo wa Mwenyezi Mungu, Bunge la Kumi na Tatu...

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kajiado North.

Hon. Joseph Manje (Kajiado North, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute to the *Sine Die* Motion. I thank the people of Kajiado North for giving me a chance to serve them twice from 2013 to this term. Within a very short time, I was able to transform that constituency to a state of the art. We were able to connect the constituency with many roads and constructed many schools. I constructed a secondary school for every primary school and established very good bursary committees at sub-location level and gave bursaries to our people and uplifted the standard of the constituency. We also built offices for chiefs and sub-chiefs in the whole constituency.

In the National Assembly, I have served in several committees. I have served in the Departmental Committee on Education and Research, the Public Accounts Committee, the Committee on Implementation, the Departmental Committee on Energy and lastly, the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Hon. Speaker, I got good assistance from you and from other Members of Parliament. Colleagues, goodbye and thank you for the good service we offered to this country and the good environment you provided me to achieve my endeavours in the country.

The country is in a very good trajectory especially through Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, our President. It is the correct trajectory although we have some challenges that I see as a Member of Parliament, especially on the accounting system of our country. As Members of Parliament, we do not have the capacity to oversee the kitty that is contributed by the taxpayers. We do not have a very good system. The accounting system is a bit clumsy, where we have the budget, the supplementary budget and a second supplementary budget that we are supposed to oversee. That is a challenge to me.

There is a lot of corruption going on in the country. We have to fight it if we have to have a country. The most corrupt countries are the poorest in the world. We have to think about it and change. We also have tribalism. Although we say politics is local, we have to see ourselves as Kenyans. We must see other tribesmen as Kenyans and forget tribes because at the end of the day, we have to create a nation and see each another as brothers and sisters.

Lastly, we have to do something about our politics. We have to create political parties that are not dependent on individuals. We should have political parties that are like roads to propel people to power instead of worshipping individuals,

Thank you very much. I thank the people of Kajiado North.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Mathioya.

Hon. Peter Kimaru (Mathioya, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to give my last comments in this 12th Parliament. I start by most sincerely thanking you for the invaluable support you have given us, as Members of Parliament, right from the day we joined Parliament. You have guided us and have shown us the way. I wish to thank, most sincerely, the Clerk and staff of Parliament, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that everything we do, as Members of Parliament, is flawless and that our work is smooth and well supported.

We have had invaluable support. Many Members have grown in different ways either at committee levels or in the House. We have been properly guided by you and your clerks and the staff. Thank you very much. You have literally put machinery in this House like no other, that guided Members of Parliament and helped them in everything they do.

Therefore, our work has become very easy. I also want to thank the people of Mathioya who brought me to this august House with overwhelming support, and they continue to support me as I serve them. My prayer is that they give me their votes in the coming elections, so that we can continue with the good work we have started together; the work of transforming our constituency.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the President, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. He has literally guided this country to prosperity. The base has been set. We have seen transformative projects being undertaken by the Government. The projects will move this country to the next level. As we go to elections, those who will come after him will take it to the next level. My prayer is that *Baba*, the fifth President, will be the next to guide this country and take it to the next trajectory.

As I wind up, let me thank the Members of Parliament. We have worked together especially those we have served together in various committees. I have served in the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which was well-guided by Hon. Kareke Mbiuki and later by Hon. Sophia Abdi, and my colleague, Hon. Nzengu. You have also given me an opportunity to serve in the Committee on Implementation. Hon. Speaker, you know the many matters we have dealt with. We thank you for guiding us. We know many things that we did not know and we are well guided.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Nyamira.

Hon. (Ms.) Jerusha Momanyi (Nyamira CWR, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity, so that I can also make a comment on the day we are going away from this Parliament.

First and foremost, I thank you so much for the guidance you have given this House. Your wealth of experience has really given us a wide experience on how matters of Parliament are carried out. Secondly, I thank the people of Nyamira. They gave me a chance to come in. They voted me in overwhelmingly. They have walked with me throughout the five years I have been in Parliament. It is the favour of God that gave us this chance so that we can serve the people of the Republic of Kenya. I thank the people of Nyamira for praying for me. I also want to ask them, once more, to give me the chance, so that I can continue with the work which we have worked on with them together as we move forward. They have promised they are going to give me this chance on 9th August, so that I come in and continue the job I have started.

I cannot forget to thank the President of the Republic of Kenya, His Excellency Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. I came in through his party, the Jubilee Party. I have been guided. I have known a lot and seen how far the President has brought the country. Through his leadership and the handshake, Kenya has had peace. We pray as we move forward. We have seen what the incoming fifth President has done. He has nominated a woman to be his deputy. He has given us that respect as women. We want to tell Kenyans that this time round, as women, we are moving forward and we are going to vote in Martha Karua. As a result, we are going to have our fifth President, Raila Amolo Odinga.

I thank Kenyans. I wish you well as we move forward. We are praying for peace. Let our elections be peaceful and we hope we will come back here. To all my colleagues, I wish you the best.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Endebess.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for allowing me to make my speech on this *Sine Die* Motion. First and foremost, my respects to you, Hon. Speaker, for the guidance you have given us in the 11th and 12th Parliaments. You have set the bar very

high for any incoming Speaker. I also thank your staff. The secretariat of Parliament has done a tremendous job. I thank our research team, Clerk Assistants and all the teams that have supported us in various capacities.

I thank the great people of Endebess for having given me two terms, the 11th Parliament under the United Republican Party and the 12th Parliament, under the Jubilee Party. I believe the work I have done, especially in education through school infrastructure, electricity connectivity and roads, will persuade the people of Endebess to give me a third term to serve them and take the constituency to greater heights.

We have had challenges in this Parliament. When we came in as the Jubilee Party team, we were visited by our friends from the National Super Alliance (NASA) through the handshake and things have not been very smooth. Some of us ended up being betrayed by the leadership of the House and by our former leader, President Uhuru Kenyatta. We wish him well as he goes on retirement. We hope that the Kenya Kwanza team, ably led by William Ruto and you the Speaker, will form the next Government that will deliver on all the promises that we had made to Kenya, especially the Big Four Agenda. The delivery will take Kenya to greater heights.

With those few remarks, Hon. Speaker, may our country be great. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Sirisia.

Hon. John Waluke (Sirisia, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. First, I thank you very much for guiding us in this House. You have stood with us and protected us from people from outside this House. You have shown that you are the father of this House. I thank you most sincerely. My family and I would like to thank you for standing with me during the time I was jailed. I could call from remand prison and speak with you. I will never forget that. It is not easy for a Speaker to speak to someone in custody. I pray for you and your family so that God may add you more years to lead us in other ways. Do not give up on your ambitions. I know that one day your dream will come true. God is with you. All Members of this House have been praying for you. God has something for you. So, do not give up.

I thank the people of Sirisia for having voted for me three times. I won the elections in 2007 although there is a thief in Bungoma who knows how to steal votes from others. He stole from me. For the two terms that I have been in this House, you have been very important to me. I thank you most sincerely. I thank the people of Sirisia. I ask them to vote for me for the fourth time. You have done us proud wherever we walk. You have guided us on committee business.

I thank the staff, the Clerk's Office, the secretariat and all the people of this House. We also pray for them. I thank President Uhuru Kenyatta for also supporting Parliament.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Ol Kalou.

Hon. David Kiaraho (Ol Kalou, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. From the outset, I would like to start by thanking the Almighty God for having brought us this far. Hon. Speaker, on the same note, I would like to thank you for the very able way in which you have steered the 12th Parliament. This is my second term, and even in the 11th Parliament, we witnessed the same deeds and style of leadership to the fullest. You have heard the positive comments from the Hon. Members and I believe they are not just for the sake. That is the person you are. You are a person with a great heart and a very patient person. As a second time Member of Parliament, I always label you as one of the best Speakers we have ever had.

I also want to thank the great people of Ol Kalou Constituency for having accorded me the second chance to serve them despite the very many challenges which we face, especially in that constituency or county for that matter. Despite being a food basket of Nairobi, we are still lagging behind in very many sectors especially infrastructure and many other development

issues. However, all said and done, I think in the short period I have served them, namely, the first and the second terms, I have impacted positively in quite a number of areas especially in school infrastructure and other development issues. I have also had opportunity to serve in the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing and as an architect, I know my experience and knowledge has impacted positively in terms of contribution in that particular Committee for the good of this great nation.

As we part ways, the only thing I would ask Members is that as we go for campaigns, let us maintain peace. Let us avoid the politics of hatred, propaganda, *fitina* and all that, because these are dangerous ways and trends to follow.

With that, most of us will come back, come 9th August.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kipkelion East.

Hon. Joseph Limo (Kipkelion East, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. I begin by really thanking you for the guidance you have given to this House since we came in in 2013. I remember the first time we met somewhere in town, in 2013, after we had just been elected in 2013. We had never met before, but I used to admire your politics especially during the times of KANU. You used to be very steadfast and you were still young. I really admired you. When we met, we started friendship and I was among the first people you talked to about you going to run for the seat of the Speaker and we gave you our blessings. One thing which I have admired in you is the way you understand issues especially the Constitution. You have been our moving Constitution because every time you sit there, many times you even make rulings before the Member asking sits down. Therefore, we really admire you and really thank you for that.

I thank the people of Kipkelion East for giving me this opportunity to be their representative for the last 10 years. I hope they are going to give me another opportunity to serve them for the next five years because I have so many projects which I have started. I can put it on record that we do not have temporary constructions in our primary and secondary schools. We are finalising and I really pray that God gives me that opportunity to come back. Hon. Speaker, I pray for you, so that you can get opportunity to serve this country in another capacity or in the same capacity.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. God bless Kenya and all Members of Parliament.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Lamu.

Hon. (Ms.) Ruweida Obo (Lamu CWR, JP): Asante, Mhe. Spika. Mwanzo, nataka nimshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu na watu wa Kaunti ya Lamu kwa kunipatia nafasi hii. Kulikuwa na wengi ambao walikuwa wanatafuta nafasi hii lakini hawakupata. Namshukuru Mwenyezi Mungu na watu wa Lamu sana.

Pia, ningependa kukushukuru, Karani wa Bunge la Kitaifa na uongozi wa Bunge hili kwa kutupatia sisi mwongozo mzuri na nafasi ya kusoma. Vile nilivyoingia hapa Bungeni na ninavyotoka saa hii, sio Ruweida yule aliyeingia hapa. Tumesoma mengi. Asante sana. Mungu awabariki.

Pia, ningependa kushukuru kamati nyingi ambazo zilikuja Lamu. Kwa mfano Kamati ya Mazingira na Maliasili, Kamati ya Afya na Kamati ya Uwiano na Ushirikiano wa Jumua ya Afrika Mashariki. Sitashukuru Kamati ya Uchukuzi, Kazi ya Umma na Makazi kwa sababu walinikosea. Maombi yangu hayakwenda vile nilivyotarajia.

Mhe. Spika, ningependa kuwashukuru Wabunge wenzangu ambao walitarajia kwamba nikiwa hapa Bungeni, kwa vile mimi ni mwanamke, lazima niwaombe ruhusa ndio nije niulize

swali, niweke ombi hapa ama nitengeneze sheria. Vile walivyofanya hivyo, wamenifanya nimekuwa ngangari zaidi. Nimefanya mengi zaidi. Nawashukuru kwa kufanya hivyo.

Ningependa pia nimshukuru Rais wetu kwa kutupatia mkono, kutuwezesha na kufika pale tumefika. Pia, nashukuru kupatiwa nafasi ya kuwa Mwenyekiti wa Kamati ya Uwiano na Ushirikiano wa Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki. Nashukuru sana kwa hilo. Mhe. Spika, nakushukuru. Uliacha shughuli zako na ukakuja mpaka Lamu kunifungulia ile *maternity shelter*. Nakushukuru kwa hilo. Watu wangu wa Lamu watakukumbuka siku zote. Wazazi wakija pale na wakijifungua, watakukumbuka siku zote. Jina lako liko pale ambapo ulikuja kunifungulia.

Asante sana, Mhe. Spika.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Sigor, Hon. Lochakapong.

Hon. Peter Lochakapong (Sigor, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute. First of all, I want to begin by thanking the people of Sigor Constituency in West Pokot County for giving me an opportunity to serve them in the 12th Parliament.

I also commend you for the way you steered this House. From my observation and analysis, I commend you most sincerely for the way you are very firm and fair in what is happening here. You are very impartial. I represent the people of Sigor Constituency in the 12th Parliament. I have raised issues that affect them like insecurity, electricity and Phase III of Weiwei Irrigation Scheme. I also brought issues of landslides, hunger and delocalisation of teachers that have greatly affected the performance of pupils and students in West Pokot County. We have also improved school infrastructure in Sigor Constituency. We endeavour to bring about peace and unity between us and our neighbours, who are the Marakwet and the Turkana people.

I also had experience to serve in two committees, namely, the Departmental Committee on Education and Research as well as the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. I have a lot of experience. I learnt a lot in those two committees. However, I want to use this opportunity to ask the people of Sigor to vote for me once again, so that we can continue the good work that we have been doing. God willing, I believe they will give me another opportunity to serve them in the 13th Parliament.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Marsabit.

Hon. (Ms.) Safia Sheikh (Marsabit CWR, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute. I thank God for giving us this opportunity to be in this august House. I also thank the residents of Marsabit County for giving me an opportunity to be their leader. My request to them is to maintain peace, love and unity.

Hon. Speaker, I want to acknowledge that I enjoyed working with my colleagues. We shared experiences, and learnt a lot from each other. I wish them success and look forward to meeting them in this House on 9th August this year. My office managed to give bursaries, supported self-help groups, youth groups and women groups. We also managed to start small-scale projects that generate income for the needy.

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

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kapenguria.

Hon. Samuel Moroto (Kapenguria, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I start by thanking God who has kept me all this time and the people of Kapenguria because they stood with me from the time we lost our former Member of Parliament, Hon. Francis Liolo Lotodo, up to now.

Secondly, I thank you because when I came to Parliament, we started together and until now, you are still standing with us. You have even come to Kapenguria to support education. It is impressive for people to see the Speaker coming all the way. For the issue of peace, as some Members have said, I also want to thank the leadership and the people of Turkana, Trans Nzoia and Sebei in Uganda. There was a time when we used to fight, but these people are now living together and enjoying peace. I also thank President Uhuru Kenyatta for giving a bus to Nageis Secondary School in Kapenguria.

Lastly, I want thank the Deputy President who is going to be the fifth President, because he has been supporting us in all the developments we have realised, be it a tarmac road or schools. At one time, we had a problem of a landslide and he came all the way while others feared to come. He came alone and visited the affected people. That is where our heart is and we will support him.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Mwingi North.

Hon. Paul Nzengu (Mwingi North, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I also thank God that I made it to the 12th Parliament. I thank you, Hon. Speaker, for guiding us through the five years. I take this opportunity to thank the people of Mwingi North for having elected me in the last five years. I thank my family for standing with me.

Election is a difficult time and sometimes you spend money that you may not have at home, but my family supported me. I thank my party leader, Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka, on whose party I was elected and would like to wish him well in his new dispensation in life. I ask the people of Mwingi North that even as we come to the end of the 12th Parliament, I will be seeking a re-election on the Wiper Democratic Movement Party ticket. I ask them to look at what I have done in the last five years and give me a second chance.

Lastly, I thank all the Members that I have worked with and the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Hon. Kareke Mbiuki, for the opportunity he gave me by making me his *mtu wa mkono* and through that, I have learned a lot of things.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Those Hon. Members who want to contribute, you can see how the situation is.

(Loud consultations)

No, but it is not possible. Let me give the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations Committee a chance to just table some documents.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Hon. Leader of the Majority Party, I want to table the Legal Notices prepared during the Financial Year 2022/2023 National Budget.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House:

Legal Notices prepared in the Financial Year 2022/2023 National Budget:

1. Legal Notice No.66, Capital Markets (Conduct of Business) Regulations.
2. Legal Notice No.67, Capital Markets (Licensing Requirements) (General) Regulations.

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3. Legal Notice No.68, Value Added Tax (Digital Market Place Supply) Regulations.
4. Legal Notice No.69, the Insurance (Amendment) Regulations.
5. Legal Notice No.70, the Insurance (Motor Vehicles Third Party Risks) Regulations.
6. Legal Notice No.71, the Retirement Benefits (Occupational Retirement Benefits Schemes) Regulations.
7. Legal Notice No.72, Retirement Benefits (Forms and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations.
8. Legal Notice No.73, Retirement Benefits (Individual Retirement) (Amendment Schemes) Regulations.
9. Legal Notice No.74, Retirements Benefits (Umbrella Retirement Benefits Schemes (Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

The Bribery Regulations, 2021 and Guidelines to assist public entities in preparation of procedures for prevention of bribery and corruption.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak last.

(Hon. Members sang)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, thank you very much for that great show of love. Just before I announce the adjournment of the House *Sine Die*, allow me to refer you to a book by a Member of the House of Commons by the name Nick De Bois, titled: *Conventions of a Recovering MP*.

(Laughter)

This is what he writes in the book. I have a copy for those who may wish to read it.

“As a new Member of Parliament, you walk through the Members’ Lobby filled with a vision of how you will leave your mark on both Parliament and the nation, exercising your power to improve the lives of the voters. What you are certainly unaware of is that your constituents, your government, the press and the very institution of the Palace of Westminster have other plans for you. When I became an MP in 2010, I thought I knew not only what I wanted to do, but also how best to achieve those goals and what would be expected of me by the constituents, the party and Parliament. By 2015 when I left the House of Commons, I finally understood how bloody wrong and naïve I had been.”

Hon. Members, never feel that you have not accomplished anything because there is so much that is expected of you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, the time being 7.10 p.m., 9th June 2022, the Sittings of the National Assembly of the 12th Parliament now stand adjourned *Sine Die*.

Thank you, Hon. Members.

The House rose at 7.10 p.m.