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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Gladys Boss) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the Quorum Bell for 10 minutes.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Members, we now have quorum.

PAPERS

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table:

1. The Address by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya delivered in Parliament on Wednesday, 18th November 2026 and the following accompanying reports—
    (a) The 13th Annual Report on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realisation of National Values and Principles of Governance.
    (b) The 13th Annual Report on the Progress made in Fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya.
    (c) The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security.
2. 2027 Budget Policy Statement.
3. Medium Term Debt Management Strategy for the Financial Year 2027/2028.
4. Information on Programme Outputs, Performance Indicators and Targets for the Financial Year 2027/2028 and the Medium-Term as follows—
    (a) Volume I – Agriculture, Rural and Urban Development Sector, Energy, Infrastructure and ICT Sector and General Economic and Commercial Affairs Sector.
    (b) Volume II – Health, Education, Governance, Justice, Law and Order, Public Administration and International Relations; Social Protection and Environment Sectors.
5. The United Nations Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries and the 1977 OAU Convention for the Elimination of Mercenaries in Africa and the explanatory memorandum from the Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary.
6. Report to Parliament on all New Loans contracted by the Government from 1st May 2026 to 31st August 2026 from the National Treasury.
7. Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Bureau of East African Community (EAC) Speakers held on 29th October 2026 at the Parliament of Kenya.

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8. First Quarterly Economic and Budgetary Review Report in the Financial Year 2026/2027 from the National Treasury.
9. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2026 and the certificates therein in respect of the following—
    (a) New Kenya Co-operative Creameries (NKCC) Limited.
    (b) Second Kenya Devolution Support Program (IDA CREDIT No. 7447-KE) – State Department for Devolution.
    (c) Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund.
    (d) Kenya National Multi Commodities Exchange Limited.
    (e) Scrap Metal Council (SMC).
    (f) Kenya Copyright Board.
    (g) Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya.
    (h) State Department for Sports.
    (i) National Assistance Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons.
    (j) Kenya National Shipping Line Limited.
    (k) Insurance Regulatory Authority Car Loan and Mortgage Fund.
    (l) Competition Tribunal.
    (m) National Authority for Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse.
    (n) National Lottery Board.
    (o) Public Benefit Organisations Regulatory Authority.
    (p) Receiver of Revenue Financial Statements – State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services.
    (q) Receiver of Revenue-Recurrent – The National Treasury.
    (r) State Department for ASALs and Regional Development.
    (s) Kenya National Qualifications Authority.
    (t) Kenya Shipyards Limited.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beg to lay.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health, Hon. Nyikal.

Hon. James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table:

Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on its consideration of the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2024).

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next is the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table:

Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2023 on the Kenya Policy on Public Participation.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Now that the Papers have been laid, I have a communication.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

GUIDE ON PROCESSING OF THE 2027 BPS AND
MEDIUM-TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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Hon. Members, I wish to draw your attention to Papers laid by the Leader of the Majority Party today, Thursday, 19th November 2026. These are the 2027 Budget Policy Statement (BPS), the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS) for the Financial Year 2027/2028, and the accompanying documents, which the National Treasury submitted in accordance with Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A.

(Several Members stood at the Bar)

Let me allow Members to walk in before I proceed.

(Several Members entered the Chamber)

Hon. Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 232 and 232A, upon receipt, the Budget Policy Statement stood committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Departmental Committees. Similarly, the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy stood committed to the Public Debt and Privatisation Committee for consideration.

The review and conclusion of these instruments is critical to informing the formulation of the national budget for the Financial Year 2027/2028 and ensuring effective oversight of public debt.

Hon. Members, noting the statutory timelines and cognisant of the need to conclude the processing of the 2027 Budget Policy Statement and the Medium-Term Debt Management before the House proceeds on recess on 4th December 2026, I wish to guide the House as follows:

1. From Monday, 23rd to Thursday, 26th November 2026, the Parliamentary Budget Office shall undertake briefings of the Departmental Committees on the Budget Policy Statement. During this period, the Departmental Committees are to engage the respective Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) under their mandates and prepare their reports for submission to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
2. Also on Monday, 23rd November 2026, the Public Debt and Privatisation Committee shall engage the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, the Office of the Controller of Budget and the Principal Secretary from the National Treasury on the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy. The Committee shall thereafter conclude and table its report in the House by Tuesday, 24th November 2026.
3. On Wednesday, 25th November 2026, the House shall deliberate on the Motion relating to the Committee Report on the 2027 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy.
4. On Friday, 27th and Saturday, 28th November 2026, the Departmental Committees shall submit their reports on the Budget Policy Statement to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to facilitate the preparation of the Committee's report.
5. On Monday, 30th November 2026, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall hold engagements with the Auditor-General, the Parliamentary Service Commission, the National Treasury and the Commission on Revenue Allocation on the proposed expenditure ceilings for the Financial Year 2027/2028.
6. On Tuesday, 1st December 2026, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall table its report on the 2027 Budget Policy Statement in the House.
7. On Wednesday, 2nd December 2026, the House shall consider the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Policy Statement. On the

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same day, the House shall undertake the remaining stages of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2027, in accordance with the resolution of the House on the Budget Policy Statement.

Hon. Members, in this regard, I direct the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Public Debt and Privatisation Committee and all the Departmental Committees to strictly adhere to the foregoing schedule and ensure that their respective reports are prepared and submitted within the stipulated timelines.

The Parliamentary Budget Office and the relevant Directorates of the National Assembly shall provide the necessary technical and procedural support to facilitate the timely processing of the instruments.

The House is accordingly guided.

Thank you.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Leader of the Majority Party.

(The Deputy Speaker consulted with the Clerk-at-the-Table)

We have Notices of Motions from the Chairpersons of the Departmental Committees on Justice and Legal Affairs and Health. We shall start with the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health, who will give a notice of Motion on the report he has just tabled.

Hon. James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): I do not have a notice of Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You can get it. The Leader of the Majority Party, proceed.

(Hon. James Nyikal spoke off the record)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION TO HOLD EVENING SITTINGS

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 30 (Hours of Meeting), this House resolves—

1. That the Afternoon Sittings of today, Thursday, 19th November 2026 and Tuesday, 24th November 2026 terminate at 5.00 p.m.
2. To hold Evening Sittings today, Thursday, 19th November 2026 and Tuesday, 24th November 2026 commencing at 5.20 p.m. (Evening Sitting) and terminating at 8.30 p.m. for purposes of considering priority business.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, that Notice of Motion should be followed by a Motion under Order No. 11. Sorry, this was the Procedural Motion. I think the Clerks have mixed things up. I was meant to give a Notice of Motion under this Order.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes. I approved your Procedural Motion.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3 OF 2023 REPORT

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ON THE KENYA POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, proceed.

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2023 on the Kenya Policy on Public Participation, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 19th November 2026, and rejects Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2026 on the Kenya Policy on Public Participation for the following reasons—

1. The policy significantly departs from the provisions of the Public Participation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2025) as passed by the House.
2. The contents of the policy should be informed by the provisions of the Public Participation Bill, National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2025, as passed by the House, which, among others:
   (a) Assigns the ultimate responsibility for public participation to the specific duty bearers identified by the Constitution, being Parliament, county assemblies, commissions, holders of independent offices and Cabinet Secretaries.
   (b) Requires Houses of Parliament and county assemblies to incorporate specific guidelines on public participation in their Standing Orders for purposes of clarity.
   (c) Requires responsible authorities to give reasonable notice, determined by the nature of the matter under consideration, its importance, its impact and any constitutional or statutory timelines.
   (d) Requires each responsible authority to report on the outcome of a public participation exercise.
   (e) Regulates the conduct of responsible authorities during public hearings and requires them to facilitate the enjoyment of the freedom of expression by participants.
   (f) Provides that any public participation exercise conducted in wilful violation of the provisions of the Bill may be declared void by the courts.

Thank you very much.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Leader of the Majority Party, you may proceed with your Notice of Motion.

DEBATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Sorry, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for that miscommunication from the Clerks-at-the-Table. I wish to give Notice of the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 24(6), the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address by His Excellency the President, delivered to Parliament on Wednesday, 18th November 2026; and further, that this House notes the following reports submitted by His Excellency

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the President in accordance with the provisions of Article 132(1)(c) and Article 240(7) of the Constitution, laid on the Table of the House on 19th November 2026:

1. The 13th Annual Report on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realisation of National Values and Principles of Governance.
2. The 13th Annual Report on the Progress Made in Fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya.
3. The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security.

Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next Order.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The first Statement was requested by Hon. Wario and is to be responded to by the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security.

In the absence of the Member who requested the Statement, perhaps we can proceed with the Leader of the Majority Party with your Thursday Statement.

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK OF 23RD – 27TH NOVEMBER 2026

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), I rise to present the following Statement on behalf of the House Business Committee, which met on Wednesday, 18th November 2026, to prioritise business for consideration during the week.

With regard to business scheduled for Tuesday next week, the House is expected to continue with the debate on the President's Address in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 24(6).

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 42A (5) and (6), I wish to convey that the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports and the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum have been scheduled to appear in the Plenary of the National Assembly on the afternoon of Wednesday, 25th November 2026 to respond to the following Questions:

1. The Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports will provide a report on the readiness of Kenya to co-host the African Cup of Nations (AFCON) 2027, alongside the Republics of Uganda and Tanzania and respond to Question No. 032/2026 by the Member for Homa Bay County (Hon. (Dr) Joyce Bensuda) regarding the establishment and operationalisation of sports academies in the country.
2. The Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum will respond to the following Questions:
    (a) Question No. 033/2026 by the Member for Bahati (Hon. Irene Njoki Mrembo) regarding the theft and vandalism of electricity infrastructure in Bahati Constituency, and he should probably also add Kikuyu Constituency. There is a lot of vandalism;
    (b) Question No. 034/2026 by the Member for Matungu (Hon. Peter Nabulindo) regarding the billing of customers generating electricity through solar photovoltaic systems;

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(c) Question No. 035/2026 by the Member for Lamu East (Hon. (Capt.) Ruweida Obo) regarding prolonged power outage in Faza Ward, Lamu East Constituency;
(d) Question No. 036/2026 by the Member for Kibwezi East (Hon. Jessica Mbalu) regarding the implementation of schemes awarded to a contractor under the Last Mile Connectivity Programme for the 2023/2024 Financial Year;
(e) Question No. 037/2026 by the Member for Kwale County (Hon. Fatuma Masito) regarding mass power disconnection of electricity across villages in Kwale County; and
(f) Question No. 038/2026 by the Member for Yatta (Hon. Robert Basil, MP) regarding delay in implementation of the last-mile connectivity programme in Yatta Constituency.

In conclusion, the House Business Committee will reconvene on Tuesday, 24th November 2026 to schedule the business for the remainder of that week.

I now wish to lay this Statement on the Table of the House.

Thank you.

REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Let us proceed with the other statements. I had called out Hon. Wario, the Member for North Horr. He was not here. Oh, you are here. Proceed. Before you proceed, allow me to recognise the presence of the following schools, which are seated in the Public Gallery: Kwale Youth Assembly from Msambweni Constituency in Kwale County and SDA Kanyariri Children's Ministry from Kabete Constituency in Kiambu County.

On behalf of myself, the substantive Speaker and the rest of the Members of the National Assembly, we wish to welcome you to the National Assembly and wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you. Proceed, Hon. Wario.

LIVESTOCK RAIDS AND DISPLACEMENT OF PASTORALISTS IN NORTH HORR CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Adhe Guyo (North Horr, KANU): Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding persistent livestock raids, killings and displacement of pastoralists in North Horr Constituency.

Recurring violence along the North Horr-Loiyangalani border corridor has reportedly affected settlements and grazing areas, particularly Eltokoch, Chari Gollo, Shurr, Buro, Olom, Awaye and Sarimo.

Armed groups operating from Loiyangalani Sub-County have caused deaths and livestock raids in the area and deliberately shot and maimed camels, sheep and goats in the homes. By intentionally executing livestock on sight, these armed militias are carrying out calculated economic sabotage designed to wipe out the livelihoods of innocent families overnight and reduce self-reliant citizens to destruction.

Equally grave is the clear territorial objective behind this brutality. The systematic destruction of herds, coupled with fatal attacks on herders, is intended to instil terror, break community resilience and forcibly evict North Horr pastoralists from their ancestral land and traditional water points.

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The continued insecurity has raised concerns regarding the adequacy of security arrangements to protect residents, safeguard livestock and ensure safe access to pasture and water.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security on the following:

1. Report on the incidents of livestock raids, killing and maiming of livestock and displacement of pastoralists in Eltokoch, Chari Gollo, Shurr, Buro, Olom, Awaye and Sarimo zones in North Horr Constituency.
2. Status of investigations into the incidents, including arrests made, prosecution and recovery of stolen livestock and illegal firearms.
3. Immediate security measures being implemented to protect residents and their livestock, including deployment and establishment of permanent security camps in the disturbed areas in North Horr Constituency.
4. Initiatives being taken to resolve the ongoing conflict, promote peaceful co-existence and ensure safe and uninterrupted access to grazing and watering points within North Horr Constituency.

I thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. Tongoyo.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Let me try to get a response by next Thursday.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: The next Statement Request is by the Member for Nyatike Constituency, Hon. Tom Odege. You may proceed. Give him the microphone.

RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF DYKES IN MIGORI COUNTY

Hon. Tom Odege (Nyatike, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2) (c), I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation on reconstruction and maintenance of dykes along River Kuja in Migori County.

The Kabuto and Nyora dykes were constructed to protect communities, farms and infrastructure from flooding along River Kuja. However, concerns have arisen regarding their structural integrity and state of repair, particularly following the washing away of a section measuring over 1.5 kilometres in March 2026. The damaged section has left the surrounding communities exposed to flooding, destruction of crops and property, and displacement during periods of heavy rainfall.

It is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation on the following:

1. Report on the condition and state of repair of the Kabuto and Nyora dykes, particularly the weak or breached sections and the immediate measures being undertaken to restore the 1.5 kilometre dyke and to protect surrounding communities during heavy rainfall.
2. Supervisory steps taken by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation to ensure that the National Water Harvesting and Storage Authority adheres to standard structural dimensions of a minimum height of 1.0 meter and 1.2 slopes so as to prevent catastrophic overtopping.
3. Budget allocation, if any, for dredging the river channels in the financial year 2026/2027 to facilitate smooth drainage and mitigate flooding.

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4. Timeline for completing the re-construction of the over 1.5km dyke washed away in March 2026 and construction of permanent structural barriers/dykes, along other sections so as to secure local farms and prevent community displacement.

I thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson of Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation.

Hon. Maisori Kemero (Kuria East, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. The Chairperson is not in. I am the Vice Chair. I am a witness to what they have questioned. If you allow it, the Committee commits to bring a response in two weeks' time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Next is the Member for Garsen, Hon Ali Wario.

LACK OF MOBILE NETWORK COVERAGE IN GARSEN CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Ali Wario (Garsen, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2) (c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation regarding absence of mobile network coverage in several locations within Garsen Constituency.

The locations of Chara, Kone Mansa, Handaraku, Mwina, Ndera and Salama remain excluded from reliable mobile network coverage, leaving residents unable to communicate effectively or access essential telecommunication and digital services. The situation poses serious challenges to public safety, national security and economic activities. Notably, residents are unable to promptly contact security agencies, emergency responders or other essential service providers in the event of emergencies. This exposes communities to heightened security risks and limits their access to vital information and services.

It is against this background that I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation on the following:

1. Measures in place to extend mobile network coverage to Chara, Kone Mansa, Handaraku, Mwina, Ndera and Salama locations in Garsen Constituency through the deployment of telecommunication infrastructure.
2. Timelines for the installation and commissioning of telecommunication masts in the affected locations, including the budgetary allocation for the proposed interventions.
3. Interim measures in place to facilitate access to emergency communication services for residents of the affected locations pending the establishment of permanent telecommunication infrastructure.

I thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member. This will go before the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation. Is Hon. KJ or a member of the Committee here to undertake on behalf of the committee? Hon. Naomi, on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, can you give an undertaking that we will have a response from the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation?

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Yes, Hon. Deputy Speaker. The Chair of the Committee should be able to give a response in two weeks' time.

EXCLUSION OF NDHIWA EAST SUB-COUNTY FROM KDF RECRUITMENT CENTRES

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next is a Statement Request by the Member for Ndhiwa, Hon. Martin Owino. The Member is not in the House so we will skip it.

(Statement Request deferred)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We now go to the Member for Ijara, Hon. Abdi Ali.

DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLAR PROJECTS IN IJARA CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Abdi Ali Abdi (Ijara, NAP-K): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2) (c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy regarding the delay in implementation of the Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP) solar mini-grids in Gababa, Handaro and Kotile centres in Ijara Constituency.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, KOSAP, jointly financed by the World Bank and the Government of Kenya and implemented through the Ministry of Energy, Kenya Power and the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC), was designed to expand access to reliable electricity and solar-powered water supply in underserved areas. In Ijara Constituency, Gababa, Handaro and Kotile were identified as beneficiary sites for solar mini-grid installations and borehole solarisation. Technical assessments and feasibility studies were reportedly completed, land parcels for the installations acquired and gazetted under Gazette Notice No.6754, Vol. CXXVIII-No.95, and funds allocated under Components 1 and 2 of the KOSAP programme.

However, despite these preparatory processes and the reported allocation of funds over two years ago, construction and installation works at the three sites are yet to commence. This delay has denied thousands of residents, schools, health facilities and local businesses access to reliable electricity and sustainable water supply, adversely affecting service delivery and livelihoods.

It is against this background that I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy on the following:

1. Reasons for the delay in commencing the projects in Gababa, Handaro and Kotile despite the completion of preliminary assessments, land gazettement and allocation of funds.
2. Names of the contractors awarded the respective tenders, the contract values, dates of award, and the current implementation status of the projects.
3. Clarification as to whether the funds allocated for the projects in Gababa, Handaro and Kotile have been disbursed and, if so, the amounts disbursed and their utilization status.
4. The current implementation status of the projects and definitive timelines for commencement, completion and commissioning.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. This one will go to the Departmental Committee on Energy. Is Hon. Gikaria in the House? Is there any Member of the Committee to give an undertaking on behalf of the Committee? Yes, Hon. Bartoo, Member for Moiben.

Hon. Phylis Bartoo (Moiben, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, we can give feedback by Thursday next week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Next is a Response to a Statement Requested by Hon. Mbui, Member for Kathiani, by the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure. Is Hon. Robert Mbui in the House? He is not present. The rules provide that where the Member is not

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present in the House, the response is simply laid on the Table. Hon. Chair, you can just present it to the Clerks-at-the-Table.

Hon. George Kariuki (Ndia, UDA): I am much obliged.

(Hon. George Kariuki laid the Response on the Table)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let us proceed to the next Order.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

RESOLUTION TO HOLD EVENING SITTINGS ON THURSDAY AND TUESDAY

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion in an amended form:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 30 (Hours of Meeting), this House resolves:

(a) THAT, the Afternoon Sitting of today, Thursday, 19th November 2026, and Tuesday, 24th November terminates at 5.00 p.m.; and.

(b) THAT, the House holds an Evening Sitting today, Thursday, 19th November 2026 and Tuesday, 24th November 2026, commencing at 5.20p.m. (Evening Sitting) and terminate at 8.30p.m., for purposes of considering priority business.

I request our very able Leader of the Majority Party to second.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to second. As my good friend, Hon. Naomi has said, this Procedural Motion will allow us to have adequate time to debate the State of the Nation Address by the President, which was delivered yesterday afternoon. Today being the First Allotted Day, if we were to sit in one sitting until after 7 p.m., it would mean that the whole of next week we would also have to debate this Motion.

Therefore, in the House Business Committee, we saw it wise to have two sittings today and two sittings on Tuesday, with the first sitting ending at 5 p.m. We will then resume at 5.20 p.m. and sit for a second sitting until after 8.30 p.m. This will allow many of us to speak to this Motion, both today and on Tuesday afternoon, while also allowing us to consider priority business like the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) and the Medium-Term Budget Strategy (MTBS), which were tabled this afternoon.

With those remarks, I beg to second.

(Question of the Motion as amended proposed)

Hon. Members: Put the question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Next Order.

(Hon. Leah Sankaire consulted with Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah)

Hon. Sankaire, stop interrupting the Leader of the Majority Party. He has a Procedural Motion. Leader of the Majority Party, proceed.

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REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF THE ARCHITECTURAL AND QUANTITY SURVEYING PRACTITIONERS BILL
National Assembly Bill No.71 of 2026

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Member for Kajiado, Hon. Leah Sankaire, is disrupting me.

(Hon. Leah Sankaire consulted with Hon. Caroline Ng'elechei)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: She is still disrupting another person.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Yes, she disrupted me and has moved on to Hon. Ng'elechei.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 120 (Publication and Introduction of Bills), this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Architectural and Quantity Surveying Practitioners Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 71 of 2026) from 14 days to 13 days.

Again, this is just a Procedural Motion to reduce the publication period of this Bill for both the Architectural and Quantity Surveying Practitioners Bill. I know that many of these practitioners are keen on this Bill. I have seen a number of messages from architects. Because we want to allow them adequate time for public participation, we want to reduce the publication period so that we can publish this Bill and have it undergone public participation. This will allow us to obtain views from stakeholders and handle the Bill properly after the recess.

With those remarks, I beg to move and request the Member for Funyula, Hon. Oundo, who is closely associated with some of these professions as a valuer, to second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Oundo, proceed.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. This is a Procedural Motion. I understand the importance of this Bill and the need to have it concluded before Members disappear from the House. I am sure many will disappear. I can bet that it is only Sir George, the Leader of the Majority Party and I who will be left here sitting. The rest are going to disappear because they are afraid.

Hon. Zamzam, I hope I will see you up to the very last day. Hon. Deputy Speaker, in the last Term, it was only Sir George, Hon. (Dr) Nyikal and I who were the very last Members to see off the Speaker, Hon. Muturi, on the last Sitting day. I support this procedural Motion and pray and hope that before the term of this Parliament ends, this particular Bill will become law, so that my colleagues in the built environment can have substantive legislation that aligns with the new Constitution and the changing nature of the practice in the world and this country.

With those remarks, I second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Members: Put the question.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

(Question put and agreed to)

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THE ARCHITECTURAL AND QUANTITY SURVEYING PRACTITIONERS BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 71 of 2026)

(The Bill was read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee)

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 24(6), the thanks of this House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President delivered in Parliament on Wednesday, 18th November 2026 and further, that this House notes the following Reports submitted by His Excellency the President in accordance with the provisions of Articles 132(1) (c) and 240(7) of the Constitution, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, November 19th 2026—

1. The 14th Annual Report on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance.
2. The 14th Annual Report on the Progress made in fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya.
3. The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security.

Having said that, may I first congratulate and thank His Excellency the President, who delivered his Fourth State of the Nation Address yesterday afternoon. For many across the country and in this House who listened to the President, his Address was delivered with a lot of confidence and was very factual and honest about what has been delivered to Kenyans in fulfilment of what the Constitution requires the President under Articles 132(1)(c) and 240(7).

One is on the progress achieved so far in the realization of our national values and principles of governance. He went to great lengths in his Address to explain to us all the measures he has taken to ensure that we continue to adhere to our national values as espoused in Article 10 of the Constitution, as well as the principles of governance. He spoke about democracy and the measures that his government has taken over the last four years to ensure that we continue to achieve the national values that we all hold dear to. This ranges from provisions that safeguard the rights of every Kenyan, including the right to education and healthcare, which are provided for under Article 43 of our Constitution. He also addressed the principles and values espoused under Article 10 of our Constitution, including the principles of democratic governance of the country and what we need to do, as well as what has been achieved so far.

I am glad that the President did not shy away from speaking about issues touching on our governance, especially the unfortunate incident of 25th June 2024. He addressed the measures that the government has taken, not only to compensate those who lost their lives and property but also to assist the close to 1,038 people, among them 300 police officers, who were injured or lost their lives on that unfortunate day. He also spoke about measures that continue to identify those who lost property and whose property was destroyed. Further, he addressed what his administration is doing to ensure that such incidents never happen again. These include legal measures that have been taken and proposals already being considered through

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the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) on how people can peacefully demonstrate or stage demonstrations without occasioning any loss of property or life.

I thought it was very bold of His Excellency the President to speak about these issues. Many times, leaders shy away from speaking to challenges they have been confronted with in the course of governing or administering nations. However, I am happy that the President was bold and courageous enough to speak about these issues. If we do not address these governance issues that have bedeviled our country over the years, we risk repeating the same mistakes over and over again. We risk having legitimate demonstrations being infiltrated by criminals, as happened then, resulting in the loss of property and lives. It is regrettable that lives continue to be lost in this country. The fact that, in his Address to the nation, the President also spoke about issues that go beyond his administration, including people who lost their lives as far back as 2017, being compensated and some being considered for compensation, it is clear he values the need for us to take responsibility as an administration, even for acts of omission or commission that may have been perpetrated by those who were there before us. That is what all responsible nations do. It was a good thing for the President to address this matter.

When he spoke on that subject, it reminded me that only a week or so ago, the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) released a report indicating that they had finally been able to identify through DNA sequencing, ten bodies out of the many that were pulled out of River Yala. I hope they are still working on the bodies that were also pulled out of River Tana during the last regime. As I talk about what happened prior to 2022 and what has happened since 2022, I also reflect on the report by IPOA that almost four or five years after the bodies were fished out in 2021, they have only been able to identify ten bodies and notify the relatives so that they can give them decent burials.

All the other bodies were buried without ever establishing who they were or how they met their deaths. They were finally dumped in River Yala. What struck me is that, as much as IPOA is telling us that it has been able to identify those 10 bodies, we are yet as a country, to come to terms with how those Kenyans lost their lives and their bodies dumped in River Yala, River Tana, the Aberdare Forest, and others in the Tsavo Conservation Area. We are yet to know how those Kenyans lost their lives. With time, we are forgetting that Kenyans lost their lives.

A striking difference for me when the President spoke about the events of June 2024, is that I continue to see an inquest into the killings of some Kenyans, such as Rex Masai who lost his life. Therefore, there is accountability on the part of the security agencies. I remember that the young man on Moi Avenue was shot by a policeman using a rubber bullet and eventually lost his life. He was a young man from Murang'a. Those officers who shot that young man have been held to account and taken to court in accordance with the laws of this country. That is what a functional nation with a system of governance does. However, when you have a banana republic, people get killed, their bodies get dumped in rivers like River Yala, and you never get to hear anything about it!

I say this with confidence. As the President spoke about the state of security in this country, we are not where we were four years ago. We have made very positive strides. Despite the challenges that have confronted this administration, the rule of law and the administration of justice have been swift, and Kenyans continue to experience this: a police officer shoots, maims or kills a Kenyan, whether deliberately or inadvertently, they take responsibility for it. That is what we must all vouch for.

The IPOA is still giving us a report on how many bodies it has been able to identify after they were fished out of River Yala four years ago, but we are yet to know who killed these people and why they were killed. Yet the people who were in positions of leadership then are the ones lecturing this administration. Those who were in charge of security then have now become saints.

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Those who were in high office, holding the high calling of protecting life and property and reporting to the National Assembly and to Parliament every year on the state of the nation, have now become saints, but they are not bold or courageous enough to take responsibility for the things that happened under their watch. Remember the Kenyans who were shot and killed when the late former Prime Minister, Baba Raila Amolo Odinga returned to this country, during the demonstrations after the 2017 elections. I remember Hon. Robert Mbui and Hon. Opiyo Wandayi telling us here that the day Robert Mbui broke his leg on Haile Selassie Avenue, 17 young Kenyans were mowed down with guns, shot and killed.

Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona (Suba North, ODM): One was shot right next to me.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Millie Odhiambo told us that one was shot right next to her, but we have forgotten all that.

I thank President William Ruto for being bold enough to have the Government of the Republic of Kenya take responsibility for things that were committed by the administrations before him, and also put measures in place to compensate people. You cannot compensate for a life. The President was very clear on that. However, even the mere act of saying sorry on behalf of Kenya is good for families who have lost their loved ones. I see those who are selling us hatred today pointing fingers and accusing this administration. I am happy today to tell them that as they point fingers at this administration, they should remember that this is the only administration that has been bold enough to take responsibility.

Those administrations that you served and led never took responsibility for anything; not for River Yala, not for River Tana, and not for the young Kenyans who were killed for supporting President William Ruto. Their bodies were dumped in the Aberdare Forest to be feasted on by hyenas. Kenyans were killed and dumped in the Tsavo National Park to be feasted on by lions, forgotten and never to be identified.

I thank God for President William Ruto and the measures he has taken. I commend the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), Prof Makau Mutua and his team for the great work they continue to do, as Kenyans continue to pray for the healing of our nation. We will continue to work on our governance structures and ensure that these things never happen again in our nation.

I am moving on from the state of security of our nation. The President spoke at length about the measures taken, especially those aimed at giving dignity to Kenyans, improving our foreign relations, and meeting our international obligations. Many people imagine that international obligations do not also include the obligation to pay up debts when they fall due. Part of the international obligations we owe the world and other international bodies is to settle our public debt when it falls due. I am happy that the President spoke to this. He noted that our country is now off the cliff that we were on four years ago when this administration took over the leadership of the country.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank listed Kenya as one of six African nations that were bound to default on their public debt obligations, but Kenya continues to stand strong and settle both its domestic and foreign debt obligations without defaulting. Despite Kenya being listed as one of six nations that were deemed to default in 2022... In fact, a seventh African nation, which I do not want to name, joined that list and has since defaulted. The only surviving African nation is Kenya.

We must commend the President not only for being able to get our country off the cliff, but also for stabilising our economy. He has helped us bring down the rate of inflation; from a high of 9.6 per cent in 2022 to a low of 4.1 per cent in 2025. This was before the unfortunate war that broke out in the Gulf Region, which has now driven our inflation to about 6.8 per cent in September 2026. This has largely been driven by fuel, transport, and other costs. Every time there is a small movement in fuel costs, our transporters also take advantage of Kenyans and increase transportation costs by almost ten-fold or twenty-fold the increase in fuel prices.

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Probably this House and Parliament as a whole should think on means and ways to ensure that Kenyans are not taken advantage of.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, since we are yet to start producing and refining our own oil, fuel prices may continue to rise from time to time. However, we must protect Kenyans from transporters who take advantage of them by increasing transportation costs that subsequently drive up inflation and the cost of food prices.

Speaking of food prices, I am glad that the President not only spoke generally but also with specificity, putting names and a human face to the issues he was speaking to when he spoke about the measures taken in bringing the cost of living down. When he spoke about subsidised fertilizer and its impact on the cost of food production, he gave a case example of Laban, a farmer from Rongai Constituency in Nakuru County, who on his five acres of land, has increased his productivity from 75 bags to 125 bags on the same 5-acre piece of land without having to spend more capital to buy more land. Accessing subsidised fertiliser that moved from Ksh7,500 to Ksh2,000 for a 50 kg bag, Mr. Laban Cheptanui, has been able to increase his productivity by 50 bags of maize. That is close to 10 bags per acre. That means that Laban has been able to put more money in his pocket.

More importantly, he has helped this country together with millions of other farmers to not only push up productivity of maize and other food crops but also bring down the cost of living by bringing down the cost of maize flour and other food products. Two Kilogrammes of maize flour that was retailing at Ksh232.60 when President Uhuru Kenyatta left office is today retailing at Ksh142.

I was also happy when the President put a human face to a Kenyan. I must thank this House for the standing ovation that we gave the President, when he put the face of Veronica Wambui from Gatundu in Kiambu County, who benefited from a kidney transplant treatment, and whose bills were settled by Social Health Authority (SHA). I was reminded of how some of us, after we passed the four health laws, went to funerals and said we did not understand whether it was SHA, SHE, SHI or SHU. Many people in funerals and political rallies across the country would say SHA is not working, especially last week when they were saying that Kasongo is a one-term president because SHA is not working. Today, those people are mute. Their volume in saying SHA is not working is so muted that you can hardly hear them.

This is because, the case of Veronica Wambui from Gatundu South Constituency is similar to that of millions of other Kenyans who have been able to access health care and pay their medical bills courtesy of the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF). Millions of others have been able to access primary health care courtesy of the Primary Health Care Fund (PHF). Billions of shillings have been saved through the digital health services applications at SHA unlike in the past where National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) became a debit train for every small dispensary in Kenya. When you try to steal from SHA they catch you even before you commit the act.

Speaking of all that, we were left with tens of billions of money that was owed by NHIF to hospitals across the country. Most of these hospitals are still owed by Government. I am glad the President spoke to it when he spoke about the pending bills. He has now directed the National Treasury to work with SHA and the Ministry of Health and ensure that the facilities that were owed money by NHIF have been paid all the monies that have been verified by the Pending Bills Committee, that are legitimate and owed to health centres, especially those health-based hospitals. It is because many of them may not have been involved in the thefts and fraudulent activities at NHIF. I am glad that the President has directed that a total of Ksh16 billion owed to hospitals under the former NHIF be settled.

Besides, it has also been directed in this State of the Nation Address that there is an amount of money and pending bills owed to our public and private hospitals that the National Treasury should, again, engage with the public and private hospitals to settle. It is not just about

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pending bills. As I said, it is about giving Kenyans dignity. Many business people in this country have been denied the dignity of living a decent life because they are owed money by government agencies and county governments but they are not being paid. I am glad that the President spoke about this.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, besides agriculture, healthcare, and education with 100,000 teachers that Government has employed, there is another 20,000 teachers that will be employed this year. In fact, the process has already begun. I remember in 2022, whether you were in Azimio or Kenya Kwanza coalitions, in both our manifestos, we acknowledged that this country had a deficit of 116,000 teachers. Today, four years later, we can proudly say that we have employed 100,000 teachers.

Those who speak about the cost of living may wonder why the President spoke about the cost of living and the corelation between the cost of living and employment of teachers. It is not just about employing 100,000 young kenyans who were not employed and given a source of income to be able to meet the high cost of living in their families or neighbourhoods; rather, it is also about the parents in 17 primary schools and about 8 secondary schools in Kikuyu Constituency that I represent, who in 2022, had a total of 170 teachers. In just a small fraction of my primary and secondary schools in Kikuyu we have 170 Boards of Management (BoM) teachers whose salary was being paid by parents. Therefore, when the Government of Kenya employs 100,000 teachers, it brings down the cost of living by saving the parents the cost of having to pay for a BoM teacher in yourblocal primary or secondary school.

I know that we are yet to get there. That is why we are employing another 20,000 teachers to surpass the 116,000 teachers that we promised in our manifesto. This is also meant to ensure that every parent across this country is able to take their child to school and not have to pay a teacher to educate them. That the taxes we pay to the Government through Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) pays for those teachers by employing them and paying for their salaries. Therefore, the connection between the cost of living, employment of teachers and employment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) workers on permanent and pensionable status is to ensure that our county governments' local dispensaries do not have to overcharge you in your primary health care facilities, that helps to bring down the cost of living.

The increased productivity in agriculture is bringing down the cost of living. I am saying this because when I listen to our friends who pretend to be competing with the President and this administration, next year, the only thing they speak about is the cost of living but they have no idea on how to bring it down. Therefore, we see their cluelessness and radarlessness on how to bring down the cost of living.

They have no idea on how to bring down the cost of living. Since they are clueless and rudderless on how to bring down the cost of living, I am glad that they were listening yesterday and they heard the President speak about the measures taken by his administration over the last four years to bring down the cost of living, from increasing agricultural productivity to investments in the education sector, infrastructure and road construction. I am glad the President explained it to them in very simple language. For instance, he mentioned that the tarmacking of roads in our neighbourhoods brings down transportation costs of people, goods, food, and services, which in turn, brings down the cost of living. Creating job opportunities for millions of Kenyans under the Affordable Housing Programme allows them to earn a living and provide for their families back home.

The President put a human face on the Affordable Housing Programme when he spoke about a Mr Moses Wasike. I saw the Speaker smile because it sounded like the President was talking about Moses Masika Wetang'ula. The Moses Wasike that the President talked about is also from Bungoma. The President said that Moses Wasike once struggled to find regular work. Moses Masika Wetang'ula is presiding over a House of 349 Members of Parliament. Moses Wasike, just like Moses Masika, is now supervising a workforce of 150 people. But three years

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ago, Moses Wasike was struggling to find regular employment. Today, he is not struggling to find regular employment. He is not only employed, but he is also supervising another 150 Kenyans, who had no jobs, but who now do.

The President spoke about Fanuel Anyanga Temba in Eldoret, who got a sub-contract worth Ksh30 million from the *Jua Kali* sector, as a *Jua Kali* artisan in Eldoret. It reminded me that only last week, I got a text from my Constituency Fund Manager informing me that the Kikuyu *Jua Kali* Association, which equally benefited from the Kikuya Affordable Housing Programme, is looking to get more sub-contracts for making windows and doors from the Muguga Agri-City Housing Project. They were pushing for a payment of about Ksh8.1 million from the Kikuyu Affordable Housing Programme. Those are real Kenyans earning a living from the Affordable Housing Programme.

I know we can speak endlessly about all of this administration's achievements, whether it is the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Project, or the new Access to Government Procurement Opportunities (AGPO), or the proposal that is before this House, which is currently undergoing pre-publication scrutiny, to review our Pay As You Earn (PAYE) bands to exempt those who are earning Ksh32,000 and below. That will put another Ksh2,000 into the pockets of Kenyans who are being incited that their payslips are not dignified. The greatest dignity that you can give to a Kenyan is not that Ksh2,000. It is to ensure that when that Kenyan goes to hospital, he has a Social Health Authority (SHA) cover. There is greater dignity in old age through the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) savings, which are now estimated to have grown to Ksh1 trillion, thus dignifying retired Kenyan workers and stemming the cycle of old age poverty.

Under the "*Usawa ni Sawa*" mantra, the President spoke at length...

(Technical hitch)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Allow him to complete his contribution.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, the President spoke about his "*Usawa ni Sawa*" mantra, which informs his pursuit of creating equity across the country. A farmer or fisherman in Funyula should have the same opportunities as a farmer in Kikuyu or Uasin Gishu County. A *Jua Kali* artisan in Funyula should get the same opportunities as one in Mukuru, Nairobi. A teacher in Funyula Constituency who, probably, lives in an apartment owned by my friend, Hon. Oundo, and is paying rent of about Ksh15,000 or Ksh20,000 a month, can now access a two-bedroom house and pay less than Ksh5,000 towards a house that he will own in future. He will start building his own generational wealth, and not just create wealth for the Member for Funyula or the Member for Kikuyu. I say that because I know that the Member for Funyula and I own a few rental units across the country. The Member for Funyula is a valuer, so I know what I am speaking about.

The Kenyan worker's dignity is being restored. The dignity of previously unemployed Kenyans is being restored through ongoing infrastructure projects such as construction of roads like the Maumau Road, the 750-kilometre Modogashe Highway, and the Mau Summit-Rironi Highway. All these roads are not only changing lives across the country and fulfilling what the President and his administration promised Kenyans, but they are also fulfiling what is expected of us as Members of Parliament.

The President reports to the House on what the Government of Kenya is doing in realisation of our national values and the progress we have made in fulfilling our international obligations, including our obligation to pay our public debt when it falls due without defaulting. Steady hands are in control of our country's economy and governance.

The state of our national security is good. Four years ago, banditry was an everyday occurrence, but today it is occasional and action is taken immediately. We still have challenges.

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Goonism is a threat to national security and we must face it head on. It amazes me when those who speak loudest about goonism emerge from their vehicles with *rungus*. They are accompanied by youths carrying *rungus*. I ask them who the goons are if not those youths. The former Member of Parliament for Makadara actually stood in public and prided himself on how he ferried goons to Bondo. I pray for that gentleman and those he was with for those shameful things that they did in Bondo, more so, on a day when the nation and the world was remembering the former Prime Minister. Shame on them for taking goons to Bondo when the world was remembering a great man like the former Prime Minister. To make it worse, they boasted about it in public. How do you mobilise goons and then boast about it? I have seen the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) attempt to take action against that former Member of Parliament for Makadara, whose name I have forgotten.

(Loud consultations)

The Member for Makadara, Hon. Reuben Ndolo. Thank you, Hon. Millie for reminding me. I am happy the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) has taken action. I hope the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and other security agencies will also take action. That is the only way to tame the culture of goons, especially by clueless, rudderless opposition members whose agenda is just goons and pointing fingers at others.

With those remarks, Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move this Motion. I urge Members to speak and contribute. This is a big opportunity to speak to their constituents all their achievements on the state of their constituencies, including Suba South. The other day we heard Hon. Millie say that Mfangano Island in Homa Bay has never seen a tarmac road, but it is now ongoing. Lake Victoria Ring Road will transform a region that had no power for many years.

Hon. Caroli Omondi (Suba South, ODM): On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon Caroli, what is your point of order?

Hon. Caroli Omondi (Suba South, ODM): Hon. Deputy Speaker, is it in order for the Leader of the Majority Party to mislead the House and the nation that there is a tarmac road in Mfangano Island when there is actually none? It is just a murram road that was done. We thank President Uhuru Kenyatta for giving us money for the Rusinga Ring Road. He also gave us money and the contract for Sori-Magunga Road and the bridge to Rusinga Island. There is no tarmac road in Mfangano Island.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Caroli I think that is not a point of order.

Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona (Suba North, ODM): On a point of information, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, allow Hon. Millie to inform me. I wish to be informed by Hon. Millie.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon Millie Odhiambo.

Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona (Suba North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. For people who have not been to the island, sometimes it is confusing. I know the Leader of the Majority Party meant Rusinga Ring Road. Rusinga and Mfangano are twin islands. Rusinga is already tarmacked while for Mfangano the tarmacking has commenced. The road was done and the tarmacking has commenced.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Deputy Speaker, I thank Hon. Millie. I was going to tell the Member for Suba South that I was in Mfangano and Rusinga Islands last year and I know what is going on. I even know what is going on in Suba South. I know the Member for Suba South, Hon. Caroli Omondi. The last time I was in Suba South his constituents told me they had not seen him for two months in the constituency. He was busy gallivanting across the nation and from one television station to another saying all manner of things.

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Therefore, it is good that my good friend, the Member for Suba South, Hon. Caroli Omondi, is in the House to listen to the transformative things that are being done not just in Mfangano, Rusinga and Homa Bay, but even the Lake Victoria Ring Road that the President spoke about that is going to transform the lives of many people across Nyanza who never felt *usawa*. They never felt being part of this country because there was no *usawa. Usawa* is about giving the people of Rusinga, the people of Mfangano Island, and the people of Banisa equity and fairness because they are taxpayers. Therefore, I will just ask the Member for the...

(Technical hitch)

...as someone they can cry to because they can find their Member of Parliament, how I pray.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move. I request Hon. Zamzam to second.

Hon. Zamzam Mohammed (Mombasa County, ODM): *(Technical hitch)* ... ameweza kutupa hadhi kubwa sana kama Wapwani na Wakenya wengine ambao hawakupata hati miliki.

Pia Rais alizungumzia juu ya vitambulisho. Wananchi waliokuwa wanakaa kando karibu na mipaka na sisi waislamu, ilikuwa ni vigumu sana kupata vitambulisho vya taifa. Ametufanyia wepesi na akasema usawa ni sawa na kila Mkenya lazima apate maendeleo sawa na Mkenya mwenzake. Kwa hivyo ambao tuko na vitambulisho, haswa sisi waislamu katika taifa zima, ninawaomba kama mama yenu ndani ya taifa hili, kuwa vile Rais ametupa hadhi, sisi sote tupige foleni nyuma yake tumrejeshe ili aendelee kutufanyia mengi zaidi.

Katika elimu, miaka iliyopita waliokuwa Marais hawakuweza kuajiri walimu wengi. Walimu walikuwa wanachelewa kutoka shule kwa sababu walikuwa wanafundisha madarasa mengi na watoto walikuwa wengi katika darasa moja. Wanafunzi hawakuwa wanaelewa vizuri. Rais ameajiri walimu 100,000. Ikifika Desemba mwaka huu ataajiri wengine 20,000 na watakuwa 120,000. Miaka iliyopita, Marais waliopita walikuwa wanaajiri walimu 5,000 ambao hawakuwa wanatosheleza wanafunzi waliopo shuleni.

Pia Rais alizungumzia ukulima. Alisema alishukisha bei ya mbolea kutoka Ksh7,000 mpaka Ksh2,000 ili kuongeza mazao. Katika taifa lolote, ukitaka ushuru ushuke lazima uongeze mazao. Tunajua wakulima wengi wamevuna sana. Bei ya chakula imeshuka na Mkenya wa kawaida anapata wepesi wa kuishi.

Mhe. Rais pia alisema kuwa kwa mara ya kwanza wanafunzi 3.6 milioni walifanya mitihani bila kupata shida yoyote wala kusimamiwa na polisi. Mitihani yao ilichapishwa katika taifa hili. Zamani, mitihani ilikuwa inachapishwa mataifa ya nje. Aliuliza ikiwa pesa zetu zinachapishwa hapa Kenya, kwa nini mitihani ya watoto wetu isichapishwe hapa Kenya? Kwa hilo ninampongeza Rais. Ameleta wepesi kwa wazazi sana.

Rais ameweza kutuma Ksh706 bilioni ikilinganishwa na Ksh500 bilioni ambayo ilikuwa inatumiwa katika maswala ya shule. Kwa hiyo inapunguza gharama ambayo wazazi walikuwa wanatumia kuweka watoto wao katika darasa. Hii inaonyesha kuwa wanafunzi wa Kenya wote, maskini ama matajiri lazima watakaa ndani ya madarasa. Wawe Turkana, Vanga au Mbita, lazima watakaa darasani. Kwa hayo yote, Rais alisema usawa ni sawa.

Rais pia alizungumzia maswala ya afya. Alitupa mfano mdogo wa mama ambaye ametoka kule upande wa *Central* ambaye amekuwa na maradhi makubwa. Huyo mama angeuza shamba lake ama mali yake yote kujitibu. Lakini kwa vile Wakenya wote na wananchi wa mataifa anbayo yameendelea, wanakusanya kidogo kidogo, inaingia katika Wizara ya Afya kusimamia Wakenya wenzetu. Ili taifa letu liendelee, ni lazima Wakenya wawe na umoja wa kuchanga kuhakikisha kuwa mama maskini ambaye hana chochote akipata maradhi, aweze kutibiwa, kupata dawa, na kukaa vizuri kama ambavayo tajiri anakaa sehemu nyingine.

Ninampongeza Rais na kumwambia kuwa wengine wanaweza kumtukana lakini kuna yule mama ama yule mzee ambaye alikuwa hajui atajikwamua vipi maradhi ya moyo au maradhi ya sukari. Leo Rais amewafanyia wepesi. Sisi sote Wakenya tunachangia maskini.

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Tukiangalia Qurani ama Biblia, kumeandikwa kuwa Mwenyezi Mungu ni tajiri lakini amesema tajiri asaidie maskini ili maskini aweze kuishi. Kwa nini Rais wetu anatukanwa wakati amesema sisi sote tutoe mchango kidogo kidogo kusaidia wale pengine hawana ajira wala chochote? Sisi tunaweza kutoa kitu kidogo wakaongezea kwa Social Health Authority (SHA) ili watu zaidi wapate matibabu. Rais wetu ni mcha Mungu. Leo ninamwombea Mwenyezi Mungu azidi kumweka kwenye uongozi. Ningekuwa na uwezo kama Mama Zamzam, ningeendelea kusema *long-term* kwa sababu ametufanyia sisi Wakenya mambo adimu.

Ni mambo ambayo hayajaonekana sehemu yeyote. Mabilioni ya pesa yalikuwa yanapelekwa sehemu moja. Vijana kutoka sehemu moja walikuwa wanapata huu mwanya na wengine walikuwa hawapati. Rais ameweza kufikia vijana 133,000 Kenya nzima katika ile programmme yake ya Nyota. Vijana wengi wameanza biashara ndogo na kujisaidia.

Nilipokuwa maskini sana, nilipewa Ksh2,000 na shangazi yangu. Akaniambia maisha ni magumu nitafute kitu ambacho naweza fanya. Nilianza biashara ya kuuza chapati na maharagwe mlangoni. Hii pesa niliweza kulipa *rent* na kusomesha watoto. Nyinyi vijana wa taifa, Mheshimiwa Rais anawapatia Ksh50,000 ambazo haziokotwi barabarani. Nawahimiza muweke hii pesa kwa biashara ambayo itawainua. Nawakumbusha vijana wa Kenya kuwa matajiri wengi ambao wako katika taifa hili ni *entrepreneurs.* Kisha wanafuatwa na *investors.* Lakini wale maskini ni ambao wamefuata ajira. Katika ajira, lazima uende kazini kila siku hadi mwisho wa mwezi ili upate mshahara. Kwa hivyo, tieni bidii mwingie katika biashara ndogo na mambo ambayo yanaweza kuwasaidia ili muweze kujikuza.

Kuna siku nimeingia benki moja na mfanyakazi akaniambia amekasirika sana kwa sababu haelewi Pay As You Earn (PAYE). Ananiambia kama inaweza ondolewa, wanaweza shukuru sana. Ajabu ya Mwenyezi Mungu, Rais alisema amesikia kilio cha huu mfanyikazi. Baada ya muda kidogo, Rais ameitoa kwa wale ambao wameajiriwa wanaopata mshahara wa Ksh32,000 kuelekea chini. Hii inaonyesha kuwa ametoa Ksh8,000. Hata kama mfanyikazi analipa 1.6 *per cent* ya PAYE ambayo ni mia tano na kitu, kwa mshahara Rais amerejesha Ksh7,000 ambayo anaweza kuweka mfukoni na kujimudu kimaisha. Kwa hivyo, Wakenya, lazima tuwe watu wa kushukuru.

Kisha, Mheshimiwa Rais amesema atalipa *pending bills* zote kwa wale wanaodai Ksh50 milioni kuelekea chini. Kuna mama mboga wale wanadai Serikali kitu kidogo. Mheshimiwa Rais ametoa pesa za kulipa ili muendelee na biashara. Kutoka mwaka wa 2005 hata kabla Rais hajaingia ofisini, tumekuwa na *pending bills*. Leo hii, amelipa madeni hayo yote kwa akina mama mboga na wengine ambao walikuwa wamesambaza nyanya na unga wa sima. Wakenya wanataka kitu gani? Juzi na jana, tuliona wanafunzi wa vyuo vikuu hawasomi. Wahadhiri wamegoma kwa sababu wanadai pesa zao. Mheshimiwa Rais amelipa Ksh18 bilioni ili hawa wanafunzi warudi darasani na wahadhiri waingie darasani wafunze. Ni kitu ngani Wakenya wanataka kama sio kurejesha Rais William Ruto?

Mheshimiwa Rais anajenga mabarabara kilomita 7,000, na watu wanasema hatuna miundo misingi. Mimi nataka kwambia watu ambao akili zao hazifanyi kazi kuwa ukijenga na ukiboresha miundo misingi, unainua uchumi wa taifa. Leo, mama ambaye anatoa mazao yake shambani na anataka kuleta Mombasa, anapata barabara nzuri. Hawezi kukawia na mazao yake barabarani. Anafika na kuuza haraka na kuenda kuchukua mazao mengine.

Watu wanalalamika kwa nini masoko yanajengwa. Akina mama wamekuwa wakikaa kwa jua kwa muda mrefu. Wanakaa kwa jua mpaka ngozi inageuka. Akina mama ambao ni *smart,* walikuwa wanaparara. Rais amesema haya masoko lazima yajengwe sawa sawa ili akina mama wapate mahali pa kuuzia bidhaa zao. Nimesikia mama mmoja kutoka Kisumu akisema kura yake atapatia Rais William Ruto kwa kumwokolea na soko.

Akina mama wamefurahi. Wale ambao hawana *agenda* hawaelezei vijana kuwa Rais amewapatia kazi hizi. Wanainua hisia zao tu na kuwawekea chuki kwa Rais, lakini hawana suluhisho ya matatizo ya vijana. Kwa mfano, Rais ametuletea Dangote ambaye ameleta Ksh2

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trilioni za kujenga *oil refinery* ambayo itaajiri vijana. Pale Lamu, nimewaona watu wengine wanaandamana. Kitu kizuri kinakuja na nyinyi mnaenda mahakamani kupinga, wakati sehemu zingine za Taifa watu wanatamani ule mradi uende kwao. Najua kuna watu ambao wako nyuma yao. Ninawaambia ndugu zangu wa pwani, mara hii Rais ametukumbuka sana. Tuangalieni watu ambao wanaleta matatizo hapa katikati. Tusiwakubali kwa sababu hata ukiwaangalia hawa wengine, wakija wanazungumza unasikia. Mtu ako na kwake na anapeleka mihogo, njugu na mahindi. Wakitoka kule, nasikia wengine wanasema wapewe asilimia 60. Naskia marafiki wetu ambao wako kwa upinzani, washaanza kugawana mamlaka. Kuna mmoja pale mlimani anayesema anataka asilimia 60, na hawa wengine wagawane asilimia 40. Nataka kuwaambia, jamani ndugu zangu, turudi njia ya usawa ni sawa ya Rais Ruto.

Nikimalizia, nilimsikia ndugu yangu, Mheshimiwa Caroli, akiongea jana; SHA peke yake imesajili Wakenya 33 milioni. Hii inaonyesha kuwa Wakenya wanaikubali. Ukilinganisha na National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) ambayo ilikuwa ikilipa kitanda peke yake, Wakenya wamejua siri iko kwa SHA. Sisi tutaweza kutibiwa magonjwa makubwa na tutaendelea mbele.

Ukiangalia National Social Security Fund (NSSF), tulikuwa tukichanga zamani. Kutoka ukoloni mpaka sasa, tulifikisha Ksh300 bilioni peke yake. Lakini, kwa miaka mitatu, Rais William Samoei Ruto amefikisha Ksh800 bilioni na zaidi. Inaonekana tukifika Juni mwaka ujao, itakuwa tumefikia trilioni, na hatuwezi kwenda kukopa pesa nje. Tutakuwa tukikopa pesa zetu. Wacha nieleze Wakenya kuwa, kwa mara ya kwanza, Rais William Samoei Ruto ameweza kulipa madeni yetu, kama Taifa, mpaka 2031. Kutoka hapo ndipo tutaambiwa tulipe zingine. Jamani, Wakenya tunataka nini na tulikuwa tunasema tulipe madeni?

Nampongeza ndugu yangu, Mheshimiwa Kimani Ichung'wah. Namuunga mkono. Tuendelee na wengine wapate nafasi ya kuchangia Hoja hii. Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Naibu wa Spika.

I second the Motion.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: While I am still on my feet, I wish to introduce to you a delegation of seven visitors from Emgwen Constituency who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. I welcome them to observe the proceedings of the National Assembly and I will give an opportunity to the Member of Parliament for Emgwen to welcome them on our behalf.

Hon. Josses Lelmengit (Emgwen, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for the opportunity to welcome the Kapsabet traders and members from various regions in Nandi County, particularly in Emgwen Constituency. They have come to visit the precincts of Parliament and particularly to see us as we debate the good things that we want to do for this country. I appreciate them because they have toiled hard to make ends meet and to put food on the table. As traders in this country, they have really worked hard and today they have set foot in the parliamentary precincts. I know them for the kind of hard work that they do back in the constituency.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, if you allow me, as we discuss the issue of the State of the Nation Address delivered by His Excellency the President of this country just yesterday, the President promised us that we need to have decent markets within the constituency to improve trading conditions. I want to report that we have one market in Kapsabet Town, which is costing over Ksh400 million. These are the good projects that His Excellency has considered in Kapsabet Town so that these traders can have good and conducive facilities for their trade. Also, we have several markets in Nandi, including Chepsonoi Market, which is costing over Ksh70 million. It is going to accommodate more than 1,000 traders within the region.

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On the same issue, I congratulate His Excellency the President for the State of the Nation Address yesterday on issues of roads. I am one of the beneficiaries of the projects in Emgwen Constituency. As a representative, I am so proud to have been included through the *Usawa ni Sawa* slogan. We have a budget of more than Ksh15 billion that has come to the constituency, including funding for roads. There are ongoing road projects where the contractor has come to site. There are roads from Yala to Chepkumia and Kobujoi, and it is not a lie. People say that we only come to launch projects and leave. On the issue of sports facilities…

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Deputy Speaker, protect me from the Members.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, you just have to maintain some order.

Hon. Josses Lelmengit (Emgwen, UDA): Exactly.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I am in charge of the House and I have some discretion. I can allow somebody some latitude. It is not for Members to organise the House.

Hon. Josses Lelmengit (Emgwen, UDA): On the sports projects, Emgwen Constituency in Nandi County has not been left out. Through the projects' agenda, that *Usawa ni Sawa*, we have facilities, including Kapsabet Stadium, which is costing almost Ksh1 billion. Nandi County is an athletics centre. It is the source of champions. It is one of the counties that has raised the flag of this country in the athletics championships. We were not left behind. As Kenya prepares to host the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON), we will have a lot of opportunities for our traders in the near future to trade, relate and also share foreign relations.

The other issue is electricity. As the President lays out the agenda of *Usawa ni Sawa* across the country, since 2022 in Emgwen Constituency, we have had a 39 per cent connectivity rate. As of now, we are at around 65-70 per cent connectivity, with over 6,000 households having been connected to electricity across all the four wards, namely, Chepkumia, Kapkangani, Kapsabet and Kilibwoni.

I appreciate what the President has been doing. I also appreciate how the Kenya-Kwanza government and now the broad-based government has been working with the Head of State and the Executive so that they can deliver projects for Kenyans. As the President read the State of the Nation Address, I will also share the same aspirations regarding the state of Emgwen Constituency, including the Social Health Authority (SHA) and the miracles it has brought about in this country. People no longer sell their land, and they no longer stay for long without receiving treatment. Recently, a 95-year-old grandfather who had been blind for the last four years had his hospital bills paid by SHA. He had cataracts, which were removed, and now he can see. Those are the miracles SHA is bringing about in this country.

On agriculture, Nandi County, particularly Emgwen Constituency, is an agricultural zone. Since His Excellency the President, William Samoei Ruto, took office, he has emphasised that we need to subsidise production and not consumption. One of the major agendas he has achieved is the subsidisation of farm inputs, including fertiliser. Right now, farmers get fertiliser at a cheaper rate, and it is accessible to everyone, whether they grow maize, tea or silage for animal production. I beg to support and also congratulate the President for the good work he has done for this country.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Member for Emgwen. I need to say to Hon. Bashir that you are complaining about relevance, but I can confirm to you that the reason we are discussing the State of the Nation Address is that the President made the address. Members are confirming that the work is, in fact, happening in their own constituencies. They are corroborating the President's State of the Nation Address and giving testimonies from their constituencies. Today, because we are honoured to have visitors from Emgwen, they are also here to confirm that the work mentioned in the State of the Nation Address is happening in

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Emgwen. There is nothing more relevant than what the Member for Emgwen is saying hence the reason I exercised my discretion to allow him to proceed. I will give an opportunity to the Member for Tinderet to also welcome our guests and make his response. Then we shall move to Hon. Junet. Hon. Members, there is sufficient time because we are going up to 8.30 p.m. today. We have a second session resuming at 5.20 p.m. and running up to 8.30 p.m. so, everybody will have an opportunity to speak. Thank you. We shall adjourn briefly for ten minutes at 5.20 p.m. and then resume until 8.30 p.m.

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for guiding the House and giving direction. I stand before the House, first and foremost, to thank the traders from Kapsabet. These traders are a testimony of what coming together can do. The traders are the leaders of the trading community in Kapsabet. They are the people who have given our town its services. They are the merchants of the town. They provide goods and services that reach various parts of our country.

The traders who are here come from various sectors, including jua kali, retail business owners and hotel owners. They also include the mama mbogas who bring change to this country. I laud the traders because one of the things they have done is form a Savings and Credit Cooperative Organisation (SACCO). This SACCO will enable traders across Nandi and other towns to access capital easily. The kind of business they are undertaking mirrors the Hustler Fund, which provides affordable capital and enables other businesses to access capital and ensure they are able to operate.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, Kapsabet Town boasts of what the President spoke about yesterday in his State of the Nation Address. We boast of the new stadium that is under construction. It is almost complete, yet we had been promised such a facility for almost 30 years. Almost 60 years ago, when Kipchoge Keino went to the Munich Olympics or was it the Mexico Olympic Games?

The Deputy Speaker: It was the 1968 Mexico Olympic Games.

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet, UDA): Yes, the 1968 Mexico Olympics but despite the achievements of our athletes at the Olympic Games over the years, there has been little in our county to reflect their contribution.

Nandi County is a source of champions. As we speak, Nandi County has good roads. Yesterday, the President stated that he wants to transform this country. True to his word, the billions of shillings being invested in the transformation of other constituencies and counties are also being felt in our county. We have seen major markets being opened in other areas, such as Kiambu and Nyeri. Markets have also been opened in Tinderet and Kapsabet, and more are coming up. Not only that, we are also seeing the kind of road infrastructure being developed in our towns. We are seeing roads being constructed in Tinderet, Mosop and various other parts of Nandi County.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, when we talk about the Social Health Authority (SHA) and Kapsabet Town, and indeed our entire county, we must recognise the progress made in healthcare. A few years ago, we had about seven million Kenyans covered under the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF). Today, we have more than 30 million. The naysayers cannot see the difference this has made in the lives of many people. A few months ago, as I know very well, NHIF could not meet expenses exceeding Ksh500,000. Today, SHA is being used to support patients requiring critical care, including those involved in accidents and those undergoing operations. Families are no longer forced to sell their land to meet such medical expenses. Furthermore, the scheme ensures that the contributions Kenyans make to the common pool can support families and enable them to continue with their day-to-day activities without being overwhelmed by medical costs.

I also want to speak about access to electricity. Kenya is among the few African countries with extensive electricity connectivity. I want to note that the President made it clear

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that he intends to undertake major infrastructure projects. These include the second phase of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) where the second terminal is being constructed, the Rironi - Mau Summit Road, and the railway line from Naivasha to Kisumu and other parts of the country.

The State of the Nation Address made by the President was all inclusive even in matters to do with security. The North Rift region, particularly West Pokot, Elgeyo-Marakwet and Baringo counties, was previously characterised by insecurity. Residents could hardly sleep peacefully. However, today, we are witnessing the positive impact of what this Government has done. I want to thank the President and express my support for his address. I believe it is a good way of moving this country forward.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Next is the Member for Lamu East, Capt. Ruweida Obo.

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): Asante sana, Bi. Spika kwa kunipatia nafasi nami nizungumzie hotuba ya Rais jana.

Bi. Spika, mimi jana nilishikwa na kihamko. Yaani nilijizuia sana nisilie kwa yale mazungumzo ya Rais. Yaani tulikuwa tunaona sisi kwa miaka mingi tumeachwa nyuma. Sasa ndio tunajihesabu kuwa sisi ni wa Kenya. Huko nyuma, ni kama tulikuwa tunasaidia wa Kenya kuenda mbele, tunasaidia na *numbers* tu kwa wa Kenya wengine. Nataka niende moja kwa moja katika yale Rais amezungumza.

Ya kwanza ni mambo ya hati miliki. Kwangu Lamu Mashariki, kumetolewa ile ardhi ya pamoja ya jamii *title* tano ya *community land* ya jamii ambayo ilifurushwa wakati wa *Shifta War* kule 1960's. Walifurushwa na hio jamii haikutambulika. Watu walilipwa fidia lakini sisi hatukulipwa, mimi nikiwa ni mmoja wao. Ilibidi tuishi kwa watu wengine. Tulikaribishwa kama wakimbizi wa ndani wa kwanza nchini Kenya lakini hatukutambulika.

Ilikuwa kwa rekodi kwenye Bunge lililopita. Niliuliza swali nikaambiwa hatukuwa kwa rada. Hatukujulikana, hatukutambulika. Lakini Rais huyu amekuja kututambua. Hizo jamii zimepewa *titles* zao. Saa hii wana *title* miliki.

Mambo kama haya yangefanywa kutoka kitambo. Kutoka uhuru upatikane, shida za ardhi lamu hazingetokea. Lamu ilikuwa inaitwa *government land*. Yeyote akienda pale akishika ana haki kushika. Lakini kama ilikuwa kutoka wakati ule, nasi tungefanyiwa hivi, basi matatizo yote ya Lamu hayangetokea. Haya matatizo yote mpaka vita na mambo mengi kutokea Lamu, hizi hatua zingechukuliwa, basi hayo matatizo hayangetokea. Tunashukuru Mwenyezi Mungu amemleta Rais wetu na ameweza kutufanyia mambo haya. Mwenyezi Mungu akambariki, atuwekee Rais wetu.

Rais amelisema jambo lingine kwamba usawa ni sawa. Ama kwa hakika, hili linatupatia matumaini. Sio kusema tu. Anasema na kutenda kwa sababu sisi Lamu Mashariki tulikuwa hatuna hata inchi moja ya lami. Rais huyu ametuletea lami. Hivi ninavyokuambia, kwangu Lamu Mashariki mashini ya kukoroga lami *wametest*. Yanaanza kufanya kazi huko. Hakika Mungu akipenda, kabla ya Disemba, tutakuwa tushapata lami. Niambie watu wangu wa Lamu Mashariki: si kitu kama unaweza paka. Ni kitu cha kutayarisha. *Contractor* ametayarisha *earthwork*. Sasa karibu kabla mwaka wafunge, wataweka lami inshallah. Mashine iko pale.

Haya yote yamefanywa kwa sababu ya usawa ni sawa. Kusema kweli, Lamu Mashariki kufanya kazi ni ngumu. Lazima ukodishe meli nayo inakuja na pesa chungu nzima kuleta mashine, kokoto kutoka Kilifi na kuleta vifaa vingi ambavyo vinatakikana kutoka Mombasa na Kilifi. Lakini twamshukuru Rais wetu kwa sababu ya usawa ni sawa, amehakikisha liwe liwalo, Lamu Mashariki itapata lami. Sisi tunamuombea sana Mwenyezi Mungu amjalie. Vile kasaidia hawa wanyonge, naye atafanikiwa katika maisha yake.

Lingine ni upande wa vitambulisho. Vitambulisho. Haki ya Mungu, sisi tulikuwa tunaishi kama watu wa kiunga. Watu wa Lamu Mashariki, ilikuwa kutafuta kitambulisho,

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mpaka utafute *influence*. Yaani utafute viongozi. Saa hii amefanya kazi imekuwa rahisi. Vitambulisho ni rahisi kupatikana. Yaani hatutengwi na jamii zingine. Kama ni sheria iko, basi hiyo sheria iwe ya Wakenya wote. Sio sisi watu wa Lamu Mashariki tuwekewe vikwazo zaidi na wengine wasiwekewe vikwazo. Nataka mtindo huu huu uchukuliwe mpaka kwa *passport*. Haya mambo ya *vetting* kama ni hivyo, kila mtu afanyiwe *vetting*. Isiwe sisi ndio walengwa pekee yake.

Lingine ni upande wa elimu. Rais ameandika walimu wengi. Mfano ni kwangu Lamu Mashariki. Shule moja ambayo yaitwa Siyu Secondary School, ilikuwa imejengwa miaka zaidi ya kumi. Haikuwa na mwalimu wa *chemistry*. Wanafunzi walikuwa wanaambiwa hawana bidii. Mwanafunzi ataambiwa vipi hana bidii na kwamba sisi hatujachukua majukumu yetu? Lakini imeonekana kwa vitendo. Kutoka Rais aandike waalimu, akaandika mwalimu wa *chemistry* pale, na walimu wengine wa kutosha, mwaka wa 2022, ilitoka D mbili, D- saba na zingine ni E. Mwaka wa 2025, baada ya kupewa walimu wa kutosha, Siyu tumepata B moja, B- moja, C+ mbili na kwendelea. E imekuwa moja. Huko nyuma E zilikuwa ni nyingi. Hii inaonyesha kwamba, ukiandika walimu *performance* inakuwa nzuri. Mwanafunzi ataenda vipi akalie *subject* ambayo hana mwalimu? Kwa haya ametusaidia sana.

Hii inaonyesha kwamba tumekaliwa vibaya miaka mingi. Lamu ingepewa walimu kama sehemu zingine tungekuwa na watu wengi waliosoma lakini walitukanyaga sana. Tumetengwa kwa muda mpaka tuko vile tulivo. Ingawa tuna watu wasomi, mtu mwenyewe awe na *self-discipline* ang'ang'ane kivyake kujimudu. Hatukuwa na walimu wala barabara. Hii ilitukandamiza sana na kuturejesha nyuma katika mambo mengi. Lakini tunamshukuru Rais wetu kwa kutuandikia walimu na andelee hivyo ili ile mwanya iliyobaki imalizwe.

Nataka nizungumzie kituo cha kutia nanga za boti ambayo kwa lugha ya kimombo ni fish landing site. Rais wetu ametujengea hiso nanga Lamu West na ametupa matumaini kuwa Lamu Mashariki pia tutapata. Tunaomba amalize kujenga ya Kiunga na Mtangawanda ili watu wa Lamu West wafurahie. Mhe. Naubu wa Spika nataka kukomea hapa lakini kuna mengi ya kuzungumza. Rais ametuahidi mengi na kuna yale hajazungumzia kama Dangote, ambayo ni mradi mkubwa. Hivi sasa, Lamu inaheshimika. Hata Wabunge wenzangu wanaiheshimu zaidi siku hizi. Wananiambia, 'Mheshimiwa, niko na watano, usinisahau.' Tumeinuliwa na mwenyezi Mungu. Watu wa Lamu Mashariki walikuwa wanapata mgao mdogo wa National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) na National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) lakini saa hizi Mungu ametubariki. Tunapata Ksh2.2 trillion. *Net worth* ya watu wa Lamu imepanda. Yote ni kwa ajili ya Rais wetu mpendwa. Mungu akipenda, sisi wakaazi wa Lamu Mashariki tunasema *two term*. Mungu ainue Rais zaidi.

Asante, Mhe. Spika wa Muda.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the time being 4:59 p.m., the House stands adjourned until today, Thursday, 19th November 2026, at 5:20 p.m. We will be back here in the next 20 minutes until 8:30 p.m.

Thank you.

(The House rose at 4.59 p.m.)

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