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MOTIONS

Date 25th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Kajuju
Contribution She Made On: Approval of Report on Amendment to Standing Orders

- She rose to support the Motion and noted that all the legislation that had passed before the new constitutional dispensation was being amended to conform to the new constitutional dispensation. She pointed out that even though the Standing Orders had been drafted after the new Constitution, they did not take into account the fact that the House would have a wider membership.

- She added that there were 349 Members with different capacities that must be utilized in this House, it was important that rules were amended so that each and every Member gets an opportunity to serve the people of Kenya whom they were swore to serve when they sought the ticket to come to this House.

- She also commended the 15 men and women who sat in that Committee for they made a unanimous decision which was good and for working within the tight schedule and bringing the amendments to the House.

Date 25th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Muhia
Contribution she made on: Approval of Report on Amendment to Standing Orders

- She pointed out that the Member was misquoting the Leader of the Majority Party who belonged to the Jubilee Government. She maintained that the Leader of the Majority Party had a right to say that the Jubilee Government was going to appoint the Cabinet because he was part of it.

Date 25th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: Approval of Report on Amendment to Standing Orders

- She stated that as much as they were very many new Members, the reason as to why those of them who were older were exercising a lot of restraint, especially when hon. Members were giving their maiden speeches, she wondered whether it was in order for the speaker to guide Members even in their maiden speeches, which, out of decorum and practice, they cannot interrupt.
She pointed out that as Members they were still obligated to follow the rules of the House. If they do not know them, the Hon. Speaker needs to guide them; they should not use the opportunity they have to make their maiden speeches to abuse the rules of this House. She said

**Date 25th April 2013**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Korere**

**Contribution she made on:** Provision of Emergency Medical Care By Health Facilities

She took the opportunity to congratulate the Speaker and, the Deputy Speaker, for a record first round win. She also congratulated the Members of the Jubilee Coalition, specifically the URP Members, for through the numbers that they marshaled in the concluded election.

She acknowledged health care was a very pertinent issue therefore thanked Dr. Kibunguchy for clarifying as a medical doctor, what indeed, “emergency” meant. She went ahead to note that in this era and time, it was a shame and criminal for women to lose lives during child birth.

She further stated that it was not just enough to talk of waiving maternity fees. Where she came from, she gave as an example, and she was sure it was the case in many pastoral areas, medical facilities were not there and where they were there, they were just but mere buildings with not even things as simple as gloves.

So, when you take a pregnant woman there who is about to deliver, the nurse, given the medical condition and the rate of transmission of diseases during child birth, might just stare at that woman and wait for the Almighty God to do his work. She is not going to touch this woman without gloves.

She noted that despite the curative services, there was a need to talk about preventive measures. A healthy nation is a wealthy nation. About preventive services, we know that here in Kenya it is mandatory that new born babies are breastfed exclusively for the first six months. We are talking about giving our young ones laptops in Standard One. We want them to be sharp so that by the time they get to the age of being recruited by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), we will not have this hullabaloo of digital and analogue system failure.

It is a shame that in this country mothers are forced to part with their young ones as early as the third month because they must get back to work. What happens is that we lose a lot of working hours because the children keep getting colds and flu every now and then. Mothers have to seek permission to take their young ones to hospital and it is all because the children do not have enough immunity which is as a result of poor breastfeeding.
**Date 24th April 2013**
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Gure**
**Contribution she made on: Security Situation in Garissa**

- She reiterated her colleagues sentiments on Garissa and how it had changed from a once peaceful town to become ‘a little Mogadishu.’ She pointed out that things seemed to have changed after the Kenya Government decided to go to Kismayu.

- She went ahead to congratulate the President for giving them an opportunity to go there with the security agents. Saying that if that continues, the whole of northern Kenya, namely, Garissa, Wajir and Mandera.

**Date 24th April 2013**
**Member of Parliament: Hon. Muia**
**Contribution she made on: Security Situation in Garissa**

- She affirmed that four time last year Policemen and the locals there were killed and she does not understand what happens because whenever there is a serious issue in the country that is when you see all the Government systems going there instead of making arrangements to protect Kenyans.

**Date 24th April 2013**
**Member of Parliament: Hon. F.I Ali**
**Contribution she made on: Security Situation in Garissa**

- She pointed out that it was unfortunate that they were discussing the operation in Wajir this year because it always happened in northern Kenya. It seemed as if the Government of Kenya has not understood the complexities of those areas and the kind of security operation that goes on. She said.

- She reminded them that The Leader of the Majority Party had said that the State was committed to protecting life and property of Kenyans. Although the President was new the people who are carrying out the operation were not new.

- She also pointed out that the Inspector-General of Police sacked some security officers who were conniving or who were involved in the smuggling of sugar into the town. The impression he created was that the security officers were aware when a kilogram of sugar was brought to Garissa Town, but when a lorry full of arms came in, the security officials were not aware thus asked the inspector General to clarify that.
She urged her colleagues to be committed and attend all the sessions of the House as set out in the legislative calendar because they were out to pass very many Bill and by doing that they will show Kenyans that they are really reformists who are willing to transform from the current level of development to a higher level of development.

Date 24th April 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Mbarire  
Contribution she made on: Appointment of procedure and house rules committee

She started by thanking the, hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving her the opportunity to contribute to the Motion, and went ahead to thank the Selection Committee for finding it necessary to amend the Standing Orders so that they can have more Members belonging to least one Committee.

She further stated that it was important that they do not just look at the numbers or the membership of the Committees, but also look at the mandate given to each committee because some committees have broad mandate. It was important that new committees are formed, so that, at least, every Member of House belongs to a committee.

She also pointed out that certain Members kept appearing in committee lists every so often when others were not even in a single committee. It was important that before Members are nominated to second or third committees, it is ensured that every Member in this House belonged to a committee because most of the work of Parliament is not done on the Floor, thus good use of the brains in the house should be made.

Finally she reminded the committee that the Standing Orders state that Women Members in the House, to be given rightful roles in committees example some committees being chaired by women Members. This because many times in the history of Parliament, women are taken to the Catering Committee forgetting they are not here to cater for anybody, they were in the house to make serious laws and policies for the country.

Date 24th April 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Chepkwony  
Contribution she made on: Presidential Address

She thanked the President for establishing a fund for the women and the youth. But, mentioned that the fund was not enough because if the amount was to be divided among 47 counties every county would get 10 million and the number of youth or women in the constituencies is big. So, the money would only go to probably one project in every constituency but not to the individuals. She urged the President to add more money to the youth and women.
She also brought out the issue of forests and water where she said that despite having forests and water, the cost of electricity was still very high. She wondered why Kenya could not tap the water like Uganda does instead on concentrating on the big power generations on river Tana yet electricity can be produced in other areas.

Date 24th April 2013  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Mathenge  
Contribution she made on: Presidential Address

She acknowledged the ladies in the house and acknowledged the presence of a lady speaker. It is good to have a lady Speaker because she appreciates the ladies in the House. She claimed that she had stood at least 13 times when hon. Speaker was on the Chair but he did not dare notice her. Thus it was an indication that in the next Parliament, there was going to be a lady as the Speaker. She urged the current deputy speaker to do a good job, so that she becomes hon. Speaker of the Twelfth Parliament.

She went ahead to quote the President and asked Hon. Members to note the particular paragraph where he said “Today, we come together with a single purpose - that of promoting the welfare of Kenyans, protecting the rights of Kenyans and giving voice to the many and varied interests of our people.”

She pointed out that if people of Kenya took that into heart, Kenya would reach the next level. She believed that Kenya would be able to reach the levels of the Koreans and Singaporeans.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, the Presidential Address is a roadmap towards achieving Vision 2030, but we can only achieve Vision 2030 by doing a few things. One is by ensuring that we are food secure so that no child or woman goes to bed on an empty stomach. This is achievable. As I said, we are crying about the havoc that the rain has caused. In a few months’ time, we shall be crying for rain yet right now we are counting our losses. We should be able to teach our citizens how to harvest water, so that we can use it to make ourselves a food secure nation.

On the issue of maternal child care, she said, we also need to address a few basic issues. One of the issues being clean drinking water. She reminded those in the house who were born in the 1970s that they were promised by the year 2000, every household would have clean drinking water. Unfortunately, that objective has not been achieved. Therefore, we hope that within the next five years, this objective will be achieved.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, She said, in the 21st Century, you go to some parts of Kenya and find that people do not have even pit latrines. Those are basic things that we, as Members of Parliament, must ensure that our people have. We must also ensure that we have a clean and healthy environment. We must take care of our environment. If we take care of these three items, the wage bill on health will be reduced drastically.
We have had the issue of the Women Enterprise Development Fund and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund. Even as we look at women and the youth, let us also look at the men.

She further stated there was a Motion in the last Parliament which sought to create a men enterprise fund for those men who are vulnerable in our society. She assured Capt. Wambugu, who had brought that Motion, that they support it because they know that there are men who also need to be taken care of.

She noted that, on the issue of social protection, which they had done a pilot project on the elderly in 47 districts. There was need to roll out the project in the entire country, so that ageing parents can also benefit from the elderly fund and the fund for those living with disability.

Date 24th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Chidzuga
Contribution she made on: Presidential Address

She thanked the hon. deputy speaker for enabling her take part in the contribution of the Presidential address when he was opening parliament. She further thanked the President for waving the maternity fees for this will enable people in the coast province to give birth more.

On the issue of the laptops she asked who would teach the children to use laptops since there weren’t enough teachers.

On the issue of security was not a matter of just having many police officers, she expected the President to say how he was planning to deal with insecurity in the coast Region.

She said on the issue of agriculture the President has to first address the issues of title deeds so that people can own the lands.

Date 24th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaaban
Contribution she made on: Thanks For The Presidential Address

She started by congratulating the Hon. Deputy speaker then His Excellency the President on the well thought out Address during the inauguration the august House.

She praised the President for showing interest in equality which was deeply Port laid when he was the minister for finance was able to provide money for hiring teachers equally in all constituencies, hire nurses and ensure fish farming was introduced in all constituencies and also ensured there were fresh produce markets in all constituencies. It was therefore evident he was a President who was determined to ensure equality in the country.
Date 24th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. F. I. Ali
Contribution she made on: Presidential Address

- She started by thanking the people of Wajir for electing her to the eleventh parliament to represent them.

- She maintained that the Presidential address was powerful and motivating for she had taken audit of how the President used human rights and principles of human rights. Having gone through the Address, she admitted that the President had entrenched critical principles like participation, transparency, accountability, inclusiveness and specific targeting of groups, especially women the youth, persons with disabilities, breastfeeding mothers, pregnant women and other groups. Therefore, the President was very sensitive to human rights concerns of the various groups in Kenya, thus classifying the President as a human rights activist.

Date 24th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. Odhiambo
Contribution she made on: thanks for the Presidential address

- She was of the opinion that there were several hon. Members who wanted to contribute to the Motion before the House. Given that it was a new Parliament where most hon. Members were making their maiden appearances, It would be in order to call upon Hon. Deputy Speaker to use her discretion to extend the time by a further 30 minutes or one hour to enable hon. Members contribute.

Date 24th April 2013
Member of Parliament: Hon. A.W Ng’ang’a
Contribution she made on: Presidential Address

- She congratulated the Hon. Speaker and the deputy for being elected. She also thanked the people of Thika Town constituency for making it possible for her to be in the eleventh parliament and promised to work for them to her level best.

- She said President offered a transformative leadership in his speech which meant many changes though it was known that many people do not like change. That is why there was difficulty in people understanding what the President meant in his speech.

- She echoed what the President said about modernizing agriculture by saying the opportunity was given to the people, it would reduce congestion in town for people would undertake farming thus increasing self-employment.