COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Date 23rd July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Zipporah Kittony
Contribution She Made On: Visiting Delegation From Bungoma County Assembly

- She said the livestock industry in the country had really not got what it was supposed to get. She gave an example of Botswana where they get their export income from exporting their meat, and it was not a better country than Kenya for Kenya was exporting meat at some point but now it was limping because of corruption.
- She supported that motion saying it was a good motion because it dealt with counties acknowledging her colleagues from Bungoma County saying that they had the best livestock in Kenya. She went ahead to suggest that every county should have an abattoir to offer opportunities for young people, who are loitering on the streets.

Date 23rd July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Fatuma Dullo
Contribution She Made On: Visiting Delegation From Bungoma County Assembly

- She started by congratulating Sen. Lesuuda for bring to the house a very important motion. She said from her understanding of the particular Motion it was really important for the house to give an opportunity for the construction of the particular abattoirs in the areas simply because there were chunks of land that is not utilized.
- She said there was need to look at infrastructure in the areas because the roads were in pathetic conditions. She said having come from a pastoralist community the livestock were being managed for men since women and youth do not own livestock.
- She suggested that once the abattoirs are constructed women should also be introduced to running the business by so doing women will be empowered thus making them self-sustaining in terms of their livelihoods.
Date 23rd July 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. Martha Wangari  
Contribution She Made On: Visiting Delegation From Bungoma County Assembly

- She said having visited the motion movers’ county she could confirm that the meat was very nice and natural. She therefore said noting that one of the major challenges of the Jubilee Government was unemployment among the youths So, the building of the abattoirs would not only create employment but would make it very attractive for the face book generation of the country to be able to participate in the traditional industry that must be modernized to be at par with the dynamics of the world.
- In terms of the infrastructure especially in the marginalized counties she said there was need to interrogate what the counties were doing especially on the budgeting

Date 23rd July 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. Liza Chelule  
Contribution She Made On: Visiting Delegation From Bungoma County Assembly

- She said the motion was very important because it would improve the economic status of communities, create employment and give space for farmers to enjoy maximum proceeds through value addition.

Date 23rd July 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda  
Contribution She Made On: Visiting Delegation From Bungoma County Assembly

- She thanked all the senators who had supported her motion saying that if some counties do not enjoy the benefits of devolution then all senators will have failed.
**MOTIONS**

**Date 2 July, 2013**  
Member of Senate: Sen. Beatrice Elachi  
**Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster**

- She stated that they should relook at the National Youth Service (NYS) programme with the aim of bringing it back so that young people could go through it.
- She added that the young people should be the first to be tapped on to join the police and other government employment opportunities to encourage them to join NYS and to be patriotic to what they believe in.

**Date 2 July, 2013**  
Member of Senate: Sen. Judith Sijeny  
**Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster**

- She supported the Motion because of how things had gone from bad to worse in society, adding that insecurity begun from drug abuse. She pointed out that when the young men and women abuse alcohol and drugs the workforce within the country reduced.

**Date 2 July, 2013**  
Member of Senate: Sen. Emma Getrude  
**Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster**

- She stated that the curriculum on drug abuse should not begin at the university level but at the primary school level. She added that they as mothers should take appropriate measures to curb drug abuse.

**Date 3rd July, 2013**  
Member of Senate: Sen. Linet Nyakeriga  
**Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster**

- She stated that the illicit brew caused blindness, and that drug abuse affected the economy due to the huge amount of money used. She added that drug abuse also caused conflict within families.
Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Catherine Nobwola  
Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster

- She stood to support the Motion. She stated that they needed to go into the root cause of why people or youths resort to drugs. She mentioned that it was mainly because the youths were idle and were not engaged in gainful employment. She added that the problem needed to be tackled at county level.
- She suggested that rehabilitation centres should be established in every county to make it easier to rehabilitate the youths in order to help those who were already addicted to drugs.

Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani  
Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster

- She stated that Vision 2030 was not going to be a reality in terms of the social, economic and the political pillar when the youth could not go to school and stay in school and leading to a people who could not work and gainfully be employed because most of them were drunkards.

Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Daisy Kanainza  
Contribution She Made On: Declaration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse a National Disaster

- She begged to move that the Motion be amended by deleting all the words appearing immediately after the word “alcohol” in the sixth line and inserting the following words; “drugs and other substance abuse a national disaster”.

Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of One-Stop Public Compensation Claims Bureau

- She started by saying that there were various State and Government agencies that were in charge of paying out benefits, and they usually had a particular structure and process that was put into place. Unfortunately, most of the time, that process and structure was not transparent; it existed probably only in their websites.
She stated that there were various benefits such as retirement benefits, disability benefits, medical benefits, NSSF benefits as money that someone contributed knowing that at a particular time, they would need back that money, therefore, it was important that, that money was given at the right time, in the right way and with a lot of dignity to the person who had made that contribution.

She stated that it was very important to have it as a proactive benefit paying system rather than waiting for people to make claim for the benefits, she said that they should be more proactive and inform them that within a specified time, they should come and collect their benefits. She mentioned that they should also have a database of relatives.

Date 3rd July, 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro
Contribution she made on: Establishment of One-Stop Public Compensation Claims Bureau

She stated that it did not make sense to pay someone Kshs3,000, Kshs2,500 or even Kshs7,000 minus the transport expenses and accommodation when the person preferred to be given the opportunity to choose whether he/she wanted to be paid one time lump-sum amount which he/she could invest somewhere and find good use for.

She stated that they had to find a way of ensuring that those who had been listed as next of kin or beneficiaries in somebody's early life, was the right person. She suggested that these institutions should call upon the individuals from time to time to update their files.

Date 3rd July, 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Beth Mugo
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Security Road Networks

She stated that as a Government, both the national and county governments needed to have programmes to educate and teach people how to take care of their own security; she pointed out that the Governments alone could not handle all security matters if the people did not want to be secure or promote use of safe language that did not promote hatred.
Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Emma Getrude  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Security Road Networks

- She stated that the government should re-introduce the 999 emergency number to make reporting crime easier as it was easier to memorize than the numbers of the existing mobile operators.

Date 3rd July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Security Road Networks

- She stated that the Ministry of Information Communications and Technology should work with the network providers because if they had a network in the insecurity prone areas, then people would be able to send a signal and ask for rescue.
- She proposed that before anything was put up, they should first put up infrastructure. She stated that they should have roads, sewerage systems and other infrastructure before settlements came up to make areas more accessible.

Date 4th July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro:  
Contribution She Made On: Compensation for Community Displaced by Turkwel Gorge Dam

- She supported the Motion in the spirit of allowing host communities of natural resources to benefit from the resources that they had always taken care of and were part of.
- She added that the host community, that had suffered displacement and lack of the benefit of what they were usually endowed with, like grazing land for their cattle, should be compensated in such a way that they would feel part and parcel of the project.

Date 4th July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Beatrice Elachi  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Irrigation Schemes in ASAL Areas

- She said that most of their lands were owned by absentee land lords causing most of the residents not to be keen on farming. She therefore urged the government to help the residents to get back the land and provide them with seeds to enable them to plant crops.
Date 9th July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Fatuma Dullo  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Livestock Disease Free Zones in ASAL Areas

- She stood to support the Motion. She pointed out that though there were legislation and policies for many years, the pastoral areas or the livestock Industry had been forgotten. She stated that improving livestock markets was important as it would create jobs for the youth and also the people living in pastoral areas.
- She stated that the international market was actually not penetrated or accessed by the pastoralist communities, in that people coming from other countries or people who were not even pastoralists themselves accessed the international markets, yet the pastoralists themselves did not even know that, international markets existed.

Date 10th July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro  
Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Livestock Disease Free Zones in ASAL Areas

- She suggested that they should not only create Livestock Disease Free Zones in pastoralist counties, but in all the counties since every county was able to support livestock of any kind.
- She also stated that the Government should ensure that farmers had access to finance, basic education on how to improve the number of their flock and basic infrastructure such as roads, dips and wells.

Date 10th July, 2013  
Member of Senate: Hon. Sen. Wangari  
Contribution she made on: Establishment of Livestock Disease Free Zones in ASAL Areas

- She supported the Motion. She stated that one major objective of zoning was to improve the quality of livestock products and make them very competitive.
- She stated that there was need to look at and examine what the Ministry was already doing, so that they were able to synchronize their efforts with what was already going on.
Date 10th July, 2013
Member of Senate: Hon. Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani
Contribution she made on: Establishment of Select Committee on Harambees

➢ She agreed that harambee was important and very critical; unfortunately, the notion of harambee had been taken only in terms of monetary contributions. She stated that the Public Officer Ethics Act had outlawed personal involvement of public officers in organizing harambee’s.

Date 10th July, 2013
Member of Senate: Hon. Sen. Janet Ong’era
Contribution she made on: Establishment of Select Committee on Harambees

➢ She proposed an amendment to the Motion under Standing Order No.52. The amendment read as follows. That the Motion be amended as follows:
  a) By deleting the name of Sen. G. G. Kariuki and inserting in place thereof the name of Zipporah Kittony.
➢ She proposed the amendment because by adding those names, they would have ensured that they have a balance in terms of gender and well balanced in the proposal; she added that this would ensure that they had a bipartisan approach to the Motion, so that it would not be defeated in the House.
➢ She requested Sen. Joy Gwendo to second the amendment to this Motion.

Date 10th July, 2013
Member of Senate: Hon. Sen. Judith Sijeny
Contribution she made on: Establishment of Select Committee on Harambees

➢ She supported the amendment because it would help Kenyans live a comfortable life, come up with development and assist, especially the people who were less privileged.
➢ She stated that the Committee proposed would bring in a diversity of experiences, expertise and knowledge in all fields. She stated that the Bill would create ways of regularizing the spirit of harambee, which as had been stated before but had been abused by others.
Date 11th July, 2013
Member of Senate: Hon. Sen. Beatrice Elachi  
Contribution she made on: Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

She begged to move the following Motion:-

- THAT unemployment is one of the major causes of insecurity and moral decadence in the country; noting with concern that the youth, who were the backbone of our society, were the most affected and that as a result, many of them had become disillusioned and hopeless; noting further that assisting the youth to access employment would contribute towards the attainment of economic and social rights enshrined in Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya; aware that Section 13 of the National Youth Service Act, Cap 208, Laws of Kenya, vested power in the Minister responsible for the Service to divide the Service into branches, units and sub-units from time to time; the Senate urges the national Government to take measures to establish National Youth Service outlets in all counties where the youth who had completed secondary level of education and who may wish to enroll for courses offered by the Service could enroll and acquire necessary skills and further that graduates from the Service be given the first priority whenever the two levels of government recruit in areas where the graduates are qualified to serve.

Date 11th July 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Emma Getrude  
Contribution she made on: Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

- She stated that the motion was targeting the poor children; she stated that many times people have been recruited to the army yet their youth have failed to be chosen among them.

Date 11th July 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Daisy Kanainza  
Contribution she made on: Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

- She quoted Article 55 of the Constitution as follows:-
  “The State shall take measures including affirmative action programmes to ensure that the youth;
  (a) Access relevant education and training---
  (b) To access employment.”
She added that the service would create employment for the youth and increase the level of discipline among them.

**Date 11th July 2013**  
**Member of Senate: Sen. Beth Mugo**  
**Contribution she made on:** Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

- She rose to support the Motion. She stated the foundation of any nation was its youth. She pointed out that they could never realize sustainable development unless they train and model the youths.
- She stated that in order for the youths to be utilized properly, there was need to instill discipline and train them and do capacity building. She added that this was where the NYS could give a lot of support.

**Date 16th July 2013**  
**Member of Senate: Sen. Beth Mugo**  
**Contribution she made on:** Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

- She stated that, one of the things that troubled the youth stemmed from the family, which was the primary unit that raised the youngsters in the country. She pointed out that many youth came from broken families and were exposed to drunkenness, drug abuse and lack of self-esteem.
- She stated that the situation was made worse by an educational system that was formal rather than informal in certain aspects.
- She stated that there should be a total mindset change, so that they could begin looking at technical skills, blue-collar jobs and agriculture, because that was where industries could develop from. She added that they should encourage the youth to move to technical training rather than formal education.

**Date 23rd July 2013**  
**Member of Parliament: Sen. (Dr.) Zani**  
**Contribution She Made On:** Setting Up Of Modern Abattoirs By County Governments

- She agreed with Sen. (Dr.) Machage that livestock was found everywhere in the country, but by going by Sen. Lesuuda's figures; they showed that for pastoralist areas, a little bit of more effort needed to be put in because it had been a neglected sector especially among pastoralists. It could be something that was historical or it could be the difficulty that social scientists had faced.
in understanding pastoralist and what it meant, the migration patterns and coming up with development agenda that were going to work for them.

- She said some statistics gave the Kenyan livestock contribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at about 10 per cent and 42 per cent of total agricultural output which was very commendable. She emphasized that the earnings from foreign exchange were mainly from export of live animals, skins and hides, and that was why Sen. Lesuuda talked about the importance of value addition.

- In terms of employment she said more than 60 per cent of livestock was found in arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL) and employs 90 per cent of the total population in the areas. Therefore, this had to be encouraged among the arid and semi-arid areas.

- She therefore said for there to be a change in policy, commitment needed to be put into place and Sen. Lesuuda’s idea that abattoirs be put in every county was very noble.
MOTION

Date 23rd July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Martha Wangari
Contribution She Made On: Provision Of Computers And ICT Training To Members Of County Assemblies

➢ She said every county had something special to show that came from the area on opportunities therefore, this could be enhanced by making sure that the opportunities were put online. She congratulated the counties that already had the website working.
➢ She said the role of the MCA or waheshimiwa, as they were called now days, were really widened For instance the Information Communication Technology (ICT) could make it very easy because when something was posted on the website or even the social media, the MCA could get the information. Still the MCA could access something on Twitter before it even hit the mainstream media. This she said would enable them in operationalizing and the implementation of Article 35, which states clearly that every citizen has the right to information and therefore, that right must be protected by everyone from the county assemblies to the Senate, to ensure that public participation, which is enshrined in the Constitution, is enhanced

Date 23rd July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Gwendo
Contribution She Made On: Provision Of Computers And ICT Training To Members Of County Assemblies

➢ She started by quoting Neil Turner to support the digital era “Future generations will thank us for the fight we are undertaking to promote ICT and ensure we have a world class workforce who can compete in a digital world.”
➢ She said if there was to be a healthy competition in the in the digital world then the county Governments couldn’t afford to be left behind
➢ She said that there was need to support the media so that they work hand in hand with the county Government to help people access information

Date 24th July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Liza Chelule
Contribution She Made On: Compensation Of Communities Affected By Perennial Flooding In Tana Delta

➢ She said majority of the members came from communities where cultural values were decaying and there was need to do something about it, as
leaders and parents. Knowing too well to that there were cultural values that could be harmonized with the Christian way of life. This would promote and instill good values among children. She said there were many parents who were not conversant with traditional proverbs or saying that are of help in the daily lives therefore, children should not be left to emulate the Western culture. It was therefore important to have resource centers at the county or constituencies where old people could teach the young children the valuable cultures.

Date 23rd July 2013
Member of Parliament: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda
Contribution She Made On: Setting Up Of Modern Abattoirs By County Governments

➢ She moved the Motion in an amended version, after receiving approval:-

THAT, aware that the pastoralist areas account for the largest proportion of livestock production in Kenya estimated to consist of 81 per cent indigenous cattle, 92 per cent of sheep, 93 per cent of goats, and 99 per cent of camels; further aware that livestock is the economic mainstay and source of livelihood for the populations in these areas; noting that it has potential to reduce unemployment, especially among the youth by supporting livestock based industries; concerned that this economic potential in production remains untapped while the areas continue to lag behind other parts of the country in development; recognizing the renewed Government commitment to transform livestock production; cognizant that livestock products enjoy an insatiable market both locally and abroad; further aware that value addition would enhance marketability and returns from livestock; the Senate urges the respective County Governments to prioritize and urgently set up modern abattoirs and related facilities to stimulate livestock production and business.

➢ She urged the respective county governments and not really the national Government because under Schedule Four it was clear that the function of agriculture, especially abattoirs, was the function of the county governments.

➢ She urged the County Government of Isiolo and even the neighboring counties to fast track the opening up of the abattoir that were started by former president for they would serve the people of that county and its environs, secondly, she said they would create employment for the young people because once the factories were in place, the young people who had been herding the cows for the longest time and not noticing their value, would, finally, get to know that what there were herding is something that can be of economic value.
Date 23rd July 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. Emma Mbura  
Contribution She Made On: Setting Up Of Modern Abattoirs By County Governments

- She said it was obvious that Kenyans favorite food was meat and apart from meat animals also had very valuable products like hooves skin which could be used to generate income.
- She also suggested that roads that are in the pastoralists areas be constructed to facilitate easier transporting of the animals; she also suggested that the slaughters be constructed not very far from the pastoralists so that animals do not have to be transported for long distances.

Date 23rd July 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani  
Contribution She Made On: Setting Up Of Modern Abattoirs By County Governments

- She agreed with Sen. (Dr.) Machage that livestock was found everywhere in the country, but by going by Sen. Lesuuda’s figures, they showed that for pastoralist areas, a little bit of more effort needed to be put in because it had been a neglected sector especially among pastoralists. It could be something that was historical or it could be the difficulty that social scientists had faced in understanding pastoralist and what it meant, the migration patterns and coming up with development agenda that were going to work for them.
- She said some statistics gave the Kenyan livestock contribution of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at about 10 per cent and 42 per cent of total agricultural output which was very commendable. She emphasized that the earnings from foreign exchange were mainly from export of live animals, skins and hides, and that was why Sen. Lesuuda talked about the importance of value addition.
- In terms of employment she said more than 60 per cent of livestock was found in arid and semi arid lands (ASAL) and employs 90 per cent of the total population in the areas. Therefore, this had to be encouraged among the arid and semi-arid areas.
- She therefore said for there to be a change in policy, commitment needed to be put into place and Sen. Lesuuda’s idea that abattoirs be put in every county was very noble.
Date 27th June 2013  
Member of Parliament: Sen. Janet Ong’era  
Contribution she made On: The County allocation of Revenue Bill

- She brought to the attention of the house that there was a person with disability, Sen. Linet who could not read or follow the proceedings because she had not been provided with the Bill in Braille. She said it was bad for she had not been able to read the order paper since the start of the house.
- She said it was not the tyranny of numbers or the might of the stoke of the pen that determines real wisdom, wisdom could be exercised by the senate in debating and allocating funds through the bill for the senate’s represents the aspirations of the people in the counties and by doing so it would be showing really it is the mother and father of the babies it is nurturing which is devolution.
- She said the house supported the allocation of revenue through this Bill, hoping the money would not be misused and it would be used by the county government to provide services especially in agriculture, health services and infrastructure, better programmes that dealt with early childhood learning and exploration and exploitation of natural resources.
- She said the Government had been in the habit of putting hidden budgets in their allocations which only supports issues that are political. She therefore, requested other members to be very prudent so that they know what the Kshs43.9 billion on the additional conditional allocations was being given for it had not even approved by the Commission for Revenue Allocation (CRA).
- She also asked whether the Senator for Kirinyaga was in order to tell the House that the Government had given an incentive to counties to generate revenue and denied marginalized counties while he knew that the Bill that was being debated on had given very new allocations.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Date 3rd July, 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Emma Gertrude
Contribution she made on: Restoration of Kenya’s Competitiveness Through Expansion and Modernization of Infrastructure

- She begged to give Notice of the following Motion:-
  THAT, acknowledging that a key pillar of Kenya’s economy included the provision of an outlet to the sea for many landlocked countries; recognizing that most of these countries were forced to rely on the extremely inefficient Port of Mombasa and Kenya’s poor road and rail systems for lack of an alternative; deeply concerned that several countries in the sub-region were seeking alternative routes to the sea for export and import of their goods; noting that the railway network had literally collapsed leading to heavy road traffic congestion, rapid wear and tear and increase in accidents on the roads as bulk of cargo was transported by road. The Senate had therefore resolved that the National Government prioritized the restoration of Kenya’s competitiveness through the expansion and modernization of the Port of Mombasa, the overhaul of the Kenya-Uganda Railway to a modern standard gauge line, and commenced the construction of the Lamu Port-South Sudan-Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor project and eliminated corruption in the sector.

Date 10th July, 2013
Member of Senate: Sen. Beatrice Elachi
Contribution she made on: Establishment of National Youth Service Outlets in All Counties

- She begged to give notice of the following Motion:-
  THAT unemployment was one of the major causes of insecurity and moral decadence in the country; noting with concern that the youth, who were the backbone of the society, were the most affected and that as a result many of them had become disillusioned and hopeless; noting further that assisting the youth to access employment would contribute towards the attainment of economic and social rights enshrined in Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya; aware that Section 13 of the National Youth Service Act, Cap. 208, Laws of Kenya, vested power in the Minister responsible for the Service to divide the Service into branches, units and sub-units from time to time; the Senate therefore urged the National Government to take measures to establish National Youth Service outlets in all counties where the youth who had completed secondary level of education and who wished to enroll for courses offered by the Service could enroll and acquire necessary skills and
further that graduates from the Service be given the first priority whenever the two levels of Government recruit in areas where the graduates were qualified to serve.

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