STATE OPENING- PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Date: 21st April 2009

Members of parliament: Hon. Kenneth Marende (speaker)

Legislation: (state opening)

*Before parliament went on recess they accomplished the following:*

- Parliament passed the constitution review (amendment) act of 2008 hence a committee of experts on the constitution review was established and is now at work.
- An interim electoral commission of Kenya was established
- Establishment of the truth, justice and reconciliation commission
- The national cohesion and integration act of 2008 was passed hence establishing a national cohesion and integration commission
- Adoption of the new standing orders

*It will now focus on achieving:*

- To complete the establishment of the independent interim electoral commission (IIEC)
- The truth, justice and reconciliation commission was established and the members are currently being recruited so that they can start working in a few weeks
- The national cohesion and integration commission is expected to start working in two months time
- The government to expand consultations with a view to re-formulating the establishment of a local tribunal to try the perpetrators of post election violence
The government to address issues of central importance that include: land ownership and use, poverty, equitable development, unemployment and food security as a matter of urgency.

The government will establish the following to curb the issue of unemployment among the youth: the establishment of special economic zones along strategic transport corridors in the key cities and towns and establishing of the new northern transport and development corridor together with construction of the second port at Lamu.

Date: 21st April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Mwai Kibaki (President)

Legislation: State Opening

Bills to be tabled

- Land policy and consolidated land bill
- Social protection bill
- Children (amendment) bill
- National youth council bill
- Sports bill
- Technical institutes and vocational educational bill
- Higher education bill
- National health insurance fund (amendment) bill
- Public health bill
- Judicial service bill
- Small claims court bill
- Law reform bill
- Legal education and council for legal education bill
- Local government (amendment) bill
- Consolidated regional development authorities bill
- Policies to be adopted and presented to the house
- Integrated transport policy
- Trade policy
- Industrialization policy
- Business incubation and technology parks policy
- Food security and nutrition policy
- Cooperative development policy
Arid and semi-arid lands development policy
Wildlife policy
Tourism policy
Land policy
Science, technology and innovation policy
Livestock development policy
Policy on older persons and aging
Persons with disability policy
Health sector policy

Veterinarian and pharmaceutical drugs policy
Traditional medicine and medicinal plants policy
National fire policy
National disaster policy
National alcohol policy
National human rights policy
Legal education policy
Kenya foreign policy
Kenyans in diaspora policy

Failures
With regard to the Waki commission, the bill to establish the special tribunal failed to pass
MOTIONS

Date: 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka

Motion He Introduced: Appointment on House Business Committee

He said that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.158 the following be appointed as Members of the House Business Committee:

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Date: 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Beth Mugo

Contribution she made on: Appointment on House Business Committee

- She opposed the list and stated that its part of democracy to have equitable representation. That it was part of the government’s policy to ensure that 30\% of any institution is women.
- Out of the 21 members there were only 4 women which showed that Kenyan women were not only being ridiculed but showed a nation that had been
left behind by other nations in the world in as far as democracy and respect for women was concerned.

- She said that the leaders of the parties who had made the list and forwarded it to the House should account to women of this nation and other marginalized groups on why they kept on with that trend.
- She stated that they must put their actions where their mouth was!

**Date: 22nd April 2009**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua**

**Contribution she made on: Appointment of House Business Committee**

- She asked, what gave the Kibaki side of the Coalition, because it could no longer be called PNU, because PNU was a political party, numbers to be able to merit 50 per cent of that Committee, equal to ODM when there were many parties that were in it?
- She went on to say that the list that had been read was a demonstration of strong arm tactics that were employed by the Kibaki side of the coalition. She gave an example that she was the party leader of NARC-Kenya and its known yet they were blind to it.
- She stated that this type of behavior was unacceptable.
- There was no consultation.
- NARC-Kenya had more than 12 members. They merited a slot as of right and not by begging.
- If the coalition government carried on with that behavior, how did they expect to carry out the agenda that they were talking about
- She reminded the House that when they were doing the Select Committee on the Constitution, they had to shoot down the list. She was on the Government side and she was the Deputy Leader of Government Business then but she had to stand and contradict the Vice-President who was the Leader of Government when he claimed that the list had been negotiated.
Date: 22nd April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Charity Ngilu

Legislation She Contributed To: Appointment of House Business Committee

- She mentioned that she had opposed the appointment of members of house business committee in 2008, whereby the leader of government business has said that the members should remain as they are but they would take into account the position that they would have more women.
- She said that the parties should go back and make sure that there were more women in that committee.
- That there should be eight women and not four in the committee.

Date: 28th April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka

Motion He Introduced: Appointment of House Business Committee

He said that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.158, the following were to be appointed as Members of the House Business Committee:-

1. Hon. Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, MP
2. Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, MP
3. Hon. Kiraitu Murungi, MP
4. Hon. Shakila Abdalla, MP
5. Hon. Esther Murugi, MP
6. Hon. (Prof.) George Saitoti, MP
7. Hon. Mutula Kilonzo, MP
8. Hon. Moses Wetangula, MP
9. Hon. Adan Keynan, MP
10. Hon. George Thuo, MP
11. Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, MP
12. Hon. William Ruto, MP
13. Hon. (Prof.) Anyang’-Ny’ong’o, MP
14. Hon. Charity Ngilu, MP
15. Hon. Henry Kosgey, MP
16. Hon. (Dr.) Sally Kosgeti, MP
17. Hon. Mohamud Maalim Mohamed, MP
18. Hon. Francis Chachu Ganya, MP
19. Hon. Thomas Lidindi Mwadeghu, MP
20. Hon. Robert Monda, MP
21. Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo, MP
Date: 28th April 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. George Thuo

Motion That He Introduced: Amendment to Membership of House Business Committee

He begged to move the motion that the following names be deleted

1. Hon. Kiraitu Murungi, MP
2. Hon. Shakila Abdalla, MP
3. Hon. Esther Murugi, MP
4. Hon. Moses Wetangula, MP
5. Hon. (Prof) Anyang’-Nyong’o, MP
6. Hon. Henry Kosgey, MP

and be substituted in place, thereof, the following names:-

1. Hon. Beth Mugo, MP
2. Hon. Martha Karua, MP
3. Hon. Bonny Khalwale, MP
4. Hon. Musikari Kombo, MP
5. Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso, MP
6. Hon. Raila Odinga, MP

Date: 28th April 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Racheal Shebesh

Contribution She Made On: Amendment to Membership of House Business Committee

➢ She said that the main point she wanted to bring forward was the inclusion of women in the list and the reason the house had to adjourn to include women
➢ She stated that it was time that the issue of women being represented in all the committees to be taken seriously
She insisted that it was about time when it did not look that the issue of inclusion of women in committees did not look like they were being done for a favor.

That it was imperative for the House to note that the inclusion of women was part and parcel of the policies in most of the party manifestos that had been registered with the Registrar of Political Parties.

She thanked the speaker for restoring the faith of Kenyans in the house.

She further said that the glue that holds the coalition government together was not the two principals but a speaker who was willing to see far and save the country hence the coalition would work.

Date: 28th April 2008
Member of Parliament: Hon. Charity Ngilu
Motion She Contributed On: Amendment to Membership of House Business Committee

She stood to support the motion.

She went on to quote someone who had said that they were not ready for an election, but in the event they found that they were not able to talk to each other, there would be need for them to conclude the issue of the IIEC, approve it and go for the general election because Kenyans were tired of what was happening like corruption going unchecked, leaders not talking to each other one on one but in public funerals and rallies.

She said that it was a high time that they took the mantle of leadership and ensured that they did what was right for the country.

Date: 28th April 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Kenneth Marende
Ruling He Made On The Motion: Amendment To Membership Of House Business Committee
He said that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.158, the following were appointed as members of the House Business Committee:

- Hon. Stephen Kalonzo, MP
- Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, MP
- Hon. Bett Mugo, MP
- Hon. (Prof.) George Saitoti, MP
- Hon. Mutula Kilonzo, MP
- Hon. Martha Karua, MP
- Hon. (Dr.) Bonny Khalwale, MP
- Hon. Adan Keynan, MP
- Hon. Musikari Kombo, MP
- Hon. George Thuo, MP
- Hon. Raila Odinga, MP
- Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, MP
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- Hon. (Dr.) Sally Kosgey, MP
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- Hon. Francis Chachu Ganya, MP
- Hon. Thomas Ludindi Mwadeghu, MP
- Hon. (Dr.) Robert Monda, MP
- Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo, MP

Date: 29th April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua

Contribution She Made On: Thanks for the Presidential Address

- She said that she supported the motion with reservations
- She said that the presidential speech on exposition of policy was okay on the issue of reforms and that it merely flirted with judicial reforms
- The President had said that more money would be allocated to the Judiciary and also more judges and magistrates would be hired. Reforms in the Judiciary were not about money and increased personnel.
- Judicial reforms were about the manner in which the Judiciary was run and duties were performed.
- She stated that it was possible to have indicators that measure quality and quantity of the work of judicial officers hence making every judge and
magistrate accountable to public for the work they do and that this did not need constitutional review

- A vetting committee could be used to monitor the judicial; staff
- She said that it was wrong to use reform language while continuing to appoint people implicated in graft, even those had recently stepped down from parastatals because of graft
- The government ought to take up its duties seriously and ensure that there were reforms in the judiciary and also the police force; which need not await constitutional review
- It was not possible to form police authority without constitutional review but certain changes could be made which would pave way for reform
- They could not continue with wanton violation of human rights of Kenyans by sections of the police force without doing something about it. She gave an example of the recent killings in her home district Kirinyaga and in parts of Nyeri
- She stated that there was nothing in the law that permitted the police officer to become executioners. That they were supposed to apprehend suspects and take them before a court of law
- Crime cannot be fought with crime without eliciting the kind of reaction that had been seen’ a cycle of violence
- They had to become active leaders in talking to the community and the people to ensure that they all abided by the law and found solutions to the many social problems that may lure our youth to wayward matters.
- She said that the president’s speech fell short on issues of corruption.
- That it was idle to talk of Vision 2030 without showing that bold steps are being taken to fight corruption e.g. the maize and Kshs. 7 billion oil scams
- She asked how they would cushion the poor if they legitimized irregular practices. Although the policy was good on paper, the fight against corruption was long abandoned by the Coalition Government
Date: 29th April 2009  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta  
Motion He Introduced: Approval of Supplementary Estimates (Recurrent and Development) 2008/2009  
He moved a motion that:

- A sum not exceeding Kshs16,355,411,140 be granted from the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2009, in respect of Supplementary estimates of 2008/2009 Financial Year (Recurrent) having regard to the proposed reduction of Kshs15,633,315,630 therein appearing;
- A sum not exceeding Kshs9,895,900,650 be granted from the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure during the year ending 30th June, 2009, in respect of Supplementary estimates of 2008/09 Financial Year (Development) having regard to the proposed reduction of Kshs11,695,894,670 therein appearing.
- He said that his Excellency the President had given his consent to this Motion.

Date: 29th April 2009  
Member of Parliament: Hon. Dr. Joyce Laboso  
Contribution She Made On the Motion: Approval of Supplementary Estimates (Recurrent and Development) 2008/2009

- She stated that she supported the motion
- That the budgeting process should be made more people friendly such that when numbers are tabled they are aware as to how they were arrived at
- She gave an example of; if there was a gender responsive budget each of the different groups in the country would be targeted. That way they would, for example, know the needs of women in Kenya thus budget for
them appropriately and those of men too. This would ensure that young men and women were covered.

- That they wanted a pro-poor budget ye a lot of the money budgeted did not reach the poor
- All the scandals heard happen there because all the money they supply is held in one kitty
- They needed to embark on the constitutional review process so that they could devolve the funds
- She gave an example of her constituency whereby money goes to yet women were still being carried to hospitals in wheel barrows and when they get there they are told that there is no medicine and when they get medicine there is no medical attendant to attend to them
- She said that the constituency development fund model could be used to devolve funds even if 20% of the funds had to go to constituencies.

Date: 29th April 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Beth Mugo

Contribution She Made On the Motion: Approval of Supplementary Estimates (Recurrent and Development) 2008/2009

- She commended the ministry for its good work which had led to the establishment of the free primary education; they had also managed to pay for health, subsidized secondary education and infrastructure, at a level which had not been seen in this country for a long time
- She stated that it was a sad day for Kenyans when they see themselves go back to a time when they used to depend on donor funding
- She implored the minister of finance that there were certain areas where if enough money was not given, the country could not develop such as: health, education, infrastructure, food security and water
- She gave an example of the swine flu that had broken out in Mexico hence the Kenyan government was trying to put surveillance mechanisms to be
alert to keep the disease out of the Kenyan borders hence this required upgrading of equipment and resources.

Date: 30th April 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Adbikadir
Motion He Introduced On: Approval of PSC Recommendations on Chair/Members of IIEC

He said that pursuant to Section 41(3) of the Constitution of Kenya, this House approved the recommendations on the Chair and members of the Interim Independent Electoral commission contained in the Report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Review of the Constitution laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2009.

After a period of consultation and taking into account the reservations voiced by the house about the members short listed, they had come up with the following new list:

1. Mr. Ahmed Issak Hasan - Chairman
2. Mr. Douglas Mwashigadi - Member
3. Ms. Tiya Galgalo - Member
4. Ms. Hamara Ibrahim - Member
5. Mr. Kenneth Nyaudi - Member
6. Dr. Yusuf Nzibo - Member
7. Ms. W. Wacheke Guchu - Member
8. Mr. Davis Chirchir - Member
9. Mr. Simiyu Alfred Wasike - Member