BILLS

1. Equal opportunities bill
It was introduced on 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2009 in parliament by Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka

2. Psychological Practitioners Bill
This bill was introduced on 21\textsuperscript{st} January 2008 by Hon. Lekuton to make provisions for training, registration and licensing of psychological practitioners to regulate their practice and standards and to ensure their participation in matters relating to guidance, counseling and to provide services to the community and for matters incidental thereto and connected therewith.
MOTION

Date: 20th January 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua
Legislation: Motions for adjournment under standing order no.20- Congratulations to President Obama on his inauguration

She asked the members what lesson they drew from Barrack Obama's inauguration that day. She answered that it was that they should not just sit and mourn about the situation in the country instead they should rise up and act.

She said that while they may lament about the top leadership, what were they as Members of Parliament and national leaders, doing? They were supposed to be the watchdog on behalf of the people.

She asked if Parliament was playing its role today as a watchdog. And if it was, how come it was taking them so long to discover when things were going wrong?

She insisted that they had a situation like no other that was the Grand Coalition Government that had effectively robbed Parliament of an official opposition. However, they could still work as they were to make sure that things came to light. They could only do so if parliamentarians, and especially the Back Bench were themselves like Caesar’s wife, that was, above reproach. If Members of Parliament and those in Government colluded to do things that were wrong, for example, a scam, then, obviously, there was nobody left as a watchdog.

Date: 20th January 2009
Member of Parliament: Hon. Racheal Shebesh
Legislation: Motions for adjournment under standing order no.20- Congratulations to President Obama on his inauguration

She said that for her, if the President of Kenya does not inspire hope in her, then she is doomed. If the Prime Minister does not inspire hope in her, she is doomed. If the leadership in the 10th Parliament does not inspire hope in her, then she was doomed as a young person
and woman. For her, Barack Obama is a leader who shows community - he shows a Government for the people by the people and with the people. The Kenyan Government now is showing a Government for a selected few men.

- She further said that, “No women! Men!” It was because if they were in a Grand Coalition Government that wants to inspire hope, there were 52 per cent women and 75 per cent young people, yet they sat and cobbled together a 12-man team to say that it was going to give hope to the country. She asked, “Which hope? Who are they reflecting? Are they reflecting the Kenyan society?”

- She went on to explain that it reflected the real problem that the Grand Coalition had become. It had become a club of a few men, which she thought was outlawed in the country. Even clubs where they never used to allow women, now they could go in. So, how was it that the Grand Coalition could now be led by a club of men?

- She said that she was tired of being angry and bitter because 2009 for her could not be about anger and bitterness. It had to be a year that she can give an answer to the constituency that brought her to Parliament, that is, the women, young people and people with disabilities.

- She asked the Deputy Speaker to answer her if you the government was committed, as a Government to women, can it do what Barack Obama did with Hillary Clinton? “Why must we see Hon. Martha Karua and Hon. Sally Kosgey as enemies? Is it because they are strong women? Why can you not see them as allies?”

- Finally she said that they were simply trying to do what the rest did when they brought multiparty… trying to bring sanity back to the country. She urged the members to allow them (young turks), without having to label them as traitors with their ethnicity, to do what young people know to do. If women wanted to cry, to be allowed to do so. She reminded the members that she had cried on the floor some time back, but for some reason it was like she had made the biggest mistake. She was a woman and she cries at home, she said. If she went to the floor and had something that really hurting her, she urged to be allowed to cry since that was what women did. She then asked if they could see society reflected in the Government
Date: 21st January 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Beth Mugo

Legislation: Nation Wide Teachers Strike

- She said that they had been taught by a teacher and that teachers are as important as mothers.
- In addition, she said that teachers are the most important people that one cannot do without and she begged to support the motion.

Date: 27th January 2007

Member of Parliament: Hon. Martha Karua

Legislation: Adoption of the Commission of Inquiry into Post Election Violence report (CIPEV)

- She begged to move this motion that the House adopts the report on CIPEV tabled in parliament on 4th December 2008.
- She said that if a nation failed to address crimes against humanity, issues of gross human rights violation and genocide, the international community was entitled, on their motion, through the International Criminal Court, to start investigations, and to indict anyone found to have committed these offences.
- She insisted that change must come and no would be spared.
- She mentioned that parliament had passed the International Crimes bill which was one of the things that had been recommended by Justice Waki’s Commission. Furthermore she appreciated the fact that the Witness Protection Act was already operational.
- Hon. Karua also said that the Members had a duty to ensure that the Freedom of Information bill was enacted.
Finally she said that impunity impacted on everything including security. That when offenders were not punished, they repeatedly regrouped and committed worse atrocities than they had committed before. Therefore parliament had a duty to end impunity by passing the Special Tribunal relating to election violence and also moving to pass other legislations that would help end impunity in other areas.

Date: 27th January 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Rachael Shebesh

Legislation: Adoption of the Commission of Inquiry into Post Election Violence report

She said that what had touched her in the Waki report was the issue of sexual violence that touched her as both a woman Member of Parliament and a mother.

She told the members that at times they should all be ashamed because they at times spoke like they were not mothers and fathers.

She said that to her the Waki report clearly stated the kind of sexual violence perpetrated on women and young children by police officers. The police had been identified and it was on record that they had terrorized women at night in the Internally Displaced Persons’ camps in the name of going to save them.

She further said that it was sad that humanitarian agencies had taken advantage of women, in that they had to give sexual favors in exchange for food to feed their families within the IDP camps.

Speaking as a member of the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association, she said that for them it did not matter what political party they belonged, since they had seen that political parties did not add any value and substance to the issue of discrimination against women.
Date: 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Shakila Abdalla

Legislation: Posting of medical staff at Faza health center

- She asked the Minister of Public Health why the Government had not provided doctors or clinical officers in Faza Health Centre in Lamu East Constituency considering the constituency neither had a maternity facility nor an ambulance vehicle to ferry patients, including expectant mothers to other hospitals.

- She also inquired when clinical officers would be posted there and which measures the Government would take to solve the matter
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Date: 28th January 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Racheal Shebesh

Legislation: Allocation of maize to millers

- On behalf of the women parliamentarians, she asked whether it was it fair for the House, when we debating on issues of national importance, to have Dr. Khalwale highlight the name of a woman who was respected in the country and whose reputation now stood in the balance.
- She went on to ask if it was fair for them to continue leaving her name hanging in the balance without asking Dr. Khalwale to either withdraw, apologize or substantiate.

Date: 28th January 2009

Member of Parliament: Hon. Amina Abdalla

Legislation: Allocation of maize to millers

- On a point of order, she said that Dr. Khalwale had mentioned the name of a widow of a former Colleague and he had repeated the same by mentioning her company. So, all the women in the House demanded that he declares his interest on the matter and say whether he had issues with the late Dr. Galgallo so that he could pay him!