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Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Director-General Of Financial Reporting Centre

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for reminding Hon. Duale that he is not the Speaker of the House; he is the Leader of the Majority Party. I would urge that he sits down when Hon. Millie Odhiambo, MP for Mbita, is talking.

That is the provision of the Standing Orders of this House. Hon. Duale is standing yet the Standing Orders do not allow him to stand when I am talking.

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Well, I am glad he is trying to be evasive by pretending to consult, but the Standing Orders indicate that Hon. Duale cannot stand when Millicent Odhiambo is speaking.

Having said that, is Hon. Duale in order to allege that Jubilee will produce the first woman Governor when we know that Wavinya Ndeti of National Super Alliance (NASA) will be the first woman Governor of this country? Let him know that we will produce the first woman Governor, but do we say?

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Odhiambo-Mabona

Contribution She Made On: Adoption of Report on The Second Supplementary Budget for Financial Year 2016/2017

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I hope you take into account the fact that he took a bit of my time. The reason why I wanted to allow the Chair of the Committee is because he is a man I respect and I was not very happy when they mislead the people of Mbita. I want to thank you if you have put aside money for Tom Mboya. I do not care whether it comes through NG-CDF or other means, so long as it supports what you have promised to do to the people of Mbita.

What I am not happy about, because it was priority number one, is security. The priority number of the people of Mbita was security. The causeway was already in progress. So it was putting money to complete it. It was launched by the then Minister Hon. Bett and then Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga, so it was work in progress. Even then, it was a causeway. So even if we did not have a bridge, people would still pass. It would help the ecology, but people would still pass. I am happy.

I know I am coming back as MP for Mbita. What we have promised is to ensure that security is enhanced. If it means I have to come back to the budget committee, I will be there so that we make sure that the fishermen of Mbita are adequately protected. We are tired of being arrested and taken to Uganda every week. Sometimes the people of Mbita ask me to come and ask the Government of Kenya whether we are in Kenya or Uganda. If we are not in Kenya, then we move to Uganda. We are being treated as though we are not citizens of this country.

The other reason why I am not happy is because in this House we had a quiet agreement as Members of Parliament, the ones that we are not supposed to come and say in the open, that money which was meant for NG-CDF was supposed to go through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and be allocated to schools that MPs who know the needs of specific schools have identified. In Mbita, because I have two predominant communities—Suba and Luo—they went and picked schools which are predominantly Suba and removed their allocations. And that is a minority community. I am not happy. That is why I am not praising. I would be happy if you gave us all our money, which was Kshs34 million. If that is not possible, let it be considered that no NG-CDF money went to the ministry. That was the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology money and the NG-CDF is intact. When the court matter is complete, let the entire money that was stopped by virtue of the court order be given to us.

The other reason why I am not happy is that this budget seems very election-geared or election-persuaded, more like what we have seen with IDPs. All these years we have been here, even with the report that we passed as a select committee saying which IDPs and integrated IDPs have not been compensated. Only yesterday the President was rewarding the IDPs in Kisii. The
allocation that was given to them is very small compared to the ones...I know other areas where 
people were built houses and given extra money. Kisii is being given very little. We still have 
integrated IDPs from western Kenya and other parts of Nyanza who have not been paid. That is 
why you see the money allocated to livestock, which is very laudable, is very election-geared. 
We want the Government not to do a budget that is election-geared but that serves the entire 
Kenya. I would be very happy if I saw that we also provided for integrated IDPs from other areas. 
I have in my constituency a young man called John; I have given him some tools of trade to start 
working with. He has no legs. He lost them during the election period. He has a sickly wife. Every 
day I have to send him money for daily subsistence. And we hear other places people are being 
compensated, but in other parts of the country they are not being compensated.

If we are dealing with the issue of national cohesion and healing, the President must start 
preaching that in his own actions. When he comes to Nyanza, even when we criticise him, he is 
still the President. I need him to come to Mbita and compensate IDPs. Even as I will be telling 
him off, he must come and compensate the IDPs. We did not tell him to be President. Once you 
decide to be president, whether people like you or not, you must serve everybody equally. Even 
in our own areas, we have places where people do not like us but we go there and serve them 
because that is their constitutional right and our mandate. Because of that I am not very 
persuaded to support this budget.

Finally, I want to speak to the issue of food security. When I walked in the Chair was speaking 
around the issue of Galana. As the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives we 
have looked at it. It was meant to ensure food security. But as we speak, from where I come 
ugali is life. I cannot afford ugali now; I am eating fish with mukimo or chapati. It is actually 
almost a curse for us to eat fish that way. We are being told there is unga for Kshs90. I do not 
care if it is Kshs500. I need to buy unga. It is just not there. If Millie Odhiambo, a Member of 
Parliament, cannot get unga where do Kenyans get it from? There is a place where I wash my 
car. They told me: “Mheshimiwa, when you go to Parliament today, tell them we just need unga 
at any price”. Leave alone the Kshs90 one which is supposed to be subsidised. Before, people 
were crying about very expensive unga; now it is not even there. Can we have that unga at all? 
Finally, on the issue of election security I would want to say that the Government must not just 
commit resources. They must commit resources knowing that we have women who are also 
vying. As I speak today, I buried my bodyguard. My home was burnt down. The other day, Hon. 
Duale was saying that I burnt my own home, which is a language very similar to that of one of 
my opponents associated with burning my house. I have been saying he is a Jubilee Party 
candidate. It proves me right because Hon. Duale used to have a lot of information about my 
house burning. So, we want the Government to show commitment that where there are women 
candidates, there must be heightened security. Not a situation where all my supporters were 
being attacked and it took the police more than an hour to arrive. It took somebody to die 
before the police could come. I had to run to a neighbouring constituency to get the police. So, 
it is not enough to put money here. It must be money with action.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, with those few remarks I will not support. Thank you.

DATE: 7th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Rachel Shebesh

Contribution She Made On: Adoption of Report on The Second 
Supplementary Budget for Financial Year 2016/2017
Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. That is exactly the direction I wanted you to give from the seat that you sit. Thank you for your good wishes and those of the House. I am healing well. One of the reasons I am healing well is having facilities. So, when nurses are on strike, it does not matter what campaign we are doing, we must stop everything and get nurses back to work for other Kenyans.
However, I want to say that the Member who is addressing this issue of Mumias should also declare his interest. This is because at the time when issues happened in Mumias, the Member had direct link with Mumias Sugar Company. If he wants to mention Members of Parliament here, thinking that we do not understand what he is insinuating, then you think you can call a kettle black and you are also black. So, declare your interest also. What I am saying is, just as you have said, letters circulating in social media or anywhere cannot be a basis to come and play campaign politics here and start pointing fingers at Members who come from that region. So, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, your word is already final that if you want to discuss a Member of Parliament, you should bring a substantive Motion. Please, do not insinuate.

DATE: 8th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) T.G. Ali

Contribution She Made On: Adoption of Report On The Second Supplementary Budget for Financial Year 2016/2017

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I stand to second.
There was reallocation of Kshs90 million, that is, Kshs50 million for the Kenya Film Commission and Kshs40 million for the Kenya Film Classification Board. The reallocation was done because the African Union (AU) meeting that was supposed to have been hosted by the Ministry could not happen because of a crowded calendar. Remember we have athletics championships of youth who are under 18 years of age coming up soon. Another reason is the forthcoming general election. So, the AU meeting that was scheduled for July would not take place. The Film Classification Board, whose activities stalled because of lack of funds, has already made some commitments. For example, they have a project called Film Mashinani which is ongoing. The Kenya Film Commission has a crisis because its members of staff have not even received their salaries for the last three months.
I second.

DATE: 13th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Emanikor

Contribution She Made On: Adoption of The Twenty First Report Of PIC

Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance. As I support this 21st Report of the PIC on the Audited Accounts of State Corporations, I appreciate Hon. Keynan and his Committee for the good work they have done in the 11th Parliament. It is not easy to scrutinise the accounts of different organisations.
Hon. Speaker, I support the recommendations put forth by the Committee. Looking at the different challenges that State corporations face, including failure to submit statutory deductions, they should not be allowed to accumulate these debts as this is what has increased their debts.

There is the issue of protecting assets of State Corporations because they are public assets. There is a tendency by senior officials of State corporations and board members to illegally acquire the assets. There is need to devise mechanisms of protecting those assets.

With regard to the issue of expenditure beyond approved budgets, as we look forward to the 12th Parliament, there should be strict measures of doing thorough rationalisation in State corporations even if it means reducing the staff so that we remain with a few who are productive. It means that the Government will have to fund retrenchment. If that will save our State corporations, then that should be done. The anomalies in procurement procedures are very common, and we should surcharge officers who engaged in these anomalies.

Finally, I would like to speak to the issue of appointment of board members. The Committee has correctly said that it should be timely because the lacuna that is created before the next board is appointed usually is a recipe for malpractices by the management. So, the appointment of board members should be timely but also staggered so that we have the institutional memory.

However, for regional State corporations, the appointment should consider the regions of jurisdiction. A good example is Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) where we have about 10 directors. The Authority covers six counties only and yet some of the counties under its jurisdiction are not represented in the Board. Board directors who come from the region can do a better job. Turkana, for instance, is left out and yet it accounts for 80 per cent of the area that KVDA operates. So, this is another thing that we need to seriously look at in the coming Parliament.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Seneta

Contribution She Made On: The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to report that a Committee of the whole House has considered the Basic Education (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.39 of 2016) and approved the same with amendments.

DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Seneta

Contribution She Made On: The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the said report.

I request Hon. Iringo Kubai to second.
DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Munene

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Bill because I know breastfeeding the baby is very important for the mothers. Also, the 40 minutes is not a long period because when you breastfeed the baby, you will know whether your baby is wet or not. You also need to comfort the baby. So, it is not a long time. When a mother goes to work, she does so because of her family. When she gets a healthy baby, she feels proud. I, therefore, ask all Members to support this Motion and pass it.

With regard to the penalty that has been prescribed, I think it is not a lot of money. If we make it, say, Kshs100,000, people will feel bad about it and they will just pay the money. This should be law so that where women are working... Young ladies have been employed and they need to get babies. We, therefore, cannot take for granted that their employers are going to do that job willingly. We need to have this in law.

It is good for us to know that our children are the future leaders. A country that has healthy babies feels proud. I am happy about Sabina Chege for bringing this Motion to this House so that we can know that even when our children...

DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Amolo

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

We are asking Members to pass this Bill because we know that once people are employed, most of them will want to get babies. So, we want them to be supported. It is good to support this Bill. That is why I am saying Kshs500 is not a lot of money. Some people could say, —I have money and even if I am taken to court, I will pay the fine.‖ So, we need to put it as a law in this country so that in future, we have more babies and more healthy children to help this country.

We also need to ensure that those children are taken care of. The facilities holding them must be kept clean. Also, the people employed to take care of the babies must be clean themselves. Thank you, very much. I support.

DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Amolo

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I stand to support this Bill. I want to congratulate my sister, Hon. Sabina Chege, for bringing this very important Bill on the mothers of this nation. Breastfeeding is one of the many ways through which we can prevent the sicknesses affecting our children. We have had quite a number of women losing their jobs in this country because of
the word —breastfeeding‖. This is very important because if we do not breastfeed, then it means we will have a nation that will be short of babies. Who will work in the future? We need this generation to take over once we get old.

A Member has asked who will take the responsibility of making this place a good breastfeeding environment for mothers and their infants. Just like we address occupational hazard issues at the work place, where we are supposed to place fire extinguishers at strategic places within the work place, we should provide a breastfeeding centre within the work place of every organisation. Before you set up the organisation, it must be known where you will put up the breastfeeding centre. Every person who will employ people in this country must have a centre or a room where women can breastfeed babies. It is their right to bear children, and it is the right of the infant to be breastfed. That is the only way through which a mother can bond with her infant. That is where they can also know their mother and have a good bonding time.

I remember when I was doing my Master’s degree; we used to have a very well organised young student who made sure that her house girl was trained to be a driver-cum-house girl. She used to take the baby to Daystar University every day at 4.00 p.m. and that lady would breastfeed the baby before she took her evening class. The universities consider breastfeeding mothers. That is why they have breastfeeding centres. When we travel abroad, in every airport, you find a place where mothers can breastfeed their children. I want to urge the Government of Kenya to make sure that at every airport and bus station, we have a place where mothers can breastfeed their children. It must be a very clean environment, so that we do not carry germs when breastfeeding our children. It is also upon every county in this country to make sure that every health centre has a clean place where mothers can sit and breastfeed their children. When we have a place to breastfeed our children, it is also a benefit to the economy of this country. If we can recover the time that a mother loses at her workplace when she goes home to breastfeed, we can increase profits of organisations. It is one thing that employers should think of in terms of profits rather than have mothers leaving to go and breastfeed, and then come rushing back to the office. Serious action should be taken against those employers who sack mothers because they are breastfeeding or have given birth. That is breaking the labour laws of this country. They should instead have a place where female employees can sit and breastfeed their children because we depend on those children as our future leaders.

The other thing that I like about this Bill is the breastfeeding time. We do not breastfeed for 24 hours. There is time to do it. You can do it at tea time - which is 10 O’clock - at lunch time and at 3 O’clock. That is the best time when a baby feels comfortable. This will also create employment for those who will be taking care of those children at those centres. It is one way for mothers to create jobs for others who will be in charge.

Those regulations need to be put in place so that we do not just talk and leave it hanging. As Members of Parliament, we should strictly look at those regulations so that we pass them and they are gazetted.

When it comes to cleanliness, we need to ensure that those places are well-taken care of, the bathrooms are cleaned and the mother is comfortable. Even if she wants to breastfeed half-dressed, she should be comfortable in that room. They should have all the facilities that are required. Just like we have a good working environment, the mother and the infant should have a proper, conducive and friendly breastfeeding centre.
I want to congratulate the organisations that have already implemented this Bill such as Safaricom and others. We want to congratulate them and urge them to keep it up. I do not see how much it would cost for an organisation to buy a fridge where breastfeeding mothers can store their expressed milk, so that it also saves time when it comes to breastfeeding. It almost costs the same when you tell a mother to go back home, breastfeed and come back to work. The cost of leaving the office and going back home is equal to the cost of buying a fridge. People should not think that it will be an extra cost to an organisation. Organisations already have chairs, tables and all those facilities. We just need to spare a room for the women of this nation. As my colleague has said, we thank God for Kenyan women who are very fertile. We should be proud of that. We also thank our men because without them, we would not be able to breastfeed. Kenya is a blessed nation. I want to thank Hon. Sabina. Before the term of the 11th Parliament lapses, I hope that our colleagues will support this Bill and it will be passed. This will help mothers and young infants of this nation to have a proper mother-to-child care so that we can progress.

I support this Bill.

DATE: 14th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Sunjeev

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. Many times, especially this year, I have stood to firmly support or talk about certain things that have been very close to my heart. This Bill happens to be one of those that have a ripple effect across the board. It does not only have economic effects, but also social effects. It also affects many other people in our society.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, a lot has been said. I would like to bring to the attention of this House that both male and female members of our society are equal participants in having a health community and a health country. This Bill is giving support to the female gender. We need to give support to our female gender because we understand that, if it were not for them, reproduction would not be possible. We appreciate the fact that the male gender plays a role, but we need to promote and give benefits to the female gender where necessary so that they can Unfortunately, I have not had the advantage in this Session. Obviously, I have not been blessed with a child but, hopefully in the future, it will be possible. It is important to note that carrying and nurturing a child is nurturing a nation. We need to assist mothers to do it effectively so that this is done not only for the benefit of the country, but for the family and the woman as well.

We have to understand that many of our young sisters or mothers are now more educated than ever before, which means that they are in better jobs. This means employers need to give more attention to ladies and mothers. Therefore, giving them the advantage of breastfeeding a child when it is required is actually a bonus. That way, sitting at home and doing nothing is not an option. There is the notion that you are sitting at home and doing nothing, but it should be interpreted in some other way. When a mother is at home and taking care of the child, she is not doing nothing. She is actually doing something. I remember some time ago, we discussed at
some women’s rights platform that the amount of work a woman does in her home should actually be computed so that we can know how much work she does in terms of money. When I thought about it, I could not compute an amount equivalent to, for example, what my mother or other mothers have put in to bringing forth their children.

It is very important to also note that this Bill talks about bringing forth a progressive society, which is what we are looking forward to. We need to embrace a progressive society by bringing progressive changes so that they can bring about the necessary changes that are required for a healthy nation.

I support this Bill wholeheartedly and wish that it is passed. We are going to break Parliament soon.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, many Bills in this House are at various stages. I hope that this Bill will see the light of the day. We should pass it. This is one of those Bills that will add to the positive things that women in the 11th Parliament have been able to achieve. help themselves, the community and the family in raising a healthy family in our country.

DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kajuju

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I have listened carefully to what the Leader of the Majority Party has said, but the allegation he is making is that you and me do not have the capacity to procreate.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kajuju

Contribution She Made On: The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill – Second Reading

I believe, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, we did not succeed in doing that in the 11th Parliament but, since we are coming back in the 12th Parliament, we can give it a shot.

On behalf of Hon. Sabina Chege, the great lady from Murang’a County, I beg to move that this House accepts the Breastfeeding Mothers Bill, 2017. First of all, I sat here as this Bill was being debated. Almost everyone accepted that this is a very good Bill that has come in this century.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kajuju

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is important that mothers are given the opportunity to take care of their babies - whether they are infants - so that they can grow up in a good manner. It is also important that this House recognises, much as we were able to procreate, especially those of us who were able to do it in this Parliament - there are others who will be able to do it in the 12th Parliament. I know it because the Leader of the Majority Party confesses that he still hopes he is going to get a daughter. He is allowed under the Islamic law anyway.

I thank everybody who supported this Bill. I am sure whatever amendments that the Leader of the Majority Party is proposing to make cannot fundamentally change the intent and the spirit of this Bill. I, therefore, beg to move.

DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Abdalla

Contribution She Made On: Adoption of The Report On Amendments To The Standing Orders

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also want to congratulate the Procedure and House Rules Committee for coming up with amendments to the Standing Orders. I have read this Report and I have a few points which I wish to share that might not have been included in this Report.

Firstly, we probably need to amend the component on the handling of the Budget for purposes of dealing with the fact that some of our budgetary reports are not reflected in the Appropriation Bill. We need to address that anomaly and to ensure that committees do not present and convince the Budget and Appropriations Committee on matters which do not end up in the Order Paper.

Secondly, I am concerned about the Second Schedule. We have said in many of our reports in this House that irrigation is an infrastructure matter and not an agricultural one. So, I will suggest an amendment to the functions of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives to delete the functions of irrigation and place it under the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources because how we invest in infrastructure and agriculture is totally different. So, when irrigation is under the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Co-operatives, it suffers in terms of budgeting.

Thirdly, is the issue of petitions. This is a wonderful inclusion in our Constitution and Standing Orders which we are missing the point. We administratively tried to address the matter through reporting after the petitions have been dealt with but, this died. There is no point of raising the prayers which somebody has presented in their petition and giving no opportunity, in live coverage, for the committee to present their answers to the prayers. The Standing Orders need to accommodate the fact that the process is not complete if you do not give the findings of the committee to the prayers presented by members of the public. It is true that the report of the committee is usually sent to the specific petitioners, but the members of the public end up not knowing what has happened to the same.
Fourthly, is the issue of how we handle mediation committee reports on legislative matters between the Senate and the National Assembly. The way we usually handle it is wrong in that the Mover of the Bill usually wants to own the mediation committee report which he has not played a part in and does not know what has taken place. This needs to be addressed. I really welcome the reduction of numbers of members of committees because it has not been easy to handle 29 Members, especially when dealing with extremely technical matters. So, this is welcomed.

Finally, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I want you to listen because you are the Vice-Chair of the Liaison Committee. The Standing Orders need to be a bit brave and state whether the Liaison Committee serves any function or not. Let us be brave and remove it because there is no point of having a Committee that is toothless and meets once a year and does not do much. My suggestion is we either give better functions to the Liaison Committee or just remove it from the Standing Orders.

With those many remarks, I support the new Standing Orders.

DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kanyua

Contribution She Made On: The County Allocation Of Revenue Bill (Senate Bill No. 2 Of 2017)

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker and the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. I second the Bill with just a small rider that the formula used for county allocations is something that the 12th Parliament will have to deal with. Counties like my own of Nyeri are concerned about the formula that is used but, so far, the Bill covers many of the aspects that are supposed to be covered. I second.

DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kanyua

Contribution She Made On: The County Allocation Of Revenue Bill

Thank you, Hon. Speaker and good to see you after some time. I second.

DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kanyua

Contribution She Made On: The County Allocation Of Revenue Bill

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second and do support the Chair’s position and the Committee’s position.
DATE: 15th June 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kanyua

Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment- Adjournment Of The House Sine Die

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also join the Members who have thanked you and the leadership of this House. I have been a follower of some of the international associations that Parliament belongs to such as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

I also thank the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Party Whip, Hon. Katoo, who has been a good friend to me. He helped me when I came in as a first-time Member. I thank the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA). These are Members with whom we have shared the journey on the two-thirds gender rule. The journey is not yet complete, but it has given us interesting times. We hope that the 12th Parliament will complete that journey. Caucus 47 of which I am the Chairlady, we thank you, Hon. Speaker for making the women representatives equal in rank with the other 290 elected Members of Parliament. In the next Parliament, we hope that county Members of Parliament traverse wider areas. As we look at facilitation of Members, there might be need to look at the issue of those who cover more than one constituency.

I want to thank the people of Nyeri for having represented them here successfully on many of the fronts that I have covered especially on health, education, water and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund. I want to appeal to the people of Nyeri to retain me as their Mama County and women’s representative because there is still more work to be done on coffee and tea, land issues and colonial villages in my home county of Nyeri. We have some incomplete projects.

The county formula is a matter that needs to be addressed, for example in my county. The youth issues still need redress. In particular, we need to consider a Men’s Fund or a Biashara Fund, which does not discriminate against men and an Innovation Fund that allows young people who are individuals to apply.

Health issues remain pending for the next Parliament but the prayer for all of us is to come back. Kenya should retain its best and active legislators. It is sad that when some of the people go to vote, they think that all the English we speak in Nairobi is not a good idea. Instead of supporting and encouraging us to speak as much English here as we represent our counties---There needs to be investment in civic education. Bringing in new Members of Parliament every other season may not be the best for this country. I hope that the people of Kenya will retain some of its best brains. I hope that I get retained in that respect. I wish everybody a good time and election. I also wish the country peace.
Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I want to give God the glory and say Ebenezer for thus far the Lord has brought us.

When I was in this Parliament, I played the role of Esther, Hosea and Jonah. I was happy with all my multiple roles. When I come before the House, I am very clear about my legislative role. I am usually very focused and happy. If I take stock, I moved the Fisheries Management Act, as a Member of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives, which was the only committee I sat in in this Parliament. I am happy that to date it is an Act of Parliament and it addresses the issues of the people of Mbita.

As a private Member, I pushed the Victims’ Protection Act which is a law on treaty-making and ratification act which protects women and children by covering the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. I am very happy about that. We also passed the Assisted Reproduction Act, which I supported. Unfortunately, the Senate did not pass it. I am sure we will bring it back. I had the Child Justice Bill which did not reach the Floor of the House. I am sure, God willing, I will bring it back in the next Parliament.

The flipside is the two-thirds gender rule. I will not say much but for me that was one of my focuses in this House. As I come in the next Parliament, my primary focus will be the Political Parties Primaries Bill so that we bring sanity in party primaries, especially for women. I do not need to lose my bodyguards and have my house burned for me to come to this House. We just need sanity. If political parties have preferences, let us go the way South Africa and other countries in the region went. Let us not have primaries that take members through so much yet in the end as we speak, there are Members who do not even know if they are flag-bearers, like our good friend Koyoo. I want to thank the other Members. Even as we go, I pray that God blesses you and majority of us will come back. I have done a lot of work in the region training women leaders. I have written a book called Political Leadership and Package Lessons for Women. I am hoping we will have more women as we come back. I have started writing my second book on my experience which is called Swimming with Sharks. That is the best way I can describe my relationship with my male colleagues in this House. I have swum with sharks. But even as I have swum with them, I have managed just like Daniel managed in the lion’s den. I wish all the Members the best. May the Lord bless you.
Hon. Speaker: The 11th Parliament of the National Assembly is, at 10.01 p.m., adjourned sine die.

The House rose at 10.01 p.m.