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Thank you very much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I beg to support.

I can see Hon. Makali Mulu complaining bitterly. Maybe I need to give him a few lessons of history to remember. For the information of the House and Hon. Makali Muli, NACADA was established by a Gazette Notice. It is only when I brought the Bill in 2012 to establish it as a statutory body that NACADA became a parastatal. My good friend, the man on the Speaker’s Chair, is giving me the opportunity to contribute to this Bill in recognition of my contribution of having established NACADA as a statutory body and as parastatal.

It is very gratifying to see people improving work that you had done in the past. I have been very pleased that Hon. Mututho did a lot of amendments to that Act when he was here and to the Alcoholic Drinks Act. I am happier also that Hon. Ferdinand Waititu has now taken this matter further by wanting this Authority to be more effective and to be able to conform to the Mwongozo that recommends that boards should have only nine members.

I am happy that we have now the capacity, power and leeway to do Bills the way we are doing with this presidential system of government. I can tell you I saw the danger of having the 15 members but at that point, our decision was based on whether we agreed with the Government’s long list and had an authority passed and an Act of Parliament to establish a parastatal to fight drugs or fight or reduce the numbers and make an effective board and have the Government which had the numbers oppose the Bill which was a Private Member’s Bill. We agreed with the Government and we knew there was going to be problems. The problems were even more than just the numbers. The problem was on the people that the Government was insisting to chair that board; people with vested interests.

You would notice that many Members were amused when they had to Chair NACADA through a vetting process by the House. That was made necessary because we realised that people who
have vested interests either in treating drug addicts or in being pharmacists themselves were presenting themselves as persons to lead this organisation. So, I want to thank Hon. Waititu and say that with what he has recommended, we are going to have a leaner, more effective NACADA Board and in essence be able to meet the functions for which this Authority has been established and go beyond the campaign. Hon. Gikaria has spoken about establishment of rehabilitation centres. That is part of the functions of NACADA but because when you have too many cooks you will end up spoiling the broth, the work that this organisation is intended to do has not been achieved and whoever is made chair with the bloated board cannot be effective. He or she can end up being a very frustrated person such as what happened to Hon. Mututho and also to Members who want a real change such as Jaguar who is a musician.

I want to thank Hon. Waititu for improving on work that I initiated and look forward to this House passing this amendment. I would like the President, when nominating these persons to this board to know that this problem cannot be solved by taking technocrats who are not motivated to end this menace to be leaders in this board.

With those few remarks, I wish to support this Bill and urge fellow Members to support the proposal by Hon. Waititu.

Thank you.

DATE: 1\textsuperscript{st} March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Chae

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for the opportunity to also add my voice to the debate on the Bill. I thank Hon. Ferdinand Waititu for bringing it and I support it.

To reduce the board members from 15 to nine is good, but a lot more is expected so that we can feel the Authority across the country. Drug abuse is everywhere in the country. Where I come from, we do not have a rehabilitation centre. Professionals, youths, husbands and even wives have been victims of drugs and substance abuse. We have to take them very far for help.

Many people are involved like churches and other organisations. Therefore, we need to strengthen the mandate of the board to ensure that it is effective and its impact is felt across the country. We will not ensure that this is done if this House will not give adequate resources to ensure that they have enough money to be effective as they are supposed to be.

When people have messed themselves up, it is not their wish, but they find themselves to be victims. There is a way in which we are supposed to treat them. This means that the board and the secretariat must ensure awareness creation is done, so that people can know how to treat the victims as sick people and not reject them. So, the Authority will only be effective if it is given money to establish rehabilitation centres across the 47 counties. This will enhance correctional measures to the victims.
Victims need to be rehabilitated, but they are instead jailed. This means that our correctional measures are inappropriate. The board must ensure that only the products that are fit for consumption are available. There is a problem when there is a lot of illicit liquor in the market. With the reduction of board members, there must be a secretariat that understands how the victims ought to be rehabilitated and reduce drug addiction in the country. We should ensure that the Authority is given enough money to perform its mandate. I support.

DATE: 1st March 2017

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

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for this opportunity. I thank Hon. Waititu for bringing these amendments. I partially support, but partially do not support the amendments. I know that the aim of these proposed amendments is to ensure that the Act conforms with the Presidential taskforce recommendations that requires a minimum of three members to a maximum of nine members to sit on a board for purposes of efficacy, efficiency and reduction of public expenditure.

Even as we are doing that, we are to ensure that we conform to the Constitution. However, we should not compromise on quality and the intention of the law. This is a law that sets up NACADA. The majority of the people who are affected by alcohol and drug abuse are young persons. We know there are older persons who are affected, but the majority are the young. Because of that, I am concerned that the amendment seeks to remove the CS for Education, Science and Technology, the PS in the Ministry for the time being responsible for children and youth affairs. It seeks to remove one person nominated by a representative organisation working with the youth and appointed by the CS. What will be remaining are PSs from other ministries other than the core ministry which relates to persons who are affected by drug abuse. My recommendation to Hon. Waititu, who unfortunately is not here, and I wish he was here, is to bring an amendment to Clause 6(1)(a), so that the appointment of the chairperson is from persons nominated. In that way, we will kill two birds with one stone. So, the chair does not have to be an extra person. As the law currently provides, it means that a chairperson is counted as a separate person.

Secondly, looking at Clause 6(1)(h), it proposes that the number of persons appointed by the CS be reduced from three to two. Those mentioned there are healthcare providers, yet they are already provided for by a person who is nominated by the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, researchers, policy and legal practitioners, media and communication professionals, educationists, security, safety and environmental experts. The security expert is also already provided for. If I was to rank in terms of expertise the persons we really need, I would not focus on communication professionals, legal practitioners and researchers above an educationist or a person representing the youth.
I would suggest that Clause 6(1)(h) provides only one slot which should be given to a person representing children and the youth. Then the other slot which will be saved by the chairperson being appointed from the nominees would go to an educationist. They are the ones who are concerned about curriculum development and issues pertaining to children. Sometimes, if we do not have these sectors, the focus is lost. That is why you find dealing with issues of alcohol and drug abuse have been lopsided because we have not focused on the areas we need to. Many of our young people are being destroyed by drugs and we need to focus on rehabilitation centres. When this Bill was brought in the last Parliament, it was discussed by the Members of Parliament (MPs). One thing which was clear is virtually every household has a person who is addicted to alcohol or drugs. The response that the Government is giving is not sufficient. We need to deal with it as an issue of national crisis, maybe with the same level of urgency that we dealt with it when the President made a declaration in relation to certain parts of the country, of course, respecting the rule of law because that action did not respect it. That level of action needs to be countrywide because it is not only Central Kenya and the Coast which are affected by alcohol and drug abuse. It is a countrywide problem. The same level of urgency and seriousness that has been shown in those two areas should be shown to the rest of the country. I, therefore, support, but with the proposed amendments that I have suggested.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Shakila Mohammed

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to support this amendment Bill. I thank the Member for bringing this amendment Bill. I fully support the reduction of the NACADA board members. As we are all aware, the drug menace should be declared a national disaster. Every household in every part of this country is affected one way or the other. I want to give you an example of where I come from in the Coast region and mostly in Lamu. In every four homes, there is a drug victim. As much as we want to blame the Government or NACADA for not doing much, we, as a people, the community and the Government, can do our bit too.

To start with, NACADA is a toothless organisation. It does not do much as far as the problem of drug abuse is concerned. It is not felt much anywhere in the country. It operates in boardrooms. We need an organisation which can actually be felt on the ground and deal with this menace. The results will be seen all over the country. The Government should start dealing with this drug problem by targeting the dealers instead of the addicts. About 80 per cent of prisoners are drug addicts as opposed to the drug dealers. Why is the Government targeting addicts who are sick people who need treatment and help instead of targeting the dealers who spoil the youth and the country as a whole? The NACADA needs to come up with a programme to educate the youth on drugs and help them to stop using drugs. As at now, NACADA has no programmes in place to rehabilitate the addicts and empower them on the effects of drugs.
The drug problem is the elephant in the room. Sometimes you realise that Government officers are involved in the drug problem. They protect the dealers and are paid by them. That is why we cannot eradicate this problem the way we want and deal with it once and for all. We can reduce the membership of the NACADA Board, talk a lot and come up with many Bills, but if the board has no teeth and resources to do its work, I am not sure whether we will get anywhere as far as this problem is concerned. The Government should wake up and come up with a strategy of saving our youth whom we are losing to the drug abuse menace. We are losing youths with a lot of potential to drive this country to another level to the drug and alcohol menace. The Government has buried its head on this particular issue, more so, by dealing with the drug dealers instead of dealing with the addicts.

I support the Bill. However, the Government should do more to deal with the effects of drug abuse instead of just creating a NACADA Board as an excuse yet it is not doing the job as required.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kiptui

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Bill moved by Hon. Waititu. It will go a long way in ensuring that we are within constitutional boundaries of ensuring that board members are reduced from 15 to nine. That is a point every Member has spoken about and I concur.

When it comes to NACADA, we oversee it. We have ensured that they have enough money in the Budget to carry out their mandate. In the past, they had been complaining about lack of money. However, we know that as a country, we are doing our best to control excessive consumption of alcoholic drinks which affects performance of people in our country.

In developed countries, alcohol is consumed like any other meal. This is as a result of education provided by their governments that alcohol should be taken with food and not excessively. Some of them take their drinks in their houses and it is limited to that extent. We have a long way to go as a country in educating our people to take alcohol with food.

The other issue is about understanding. Most people condemn alcoholics instead of sympathising with them. It is important that we should regard them as sick people and have sympathy instead of condemnation and try to take them to rehabilitation centres however small they are so that they can get out of that situation. I support the Bill.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Munene

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill
Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to support this amendment Bill. I know we have a big problem because our youth are not doing anything productive - they just drink. We also have a problem with people who sell drugs. The Government should deal with people who deal in drugs. There are people who act as beggars on the streets but, if you are keen, you will realize that they are not beggars. They are selling drugs. I come from Central Kenya. We have a problem there because young people do not work. All they do is drink and use drugs. We want the Government to take action. The board whose membership we are reducing to nine should go to the lowest level and work there. We also have shops where drugs are sold to young people. We must establish where the drugs come from. The people who sell drugs are rich, and they do not care about the young people. I do not know whether they are parents. I am sure that some of them are parents. I cannot be happy when their children consume drugs. The use of bhang is also bad. There are so many people who think that, by involving themselves in the illicit drugs business, they will become rich.

I hope the board will do a good job. The Government must think about the future of our children. There are many youths in universities who are saying that there are no jobs. Drugs cannot be a solution. Employment does not just mean that you have to work in an office. There are so many things that one can do to get his daily bread. I hope the Government will ensure that the board does a good job. Kenyans need not to be frustrated because there are no jobs. There are so many things that they can do. I want to tell our youth that people do not begin at the top. People begin at the bottom and grow to become great business people. They should not think that because they are not working, they cannot go anywhere.

With those remarks, I support.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Chepkwony

Contribution she made on: The National Authority For The Campaign Against Alcohol And Drug Abuse (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support this amendment. The problem of drugs and alcohol has destroyed this country. Our young boys who have finished school and even those who have not finished school indulge in drinking and drug abuse. It is high time our Government took major steps to fight this menace of drug abuse and alcoholism.

As I stand here, our generation, especially young boys, are having young families. The families are really destroyed because of alcoholism and drug abuse. The Government knows the people who are doing that business. We should act seriously so that those people are brought to book. You will find those drugs and alcohol being sold in front of security people. For example, the chiefs in the villages know where the wrong alcohol is being sold and they do not take any steps to make sure that the youth are protected. Even the investigators who are investigating drug trafficking engage in corruption to cover up the culprits. That way, we are really destroying our generation. If we continue doing this, in the next 10 or 20 years, our young generation will be completely destroyed.
We are grateful to our President and Deputy President who have taken the initiative to make sure that those who are involved are disciplined in the right way. For this Bill to go through, we need to support it heavily so that our generation can be changed.

As I speak, there are families who cannot get children because of alcoholism and drug abuse. We need to protect our generation. In Central Kenya, there are some places without nursery schools. The reason is that our young generations have taken too much drugs and alcohol that they cannot actually produce anything. Therefore, we need to fight this menace of alcoholism and drug trafficking. I do not think the drugs can reach Nairobi or other destinations without the knowledge of the security officers on our roads, in the sea and in the air. This amendment should take immediate effect.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kiptui

Contribution she made on: The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to move that the Basic Education (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly No. 30 of 2016), be now read a Second Time.

We need to amend the Basic Education Act No.14 of 2013 to provide for the distribution of free sanitary towels to every girl-child registered and enrolled in public basic education institution upon the attainment of puberty. This amendment is grounded in Articles 43 and 53 of the Constitution of Kenya. Article 43(1) provides for the highest standards attainable of health, including reproductive healthcare. Article 53(1)(b) provides for the rights of every child to free and compulsory education; whereas 53(1) provides for the right of every child to basic nutrition, shelter and health. It is in the furtherance of this constitutional provision that there is need to provide sanitary towels to every girl-child who is enrolled and registered in a public basic institution to enhance their reproductive healthcare.

Clause 2 seeks to amend Section 39 of the Act. It provides that it is the responsibility of Government to provide free sanitary towels to every girl-child upon the attainment of puberty, and who is enrolled in a public institution. That recognizes the right of every girl-child to education and proper healthcare and, in particular, reproductive healthcare. Section 33(1) of the Basic Education Act provides that every parent should ensure that their children are enrolled in school. However, some parents may not have enough money to purchase sanitary towels and that may cause the girls to miss school. The Government, by providing free sanitary towels, fulfils the obligation of ensuring access to education and reproductive healthcare.

Clause 3 seeks to amend Section 88 of the principal Act by providing that the Cabinet Secretary (CS) shall make provision for the acquisition of sanitary towels while preparing the annual estimates of the department. This is to ensure that funds are available for the purchase and distribution of sanitary towels. The Bill does not contain any provision limiting any fundamental rights or freedoms. The Bill does not affect the function of the county governments and, therefore, it is not a Bill concerning counties for purposes of our Standing Orders. The enactment of this Bill shall occasion additional expenditure to the Government.
I beg to move and request my brother to second.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Kiptui

Contribution she made on: The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill

Hon. Savula.

DATE: 1st March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) S.W. Chege

Contribution she made on: Papers Laid

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House:

Reports of the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology on its consideration of:

1. The Basic Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016; and,

DATE: 2nd March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Abdalla

Contribution she made on: The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the House today, 2nd March, 2017:

Reports of the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on:

The Proposed Degazettement of 1,577.36 hectares of Turbo Forest Reserve comprising the Mautuma Settlement Scheme in Lugari District, Kakamega County;

The Petition by residents of Mwatate Constituency regarding human wildlife conflict and illegal grazing in Tsavo West National Park presented by Hon. Andrew Mwadime, MP;

The Petition by residents of Yatta Constituency regarding pollution of Athi River presented by Hon. Francis Mwangangi, MP; and,

The Petition by residents of Indian Bazaar in Kiambu County regarding pollution and establishment of Giotto Dumpsite in Hekima Estate presented by Hon. Jude Njomo, MP.

DATE: 2nd March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Abdalla

Contribution she made on: Adoption Of Report On Degazettement
of Turbo Forest Reserve

Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:
THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on the proposed de-gazettement of 1577.36 hectares of Turbo Forest Reserve comprising the Mautuma Settlement Scheme in Lugari District, Kakamega County laid on the Table of the House today, Thursday, 2nd March, 2017.

DATE: 22nd March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Korere

Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President


Rais alizungumzia kuhusu vita dhidi ya uraibu wa madawa ya kulevya katika nchi tukufu ya Kenya. Hakuna Serikali nyingine ambayo nimeona ikipigana na janga hili la madawa ya kulevya na uraibu wake jinsi Serikali ya Jubilee ilivyopigana nayo. Vizazi vyetu haswa chomwanza kwa sababu wa madawa ya kulevya. Cha kushangaza, waraibu wakuu na wenye biashara kuu za madawa za kulevya ni watu ambao wana sifa kocho kocho katika nchi hii.


Ndio maana ninataka kumpa heko hata kwa kutuma jeshi kwenda kudhibiti usalama. Rais anapozungumzia kuhusu kupatia kazi vijana, tunaelwa biashara ambayo sisi Wanalaikipia tunafanya.

Biashara ambayo iko Laikipia ni biashara ya utalii. Biashara ya utalii katika Laikipia inaenda kuangamia kwa sababu ya ujambazi na jinsi tulivyooona mahali pa utalii pakhiriibiwa.

Baadhi ya mambo ambayo yameharibu usalama na kuchangia sekta ya utalii kufa Laikipia ni siasa dunia mazingira wetu. Hii ndio maana ninasema aliyana macho haambiwi tazama. Iwapo tutaua sekta ya utalii nchini, kazi kwa vijana itatoka wapi?
Wale wanachangia katika kuua sekta ya utalii nchini wanatarajia kuchaguliwa kesho. Hawa ndio tunawaita mahasidi wasio na mbele wala nyuma.


Ukitazama sekta ya kawi---

**DATE: 22nd March 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Sunjeev**

**Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President**

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I would like to add my voice in congratulating the President on the State of the Nation Address. Since I only have five minutes I would like to constrain my points to a few things - matters of fact - that I believe need to be brought to the public eye since most of his Speech has been quoted by many of the previous speakers.

I honestly believe that as a nation, we have prospered from 2013 until today. That is a genuine fact. Some Members of Parliament and MCAs might feel that they have not got as much as somebody else has in their areas. But the fact of the matter is that devolution has reached far corners of this country. It is also fair to note that when we talk about insecurity cases in our areas, we should ask who the people on the ground are. It is people like us, Members of Parliament. We are the leaders on the ground. When we complain that not enough has been done, we should know that we are part of the whole process. We should also internalise where exactly we fit.

I have heard the Opposition saying many times that this was a big PR exercise. Often in my personal experience since 2013, I have seen that when a person does something, people talk negatively and positively forgetting that there is one person who is leading the process and perhaps that person has a different point of view of achieving what he wants to achieve. We have to, at least, give credit to the person for taking responsibility and taking the bull by the horns which is what I think our President has done since coming into power in 2013.

In 2012, I went to the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to get a certificate of
good conduct. Recently, when I went there, I found out that there has been a very big change, e-Citizen has worked miracles.
A few years ago when the President addressed us and mentioned the e-Citizen portal, I had my reservations. But today, when I see it working, I feel stunned with joy. We are actually doing our job.
I recommend that while we are looking for ways and means of criticising the State of the Nation Address, we should also look at what has been achieved practically in the last few years.
Everybody is talking about the wage bill and how it is going to affect our country. I feel, as nominated Members of Parliament we have been empowered enough to go for elective seats.
This is what most of us who are nominated should do. Personally, I am going for an elective position because I feel I have been empowered enough. It is time, nominated Members of Parliament held the bull by the horns.
I see my time is up. I thank the President, once again for the State of the Nation Address and I support it. Thank you.

DATE: 22nd March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Tobiko

Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the State of the Nation Address by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya.
Let me applaud and acknowledge the balanced Speech by the President acknowledging the successes and also the failures or challenges the Jubilee Government has gone through in four-and-a-half years. There are acknowledgeable successes of the Jubilee Government and obvious milestones. The SGR which passes through Nairobi and through my constituency, Kajiado East, 120 kilometres heading to Narok and the other places, is one milestone of the Jubilee Government.
The electrification of this country, particularly rural electrification, is another big milestone that we have achieved through the Jubilee Government. For the first time in my constituency, we have seen street lighting in our town centers particularly Kitengela. Hopefully, it will extend to Isinya. These are works that can be applauded. If we remain focused, there is still a lot to be done. My hope and prayer is that Kenyans will realize that the Jubilee Government started with a lot of challenges. We must acknowledge the fact that two years of Uhuru’s leadership were really taken away by the running around to attend court cases at the International Criminal Court (ICC), which our President and the Deputy President were subjected to. We would not have expected them to perform miracles in two-and-a-half years.
Two years were taken by the ICC process, a situation that no leader of this country should ever be subjected to again.

I would, therefore, like to say that His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta really deserves to be given another full undisturbed term to finish the many development projects that he has started.

I will also like to mention what the Jubilee Government must emphasize on, particularly with regard to equity in distribution of resources. Kenyans have become very sensitive. They are aware and sensitive particularly to any tribal inclinations on distribution of resources. In my constituency, we are still looking forward for the start of Isara-Mashuru-Kajiado Road. This is just one of the major roads we thought the Jubilee Government would undertake as a major project in the entire Kajiado County. We also saw that in many constituencies, the National Youth Service (NYS) programme has done a lot to alleviate the problem of unemployment of the youth. In my constituency, this is yet to be done. Even as we acknowledge our successes, we must be careful not to sideline parts of this country. We must be careful not to be seen to have skewed development. I know the President has really tried to support devolution, but our county governments have not done much. I think a lot of resources that have been devolved have been siphoned through corruption. A lot of works have not been done. Town planning and sewerage systems in our towns are still pathetic and there are water problems. In my county, Isinya and Kitengela towns are crying because of water shortage. There are no hospitals, medicine and medical personnel. So, I do not understand where the Kshs25 billion that was supposed to be received by governors has gone.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Tobiko

Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) R.N. Wanyonyi

Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to comment on the President’s Address.

First of all, I will start with the sector of education. As I listened to the President make his address on the area of education, I realised that we have made great milestones. As we speak, we are experiencing a change in school infrastructure. In terms of buildings and facilities the Government has, through its educational infrastructure development
programmes, enabled schools to build additional classrooms, laboratories and dormitories. In this regard, I want to cite something positive that has been done by the Government. Sometime back, we had issues with the Salvation Army Primary School in Mount Elgon. As we speak, that school has boarding facilities. The girl-child is now able to board and complete school because of what the Government has done. This is something which is very important to me. It is something to thank the Government for. Most of the students who were initially unable to sit for national exams are now able to sit for those exams because of scrapping of examination fees by the Government. This is something we are proud of, as Kenyans. I want to thank the Government and His Excellency the President. As the Member for Bungoma County, I can attest to the fact that we have witnessed a lot of development in my county. We have witnessed Kibabii University receive a charter. It is the first university to receive a charter in the county. We have been desirous of something like this for many years. The fulfilment of that dream could only be witnessed during the reign of the Jubilee Government. It is something to thank God for. We also thank the Government. There are also many other education institutions, including village polytechnics and technical training institutes. This is a milestone as far as education is concerned.

We keep on talking of empowerment. The greatest empowerment that we can give to our children is education. When you educate a child, you empower him or her more than any other form of empowerment you can think of. Wherever that child goes, he carries with him the treasure of knowledge that he has acquired. That knowledge can be used anytime, anywhere in the world. In the area of women empowerment, this particular Government has established Uwezo Fund. In as much as we have had the Women Enterprise Development Fund, and the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, the presence of Uwezo Fund has helped to enhance trade and agriculture. This is one thing we must thank the Government for. This affirmative action fund has done a great deal in terms of empowering women. The decision by the Government to provide sanitary towels to the girl-child has been very useful. Probably, some of the funds used by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, to purchase sanitary pads should be channelled through the Affirmative Fund to enable the girl-child to directly access these facilities to ensure completion of school education.

With those few remarks, I congratulate His Excellency the President for his address on the state of the nation.

DATE: 22nd March 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Nyamunga

Contribution she made on: Noting Of The Address By The President

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the President’s Address.
First of all, I must say that a time has come that everybody, including myself, must take stock of their performance in the past four years. A time has come that we must show the public that we have effectively carried out the responsibility they have given us, as leaders, and that we have improved their welfare. As the Opposition, we have scored very highly. I can give the Opposition side of the political divide a score of over 99 per cent. We have done everything that needs to be done by the Opposition. Anybody forming a government should always know that there is the government side and the opposing side. The Opposition is not meant to just talk for nothing. For us, we have done our best. We will go back to our people and put our case forward. They are our witnesses. We have not let down Kenyans.

The effects of economic growth should trickle down to the common people. Looking at my village in my county, and looking at myself, I do not think there is any growth in my life or in the lives of my people that I can point out and say that the economic growth that has been talked about by the national Government has trickled to the local people. When we talk of economic growth, we should not be talking of a few people who have enriched themselves. Those are individuals who are wallowing in wealth at the expense of millions of Kenyans. I do not think the Jubilee Government can take any credit.

There is also the issue of failed promises. I do not want to belabour the issues of failed promises to provide schools with laptops and enhance the fight against corruption. That point has been discussed sufficiently by many people. We have talked about it all along. The national Government has let Kenyans down in the sense that roads and the railway line projects were NARC programmes. They are programmes of the nusu mkate Government. The only thing I can give the national Government credit for is the fact that they did not abandon those programmes. They continued with the programmes that were started by the previous Government, but at a very high cost. The cost multiplied several times. The cost of the railway, as compared with what we are reading today, cannot be a credit for anybody.

Look at the roads, we have been told by the President that there are 6,000 kilometres of road. A thousand kilometres is the distance between Malaba and Mombasa. Therefore, we have six times that distance. I do not see that road in my village within Kisumu County. The roads that I see were constructed in the 1970s and 1980s. I have never seen a new road tarmacked in the whole of Kisumu County. I would want to give credit on achievements that even my constituents can support by pointing out what the Jubilee Government has done but as at now, I cannot go back to my people and point at any development project within my county and tell my people that this is what the Jubilee Government has done to make their lives better.

The Jubilee Government is also priding itself with the issue of power. The President said that 40 per cent of Kenya’s households are now connected to electricity. The question is for how long you get that power. Every time I am at home, power can only be on for three or four hours. For the remainder of 18 hours of the day, we are in a power blackout. You can loop it to so many people but there is no efficiency or effectiveness. I wish the Jubilee Government could take one
stride at a time so that when they talk of power, the villager and I can feel it.
Lastly, on agriculture, the Government has failed. We cannot be priding ourselves when
people are dying of hunger in Turkana County. In my backyard there is no food. People are
dying. If I cannot feed my family, what else can I do for them?

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Ahsante sana, Mhe. Spika. Ninashukuru sana kwa kunipatia hii
nafasi ili niweze kuzungumzia yale Rais alizungumza katika Bunge hili alipokuwa akihutubia
wananchi kuhusu hali ya taifa letu la Kenya.
Alizungumzia mambo mengi. Kuhusu elimu, tumeona marekebisho mengi katika
mitihani wanayofanya wanafunzi wetu. Ingawa hivyo, kuna mambo mengine ambayo Rais
hakuzungumzia hasa kuhusu watoto wetu kutopata vitabu wanavyotakikana kupatiwa.
Rais alizungumzia afya. Kinamama na watoto wachanga kwa ajili ya kukosa
matibabu mwafaka. Nafikiri hiyo ndio ili kuwa sababu ya Rais kuenda India. Inasikitisha
kwamba hakuna chochote ambacho Rais alizungumza katika Bunge hili alipokuwa akihutubia
wananchi kuhusu hali ya taifa letu la Kenya.

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vita dhidi ya shida hizi mbili ambazo nimetaja.
Rais alizungumzia kuhusu kazi. Vijana wengi hawana kazi. Huko Kakamega ninakotoka
maelfu ya vijana hawana kazi. Hata kama Rais aliongea kuhusu kuongezeka kwa ajira, sharti
afahamu kwamba huko Kakamega vijana wetu hawana kazi yoyote. Vile vile, tungetaka
kujua
namna ambavyo vijana wetu watapata kazi. Sisi akina mama ndio tunajua hali ya vijana
ilivyo
humu nchini kwa sababu ni sisi ambao huwafutia chakula.
Rais alituhutubia. Sisi Wabunge tulikuja hapa kumsikiza. Lakini, je, baada ya Hotuba
hiyo nini kingine kitafuatia? Tunataka kujua anayoyafanya Rais. Hii ni kwa sababu aliyongea
hapa ni maneno ya kawaida tu.
Ahsante Mhe. Spika kwa kunipitia nafasi.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms.) Munene

Contribution she made on: Adoption Of Report On Vetting Of Nominee For
Appointment As Ng-Cdf Chief Executive Officer

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to finish my time. I
was just supporting what the Committee on the National Government Constituencies
Development Fund (NG-CDF) has recommended. I was saying that it is also good to recognise
somebody who has done good work. That is because that person has stayed there for seven
years without having any problem. I am asking the Committee to give that person a chance to
apply for the job, and investigate what was happening when he did not apply for the job.

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Therefore, I support the Motion and I ask the Members of this House
to recognise the work that Mr. Mbuno has done for many years. When you act for so many
years, it is fair to be confirmed to the position. Unfortunately, something happened and he was
not considered for the position. I ask Members of Parliament, because we have been here for a
long time without having problems with NG-CDF CEO, to consider Mr. Mbuno who has acted in
that position for seven years. Thank you.