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Chairs

Date: March 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2017

Member of Parliament: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro

Contribution she made on: Chaired the Session (Temporary Deputy Speaker)

Date: March 28\textsuperscript{th} 2017

Member of Parliament: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro

Contribution she made on: Chaired the session (Temporary Deputy Speaker)

Date: March 30\textsuperscript{th} 2017

Member of Parliament: Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro

Contribution she made on: Chaired the session (Temporary Deputy Speaker)
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Date: 1st March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Catherine Nabwala

Contribution she made: HISTORICAL INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY THE TALAI CLAN

‘Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I also join my colleagues in thanking Sen. Sang and the petitioners who signed and brought the Petition to this House. The issue of land and historical injustices is critical and touchy. The Talai community needs to be compensated by the Government. These people should look up to the Government of the day. If there is any case to be taken up outside the country, it is the Government that can compensate them or hire the lawyers for them. The Talai people are poor. As we know, they are living in very difficult circumstances. That is why I would like to thank Sen. Sang for bringing up this matter. If it is left like that, people will think that everyone got a good life after independence yet we have other people who are crying out there and they do not know where to go. We have the 1992 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who were displaced from Mount Elgon. These people are living in centres in Trans Nzoia County. I have the list with the names of these people who are about 4000. The Government of the day does not want to compensate them. In the next century, this will also be another case of land historical injustices. It is high time that the Government takes up this issue seriously. The Committee where the Petition will be referred to should look at the TJRC Report and check what the recommendations were so that this issue is brought to a halt.’
Date: 1st March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Joy Gwendo

Contribution she made: HISTORICAL INJUSTICES SUFFERED BY THE TALAI CLAN

‘Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I would like to congratulate Sen. Sang for bringing this Petition to the Senate. Research has shown that the Talai community is the longest suffering community in Kenya. We can only compare their suffering to that of the Jews who suffered for many years. Research has shown that during the suffering of the Talai Community, 900 people died and they also lost their leader at that time. We would appreciate if the Government of today could also raise its voice and address some of these injustices. We should appreciate the fact that they are the people who fought for the freedom and independence of this country.’

Date: 1st March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Dullo Adan

Contribution she made: DELAY BY THE TSC TO PROMOTE TEACHERS IN ISIOLO COUNTY

‘Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, yes I have two Statements. If you can allow me to proceed on both, I will appreciate. Pursuant to Standing Order No.45 (2)(b), I wish to seek for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education regarding the delay by the Teachers Service Commission in promoting teachers in Isiolo County and the TSC decision to suspend the promotion of others. In the Statement, the Chairperson should:-

(1) State and explain the criteria the TSC uses to promote teachers who previously held certificates and diplomas but have since upgraded to a degree.'
(2) Explain the delay by TSC in promoting teachers from Isiolo who have upgraded to degree since January 2014 to date.

(3) Indicate when TSC intends to promote the teachers in paragraph (2) above.

(4) Explain the reason behind the decision by TSC not to promote teachers who scored C+ and below in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) but have since upgraded to degree through a number of expensive accredited courses. The second Statement---

Date: 1st March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Dullo Adan

Contribution she made: CHANGE OF LAPSSET CORRIDOR ROUTE AND RELOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ISIOLO RESORT CITY

‘Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2)(b), I wish to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation regarding the reported change in Lamu Port, South Sudan, Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) corridor route and relocation of the proposed Isiolo Resort City. In the Statement the Chairman should:-

(1) Indicate whether the Government intends to change the LAPSSET corridor route.

(2) State whether the Government intends to relocate the site for the proposed Isiolo Resort City from Kipsinga near Isiolo Town to either Igembe North Archers Post or Kulamawe.

(3) Explain the rationale of the above proposed changes.

(4) Explain why stakeholders in Isiolo County were not consulted on the proposed changes.
(5) Explain the Government’s plan to compensate those who have already invested in the Kipsinga in anticipation of the Isiolo Resort City. I thank you.

Date: 2nd March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Martha Wangari

Contribution she made: ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PROCEDURE AND RULES FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EALA

‘Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I would like to give notice of the following Motion:-

THAT ACKNOWLEDGING that the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) is established under Article 9 of the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community as one of the key organs and institutions of the Community responsible for the Community’s legislative matters; RECOGNIZING that Article 50 of the Treaty provides for the election of Members of EALA by respective Partner States’ Legislatures in accordance with their parliamentary procedures for a term of five years; AWARE that the five-year term of the current third East African Legislative Assembly is due to expire on June 04, 2017;

FURTHER AWARE that the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act, 2011 contemplates conclusion of the election of Members of a new Assembly to be within ninety (90) days before the expiry of the term of the subsisting Assembly; NOTING that the current Election Rules were adopted by the National Assembly in April, 2012 and therefore do not take cognizance of the bicameral nature of the Kenyan Parliament; COGNIZANT of the need to urgently conclude the election process within the statutory timelines; NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 of the Houses of Parliament (Joint Sittings) Rules, the House Resolves to establish a Joint Select Committee consisting of seven (7) Members from
each House of Parliament and that- (i) the mandate of the said Joint committee shall be to: (a) review the procedure and rules for election of Members of EALA contained in the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules, 2012 in light of Kenya’s bicameral nature; (b) on the basis of the review in (a) above, propose appropriate procedures and rules for election of persons to represent the Republic of Kenya at EALA; (c) within fourteen (14) days, submit a report to the Houses of Parliament containing the revised rules of procedure; (d) suggest appropriate timelines for purposes of notifications, nominations and elections; and (e) consider the nominees, oversee the election process and report to the House within the timelines stipulated in the Elections Rules. (ii) the Committee shall formulate its own rules of procedure; (iii) the Offices of the Clerks of both Houses shall provide secretariat services in accordance with the Standing Orders; and (iv) the following Senators shall represent the Senate in the Joint Committee:

1. Sen. Kimani Wamatangi;

2. Sen. Peter Mositet;


4. Sen. Mshenga Mvita;

5. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr;

6. Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro;

and 7. Sen. Henry Tiole Ndiema.’
Date: 2\textsuperscript{nd} March

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‘Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:- THAT –

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RECOGNIZING that Article 50 of the Treaty provides for the election of Members of EALA by respective Partner States’ Legislatures in accordance with their Parliamentary procedures for a term of five years; AWAREthat the five-year term of the current third East African Legislative Assembly is due to expire on June 04, 2017; FURTHER AWARE that the East African Legislative Assembly Elections Act, 2011 contemplates conclusion of the election of Members of a new Assembly to be within ninety (90) days before the expiry of the term of the subsisting Assembly; NOTING that the current Election Rules were adopted by the National Assembly in April, 2012 and therefore do not take cognizance of the bicameral nature of the Kenyan Parliament; COGNIZANT of the need to urgently conclude the election process within the statutory timelines; NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 of the Houses of Parliament (Joint Sittings) Rules, the House Resolves to establish a Joint Select Committee consisting of seven (7) Members from each House of Parliament and that-

(1) The mandate of the said Joint committee shall be to: (a) Review the procedure and rules for election of Members of EALA contained in the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African
Community (Election of Members of the Assembly) Rules, 2012 in light of Kenya’s bicameral nature; (b) On the basis of the review in (a) above, propose appropriate procedures and rules for election of persons to represent the Republic of Kenya at EALA; (c) Within fourteen (14) days, submit a report to the Houses of Parliament containing the revised rules of procedure; (d) Suggest appropriate timelines for purposes of notifications, nominations and elections; and (e) Consider the nominees, oversee the election process and report to the House within the timelines stipulated in the Elections Rules.

(2) The Committee shall formulate its own rules of procedure;

(3) The Offices of the Clerks of both Houses shall provide secretariat services in accordance with the Standing Orders; and

(4) The following Senators shall represent the Senate in the Joint Committee:

1. Sen. Kimani Wamatangi;

2. Sen. Peter Mositet;


4. Sen. Mshenga Mvita;

5. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr;

6. Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro; and

I beg to move. Before I get a Seconder for this Motion, I would like to just clarify a few issues. We all appreciate the role that EALA plays in terms of our integration in the East Africa community. We have really come a long way. This is the third East Africa Legislative Assembly in place. If you look at the Motion, it clearly stipulates that the last time the rules were reviewed and agreed upon, this Constitution that we are serving under was not promulgated. In fact, it was done in 2010 but we need to review the rules so that it is in accordance with the bi-cameral nature of Kenyan Parliament. We have had to go back and forth with the National Assembly but I think this is one area that we agree. In fact, this Motion is being moved in both Houses. We agree on the role that each House must play in terms of getting this done in time. We are looking at the expiry of the EALA term on 4th June. We will be looking at an election year for ourselves as a country to be done two months later. We must put the rules in order, the infrastructure and the methodology to be in place so that there is no confusion. I am sure by June, everyone will be running in their respective constituencies and counties but it is our responsibility as Parliament to make sure we put the infrastructure in place so that EALA can do its work. We can also give guidance as we have always done in this East African integration process. In fact, Kenya has been in the forefront. More importantly, we must make sure that we participate fully as both Houses of Parliament in the nomination, overseeing the process of election and giving timelines and guidelines for these elections to happen. This Motion, therefore, is meant to operationalise that. I have no doubt that the Members proposed here will deliver this mandate. If you look at that constitution of that Committee and proposed committee from this House, we have done as we always do in accordance to the Standing Orders in terms of majority, minority and numbers. If you look at the composition of the Committee in terms of gender, you will see there are a number of women. I hope that they will expedite this process and table a report on the specifics
that have been highlighted here. I hope they will do their job well and submit a report to both Houses of Parliament within the stipulated time of 14 days. I hope they will come up with Terms of References (TORs), rules and procedures so that we move forward as we always do. I beg to move and I want to ask Sen. Wako to second this Motion’

Date: 2nd March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Martha Wangari

Contribution she made: VISITORS FROM THE NORWEGIAN COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

‘Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. As I join you to welcome the delegation from the Norwegian Council, I would want to note, maybe, that you would have advised them to stand and bow to the Speaker. They looked a bit shocked. I can tell you they have been smiling at me up there because they are seeing there is a lot of involvement and participation of women and youth. As a young woman, I welcome them. I hope that they will learn the best practices from us. I request that they stand up so that we acknowledge them in our usual tradition manner’

Date: 2nd March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Judith Sijeny

Contribution she made: SPECIAL SITTING OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT

‘Madam Temporary Speaker, I also support this Motion. It is quite timely. I am very happy to see that Kenya is taking the initiative to do things properly. I also benefited in trying to challenge – it was not something to be proud of but I was one of the lawyers who challenged Kenya’s
perceived elections to the EALA sometimes in 2005 or 2006, thereabout. It was very embarrassing but it was an interesting case. I hope they will look at those authorities, the case laws; even books have been written. It has become a case study. Every university student is taught using the case. Sen. (Prof.) Anyang’-Nyong’o was one of the litigants. It is famously known as the Anyang’-Nyong’o Case. It made history because the rules were amended. In fact, the rules that the Committee will look at have been amended several times. They also need to look at the history and see why the amendment was necessary. Madam Temporary Speaker, I also made history because that case against Kenya’s election of representatives to the EALA made the Summit to constitute an appellate court. I was the first lady to appear before it representing Sen. (Prof.) Anyang’-Nyong’o and others who were aggrieved with the manner in which Kenya purportedly elected their representatives to the EALA. It is important for this Committee to perform its mandate as required because that will also enhance the standards and ensure that the people who represent Kenya will become cooperative, active and put Kenya’s best interests at heart so that we can make East Africa a better place. It is unfortunate that even having been at the Senate all this time, I have not felt the interaction between the Senate or Parliament as a whole with the EALA; but there has been a lot of interaction between EALA and the East African Law Society where they have fought for legislations and harmonization of the laws, especially concerning gender. They have done a lot of work. With those few remarks, I beg to support.’

‘Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I have listened carefully to each contribution to this Motion. I am happy that it is widely supported across the Floor. The Most critical thing that has been raised is the Terms of Reference (TORs) of what is expected of this Committee, the role of the Senate in treaty ratification and the role of bicameral Parliament. The reporting to the
appointing authority has also been ably raised by Sen. Hassan, though he has his own reservations on so many issues. I also want to note the contribution of Sen. Wetangula, despite him saying that I should focus on my struggle to be the Member of Parliament of Gilgil. I wish he was in the House. I would remind him that nobody has the monopoly of winning or losing. At least, mine has a chance. His desire for the presidency has been documented; that he will not become one. More importantly, allow me to---‘

‘Madam Temporary Speaker, you were in that Chair when Sen. Wetangula made that attack on me. I respect him as someone who was first nominated then elected. I hope that I will also follow that road. I will, therefore, withdraw because I respect him. However, I wish that the condescending attitude is minimized regardless of where one sits. Allow me to thank every other Senator who has contributed to this Motion. The work for this Committee is cut-out. Their role is clear. There is the issue of inter-border relationship that has been pointed out so well by Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. and the free trade pointed out by Sen. (Prof.) Anyang’-Nyong’o. The plate of this Committee is full. This comes in an election year. It is a time when the temperatures are very high. I hope that we will draw proper guidelines, laws, nomination rules so that we can get the best representation to this very critical body that unites the East Africa member states. I beg to move.’
Date: 2nd March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Beatrice Elachi

Contribution she made: ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE PURSUANT TO THE APPROVED CALENDAR FOR THE 2017 SESSION

‘Madam Temporary Speaker, when we go on recess, I hope we will attend the conferences that have been scheduled. There is also a lot of work that we need to clear. If this Senate wants to be in history, it is time we cleared all the Bills that are pending. This will help our Senate to stand and the next Senate will appreciate what we have done. Madam Temporary Speaker, it is time for women to take over our country. If the men continue pushing our country to the direction they are doing, we will lose our country. Our children are suffering. It is time we took over the leadership of constituencies. We have to save our country from the rhetoric that men use thinking that is the direction our country should go. Our schools are rotten. We need to save our children. Madam Temporary Speaker, with those remarks, I beg to support.’

Date: 28th March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Beatrice Elachi

Contribution she made: LOUD MUSIC IN LIONS EYE HOSPITAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPLE AND AUDITORIUM IN LORESHO

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, I just want to ride on what my Senator has said. Regarding the issue of pollution, I would also like the Chairman to explain to the House and Kenyans why Space Lounge in Kilimani makes noise to the whole community. The people there have even complained but to date the place is still open and they still play loud music.’
Date: 28th March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Beatrice Elachi

Contribution she made: THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:- THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 24 (6), the Thanks of the Senate be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the President delivered on Wednesday, 15th March, 2017 and further notes the following Reports submitted by the President in fulfilment of the provisions of Articles 132 (1) (c) and 240 (7) of the Constitution, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 28th March, 2017-

(a) Report on measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance;

(b) Report on Progress made in fulfilment of the International Obligations of the Republic; and,

(c) The Fourth Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank the President and do appreciate that through his duties and obligations to the country he brings to Parliament this Address so that we can look at the progress of the country. We are able to critique and to appreciate the work that he has done. The President presented his address and outlined his achievements. The most critical agenda as a country as we move ahead is that we need to ask ourselves if, indeed, we wish to see our country move forward. Cohesion is very critical not just for the President but for the whole country. The President clearly outlined that within his promises that he gave the country, he has been able to demonstrate that he has delivered what is in his manifesto. He went on and assured Kenyans that while we appreciate
devolution, which is our critical agenda in the Senate, implementation has not been smooth and we have seen the county economies grow. The biggest challenge that he talked about is corruption which I know is both at the National and county level. In the Senate we have seen many petitions come in. We have witnessed our County Public Accounts and Investments Committee (CPAIC) engage with governors to look at the challenges we face as we implement devolution. Mr. Speaker, Sir, while we know that our country with the pillar of devolution will go far, the biggest challenge of all is ethnicity that we also see in our counties. We should ensure that we have that interrelation. This was the last address of the President in the four years that he has been there. We experienced the biggest challenge of strikes especially the doctors’ strike. While we appreciate that the national Government is doing its bit, we also have to safeguard devolution because we are the guards. Even as we see the doctors and the governors exchange words about who will pay who, I hope the Senate will stand in to ensure the doctors are paid since that was the agreement. I always say that consistency is very important. Whether good or bad because we agreed that the doctors have to be paid, I think it is time they were paid. We need to stand with them as Senate. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the President went on and talked about our engagement in international obligations and more importantly that of working in partnership with Somalia. He also talked about the challenges we faced with Al Shabaab and the large scale of attacks that we have seen as a country. For us Kenyans, we reached a point of desperation when we felt that we had been hit hard. We stand strong as we celebrate our soldiers. The President also reiterated that we must stand with our soldiers to ensure that peace comes to Somalia. We want to celebrate and congratulate the President of Somalia who all of us know is a Kenyan Somali since he has lived in Kenya for a while and most of the time he campaigned when he was in Kenya. We believe that if Kenya stands with Somalia, we will stand again and one day
celebrate that they went through all these challenges for 25 years but now have moved on. We celebrate President Mohammed for his peaceful election and we also know that Kenya is a pillar which will ensure that they grow. We know very well that Kenyans will have to assist Somalia in building the different institutions that they have. They also have regional blocks and I believe they work like the Senate. We need to help them. I am hoping the Senate of Kenya will assist the Members of the Somalia Parliament to build their country. In fulfilling our international obligations to pursue security, we know that our sons and daughters will always be remembered. I believe the President stood with that and I hope as a country, we will also stand with that.

When you look at the different bilateral relations that we have had such as the one of South Sudan, it is our wish to see that country move on and that their future and prosperity is built on the pillar of peace. I believe as a country we have given our President the biggest task in the history of our country. We have a President who was picked through a new dispensation of a Constitution and was supposed to lay down the foundation of 47 counties, ensure they stand, receive revenue and they move on to ensure we have good economic dynamics. [The Speaker (Hon. Ethuro) left the Chair] [The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Ongoro) took the Chair] Madam Temporary Speaker, the President also talked about insecurity. Insecurity is one of the things that is hurting Kenyans as well as Members of Parliament both in the National Assembly and the Senate. It is time we also asked ourselves whether we are the perpetrators of the violence where our people die every day within our counties. When you look at what happened in Laikipia and Baringo counties, I pray to God that one day, as leaders, we shall ask ourselves serious questions. For instance, when you sit in Parliament and Kenyans are dying because of your name, what will be the legacy of our children that we bring up? Let us pray to God that we shall never carry the curse of the people that we lead because of the things that we did as leaders. When you look at
cattle rustling, poaching and the flow of illegal arms and light weapons and the problem of marauding bandits in Laikipia, it is time we question ourselves. Recently, I saw in Nairobi that young people can just wake up and go to destroy and take over your house because the lease is over. We appreciate as Kenyans that when the leases are over, they will be turned back to our county governments. Kenyans must not suffer or be displaced because the lease is over.

Parliament must look at this and come up with a law regarding leases. We have to ensure that no Kenyan suffers in the hands of a fellow Kenyan because of greed of taking over their land no matter how small it is. This is the reason why we have the Bill of Rights that takes care of every Kenyan to have a home. Madam Temporary Speaker, we also need to look at what the President said on drugs and human trafficking. As women in this country, there are things that are happening and we need to pray to God to help our children. In Nairobi, today, you will be saddened because young people are now helpless because of alcoholism. I know that indeed if women take over, they will change what young people are thinking today and restore their lives because that is a generation that we need. The President talked about his continued and spirited campaign in ensuring we eradicate drugs. As he does that, we are praying that he will also look in Nairobi where we have flourishing clubs all over in residential areas where our children are. Some families have wished to sell their homes because they cannot stand what is happening. Therefore, as we speak of this we need to ask ourselves where we are headed as a country. I know and believe as women, we can help our country. Madam Temporary Speaker, the President gave us an assurance of how we are managing our debts and how we use our resources. What came out strongly is that from the Executive, the Judiciary and the Legislature, it is time for those who receive salaries that are beyond the reach of Kenyans to follow the recommendations of the Sarah Serem report. It is my prayer and hope that the next Parliament will appreciate that
we need most of the money for development. They could also ensure other Kenyans are employed in sharing what we have. I also want to thank the President that since Independence we have more electricity connections. We thank him for that achievement. It is an achievement that today we have 220,000 elderly aged Kenyans who receive a monthly stipend for their own use. I also want to thank him for his aggressive road construction programme where today 1,950 kilometres of new roads have been completed and others are still ongoing. However, I would want to urge him to look at the western region roads especially within the Kakamega County. I remember it is in this Senate where I am the one who first brought the Motion of the National Youth Service. At that time, we felt as a Senate that if this programme will change lives of young people, then it will have helped young people to come up with different jobs. I want to thank the President for picking it up and ensuring that today, we are moving in the right direction. When we look at the people in Kibera, they have changed. What we see today is indeed a change that many would have wished to see many years ago. So, we have to thank him. Madam Temporary Speaker, most of the leaders that we have today especially in the Senate are part of a process of building our country. Today, they have an opportunity to ensure that there is a gain and a new foundation that will take our country to another level for the next 50 years as they leave. Our biggest achievement as Senate and what we need to ensure it continues is devolution. It will be there from now to the next generation of our children regardless of the challenges because with devolution, Kenyans are now able to see their resources. However, the most important thing as we move on is to ask ourselves whereas Kenyans are celebrating devolution, we must also fight the vice of corruption at the national and the county level. It is our duty to ensure that. Madam Temporary Speaker, the President talked about the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR). We have witnessed progress. The railroad has reached Nairobi. Soon we will see the first train leave
Nairobi for Mombasa and vice versa. Regardless of all the challenges we have faced, we celebrate that. We also recognise the progress made in the automotive sector of our technical and vocational training. Over the last 10 years, we lost nearly all of our polytechnics. It was felt that everyone ought to go to the university but we have realised that technical skills are important. Therefore, we are back at it. We wish to see young people appreciating this. I hope young people are being trained by the Railway Training Institute (RTI). If they are not doing so, who will provide services in the SGR? Young Kenyans should be eager to go for training in the RTI since they may get employment when the SGR starts its operations. We must encourage them to do so.

I will give an example. Nowadays finding plumbers is difficult because young people shy away from undertaking technical courses. The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) has been looking for plumbers but it has been difficult to get even a few of them. People ignored these courses not knowing that it can provide a career. We have many high rise buildings in Kileleshwa, Kilimani but finding a plumber will take a while. We need them, more so due to real estate development in our country. I thank the Republic of Germany for supporting us in the vocational training institutes. I also thank the Republic of Ireland; they are in Kitui offering their support. Similar thanks go to the Republic of Korea. They are funding the Kenya Advanced Institute of Technology to do their first anchor tenant of Konza Techno City. In addition, I thank the President because during this time, Kenya was visited by many Presidents of the world. This opened Kenya for different engagements in the international scene. We also need to look at the security sector. As much as we talk of insecurity within our borders and neighbouring countries - I plead with the Inspector General of Police that the police should appreciate that the days of writing statements and committing a person to prison are gone. It is good to do your investigations and ensure that they are clear; that, when one goes to prison, it is certain that he or
she is guilty as charged. Madam Temporary Speaker, on corruption, the journey has been on a rocky path. We celebrate that we have 90 special prosecutors of economic crime as the President said. The Chief Justice has established a special anticorruption and economic crimes unit. The courts can also help us to ensure that we get the statistics. Kenyans will appreciate it. While the story is rosy, Kenyans are interested in figures. The number of cases in the anticorruption court should be clear and those who have gone to prison should be enumerated. Every Kenyan would wish to see this happen. I thank the President for the freezing of assets and the recovery agency that has been set up to ensure that we recover stolen resources. Having done that, Kenyans would also like to know the amount of resources that have been recovered and which departments they have been placed in. This will provide evidence of change from corruption to a better course. Moreover, we thank the President for Huduma Centres. Kenyans are able to get vital services online via e-citizen, iTax and the registry. Digitizing these platforms has reduced Kenyans’ frustrations in accessing these services. Many Kenyans apply for these services online, for instance passports. Kenya is doing better than her neighbours. We thank God for that. Madam Temporary Speaker, as a country, our wage bill is unsustainable. Parliament takes only 2 or 3 per cent. It is time we realign ourselves from the top so that we can calm the industrial strikes. They are a result of how we handle ourselves. We need to look at the plight of teachers, nurses, clinical officers and doctors. We have many civil servants. We need to create an environment where the private sector employs many people so that the Government can manage its debt and get rid of unsustainable strikes now and then. Madam Temporary Speaker, as I finalise, I thank the President. We hope and believe that as we move on, key people who need to be taken care of in their professions; policemen, prison warders and KDF are catered for. They have protected our lives. We need to look after their welfare. Apart from the health cover, we also need to think
about their housing so that they are not compromised. Finally, I want to thank the women of this country because in the last 50 years of Independence, we have achieved a lot. It is my sincere hope that this year we will conduct a peaceful election. We also hope that the Elections Offences Act will be implemented to the letter by all actors so that we have a peaceful and credible election. I trust the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) will do his work so that we all ensure that our fragile democracy does not slide into the 2007 situation when many people died and others were displaced because of politics. As much we are in campaign mood, I urge all of us to respect each other because our country will not cease to function after elections. This is because Kenyans and foreign investors will continue investing in various sectors in our country. We must remind ourselves that this country is ours even as we approach the polls. With those few remarks, I beg to move and ask Sen. (Prof.) Lonyangapuo to second.’

**Date:** 28th March

**Member of Parliament: Sen. Beatrice Elachi**

**Contribution she made: THANKS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

‘Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. Is the Senate Minority Leader in order to tell Kenyans that the security crisis we are facing in Laikipia is because the police cannot do anything? We know very well that it is we politicians who went and incited those young boys to go and take land because they have decided that the lease is over. Are we in order as a House of records to tell Kenyans that it is the police who have decided that they cannot manage that yet we know it is we who have pushed the young people to go and do what they are doing?’

‘Yes Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. It is a serious allegation and my leader – because he is going to be the next President of this country – should know the numbers of security forces correctly.
When he says that the President lied about the ratio of police officers to Kenyans, then it is important that he tells Kenyans what our ratio is today so that Kenyans do not get confused. The young people who are employed are very many. Again we will start interrogating budgets and wondering who the ghost workers are. It is an issue that we need to substantiate by true facts’

‘On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. While I agree with the Senate Minority Leader that the policeman who gave him information will be sacked, that is a public office and I believe the Inspector General(IG) should now give the figures. The Senate Minority Leader cannot tell the country that we will not get the figures right since he has the right figures that we cannot get it from the IG. We need to substantiate those figures and facts. We will get it without having the policeman who gave him information being named. This is a very serious security issue’

‘On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I have listened to the Senate Minority Leader and I think some of his allegations are not true. In Ethiopia, the Government does not pay for the land. It only allocates itself land to do their SGR line. In our country, we have to pay for land. That accounts for the cost of constructing a railway line in both countries. Having said that, is he in order to say it is the sons of the rich who concentrate on deals? The truth of the matter is that it is the politicians who solicit for deals. So, it is both sides. That is why I have always said when we talk about corruption let us not forget. For example, in Nairobi County who makes the deals? Is it the rich or the children of Gov. Kidero and the rest? So, when you are talking about corruption, remember politicians are the ones making the deals. He must know how cutting deals is done in this country. Is he in order?

‘Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, on a point of order. Is the Senate Minority Leader in order to allege that the Jubilee Government has abandoned Vision 2030, knowing very well they have
been complaining that we have been concentrating on projects which they started while serving in the Grand Coalition Government? In fact, the Jubilee Government is focused and committed to Vision 2030. Are you in order to tell Kenyans that what we are doing are not your projects but other things?’

**Date:** 29th March

**Member of parliament:** Sen. Martha Wangari

**Contribution she made:** VISITING DELEGATION FROM ST. JOSEPH GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, I join you in recognising the presence of the public relations officers from Nyamira County Assembly noting that their Senator has since become a presidential candidate. I thank your office for the steps that it has taken to make sure that the Senate is a learning ground for the counties to ensure that we teach them on how things are done. I hope that they will take greetings to Nyamira County. On behalf of the Kenya Women Parliamentarians Association (KEWOPA), I welcome the students from St. Joseph Secondary School to the Senate. I encourage them that the future can only get better. The Constitution that we have is very progressive in ensuring that women’s rights are entrenched. Today, the High Court ruled that the not more than two thirds gender rule must be enacted by Parliament within 60 days or Parliament will stand dissolved. We are therefore making steps and so I encourage the girls from Taita Taveta County that they will be seated where I am in a few years. It can only get better in the county assemblies. There are many opportunities for them and the sky is not even the limit. Welcome to the Senate’
Date: 29th March

Member of parliament: Sen. Martha Wangari

Contribution she made: THE ONGOING STRIKE BY LECTURERS OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have heard the Chairperson of the Committee on Education, but it will be of great importance for us to know on record the details of their discussion when they attended the meeting with Sen. (Dr.) Zani and the lecturers. The country will be interested to know what the deal was because it was part of the question that was raised in that statement.’

‘On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.’

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, can Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale clarify what he means when he says that they “donated” a CS to the Government? I know that every person who is in Government is employed. It does not matter whether they are in the opposition or not. They do not have a label on their head. Could he clarify what he meant by that word “donation”?’

Date: 29th March

Member of parliament: Sen. Zipporah Kittony

Contribution she made: ALLEGED DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER

‘Mr. Speaker, Sir, I urge you to stick to the rules of the House. This is a House of rules and order. No one can intimidate you to look back. It is unfortunate because this afternoon we have not carried ourselves in a deserving manner, especially my friend whom I respect very much.'
The Minority Leader should have carried himself in a better manner – he calls somebody else that “man from Gatundu.” It is not acceptable because he is the President of Kenya. We all need to respect him. Therefore, what has transpired is not acceptable. I ask you to stick to the rules because this is a House of rules.’

Date: 30th March

Member of parliament: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda

Contribution she made: KILLING OF LIVESTOCK IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY BY SECURITY OFFICERS

‘Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.45 (2)(b) to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Security and Foreign Relations regarding the killing of livestock in Laikipia County last week by the security personnel drawn from different police units and the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) who were carrying out a security operation in the area. In the Statement, the Chairperson should:- (1) Explain whether the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government is aware of the above incident (2) State what the Cabinet Secretary is doing to protect both livestock and livestock owners from such unfortunate incidents. (3) State what the national Government is doing to resolve the conflict arising out of the need for pasture and grazing land, especially in light of the adverse effects of drought affecting pastoralists. (4) He should explain if the national Government has any plans to compensate the affected pastoralists, considering that livestock is the only source of income and livelihood. (5) Explain what the national Government is doing to compensate livestock farmers and resolve conflicts in many parts of Kenya,
especially in Samburu, Isiolo, Baringo and West Pokot Counties, considering that many animals have died and continue to die as a result of the drought currently affecting the country.’

‘Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I rise to add a rider to what Sen. Abdirahman has said. This is an issue that needs urgent attention. In two weeks’ time, we would probably go for recess and this matter needs to be addressed, in order to assure the pastoralists and inform the people who are living in Laikipia on what the Government is intending to do to resolve the issue, once and for all. This is especially for us to interrogate whether the use of force is the only answer to the problem in Laikipia as it is causing more damage than what was expected. So, next week would be better.’

Date: 30th March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda

Contribution she made: KILLING OF MR. STANISLAUS NAMAI MUKOMA AT SHIBALE MARKET IN MUMIAS, KAKAMEGA COUNTY

‘On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale should substantiate what he has said. Is he in order to insinuate? He is saying it in reference to another Jubilee Senator, whether she is also doing the same. That is insinuating and in bad light; speaking about another Senator in this House. Is Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale in order?’
Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Naisula Lesuuda

Contribution she made: THE PLIGHT OF FARMERS IN MWEA RICE IRRIGATION SCHEME

‘On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. Is it in order for the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, to state that nobody has died? It is almost belittling the issue that we are trying to address in this House and reducing the importance of the Statement. We know that this has been one of the hardest hitting droughts in the recent past, especially in the counties that we come from and it should be given the importance and concern that it deserves. It does not just require people to die but even the starvation levels require urgent attention’

Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Beth Mugo

Contribution she made: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILL NO.32 OF 2014)

‘Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I also rise to support this Bill. I know that Kenyans love education and I do not think there is anything that people can do to stagnate education. From time immemorial, we know that people themselves started constructing schools and educating the children. If that had not happened, today, we would not be where we are with education. Nevertheless, the areas where there had been historic injustices, as far as education is concerned, it is the local people themselves who took the initiative and built the schools.'
However, we have seen revolution as far as education is concerned; starting with free primary education and going on to free secondary education as well as subsiding university education. We know that in the first years of a child, learning is the most important thing. The area that we should put a lot of emphasis and support to give enough money is kindergartens and the pre-primary. That is where the foundation of a good education is made. We know that previously, communities used to pay the kindergarten teachers because the government had not made provision for this; that facility was not there. It is good that the Government realised that this is the foundation of a strong education and development because education is the engine of development. If we do not give the children enough apparatus by providing good and enough classrooms, qualified and adequate teachers; we cannot talk of a good education system which is starting up here and forgetting the roots. I commend those who have done a good job and those governors who have good jobs. There are some governors who have not done such good jobs. I believe there is nobody who wants to be praised. Sometimes we misplace our words that if one does a good job, the national Government and we as the public we appreciate that person. However, if there is corruption you do not want to be told there is corruption because you belong to this side or that side. So, if there is corruption, there is corruption. If a person has done a good job, we appreciate and say one has done a good job. Therefore, let us not always trivialize the debate and start hurling abuse and attacks at the Government or to anybody else who criticizes corruption because it is both ways. Madam Temporary Speaker, I strongly support this amendment. We should pass it so that our children can start enjoying properly this facility and strengthen our education system. With those remarks, I beg to support.
Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} March

Member of Parliament: Sen. Judith Sijeny

Contribution she made: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILL NO.32 OF 2014)

‘Madam Temporary Speaker, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to add a word to this important Motion. I support this amendment. If we do not take into account or give all the adequate consideration, care and attention to the young ones, then we lose as leaders and as a nation. The County Early Childhood Education Bill (Senate Bill No.32 of 2014) is timely. I support the amendment because it will give us a strong foundation to ensure that the education system in the country, especially for the little ones, is adhered to. This will also improve the standards of education. When you give a strong foundation that is required, as the children prosper they will not lose anything. Madam Temporary Speaker, children are very sensitive. There are some with special needs. As a country or leaders we should concentrate, give adequate facilities to all the children, especially those with special needs and ensure that we have proper criteria of determining who these children with special needs are. What are the different disabilities they have and how will they be assisted to be at par with other children? This Bill ensures that all children, irrespective of their background, shall achieve best standards of education. These centres will ensure that all adequate facilities are sourced properly so that no child lacks. It should not be that children in their institutions, especially the private ones and those of well to do people have more facilities than those from other institutions. Madam Temporary Speaker, with those remarks, I congratulate the Committee on Education. I beg to support.’