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Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support these amendments. I would like to congratulate my colleague Hon. Cheptumo for coming up with a coherent report. This is a very important time for us as a House because we are doing a very important thing; that is, making laws. Article 82 of our Constitution gives Parliament the responsibility of legislating on elections. Specifically, Article 82(d) of the Constitution says that Parliament should legislate on the conduct of elections and referenda and any other matters that are related to elections. So, this is a very important time. We should take up our responsibilities seriously in order to do what we should do to ensure that we follow the Constitution. In any case, we shall be implementing Articles 94 and 95 of our Constitution regarding the roles of the National Assembly.

These amendments make a lot of sense to me. I went through the Report. I also looked at the summarized clauses as presented by the Committee, which I would like to say did a very good job. I watched the patience of the Chair and the Members as they interviewed people from different parts of the country. The Committee collected views from people who are highly educated, as well as people who are not highly educated. The Committee also collected the memoranda that those people brought with them, after listening to them carefully.

These amendments give an opportunity to IEBC to have some continuity. It is very difficult for the country to wake up every morning and find out how the officials of IEBC are doing. That is because we are not sure if the Chair is unwell or indisposed. What is it that he could do? I am seated next to Hon. Gathoni wa Muchomba who has shared with me a 72-page document that is a bit worrying. I do not want to comment on it on the Floor of the House right now because I have not read it fully, but I must say that we have looked at some of the issues that have been raised at a recent Press statement and it is a bit worrying. It is good when a person is not ready for an election to withdraw because this country is bigger than an individual. We have children who would like to grow. We have farmers who are waiting for the rain to come so that they can grow their crops. We have businessmen who have not been able to import commodities, and they would like to do so. They are not sure of the market the next day, next week or next month. Because of that uncertainty, this country is losing big economically. A time comes when an individual makes a decision for the sake of the country. That is something which should happen. I believe that in a few hours’ time, in a day’s or two days’ time, we will be sure of what decision will be made by an individual.

Today there is a lot of excitement and willingness to debate on the NASA side. I can see people holding notes and willing to debate on the amendment laws. I have seen goodwill. It is unfortunate that I am not able to identify the new members because they are still new,
but I can tell that they are really NASA, and that they are willing to support the amendment laws for the sake of the country.

As I said, the proposed amendments will give continuity to the IEBC. As I said, it is a bit worrying to have to keep on checking how the IEBC Chair is doing. These amendments give us an opportunity to identify another person who will perform the duties of the Chair of the IEBC, in his absence. Therefore, the amendment gives continuity and ensures that there is no lacuna or vacuum in the law.

Also, changing this law ensures proper representation. We cannot always have all the commissioners present. The amendment has very clearly stipulated quorum for debating matters at the IEBC. It is good that they did not give a specific number; they just said half of the membership. This makes a lot of sense. This is also in line with Article 250 of the Constitution. I can see that the Committee was very much aware of that. They have said that they should not be less than three and they should not be more than nine. That means they read widely and applied the law appropriately. I have heard many people, especially from the other side, where I do not belong--- I am very happy not to belong to that side because it is very difficult to live your life. You cannot be able to express your opinion. You must be told what to say, when to come to the House and even what to read.

The amendment on Clause 5 benefits both NASA and Jubilee coalitions. We are being given an opportunity to allow any person to participate in an election, including presidential elections. I have just reflected on the meaning of “Ndinda”. Where I come from, many people voted for Dida because that name was being pronounced as “Ndinda” by the election officials who were reading it out to voters who needed assistance. In my community, “Ndinda” is a name of a woman. So, most people would say, “I would like to vote for Ndinda”. I believe that he got so many votes from my area.

Clause 5 of the amendment gives a chance to anybody without discrimination to participate in an election, including a presidential election. These amendments, especially Clause 6, make sense. It is the most important when it comes to using technology in elections. It is the most important point that I would like to speak about because we vote manually and we do everything manually. Where I come from, 50 per cent of the people who vote are assisted voters. They do not know that somebody is supposed to sign a form. They do not know that there are forms 34A and 34B. They do not know that the forms have a watermark. They do not even know how results are transmitted, but the presidential election results of 8th August were nullified based on a process.

Clause 6 says that the results shall be physically delivered. I think it is important because we know very well that technology fails. It has failed before. It can fail now and it will definitely fail in the future. This is a very important amendment for our people. The same clause also talks about verification. It was a shame to notice that there were documents which were clearly wrong, and the IEBC officials did not verify the changes that may have been made by individuals either by making a mistake or deliberately. It is important that people are forced to verify information that has been recorded, and also ensure that, as that information
reaches the constituency tallying centres, Kenyans get updated on how the elections are going. It is important. This is a very important amendment. It is worth being put in the law. Matters of procedure are in Clause 9. It is a shame that a matter of procedure can bring about cancellation of an election. That is what we saw. We have already seen the impact of this within our streets, where we have people running around. I saw a picture today in the newspaper of a woman who decided to just walk around at a main street in the city glad in a brassiere. This is a country we love. Our children are asking us: “Mama, why is this woman improperly dressed?”

Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank you very much for giving me a chance.

DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me a chance to contribute to this Bill and to also add my voice to that of my colleagues who have spoken before me and thank them for their support and contributions. Let me also begin by congratulating the Committee that did an excellent work, led by the Chairpersons, Hon. Cheptumo and Sen. Fatuma Dullo.

We have had a lot of concerns raised and I think the same have been raised by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, about the timing at which we are changing these laws. I would like to take them back to early this year when we did pass the IEBC (Amendment) Act, where due to what was happening and the reduced trust in IEBC at the time, which was mainly driven by the Opposition, we sat down and formed a Joint Committee that later came up with the laws. At that time, nobody complained about the timing. It was just a few months to the elections. And here we are. We had to change the IEBC, bring in a new commission, and they did not complain. We also made far-reaching changes to the architecture and infrastructure of the IEBC at the time.

That is what gave birth to the Electronic Voter Management System. Again, nobody complained about the timing. However, in this particular case, even when we know we are doing this law, informed by the decision of the Supreme Court during the presidential petition, we are still hypocritical enough to talk about timing because it is only a concern when it does not work for us. This Parliament is fully legally constituted and has a right to come up with laws and amend them as and when the need arises. I think it is well in order that we pass this law and ensure that we have peaceful and transparent elections on 26th of this month.

Hon Temporary Deputy Speaker, one of the major issues that has been well interrogated by this particular Bill is to ensure that in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair can take over, and run the business of the Chair just like any other member when the two are absent. This is because we do not want to have a vacuum in the Commission especially during this time when critical decisions must be made. I do not know why this is a problem. If you go to the
Parliamentary Service Commission Act, it says that the Chair of the Commission can either be the substantive Chair, Vice-Chair or any other member of the Commission in the absence of either the Chair or the Vice-Chair. That is precisely what this Act aims at doing. It is what this law aims to cure by ensuring there will be no vacuum.

Article 134 of the Constitution also says that in the absence of the President, the Deputy President acts as the President of this country. When the President went to International Criminal Court (ICC), the Deputy President acted as the President in his absence. I, therefore, see no reason why anyone would have a problem with such an important amendment.

There is also the whole issue of quorum. When we were passing the IEBC (Amendment) Act, remember the former IEBC had nine members and the quorum was five, about half of that number. However, when we reduced the number of Commissioners to seven, we still kept our quorum to five, which was wrong. We should have revised that quorum downwards. I am completely in support of us moving the quorum to four and at any one time, the members present who can vote and agree on critical issues of the meeting can be three so that the work of the Commission does not get impeded by either the absence of certain members of the Commission.

The other crucial issue that has been at the mouth of every Kenyan since the Supreme Court ruling was that Kenyans went and voted and all was done manually until the transmission of results became electronic. This is when they were told results transmitted could not be verified hence nullification of the results. In order to listen to that voice of Sheila Githaiga from Tetu, we must then ensure there is a complementary mechanism of ensuring that electoral results are relayed to the National Tallying Centre without delay and with certainty. Therefore, I support the amendment that will allow that even when technology fails, and even when it does not, we must ensure that the forms from the polling stations are actually verified at the constituency tallying centre. Also, those from the constituency tallying centre are physically delivered to the National Tallying Centre at the Bomas of Kenya so that in future, we have no questions about technology failing or not failing or the right form getting there or not. We have a fall-back position because, at the end of the day, whatever mechanism we use, we must make sure it protects the voters’ voice at the polling station.

I am in support of the amendment that stipulates that any returning officer or presiding officer who knowingly changes what is on the forms, refuses to sign, to stamp or use the form that has a watermark vis-à-vis one that does not have, surely, if they do so knowingly, they must be held accountable. I agree with the recommendation that they must get not less than five years imprisonment for that because they have brought Kenya to where it is today.

As I end, there is no doubt that the Opposition is not keen on going into elections. However, I hope that reason would prevail as far as IEBC is concerned. Earlier this year - in April to be specific - we passed the Elections Regulations in this same House. Regulations 52 and 53 state that if one candidate withdraws, the IEBC will declare the candidate who is left as the
winner of that election. Today, we have Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah who was elected unopposed. By the time of nominations by IEBC, he was the only candidate for Kikuyu Constituency. He is here with us today. In the year 2014, Hon. Moses Kuria prepared for election but 11 days to the polling day, his only opponent withdrew and he was declared the winner. I hope IEBC will not be cowed by the Opposition and that it will do the right thing. I hope they will stay true to what it is that we passed in this House earlier this year. We are looking forward to having no elections. We hope we will be going to Kasarani Stadium to swear the single and the only presidential candidate who is Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta and who we know had won anyway.

With those many remarks, I support.

DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jaldesa

Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also wish to support this Bill. As I start, I take this opportunity to congratulate the Committee which compiled this wonderful Report co-chaired by my able Senator of Isiolo County, Sen. Fatuma Dullo.

I also wish to congratulate the citizens of this country who turned up in large numbers and from different sectors to air their views.

Thirdly, as I contribute to this Bill, I want to state that when the Supreme Court invalidated the results of the presidential election, I was shocked. However, after I recovered from my shock, I really looked forward to understand the causes of that invalidation. As I eagerly waited for the judgment, and I took a whole day listening to the Supreme Court Judges reading the ruling, I was so disappointed when I got to know that the entire invalidation of the victory that we fought so hard for was specifically based on the process. Therefore, when this House that I am so proud to be a Member came up with this amendment, I decided I will stay through to ensure that I have added my voice into supporting this Bill.

The Bill is very critical. We are not just looking at the short-term objectives. We are focusing ahead to generations to come in order for them to enjoy prosperity and conduct elections that are free and fair, based on the due process of law. This Bill does not introduce any strange amendment. What we are amending is the loopholes and the grey areas that were in the Constitution. Therefore, I am specifically looking at three clauses while supporting this Bill.

First, the amendment that seeks to amend Section 2 of IEBC Act, 2011. The amendment is very critical because it removes the possibilities of any vacuum. We are human beings. Natural calamities can happen, God forbid. It is therefore critical that this clause is amended.

Secondly, Clause 5 of the Bill seeks to delete Section 29 of the Elections Act to remove the requirement that the Chairperson of IEBC must specifically be a lawyer. In my view, that is
discriminative much as it was captured in the Constitution. Going forward, I hope the Committee will remove that requirement. The fact that Mr. Chebukati is a lawyer did not stop the election from being revoked by the Supreme Court. Any Kenyan with a first degree and a Master’s degree can Chair the IEBC.

Clause 6 seeks to amend Section 39 of the Elections Act to provide for electronic transmission and physical delivery of results. This amendment is very key, especially given the fact that technology can fail in some circumstances. We do not have technology in most remote parts of this country. Isiolo County, where I come from, is one of the areas affected. Finally, Clause 8 of the Bill seeks to amend Section 44A of the Elections Act to obligate the IEBC to put in place a complementary mechanism for identification of voters in case the Electronic Voter Identification (EVI) kit fails. Just to share my experience, on 8th August when we were voting, most of my voters, especially ladies, could not be electronically identified because of the henna on their fingers. I lost close to 500 votes. When I saw this amendment, I felt very happy.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: The Election Offences (Amendment) Bill – Second Reading

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg that this particular Order be deferred to allow for leadership consultation.

DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Approval of Ratification of the East African Community Protocol on Privileges and Immunities

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:


Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, through a memorandum to the Speaker of the National Assembly, dated 3rd May 2016 and pursuant to Article 27(2) of the Treaty, the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade requested the National Assembly to approve the ratification of the East African Community (EAC) Protocol on Privileges and Immunities. The development of the EAC Protocol on Privileges and Immunities was necessitated by the need to standardise the treatment of assets, properties
and people employed in the service of the EAC across all partner states. The development of
the Protocol commenced in 2007 pursuant to Article 73 of the treaty establishing the EAC
which relates to immunities of persons employed in the service of the Community, consultants
and experts of the Community and delegates of partner states as well as Article 138 thereof on
the status, privileges and immunities of the Community. The Protocol was subsequently
approved by the 16th Summit of the EAC Heads of State in February 2015 and
thereafter signed by the partner states’ respective Ministers during the 31st meeting of the
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states respective ministries during the 31st Meeting of the Council of Ministries held in April
2015. The Council then directed the partner states to finalise ratification of the Protocol and
deposit their respective instruments of ratification with the EAC Secretary-General. The
application of the Protocol does not anticipate any amendment to the Constitution and
Members should take note of that.

What are the objects of the Protocol and what does it provide for?
1. Immunities of the property and assets of the Community by partner states from legal
processes, except where the Community has expressly waived this immunity, provided
that the waiver does not extend to attachment of property and assets.
2. Protection of the funds of the Community against attachment, theft, exploitation and any
other form of interference whereby executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action
can be taken.
3. Tax exemptions for the Community properties except charges for public utility services,
and property availed to the Community for its functions and customs duty on imports
and exports in respect to articles imported or exported to the Community for official use.
4. Facilities in respect of official communication where partner states are to ensure that the
Community enjoys in the territory of each partner states for its official communication,
treatment not less favourable than that accorded to similar international organisations.
5. Privileges and immunities of persons employed in the service of the Community in
respect to immunity from civil processes in the performance of their official duties.
6. Exemptions from taxation on salaries and emoluments, and
7. Exemptions from customs duties and other taxes as well as immunities from immigration
restrictions.

Allow me to briefly further give a scrutiny of the provisions of the Protocol.
In the preamble, it provides for the aspirations of the Community in providing for the
Community and persons employed in the service of the Community with immunities and
privileges as are necessary for proper discharge of the functions under the treaty.
Under Article 1, it provides for the definition of various terms as used in the Protocol such as
“persons employed in the service of the Community” which means persons engaged in
rendering service to the Community including staff of the Community, members of the East
African Legislative Assembly (EALA) and judges of the East African Court of Justice. It also provides for definition of the premises of the Community which means the buildings and the land thereto, irrespective of ownership, used for the purposes of Community in the partner states.

Article 2 provides for the objective of the Protocol which in this case is to standardise the status, privileges and immunities given to partner states to the property and persons in the service of Community.

Article 3 provides for the scope of the Protocol where it is to apply to all properties, funds, tax exemptions, facilities for official communication of the Community and privileges and immunities of persons employed in the service of the Community.

Article 4 provides for the immunity of property and assets of the Community. This immunity is from legal process or trespass of any kind such as search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and from any other form of interference from the executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action, except where such immunity has been expressly waived.

Article 5 provides for the funds of the Community. The funds are to be protected by the Community from attachment, theft, expropriation or any other form of interference from the executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.

Article 6 provides for tax exemptions for the Community with regard to its income, assets and other property. A tax exemption shall be for all property except for charges for public utility. All custom duties on imports and exports in respect of articles imported for official duty and those customs and duties in respect to publications by the Community for official purposes except payment for services rendered.

Article 7 provides for facilities in respect of official communication by the Community. The partner states are to ensure that the Community enjoys in the territory of each state, treatment not less favourable than that accorded to the international organisations.

Article 8 provides for privileges and immunities for persons employed in the service of the Community with respect to immunity from civil process, matters of taxation on salaries and emoluments, immunity from immigration restriction, repatriation facilities and privileges in respect to exchange control facilities.

In Kenya, the Protocol will be implemented in accordance with the Privileges and Immunities Act Cap 179 of the Laws of Kenya. Since the implementation of the Protocol will be through the existing institutional framework, there are no financial commitments and research upon ratification. However, as a host country, Kenya will be required to accord privileges and immunities including tax exemptions to the EAC in relation to its operations, assets, property and staff engaged and located within the country.

I, therefore, move that the National Assembly approves the ratification of the Protocol to operationalise the EAC Protocol on Privileges and Immunities pursuant to Section 8 of the Treaty-Making and Ratification Act of 2012.

I now wish call upon Hon. Cheptumo to second this Motion.
DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Rehema Hassan

Contribution She Made On: Approval of Ratification of the East African Community Protocol on Privileges and Immunities

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Motion. In fact, when I saw this Protocol, I was very happy because laws protect and control people and their assets. Some of us have fallen victims of some situations in countries within the EAC. We have our boys who are drivers and they work in the transport sector in this region. We have had some of our children beaten, cut with pangas and mistreated. In fact, I was asking myself sometime back, how come Kenyans, when people come to our country, we really love and stay with them well? When people fight in other countries and they come to Kenya, we welcome and live with them well. When they go back to their country, they forget to appreciate us. When our people go there, they start mistreating them. Our children have really suffered. I even have a relative whose hand was cut. It really made me bitter. So, when I saw this, I was very happy.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

DATE: 10th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Approval of Ratification of the East African Community Protocol on Privileges and Immunities

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance. Let me thank all the Members that have contributed to this important Motion. Although I know it is coming at a time when matters national are taking centre stage, there is no doubt in my mind that this Protocol is long overdue. It is about time we ratified it as Parliament according to the Constitution and more importantly, so that we can give Kenya a good chance to participate meaningfully and effectively in the EAC and ensure that Kenyans enjoy the privileges that go with being members of this great Community.

I look forward to the entire membership ratifying the Protocol at the appropriate time, so that we can move forward. As was mentioned earlier by one of our colleagues, we are also aware that we do not yet have our representation in the EALA, which means that our engagement at that level maybe wanting. I hope we will deal with what is ahead of us, so that we can send our representation to EALA.

With those few remarks, I beg to reply.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Tuya): Hon. Members, time being 6.37 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 11th October 2017 at 9.30 a.m.
The House rose at 6.37 p.m.

Papers Laid

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Korere

Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill

Clause 8
Thank you, Hon. Chairman. I also rise to support the amendment by the Chairman of the Select Committee. This proposed amendment provides that any eligible voter... You know voting is actually a constitutional right. So, I support and that is why I believe Raila shall vote on 26th October 2017.

(Question, that the word to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)
(Question, that the word to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)
(Clause 8 as amended agreed to)

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill

Thank you, Hon. Chairman. I rise to support the proposed amendment. It is important that we leave no doubt at all in the law as to who should participate in the fresh elections, if any. We are right now waiting to hear the fate of Ekuru Aukot. We realise---

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill

Hon. Chairman, Ekuru Aukot is now a candidate. That is very good news. I had not heard of it. We are now sure that we are going to elections on 26th October. It is important that we take this opportunity to tell Ekuru Aukot to go out there and look for votes as we do
because 26th October is the election date. We are glad that the courts have followed the law and realised that everybody has a right to participate.

With those remarks, I support.

**DATE: 11th October 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill**

Thank you, Hon. Chairman. We all know election officials are people who have gone to school. So, anybody who does not do what they are supposed to do, we know they will be doing so on purpose to mess an election. I have been a victim of an electoral officer who messed my election. I, therefore, support the amendment that anybody who plays around with the voter must face the consequences.

**REPORT AND THIRD READING**

**DATE: 11th October 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill**

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to report that a Committee of the whole House has considered the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 39 of 2017) and approved the same with amendments.

Let us have the Mover, Hon. Cheptumo.

**DATE: 11th October 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: Motion on Approval of the Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2017/2018**


Upande wa elimu, Ksh23 milioni imetengwa kushughulikia elimu ya bure katika shule za sekondari. Fedha hizi zitashughulikia watoto wa Kenya nzima iwe ni kule Bondo, Siaya, Kisumu, kule nitokako ama kwingineko humu nchini. Kwa hivyo, ijapokuwa wenzetu wa


La muhimu zaidi pia, tukizingatia hali ya anga ilivyo nchini sasa hivi tunagundua kwamba baadhi ya maeneo ama majimbo ya nchi hii yamekumbwa na janga baya sana la njaa. Na baadhi ya maeneo hayo ni kama vile pahali ninakotoka. Inahitajika hatua za dharura ili kutatua ama kushughulikia wananchi ambao wanaangamia kwa sababu ya janga la njaa. Haswa, maeneo ambayo yamekumbwa zaidi ni pahali ambapo wafugaji wanatoka. Wafugaji wengi ambao wameketi hapa, wanaotoka Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Moyale na kule...

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mother, I know that mothers will rest because the Government will provide for free secondary education. I am happy, and I fully support this Supplementary Budget.

We have quite a number of people who are old in our nation and Kshs6.1 million has been allocated to them. It is my prayer that fairness will be the dictating factor in the distribution of money to the old people. It should cover all the 47 counties. It should be distributed in a fair manner. There is Kshs3 million meant for maize subsidy. There are many people who are going without food in our country and if this allocation is passed, I know the Turkana people among others will have food on their tables.

There is Kshs470 million meant for sanitary towels. When our children go to school without those items, they will not perform well. So, we should pass this budget fast so that our children, especially the girls, will have a conducive environment. I support this budget and I know on 26th October, President Uhuru will win the elections because Raila Odinga has run to the United States of America.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Wanjira

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Approval of the Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2017/2018

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I also take this chance to support this Report. At the outset, I want to thank the Committee because they had to work under very strenuous circumstances. I know they worked for long hours. They even had the time to invite the public to submit their views as is required by the Constitution. This Report for the first Supplementary Estimates is critical noting that this is an election year. Not only is it an election year but also very turbulent in terms of political climate and setup. The Committee has noted clearly that the revenue collection has definitely dipped. The effect on the economy has been felt from every sector. As we speak, that uncertainty is still there. I know there are people who are already on the streets. So, it does not get better. It has been necessitated. It is therefore critical that we look at what is needed to be done, so that Government services are accessed.

I will pick a few places where I want to talk on. One is the issue of the upcoming election. The High Court has pronounced itself on the inclusion of other candidates like Dr. Ekuru Aukot. I only hope that he is not playing games and political summersault that he follows others to withdraw. Even if he withdraws, I want to confirm that one sure reason and guarantee why we will have an election is this Report, and the allocation of Kshs12 billion to cover that election.

I also want to talk of health interventions that have been allocated here. I know that we have a crisis in Baringo. If we do not speak about it, it will be irresponsible. I see about Kshs150million that has been allocated for training of health workers. I hope this can supplement our reaction and mitigation for crisis like the one that is in Baringo where we have lost lives, especially children to this malaria outbreak. It is quite unfortunate that we
have Members of the Opposition absconding their duty in this House. It must be mentioned. Article 103 of the Constitution says that if you miss eight sittings in a Session, one can be petitioned to lose his or her seat. We must be very clear because this is a role of Parliament which has been given by the Constitution. It is quite unfortunate that we want to prosecute matters that we should do in these committees. We did not have Members from NASA in this Committee that was looking at these estimates. It is unfortunate. I want to assure the country, even the ones represented by the Coalition for Reforms and Democracy (CORD) Members, that we will represent them because we know our role. It is not in the streets but on the Floor of this House.

There is also the issue of witness protection. I want to note a case that happened in Murang’a recently. We celebrate the world day of the girl-child today. I note with concern the policeman who was prosecuted yesterday for defiling a 13 year old who had been detained for stealing clothes.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, it will be very unfortunate if we do not allocate enough resources for witness protection. I am looking at that policeman who has already been released on a bond of Kshs400,000 and I am looking at the security of that young girl of 13 years. The allocation of cash and more resources for witness protection is very critical and I hope that they will be able to take up that case and put that girl in witness protection so that she and her family are safe and to be make sure that justice is done and that guy is punished for that heinous act.

Allow me also to talk about cash transfer. If there is one thing that this Government has done that will transform this country, it is this programme where the elderly are given money by the Government. In our constituencies, every now and then we are called for a medical harambee or for a medical fundraiser. The one thing that will really help to take care of these old members of our society is this subsidised insurance proposed in this estimates. This will be a life changer. I hope we implement it as soon as possible.

The issue of integrated Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) is a thorn in the flesh. In Gilgil, even now, we have issues of integrated IDPs. I hope the money that has been allocated here is the last tranche so that we can deal with this issue once and for all. I know that even the wider Nakuru County, Molo in particular, we have people who went back to the society but were never compensated. So, everyday there are complaints and petitions about IDPs. I hope this will deal with that.

Yesterday, we celebrated the world mental health day. Even as we allocate resources to Mathari Hospital, Gilgil as a constituency hosts the second largest psychiatrist department in the country but it is thoroughly underfunded. When you interact with psychiatric patients in wards anywhere, they are inmates who had been left by their families and have stayed there for over 30 years. They do know any other home. I look forward to having these allocations spread to cover other psychiatric wards in other hospitals.

On the issue of maize subsidy, I know the World Health Organisation (WHO) released a very damning report of the children who were thoroughly malnourished. It is quite a worrying trend. If you look at the newspapers today, you will see children from Turkana who are
desperate. They are underweight and are really malnourished. I hope the interventions will include and complement what is already being done by other agencies like WHO and the Red Cross to save our children and ensure they reach five years of age.

I beg to support this Report on Supplementary Estimates for the 2017/2018 Financial Year. I hope our colleagues can be honest enough and tell their constituents why they are elected to be in this House. We hope they are going to take their role of legislation, representation and oversight seriously because this role is not one of the Executive. That is why the Committee invited different departments of Government and asked them to tell them why they should be allocated different resources.

I beg to support. Thank you.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Chepkwony

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Approval of the Report on the Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2017/2018

Thank you very much Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Supplementary Estimates. I have gone through it and I have seen it is a very good thing for us to pass. It is a priority right now in our country. As I was going through it, I thought of my constituency, Njoro where majority of my people are farmers. I realise that the Supplementary Budget has taken seriously the majority who practise agriculture. Therefore, I appreciate the Supplementary Estimates for taking seriously matters of agriculture, crop development and management. That way, the future of this country will be in safe hands. Our farmers will now be fully empowered so that we can counter food insecurity in our country.

Another thing I appreciate about the Supplementary Budget is the issue of sports development. As you realise, we have our young people who have different talents. Having looked at the budget provided for sports development, I realised that we have space for our people to develop their various talents. I also appreciate this Supplementary Budget because I see that it has covered matters of roads. I come from a constituency where road network is a serious issue. I am sure when we pass such a Budget, it will cater for a very serious matter in this country. Another thing I appreciate about the Supplementary Budget is the issue of water management. Water is a thorny issue in this country. Women have suffered so much. Accessing water has become a big issue. When I was going through this Supplementary Budget, I realised it is high time we passed it as quickly as possible because it is going to solve most of the family matters.

Another issue I appreciate about the Supplementary Budget and why we should all support it is because of the national social services which cover the issues of our health and the people in this country. We appreciate that we have this time now to take care of their problems. I appreciate that the elderly funds are going to be effected from January 2018. Another very good idea about this Supplementary Budget is promotion of education in this country. Come 2018, children of people who have seen so much suffering in this country will
access free education. Therefore, it will be a boost to the education sector. I also appreciate that we have a good budget for university education. This will promote education. We all understand power and knowledge is very important, and it can only be achieved through promotion of education in this country.

Another thing I have noted and appreciated so much is the budget provided for national security. Security is very important in our country. We appreciate that there is a good budget which is going to make sure that the entire team is well equipped so that security in this country is sufficiently enhanced. Another thing I have appreciated is the budget set aside for special programmes. I come from Njoro Constituency where in 2007/2008, majority of my people were affected. We currently have Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) whose matters have not been sorted out. As I went through this Supplementary Budget, I saw provision for settlement of IDPs, and I appreciate it.

Another crucial allocation in this Budget is the Kshs10 billion that has been set aside for the repeat presidential election of 26th October, 2017. We appreciate it. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the IEBC to carry out their mandate. They already have enough resources. The IEBC is an independent institution, and should not accept to be intimidated by anyone. They should fully equip themselves. I am sure they have trained officers in every part of this country because on 26th October, we will have a repeat presidential election. The IEBC, therefore, should be very happy. We have allocated funds and we are going to approve the Supplementary Budget.

I do not know whether the Tinga Tinga gentleman is going to be back on the ballot or he has fully resigned from the race. As Members of Jubilee Party, we are fully prepared and we know that on 26th October 2017 we are going to re-elect President Uhuru Kenyatta. The Budget is very good. I appreciate it. I come from the Mau region where conservation of forests is a very serious matter. It is high time we restored our forests in order to make our country better. We need to improve the agriculture sector so that we can counter food insecurity in our country.

I seriously support the Supplementary Budget. I also thank my people of Njoro for having elected me as their first female MP.

(Question put and agreed to)

(House Adopts the Report)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Tuya): Hon. Members, the time being 12:59 p.m., the House stands adjourned until this afternoon, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 1.00 p.m.

Pia katika huo mraidi kwa sasa, wakulima hao waliambiwa watapewa fidia ili ile ardhi itumike kwa mradi wa coal. Sasa ni miaka na wakuulima hao hawawezi kulima na hawajalipwa.

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Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance to support the Motion on the sugar-cane growers. Although I do not come from that area, Kenya as a country needs to support agriculture. We pride ourselves in agriculture because it is the main economy builder of this country but it seems that we are not serious because we do not support the industry.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, everybody or most Kenyans consume sugar. I do not think there is anybody who does not take sugar except me. However, at the same time, like somebody said, there is ready market for sugar. I do not see why a farmer should not be paid promptly for the produce. In whatever business you are in, if you are not paid in good time, and that money is delayed, it never meets your needs; instead it puts you in more debt. This goes to other industries like pyrethrum which is grown where I come from. Children born 10 years ago do not know what pyrethrum is yet we know it was the backbone of the economy of Nyandarua, Nakuru and many other places. What ails this country is corruption. If corruption is not addressed, it is going to consume everything and everybody. We know these farms need fertilizers. A farmer cannot get fertilizer because by the time money arrives, it goes to clear very old debts. The country as a whole should make agriculture more lucrative so that we create more jobs for our youth. Our youth do not think of farming at any one time because there is nothing to show for it. Those who have been in it end up suffering. As for sugar, we know it is imported by few tycoons. They are the same people who kill this industry. Like somebody said, let us put agriculture high in the radar of our economy so that crops like pyrethrum, potatoes, rice, tea and coffee will come back in big force and create more jobs.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Nakuru Pyrethrum Factory is now is being vandalised because the industry is dead. We all know there is a ready market for agricultural products. As the Chief Whip said, let it be put into a Bill such that we all contribute and it moves this industry a level higher.
Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I have been to western Kenya a few times and you can see the poverty there. Those people are trying to bring themselves up. I know if they are paid on time, it will increase the production and the industry will create jobs to the youth of that region, just like any other region, if agriculture is promoted.
I hereby I support. Thank you.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Rahab Wachira Mukami

Contribution She Made On: Measures to Enforce Prompt Payment by Sugar Millers

Thank you Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this chance. Congratulations for your new task. Allow me to give my maiden speech.
I want to thank God and the people of Nyeri County for believing in me and standing with me throughout my campaigns. For the period of five years that I will serve them in this honourable House, I wish to assure them that I will keep my promise as articulated in my manifesto.
Back to the Motion, as we all know, agriculture is the backbone of our economy. Most people rely on it to sustain their livelihoods. From the cane farmers in Mumias to the coffee farmers in Nyeri, they have continued to incur huge losses and lead desperate lives due to delayed payment for their farm produce by their co-operative societies and millers. They sometimes end up in the hands of the middlemen who clip their efforts.
Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, we, at times, see sugar being imported and yet, Kenya is one major source of the produce. Farmers have diverted their efforts to other areas due to poor and late payment. It is high time this House comes up with a law that enhances all farmers. Irrespective of whether it is coffee, wheat, cotton and maize, farmers should be paid within 14 days or earlier, even after delivery. Delayed payments have resulted in low production due to lack of funds to purchase farm inputs. Farmers are living in poverty due to the huge losses that have been incurred from interests accrued from loan advances to sustain their families.
To boost farming in our country and help farmers to sustain their families, I urge the House to support this Motion for the poor farmer in Uasin Gishu, Nyamira and Meru.
I beg to support the Motion.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) B.N. Nyaga

Contribution She Made On: Measures to Enforce Prompt Payment by Sugar Millers

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I also take this opportunity to congratulate you for being elected by the people of Kibwezi East and for the
appointment to the Speaker’s panel. I also want to thank Hon. Melly for bringing this important Motion. This is the time we need to have the policy for sugar farmers. It is very important. In Tharaka-Nithi County, we do not have sugar-cane, but we consume the sugar. When we do not pay a farmer, we kill the farmer. They have taken a lot of finances from the banks. It is very frustrating when you have a loan from the bank. You know what happens. You cannot even sleep. They can come for anything – even the inputs that you have bought and the machines. They will carry everything. We talk of creating opportunities for our youth. When our industries are not working, where are we going to employ our youth? How are we going to assist them? We need to pay those people. We need to support them. We need to cater for them and protect farmers.

Agriculture is what moves this country. If we are not paying not only sugar-cane farmers but also tea farmers, coffee farmers, cotton farmers, name them, are we really building the economy of this country? We are not. Why do we need to buy sugar from Brazil and other countries when we can produce our own sugar-cane here and quality sugar in fact? What we get from outside there is of low quality. So, we need to support those people. This is the time we need to create policies that protect our farmers in this country.

We are not only talking about sugar. Look at the cotton industry. Some of the factories in this country closed many years back. We had Kisumu Cotton Mills (KICOMI), Rift valley Textiles (RIVATEX) and others, but they are all gone. We are relying on clothes from other countries. We are building economies of other countries. This is the time we need to build our own economy so that we can move forward and take care of our future and the future of our generations.

Thank you.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Chepkwony

Contribution She Made On: Measures to Enforce Prompt Payment by Sugar Millers

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the Motion that is proposing mandatory payment to sugar-cane farmers. Agriculture is very important in this nation. This is a calling but farmers have suffered for so long. The issue of farmers not being paid portrays that in different parts of the country, farmers who grow different kinds of cash crops are suffering. I wish to support the Motion and as I support it, this is a wake-up call to all of us to start supporting and to start thinking of the way forward to support our farmers in different sectors. If we continue watching our farmers suffer from frustrations, it means that poverty will continue increasing. It means that majority of our farmers who rely on agriculture to pay for school fees for their children are going to continue suffering. It means
the economic growth in this nation is going to continue going down. Therefore, this must be a serious wake-up call to all of us because we all suffer in different situations.

I wish to give an example of Njoro Constituency where I come from. Most of the farmers have been relying on different crops like pyrethrum, dairy farming, carrots, maize and potatoes, but the challenges are many. I think there was a mistake; my time is not over yet!

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Chepkwony

Contribution She Made On: Measures to Enforce Prompt Payment by Sugar Millers

I was saying it is high time we supported our farmers. When sugar-cane farmers are affected, all Kenyans are affected. That is because we all consume sugar. The price of sugar goes up quite often and yet, our farmers still undergo many frustrations. Therefore, I urge Members to also consider other types of farming now that we grow different crops. We need to expand our thinking and promote our farmers. We can do that by coming up with mechanisms to empower them.

I also appreciate the budget with regard to agriculture. I realise that there is an allocation for crop management, empowerment of farmers, planning and support services and extensions. This is going to give our farmers good platform to improve themselves. As we fight for them to get their payments, it also gives them room to improve on their farming techniques and, in the end, production will be increased.

I, therefore, support this Motion. Supporting our farmers means enhanced food security in the country as well as a guaranteed economic growth. I support the Motion.

DATE: 11th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Sitienei

Contribution She Made On: Measures to Enforce Prompt Payment by Sugar Millers

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I want to thank you. I have been waiting for so long. I did not know the machine had a problem. Maybe, I should take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this opportunity. I also want to thank the Member for Tinderet for bringing this Motion which is very important. I come from Turbo, a place where farmers have embraced sugar-cane farming as a cash crop. I feel for those farmers because despite the fact that they have embraced sugar-cane as a cash crop, they have actually embraced poverty through non-payment and a myriad of challenges that they face as sugar-cane farmers.

I want to cite a few problems that our farmers face. Apart from non-payment, for which I stand here to support this Motion, one of the problems that our farmers face is acquisition of fertiliser through the companies that contract them. They are given fertilizer at a double price and as a
loan, which renders them poorer because the production costs go up. Two, during the harvesting season, you find that most of those companies come to collect sugar-cane during the wet season and every time the truck is stuck, the farmer is charged Kshs10,000. That makes the farmer even poorer. On the way to deliver the cane, for those farmers who are poor - and those are 80 per cent of the farmers - there is a lot of pilferage because the farmers are not able to follow their cane to the destination or to the weighbridge.

So, alongside the Motion that the Member has brought today, I would request that they also look at it seriously as a Committee. They should form a taskforce so that they can look at the problems that face the sugar industry holistically and address them for the benefit of the farmer. Paying the farmer is a different issue, but making the farmer benefit from production of cane is the most critical and important. Today, if we missed sugar, nobody would go to the streets. But if we missed maize, then people would go to the streets. I am trying to say we should look at other crops like maize so that we can also address the issues that affect those farmers.

Still on sugar-cane, we should look at the acreage because many farmers have fragmented their land to uneconomic units. That is why farmers are not able to benefit from the production of cane. So, besides payment for cane, we should also look at the land sizes so that we allow certain acreage of land for farmers to do production to be able to realise the benefits from sugar-cane production. I stand here to support this Motion that the honourable Member has tabled. It should be passed.

Apart from passing the Motion on non-payment, farmers should be assisted to address the myriad problems that they face. Over time, the sugar industry has declined. Over time, farmers have been poorer.

Farmers have had a lot of challenges that we all need to sit down as Members from the various areas that grow sugar-cane and put our heads together so that, as we address those myriad challenges, we are also able to ensure those laws are enforceable. It will not be any good if we cannot enforce or implement whatever we have passed in this House. Therefore, I beg to support the Motion.

As I finish, I want to request the CS for Agriculture to kindly remember that farmers in Uasin Gishu County are now harvesting and we have hundreds of thousands of middlemen who are already reaping from the poor farmers and robbing them of the hard work that they have put in to produce the crop. They now want to sell the crop at a throw-away price. Let them please buy the maize quickly and immediately so that farmers can benefit from the good prices of this Government.

Thank you very much.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Hon. Members, there is no other business on the Order Paper. Therefore, the House stands adjourned until Thursday, 12th October, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 6.40 p.m.
Papers Laid

DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Gertrude Mbeyu

Contribution She Made On: The Supplementary Appropriation Bill – Second Reading

Thank you Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity. May I take this chance to make my Maiden Speech. I am speaking for the first time in this House since I was born. Allow me to thank the people of Kilifi County for bestowing in me the privilege to represent them in this august House.

From the outset, I must appreciate this House and its leadership for providing appropriate orientation and induction that has left us well placed to carry out our mandate than when we came in just a month ago, for the swearing-in ceremony. Mine is a message of thanks and togetherness that as we embark on our extensive mandates let our actions and conduct bring much needed hope to the Republic. Let us endeavour in our doings to bring new considerations and meaning to these words: peace, brotherhood and thank you.

I say this because our country is at a critical moment, a moment that calls for reflection and prayers, a moment that calls for tolerance and brotherhood among us and a moment that calls for humility and leadership. For us in leadership and specifically me, as a leader in this Republic, peace is my world and brotherhood is my call.

My people gave me this mandate for a very simple but urgent and immediate reason. They want to improve their lives; have something to eat and not just to eat something; obtain a better living standard; walk and drive on better roads; drink clean water; live in a clean environment and have dignity guaranteed to all humanity to stand up and shine like any citizen of the free world.

I keep in mind that 50 plus years after Independence, our people’s immediate concerns are still biting poverty, disease and ignorance. I also keep in mind that we have made tremendous progress in ameliorating these challenges for indeed these are the challenges of every Kenyan citizen from the farthest depth and breadth of this Republic, from whom we have borrowed the mandate to represent in this august House. Accordingly, we are under duty to do more for our people.

Mine is to assure my constituents and the Republic at large that I will take every opportunity provided to me by this august House to do whatever is necessary to pass the necessary legislation, undertake appropriate oversight and represent their interests to the best of my abilities to see to it that our people move towards fully freeing themselves from the indignity of poverty, ignorance and diseases.

I am fully cognisant of the challenges I might face in making this possible, and indeed the challenges all of us might face. But it takes heart and resilience, hard work, patience and fortitude of Kenyans for we know that despite our differences and what seems to be endless political wrangles, deep down we all want what is good for this Republic and for our people. We all want to fight endemic corruption and impunity. We all want to end hunger in parts of
the country, Kilifi County being one of them, and put measures in place to produce sufficient produce to feed all of our people. We all want good governance and clean politics, with better housing environment and roads for our people. We all want to do things well. We want to give hope to find solace in peace and brotherhood. These matters run at the core of our collective aspirations of a people.

As I conclude, permit me to once again thank my fellow citizens for the expression of confidence given to those of us present in this Chamber. I beseech all of us to rise to the occasion and breathe life to that expression of confidence. I am immensely grateful to you for this opportunity. With your leadership and the rest of the leadership of Parliament, it is my hope that the 12th Parliament lives up to the expectation of the people of Kenya. As we embark on this journey over the next five years, may we always pray that the Almighty walks with us.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaban

Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment – Adjournment to a Day Other Than the Next Normal Sitting Day

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to join others in agreeing that this is the time for us to adjourn considering that there is so much to be done. Basically, the 12th Parliament has been on quite briefly because of the political environment. Kenyans are campaign animals all through, but this time we have had it long. It is too much. We have to go out there and ensure that we elect a president for this country. We have a Chief Executive in place. However, I believe that the term of the President has to be extended so that he can carry out his constitutional mandate without any interference. People should not think that the presidency is meant for certain people.

Article 1 of our Constitution is very clear. Kenyans are the ones who have the sovereign mandate of deciding who their leaders should be and, more so, who their president should be. Kenyans should be given a chance to make that decision following the Supreme Court ruling. It is time for us to go back to Kenyans and ask them to vote for our favourable candidates. I will be campaigning vigorously for the President. We should also make sure that Kenyans campaign peacefully. It is all work to ensure that Kenya is safe and Kenyans can enjoy doing their politics without quarrelling and fighting. Having come from post-election violence experience, I would not like to see Kenya going back to what we faced in January and February 2008.

It is shame we have been demonstrating instead of selling our candidates because to sell our candidates following the decision of the Supreme Court means going to discuss the vision of the person you are marketing. I want to ask all my colleagues, from both the
majority and the minority side that, it is upon us to ensure that Kenyans are safe and they do not fight at this time of campaigns.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, hopefully, by the time we come back on 7th November 2017, we shall have our Chief Executive in place and Kenyans will resume their normal lives. This country has been thrown into a spin following the Supreme Court decision and more so following the confusion which has followed and even some of the candidates pulling out. Believe you me, we might be playing with this, but at the end the day, we might end up regretting the decisions we have rushed to make.

Kenya is not about Uhuru Kenyatta or Raila Odinga. It is not about Naomi Shaban; rather it is about Kenyans. Kenyans must be given their democratic right to make that decision. With the kind of running up and down, it is sad that we are chasing away investors. We are making it impossible for anybody to look at Kenya seriously and making it impossible for our economy to grow. We are destroying our economy.

With those few remarks, I just want to plead with all my colleagues that as we go out there let us not incite voters. We should just get them to come out in big numbers and vote. I beg to support.

DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tum

Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment – Adjournment to a Day Other Than the Next Normal Sitting Day

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to support this Motion. The Supreme Court of Kenya directed the IEBC to hold elections on 26th October. It was to be on the 17th, but Raila Odinga said it should be pushed and he was given a chance and the date was set for 26th. The NASA Coalition said they are not ready for the elections. This House has just passed Kshs12 billion for the elections. We know what is happening in Nairobi and Kisumu. Our people are not having a conducive environment to do business. The economy of this country cannot be killed because of one side or the other. Whatever agenda NASA has against this country is not going to materialise. Kenya is in the hands of God and there are people who are praying. We ready for the elections. We are going home and we know that Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta will be sworn in as the president of this nation.

As women of this nation, we are not ready for war. We saw what happened in 2007. We are saying NASA should accept and go for elections with us or they stop their demonstrations in this country.

Thank you.

DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Noor
Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I would like to take this chance to support the Motion of Adjournment. I did not get a chance to contribute to the Supplementary Estimates. I know they are crucial and very important estimates that we have just approved as a House.

The major increments have gone to day school education. Day secondary school education is something that was in the Government manifesto. We promised Kenyans that we will have free secondary school education. I am very happy to be part of the people who this evening has approved the Estimates that include money for free day secondary education. Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I want to talk about the resources that were earmarked and approved for senior citizens in this country, namely, the cash transfer. In the 10th Parliament, I was the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare which dealt with the issue. I was among the first people who first looked into the issue of cash transfer for senior citizens. I went around the country and I saw the impact it has had on our people. When I went to Ganze Constituency, I met with senior citizens and they told very moving stories. They felt that that was the first time the Kenyan Government remembered them. The money given as cash transfer was so little, but they appreciated it. I would be keen and interested to see that one day, this House will discuss and debate increment in the amount given through the cash transfer programme to our senior citizens, orphans and vulnerable children in this nation. What we are giving them is just too little that we really need to re-look into the policy that addresses the issue.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, when we look at the framework for commitments that we make, it is not comprehensive. We need to relook at the frameworks that we have in place particularly our commitments with our partner organisations and development partners that give resources to this country since every year we revisit issues of resource allocation. We also need to look at the issue of teachers. The National Treasury must keep aside some resources to improve the status of teachers, nurses and particularly housing of our security personnel. We must be humble. These are the people who are protecting our country. They are the same people who stand in during difficult times. If you look at the houses they live in, it is a problem. The National Treasury must bring estimates and budgets that will give decent housing to our security personnel.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, because of time, I am a worried woman of this country. When you see women coming out of their houses to throw stones, then it is not a good sign. This is our country. Women and politicians of this nation must re-look and re-think about the way they want to handle street demonstrations. It is not right. We can talk and dialogue on the table. It is not right that we go around throwing stones.
DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jaldesa

Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill by the Senate

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to contribute to the Adjournment Motion. I support it and also join my colleagues in stating that we will take the recess period to campaign for our presidential candidate Uhuru Kenyatta. Of course, we did not wish to go back to the process which was ably done on 8th August 2017. We are a nation which is governed by the Constitution and has law abiding citizens. Therefore, we decided to respect the ruling of the Supreme Court and accepted to go back to elections on 26th.

I want to urge all the Kenyans wherever they are to campaign peacefully and practise restrain. I know the Jubilee side has been provoked and called names and our properties destroyed but as always, we will abide by the law and respect the Constitution of this country and campaign peacefully. I am sure on 26th October our President shall win with a landslide and there is no doubt about that. For my colleagues in NASA it is very unfortunate, that for the last one and a half months since Parliament was opened they have only been coming, making technical appearances and living the Jubilee Members of Parliament (MPs) to debate. That does not only cost the people they represent but it is a waste of the resources of this country because they are paid. They usually come and append their signature so that they are not struck out of the list and disappear. So, my humble request is that when we reconvene on 7th November they will take their legislative role seriously and come to the House.

What we have been experiencing in terms of picketing and demonstrations has been very unfortunate. Yesterday, I was caught up when coming to this House and by the grace of God I was with my body guard. I can imagine what those of us who do not enjoy the benefits I enjoyed go through. I want to commend the Cabinet Secretary (CS) Internal Security and Coordination of national Government for the measures he has taken to ensure that the Central Business District (CBD) of cities are protected. I think that was a right move. I know the Constitution allows for freedom of picketing however, it should not infringe on the freedom of other Kenyans.

As I conclude my contribution, I want to urge the Government to continue supporting us especially at this time when we are anticipating rains. The County of Isiolo has a large number of street families and it is my prayer that the Government will be kind enough to find accommodation for them. Thank you. I support.

DATE: 12th October 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Gitau

Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill by the Senate
Thank you very much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I rise to support the adjournment of this House. Indeed, this will give me time to be with people in my county. As you know, there have been a lot of uncertainties down there and I need to be with them to reassure them that Kenya is safe and it is moving forward. I will also have time to set up my office. Indeed, for the last two months, I have not been able to do anything because of Baba and demonstrations. I am glad that by the time I come back, we shall have no demonstrations, no naked bodies walking on the streets and no looters. I am happy that by the time I come back to this House, we shall have a duly elected and undisputed president in the name of Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. I am proud of that.

I am glad that we have passed the Supplementary Budget. That assures Kenyans that we are moving on. We have the money for elections. Our children shall do their exams. We shall have trade within and without East Africa flow smoothly. Our elderly people shall be happy with this Government. They will be getting their stipend. We shall have value addition to our produce through industrialisation. Technical skills to our youth shall be realised. I am so glad that by the time I am back in this House, we shall hear of Baba no more.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. Omulele): Hon. Members, the time being 7.00 p.m., the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 7th November 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 7.00 p.m.