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JOINT SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE

Special Sitting of Parliament convened via Kenya Gazette Notices Nos. 8877 and 8878 of 8th September, 2017

Tuesday, 12th September, 2017

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION

❖ Arrival of His Excellency The President

[His Excellency the President (Hon. Kenyatta) escorted by the Speaker of the Senate (Hon. Lusaka) and the Speaker of the National Assembly (Hon. Muturi) entered the Chamber at fifteen minutes past three o’clock accompanied by the Maces of both Houses]

[His Excellency the President (Hon. Kenyatta) took the Chair of State]

(The National Anthem of Kenya and the Anthem of the East African Community were played)

(The two Maces were placed on the Table)

DATE: 12th September 2017

The Speaker of the National Assembly: Hon. Justin Muturi

Hon. Members, it is now time for us to be led in prayer by the spiritual leaders.

(Prayers were then said by the following spiritual leaders: Rt. (Rev.) Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit, Bishop Alfred Rotich, Rashid Ali Omar and Mr. Simon Peter Letabanyi Lekariki)

CONVOCATION

CONVENING OF JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 132 OF THE CONSTITUTION

DATE: 12th September 2017

The Speaker of the Senate: Hon. Lusaka

Your Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, the Rt. Hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon.
Justin Muturi and Hon. Members of Parliament, Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address the opening of each newly elected Parliament. By a letter dated 8th September, 2017, the President notified the Speakers of Parliament of his intention to address the newly elected Parliament on Tuesday, 12th September, 2017 in the National Assembly Chamber, Parliament Building at 2.30 p.m.

Accordingly, pursuant to Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution and further pursuant to Standing Order No.21(1) of the Senate, vide Gazette Notice No.8878, which was published in a special issue of the Kenya Gazette on 8th September 2017, I gave notice of this Joint Sitting to all Senators. This Joint Sitting is therefore properly convened.

I thank you.

DATE: 12th September 2017

The Speaker of the National Assembly: Hon. Justin Muturi

Your Excellency, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, the Speaker of the Senate, Hon. Kenneth Lusaka and Hon. Members of Parliament, I wish to confirm that Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution of Kenya requires the President to address the opening of each newly elected Parliament. In this regard, pursuant to the said Article of the Constitution and further pursuant to Standing Order No.21(1) of the National Assembly Standing Order by Gazette Notice No.8877 which was published in a special issue of the Kenya Gazette on 8th September 2017, I gave notice of this Joint Sitting to all Members of the National Assembly. Accordingly, this Joint Sitting is properly convened.

(Applause)

Consequently, it is now my singular honour and privilege to invite His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya to address this opening of the newly elected Twelfth Parliament.

(Applause)

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Hon. Members, let me begin by apologising because I have a cold, mnisamehe.

Hon. Speakers and hon. Members of the National Assembly and the Senate, first and foremost, I take this opportunity to thank God for the gift of a great country filled with the bounty that we need, as well as continued peace. I also thank all Kenyans for expressing in a very mature and patient manner their sovereign will during the just concluded general elections. Millions of voters stood in long queues, in the sun and rain, some hungry and thirsty, in their quest to express their democratic choice. I offer to you, all hon. Members, my heartfelt congratulations on being elected to Parliament.

Hon. Speakers and hon. Members, by our Constitution and traditions, you represent the sovereign will and aspirations of millions of Kenyans. I wish all of you every success in fulfilling your important national duty in the next five years. I urge you to never forget that
we are here representing the Kenyan people who have an urgent need for governance that delivers to them peace, security and prosperity. I also take this opportunity to celebrate the women of Kenya who continue to demonstrate leadership throughout the country. Three women were elected governors while others won positions as Senators, Members of the National Assembly and Members of County Assemblies. One of our women who is handicapped also managed to secure the seat of Women Representative in Kajiado County. Congratulations!

(Applause)

Today, I am proud as a Kenyan, of the gains that we have made in promoting inclusion of women into elected office. I am proud because I have great confidence in Kenya’s women and deep faith in their capacities and capabilities. However, we must still recognise that as important as these gains are, we must accept that we still have much more work to do to increase their participation in national leadership. Let me also salute the very large number of young people who have come to elected office. I am very glad that the Kenyan people are also willing to give our youth opportunities to offer leadership. Young women and men elected to Parliament and other offices have a special responsibility to represent the aspirations of the majority who are the youth; aspirations for employment opportunities and better service delivery by both the national and county governments.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, let me also take this opportunity to thank the hon. Members of the Eleventh Parliament who made their mark on our country’s history. They will forever be remembered for the way they steered and entrenched devolution in our country. Within a relatively short time, we, as a nation, were able to adopt and execute a devolution process that elsewhere in the world has taken a much longer period of time. This historic achievement was made possible by the constant productive consultations and collaboration between the Legislature and the Executive. Our Tenth Parliament delivered a new Constitution. The Eleventh Parliament implemented that Constitution and entrenched devolution as an institutional framework for driving our development agenda as a nation.

Hon. Members, the Twelfth Parliament has been sworn into office at an important constitutional moment that requires all of us to uphold the supremacy of the Constitution and its institutions. However, this does not mean always having it your way. As you well know, we still have to undertake a fresh presidential election following the verdict of the Supreme Court. Even though I strongly disagreed with that decision, I accepted it because of my respect for our Constitution and its institutions.

(Applause)

I have previously demonstrated this fidelity to the best interests of the Kenyan people as happened when I conceded the loss of an election in 2002. You will also recall that I heeded the summons from a foreign court even though I knew I was answering trumped up charges.

(Applause)

You, in turn, as hon. Members of Parliament, must be steadfast in protecting our Constitution as a critical base for assuring our people sustained peace, security and
prosperity. As a country, we spent more than two decades crafting a new constitutional order that maps our State organs and processes and thus provides certainty and predictability to our national life.

In our current circumstances, the elections that we held on 8th August, 2017; the swearing-in of governors, Members of the Senate and the National Assembly as well as our county assemblies - the verdict of the Supreme Court, the call for fresh elections on 17th October, 2017, with all these in mind, my address to you this afternoon, it must be clear that the set term of a President is embedded until a new one is sworn in.

(Applause)

All of these were part of our laid down constitutional processes. So, therefore, hon. Members and fellow Kenyans, no matter the political noises that are often loudest during elections, I want to assure every single Kenyan and the world that every arm of Government is in place and operational. Let no one, for a single moment, envision that there is a void. There is no lacuna; Kenya is progressing along the path drawn for it by our Constitution.

Hon. Members, at this juncture, I would like to make it abundantly clear that my Government will not tolerate anyone intent on disrupting our hard won peace and stability. Under no circumstances must Kenyans ever allow our free competitive processes to become a threat to the peace and security of our nation. In our region and indeed, in many parts of the world, history is littered with broken and miserable countries which failed to draw the distinction between vibrant democratic competition and destructive division. Whereas we shall continue to encourage vibrant democratic competition, we shall not allow destructive division.

(Applause)

In this regard, I urge all political leaders to avoid engaging in divisive and destructive politics that have no place in a modern Kenya. On my part I know that my most serious obligation is to sustain and protect the peace and security of all our people without exception.

We are now headed into a fresh presidential election that our electoral commission has scheduled for the 17th October, 2017. The Kenyan people will again affirm their choice of who they want to serve as their President. Let me say that this is not a choice between two individuals. Most importantly, it is the transfer of the people’s sovereign will to an office that is the symbol of national unity, that protects our security and is key to delivering development and prosperity.

Kenyans will line up again on 17th of October, 2017. The marks that millions of voters will make on the ballot paper will represent far more than the desires of politicians. As Kenyans did on 8th August, 2017, they will vote for different candidates. However, almost every single man and woman in Kenya will be using the vote to seek the same things; a better livelihood, access to good healthcare, a more promising future for their children, decent jobs for all those willing to work and security for all.

It must be understood that the marked ballots represent more than technology, more than computer systems or even where papers were printed. The mark is the choice of a sovereign people. Their choice is sacred and must never again be frustrated or ignored.
Hon. Members, as we move forward during this momentous time, you, as newly elected leaders, must firmly take up your place in the governing of this great nation. Your promises to the electorate were turned into a solemn oath last week in which you swore, to bear true faith and allegiance to the people and the Republic of Kenya and that you would obey, respect, uphold, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the Republic of Kenya; and that you would faithfully and conscientiously discharge the duties of a Member of Parliament.

Hon. Members, in the coming days, you will be called upon to be true to that oath; I urge you to do your duty. It is the same oath that I made when I became President and Commander-in-Chief. Kenyans expect us to understand the weight of responsibility in living up to our oath and having wisdom and clarity as we carry out our duties.

It is, indeed, no accident that the first two Articles of the Constitution declare that the sovereignty of the people is exercised through their elected representatives and that Parliament represents the diversity of the nation. These words represent the hard sacrifices and hopes of generations of Kenyans who fought to earn the right to govern themselves and to freely choose their representatives.

That history places a profound responsibility on the Members of this House to “protect this Constitution and promote the democratic governance of the Republic.”

Hon. Members, the separation of powers of the three arms of Government is a critical constitutional principle in protecting the liberty of the people. However, given the complexity of the public issues, the three arms of Government as well as constitutional commissions have to handle; they must work together willingly even as they respect each other’s functional independence.

Equally important, the three arms are supposed to be free from intimidation or control by any foreign or domestic actors and any special interest groups.

Every Kenyan official who serves in these arms of Government and commissions must be constantly on the lookout for any actions that undermine their independence. They should understand that undertaking the sacred task that the Kenyan people have given them requires that they constantly remember and affirm, in word and deed, that the people of Kenya are sovereign.

Hon. Members, no technicality, no conference, no process, no power or no influence should ever stand in the way of that sovereign will. The Kenyan people expect every arm and institution of Government to work together for them. Parliament directly represents the people and it is you, hon. Members, who must constantly remind all of us about the needs and aspirations of the people who sent you here.

Hon. Speakers and Members, our country is at a defining moment during which we are called upon to rise to our wisest, our most generous and most honest. Every Member of this august House represents the full and beautiful diversity of our nation.

From Mombasa to Malaba, from Namanga to Moyale we may speak different languages, worship differently and live in different parts of the country, but we must accept that we are one people; children of Kenya. The success of our nation is the love that each and every one
of our people has for this country. Yes, we must all love Kenya and Kenya must always come first.

Hon Members, this august House must stand for that unity and must rise to the promises we have made to the people of this great nation. Nothing can come second to that.

Finally, hon. Speakers and Members, let me once again emphasize that we must work together to serve our people. We must understand that the future prosperity, peace and security of our beloved nation is firmly but safely in our hands.

May God bless the Twelfth Parliament. As you start your work, you can count on my 110 per cent support. I thank you and wish you God’s blessings.

May God bless this great nation of Kenya.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

DATE: 12th September 2017

The Speaker of the Senate: Hon. Lusaka

Hon Members, please be upstanding. Your Excellency the President, Rt. hon. Speaker of the National Assembly, hon. Members, we have come to the conclusion of the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn.

The Senate stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 13th September, 2017 at 2.30 p.m. at the Senate Chamber.

DATE: 12th September 2017

The Speaker of the National Assembly: Hon. Justin Muturi

Hon. Members, I wish to thank His Excellency the President for his Address to Parliament and the nation at large. It is now my singular pleasure to invite His Excellency the President, the Deputy President, hon. Members, Cabinet Secretaries and all invited guests to a reception at the Parliament court hereafter.

Hon Members, you are requested to remain upstanding until the President’s procession, including the religious leaders have left the Chamber.

Hon Members of the National Assembly, the National Assembly stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday 13th of September, at 9.30 a.m.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

(Hon. Members rose in their places while His Excellency the President left the Chamber)

Parliament rose at 3.55 p.m.
Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second this Motion. I want to begin by congratulating the Members who have been proposed on this list from the Jubilee side of this House. We know these Members who are on the list. All of us know who Hon. Amos Kimunya is. He was the Deputy Leader of House Business in this very House and there is no doubt that with the experience he gained in the 9th and 10th Parliaments, he will do a good job in this Committee. We also have a renowned lawyer, Hon. Shadrack Mose, MP, who we also believe will do a great job for this House and for the nation.

May I also thank Jubilee Party for finding it fit to include the Independent MPs on the list. It has shown that our party believes in inclusion. We have a lady MP, Hon. Kawira Mwangaza who is very well known to me and I believe she will do a good job in this Committee. We also have Hon. Joyce Emanikor, a great legislator who knows her job and is obviously bringing into this House the map of Turkana County. We want to congratulate her. She is a Member of Parliament doing her second term. There is no doubt that the Jubilee Party has brought in great Members of Parliament. They will add value to this Committee and I hope that the Opposition Party, which is the minority, will give us good Members as we have done today.

Let me also say something concerning the issue of us having to wait. Indeed, you have provided a good direction. For the avoidance of doubt, this House was yesterday constitutionally opened by the President of the Republic of Kenya, who is Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, to begin business. There is no doubt that what was done yesterday was constitutional and followed the law. It is our business as law makers to respect that law and start our business. Therefore, I would like to urge the minority side, to please bring their Members quickly into this Committee so that work may begin in earnest. We have a lot of work to do for Kenyans whom we represent in this House. There is no time to do politics. It is time to begin making laws, which is the main role that you play when you are a Member of Parliament. I urge Hon. Mbadi, whom I support to be the Leader of Minority Party. I also support the Leader of the Majority Party on that matter because we need somebody we can engage with well. I believe he will do a good job as the Leader of the Minority Party. I urge that you handle this matter quickly in your Parliamentary Group meeting. Bring forward your names and we will support them. We will ensure that this House continues to run its business as usual. Parliament is a very important arm of Government that must continue to operate. Yesterday, the President said that we must ensure that Kenya runs despite the
politics. I, therefore, thank the Chair for making it very clear that you will not allow anybody to stop the business of this House from being transacted.

With those remarks, I second.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members; that concludes the business that was available for consideration by the House this morning. The House will adjourn, but even as it does so, those that have been appointed to the HBC are requested to assemble in Committee Room No.9 in the next 15 minutes.

The House will resume today at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 11.04 a.m.

**Papers Laid**

**DATE: 13th September 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Martha Wangari**

**Contribution She Made On: Procedural Motion on Limitation of Debate on Adjournment Motions**

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move: THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 97(4), this House orders that debate on any Motion for the Adjournment of the House to a day other than the next normal sitting day, in accordance with the Calendar of the Assembly be limited to a maximum of three (3) hours, with not more than five minutes for each Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party who shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) minutes each and that priority be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party in that order, provided that when the period of recess proposed by any such Motion does not exceed ten (10) days, the debate shall be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes and shall be strictly confined to the question of the adjournment.

This is also self-explanatory as the previous Procedural Motions. It is basically on adjournment as provided for under Standing Orders 30 and 31. Though the Calendar is provided, there are reasons why someone can move a Motion for Adjournment to discuss a matter of national importance. One thing that should be very clear is that you cannot go out of the subject of that discussion. Time allocation, as explained earlier, is meant to give order and Members enough time to express themselves on such matters.

It is also good, maybe for the new Members, to note that when the machines are running and the timers are working, they cooperate very well. Any time you exceed your time, the microphone goes off. Therefore, it is important that we keep note of these matters.

I beg to move, Hon. Speaker. I request Hon. Liza Chelule to second.
DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Chelule

Contribution She Made On: Procedural Motion on Limitation of Debate on Adjournment Motions

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am Hon. Liza Chelule, Member of Parliament for Nakuru County. I stand to second the Motion that has been moved by the Member for Gilgil. This is on limitation of debate on adjournment Motions.
Hon. Speaker, this has been explained well in the Motion. It is in order for more time to be given to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party to explain on behalf of the Members the reason for adjournment. I am comfortable with allocating five minutes for each Member who may want to contribute.
With those few remarks, I beg to second.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Joyce Chepkorir

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker and the House at large. My name is Hon. Joyce Korir, the Women’s Representative for Bomet County.
I would like to commend or applaud the Speech by His Excellency the President. Being a women’s representative from Bomet County, I would like to applaud the President for recognising the women who have also got a chance to be elected as Senators, Governors, Members of County Assembly and even Members of Parliament.
We have been given the opportunity to serve in the 12th Parliament in a very critical moment when the President is still undergoing a lot of challenges pertaining to the ruling of the Supreme Court. I must applaud the President for agreeing with the Supreme Court ruling and giving room to the Kenyans to go for fresh elections. Although we are the Majority in this House, the county assemblies and the Senate, I want to say that it was a prudent way for the President to accept the ruling. I want to remind my colleagues from the Opposition that whether they are willing or not, the elections will be done on 17th October 2017. We have agreed that we will respect the three arms of government as stated by His Excellency the President. We have confidence that we will win this election and His Excellency the President will go for the second term.
Otherwise, I want to thank the people of Bomet for electing me as their woman representative. I congratulate the President.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Janet Wanyama
Ahsante sana, Mhe. Spika. Mimi pia ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii kwanza kutoa shukrani kubwa sana kwa kuchaguliwa tena kuwa Spika wetu kwa mara ya pili. Pia, nachukua nafasi hii kuuwashukuru wenzangu wamechaguliwa katika Bunge la Kitaifa. Tena, nachukua nafasi hii kuwashukuru watu wangu wa Trans Nzoia County kwa kunipa nafasi tena kwa muhula wa pili kuwahudumia kama mama wa kaunti.


DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mercy Gakuya

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I am Hon. Mercy Gakuya from Kasarani Constituency. First and foremost, I thank my Heavenly Father because God is the controller of nature. I congratulate Hon. Deputy Speaker for being re-elected. I know it is not easy but God is faithful because we had the majority, more so to the Kasarani people for voting for me. I am sure many people said that I was elected with votes like those of the late Hon. Mwenje. I think I had the highest in the city.
I congratulate everybody. My fellow colleagues, it is not easy to come back to this House. I have heard that some Members have been here for the third time. I do not know if there are any hon. Members who are serving their fourth term. The President has shown love and devotion to the country. Through unity, we have seen peace in the country. I urge all of us to distance ourselves from what the President calls divisive and destructive politics and focus on service delivery. In the event that we do not do that, we have seen many people being shown the door. I know that it is not their wish not to come back.

I thank the President because he has embraced women leadership. I know he is looking forward to actualization of the two-thirds gender rule in the course of his second term. I know that Members will support it because when you support a woman, you are helping your sister, wife and mother. When you empower a woman, you empower the community. It is the highest time not just to debate but pray for our President. He has gone through a lot since the time of his case at The Hague. However, if it is his fate that he has to go through this, let it be so. I believe he will finally emerge a winner. I am personally convinced that he won the presidential election that was nullified by the Supreme Court, but because he is a President who loves peace, I believe he will get more than 10 million votes or more than 70 per cent of the votes cast.

God bless you.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Janet Teyiaa

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address


Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Rehema Hassan

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address


Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Faith Gitau

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you very much. I am Hon. Faith Wairimu Gitau, woman representative for Nyandarua County. I want to take this chance to thank the people of Nyandarua.

(Technical hitch)

---83 Members of Parliament and, of course, 96 elected women Members of County Assemblies (MCAs). This, indeed, is a great gain. It shows that Kenya has now embraced women leadership, which is very good. We hope, as women in this House, we shall be given the same mandate to lead in House Committees not just as Members, but as chairpersons. That is our prayer.

The President has shown that he, indeed, respects the rule of law in this nation. He accepted the verdict of our Supreme Court. It was a verdict that never considered the sovereign will of the people of Kenya who woke up very early on 8th August 2017 and overwhelmingly voted for him. However, he accepted it. Our Supreme Court said that numbers do not matter in an election.

(Hon. (Ms.) Tobiko obstructed the view of the Deputy Speaker)

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Lydia Haika Mnene

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address


DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Halifa Yussuf Mucheke

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. My name is Halima Mucheke from Meru County and I am a nominated Member. I want to take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the President and his Deputy for having found it fit to nominate a Member from Meru County. It is the first time since Independence. We are very lucky because the last time we had a nominated Member was during the time of the late President Jomo Kenyatta. The people of Meru County are very happy because the son of the late President Jomo Kenyatta has done the same thing by nominating a man and a woman from Meru County to the 12th Parliament.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Speaker and yourself. I take this opportunity to congratulate all the Members who have been elected and nominated to this august House.

I was very impressed by the President’s Speech. As I stand here, I am an Internally Displaced Person (IDP). I cannot forget the 2007/2008 clashes because my house was burnt down in Turbo. This was all because of politics. So, I do not take it for granted that His Excellency the President was very categorical in stating that peace is paramount and there is no chance for anything less than peace in this country. I also want to take this opportunity to thank this House, on behalf of the people of Meru, for having found it fit to nominate one of us, Hon. Kawira Mwangaza, to the House Business Committee (HBC).

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Lilian Cheptoo Tomitom

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for calling out my name correctly. Some people have a rough time mentioning that name. I am Tomitom Lilian Cheptoo, the Woman Representative for West Pokot County.
First and foremost, I want to thank God for this special and good opportunity of being in this House. I also want to thank the people of West Pokot County for having given me this special opportunity to serve them in the 12th Parliament. I want to reassure them, as I promised earlier, that I am going to serve the youth, women and people with disability. I will represent them well in this august House. I want to congratulate the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, Senators and all the Members of the National Assembly.

Concerning the President’s Speech, I want to sincerely thank him for having spoken outstandingly about peace and unity of this nation. As a Member from West Pokot County, which is affected by insecurity issues, I sincerely want to thank the President and all my colleagues for having brought out this issue clearly. I also want to request my fellow Kenyans to unite and bring peace in our country.

Secondly, I want to thank the President for having recognised women, youth and persons with disability in this House. I come from West Pokot County, which is a marginalised area and where women are rarely recognised and appreciated in whatever they do.

Finally, I want to mention something concerning the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission for having dismissed some of their officials. One of my friends from East Pokot County, Madam Kamket Immaculate, together with her colleagues were dismissed without any reasons being given. We are very disappointed as the people of West Pokot County and East Baringo because it is very rare for a woman from my area to get to such a position. I want to call upon the IEBC bosses to make sure that they rectify the anomaly and reinstate these people to work. It is clear they were suspended unfairly.

Once again, I want to thank the people of West Pokot County for having elected me to this House and especially the people of Kacheliba Constituency where I was born. They gave me the highest number of votes. Thank you.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Kawira Mwangaza

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. May I take this opportunity first to thank God for having seen it good for me to stand before this House today. I want first to introduce myself. I am Hon. (Bishop) Kawira Mwangaza, woman representative for Meru County. I also want to thank this House for approving my name to serve in the HBC. May God bless you and lift you up. To the people of Meru, I pray to the Heavenly Father that we serve to bless and lift you all for your overwhelming support that you gave me as an independent candidate in a very competitive area. You gave me all your support. God bless you and do wonders for you. This is my first day to say something in this House and I promise I will do my best to uplift the lives of every disadvantaged person in Meru County and every poor person that God has placed unto my hands.
Back to the President’s Speech, there is one thing that no one has touched. I saw a God-fearing President yesterday. He opened his Speech by thanking God. He said that “We, as a nation, have to thank God for the beautiful country and the peace that he has given us.” That has made me love the President more because not many leaders start their speeches by thanking God. Congratulations our President. As a religious leader, I believe that where God is mentioned and his name lifted, all things work for good according to our desires.

The other thing our President reminded every leader from the Senate and the National Assembly is that irrespective of our Houses, we are all leaders. This is the title every one of us holds today. Because we were chosen and elected by our people, it is our duty and responsibility to fulfil the pledges that we made before our people as leaders. At the same time, we should show the way and lead by example. I want to thank every Member today. As your Bishop, I know that God will help me to have you in my prayers, so that we remain united and serve our country.

Thank you.

DATE: 13th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Janet Sitienei

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the other leaders that were elected. Personally, I was very sick on the evening we elected the Speaker but I was able to sit in the Members’ Lounge, come in and vote, and go back again. We are happy, and we are proud of the leadership. I want to congratulate my fellow hon. Members for having the opportunity to come to the 12th Parliament. I also want to thank my people of Turbo for honouring me, and for looking at me as being an able leader and giving me the opportunity to serve them in the 12th Parliament. Being an independent candidate at the backyard of our beloved Deputy President is not a mean achievement. I want to thank the people of Turbo. I want to promise them that I will serve them diligently without prejudice, and that I shall deliver on the pledges together with them.

Back to the President’s Speech, I want to applaud the President. I want to congratulate him for that great Speech. While I listened to him speaking, I thought that was a Speech of a great leader. I thought he was a patriotic leader, and indeed he is. We should emulate him. The President gave a very vibrant Speech, and I realised that he had the nation at heart. He is a great statesman. He touched on areas that are key. He was able to recognise, and he is keen on maintaining the peace and stability of this nation. I realised it is at the bottom of his heart. He wants peace, and he desires stability for the people of this country. Hence, he is creating an enabling environment for us to deliver on the pledges that we made to our constituents. He also managed to recognise the leadership of the women and the youth. He recognised the fact that we still need to do more to bring the number of women that is required. Therefore, I challenge
the women out there to go for elective positions because we would not want this House to be challenged again in terms of complying with the one-third gender rule.

The President recognised the leadership of the youth. I remember him saying that it is their responsibility for the aspirations of employment and service delivery. It actually represents that.

I am humbled that our President is a respecter of the Constitution. He recognises the importance and the supremacy of the Constitution of Kenya. That is why despite the fact that the Supreme Court ruling was done as it was, he disagreed with it but respected the rule of law. That tells us he is a respecter of the Constitution.

**DATE: 13th September 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Ruweida Mohamed Obo**

**Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address**


Kwa Hotuba ya Rais, ilinikumbusha 2013 wakati wa kesi ya mwakilishi mwanamke maana ule uamuzi uko tofauti na huu wa urais. Uamuzi ule nikijaribu kulinganisha na vile jaji alisema ni tofauti sana. Ule uamuzi wa 2013 kwa kesi yetu ulisema, “The IEBC official has breached Article 83 of the Constitution by not signing Form 36 but the process at the very end was validated by the gazetttement.”

Kwa hivyo sisi tuliambiwa tulipwe na IEBC Kshs1.5 milioni na mwenzangu akaendelea kuwa mwakilishi wa akina mama Bungeni. Uamuzi wa Mahakama ya Juu umekuwa tofauti sana.

Asante Mhe. Naibu Spika.
have given me this chance so that at least Baringo does not go without someone speaking today.
I also take this opportunity, like the rest of my colleagues, to congratulate you for your election in this House. I congratulate my colleagues for having made it to this House. I want to take this opportunity to also thank the people of Baringo County for entrusting me with the job of representing them in this House, and more so for seeing it better to have me for a change. It is true that this time round we saw a lot of democracy in Baringo County. We had members elected from various parties. If some of you do not know, I am one of the members who were elected through the Kenya African National Union (KANU) party. I am so glad. I only pray to God that He may give me “Solomonic” wisdom so that I may serve as I had promised to deliver to the people of Baringo.
I want to go back to the Speech of the President. I applaud the President for taking the issue of security seriously in his Speech. In summary, the President was actually putting everything into peace, love and unity, which actually happens to be a slogan in my party. It is true that the people of Kenya do not feed on all the things we talk about. They feed on peace. It is the responsibility of the Members of this House, from both the Government and the Opposition sides, to preach peace every time they have an opportunity to do, so that our people can carry on with their ordinary life.
Yesterday, I wondered whether the absence of the Judiciary in this House had any relationship with the absence of NASA Members of Parliament. I want to get it clear because I think the Judiciary is an independent body that does not have any relationship with political parties. I want to believe that there was no relationship. The President talked so much and recognised women, people with disabilities and young people. I urge the women hon. Members that we do not become happy for only having been recognised but we go ahead and work for the President to get more votes and get back to office so that he may continue recognising us and giving us better placements in future. We have the duty of working for him to get as many votes as possible. As regards the goings-on at the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), as my colleague from West Pokot had mentioned, there is an official from Baringo County who has been affected. Her name is Immaculate Kassait. Kindly, she is a rare species from Baringo County that happens to be in national leadership. As a person and a woman in leadership in Baringo County, I feel slightly weak when one of my fellow women in leadership, who would have helped me in delivering social issues of women in Baringo, particularly in Tiaty Constituency, is suspended. I urge and pray that she resumes her duties.
May God bless this House as we continue.

ADJOURNMENT
Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Members. You will now stand for the adjournment of the House. The time being 7.00 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 14th September 2017, at 9.30 a.m.
The House rose at 7.00 p.m.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tecla Tum Chebet

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I take this opportunity to thank the people of Nandi for their overwhelming support. That is why I am here with 247,000 votes. I thank God for enabling me to make it to this House.

I applaud the President for celebrating the women of Kenya who made it to this political arena, particularly the three governors, three senators, 23 female Members of Parliament and many members of county assemblies. He highlighted the gains made in promoting inclusion of women in elective offices. We can achieve much if we can break the glass ceiling. I call upon the governors to award women and youth tenders as per the one-third gender rule to enable them to improve their livelihoods, so that we can have more of them in this House in the near future.

I congratulate the President for congratulating the youths of Kenya and a majority of them are in this august House and in county assemblies. I got impressed when he talked about peace in our land. He said that he will not allow anybody to mess around with the prevailing peace in Kenya. Therefore, as we get to the elections, we should hold a peaceful election and our President will be re-elected.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

DATE: 14th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Annie Wanjiku Kibeh

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be here. When I was a young girl, I used to dream of being in Parliament. Just like Lupita Nyong’o said, everyone’s dreams are valid. I agree that my dreams are also valid because I have found myself here. I also want to thank the good people of Gatundu North for finding favour in me and giving me the opportunity to serve them. I feel greatly honoured for that.

Looking at the President’s Speech, I feel that it is inspiring. I am very happy with his acknowledgement that we now have more women leaders in the 12th Parliament. It is never easy to have a woman elected. It is a great honour that we are able, as the Jubilee Party, to have over 15 women elected to the 12th Parliament. I thank His Excellency the President because he also acknowledged the need to continuously include women in leadership and at various levels of the Government. Knowing him as a man of his words, I believe when he is re-elected on 17th October, we will see more inclusivity of women in the Government. On the same breath, he also acknowledged the election of young leaders to this Assembly, which is really a good thing. We are no longer saying that the youth are the
leaders of tomorrow. We are saying they are the leaders of today and that has been confirmed by their election to this House.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, allow me to also highlight and acknowledge what the President said about the involvement of the 11th Parliament in ensuring that devolution works. I am one of the many firstborns of devolution having worked as a nominated member of Kiambu County. I thank the 11th Parliament for the role it played. However, I feel that our work, as the 12th Parliament, is well cut out and we must work very hard to ensure that devolution works. I believe devolution is the future of Kenya. My heart is heavy at this time because nurses are on strike. We know the role nurses play in our society. Patients are suffering in the various hospitals. I use this opportunity to kindly ask the Council of Governors, the nurses and their leaders to find an amicable solution to this matter, so that we can have them back to work. We know very well the work that devolution has done. We have started hospitals in places we have never had hospitals in the over 50 years of Independence. We see our people having hope. I believe that this Parliament will help and support devolution. Hon. Deputy Speaker, with those few remarks, I thank you very much and echo the words of William Arthur who said that---

(Several Members stood up in their places)

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The President inspired this House and this country.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Liza Chelule

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address


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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Fatuma Gedi Ali

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I am Hon. Fatuma Gedi from Wajir. Let me also join my colleagues in congratulating the Members, the Speaker, you, the Majority Leader and the
women elected MPs. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the great people of Wajir County for giving me this opportunity and for having faith in me.
I also want to congratulate them for electing His Excellency the President. I thank the President for his statesmanship speech and also for showing leadership in his Speech. In the President’s Speech, he acknowledged the women leadership and the efforts the women made in the last election. The President mentioned to the world that there is no vacuum and that his administration is unshakable.
I also want to thank him for showing us the leadership. He asked us to unite Kenyans and he did that. He has showed that. I want to urge our supporters across the country and especially the people of Wajir to support the President on 17th because we now know we have the tyranny of numbers. On 17th we also want to show our opponents that we are going to have the tyranny of the ballot. On 17th, we are very confident that the President is going to win.
Lastly, the President and his Deputy reminded us as Jubilee to always preserve peace and unite Kenyans. We will also demonstrate that. Thank you.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Beatrice Nkatha

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity. I tried yesterday but I could not manage. I really thank you today. Let me take this opportunity to thank the people of Tharaka Nithi for giving me another chance. Among the 47 women, only 10 of us survived. So, I want to say thank you for seeing that I am capable of serving them again for five years.
I want to tell them that what I was not able to do in the four years I will try my best to do it at this particular time. I want to assure them that I am going to work with the other leaders of Tharaka Nithi County, so that we are able to move forward together. I want to take the same opportunity to congratulate the Speaker, Hon. Muturi, and you for being given another chance to work with us.
I had an opportunity to be in charge of the presidential speeches for many years, but this particular one was very short and precise. That is because the President was very keen on the peace, security and the unity of this country. We always talk about developing our economy. We cannot develop our economy if you have no peace in the country. We cannot develop our economy if the peace of the country is not at its best. We cannot develop if we are not united. We have to be united. I want to tell my colleagues that we have a responsibility to keep peace all the time. Our President was elected in 2013. I want to tell him that the people who elected him in 2013 are still there and they are going to elect him again next month. We are going to come out in big numbers and this time we are looking for 75 per cent and above.
I am telling my colleagues in the Opposition, we are coming in, going out, taking tea and doing this and that, but the Bible says: “If you do not work, you should not eat.” I do not
know why they think that there is a vacuum in this country. There is no vacuum. The President said that there is no vacuum. There is no lacuna. The country is going forward and we shall progress with or without them. I want to remind my colleagues that we have a duty and a responsibility to sustain and protect peace and security of our people without exception. We have a responsibility to protect our Constitution and promote democratic governance in the Republic of Kenya. We have a Constitution and laws in this country. We, therefore, have to continue working and we have to be together. I have heard the Opposition Members say that they are not going to participate in the elections. I want to give them the example of Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah of Kikuyu. He was not opposed and he was sworn in. So, whether Raila participates in the election or not, we will still swear in the President of the Republic of Kenya and he will continue working for this country.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Alice Wahome

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I take this opportunity to join my colleagues to congratulate the Speaker and you for being elected to this House to be the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. I thank the people of Kandara most sincerely for giving me a second term. It was not easy. All my colleagues who are here will agree with me that we fought a major battle. Some of us have petitions challenging our election. Most importantly, and it should go on record on the HANSARD that Murang’a County has produced three Members of the National Assembly who are Hon. Ruth Mwaniki, Kigumo; Hon. Emily Waithera, Maragwa and Hon. Alice Wahome, who is addressing you. The other one is Mama County, Hon. Sabina Chege. That is four women out of eight units.

(Applause)

I believe we have met the two-thirds gender principle. Therefore, I join His Excellency the President to say that we must also support women leadership. I thank him for the support he gave women. Hon. Deputy Speaker, I know you are a supporter of women leadership, and I know we shall miss contributions in the Members’ lobby.

Let me look at the issue before us, which is the address to this National Assembly by the Head of State. According to them, our colleagues have boycotted this House. However, the list at the entrance says otherwise. This morning I saw Hon. Shabir; Hon. Passaris, the woman Member of Parliament for Nairobi; Hon. Wanyonyi, Hon. Chris Wamalwa, Hon. Gladys Wanga and Hon. Millie Odiambo. We must tell Kenyans that it is work they are avoiding but they are also ensuring that their job is secure. Critically, there is a level of dishonesty. I beg to use that language because if they are not attending Parliament, then they should not be signing so that repercussions for failure to attend the National Assembly sittings can take effect.

(Hon. Wanjala spoke off record)

(Laughter)
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Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I think the hon. member needs recognition and applause for actually fulfilling his constitutional duty.

(Applause)

Can we also applaud my good friend, Hon. Naicca, from Mumias West? He is in the House. What we are saying is that we should call a spade a spade. Those who are not attending must tell Kenyans that they are also coming here secretly and signing the Members’ role. It is the President’s constitutional duty and mandate to address the National Assembly, and his agenda was very short. In the style that he is used to, of humility, the Head of State kept his Speech to the National Assembly to what is necessary. There was decorum in the House in the absence of some Members who are used to throwing water. Therefore, we are not missing them. Most importantly, this House cannot be held hostage by people who think that by refusing to attend the official opening of the House – and instead attending a rally in Kibra where they entertained themselves imagining that they are heads of state – the House would not proceed with the official opening. Therefore, I commend my colleagues for attending. The business of the National Assembly must continue. The people of Kandara, I respect your service. I will deliver as we agreed.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

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Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have really waited for this opportunity to say these great words. First of all, I wish to congratulate everybody who is in this House for having been elected to serve in this House. I also want to congratulate you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for being elected Deputy Speaker. I do believe that by the grace of God we are going to execute what has been given as our mandate. I take this opportunity, first, to thank the great people of Kiambu for giving me the opportunity to serve them as a woman leader and to serve them in humility. I believe by the favour of God I will execute that mandate and meet their expectations. I also want to thank God for giving me the favour to be here today as the Woman Representative for Kiambu County. I believe that by God’s grace we will execute what is ahead of us.

First, I want to congratulate His Excellency the President for being strong even after being humiliated by the ruling of the Supreme Court that really took away the great meat that he was expecting to chew. In the review of the Presidential Speech which was delivered in this very House, I wish to acknowledge that the President recognised God in his great wisdom. By recognising God, he outlined that it is only through God that we can be victorious and peaceful. He went on and urged us to be the catalysts of peace and unity in our country. In his Speech, the President clearly outlined that he is a humble man and he showed his humility through the acceptance of the ruling by the Supreme Court. This is a virtue that makes me very humble. Through this humility, we will defeat our enemies. He also emphasised that we should be examples of giving service that is expected from us by our people. As he spoke, I remembered the great words that I read in the book that is written by one of the great wisdom-oriented writer known as John Mason. John Mason has always said that legacy is the only pillar of life that you can create through excellence. The legacy of excellence in service is something that we all need to cultivate, especially when we are elected as Members of Parliament, Senators and even county governors so that we can create that legacy. He requested us as leaders to make sure that we deliver in service so that we can create that legacy. That is why all of us look towards doing that.

I want to thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to give my maiden speech and to thank the great people of Kiambu for honouring me and electing me as their representative in this House.

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Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for giving me a chance and blessing me to be in this House through the people of Bomet East. I am Hon. Beatrice Kones, Member of Parliament for Bomet East. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the Speaker of the National Assembly for being elected to head this Assembly in the 12th Parliament. I also want to congratulate the people of Bomet for voting for me and giving me another chance to serve them in the 12th Parliament. I also want to thank and congratulate all the Members of Parliament for being elected to the august House. I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Bomet for producing a female governor, Dr. Joyce Laboso, who was also the former Deputy Speaker of the 11th Parliament, serving in this House.

On the President’s Speech, I want to join my colleagues in applauding the President for the wonderful Speech he gave during the State Opening of the 12th Parliament. He gave confidence to people of this country and emphasised that there is no vacuum in leadership. I want to thank the people of Kenya for turning up in large numbers on 8th of August when they voted in President Uhuru Kenyatta as the President of choice for the people of this country. I thank the President for respecting the ruling of the Supreme Court. Once again, he has embarked on his campaign to get votes from the people of Kenya. I want to urge my colleagues that anytime we are out of this city back to our respective constituencies, we urge our people to turn up in large numbers on 17th October to overwhelmingly vote for Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta to be our next President so that he can complete his second term.

I also want to emphasise that the people of this great country of Kenya voted for Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta because of the development record he has registered in the last five years. Every part of this country has had a good record of development because of the leadership of President Uhuru Kenyatta. I also want to applaud the President for encouraging the Kenyan women and also for giving us advice so that as women, we can also put up a brave fight in the male-dominated field of politics. I am happy to say that the number of women who were elected to serve in the august House is quite good. We keep adding the numbers and we thank the people of this country for recognising the leadership of women.

I want to pride myself with the 10th Parliament, where I served because they delivered the new Constitution. Through the new Constitution, the 11th Parliament managed to implement devolution and entrench it as an institutional framework. I know the 12th Parliament will continue implementing the new Constitution which will really work for Kenya. In his Speech, the President also encouraged the 12th Parliament to uphold the supremacy of the Constitution and its institutions. I encourage my colleagues, Members of Parliament---

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**Member of Parliament:** Hon. (Ms) Purity Wangui Ngirici

**Contribution She Made On:** Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address
Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. For the clarification of the House, my name is Purity Wangui Ngirici. I am the woman representative for Kirinyaga County. This morning, I want to thank God for this opportunity to serve in the 12th Parliament. I would like to congratulate both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker for a resounding win. It takes the hand of God to reach where we are.

Secondly, I would also want to thank the people of Kirinyaga County for the favour that God gave me and they saw me fit to represent them in this august House. I hope and pray that I will bring to the attention of the Government and the people of Kenya the problems that we go through in our county.

Going back to the President’s Speech, I want to say that I am very happy because we have a humble man for a President. He is one man who demystified presidency. We used to view presidency as someone who was a demigod that could not be reached. In the years that our President has been the President of the Republic of Kenya, he has really endeared himself to the people of Kenya. He has really made it possible for us to see that a President is a man just like us who can bring people together and make decisions that are humanly understandable.

To quote one of the things that the President told us as Hon. Members, he said that we must be steadfast in protecting our Constitution as the critical base for assuring our people peace, security and prosperity. I stand here today to say that our people are expecting us to deliver, and that is why they woke up very early to vote. The Members from NASA have decided to be sneaking in and signing to make sure that they get their salaries. They should know that their people and God are watching. They will get the salaries but they should know that they never worked for it. As they try to make problems for this country, they should know we are pushing forward, and trying to make sure that development happens in Kenya, but not to pull it down. We want to make sure that our country moves forward. As they try to pull us back, we will match forward. We will work very hard to make sure that this 12th Parliament will achieve even more than what the previous Parliaments achieved.

I would also want to thank the people of Kenya for applauding the President for considering the gender balance. I would also like to congratulate the women who were elected as I congratulate the other Members of Parliament because it is not very normal and usual thing for a woman to fight against men and emerge victorious. Congratulations to the women Members who had to go through the bout with the men.

Distinguished Members, I also want to hope that we will bring forth Bills in this Parliament that will help us in the maternal health and agriculture. In Kirinyaga County, where I come from, we have a problem with agriculture, health and infrastructure. I hope we will bring to completion a lot of projects that were begun or promised but did not happen. I thank you very much and God bless you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the time being 1.00 p.m., the House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.
Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I wish to add my voice to this Motion. I want to begin by congratulating all the Members of Parliament who have found their way here in the 12th Parliament and especially those who have been elected for the second, third or fourth time. This is not a mean achievement. Let me congratulate all the women who have found their way into this august House and especially those who have come through the single member constituencies. They were brave enough to face the men in the constituencies and make it to this House.

We are very proud because we now have 23 women elected from single member constituencies up from 16 in the 11th Parliament. I personally feel very encouraged and...
proud of you ladies. Kudos to all of you, also in particular the fact that of the 23 women 16 are from Jubilee or Jubilee affiliation, for example, an independent Member from Turbo Constituency. We are very proud of the work that Jubilee Party is doing in terms of political empowerment of women and the fact that the President, in his Speech, mentioned that he is proud of the many steps the women of Kenya are making towards political empowerment. He talked about the youth too.

Let me also congratulate my own MP, Hon. Eric Muchangi Kalemba who now takes the seat of Member of National Assembly for Runyenjes Constituency after me. I am very proud of his achievement. He is a great guy who will do a great job for the people of Runyenjes. I am very sure that he will take that constituency to the next level. I want to assure him of my full support as he does the work that the people of Runyenjes have sent him to do in this House. I want to go straight to the gist of the matter, which is the fact that we are just a few days to the presidential repeat elections. There is no doubt in our mind that President Uhuru Kenyatta was robbed of his victory. He did say we do not agree with what came out of the Supreme Court, but we appreciate we are a nation that must uphold the rule of law. We must uphold peace and ensure that the fabric of unity in this country is not in any way destroyed. To that extent, we are ready for the repeat presidential elections stated for 17th October 2017. For avoidance of doubt, it is important for us to say here that the President of the Republic of Kenya to date, and until the next president is sworn in, remains President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. Nobody can take that away from him. He continues to play the role that he has to play, in accordance with the Constitution, as the President of Kenya.

However, it is worrying that we have decided to take the ruling of the Supreme Court piecemeal. According to our opponents – NASA – it was okay for the victory of Uhuru Kenyatta to be annulled. They further go ahead to say: “Yes, we are ready to go to the repeat elections but we do not want to go to the elections with the IEBC.” It is clearly in the ruling that the IEBC will conduct another presidential election within 60 days following the ruling, but they say: “No, we are ready to go to the elections only if certain people in IEBC are out of office.” Therefore, they have agreed that they will only accept the ruling in piecemeal, and not in totality. They want to go to the repeat elections only when they have certain people who they agreed to in that office. We must say “no” to selective application of the ruling. We must insist that the elections must be held on 17th October as gazetted by the IEBC as is constituted today. We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by NASA, who have said that there will be no elections without certain people at the IEBC being sacked. We insist that there will be elections on 17th October, as per the Supreme Court ruling. I add my voice to that of Hon. Kutuny and say that in the event they have any concern about that ruling, they should go back to the Supreme Court and seek interpretation of the same ---

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**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Naisula Lesuuda**
Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to first congratulate you and all the leadership of this House for being elected. I would also like to congratulate my colleagues for being elected to this 12th Parliament. I would also like to take this opportunity to most sincerely thank God and the constituents of Samburu West for electing me as their Member of Parliament, and for making history by electing the first woman to represent them in Parliament.

(Applause)

I listened to His Excellency the President’s Speech when he said that he is very proud of the women of Kenya. He does not just say it but he walks the talk. I vied on a Kenya African National Union (KANU) ticket which is an affiliate of the Jubilee Party. He has held the hands of the 16 women who were elected. He has supported us those from the Jubilee Party and its affiliate. He has done it, and we have continued to see it. We hope that even our opponents will also learn to support their women and young people.

Secondly, there is one thing that His Excellency the President spoke about: The Opposition does not want this country to move forward. They want to hold this country hostage. They want the world to believe that Kenya is on a standstill. That is why they did not want even His Excellency the President to preside over the official opening of this House. It is very unfortunate that they want to read and accept the Constitution when it suits them. They want to accept the ruling of the Supreme Court because it favoured them. However, the Constitution is also very clear that we have a President in this country and he has powers to continue with his work, one of which is to preside over the opening of this House. So, they cannot read the Constitution and be happy with it only when it suits them, but when we want to continue as a country, they refuse and are not happy about it.

Hon. Speaker, we are confident that the numbers did not lie when we went for election. In fact, the ruling was based on technicalities. They did not ask for a recount of the votes and they did not deny that we won. They just talked about things to do with transmission. If they are very confident of their numbers, then let us meet on 17th October 2017. As a country, we need to move forward and have the election behind us. We are ready for election and if they are also ready, let us go to the ballot on 17th October 2017.

His Excellency the President also spoke on issues of peace and security. It is very unfortunate what we saw in Kisumu where people went and disrupted a meeting that was going on. We would like to say that violence will only take us many steps and miles backwards and yet we really want this country to move forward. So, just as it was said yesterday, violence will not choose where you come from or the political party you are in. We, therefore, cannot continue to misuse our young people for our own political selfish gains.

I would also like to comment on the issue of our colleagues coming here just to sign and walk out. I believe that it is selfish of them. I would want it to be published so that their respective principals know about those who only sneak in here to sign and walk away. Probably their principals do not know whether they come to the House or not. It is unfortunate that Sen. Wetangula, in the other House, participated in the election of the Deputy Speaker and yet he
has been telling the other Members not to participate in the business of this House, including Committees. They will not hold us hostage. We will continue with our work.
Thank you.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jane Kihara

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I am the Member for Naivasha Constituency also known as “The Happy Valley” in the great Nakuru Constituency, where there was a vote basket for Jubilee. I wish to congratulate all of you Members for going through a very rigorous campaign and coming out unscathed, except for your pockets.

Hon. Speaker, I am humbled by the way people of Naivasha voted for Jubilee and gave me a chance to serve them again after a break of 10 years. I do not take it for granted. They missed my leadership and I thank them for electing the President with a very high vote. It is worth mentioning that I was elected with the second highest vote in a single Constituency after Ruiru. I love you, Naivasha people.

I thank everybody who helped me in one way or the other. There are those who helped me with their finances and in kind. Specifically, I would like to thank Hon. Ichungh’wa and KJ, who came to my youth peace event dubbed “Mzuka Youth Concert”. Do not ask me what “Mzuka” is. It was called so by the youth and they were very happy for the visitation of the two Members.

Hon. Speaker, the President visited us last Friday, and we assured him that we are ready to vote for him on 17th October. We are all waiting. We were hurt by the ruling of the Supreme Court but, like everyone has said, we take it in strides, get ready and campaign for President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy.

Hon. Speaker, I was very excited when the President talked of peace. Naivasha was the hardest hit in the post-election violence in 2007. My name ended up in the infamous “Ocampo Envelope”. I have carried that baggage for seven years, trying to fight it. So, when our President and his deputy were put on trial at The Hague, I knew what they were going through.

I may not have gone to The Hague but there is not a single investigator or researcher on this case who never interrogated me. All said and done, that is past us. It is time to talk about peace in our nation.

It is very unfortunate for the newly elected Members who have been put in office by Wanjiku but whose principals, who have had their time in this House, have held them back from participating in the business of this House. You can imagine how they are feeling.

DATE: 14th September 2017
Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Safia Sheikh Adan

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am the County Women Representative for Marsabit County. I am honoured and humbled to be representing my people in this august House. I thank all the people of Marsabit County for having faith in me. I hope to surpass their expectation. I will make use of this position to highlight the many challenges women face daily, not only in Marsabit County but also in many parts of this nation. I would like to congratulate all the new Members as well as those who have been re-elected. I want us to unite and work together for the Kenyans who elected us. Our struggles, fears and challenges are all the same across the nation. We can only succeed when we bring our heads together and find solutions to the many problems that our people face in different parts of our country.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who worked tirelessly to give us the new Constitution. Due to that, women have representation which is essential for our growth as a society. I would like to acknowledge here that I appreciate the President’s Speech especially because it touched on peace and unity. As a pastoralist woman who is experiencing tribal conflict in my county, I understood what he meant by peace. Indeed, peace is very essential and without it we cannot develop or carry out any activities. We have seen what goes on in our neighbouring countries like Somalia. Let leaders unite the people of this nation and maintain peace.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of you the very best as you undertake this journey. Thank you so much and I appreciate you for listening to me.

DATE: 14th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Naomi Shaban

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Asante sana, Mhe. Spika. Pia mimi sina budi kujiunga na wenzangu kuwapongeza kwanza kwa kuchaguliwa kwenye Bunge hili la 12 baada ya kinyang’anyiro kilichokuwa kigumu. Natakia pia kuchukua nafasi na fursa hii kumpongeza Mhe. Rais kwa msimamo wake wa dhati na kwa upendo wa nchi yetu na kutuliza wananchi kuwa kuna umuhimu wa watu kudumisha amani wakati huu tunavyoelekea kwenye uchaguzi wa tarehe 17 Oktoba.

Kajiado East. I was also elected by the indigenous community of the Maasai people. I am very grateful.

I have plans for them. I will take development to a notch higher. I will continue treating all equitably and with respect and will give a listening ear. I will go into the much-needed development in Kajiado East. Let me specifically say that we are very grateful in Kajiado East that the tarmac road that we were promised by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta starting from Isara Mashuru to Kajiado has started. It is progressing and we are more than grateful.

Let me applaud His Excellency because of the Speech that he made the other day. He captured the aspirations of the Kenyan people and the mood of the country at this particular moment. He talked about peace, security and respect for the rule of law. He applauded the gains made by the women of this country and the young people. A good number of women have made it to this august House.

The 11th Parliament which I was privileged to be part of did a lot to implement the Constitution and entrench devolution. However, there is still a lot to be done in our various counties. The governors and those who have been elected to county assemblies should take devolution seriously. They should use the resources that are allocated by this House wisely.

Let me just talk about the court ruling that was made the other day. Although Hon. Raila Odinga may have thought he was able to pull the rug from under the feet of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, I will tell him that he put him on a pedestal because he has now shown Kenya and the world that he is a statesman who obeys the law even when he is not necessarily in agreement with the kind of judgment that has been made. I will tell Hon. Raila Odinga that Kenya can no longer be held to ransom by one individual from 1982, 1992 and 1997. He has been taking this country in a circus. It is not possible that he continues to hold our children and his grandchildren to ransom. His grandchildren call him Baba, but I think he is Babu. That is his right title. On 17th October, we will show Hon. Raila Odinga again that we voted for Uhuru Kenyatta and his victory will be affirmed.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for this opportunity.

DATE: 14th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Sabina Chege

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Sabina Wanjiru Maitu Chege): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me an opportunity to speak. First, I thank the people of Murang’aa. We were among the top in the voter turnout on 8th August in voting for our President, Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. I was glad to see him coming to address the nation through this House. I also thank the people of Murang’aa for having confidence in women. In his Speech, the President commended Kenyans for voting women into this House. We have three women who have been voted in as Members of a single constituency and myself as the Member for my county. We are four women out of
the eight Members of Parliament from Murang’a County. With the women, we will not let them down.

I am also glad to see very young people, including my friend, KJ, with whom we have come from the same industry. Initially, in this House we are used to having doctors, engineers and the likes but we have a new team from the emerging industry. We are several of us, artistes, here. Personally, I have featured in the Swahili soap *Tausi* as an actress. I am very proud that I have been an artiste, a broadcaster, and now a Member of this House. We want to promise Kenyans as young people, because we are the majority in this nation; that we are going to work towards achieving the promises that we made, of creating job opportunities for them. We also want to be part of the mentors. I am foreseeing a situation where, in the next 10 or 20 years, if you are 50 years old, politics will not be your game again because young people will have taken over.

The President spoke about having no vacuum in this nation. We also have no vacuum in this House. I was ashamed this morning to see Members from the Opposition side sneak into the House to sign the attendance register and leave. I would like to remind them that they call us thieves but we now know who the major thieves are. This is taking money from the taxpayers. You sneak in because you would not want to be seen by your leader that you came to this House and signed. It is a shame. This is robbery without violence. We will be naming and shaming them. We will be looking at the list of the people who came in, signed and left because they want to please their masters.

It is also a shame the way we look at the women in this nation. Yesterday, there was a case in Kisumu where some women who had met to discuss development were harassed and beaten up just because some people’s DNA material reads violence. We want to stand with those women. As a Member of this House, and as a woman leader, I call upon the police to crack the whip on those hooligans who went to harass those women. Women need to be given a chance in all corners of this nation. Firstly, they should enjoy their freedom of association. Secondly, they have freedom to assemble in any part of this nation. We would not like to see such cases going on.

We have around 1.6 million children who are ready to sit for national examinations. One of the Opposition leaders was on record saying that the children will not die if they do not sit for the examination. That is a shame. Unless the person who made that statement never went to school – Of course, he is a class six drop out – nobody would joke with the minds and the emotions of our children by trying to say that their examinations can be moved to some later dates. So, we are ready.

It is 33 days to go to the repeat presidential elections so that we can, again, see the will of the Kenyans. Thousands of them queued and their voice was heard. I am very sure that this time round, the Supreme Court will respect the sovereignty of the people of this nation as they vote for their President – the one and only Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, who has the interests of this nation at heart, and who has a development agenda for this nation. As Members of this House, ours is a commitment to serve the people who voted for us.

Thank you.
DATE: 14th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Florence Chepngetich Koskey

Contribution She Made On: Motion; Thanks for the Presidential Address

Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this chance. My name is Florence Koskey Bore, County Member of Parliament for Kericho, the green county full of rain. We are blessed. It is referred to as the bathroom of God, but that does not mean we have everything; we need services as Kericho people.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for having been re-elected as the Speaker of this House, together with your Deputy. Let me take this opportunity to thank God, my family, the people of Kericho County for having given me this opportunity to serve them for the next five years.

Going into the Speech of the President, I want to congratulate President Uhuru Kenyatta for giving us a great speech that was meant for all of us as Kenyans. The Opposition said the speech was skewed to us as Jubilee, but that speech was meant for all of us as Kenyans.

Some of the highlights of the Speech were: The need for peace in our country as the basis of activities as we develop our country. After the Supreme Court gave out the verdict, I looked forward to the voice of the President. And when he came out to speak to the nation, he did not disappoint: He was strong. If you can remember, he said, “Peace, peace, peace.” I think that is what made us stand as a country. Otherwise, if it was somebody else, we would have been burning and fighting. We want to congratulate him for standing with us as a country.

Two, the President acknowledged the election of all of us but with specific note and celebration for the marginalized groups, women, youth and persons with disabilities. Third, the President urged us to avoid divisive and destructive politics. On this note, I want to tell those members of the public that take the law into their hands, like what we saw in Kisumu—it was very painful to see harmless, peaceful women being beaten and robbed. That was barbaric. That was shameful and backward politics in this modern Kenya. We want to tell members of the public to avoid taking the law into their hands. That happened at the door of Raila Odinga. Is he happy when he sees such things happening? We do not want to go back to what happened in 2007.

The President also warned Kenyans against allowing a free, competitive process to become a threat to our peace. As we head into the fresh presidential elections on the 17th of October, I want to affirm my support and that of the Kericho people to His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta. Kericho County gave Uhuru Kenyatta 92 per cent of the votes. I want to assure him that this time round, we are going to give him 100 per cent. We are going to move to the neighbouring counties to seek for votes for him to be re-elected.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.
Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me an opportunity. I want to start by thanking almighty God for the privilege to serve in this august House. I also want to thank the people of Kigumo for finding it fit to elect me as their representative in this House. I promise to serve them with humility. I will listen to their needs and take Kigumo a notch higher.

Hon. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being re-elected for a second term as Speaker of this august House together with your Deputy, Hon. Cheboi. I also want to congratulate the members of the House leadership, that is, the Leader of the Majority Party and the Majority Whip, for being elected into those positions.

Coming to the President’s Speech, I remember the three words he talked about which are peace, unity and service. The noble calling for Hon. Members is to serve and so he reminded us about the oath of office that we took. I want to quote something he stated: “Vibrant democratic competition is not destructive division.” When His Excellency took over power in 2013, I was a public servant in his Government and I recall the pains we went through during the West Gate and Likoni attacks. He has shown humility and this has brought this country together. Peace, which has been fought for hard enough by his Government, should not be put to waste. We should not back-peddle on the gains we have made because of personal gains and leadership.

The people of Kigumo and I support President Kenyatta. The reason is the development he has brought to this country, for example, infrastructure, energy and the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF). Today, people are doing their dialysis for free and having kidney transplants which are paid for by NHIF! We all knew about NHIF, but we did not know what it was doing until President Kenyatta came into power.

Today, our youth are able to access procurement opportunities. Tendering had been very difficult particularly for start-up companies, the youth, women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). His Government has taken steps and made it mandatory for any Authority-to-Incur-Expenditure (A-I-E) holder to consider the youth, women and PWDs. Kenyans returned this favour on 8th August 2017 by electing him as their President. Following the overturning of his win by the Supreme Court, the stock exchange recorded a loss of Kshs32 billion.

As Hon. Keynan was speaking here, I remembered the pain we went through as a result of insecurity in the country. The Kenya Shilling dropped. Tourists stopped coming and our economy received a heavy beating. These are the things which pain me when I see that for some people, seeking political power supersedes the needs of Kenyans. I am happy that President Kenyatta saw it fit to allow all the three arms of Government to start serving. Both the Judiciary and the Executive are already serving people. He opened Parliament so that all of us can serve Kenyans. I am disturbed because Members of the Opposition have found it impossible to swallow their pride and come to serve Kenyans, which is what they have been
called to do. Our president has shown remarkable resilience, humility, patience, fear of God, patriotism and love for Kenya. If you go round this country, which I have been able to, even in places where he did not receive support---

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Speaker:** Hon. Members, in terms of our Standing Orders, the Motion for Adjournment does not require any Question to be put. There being no other Members desirous to contribute, the time being 7.23 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 26th September 2017, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 7.23 p.m.

**Papers Laid**

**DATE:** 26th September 2017

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

**Contribution She Made On:** Matters Relating To the Outcome of the 2017 General Election

Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to begin by commending the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Duale, for bringing the Motion for Adjournment on this very important and critical issue that is of concern to Kenyans. In exercise of our responsibility as members of the National Assembly, this is an issue that we cannot ignore at this particular time when Kenyans have been subjected to unnecessary anxiety and uncertainty, occasioning Kenyans to unnecessary anguish and anxiety.

The matter at hand largely concerns the unprecedented ruling of our Supreme Court. I would like to join the many hon. members and Kenyans, led by His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta, in saying that even as a lawyer and a law-abiding citizen of Kenya, I do not agree with the ruling of the Supreme Court. However, in my standing as a law-abiding Kenyan, I respect the ruling. The Supreme Court, in its ruling, invalidated the presidential election of 8th August and ordered that we go back to the ballot within 60 days. To say that we must go back to the ballot within 60 days, as stipulated in our Constitution, is crystal clear to anybody. Like I have said, we respect that decision, but we have a very incessant process going on – and which I may call theatrics - which is what has generated a lot of anxiety amongst Kenyans. You hear members of the Opposition focusing on anticipated happenings after the 60 days. Why would they be concerning themselves with the period after the 60 days within which the repeat presidential election is schedule to take place? We can only imagine that these are people who have some undercut dealings. I can see our able Chair looking at me very sternly. When you talk of after 60 days, yet we are within the 60 days period within which we should conduct the election – and we have a date given by IEBC legally – then we must begin to question the motive and intention of the people who
are talking about that extra-legal issues that we are not concerned with as Kenyans, as of now. Any law-abiding citizen and anybody who may want to consider themselves leaders of this country should concern themselves with a legal process which will give due sanctity to our elections - a process where a voter wakes up in the morning, goes to a polling station and decides the President or leader they want. As Members of the 12th Parliament, this is what we need to focus on. After voters have woken up, voted and decided on whom their leader should be, questions about technicalities, passwords and servers should be secondary to the decision that a Kenyan voter has already made.

I would like to speak to the issue which is being flaunted around with people insinuating that we have a temporary incumbency. A temporary incumbency of the President does not exist in Kenya right now. Anybody with a good and clear understanding of the Constitution knows that after the election of the President has been declared null and void, we are not waiting for anybody to be sworn in as President and, therefore, giving us a period of temporary incumbency. We have not held any elections as per the Supreme Court ruling. We have a President in place. We have 60 days within which to conduct elections. I wish to urge all Kenyans to make sure that when we go back to the ballot on 26th October, every Kenyan is given an opportunity to make their decision and we sanctify that process. There is a lot of need - even judging from the Supreme Court ruling - for us to make the necessary amendments to our electoral laws to make sure that we sanctify the decision of the Kenyan voter and not concern ourselves with technicalities which bring confusion and put into doubt a decision made by Kenyans to choose a leader of their choice.

I wish to support the Motion.

**DATE: 26th September 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: Matters Relating To the Outcome of the 2017 General Election**

Hon. Speaker, I do not belong to the Kenya African National Union (KANU) Party. I belong to the Jubilee Coalition. I support the Motion by the Leader of the Majority Party on the issue of urgent national importance. We have had many problems since 8th August 2017. We had the general elections, and most of us won. After the nullification of the presidential election, the NASA Coalition demanded that officers at the IEBC should be reshuffled yet the Members of this House had their elections conducted by the same IEBC. The elections were conducted by the IEBC, but the NASA Coalition is complaining that the Commission was incompetent. This is the same Commission which conducted our elections. Why then are the Members of the Opposition alleging that this body was incompetent? The IEBC has been facing many challenges, including complaints about the procurement of the presidential ballot papers and issues against its officers. Today, complaints have been made about Safaricom that it was trying to rig elections.
The date for the presidential election has been set and I want to remind this country that we are going to use taxpayers’ money for the re-election. That money was supposed to be used for development. They have not raised any legal issues pertaining the set date of 26th October 2017. They have kept on shifting goal posts and raising many baseless issues to the extent that they are now trying to threaten the security of this country. Enough is enough! We have a Government in place and whether they are willing to go for the election or not, we will still remain behind the President, His Excellency Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. The business in this country has to continue. I know there are some few legal issues pertaining to appointments, but we can still run this country without those appointments taking place or even without the Opposition. We are fed up with many insults which the Opposition is making. We are also equal to the task. If it means insulting each other we are also very ready. We came to this House not through prayers but through elections.

DATE: 26th September 2017

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

Contribution She Made On: Matters Relating To the Outcome of the 2017 General Election

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker and thank you for recognising gender in this House. At the outset, as women of this nation, we are very disappointed by the words of the young Member of Parliament for Embakasi East who decided to abuse His Excellency the President and in connection with that abused his mother. We are very disappointed and we should start disciplining ourselves. For the Hon. Member, though the law has taken its course, when he comes to this House, we as women especially on the Jubilee side will deal with him.
Secondly, yesterday, the business community of this town came out and made their voice heard that they need their businesses to run. Today, it is unfortunate that the other side is saying that there is Mungiki in this town. We will not accept our young business people to be called names. Being a business person does not mean that one is a Mungiki. I condemn the way we have started grouping our people in this country.
NASA will not have their cake and eat it. They went to court to complain about the presidential elections. The courts gave them what they asked for, a repeat of the presidential elections. We are waiting for 26th October 2017 when Kenyans will once again exercise their power and confirm they had elected Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta as the President. It is unfortunate to hear the same people who went to court now saying that they are not ready to go to the polls because they want their conditions met. It is important for the NASA team to realise that when they went to court they did not give it conditions on how they wanted the judgment to be written unless they were the ones who were to write that judgment. So, it will be good for them to respect the law and follow the instructions and directions from the courts.
It is also unfortunate, and I want to make this as a personal statement that I did not, as the Woman Representative for Muranga County, say that I will undress and go to Embakasi. The Departmental Committee on Energy, Communication and Information should start looking at the use of social media and action should be taken against the originators of such messages. It
was also very unfortunate for me to see women undress in this town in the name of demonstrations. It is also unfortunate that when they were celebrating we saw some young men in their underwear and some ladies in their bras. It is quite a shame. We need to know that we are mentors to our children on the values of this nation and it is unfortunate to see such kind of behaviour.

We have lost a lot of money in terms of businesses and investments. All we are waiting for is to go for the election so that we can move on. We have lost around Kshs14 billion as a result of the re-election. If both sides are genuine, let us honour Kenyans and let us go back to the election and elect the President of this nation. We have no vacuum. When the Judges declared that the elections were null and void, it was confirmed that Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta is still the President. For the doubting Thomases, he has all the powers as the President until after the election. For the ones threatening, I am sure they are not interested in the re-election.

It is high time we told them that this House is ready. We are also ready to change some of the laws that made people go to court to question the validity of the electoral processes when they knew that the famous “wanjikus” went and cast their votes on 8th August 2017. The voters were not interested in knowing whether the voting materials were carried on boda or on donkey backs. All they know is that they exercised their right. The best thing we can do in this House is to go the Germany way. We need to go back to manual voting where people cast their votes and wait at the polling stations, if they wish, where the total count is done and the president of the republic is known. We pray for peace for the nation. I want to ask the women of this nation to wake up. Let us discipline our children including one Babu Owino.

Thank you.

DATE: 26th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Cheruiyot

Contribution She Made On: Matters Relating To the Outcome of the 2017 General Election

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. I echo what most of the Members have said. It is true that Kenya has one Judiciary that neither belongs to NASA nor Jubilee. I did not find it proper when a Member said that even after the election on 26th October 2017, if they are not happy, again, Maraga is there. It should be clear that Maraga does not belong to any coalition. The Supreme Court is independent.

I want to speak about Supreme Court ruling that stated that the elections were marred with irregularities. The court stated that there were irregularities in the transmission of results. It is only fair to talk of transmission of results when you are addressing Wanjiku. Wanjiku only knows that she dropped her ballot paper in a box. The common mwananchi may not understand what is transmission. It would be better for us to go back to manual voting.

Chapter 7, Article 86(a) of the Constitution stipulates that whatever voting method used should be transparent and clear to everyone. But when you adopt digital voting, that grandmother or grandfather - the Wanjiku in the village - is not aware of these things you are talking about transmission. So, if results are invalidated because of transmission, I think
we are becoming unfair to the common *mwananchi*. After voting, he or she knows that he dropped his or her paper. By the Leader of the Minority Party saying that going back to manual is taking this country back, it is not in our Constitution. It is something that we designed and we can always change and say: If this digital does not fit us, we can as well go back to manual if that will bring sanity. After all, we have a country which has done that as an example, namely, Germany. We can always refer. If they did it manually and they got the right results and they accepted them. Then we can forget about these transmissions and go manual. For sure, that is what we should think about. We can revise our way of voting.

The other thing is the issue of the date of 26th October this year. I heard the Rt. Hon. Raila saying that 26th is Uhuru’s birthday. Which day is not a birthday for anyone? Whichever date you pick is a birthday for somebody. For that matter, it demeans to just call a day a birthday for someone then you say you cannot choose that day, unless there is some other reason. And it is clear that our brothers from NASA are using all terminologies and English words to just say that they do not want elections. I think the IEBC is not telling us that such a party should go and vote. It is about an individual casting a vote. So whichever coalition you belong to, it is your choice to go and vote that day or not. The fact remains that on the date of counting of votes, it is percentages that will matter. It is not the parties and coalitions.

In 1982 when I was in nursery school, there was a coup. It is high time for Raila Amolo Odinga to retire. It is long overdue for him to be in this thing when he is not making it. So, it is only fair for Kenyans to go by peace, love and unity, the slogan of the party that brought me here, namely, KANU. We shall go back.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Hon. Deputy Speaker:* Hon. Members, the time being 7.00 pm, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 27th September 2017 at 9.30 am.

The House rose at 7.00 p.m.

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**Papers Laid**

**DATE:** 27th September 2017

**Member of Parliament:** Hon. (Ms) Mary Waithira Njoroge

**Contribution She Made On:** Appointment of Members to the Chairperson’s Panel

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I also rise to support the amended Motion on the appointment of Members to the Chairperson’s Panel. First of all, allow me to give my maiden
speech. I would like to congratulate the people of Maragwa for having given me this seat. I am ready to work for them and see to it that all I promised them is fulfilled. I am also happy because I have made history in Maragwa Constituency for being elected the first female Member of Parliament. Given the faith they have in me, I will show them that I am up to the task.

I also want to congratulate the Mover and seconder of this Motion. This is because great minds must have sat and picked the proposed Hon. Members for appointment. They must be the caliber we require in this House so that in the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker the business of this House will continue. I have also noticed that there is gender parity. Even though I am new in this House and I do not know a majority of them, I have heard Hon. Members who have spoken before me say quite a lot about their abilities and I want to concur with them. These are Hon. Members of high mind who understand the rules and procedures of this House. We are ready to support them so that they can help us deliver on behalf of the people of Kenya.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Waruguru

Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Members to the Chairperson’s Panel

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I take this opportunity to say a big congratulation to the members for their appointment to the Chairperson’s Panel. Thank you for the privilege to allow me to speak for Hon. Mariru and, maybe, give a brief history of who he is and how far he has come to be a Member of Parliament representing the people of Laikipia West. I served in the County Assembly of Laikipia for the last four years. Hon. Patrick Mariru, the Member for Laikipia West, has been my Speaker. I wish to confirm to this House that Hon. Patrick Mariru is a learned fellow. I confirm that he has been doing his PhD as well as his second Master’s degree. He is a lawyer. Speaking from my experience working with him in the county assembly, we managed to pass over 12 Bills which were enacted into law. We were ranked as the county assembly which passed the highest number of Bills. In this case, I confirm that we had quite a number of county assemblies which came to benchmark with us. Also, he got a rare opportunity to be among the people who led the--- When we were doing the Alcohol Bill, he got the privilege of being the chairperson. This House remembers very well the time we cracked the whip and we declared that we are saying a big no to illicit brews that were being done in the name of second and third generation brews. I confirm to any member who has doubt that Hon. Patrick Mariru is a well learned fellow. He carries vast experience from working with the World Bank. He carries an experience of working with Members of County Assembly (MCAs) and is also one person who has managed to stand in the rank of corporate lawyers and people who have managed to rise to the top of the county assembly leadership as far as the speakers are concerned.
I also congratulate Hon. Roselinda Soipan, who happens to be a County Member of Parliament. As a woman, I can say she deserves it. Hon. Jessica Mbalu deserves it too and the rest of the members deserve it. I want to put to rest fears of Hon. Members; they should not, in any way, doubt as to who Hon. Patrick Mariru is. I ask you to believe in his capacity. You just need one interaction with Hon. Patrick Mariru and he will take you out of this world in his understanding of the Constitution and also the other rules that are in this House.

With those remarks, I support.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Fatuma Ali

Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Members to the Chairperson’s Panel

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I also want to support the Motion. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate the Jubilee leadership in always believing in women leadership. Talking about the list, it is well balanced. We have two great ladies. Soipan is a brilliant young pastoralist lawyer. We have no doubt that she will deliver. Coming from the pastoralist community, it is a great milestone to have the First Chairperson of the Speaker’s Panel as a lady, a pastoralist and a brilliant young lawyer who will deliver. If you remember, in the last Parliament we also had Joyce Laboso. Through that platform, today, she is the Governor of Bomet. As women of Kenya and women from the pastoralist community we are so grateful.

I support the Motion.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Kibeh

Contribution She Made On: Appointment of Members to the Chairperson’s Panel

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to support the Motion which is before this House. I congratulate Members who got the opportunity to join the prestigious Chairperson’s Panel. I want to throw in a word about Hon. Patrick Mariru because I have worked with him in the past at the county assembly. He served as the Speaker of the Laikipia County Assembly. I served and worked with him at the County Assemblies Governing Council. I want to attest that Hon. Patrick Mariru is a great man who
has great understanding of the Constitution. I also admired how he worked at the county assembly because like the Member for Laikipia said, Laikipia County Assembly was one of the best performing county assemblies in Kenya because of the legislations they passed. I believe that he will bring to this House a wealth of experience that will come in handy when he sits in as the Speaker.

I also want to congratulate Hon. Soipan and Hon. Jessica Mbalu. They are representing the women of this country and the women Members in the House. I feel well represented by these honourable ladies. I am sure they will do a great job. I may not really know Hon. Christopher Omulele, but I believe that he will also do a good job. Well done to the Leader of the Majority Party for this Motion and congratulations to the team. Let us work for the people of Kenya.

*Ahsante sana.*

**DATE: 27th September 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On:** Approval of the Calendar of the House

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I want to take this chance to congratulate you for taking the seat after just being incorporated into the Chairperson’s Panel. I take the privilege to second the Motion. It is as straightforward as the Mover has said. Despite the calendar being provided for in the Constitution, we have the capacity and the liberty to bring it to this House and amend it accordingly.

If you look at the way it has been put in the schedule, you will realise that it has considered the very busy schedule for Members. It has considered that since you need to be in the constituencies, sometimes you need a short recess. You also need a long recess, especially in December, to bond with your family and take time off parliamentary duties. That is also the time when our staff members take some time off and rest, so that they can serve us better when we resume from the long recess.

In the previous Parliaments, before the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, there was a provision that if you miss eight consecutive sittings, you lose your seat. I want to bring to the attention of Members Article 103 of the Constitution that talks to the vacation of office of Members of Parliament. It states thus:

“The office of a Member of Parliament becomes vacant –
(b) if during any session of Parliament, the Member is absent from eight sittings of the relevant House without permission, in writing, from the Speaker and is unable to offer a satisfactory explanation for the absence to the relevant Committee”.

This provision is very critical and it is also provided for in the Standing Orders. I would like to speak to NASA Members in this House that whenever you miss sittings, remember, there is a provision in the Constitution that can lead to you losing your seat if you miss eight sittings.
It is not consecutive, rather, it is in totality in a session. This calendar talks of the first session that runs all the way to December and I hope Members can take note of that. We are very keen on prioritising the business of the House and if you have to be committed elsewhere, it has to be with the express permission or relevant notification to the Speaker on your absence. I request Members of the House and my colleagues to support this. It is well thought out. It has very short sittings and the only long one is the one shown under part G when we have 20 sittings. Please, go through it so that we can pass it and go on with the business of the House.

With that, I second.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tum

Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Calendar of the House

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment. I support the Motion given that the calendar gives us some days to go home to campaign for our President. I know very well President Uhuru Kenyatta is coming back. We are praying for him. And we thank God. We are going to do rigorous campaigns. Thank you so much.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Faith Wairimu Gitau

Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Calendar of the House

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I support the Motion on the proposed calendar of the House for the First Session. We have been given time to be with our families and rejuvenate after elections. I pray that we shall talk to our people and make them understand that Kenyans are God-fearing people. I have seen both men and women demonstrating naked. I pray that Members from the other divide will talk to their followers to respect God in whatever they do. Whether we picket or demonstrate, we should do so with respect. We must give God honour and glory in this country. I support the Motion.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Beatrice Adagala

Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Calendar of the House
Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I have the honour to speak in this House for the first time.

First, I thank the people of Vihiga County who turned out en masse and elected me as their County Woman Representative. I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon. Chris Omulele for being appointed a Member of the Chairman’s Panel. This is an honour to the people of Vihiga County. I thank you on their behalf for that honour. I welcome all Members of Parliament to Vihiga, a land of plenty, including the famous *omusala*.

I support this Motion. We have been in Nairobi since we were elected and we have to go to our respective constituencies. We have presidential elections very soon and I ask Members to run the campaigns peacefully. Whenever there is a crisis, women and children suffer. I urge Members that as we go out during the campaign period, we should maintain peace. Let us be guided by the Bible and the Quran. Hon. Members have clearly indicated that we must conduct ourselves with decorum.

This is an honourable House and we must behave honourably in honour of this country and the people of Kenya. We are one nation. We should not divide ourselves along the lines of Jubilee and NASA. We are serving the people of Kenya and we must do it with dignity. We must do it well because we are called Honourable Members. Therefore, as we support the calendar that is before us, let us go out and campaign peacefully. We want to have a peaceful Kenya where all of us will enjoy. Let us not get out there to fight and abuse each other. We must handle each other as brothers and sisters.

Let us take the campaign seriously such that when we elect our leader, we have somebody that will take Kenya to a higher level.

With those remarks, I support the Motion.

**DATE: 27th September 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Irene Muthoni Kasalu**

**Contribution She Made On: Approval of the Calendar of the House**

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. This is my maiden speech. First of all, I want to thank the people of Kitui for electing me as their County Woman Representative. I want to promise them that I will deliver on their issues like I promised them. I also want to congratulate you for having been appointed to serve in the Chairperson’s Panel.

I support the Motion. Looking at the calendar, I find that we have been given ample time to spend with our young families and also go back to the counties to work for our people. This being an election period, we will take time to talk to our people so that they can make a good choice. I am campaigning for NASA. I also want to ask Members to have time to reflect upon themselves so that when we come back here, we will be more united. We should not be divided along the lines of NASA or Jubilee. We should work together in unison to move this country forward.
Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jane Njiru

Contribution She Made On: Approval of Sessional Paper on The Kenya Health Policy

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this Motion. First of all, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment today. I am looking forward to working with you. This being my first time to speak in this House, I would also like to thank the people of Embu County for electing me their woman representative. I affirm to them that I will represent them in a mature manner that they expect me to.

On this Sessional Paper, I would like to bring to the attention of this House the fact that health is a basic requirement. However, we know that most of the times we have our nurses and doctors on the streets. That is a matter that needs to be addressed. We have probably not given it the attention it requires. Once those people are in the streets, the result is that we lose many Kenyans and yet that should not be the case. That is so especially when we sit in this House where laws are passed. We need to look into the plight of nurses and doctors to avoid a situation where every day they are in the streets demonstrating.

We all know that the health sector is devolved to the counties. It is paramount that we do not leave it to the counties to man the hospitals. There should be a modality of having hospitals man their own business instead of the counties controlling them. That way, we will reduce the workload on county governments.

I support this Motion. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Very well. I must also congratulate the Majority Whip for moving quite a number of Motions and being very active this morning.

Hon. Members, the time being 1.00 p.m., this House stands adjourned until today, at 2.30 p.m. The House rose at 1.00 p.m.
Hon. Speaker: Order Members! These are the results: For those who voted electronically, the Ayes, 61; Nays, 31; and Abstentions, nil. For those who voted manually, the Ayes, 22; Nays 6; and Abstentions, nil. The total is: Ayes 83 and Nays 37. Abstentions are nil. Therefore, the Ayes have it.

ELECTRONIC

NOES: Ms. Adagala, Messrs. Ondieki, Angatia, Baya, Ms. Kasalu, Messrs. Kimilu, Lomorukai, Maanzo, Masara, Ms. Muhanda, Messrs. Mukhwana, Mulu, Mulyungi, Mwale, Ms. Mwanyanje, Messrs. M’mbaya, Nzengu, Obiri, Odege, Odhiambo, Oduor, Oluoch, Omuse, Osotsi, Ouda, Oundo, Owino, Seroney, Wakhungu, Ms. Wamuchomba and F. K. Wanyonyi,

ABSTENTION: None

MANUAL

NOES: Messrs. Haribae, Nyamita, Ms. Nzambia, Messrs. Kiti, Oyula and Wangaya.

ABSTENTION: None

(Applause)

DATE: 26th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbalu- [The Temporary Deputy Speaker]

Contribution She Made On: Address to the House as Temporary Chair

Allow me to introduce myself to you, especially the new Members in this august House. My name is Hon. Jessica Mbalu representing the people of Kibwezi East Constituency. I am serving
my second term. I am also serving my second term in the Speaker’s Panel. Thank you for your approval during the nominations. I will conscientiously deliver more so to you Hon. Members. Allow me to give a chance to the Member for Kiharu. Congratulations.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Rachel Nyamai

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for protecting me. I would also like to say that I am not addressing him. I am addressing those who come, sign and walk out. It is a shame and I am not going to apologise for that. I know that it is not their will that they come in and walk out of the House. It is because they have been instructed to do so. In this country, we do not have an individual with Solomonic powers where you say that if I am not in the House, I am going to shake it until it falls. So, I have a right to say this because I have been elected to speak and I am paid to do so.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I would like to go to today’s Motion. I would like to thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to support this important Report on the Approval of Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement. At the outset, I would like to congratulate Hon. Kajuju, a former great Member of this House for going through and coming up with a very good Report that we are asking the House to pass today. This is a very important agreement for our country. As a country, we will have an opportunity to make use of water from River Nile. Making use of a natural resource comes with a lot for responsibility. We ought to have this Report passed easily so that the National Treasury can provide funds for it and ensure that we take our responsibility seriously as a country. It also gives us an opportunity, as Members of this House, to go through treaties before they are implemented. I encourage the new Members on the importance of going through this Report. The Nile water is being used by many other countries through which the river passes. It is important for us, as a country, to get involved. Making use of a natural resource, which if not taken care of can become extinct, comes with so much responsibility. We need to use this resource in a sustainable way.

It also comes with the responsibility of proper management. This is why we have been asked to participate in coming up with the Commission, which will obviously require funding. It is important that we pass it easily. The provisions of this Agreement encourage co-operation between countries. In the process of making use of the water resource, we will have an opportunity to interact with other countries benefitting from it. I believe that in the process, we will also have an opportunity to discuss other development projects that will be complementary.

It is important to note that this Agreement calls for protection and conservation. Since we have done it with many other natural resources in this country, it is important to note that
we will also be taking responsibility for protection and conservation. This will bring about exchange of data and information on areas beyond the usage of water.

The Agreement encourages member States to conduct environmental impact assessments and audits. This will concern health matters. As a country, we will have an opportunity to not only share beyond the water resource, but also go towards health impact assessments and ensure that the water of the Nile is used in a safe way. This Agreement will expose Kenya to a resource of economic value where we can engage in agricultural activities which can be of value to our country.

As I support, water resource goes beyond River Nile. We have many other rivers locally. The way this Agreement is going to be implemented needs to motivate us to think about other resources that we have so that we can make use of them in a sustainable way.

Thank you.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tuya

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Allow me to take this first opportunity to congratulate you for your re-appointment to the Chairperson’s Panel and, of course, your re-election by the people of Kibwezi for a second term. Congratulations. I also take this opportunity to thank the Speaker of the National Assembly, the leadership of the Jubilee Party in this House and, indeed, the entire membership of the 12th Parliament for the honour they have bestowed on me this morning - together with you and two other colleagues - by being approved and appointed to the Chairperson’s Panel. As the First Chairperson, I say thank you. Mine is to promise a non-biased, open and ardent service to the 12th Parliament in that position.

As I go to speak to the Motion, I wish to support the Motion on the Approval of the Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement. This particular process where Parliament has an opportunity to ratify international instruments before they can actually become law in this country is one of the benefits that we have, not just as Members of Parliament of the National Assembly, but for Kenyans to actually internalise, interrogate and be able to understand the gist, the benefits and even the cost-benefit analysis of some of these regional and international treaties and agreements before they can actually become law in this country. This is because, as we know, the process of ratification leads to domestication of these laws which has the effect of having some of these provisions become local law for Kenyans. This is one of those regional agreements which are very critical and important to the people of Kenya. Indeed having the National Assembly going through this before the ratification is approved is very important so that we can know the benefit for the people that we represent in this House.
When it comes to the issue of conservation and protection of critical water resources, basically, we are talking about livelihoods and the basic rights of Kenyans. When we talk about the Nile Basin initiative---

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

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

On a point of order, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker

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

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I do not think it is in order to proceed like things are normal, when this country is under a police state. The President has decided to make this country a police state. We have spent the whole day in court following the rule of law ensuring that Hon. Babu Owino is released. I am standing on a point of order. If you give me a chance, I will explain to you what the point of order is all about.

(Loud consultations)

This is not a police state. If you give me a chance, I am here to tell you that this is not a police state. I am here to tell you---

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tuya

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Back to sanity, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

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Sorry, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

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Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. Let us go back to order and sanity. I was just making a very important point to the effect that a discussion touching on the protection, conservation and preservation of the River Nile Initiative is very important and critical to Kenyans. Like a Member who spoke earlier said, as we go through this Motion on the protection of the River Nile, it is an opportunity to think critically of some of the critical and primary resources which are very close to us which need to be guarded and protected with utmost security to make sure that our natural resources, which contribute and build into the livelihoods of Kenyans, are taken care of.

In my own Narok County, we have the very critical and important Mara River. The Mara River originates from a very unassuming source within the Mau Forest. The Mara River Basin is one of 10 which actually drain into Lake Victoria. That makes the Mara River, therefore, become functionally and ecologically related to the socio-economic activities of Lake Victoria and eventually the River Nile. That makes Kenya even more important of a partner in this River Nile Basin protection considering that we are part of the critical source of the River Nile and also noting the number of millions of individuals - persons from different countries - who are beneficiaries of the River Nile Basin.

With the ratification of this Agreement, come a number of rights and responsibilities. Some of the obligations that have been spoken of in this Report of the Committee on Regional Integration include regular exchange of critical information for conservation purposes. It is obligations that do not cause significant harm, among other rights and responsibilities. Therefore, this makes this particular piece of Agreement very critical and important for the Kenyan people.

As we speak to the responsibilities that come with the ratification of such an Agreement, we must also look at what is in it for Kenya as a state beneficiary to this particular obligation. Some of the issues spoken to in terms of the rights for irrigation and other recurring rights and benefits that may accrue from being party to some of these agreements are very critical and important for us to look into, so that we can make sure that we are also reaping maximum benefits from laws that we process for eventual domestication in this country.

I beg to support the Motion.

DATE: 27th September 2017
Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Sophia Abdi Noor

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I will take this chance to congratulate you for being appointed to the Speaker’s Panel. Congratulations Madam. I want to congratulate you for being elected for the second time by your constituents.

I would like to take this golden opportunity to thank the people of Ijara. I feel very honoured and privileged that the people of Ijara decided to give a chance to a woman to represent them in this august House for the first time in North Eastern Province. I want to thank them very much. I take the responsibility and, as I promised them during the campaign period, I will be their servant-leader.

Water is a very crucial and important natural resource. As a country, there are many arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) in this country that face a lot of water problems - my constituency being one of them. I would like to talk about the Agreement on the Cooperation Framework on the Nile River Basin. The Nile River is the longest river in the world, flowing for more than 7,000 kilometres. The River Basin extends to more than 10 countries in Africa. It is very crucial and important and, therefore, to have co-operation between the member-states on sustainable use and management of the river resulted in the establishment of Nile Basin Initiative in 1999. It was an inter-governmental initiative which addressed the short-term and looked into the future to create a long-term agreement that would address and bring together the member-states. Its main objective was to establish a permanent institution and negotiate with member-states on a framework that will address the needs, sustainability and development of the Nile Basin. The Agreement, among others in the preamble, states and affirms the importance of having integrated management, sustainable development and harmonise the utilisation of the natural resources of the River Nile.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, management and sustainable development are words I believe in. If you manage your resources properly, then those resources can be used properly by the 10 member states. If they adhere to the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement that we are discussing now, then we will use the resources properly.

Water is very crucial. It is, therefore, very important for us to look at the development, protection, conservation and management of the Nile River. There are various terms that are used in the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement. There is provision of protection, use, conservation and development of Nile River Basin. There is co-operation among the 10 member states so that they will understand, share information, plans, discuss and co-operate among themselves. It is key in the Agreement. The terms “sustainability” and “development” are in the framework. Natural resources like Nile River will be used to address issues of sustainability. This will be key in the Nile Basin Co-operative Framework Agreement.

Equitable resource utilisation is something which is very important in the Agreement. Equitable resource allocation and sharing provides for utilisation of Nile River in equitable and reasonable manners where partner states take relevant circumstances such as geographical and natural resources, among others. Protection and conservation of the Nile water is very important. It is a
responsibility among the Member states to look at the protection and conservation of the Nile River. We have seen many rivers which have problems with protection and conservation. If we do not take responsibility as nations, then it will be a problem.

Water is a human right. It is a basic right for every human being in the world. Information sharing is a very important thing for the 10 member states. We will share information among ourselves, so that we know where the problem is, and how fast we will address problems that affect the 10 member states. When we are given such a framework of information sharing among the 10 member states, it is important to address issues.

There is also the issue of community of interest. As a country, we have an interest and stake in the Nile water. It is a natural resource which had some restrictions before but, with this framework that we are discussing, we will use the Nile water without restrictions. We will use it properly for our irrigation system. That is crucial.

I have already talked about exchange of information and data. Environmental impact assessment will help us monitor and look at the environmental issues that affect the Nile River and then we respond properly and quickly to them.

Water has social and economic values. We all know water has social and economic values. Water has social importance in the society. As the women of this nation and as a woman who was elected from a constituency that is suffering and has a problem with water, water has a social impact on the women, children and the families. We know that. Because that has also been covered in the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement, I feel that this is a holistic document which has touched even on social matters of water within the society. We know the economical values that come up with water. Economical values address holistically issues of agriculture, livestock, human beings and wildlife. Those are economical values that are enjoyed when you have water within close reach, either in your constituency, country or in given geographical areas like the 10 member states. I agree and support this framework 100 per cent.

I conclude by telling my country and the relevant organisations and authorities that are concerned with management of water and environment in this country that we are facing global warming. It is not only in this country but also the whole world. We are affected equally as a country. In my own constituency, there was a time that we never saw anything...

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Sophia Abdi Noor

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me an extra minute. I was just saying that in my own constituency, Ijara, there was a time people had never known anything called drought. But people have suffered for the last 10 years. We have lost a number of people and our resources like livestock. We have had wildlife-human conflict. We have lost more than 30 people to wildlife in my constituency because we do not have water. I am just requesting the authority concerned to look into the water issue in Ijara Constituency.
Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this chance. I want to join the previous speakers to congratulate you on your appointment early this morning in the Chairperson’s Panel and also wish to congratulate you on your reappointment as the Member of Parliament for Kibwezi East. When I wanted to make my maiden speech a week ago, I ran out of time. So, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Kigumo electorate for having faith in me and electing me to represent them in this august House.

I rise to support the Motion for the approval of ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement. Before I make this speech, I wanted to just say that I have been a public servant in the past and that Kenya is a water scarce country and water is a key factor for the Jubilee Administration to realise their transformative agenda and to realise the Vision 2030 development agenda. Unlike oil which we can, of course, get alternatives water cannot be replicated. You can use authentic water to drink, irrigate or do other things. There is the socio-economic aspect that makes water a very key ingredient to our development agenda.

I know that a lot of effort was made by those who were heading the water docket. Some hon. Members have mentioned Hon. Martha Karua. It became impossible for Kenyans to utilise waters from rivers flowing into the Lake Victoria Basin for irrigation and development of areas that those rivers transverse. I am very pleased this afternoon as I contribute to this Motion because I know the ratification of this Agreement will help us access some of these benefits. Some Hon. Members who spoke before me talked about the skewed nature of the previous agreement. This Agreement gives us a platform of an integrated approach regarding the manner in which the Lake Victoria Basin waters should be utilised by member states for equitable distribution. On top of that, it will provide avenues of ensuring sustainability and ensuring management of water, including mitigating the harmful effects which others have talked about like the water hyacinth. There are many other water pollution aspects. Recently, the business community was taken aback when we insisted on stopping the use of plastic bags, which have gone a long way in harming the waters in the oceans and the rivers. Some of these issues will be canvassed under this treaty to ensure that waters are properly utilised.

I want to join those who have spoken before me in support of this Motion. Indeed, it will go a long way in helping our development agenda and ensuring that those areas that, for
example, require irrigation do get water. Previously, some rivers could not be utilised, but now they are going to be utilised.
With those few remarks, I beg to support.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Shamalla Jennifer

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. May I first take this opportunity to congratulate you, and more specifically the two gracious ladies; the Hon. Members who were today appointed to the Chairperson’s Panel.
With regard to this Motion, civilisations have been centred and grown around large rivers. That fact is buttressed by the civilisations that are found around the Nile, the Euphrates and the Indus Rivers. Therefore, it is by no mistake that Egypt is described as a gift of the Nile. The great Pharaonic civilisations owe so much to the Nile. Indeed, they depended on the Nile.
Today we welcome Article 14(b) because it specifically states that it will not significantly affect the water security of any other Nile Basin State. Indeed, water security is so important for all the member states. I state this because within it is anchored food security.
I also wish to state that the reasons for Sudan and Egypt to refuse to concede to this ratification are untenable when they say that they require their current use rights. This is because these historical rights lie in the 1902, 1929 and 1959 Nile treaties.
I hope that in the fullness of time, Egypt and Sudan will appreciate that all of us must access the waters of the Nile River and sustain it. It is because of this that it behoves us as a nation to support this Motion. The Constitution says that we must be respectful of the environment which is not created by us but by the Almighty El-Ohim. It is our heritage and our duty to sustain it for future generations.
I beg, therefore, to support this Motion for ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement. Thank you, very much.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Joyce Kamene

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. First, I want to make my maiden speech.
I want to thank the Almighty God for having brought me this far. I am graciously honoured to be here and thank the people of Machakos County for bestowing upon me the honour of being in this august House. I want to see what I can do to improve and bring change for the betterment
of the people of my community and Kenya at large. I also congratulate members of the Chairperson’s Panel who were elected today.

I wish to support the ratification of the Nile Basin Agreement. I am sure it will go a long way to enhance the good cooperation among states on the basis of sovereign equality and also territorial integrity and mutual benefit and good faith in order to attain maximum utilisation and adequate protection and conservation of the River Nile Basin. With the joint efforts of these states, it will go a long way to achieve social and economic development in all the surrounding states.

With this, I beg to support this Motion. Thank you.

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Wamuchomba

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. First, I want to thank you for spotting me. I have been waiting since the beginning of the session but I thank God that you have been able to find it worthy for me to contribute to this Motion.

Secondly, I want to congratulate you for the honour to serve in the Speaker’s Panel. I believe that based on your past experience in Laikipia County, you will do your best in this august House. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the great people of Kiambu County for giving me an opportunity to serve as a woman leader.

I recognise that water is very key to our economy. To be specific, in Kiambu County, water is a catalyst to most of the formal and informal businesses that we have. It is also good for me to note as a woman that water is such a key ingredient for most of the women, especially when it comes to our family units. To refer to Kiambu County, it is also good for me as a woman leader to recognise that we have quite an acute shortage of water, especially when it comes to domestic water use in the urban areas of residency. Therefore, it is to my interest to discuss matters that revolve around this very valuable commodity, so that we can see how we can ensure that the provision of the same benefits our people.

In reference to the treaties that we are discussing today in support of this Motion to ratify the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement, I want to note that the treaties that are in discussions are historical, dating back from 1902, 1929 and 1959 amongst others. It is also important for me to note that these treaties as historical as they may be, much has changed geographically, demographically and even economically. Therefore, this necessitates that we review the treaties and come up with a unified way of looking for solutions that are emanating from the increased demography and economic activities.

It is also important for us to review the same, so that we can stop the agricultural dependency of our country on the First World countries, when it comes to the food supply and also ensure that we have freedom to make use of the water that originates from our land. It is also important for us to really give weight to the treaties and ratifications therein, so that we can
stop the neo-colonialism which binds us from developing the water resource that is naturally endowed to us. To be specific, I am talking about the waters of River Nile.
I also want to look at the principles of community of interest. This brings into play the historical unfairness that demands that sustainable and equitable uses of the river...

DATE: 27th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Nasra Sahal Ibrahim

Contribution She Made On: Ratification of the Nile Basin Cooperative Framework Agreement

I want to congratulate you for the nomination to the Speaker’s Panel. I thank the Almighty God for allowing me to be in the 12th Parliament. I also want to thank my party leader and the entire fraternity of the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy (FORD)-Kenya for this opportunity.
I come from a small community that has never got a Member of Parliament since Independence. So, you can imagine how that is an honour to me and my community. Serving the great nation of Kenya has been my long dream. I stand to work for the people of Kenya. Having gone to Egypt, I saw how Egyptians were using the Nile water for irrigation and tourism. We need to rectify the framework of the Nile water so that we can also benefit from the water. I stand to support the Motion.
Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Mbalu): Order Members! There being no other business on the Order Paper and the time then being 6.53 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Thursday, 28th September 2017, at 9.30 a.m. It is so ordered.
I thank you from the Speaker’s desk for your cooperation.
The House rose at 6.53 p.m.

Papers Laid

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Cecily Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Procedural Motion-Reduction of Publication Period of Bills
Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. We know we only have a few days to the elections. Elections are less than 30 days away from today. We know very well that there are certain ills that were even noted by the Supreme Court in the judgement that we, as parliamentarians, have a role to rectify. It is wrong for a Member of Parliament to cease playing their role of legislation even where they can see clearly that this legislation is meant for the good of the people. They are waiting for somebody to tell them to either do it or not. I do not need my President, Uhuru Kenyatta, or my Deputy President to tell me that this is good legislation. I have the brains to read and understand that we have to cure certain ills that were in the Election Laws Act for the sake of not just Jubilee, but also NASA. Why would we not want to see a returning officer who falsifies a document being jailed? We have seen what falsified documents have done to the elections that have just passed. Why would we not want to deal with that returning officer before the 26th? How does that hurt NASA and help Jubilee? I think it helps all of us. It helps the entire nation. We are trying to avoid going to an election and ending up in the Supreme Court again. We want to conduct an election in finality and get this country back to its feet, get this country working, get our economy back to normal and not stay in a campaign mode forever. When I look at those that are actually opposing this Motion, it is clear that they are afraid of something that is non-existent.

It is also very clear that there are certain people who are not yet ready to go for elections on 26th October. The fact remains that there will an election on 26th October. The earlier we face that fact, the better because it is the law. We are not the ones who are saying it but the law, Hon. Deputy Speaker. So, I would like to ask we allow this Procedural Motion to go on and then we come back to discuss the merits and demerits of this Bill. If you have an issue, you will raise it. If you can convince us, we will listen to you. However, this is a Procedural Motion to allow us to give the public enough time to interrogate this Bill, and bring their recommendations to the ad hoc committee. That is more important than keeping this Bill in the Table Office for another 14 days. It is simple and very easy. Let us not see problems where there are none. Let us not be so scared of every small move even before you interrogate what it is that the move is meant to achieve.

I have always known Hon. Chris Wamalwa as a guy who thinks right. I do not know what is happening today. I have never known him to listen to instructions. I have always known him to be a guy who speaks his heart and mind. I am even sure he will still continue being the Deputy Minority Whip. So, he does not need to campaign too much. We support him.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Cecily Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Procedural Motion-Reduction of Publication Period of Bills

Can he allow this Motion to be passed?
With those few remarks, I beg to support the Procedural Motion.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Maison Leshoomo

Contribution She Made On: Procedural Motion-Reduction of Publication Period of Bills

Ni vizuri mnišikize. Hiyo temperature kama iko Kenya inaletwa na NASA. Kila mtu anajua hivyo. Kwa hivyo, wakitaka wateremshe hiyo temperature kwa sababu wao ndio wanaoleta temperature humu nchini... Temperature mteremshe nyinyi wenye we kwa sababu hiyo ndiyo inauma nyinyi.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Moses Cheboi

Contribution He Made On: Procedural Motion-Reduction of Publication Period of Bills

Hon. Wanjala, the issue of reduction of publication period from 14 days to one day is a matter that was canvassed in the Constitution that was enacted in 2010. You were actually not here. It does not require public participation. What requires participation is the Bill itself. We can wind up this debate.
I think Members have spoken. Let us put the Question and you make your decision. I realise we are beginning to repeat ourselves. You know the way it is done: if you vote one way or the other and you want to demand anything, you know the process.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Moses Cheboi

Contribution He Made On: Procedural Motion-Reduction of Publication Period of Bills

Results on the Question put to Vote
Order Members. As we wait for the results, the new Members should learn to insert their cards on time. This is because the older Members are very quick in inserting their cards and making requests. Hon. Members, the following are the results:

From the electronic transmission, Ayes; 120, Noes; 41; and abstentions, nil.

From the manual transmission, Ayes; 24, Noes; 12; and abstentions, nil.

The total is as follows: Ayes, 144; Noes, 53; and abstentions, nil.

Therefore, the Motion is carried.

(Question carried by 144 votes to 53)

**ELECTRONIC**


**ABSTENTION:** Nil.

**MANUAL**


ABSTENTION: Nil.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Wanjira

Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee On Supplementary Estimates 2017/2018

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. From the outset, I support the Motion. One of the greatest roles and responsibilities given to this House is budget-making. It is a very unique case given by the Constitution. The one clear indication that we are going to have an election on 26th October 2017 is the provision of the requisite resources to run that election. That is the clearest indication that we are going to have an election. It is quite unfortunate, and I wish our colleagues from the Minority side would stay in the House to see that we are going to allocate Kshs9.2 billion to the IEBC to conduct a fresh election. You realise that the money could have been allocated for the free maternity programme. I know we would have delivered many babies safely in hospitals and this is a resource we would have saved by avoiding another election.

We have already ventilated on that and we are reconciled to the fact that we are going to have an election. I can only hope that our Members from the Minority side will stop playing games and abdicating their duties. You see, they are yet to submit names of Members to represent them in this very crucial process. They must also know that it will still go on with or without them because we have timelines to beat and also a country to get back to track.

It is our responsibility. It is unfortunate that they keep sneaking in so that they can avoid the sanctions of Article 103 of the Constitution that says that if you miss eight sittings in a Session you could lose your seat. It is interesting that when they go out there, they tell people that they are not attending Parliament. We need to publish the names of the ones who sign in and get out just for the sake of getting allowances and to save their seats, but do not participate in the critical roles of legislation, representation and oversight that are given to this House.

Looking at the membership of this Committee, I am very pleased because there is one-third of women representation. The membership takes into account the different regions in the country. Not all of us can fit within it, but in the consequent roles that will be given, we will get up to 50 per cent of representation in the Committee as women, so that we can encourage and show the minority side how things are done. We have led when it comes to women affording women leadership roles. If you look at the leadership in the Minority, right from the Leader of the Minority Party, Whip, Deputy Whip and so on, there is no woman. Even in the Senate it is the same thing. We have done well as the Majority side and they should learn from us.

With those few remarks, I wish to support and hope that this committee expedites the work they are supposed to do so that we do not extend time. By 10th October 2017, we should
hit the campaign trail and join the rest in campaigning for the President after all the money will have been allocated and the process should go on well.
I support.

**DATE: 28th September 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaban**

**Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee On Supplementary Estimates 2017/2018**

On a point of order, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

**DATE: 28th September 2017**

**Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaban**

**Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee On Supplementary Estimates 2017/2018**

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise on Standing Order No.95. I beg to move that the Mover be now called upon to reply. This is so that we can come to closure of this debate. I have read the mood of this House and I can tell there is quite a bit of repetition.

**DATE: 28th September 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: Establishment of Ad Hoc Committee On Supplementary Estimates 2017/2018**

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I rise to reply to this Motion. I thank all Members for their support. There is no doubt, indeed, that this is a committee that needs to get to business immediately because there are important businesses before them. These include looking into the budget for the repeat election and money for the free secondary education come January. I thank all the Members for being patient and for participating in a very meaningful way to this Motion.
I beg to reply. Thank you.

**DATE: 28th September 2017**

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

**Contribution She Made On: Insecurity in Trans Mara**
Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I wish to commend Hon. Ng’eno for bringing this Motion for Adjournment to discuss a matter of crucial importance to the people of Narok County. I want to begin by registering my condolences to the families, friends and all the people who are affected by the needless killings that happened in Trans Mara. Ten lives have been lost so far. As the County Woman Representative for Narok, I wish to pass my condolences to all those who have been affected. It has been said by my two colleagues from Narok that these are needless killings. It is very unfortunate that the killing of one businessman took a twist into tribal clashes among people who have been living together. Even though we know the area is a hotspot in terms of conflict, I believe the killing of the businessman acted as a trigger to the existing undercurrents of conflict among the communities that live in this particular area of Kirindon and Esoit.

This is not the first time that we are seeing killings happening in the area. There has been a lot of tension throughout the campaign period. It is high time all of us, the law enforcement officers, the leadership and administration of the county avoided a situation where we do firefighting. When we engage in firefighting, we will continue to lose lives. We will continue to have people who otherwise have been living together peacefully looking at each other in animosity and lack of peace. For the longest time, there has been a situation of abnormalcy where the residents of the area have not been living at peace. They have not been going about their businesses as they should. I think we should take this as a lesson to avoid any additional loss of lives.

As the Woman Representative for Narok, I will be taking the lead in assisting the residents, through the office of the Speaker, to present petitions to the relevant committee. I know we have not yet constituted the committees, but we will do this so that we can look for a way to go to the bottom of the issue and avoid firefighting situations like we are doing right now. I just want to join my colleagues in saying that criminals should be treated as criminals. A person who goes out to kill another person is a criminal. Let us not tribalise it and say the person who killed is of a certain tribe. A criminal is a criminal and not a tribal person.

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Lesuuda

Contribution She Made On: Insecurity in Trans Mara

Thank you very much, Hon. Deputy Speaker. I would like to thank Hon. Ng’eno for bringing this Adjournment Motion, so that we can discuss this very important national issue. Frist, I pass my condolences to the families of those who have been affected. This is quite a sad affair. For 10 lives to be lost just like that, it is something which should not be acceptable in
our country. These are people who did not die because of any health issue or any calamity, but someone took the lives of others. They are probably parents and were being looked upon by their families. It is quite a sad affair and it should not be tolerated in this country. There are two or three things that continue to be catalysts to such issues when they happen. One of them is quick response. Sometimes when an incident occurs, the time that is taken by the Government in ensuring that the aggrieved accesses justice catalyse the situation. The civilians see that they have a right to revenge attacks. It is my hope that due process will be followed and the culprits will be taken to book, so that we do not see these revenge attacks where civilians feel that it is up to them to take law into their hands.

The second thing, so that we all realise that there are various actors who will ensure that these communities live in peace, there is definitely the role the intelligence services play in our country to forewarn the residents, so that there is early and quick response. There is also the role the political leaders play in talking to their constituents and giving direction.

One thing that I would urge my colleagues to do is to call criminals as criminals and not to label them as members of various communities. When members of your community are attacked, you should not take sides but speak peace across our country. Even as we go for the repeat elections, we should have tolerance amongst us. As we utter words out there, we should remember that we have only one country to live in and to protect and ensure that even after the elections, we will have a peaceful country and we can go back to our lives.

We have similar issues in some of our counties, even with the biting drought. For example, in Samburu County, communities living there, especially in Samburu North - I can see my counterpart is in the House and would like to talk about it – face the challenge of cattle theft. It builds up to a point where it gets to community versus community. I would like to urge the security agencies to respond quickly. They should be on high alert to detect early signs. When an incident happens, before the other community reveres, they should take charge. I hope we will not encounter such incidents again. I pray that something will be done in our volatile areas so that we do not continue to lose lives in such a tragic manner.

Thank you very much.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jadesa

Contribution She Made On: Insecurity in Trans Mara

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also add my voice. I would like, from the outset, to send my condolences to the people of Trans Mara. When you look at the speakers, you can see the trend. Most of us contributing to this debate are from the pastoralist communities. What saddens me the most is the response to these issues of
unnecessary killing. Most of the time, it is either connected to culture or the old practice of pastoralists, of stealing from each other. What makes me sad is the fact that 10 or so lives are lost and life goes on.

Such incident has not only happened in Trans Mara. Two days ago, we lost an uncounted number of people in Isiolo County when some raiders came to Ngare Mara Ward and drove off with more than 4,000 head of cattle. To date, we cannot account for the number of the lives lost. We are in a county that respects the rule of law and Chapter 4, Article 26 of the Constitution guarantees protection of life and property. As I condole with the people of Trans Mara, I request the Government to give this issue a totally different approach, so that when such incidents happen, we can know who is responsible, the causes of such unnecessary killings and to what extent the affected community is either compensated or made to understand the drive behind the incident.

I also want to say that we do not have a vacuum of leadership both at the national and the county levels. As far as I am concerned, all the representatives of the Government are present in these counties and wards. Therefore, I would like to understand the roles of the county commissioners. What are the roles of the Deputy County Commissioners? Why is it that when such incidents happen, we always point fingers at the lowest level of representation which is the chiefs? I wish to request the House in future to consider apportioning responsibilities to the people who are mandated to ensure that lives and properties are protected. The people I have in mind in terms of hierarchy are the county commissioners. I want to finish my contribution by saying that we are fully in support of the Motion and we join them in mourning the lost lives.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. Deputy Speaker:** Sorry. Order Members. The time being 1.02 p.m., this House stands adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 1.02 p.m.

**Papers Laid**

**DATE: 28**th September 2017

**Member of Parliament:** Hon. (Ms) Ruweida Mohamed Obo

**Contribution She Made On:** Statement on Demise of Principal Secretary Maryam El Maawy
Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 43, I wish to make a Statement regarding the tragic demise of the late Architect Maryam El Maawy on Wednesday 27th September 2017, while undergoing specialised treatment in South Africa following an Al Shabaab attack on 13th July 2017.

The late Ms. Maryam El Maawy was born on 29th October 1967. At the time of her death, she was the Principal Secretary (PS) in the State Department for Public Works in the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. Prior to this, she also served in the Ministry of Lands in the same capacity. Before joining the Government, the late PS served in the public service in various capacities for several years in various commissions and statutory bodies. She held Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in Architecture and Urban Development, and was also a member of the Architectural Association of Kenya.

I take this opportunity, on my own behalf and that of the people of Lamu County, to convey my sincere condolences to the family and friends for the loss of this great daughter of the Bajuni Tribe of Lamu. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

With your indulgence, I wish to request the House to pay tribute to this distinguished public servant with one minute of silence.

Hon. Speaker: Order Members. The House will rise and observe one minute of silence.
(The House observed one minute of silence)
Thank you, Members. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Gitau

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I rise to support this Motion for the approval of ratification of the protocol to operationalise the extended jurisdiction of the East African Court of Justice.

The requirement and responsibility of ratification of international treaties, protocols and agreements is squarely bestowed on this august House by Article 2 of the Constitution, as read together with Section 8 of the Treaty Making Ratification Act of 2012. Having said that, the Protocol before us is one that seeks to, among other things, streamline and harmonise the general operations of the East African Community (EAC). The protocol acknowledges the current functions of the East African Court of Justice and limitations of its jurisdiction after the adoption of the EAC protocols, common markets, customs union and monetary unions. Therefore, there is need for the extension of the jurisdiction of the court to include trade and investment matters.

The ratification of this Protocol will, therefore, prevent, contain and peacefully resolve conflicts and disputes arising from trade and investment matters. Furthermore, it will also encourage the implementation of the EAC protocols on common markets, customs union and monetary union.
These are the integral agreements within the EAC which will enrich regional integration among member states.

Finally, I wish to call upon the respective State departments in the relevant ministries to fast-track the implementation of this Protocol as soon as the House approves its ratification. This being a budget-making House, I believe we will be ready to provide the necessary funds to operationalise programmes arising from the Protocol. Indeed, most of the key partner states in the common community including Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda have already ratified the Protocol or are in the final stages of ratification. I, therefore, call upon the House to support the ratification of this Protocol.

Hon. Deputy Speaker, I beg to support.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mwaniki

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker for giving me this opportunity. I rise to support the Motion for the approval of the ratification of the East African Community Protocol on Privileges and Immunities. The best trading partner a country can have is their neighbour. Kenya has not fully utilised its potential for trade with the East African Community (EAC) partner states, although they remain and still are our main export destination. We need to up our game particularly now that we are considering industrialisation on issues to do with value addition of agro-processing that finds their market in our partner states. Many of our people find their way to some of those partner states and still they are not able to trade as easily as they should. I believe this Motion is key because it will help us authorise the other Government operatives to start ratifying the treaty. It will remove the suspicion that, at times, member states have held against Kenya, particularly when our people cross over the border.

We have a problem because, at times, when our tourist caravans cross to other partner state’s side, they do not get the same treatment that we give them from our end. So, ratifying this Protocol will give reassurances with regard to the extent of operations among partner states. It will remove suspicion on trade issues now that it is coming soon after the ratification of the Common Market Protocol.

With those remarks, I beg to support.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Tum

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I beg to support the Motion on the approval of ratification of the protocol to operationalise the extended jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice on one
ground: that when there is a dispute, the EACJ has to come in. Article 10 provides for settlement of disputes under the Protocol by mutual understanding. Where partner states are not able to settle such disputes, then they are referred to the East African Court of Justice.

Article 10 provides for settlement of disputes under the protocol by mutual understanding and where partners states are not able to settle disputes, those disputes are referred to the EACJ.

So, if we cannot have the EACJ, the disputes from our operations when we trade in East Africa will not be resolved. So, I beg to support the Motion. We know when there is free movement of trade and there is importation or consignment at single source, there is free movement of goods and there is conducive environment for those who are doing business in our neighbouring countries. I beg to support the Motion on those issues. There are many youth and women who are unemployed and when there is free movement of trade, they can go to Uganda or Tanzania and the economy of the country can be improved.

I beg to support the Motion. Thank you.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Noor

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. First, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you for being appointed to the Speaker’s Panel and for being elected for a second term in Narok, my second home.

I would like to support the Motion. It is very important to support this Protocol since Kenya is not an island. Kenya is the hub of east and southern Africa. Being the hub, the communities of Kenya do business and invest all over. So, it is always important that we have some mechanism. A protocol like this will be very important and useful for the community.

On compliance with the ratification process of Treaty Making and Ratification Act, the Protocol does not anticipate any amendments to our Constitution. This is in line with the principles of the Constitution. Specifically, it recognises the principles and values of our independence as a country, the good neighbourhood and political independence of each of the partner States. Our Constitution is very clear on its principles, values and particularly on empowering our people to trade, invest and co-operate with other neighbours and beyond. Kenyan communities are very proactive. They are people who need to be protected. As a House, I feel very privileged today to contribute to this Protocol because we are trying to safeguard the interests of our people: those who invest outside their countries and those who trade with other countries, particularly the East African countries.

Article 2 provides the objects of the Protocol. The extent of the jurisdiction of the court is to cover matters related to trade and investment in relation to the implementation of the following protocols: establishment of EAC Customs Union, establishment of EAC Common Markets and the establishment of EAC Monetary Union.
Article 3 of the same Protocol provides mechanism for dispute resolution. Because it provides for dispute resolution among the member states, it is very important that we are alive to situations that have taken place in our country and beyond the borders of our country when it comes to our people who trade and invest outside this country. I am aware of a friend of mine who is my neighbour who has invested heavily outside this country. Because of certain problems, they were not able to come out with their monies from some countries that I would not like to mention on the Floor of this House. Putting those dispute resolution mechanisms in place is important. Somebody like my neighbour who has suffered will not suffer because there will be a mechanism in place that will address his needs and the problems he is facing.

We have a global interest. It is not only East Africa. Because this particular Protocol covers EA, I wish to support and say that this is one of the protocols that will safeguard the interests of the people of Kenya, particularly in terms of trade and investment.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker.

DATE: 28th September 2017

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

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

On a point of order!

DATE: 28th September 2017

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

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

On a point of order. Is it in order for the Hon. Member to mislead this House by saying that Hon. Kalonzo Musyoka was prevented from travelling to Uganda? Can he prove and substantiate to this House now?

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jerusha Mongina Momanyi

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, this is my privileged moment because I am making my maiden speech. I support this Motion.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Jerusha Mongina Momanyi

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice
I also thank the people of Nyamira County for overwhelmingly electing me. That means they trust me. I assure them that I am going to do my best in this honourable House. I support the Motion because Kenya does not live on an island. This Protocol encourages Kenyans to participate in trade. This will eventually improve the economy of our country and make Kenyans have a sense of belonging because the Protocol provides for equal treatment to the citizens of the member states. The Protocol has not gone against the Kenyan Constitution, which states how people are supposed to conduct themselves when it comes to human rights issues. As I support this Motion, I urge my fellow Members to support it. It gives the Kenyan citizens privileges of engaging in trade and the services that create employment equally to any member states.

This is one of the best protocols that we can approve in this House. I support this Motion.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaban

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

I rise on Standing Order No.95. Considering the mood of the House, I request the Mover to be called upon to reply.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Motion on Extended Jurisdiction of East African Court of Justice

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I want to begin by thanking all the Members who have supported this Motion. Truly, it is timely. We recognise the previous Committee on Regional Integration for considering this Protocol and reporting to this House. This particular Report was actually done by a committee in the previous Parliament and we thank them. This Protocol aims to extend the jurisdiction of the EACJ to include trade and investment that was lacking in the previous Protocol. The previous Protocol only focussed on matters of human rights and general rules of international law. However, with this new Protocol, it obligates the member states to contain, prevent and peacefully resolve any conflicts and disputes that arise from trade and investment matters and also to observe and encourage the implementation of the protocols on the EAC customs union, monetary union and common markets.

I thank the honourable members that have contributed to this important Motion which actually aims at ensuring that the true spirit of the EAC does actually continue to be and that
the trade resolutions and trade matters around the Community can be resolved amicably when they do arise.
With those few remarks, I beg to reply.

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

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

Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, we wish to defer that Motion

(Motion deferred)

DATE: 28th September 2017

Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Mbarire

Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment

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

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 28 on the Calendar of the Assembly (Regular Sessions), this House adjourns until Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.
Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, the recess is indeed timely noting that fresh elections are just around the corner scheduled for 26th October 2017. There is no doubt that the campaigns for the presidential elections are about to reach fever pitch. With less than 28 days to go, our tempo for elections is about to change.
To use the words of Mike McCurry, a former White House press secretary in the Bill Clinton Administration, he best describes the campaign period that we are about to get to. To quote him, he states:
“There are so many similarities between a startup venture and a political campaign - the rhythm, the tempo, the hours, the intensity.”
Certainly, as the date of the elections nears by, we expect that the rhythm, the tempo and the hours and the intensity required in campaigning will become more immense. In this regard, the recess is certainly welcome as it will give members an opportunity to go out there and campaign for their preferred presidential candidate in the forthcoming elections. As we do so, may I take this opportunity to urge all the members that will be out there campaigning to make sure that they use this opportunity to encourage Kenyans in their constituencies and from all corners of the country to not only remain peaceful but united despite our divergent political views. I also add that it will be important that at this point in
time we also ensure that what we say are words that will heal this nation and not further cause division in the country and that we will not be found to have used hate speech in our speeches outside there as we campaign.
The recess will also give opportunity to the select committees that have been formed today on matters of elections and the other one on the Supplementary Budget a chance to review the matters that are before them, review the Bill on Election Laws and also give a chance for Kenyans to participate as is stated in the Constitution so that they can give their views, especially on the election laws that have been proposed.
Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, we look forward to come back on Tuesday, 10th October. We will get the reports from these two important Committees which will ensure first, we have free and fair elections that are free of any challenges. They will also ensure that we have given the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) the necessary budgetary allocation, so that they can do their work as per the Constitution, and deliver a truly free and fair election which we are all looking forward to.
With those few remarks, I wish to move. I would like to call upon Hon. Naomi Shaban to second.

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Member of Parliament: Hon. (Dr) Shaban
Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment
Seconded.

DATE: 28th September 2017
Member of Parliament: Hon. (Ms) Rehema Hassan
Contribution She Made On: Motion for Adjournment

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for giving me this chance to contribute. First of all, I would like to congratulate you for being appointed to sit in the Chairperson’s Panel. I would like to support the Motion for Adjournment. Most of us know that the elections are just around the corner. The voters down there depend on what we will tell them. Hon. Members are the ones who can cause commotion in this country, bearing in mind what we have been seeing in our country. Those people who demonstrate on the streets are led by their Members.
I would like to urge every one of us to preach peace out there so that we do not put Kenya in trouble. I beg to support the Motion.

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Ahsante sana Mhe. Naibu Spika wa Muda kwa kunipatia nafasi hii ya kuzungumzia likizo hii tuliyopatiwa. Tumetoka hivi juzi kwenywe kinyaganyiro cha uchaguzi na bado uchaguzi wa urais upo ambao utaendelea tarehe 26 mwezi ujao. La muhimu ni kwamba tunatakiwa kuzungumzia amani. Twende makwetu kujulisha wananchi umuhimu wa kupiga kampeni bila kupigana wala kugombana. Watu watofautiane kisera lakini sio kwa ngumi. Kuna umuhimu sote twende tukazungumze na wananchi tuwaeleze yaliyoji ri na yatakayotufikisha wakati wa uchaguzi.


Naunga mkono hii Hoja. Ahsante sana.

ADJOURNMENT
The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Tuya): Hon. Members, the time being 5.30 p.m., the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 2.30 pm.
The House rose at 5.30 p.m.