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*The Assembly met at the Assembly Chamber at 9.00 am.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Ndegwa Wahome) in the Chair]*

Prayer

**QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SITTING**

*(The clerk-at-the-table confirms that there is no quorum)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Members, quorum not having been recognized, I invoke the provisions of Article 35(1) of our Standing Orders and direct that the quorum bell be rung for the initial ten minutes, or until such a time within the ten minutes that quorum will have been achieved.

*(Quorum bell is rung for seven minutes and quorum is achieved  
as confirmed by the clerk-at-the-table)*

**Speaker:** Very well, quorum for this sitting having been achieved, we can now proceed with the business for this session. Hon. Members, as you may have noticed, we have two order papers for this session: The Primary Order Paper and the Supplementary Order Paper. Pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 Sub article (2), I direct that we start with the business appearing on the Supplementary Order Paper and thereafter proceed to the Primary Order Paper, without necessarily repeating the business appearing on the Supplementary Order Paper. Let us proceed.

First Order.

**SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER**

**PAPER LAID**

LETTER ON THE DEPARTMENTS IN NYANDARUA COUNTY

**Speaker:** I am informed that the Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Paul Ngeche will table the paper on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau. Proceed Member for Kipipiri.

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you Mr Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Peter Gathungu Kamau, I beg to table a letter from the County Secretary and Head of Public Service, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, on the Departments in Nyandarua County. Thank you Mr Speaker, Sir.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Kipipiri, the letter is duly tabled. Hon. Members, if you have a copy of this letter, you will notice that there is a very crucial department missing and that is the Department of Social Services. This is a department that cannot be ignored and I will be directing the clerk to write to the County Secretary who is the author of this letter enquiring from him whether, as a county, we want to do away with the social component or whether it was an oversight on their part. If it is the latter, let them write a rejoinder to clarify that but if it is the former, we would like them to write a comprehensive explanation on why they feel we should abandon the social component that has brought us to this House.

Next order.

Yes Member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker. I have also noted that the Intergovernmental component is conspicuously missing and I do not know what your guidance would be on that.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Gatimu. I had also observed that but it slipped my mind. Intergovernmental Relations is not something we can wish away especially because it is provided for in the Intergovernmental Act. We shall be writing to the County Secretary and the Governor seeking further clarification on the same. I think I am better placed to write this letter because it was addressed to me and I believe I will do it better anyway.

Next order

## PRIMARY ORDER PAPER

### MOTION

#### EXPOSITION OF THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

**Speaker:** Did the Leader of the Majority Party delegate this duty to the Member for Kipipiri too? It seems he had not delegated yet this is a very critical motion. It is the Leader of the Majority Party who should highlight the pertinent issues in the Governor's address and if he did not make any arrangements to have it moved by any other Member, we shall have no option but to drop it.

*(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kenn Mukira walks in)*

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I believe the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party is perfectly suited to move this motion.

**Speaker:** The Member for Karau has barely taken his seat, Member for Gatimu. Member for Karau and Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, do you have any information on the fate of the Governor's address?

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Yes, Mr Speaker, I do and I wish to beg to move the motion that...

*(Laughter)*

**Speaker:** We are on order number 8, 'Motions and Bills' and this is the motion on the Governor's address. We shall dedicate four sessions to its discussion. Proceed Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Kenn Mukira.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you Mr Speaker, I beg to move the following motion:

That the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

Mr Speaker, I wish to highlight a few issues that the Governor talked about during his first address to the Assembly and the first one is his appreciation to this House and commending the Speaker for steering this House to the far we have come.

*(The Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome, leaves the Chair)*

*(Temporary Speaker, Hon. Wanjiku Muhoho, assumes the Chair)*

The Governor also touched on youth affairs and promised that the youth will play a major role in his government. In this regard, he requested the House to support his efforts in empowering the youth to take up their rightful position in building the County. Further, the Governor highlighted on the importance of enhancing education in the County and emphasized on the need to forge working relationships; private and public with other professionals within and without the County.

Mr Speaker, the Governor also mentioned core values that every institution should hold, he talked of a health scheme and promised to uplift the health status of the County.

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** The Member is referring to the Chair as Mr Speaker yet the Chair is a Madam.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you for the correction. I would wish to invite the Members to make their contributions towards the Governor's speech, which I believe was well thought out and authored and it will go down in History as the first address he made to the second Assembly. It is important that the Assembly does throw its to the Governor in terms of making legislations that support his manifesto.

He talked about tapping the full potential of our resources like Lake Ol'Bolessat...

*(Hon. Kariuki Muchiri rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Murungaru?

**Hon. Kariuki Muchiri:** Madam Speaker, is it in order for an Hon. Member, and in this case the Member for Gatimu, to be using his phone in the Chambers?

**Speaker:** Member for Gatimu, you are completely out of order and I order you to desist from using your phone in the chambers failure to which I will direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to do the necessary.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Madam Speaker. However, I wish the Member for Murungaru could substantiate his allegations. I daresay the Member knows how close to my heart the motion on the floor is, and he is trying to bar me from making my contributions. I would wish that the Speaker could use his own judgment rather than rely on the allegations made by the Member.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

*(Hon. Paul Ngeche rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Kipipiri?

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you Madam Speaker, is it in order for the Member for Gatimu to refer to the Speaker as Mr Speaker?

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Kipipiri. Member for Gatimu, please refrain from referring to the Chair as 'Mr' it is Madam. Proceed Member for Karau.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I was about to talk about what the Governor said about the *boda boda* industry. We are honoured to have, in our midst, a Member affiliated with the *boda boda* industry and, as the Governor indicated, he will bear me witness that there are thousands of *boda boda* riders who do not possess the requisite skills, 4,000 to be precise. Additionally, an even higher percentage has no insurance cover. This is not a number we can afford to ignore. They service over 2,000 residents every day and are a core component of the county's economy drivers.

The Governor also promised that his government, in conjunction with the national government, is working towards establishing our very own University, first at Ahiti before it is transferred to Captain where permanent structures will be set to be put up. I believe the ground breaking will be done soon. This will ensure that we have a University to cater for not only our children but also some of us who intend to further their education as most of you have indicated in the course of our informal interactions.

We also have the issue of potato packaging and although the previous House passed a legislation, it still has not taken effect. Our farmers are still packaging potatoes in 400kgs jumbo bags, which go for Kshs. 1000 and it needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The Governor also talked about revival of pyrethrum farming. We need to make pyrethrum the key agricultural produce in Nyandarua. The Governor gave a commendable speech and encouraged the Assembly to work together with the Executive. Since I know the members are eagerly waiting to contribute to this motion, I wish to stop at this point and call upon Hon. Gachomba to second.

**Speaker:** Yes, Member for Njabini Kiburu, Hon. James Gachomba.

**Hon. James Gachomba:** Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to second this motion on the Governor's address. The speech was quite self-explanatory and it touched on critical issues that ought to be addressed, to make Nyandarua great again. One such issue is the issue of pyrethrum

farming revival in our county. This, Madam Speaker, used to be a very profitable venture but it has since dwindled.

I am particularly impressed with the Governor's declaration for development in the County because contrary to the previous government that was constantly wrangling, we believe in this government. We believe that this government will work towards ensuring that Nyandarua's glory is restored. The Governor also talked about mentorship programmes for our children, which I believe, is a noble gesture.

In the Health Sector Madam Speaker, the County needs to inject adequate resources and hire qualified health practitioners to attend to our people. The economy cannot grow if we have an ailing populace. Our people need good medical care given by qualified doctors so that they can be healthy and productive in their farms. We need to work also with the national government and non-governmental organizations so that we can upgrade J.M Memorial and Engineer Hospitals to a higher level, not forgetting the sub County hospitals. The organisations should also help us deal with drug abuse among our youth so that they can become more productive.

H.E the Governor also talked about the County Health Management Bill. This bill will make the health sector management more efficient as the outreach program will ensure that all the people in the villages have access to quality medical care.

Concerning tourism and youth empowerment in the County, Madam Speaker, we have breath-taking sceneries in Nyandarua such as the Aberdare ranges and the Geta caves that were used by the freedom fighters. These caves should be made accessible to attract tourists. I am aware that the previous Assembly allocated about Kshs. 5 million to the rehabilitation of these caves but I do not know what happened when it came to the implementation of the same.

Madam Speaker, we have unexploited areas in sports and we need to help our young people. We need to develop sports stadia like the one in Ol'kalou and every other sub county in order to exploit our youth's talents. This will also encourage regional integration.

In the same document, there is something about Water and Environment. People in Nyandarua have little or no access to water. The situation is worse in Ndaragwa. As a County, we need to know what direction to take so that we can provide water to our people. It is paramount that every homestead has access to clean water. We need to re-afforest our County so that we can increase the amount of rainfall in addition to constructing more dams so that our people can access clean water.

The County has dams but people have not been able to benefit from them. A dam like Sasumua's water is consumed in Nairobi but we do not get any water from it. We have to do something in our inter-governmental relations so that we see to it that our people benefit from these resources. It is in the law that the community around a certain natural resource is supposed to benefit from it. Most of the water taken in Nairobi comes from Aberdare water catchment area but people around have no water and they need help. We are saying that if we do not benefit from that dam then we shall put gate valves there until people in the area can access clean water. We need to plant trees so that we can preserve the environment.

There is a Finance Bill underway and it is the one that will enable the Governor to know the fees and levies our business community is charged. It is my hope that county residents will come out in large numbers to interrogate this bill. There is also the County enforcement bill and the Governor urged the County Assembly to pass the bill so that his people can enforce the laws.

On procurement, this County has, in the past, failed to avail the opportunities to the youth. It is stipulated that 30% of the contracts should go to the youth, women and people living with

disabilities. This is aimed at catering for these disadvantaged groups so that they can sustain their lives and take part in the growth of the economy of the County.

Concerning education, we need to construct more ECDE classrooms and buy more land for them. This is a function of the County government. A bill on village polytechnic should be passed so that they will not be neglected. Madam Speaker there is an amendment to Nyandarua County Bursary Fund Act, 2014 and it could have had issues as the previous Assembly passed it. We would like to know the areas that need amendment so that we do that very fast and disburse the bursaries since some needy students are still at home. Bills concerning people living with disabilities need to be passed.

Infrastructural development especially roads is an area that every member for this County Assembly should be keen to see to it that roads to be done in their wards are well funded. It is not sensible to fund a road that requires Kshs. 10 million with one million shillings (Kshs.1,000,000). The chief officers should know the lengths of those roads before funding and even think about how to connect this County with others. The road from Naivasha-Njabini -Murang'a to Thika should be a bitumen standard road. The County government should work with the national government to ensure that those roads are done so that we can have investors from neighbouring counties.

Madam Speaker, the potato bill has been mentioned by the Deputy Majority Leader. In the first Assembly, the bill was passed to the effect that there shall be no packing of potatoes in bags of more than 50 kilogrammes. Unfortunately, a farmer went to court. He is a Kenyan and power belongs to the people so we had to let it be and allow them to pack them in 200 kilogrammes gags until that matter is resolved by the court. I am sure that the Governor will do something about it so that 50-kilogramme packaging is upheld.

We need to emphasize that there is need to make subsidized fertilizer and seeds available to the farmers so that their yields can increase. Finally yet importantly concerns the university that is supposed to be built in this County. I hail the Governor who has made sure that this County has a university in the future. It is not good that our children have to go far away to get university education.

With those remarks I second the motion.

*(Question proposed)*

**Speaker:** Yes member for Gatimu Hon. Kieru Wambui.

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you madam Speaker. I beg to support the message as put forth by the Leader of Majority. The Majority Leader has highlighted key points in respect to the proposals by the Governor in his address. I believe that all of us have Nyandarua County at heart. If what is in this address comes to be then Nyandarua will be the best County in this country and also the best in comparison to other County governments in the world because they are there. This was the first address in the first session of the second Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I would say that this is an overview of what H.E the Governor intends to deliver with his Executive Committee in the next five years. As the Governor put is, a journey of a thousand kilometre begins with the first step. The first step in this case is to lay the foundation. We are lucky to serve in the second regime. We are not starting at zero where the first Governor started and we are indeed very lucky. We are not hiring offices anymore; we are in our office in as much it is not the one that we would have liked. We have government structures in place and they are working. I therefore expect that what is in this speech will be implemented.

In his speech, he said that he appreciates that it is God who works out our expectations. We therefore lay the foundations of this County in the mercy of God and we pray, trust and believe that God is going to take us through.

For this County to develop, we must consider proper leadership. '*Ii guthua ndongoria itikinyagira nyeki*' (if the leader of the herd is injured even the rest do not get to the pasture). If the leadership of this County leads the way, everybody else will follow. I am sorry to say that in the previous government, there were problems in the leadership. If the Governor, the deputy Governor, the Executive committee and the Assembly seamlessly work together, then the County will head to development and success. I do not want to repeat what has been said but I would like to remind us that the Governor said that this government needs to appreciate a proactive organizational culture. This will provide a platform for delivering.

The Governor that we have today has vast knowledge and experience in the leadership of this country at the national level and recognizes the importance of an organizational structure. In the previous government, there was a problem in the organizational structures, the chain of command and follow up. With the organizational structure provided by the Governor today, it was a paper that was laid by Hon. Ngeche, this will be the first Executive order, the structure that the Governor will work with to deliver to the people of Nyandarua. These are the ten departments that the Governor has established to work for Nyandarua.

The Governor realizes the importance of managing a County like a corporate organization or an enterprise so that it can be successful. Why would I (as Kieru) manage my business and it succeeds but when entrusted with a government entity to manage I fail? Why do private corporations succeed while government institutions fail? It is the high time we employ the concepts that govern private institutions that make them thrive and record profits. We should have those concepts so that people can work and report on their delivery.

We want the staff in this County to report on their success. We cannot have a recurrent budget expenditure of 70% versus 30% development expenditure with no results. Why do we use more money to produce less? After two years, we want the staff in the County to show what they have delivered. In the County Assembly, we have a five years contract with those who elected us. The Governor, the deputy Governor and the MCAs are representatives of the people and the rest of the leaders are employed so most do not care what happens. All that they care about salary in their accounts. The Hon. Members here want to see constructed roads, water in the homesteads and an operational bursary fund.

Ten people will be appointed by the Governor to work with him and I would like that the ten carry the burden of the Governor. I can see the Governor's political good will and vision in this report. If the ten CEC Members come here to only earn a salary, they will not deliver on what the Governor has promised. This is the high time we adopt the corporate management skills and there will be results. Member knows that if they do not deliver within the five year they will go home. Why should we have people working in the government but after one year one cannot tell us what they have done. We have seen instances departments have not utilized development funds by the end of a financial year.

It is September now and I can only wonder what the current Executive will have done by next month. There are roads that need to be constructed and there is a budget for that. We may understand the Governor because he is new but the CECMs in office now have been there and they know the procurement processes. They now want to procure contractors when it is already raining. Why don't they do the procurement process now so that when it stops raining all they will do is to award contracts and the work will start? These people have been used to waiting for the last minute

and then start giving excuses. As much as the Governor says that he will not sweep the whole Executive, we know some CECMs and chief officers who are very lazy. If their names will be handed to the Assembly to vet them, we shall strongly oppose them so that they will not serve this County again. We know that they are only interested in tenders. You only see them when tenders are being awarded.

Madam Speaker, the Governor outlined the separation of powers in page 5 of 30. He appreciates that there is the County Assembly and the County Executive. He wants to allow the County Assembly to do its work and the County Executive shall allow the County Executive to do its work. If this is done, we shall have no problems. The committees will start working as soon as we endorse the chairpersons of those committees and the CECMs will tell us what they have been doing since elections or have they been sitting in the office waiting for the Governor to call them for a meeting.

The MCAs know what they do in far a whole day, they will attend sitting in the House, go for burials in their wards, visit the sick electorates and attend to children that have been sent home for school fees. For the CECMs what have they been doing in their offices as from eight in the morning to five in the evening since election and now we are in October? One cannot even tell you what he or she has been thinking about the children that have been sent home for fees yet there is bursary funds. If the Governor understands separation of powers, we shall not interfere, the Executive will do its work and we shall do ours. If they do not do their work, we shall tell the Governor and then impeach the individuals. The first Assembly was happy to impeach a CECM because he refused to give bursaries to secondary schools claiming that they are not a devolved function. Was he saying that we give bursaries to ECD pupils because that is devolved ones? I appreciate how ruthless the Assembly was and impeached the said CECM.

As I conclude, the Governor outlined issues to do on the boreholes. There are pumps and pipes of certain boreholes, which are not in the same ward as the borehole. Madam Speaker we would also want to appreciate that doing a government project is a process. Right now, every ward has been allocated Kshs. 8 million for water projects. That amount of money cannot fund all the water projects in your ward but it can start something in your village. You can do a borehole in one village and do piping in the next that has a borehole but no pipes and in the next financial year you pipe the one that was drilled before.

You cannot do everything at the same time. We are politicians and there is no way you can have a project worth Kshs. 8 million in one village. You have to spread to other villages within the ward. I hope that the Governor will appreciate that because a ward is created by several villages. The Governor is allowed to see the five sub counties in the County by I think of the 9 villages in my ward and the leader in those villages see the sub villages. The resources are not enough and therefore we can have culverts done in my ward and then next time, do all weather roads. If the Governor will be able to get enough resources then we can do projects and complete them.

I like the Governor's passion. The speech was like an outline of his manifesto even the ten departments have been outlined. I however want to point out one organ that he left out. That is social services. He can incorporate this in the department of Education Gender and Culture because social services is something that we cannot detach ourselves from. It requires to be included in the departments. The Governor also left out Inter-Governmental Relations and he can include that in the department of ICT and Public Administration. We are aware that there is an act called Inter-Governmental Relations Act and it was passed so that that the County Government and the National Government can address issues pertaining the two governments. It is his prerogative but it is better that he includes the two organs in the departments.

The Governor has broken the initial ten departments to fifteen for example the department that was referred to as the Department of Finance Economic Planning and Development to Economic Planning and then Finance. I applaud the Governor for that because the department of Finance is key. When you have the department of finance, issues of audit will never be a yoke on our necks because there will be a chief officer specifically for that. He or she will be able to keep all the other departments on their toes. This will help the Governor to avoid audit issues and misappropriation of funds. The department as it was before under one chief officer was likely for the same officer to be overwhelmed.

The Department of Transport and Energy in my thinking, would have had Transport and Public Works alone and Energy on its own. When getting chief officers, he will get a chief officer qualified for transport but has no knowledge in energy. A chief officer with knowledge in transport will also have knowledge in public works because of the nature of training so that we can have a chief officer with knowledge and relevant skills on energy. Energy regulation is a matter that has been devolved to the counties. However, it is okay since it is the Governor's prerogative. You can imagine the issues of the transformers being addressed by the Chief Officer of transport, it would be a little bit tricky but it is okay.

We can have Intergovernmental department in the ministry of Public Administration and ICT. The ministries of Lands Housing and Physical planning, Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries, and Water are all okay. This is the same also for the proposed ministry of Tourism and Natural Resources, Industrialization Cooperative Development, Youth, Sports and Arts. These will help the Governor deliver.

Madam Speaker, we have this issue of investor's conference. We know what happened in other counties. They did investors conferences, which spent approximately Kshs.20,000,000 million and others even almost Kshs.50,000,000 million. However, you realize that despite the amount that was spent by these counties, you cannot see what the investors brought. We therefore need to have a checklist of the investors we want to invite in that conference. We should also know what these investors will bring to our county. The Governor will therefore need to identify them well.

There is also another important issue about the bills. The Governor has proposed many bills. For example, Amendment of Nyandarua Trade Fund Bill, the Trade and Markets Bill, Investment Policy and Investment Act, Nyandarua County Co-operatives Act, Nyandarua County Industrial and Enterprise Development Bill among others. Out of experience, these bills are good but every bill will come with an establishment of a fund. There is no bill without administration. When you create a bill, there must be someone or a board to manage it. The bill establishes an administration clause. This clause comes at a cost. There will be a board or a committee which will accrue costs or spend money. You then find that out of Kshs.20,000,000 million, for instance, you find that around Kshs.7 million will go to administration and only Kshs.13 million or Kshs.14 million is left for *wanjiku*.

We therefore need to propose that all these bills have one central body or board that will administer all bills. This board will take care of all bills and will crosscut all departments other than having every bill create its own administration, which will be a very expensive affair. Currently, we have boards on bursary committees, cooperative development and we know how much they consume. They sit in a meeting and they finish the money before it even gets to the people. The other board on alcohol control consumes more money than the revenue they collect from the bars. At the end of the day, Madam Chair, you realize that that is zero work and therefore, the need for one body.

As I conclude, I have to talk about the issue of water and energy. We have a problem in water department because we have organizations that are managing our water. We have Nyandarua Water and Rift Valley Water. We also have community projects which have Water Resources Management Authority (WRMA) licenses.

Madam Speaker, you realize that these bodies charge water expensively and no one raises a question. When there is a committee and it has had a license from WRMA, you cannot ask them a question. Schedule IV of the County Governments' Act provides that water is a devolved function. If it is a devolved function, we need to have a law. We should have our own *sheria* that says how the water will be managed. We should also put a maximum amount of money that these water companies should charge. For instance, we can put the maximum at Kshs.120. The government pays the people who work for an organization such as Nyandarua Water Company. The government also pays the Nyandarua Water Company board. However, they charge a standing fee of Kshs.480 yet throughout the month, your homestead has no water. You then start wondering, where does all this money go? It goes to their accounts and when it gets there, they 'eat' the money. This is because you will never see them doing a piping system or any other projects. They only do maintenance.

The County builds the tanks; it does the piping and pumping systems. The work that is left for them therefore is to manage the system and the charges, which are very high. The minimum they charge for water is Kshs.480 and there are people who are even charged over Kshs.2000. They only manage the money and they cannot do anything else for you. Therefore, these are cartels and they need to be controlled right now by instituting a Nyandarua County Water Management Bill, which will have one central body for the entire county that will manage our county's water resources.

The board will help address such issues as the ones we are having about Sasumua Dam so that we can get something from Nairobi Water Company. Otherwise, we will continue having problems because *wanjiku*, a small-scale farmer in the village, is being charged Kshs.480 yet her homestead has no water for a whole month just because a pumping system failed. However, they receive the money but don't do what they are supposed to do. They do not even pay the electricity bills. You will hear that a certain project collapsed because they had not paid the electricity bill yet the community pays rates at the end of every month. We need to crack a whip on these people and we should support the Governor on this issue. I will be the first one to support him because we have a major problem, which if addressed, we will move forward.

Madam Speaker, there is the amendment of Nyandarua County Bursary Fund. The time has elapsed for the committees that were in place. Their term of office expired in May and as much as we are saying we need bursaries, we do not know how what will happen. Right now we don't have these committees and it is the reason we are saying that you give us a leeway so that we can decide who is to get bursaries because these committees are no more. There is a lady called Charity in that department of education who is the Chief Officer. I don't want to ever see her face again. Moreover, she should never come to this House because she is a disgrace to this County. She should not be close to any government body or entity.

With those many remarks, because you know you only get one chance to support the Governor's speech in a whole year, I have exhausted my ten minutes and therefore, I support.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Kipipiri, Hon. Paul Ngeche?

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I followed the Governor's speech keenly and attentively. I am impressed to note that we are on a digital platform. As you can see, there is the email of the Governor, which is [thegovernor@nyandarua.co.ke](mailto:thegovernor@nyandarua.co.ke). The content in this document

is actually what the Governor said in this House. However, I am perturbed by the content on page 9 of the document. This speech is not debatable because there is sentence that reads, ‘during my swearing in on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at Ol’kalou stadium’. The swearing in ceremony of the governor was not on that date. This would imply that this is not really, the governor’s speech. If according to the document, the swearing in was on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, and he addressed this House on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017, then he was not the Governor. This document does contain the Governor’s speech although I stand to be guided so that I can contribute to the Governor’s address.

*(The Speaker consults with clerk-at-the-table)*

**Speaker:** Hon. Member, it seems to be to be a typing error but we shall look into it.

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Madam Speaker, I agree it could be a typing error but it is very serious.

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu, Hon. Kieru Wambui?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I think with the leave of the House, the Leader of Majority Party can go ahead and move an amendment to that effect. The office of the Majority Leader through the Office of the Clerk can move the amendment for the purposes of correcting the error because, as the Hon. Member puts it, it is an issue that needs to be addressed.

**Speaker:** Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, you can move the amendment.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** For the amendment, I will see to it through the Office of the Clerk, that the error is corrected. Thank you Hon. Member for noting that.

**Speaker:** Proceed Member for Kipipiri.

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you Madam Speaker. This seems to be very a thorny issue. We would be out of context to be discussing this speech before it is amended. It is my opinion that I move a motion of adjournment to allow the amendment or correction to be done.

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of order)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** The amendment has already been moved by the Leader of the Majority Party and the only thing that may have been skipped is a seconder.

**Speaker:** Please move the motion again, Deputy Leader of Majority Party, and thereafter call a seconder.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to move an amendment that the sentence on page 9 of the copies of the Governor’s speech be amended from, ‘during my swearing in on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, at Ol’kalou stadium’ to read, ‘during my swearing in on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017, at Ol’kalou stadium’...

*(Hon. Paul Ngeche rises on a point of order)*

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** It’s 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**Speaker:** Hon. Member for Kipipiri, you are out of order! Order! If you do your research well, you will realize that the Governor was sworn in on 21<sup>st</sup> of August and not 5<sup>th</sup> of August.

*(Hon. Kieru Wambui rises on a point of information)*

**Speaker:** What is it Member for Gatimu?

**Hon. Kieru Wambui:** I think it is only the word September that need to be replaced by the word August.

**Speaker:** Thank you Member for Gatimu. Please proceed Deputy Leader of Majority Party.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** As I had said, I beg to move an amendment that the sentence on page 9 of the copies of the Governor's speech be amended from, 'during my swearing in on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 at Ol'kalou stadium', to read, 'during my swearing in on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at Ol'kalou stadium'. I call upon Hon. Salome Gathoni to second.

**Speaker:** Yes County Member from Magumu, Hon. Salome Gathoni.

**Hon. Salome Gathoni:** I second.

*(Question on the amendment proposed)*

*(Question on the amendment put and agreed to)*

**Speaker:** Member for Kipipiri, please proceed with your contribution.

**Hon. Paul Ngeche:** Thank you. This document on the speech by H.E. the Governor F.T. Kimemia is impressive. In the introduction part, he recognizes the importance of the Speaker. He congratulates the re-election of the Speaker, Hon. Ndegwa Wahome in addition to other Members. He also appreciates the County Assembly. He also stated that, so that we can achieve that which our people would otherwise not achieve, we have to do something and that it is us who will be in the forefront so that our people can benefit. It is of great importance to learn that, ensuring people's engagement and public participation will bring about the spirit of volunteerism.

I am awestruck by the competence of the Governor for having been in one of the most profound and highest positions in the Republic of Kenya, having served in the cabinet and being one of those who ran the government. He reiterated his wish to give a new look to our county. He has all what it takes to liberate Nyandarua as he has stated. Now we need to understand his vision and mission since he is the head of the County Government of Nyandarua. We also need to understand the national and county interests, security, development agenda and other core values that unite our institutions.

It is sad to learn that the county poverty index stands at 46.3 percent and at this rate, majority of Nyandarua citizenry cannot afford NHIF. It is due to this that the Governor has identified the need to have a conference which is named, 'The Nyandarua We Want Conference', and it will be of great importance to this county. We are also not forgetting the investor's conference that is planned so that we can encourage investors.

In the health sector, accountable management boards will be put in place, ambulances will be provided for every sub county, the rehabs will be initiated in conjunction with the national government which will ultimately lead to a better Nyandarua. However, what perturbs me most is when the Governor states that the County Assembly needs to find out why the Kshs.16 billion had had negligible social economic impact during the foregone regime. At the same time, he scraps the crucial departments on finances especially about public finances. I am also disturbed to see

some of these departments being separated yet their functions are related. In fact, the Governor, almost pre-empted my manifesto.

I will rest my case by saying that I support the address of the Governor and through building consensus in informal sittings, we can change the things that may hinder the achievement of our goals. With those many remarks, I rest my case.

Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Githabai, Hon. Eng. Rimui Kaiyani.

**Hon. Eng. Rimui Kaiyani:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion. I also want to appreciate the contributions that have been made by the members on the floor of this House. This being my maiden speech, it is important that I say something about the speech that was made by H.E. the Governor.

I want to begin by appreciating the Governor for having given us a speech that covers all the areas that we need for us, the people of Nyandarua, to realize the development or to change the life of *wanjiku* in line with the promises that were given.

Madam Speaker, I begin by appreciating the fact that in the opening remarks of the Governor, he recognizes the position of God. If you read the Bible, the people that start by putting God in His rightful place go far. I want to cite where he says, in the speech, that Nyandarua is where it is now with the new leadership because of what God has made it become. Madam Speaker, I also echo the same words that leadership that begins with God does go very far.

I have paid attention to his first item as first. In the second paragraph, 'it reads, this is a statement of faith drawing from and echoing the pledge of our freedom fighters that if we win, it is you God that won'. I strongly believe in these words, so much so that even as the leaders of Nyandarua at the moment, if we put God first, we will do the right thing. This is because and as one of the philosophers said, the service to mankind is indeed service to God.

I also want to highlight the third point in his speech whereby he says that, 'my government and this august House must after all these talks'. I agree with him the during the campaigns we said so much and made so many promises and the Governor is alive to that fact that after all those talks, our time has come.

Madam Speaker, I want to agree with him that most critical activities, which are about 20 percent, must transform and become 80 percent in terms of the impact that our people must realize. If you look at the point number four, he said that the foundation of a county is hinged on good leadership. I cannot agree with him more, that all these narratives and good talks that have been said all add up to nothing if there are not hinged on good leadership. They will remain political rhetoric if good leadership does not drive them. By good leadership, we mean the leadership that ensures that the county is recognized not only within but also beyond the boundaries. For a county to be said to have good leadership, it must be seen from the eyes of the 'outsiders' and that this county becomes a county where others desire to come and benchmark. These are the lenses that Nyandarua County must be seen though if it is indeed in good leadership. I believe that under leadership demonstrated in this document, indeed we are starting with proper leadership.

Madam Speaker, in his fifth point, the Governor states that the constitution, which is the primary government that guides any form of government says that the supreme power belongs to *wanjiku* whom can exercise that power directly or indirectly. In this case, the *wanjiku* of Nyandarua has decided to exercise her power through our leadership. Therefore, we are in this House to hold up the trust that the people have bestowed on us and agree with the Governor that the voice of *wanjiku* should not be muted. In this regard, he pays particular attention by emphasizing on public

participation. I cannot agree with him more, when he says that the voice of *wanjiku* must not be muted. In whatever undertakings that the leadership takes or desires to take must have the consideration of the voice of the people. For that reason, I really support this point.

On the point number 6, the Governor talks about how we utilize our resources. Just like the Hon. Member said during his contributions that private enterprises and corporations perform exemplarily well as compared to public organizations. There is no reason why the government institutions should not perform better. I need to emphasize that the county must be run with the required competence and professionalism just like in the private sector. Further, I would like to reiterate what the member has said that mediocrity will not be entertained. The employees of the County Government must deliver. I cannot overemphasize that point because officers deliver so that the people can reap the benefits.

For that reason, I want to say that the employees of the County Government must be put on performance contracting. At the end of the day, every employee should be able to show what he or she has done, and show the reason why he should be getting what he or she is getting in terms of salaries. If no services are delivered to *wanjiku*, then, there is no reason for keeping such an employee. If again they don't provide services that ensure that the manifesto of the Governor is realized, they have no business drawing salaries and benefits from *wanjiku*.

On point number seven, there can never be any success if whatever you are doing is outdated and for that reason I agree with His Excellency, that we must continuously conduct trainings and especially be in tandem with the realities and the technological development of the world. Research and development ensures that we are not outdated; that we are up to date in whatever we do and in how we do it. Madam Speaker, I want us to also speak a little more on point number eight. The County Government of Nyandarua is a Jubilee government; the National Government of Kenya is a Jubilee government. As much as these two governments are separate, we must move together as governments formed by the same majority, we must speak the same language and cooperate at all times especially because we, as the county, stand to benefit a lot if we are connected. Hon. Members, we must not be disjointed as the previous regime.

The 10<sup>th</sup> point in his speech, the Governor recognizes that there is separation of power between the County Assembly and the Executive. In as much as there is separation of power, he also recognises that, we, the County Assembly and the executive, serve the same person. I cannot agree with him more because in all our efforts and endeavours in this Assembly, Madam Speaker, we are doing it through the trust that *Wanjiku* gave us, just like he gave the same mandate to H.E the Governor. For that reason we must always seek and find grounds in which we work mutually, we work together and we should never be disjointed. We should always seek to heal any cracks that may emerge and make us operate separately.

Madam Speaker, in his speech, on page 6, where it is noted second, he says that we must believe in power of big dreams. Dreamers go far, the good book says that if you don't have a vision you are dead and for that reason, I must also appreciate the fact that we must dream big and take pride in the hard work, resilience and the indomitable faith of Nyandarua people to succeed. We must always remain dreaming big so that we do big things for the people of Nyandarua.

H. E the governor realises the position that the County Government is at the moment and he says that the County Government poverty index was at 46%, was low, but as of 2016/2017 it was at 46.3% and that 22% of the county population has secondary school qualifications. I must say that we must seek to improve that poverty index so that our county is not referred to as the poorest, we must put all our efforts and endeavours to ensure that we make this County of

Nyandarua great again. For that reason, we must put all our efforts to improve the county from the sad state of affairs it is in and we must move from just speaking to acting. In our campaigns we said so much, we promised a lot and we must move on from the promises to actions, we must be seen to live our words not just speak but act.

The good Book tells us that faith without actions is dead. Our promises remain promises and rhetoric if works do not prove it and *Wanjiku* is going to judge us harshly if we just promised and we do not deliver. I wish to laud H.E the Governor for his commitment to serve *Wanjiku* with dedication and professionalism to improve the quality of life and institutions in Nyandarua County.

This is a commitment and a call to all of us Hon. Members that we be committed wholeheartedly with all manner of professionalism to bring *Wanjiku* from the solute state she is in and we must support H.E the Governor in this so that we make again our county both industrialised and prosperous. I want also to appreciate when he says that together -the inclusion of that word there 'together' - is very important to me that he does not only recognize himself as the only person who is going to bring change. He realises that it takes all of us to bring about development in this great county, and for that reason, I call upon all of us, the elected members of this Honourable House to work together as the Assembly and the Executive to bring about the so much needed success in this county.

Madam Speaker, I also noted the Governor's pillars, which he posited, are paramount in realizing Nyandarua's greatness. He recognizes that all this cannot be done in a vacuum and has come up with pillars that are going to support the realization of his manifesto. He enumerates the number of ministries down there and the number of departments and I want to appreciate and congratulate him for coming up with ministries that cover all areas of interest that can inspire development within this county.

One big omission, in this category, is one that pays particular attention to the people living with disability. When I scrutinize this document and these ministries and departments, I would really beg that people living with disability, which constitute a significant part of our population, be also given a place in his Government. I cannot over emphasize that the ministries and the departments cover critical areas of development within the county. he has gone ahead to enumerate and explain and expound on individual ministries as he envision them and the points he has laid bare are quite self-explanatory and I am fully in agreement with them. I want to say that if we take this direction, and the county does take this direction, and we are fully committed to moving in this direction, if all our efforts, time and energy are geared towards realizing these great points as expounded, Nyandarua County will become great again. With those remarks Madam Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you.

**Speaker:** Yes Member for Karau, Hon. Kenn Mukira.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** Madam Speaker, I beg to move the motion:

THAT pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96 (1) that the debate on the motion, that the thanks of the Assembly be recorded for the expansion of the public policy contained in the address of the Governor delivered on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, be adjourned to today Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 at 2.30 p.m.

Reading what is happening in the house, you will notice that the seconder, after seconding the motion, walked out. The member for Gatimu, after contributing to the motion walked out, the member for Kipipiri, after contributing to the motion, walked out. I am also not very sure whether the member for Githabai will also walk out. Provision of standing order 54 (1), that motion moved

without notice, (b); standing order 26 that at least this house will sit for four sittings to contribute to the Governor's address, I beg that we adjourn. The other members will contribute in the afternoon if they so wish. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**Speaker:** Okay, granted.

**Hon. Kenn Mukira:** I can call Hon. Esther Kariuki to second.

**Hon. Esther Mwangi:** I second.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Speaker:** Having exhausted the business for this session, this House stands adjourned to 2.30 pm.

*(The House rose at 10.58 am.)*