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The house met at 9:30 a.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

### PRAYER

### MOTIONS

#### CONTINUATION OF GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS DEBATE

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, it is the continuation of our debate of the Governor's speech being our third day of discussion on the same in compliance to Standing Order No. 28(4). So I have Hon. Stephen Wafula Wamalwa; you will start then I will have Hon. Vitalis then Florence Theresia Juma in that order.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker for granting me this opportunity to also make a contribution on the address by His Excellency, the Governor of Bungoma the Hon. Kenneth Makelo Lusaka. First of all, I want to take this opportunity in a special way thank the people of Soysambu/Mitua ward having re-elected me as their member of County Assembly to represent and oversight on their behalf.

I want to affirm that it is an honour and it is not easy because the election of 2022 was marred with violence and very many other ills, but for the people of Soysambu/Mitua to re-elect me is not something that I can take for granted. I want to really appreciate and thank them and the support of this House; the members who walked with me especially who came to Soysambu/Mitua Ward to give me moral support. I want to recognize you and thank you appropriately.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hope Hon. Maureen, you are not recording any of your colleagues or taking videos inside here; you are not allowed because all that is deliberated here is on HANSARD.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Mr. Speaker, I must say that the address of His Excellency, the Governor was very pragmatic. It was an address that makes sense, realistic, practical and not theories in matters devolution. The address of the Governor captures the aspirations and the vision he has for this County. And from him to realize the vision enshrined in his address to this very Honourable House, the Governor has to put in place in offices, officers who are not rogue CECs neither Chief Officers as was seen in the last second government of the Bungoma County, because this House was demeaned in last second government of Bungoma. This House was called the House of *Wachuuzi* in quotes that Honorable Members of this House were given a name *Wachuuzi* by the people.

*(Applause)*

Working in the office of the then Governor of this county and therefore if Governor cannot realize the vision, if he wants to achieve, he has to put in place officers and personnel that respect the rule of law and respect this House. This House comprises of elected members, specially elected called nominated and elected by universal suffrage in different 45 wards. For His Excellency, the Governor Kenneth Makelo Lusaka

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members, I think just hold on so that we put on the machine again; it went off from the main centre. Honorable Members, I request that you all sign afresh because we are absent from gadget. Thank you very much for signing afresh. I wish that welfare could have been present, we could have had two sittings in this morning sitting, but unfortunately there is no welfare.

I will ask all members to look at the First schedule of our Standing Orders; on broadcasting rules of the House, so that you don't engage in unlawful activities that may put your colleagues in a very bad position. Hon. Stephen Wafula, you may proceed from where you had reached please.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know when such things happen, we really confuse and the flow of the mind gets mixed up, but I will try to bring myself to where I was. I was on a point that for the Governor to actualize and make realistic his address to this Honourable House, he must have correct people around him. In the second government of Bungoma, the then Governor surrounded himself with wrong people. It's good that you were the Speaker of the second Assembly, you remember that the Honourable House could request statements to get responses from the executive and the CECMs and Chief Officers, you know from where you sit that those rogue CECMs and Chief Officers refused to respond to those statements. That is demeaning and looking down on this Honourable MCAs who have been elected. So for the Governor to actualize what was contained in his address, he should shun away from such officers who are nothing but to sabotage any good intention of the Governor. The third government was elected on a platform of returning Bungoma to where it belongs. Hon. Lusaka those members of this Assembly who aligned to him were campaigning on a promise to return Bungoma to where it is supposed to be, because this county was malfunctioning. There was malfunction in this county and I am a teacher by training and you cannot take the syllabus of second year in university and start teaching a class 8 pupil. Neither can you take a content that is supposed to be given to the form fours in secondary School and give it to a class six in primary school. This county was malfunctioning very fast. Now I feel the address to this Assembly stands the test and it will actualized if the Governor has correct people in place. I realized when the Hon. Mukhongo was saying that to be in opposition is very good, I didn't realize it because I thought being in government is very sweet until I was bitten and realized you would rather be in opposition and oversight the government to put it in place.

*(Applause)*

So I want to affirm that we are going to give maximum support to Honorable Lusaka but he has to put correct people in place for us to work with him in harmony, if not this very House

including yours truly will oversight his government to make sure that the aspirations of the people who elected me are achieved.

On agriculture, the Governor talked very well and even before that we realized that the Governor said in his Speech that wards are going to be centres of development. I heard a member here trying to question that the Honorable Lusaka has not initiated flagship projects. Devolution means that development should reach every corner of this country and it means that development should be uniform and we should do what we call equity in distribution of resources. What was happening in the second government was not equitable distribution of resources but malfunctioning of the system.

We cannot talk about the Dual carriage and be proud that it was a devolution function. It wasn't because it was a national function. Shame on us because even that dual that was done, we leave it for another day and this House especially the opposition who are the overnighters of the government, should come up and tell us if that dual carriage road was actually value for the money of the people of Bungoma. And if you don't ask us who are in government will show you by coming up with questions on the same.

The wards are going to be the centre of development, so that Soysambu/Mitua ward can benefit as well as Khalaba and Township wards. So Honorable Lusaka saying that wards are going to be the centre of development, I call that flagship project for me because it makes sense in terms of devolution.

On agriculture, I want to believe that the Governor will go back to where he left during his first term where each ward receiving support programme in agriculture to the tune of 750 households, so that we make Bungoma a food secure county. When the second government came in place it reduced. When we went to the election, this county was receiving 144 support in every ward but picking a lot of money to the functions of national government and I call it a malfunctioning regime.

We have the Milk Plant in Webuye. I know the Honorable Lusaka is going to address that issue; he captured very well the issue of agriculture. I was shocked that in Bungoma it is where you can build a factory before you create raw materials. I have never seen that. I have never seen a government or any institution or any agency trying to make a factory before you look for raw materials. Even if it is a sugar company, they first of all map out, find out on how many farmers have the cane, and then we can now build a factory.

In Bungoma they built a Milk plant in Webuye but as they were doing that, Honorable Members what you may not know is that he had killed the dream of Lusaka of giving dairy cows to families. As we are making the milk plant where were you hoping to get milk from? Honorable Lusaka should move with speed and we should not question him when he empowers the families with dairy cows. We make capacity building in the same so that farmers can know how to take care of those dairy animals so that we can now feed that plant

with milk. Otherwise over 100 million shillings `pumped into that milk plant is wasted resource to the people of Bungoma. Shame on the malfunctioning regime!

When we talk of Agribusiness; we have to be hands on and I know that when the Honorable Lusaka left it, is where he is going to pick it up from and we should not ask so much for those of us who share his vision. We know where he is going and his address to this Assembly captures the aspirations.

On matters infrastructure; the address of the Governor captured well the issues afflicting this County and I know the Honorable Governor is going to construct even to capture some section of the dual carriage that were left out, because when the child is born here, there is no way you can kill the child even if this child was born out of wedlock. Honorable Members, you cannot kill the child instead you nature the child, even if the mother got pregnancy out of the family, you cannot kill the child. That's what we are saying that Honorable Lusaka has to improve and correct the messes of the dual carriage, the roundabout at Kanduyi which was left out because they were trying to save; you know it was a regime of saving and I don't know where those savings went to.

**Mr. Speaker:** Just a minute Hon. Stephen, it is important that we hear him.

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My request is that we stick to the Governor's speech; let us not blame or use the word shame. I think in the Governor's speech there is no word like shame. That is my request.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nganga, you are out of order! You have a right to use whatever language on the floor of the House because you are protected here. But out there when you say shame, I don't protect you. You are protected, so proceed.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Mr. Speaker, I am a teacher by training and more so a teacher of language. I know where to place the words appropriately.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** You assist your fellow accountant, maybe. I understand where he comes from.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** I want to affirm to this House that the second government of Bungoma was a Ford Kenya government. It's unfortunate because the Honorable Members who was disrupting my contribution were not in Ford Kenya, but we oversight that government. For as long as the Governor does stick to the rule of law because we want that to prevail. There are very many ills on the Dual carriage; I want to believe that the Governor is going to address that.

The brigadier -Misikhu Road was a brain child of the Honorable Kenneth Makelo Lusaka and it was left as if the people of Tongaren are not part of this county. The second government of Bungoma treated Tongaren as aliens in this county and I have to say to the leadership of the

second government of this county. Shame on you for treating the people of Tongaren as second citizens of Bungoma.

**Mr. Speaker:** Out of curiosity Hon. Stephen Wafula, you are the Deputy Speaker in that region, so where do I place you.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Mr. Speaker, I was Deputy Speaker and fortunately for me I choose to oversight the government and therefore I was placed and you know the then Deputy Secretary General who happens to be a member of Tongaren and others who are in Ford Kenya, the Tongaren people were blacklisted when we called the Chief Officer, then he could run away through the backdoor. But this time round, I know the people of Tongaren will get their rightful share.

*(Applause)*

I believe Honorable Lusaka having conceived the idea of the Brigadier-Misikhu road, Tongaren is a very rich agricultural region. We have a lot of maize production; it is the former white highland area where food production is at its peak, but the road network is worse. Even Mt. Elgon is better. Nowadays Mt. Elgon is better because people of that area were clever and elected people who went to the government and also had fair Member of Parliament. For us in Tongaren, our Member of Parliament was a praise and worship to the second regime of this County and therefore even if the Governor was doing wrong things, it was just he was right and therefore Tongaren was left behind. Make a mistake of coming to my Ward. When you come back you have to repair your vehicle and even go for physiotherapy of your back just because the road network is very pathetic. Brigadier-Misikhu road, we believe that this time round the Governor is going to fix that problem and I know even the Members of Azimio and DAP to be precise, who come from Tongaren can be with me on this. That the road to Brigadier to Matunda has to be fixed and it is not because we are begging but it is the right of the people of Tongaren.

*(Applause)*

It is the right of the people of Bungoma because we feed Bungoma people. I know that but we can supplement what you have because Tongaren is the richest...

**Mr. Speaker:** Order Honorable Members.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** In production of food.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honorable Members from Bumula just be patient for you will have a chance to respond.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** I may continue because we want to address this issue for once and for all. In terms of infrastructure...

**Mr. Speaker:** I have been insisting that you familiarize yourself with the Standing Orders. When you stand to speak, you must inform me under which Standing Order that you want to speak on. You don't just shoot up and say order.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Allow me to continue and protect me from interruptions Mr. Speaker. I know the point behind disruption is for me not to actualize my speech in this Assembly and I want to request that Hon. Allan should stop disrupting me. He should learn from me.

**Mr. Speaker:** Don't worry, proceed.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** On infrastructure, on the Dual carriage, we know there is a task force and we want to find out the BQs and the true value of what has been done, because we can clap and dance yet the resources of the people of Bungoma have not been put to prudent use. There is this issue of MTF and recently one member here was trying to poke holes on the address of the Governor in this House and saying that there was MTF.

MTF was in this County and was used as a cash cow by the Chief Officer and CECM in that department. They swindled Bungoma County funds using the MTF. If the MTF has to return and I know it is a good thing that can help increase the network and worthiness of our roads, this time round this House has to be involved. Those issues of somebody trying to say that MTF was doing great, yet the Government were using it to benefit some areas and swindle money, we cannot. MTF should come back but the Leader of Majority and the Leader of Minority and the Assembly should have a say, so that we put in place framework on how MTF is going to work in Bungoma County. The issue of a Chief Officer and CECM using it to milk money from us, this time they say when a foolish person becomes clever, the clever one is in trouble and this time we are cleverer than what we were.

*(Applause)*

On issues of Health, I know that the Governor is going to decentralize congestion in the County referral but improving other Centres and it was very well captured here. We don't want to repeat what my colleagues have already mentioned. The Governor should not behave like his predecessor in the next Government.

When we talk about Health and boasting about achieving much in Health, it is not about building structures. Who said when you build a house there is peace in that house? A house is valuable not because of the structure. A house is valuable because of what is in that house. When the people are in the house and they are very happy, that house is very successful. When a mansion is there and it has nothing, it is just a hall that means that we need to have pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceuticals in those Health Centres, and all levels of Health system in this County and put in place human resource to mitigate the problems that we have.

The second Government thought that when they build a big structure, then they call it success. That is not success. The Chief Officers should be brought to book that even some health facilities across this County have not been completed. Moneys have been paid to contractors yet they have not finished working. I want to believe that what the Governor captured in his address will be actualized.

We cannot demean the issues of CHVs because they are stringent to be prudent, pragmatic and magnanimous because what was happening in the last Government was delaying to pay even the Kshs 2000. Those people on the ground could stay for three to four months without anything and the Government was boasting. This time round we know Honorable Ken Makelo Lusaka is going to be prompt in supporting those Community Health Volunteers so that they can continue giving support to our people.

The second Government failed in its priorities especially on this issue. We could have employed more nurses, we could have employed more people to go there but you saw even employment of teachers. The priorities were upside down. Honorable Lusaka in his address I can see the vision where he is going.

On the issue of water, I want to say that in the second Assembly, we saw that this House helped the department in procurement of a rig which was used to drill water in different Wards basing on how you were praising the Governor. If you were coming from Soysambu/Mitua, even if people are dying, that rig could not come there. This time, let us at least be fair to the people of Bungoma because at least they voted. Each Ward voted, so I want to believe that we have very veteran people in this Assembly the likes of Hon. Mukhongo, Nyongesa and others. Let us sit together and have a plan by this House that the rig can also benefit the entire County irrespective of how people voted in that respective Ward because water is life.

Let us make Bungoma water sufficient. It is a shame on us because countries like Israel are a desert Country but it is water sufficient. Makueni County is a dessert but they have enough water better than Bungoma. So let us put our resources to proper use and then we shall realize this.

On Education, I don't understand maybe properly but I need to be guided. What is the function of a devolved unit in terms of education? When you look at that then you will realize how we malfunction as a Government. What is the function of the County Government and our responsibility in terms of Education? Is our function educating high school students? Is our function educating university students? Is our function ensuring that our children under the age of 18 years that we call basic education are empowered, so that we produce a generation that can be successful almost 100%. We have a problem. I support the programme of educating high school students; I support the programme of giving support to university students and colleges. What about the primary function of the County Government?

The County Government is tasked to undertake responsibility of early childhood. As a County, let us compare notes. Did we perform better on these scholarships to high school students? How are we fairing on matters of the ECDE which is our key function?

ECDE is our function here and every MCA in this House should stand up and stamp authority that we must make sure that our ECDE is modest. We are not doing that, we are just singing scholarship. Why can't we give scholarship to ECDE children also so that our function is also actualized so that others can benchmark with us? This is a shame. If a teacher who is teaching university material to a class six...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Stephen out of curiosity, just to know, now that we give to ECDE pupils Scholarship, where will they be going to?

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Let me make it clear, that we are giving scholarships to high school students which is okay, but our core function is ECDE. Look at the ECDE in this Country, there are no structures. It is a shame. Can we say anything in terms of ECDE programmes and are we proud in this County? We cannot be proud. Another function as a County Government is TVET. We cannot be proud of Technical Vocational Training Centres. We cannot be proud of them because when we go to the TVETS, those Centres are also used to steal money. It is also a subject of the task force. We have gotten our priorities upside down.

I want to believe that the Governor in his address is going to capture the aspirations of devolution and address these matters. If we produce ECDE that are qualified, they go to primary school qualified and they will do the exams and qualify all of them and go to good schools and pass exams and at the end we have doctors.

We cannot rush to pick from class 8 and say that we are doing well. If you want to make your House strong up there, and the foundation is weak, that House will sink. I think I'm right. The issue of going to the roof and say that you are doing well is not here or there. That is a failed system and a failed regime, shame on it.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think you will shame on us and shame on this House also. I think you will take care of that.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** On financial management, the Honorable Governor captured this as number six in his address. How I wish that Honorable Ken Makelo Lusaka is not going to allow this animal called imprest to be a burden to this County. The second Government ran a cartel in the name of imprest holders and when this House demanded reports from them, they refused and it was like we could not do anything but this time, I want to make believe that you will have mechanisms to resolve this issue. The imprest thing was overwhelming, it was a burden and we want to say that the address of the Governor to this House, surely he should address this issue. He must have prudent management of the financial issues pertaining to this County. There was also this issue of deduction. Where you sit I want to inform you that the Government that we voted out was not...

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the Information Hon. Nyongesa and under which Standing Order?

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Under Standing Order 184...

**Mr. Speaker:** You are out of Order yourself. You resume your seat because it is a wrong quotation you have quoted.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Let me just finish this. Statutory deductions like NHIF, NSSF and even the pension towards the worker as of this County. Money was deducted from the workers of this County but they were not remitting the same and I know that the Public

Accounts Committee and also Public Administration Committee should also prepare itself to dig deep into this issue because we are sitting on a time bomb.

The Governors address to this Assembly should capture that and move forward to correct those ills because from where I sit, I know the people I represent that work in this County Government and their deductions are not there. They were deducting the money and diverting the same to their own uses which was not approved by this Assembly. When you talk of financial Management, we are talking of even management in terms of payment. As you will realize, automobiles of this County are rotting outside because somebody swindled the money. We want to correct that. I want to believe that the Governor is going to work on it as it is captured on this page.

As I finish, I want to mention something in this speech on sports, talent and I want to say that in the Governors speech, he mentioned sports, arts, culture, and entertainment. I want to say that we are not going to use sports, talent, and arts as a campaign tool, that we can only do it when we are running the campaigns in electioneering period. Let this be streamlined so that we tap the talents of our Youths in this County, because this County is rich in talent that we can even make a living out of it because it is a form of employment nowadays.

Lastly, I can say that the executive order of the Governor, he mentioned it here. Let him stand and be firm. There was a speaker who said that the Governor should not so much understand this issue in quotes. He should refuse to understand. He should stand firm and ensure that he recovers what belongs to this County. The reports should not gather dust on the shelves...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Stephen, you are pre-empting.

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** We need to know issues of casual workers. We need to know exact people who were employed and that is human resource in this County especially towards elections. We need to know even the matters of scholarships as mentioned here. This House should be given a list of beneficiaries in every school. We need to know and the Chief Officer should not run away. He should come here and if he runs away, there is a saying in Bukusu that says, *the black pot will bring them back here*.

I submit that the address by the Governor on 18<sup>th</sup> in this House was pragmatic and I believe that if we give the support that is required, this County can move to the next level. I support his address that evil spirits will not come to the middle of the journey, so that again we find ourselves speaking in different tongues. God bless the Governor and may God bless the County of Bungoma.

**Hon. Florence Juma:** Thank you, for this opportunity. It is my first time to speak to this House and I really thank you for this opportunity. I want to begin by first thanking my party DAP-Kenya for nominating me to this Assembly under the Azimio and I also take this opportunity to congratulate my area MCA Hon. Stephen Keisa and I would also like to congratulate all the Honorable Members who were either elected or nominated.

I have been doing politics but from the periphery but today I have an opportunity to oversight and also to legislate. Back to the speech by the Governor, I would have expected to say issues on women which I did not see them coming out but still would like to thank him for appointing 2/3; he actually respected the 2/3 by appointing the women as the County Committee Members and also other positions like the directors.

I'm looking out to the implementation by the Governor but equally I would also like to hope that this House will be able to formulate policies and be able to pass their House matters which will include women and youths. I don't have much to say but I just want to say that I support the Governor's speech.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Thank you for giving me this opportunity to give my views on the speech of the Governor. First, allow me to thank the people of Chepyuk for electing me for the second time. I know being elected for the second time is an uphill task. I know Hon. Mukhongo here can attest that for you to seek for re-election is one of the toughest times.

Hon. Mutiambu is affected and she knows that. Re-election is serious and therefore I want to thank God and also to thank the people of Chepyuk particularly so want to thank God and also to thank the people of Chepyuk particularly in my village where I live. It was a tough time and I fought single handedly with no one helping me. I fought for myself and I was re-elected.

**Mr. Speaker:** I'm wondering, if you fought yourself...

**Hon. Franklyn Simotwo:** I fought single handed, was not helped by a Member of Parliament or any other person but...

**Mr. Speaker:** The Heavenly God fought for you.

**Hon. Franklin Simotwo:** Thank you. I was here when the Governor was addressing for the first time in this Assembly. I was here in the last regime and we had an address from the second Governor. It was one of the shortest speeches that has ever made and it carried a lot of important issues to the people of Bungoma County.

On Agriculture, the Governor was very precise that he knows that in any county or any country if you can't teach people how they can do Agriculture; you will have a county where you will be importing food from other counties which will be a problem. I have seen the Governor is wise; he wants to teach people and make them have food, so that they can be depending on themselves and they will be healthy.

I know Chepyuk is one of the areas that produce a lot of food in this County. I was hearing my colleague Deputy Speaker talking of Tongaren being one of the areas that produces a lot of Agricultural products and was saying maybe Tongaren is number 2 or 3 but it cannot beat Chepyuk where we produce almost everything. It is one of the areas that when people read in the Bible about Canaan, they should just go to Chepyuk and see where the Canaan is. I think it is very important.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now Hon. Simotwo, I am told for you to go to Canaan you must cross some river which has crocodiles, so do you have a river in Chepyuk?

**Hon. Frankline Simotwo:** No Mr. Speaker, in fact I live around 50 meters from a river; the water is very clean and very sweet. I don't know whether water has colour or it is colourless but I know water is colourless and we cannot say there is colour for water but it is clean and clear. This is where I was very keen, that if the Governor implements what he has talked about, I think we will have moved a step in this county. He talked about Agri-business, if implemented I know we will be far.

I want to commend on the so-called extension officers. You know for us in Mt. Elgon, we have not seen them and I like the comments from Honourable members. They said even if the Governor has proposed that they get motorbikes so that they will be moving around to teach the farmers, they should be made to live with the farmers. They have offices close to the wards or centres of operations. If they will move closer to the farmers, then farmers will get the knowledge and will increase the output of Agricultural products.

We want a County where we get more revenue. If these people will be up to the task, that means the extension officers will do their part, we will not have a situation whereby somebody is given a motorbike and he goes with a motorbike to Kisumu to refresh himself rather to do the work he was assigned. There is need to equip these fellows to get closer to the farmers. I think this is important if it will be implemented the way it is. The people of Bungoma will get what is rightful to them.

On Infrastructure, the Governor talked about making sure that he expands roads and new roads in rural areas. I think if you look at the alignment, even how he presented the speech coming from Agriculture, then moving to infrastructure, I think he was very categorical that you cannot make a step-in agriculture when there is no infrastructure. In my village, I think Mt. Elgon is one of the largest constituencies in this County and most of the roads are not there, and this is where maybe the Second Governor was never keen on. In this county, we have to register and classify our roads. Most of the roads in Mt. Elgon and other parts maybe from where I sit, from Tongaren most of the roads have not been classified as by the National government or the County government. I think it has not been so clear. These roads if classified, we will have what we call separation of work. We will know which roads are done by National government and which ones belong to the county government.

Now that the Governor was very straight that he wants to open roads from the rural areas, if this is done then that will help Agriculture. Farmers will be able to operate in a good way and if the Governor's speech is actualized, then this is the time that farmers will be able to enjoy because there will be good movement of products and goods from the farm to the market. In Mt. Elgon, we have been experiencing a situation where a person has cabbages of over two acres and the whole of it rots in the farm without a farmer getting even a single cent due to the effect of having poor roads. If these roads will be made properly then we will get profit and the County government will also get what we call revenue. We will be able to support

him so that he implements over 80% of our roads in the rural areas for our people to enjoy as they stay in this County.

On health matters, he talked about how he wants health matters to get closer to the people. I think it is important that they also carry out what we call assessment in all sub-counties especially on hospitals that have not been upgraded for a longest time. We have been pushing from the last regime for some services or health centres which have stayed for a long time without being upgraded, so that they get what is due to help people get services especially in Kopsiro Sub County where we have only one facility which still operates as a health Centre and serves over 50,000 people. We pushed in the last regime but things were not working but I know His Excellence the Governor is more experienced in matters of administration; he will be able to help these health centres to be upgraded so that they can be able to offer services like X-rays. We can get a doctor assigned to that hospital so that people may not be travelling all along from Chepyuk to referral here, that will help decongest this referral and people will get more services in an easier way.

I know there is the issue of employing and paying casual workers. It is also important that we look at the workload of this health centres, dispensaries and sub-county hospitals. If you go there, you will find there are a lot of issues which need to be addressed and when you look at the speech of the Governor, he was categorically looking at such issues. He knows that if that one is corrected then we will be doing better. I concur and we wish that if implemented like that then we will be good to go as a County.

On matters of water, previously I worked as a Chair on the committee of Water and Bungoma is one of the counties that have resources that we call water source towers. It has come to my attention that as we move to dry seasons like this time, you will find that so many households in Bungoma lack the basic clean water, but look at Mt. Elgon. We have so many streams but this county has never tapped that resource. So I wish that this time the Governor will be very keen to make sure that we tap the resource, tap the gravity water and supply to lower lands. As we supply to lower areas, we also benefit as the people of Mt. Elgon. I think Bungoma is one of the counties which if we sit down as stakeholders and we put up what we call a plan, it will be able to help our people get clean water from the forest of Mt. Elgon.

On Education, the part of our mandate as a County which is the ECDE programme. I am aware the Governor touched on how he wants to employ more ECDE teachers, but I am eager to hear the action taken on ECDE teachers transferring themselves illegally. You know there is a situation whereby you get areas where teachers were employed and you find all of them are transferred leaving the children without teachers. I wish that as a House, we have a regulation like that one of national government where when someone is employed, you are given a period of time before transferring. We had an issue whereby an ECDE teacher goes to a station and after a few days, she complains that her husband wants to marry so she wants to go back because her children are not safe. I am aware that she had just been posted there.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Simotwo, are you saying the female teacher out of fear of the husband marrying a second wife, she made a decision to be transferred?

**Hon. Frankline Simotwo:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. We want a government whereby someone goes to a station, stays there for five years or 6 or 8 so that after that, she can seek for transfer, not someone going to a station and in two weeks she is asking for a transfer. That is absurd because like for now, my ward has got a serious deficit of ECDE teachers; they have gone to Cheptais, Kaptama and some have come to Kabuchai to my neighbours' ward because they complained. I had a situation whereby the ECDE teacher was complaining to me that she wants to go back because her husband was bringing a lot of problems and she has to go close to him. This is why I am saying before we employ these people, we put a caveat of 8 years because these people when they are seeking for employment cry but when they get employed, they become rude; they want to misbehave around. We want to put a policy of caveat so that people will work for 8 years or 10 years and when we employ others, we can transfer them but not complaining. I know that as a House, we can have a policy to control these people.

Finally, I want to submit on this issue of ECDE. My senior colleague has talked but my suggestion is different. It will be good if we set funds to equip and facilitate the ECDE infrastructure. If not scholarship, we can facilitate on equipment and employ more teachers for ECDE, so that we can have a foundation of these children of ours so that we can have a better future. If given a priority it will be very nice.

On financial management and budgeting; he was also very categorical on the development plan but my submission is we want to stick on the Annual Development Plans because we have been planning, going to people and eventually it remains in papers. We don't implement what our people give as suggestions at their level, but I have seen he was very categorical in the strategic plans that are being given to our people which will be able to improve on our development.

I want to talk about the human resource. You know as chairs, we will be dealing with these staffs and we must be aware that staffs and human resource in any institution can either make the institution fall or shine. If the human resource will be able to sabotage the running of any institution, then the institution will definitely fall. We wish that the Governor will streamline the administration especially on service delivery because we have been finding rough issues especially when you go to the roads department, that is where there are a lot of issues in terms of staffs and work load. They don't work for the people of Bungoma, they work for themselves. I wish as the Governor was mentioning this, he was keen on how he wants to streamline and make sure these guys work properly so that we get value for money because at the end of the day, the people of Bungoma want to see projects implemented and functioning. This work lies in the hands of human resource in the lower part of the executive. If he streamlines the human resource even the elected leaders will have an easy time. Work will be very easy then people of Bungoma will enjoy living in this county.

On the issue of Climate change, you know in Mt. Elgon and particularly the Ogiek, we are the experts on how to manage the forests. We like having bee hives because we like having these animals. We are just pastoralists so we don't like destroying forests because we want the honey. We want to have pasture for our animals, so I think this issue of climate change is very critical to this county. I wish that this county puts more effort on the issue of climate

change so that Bungoma will be on the top list on the matters climate change. We are respected as Bungoma because if you look around, you see greenish vegetation but there are some areas where you see reddish that means there is no rain, there is no food, there is no anything and so I think as we talk about climate change, we have to support as a House.

Last time I was in the Committee on Water and Natural Resources and my predecessor who is Hon. Opwora took over the leadership and I think things will move so fast so that we will be...

**Mr. Speaker:** Is he your successor or predecessor?

**Hon. Frankline Simotwo:** I mean successor. So, we want to push this thing of climate change and make sure that it is operational and majorly I have said that as the community, we will be very happy if this thing will be implemented.

As I end this submission, I wish to submit that this speech was the shortest and had the right information. As people of Bungoma particularly in my ward, I wait to see the implementation as it will go straight to the people at the grass roots.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you; I will have Hon. Metrine Wilson

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir...

**Mr. Speaker:** I know you have the problem of the height but you will just have to bend to use that microphone. You won't be able to use it if you stand far away from it.

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity to make some few remarks on our Governor's speech, but before that, I would like to congratulate or say thank you to my party for nominating me to be in this honourable House. I also want to thank fellow MCA Hon. Meshack Wekesa Simiyu for also supporting me on the same. I congratulate the people of Kabuchai for voting in all the 4 MCAs in Kabuchai on Ford Kenya party ticket which enabled me to be accorded this chance as a nominated MCA.

I want let this House know that Kabuchai is the only Constituency that managed to deliver all the seats to Ford Kenya. I also want to thank our Governor for being re-elected in his second term and for the wonderful speech that has touched on matters that concerns the residents of Bungoma County.

On matters Agriculture; the Governor made it clear that he will assist our people to embrace agriculture as a business and not just as a means of consumption. I will urge our Governor as he does that to make sure that he puts in place field officers; if they are already in place, then we need more to create awareness especially to the youth to know that they can make a living through agriculture because Bungoma County is blessed with resources that can help them to progress. This will scale down the tendency of youth travelling to Nairobi looking for jobs.

On education, where the Governor was keen in his message where he committed to fast track the hiring of more ECDE teachers to enhance quality education to the early learners. I want to make it clear that education is key to all of us and therefore want to urge the Governor to do something *kumbaro*...excuse me Sir if I'm not using the right term.

**Mr. Speaker:** You are out of order because you cannot mix the two languages. Being your maiden speech, I will allow you to proceed.

**Hon. Metrine Wilson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. The people who never had an opportunity to go to school and the youthful stages and...

**Mr. Speaker:** It is called adult learning.

**Hon. Metrine:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is adult learning. This people still have hunger for education and we have few centres that can help these people to acquire education. I will urge our Governor to establish more centres close to our people especially at locational level to enable them access adult education to promote literacy levels in the County. This will help the residents to move to another level because without education, I think we cannot move forward as a County. With those few remarks, I support the Governor's speech and it's my prayer that he will implement.

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Thank your Mr. Speaker for giving me a chance. First of all, I have a privilege to be re-elected by the good people of East Sang'alo. It was not easy with stiff rivalry...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nganga, beautiful should go along with handsome because they are male and female and beautiful is only meant for ladies.

**Hon. Evertone Nganga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Most people who live in my ward are women and in most cases when we were looking for votes, actually we trust the women and what we requested from them they did. I'm privileged to be re-elected for the second time despite the competition from 12 opponents but I emerged the winner.

Secondly, I also want to thank my party DAP-Kenya for not nominating anybody from my ward. I say so because the person that was nominated if she or he is in your ward, you should mark them.

Lastly, I also want to thank God for giving me wisdom and strength and good health to go through the election and emerge the winner. I want to be brief in respect to the Governor's speech. Our Governor mentioned issues to do with health sector. The failure of our health system undermines prosperity. He said that he will improve health services by upgrading level one hospital in order to bring services closer to the people. Instead of our people seeking for services from our level 5 hospitals, if they can get such services like minor

surgeries among others from our level 1 hospitals, this will reduce on costs and improve on health services closer to the people. He also mentioned about remuneration of health workers; when you go to most of health centres, dispensaries and level 5 hospitals you will discover that most of those medical practitioners are not motivated and they prefer working in private hospitals, so that they can be paid well. If these people will be well remunerated, this will motivate them and they will work positively.

He also mentioned about consideration of CHVs, the community health volunteers; they are people available at grassroots and they are the foundation of our health system. I wish that he implements the proposed monthly stipend which will improve health services to the residents.

On Agriculture, which is an economic turnaround of our county and even country. In our County you will discover that 85% of our area normally receives enough rainfall. If high quality seeds, fertilizer and other farm inputs will be procured on time, I think our County will be the food basket for the entire country. Dealing with agriculture subsidy and insurance services is theoretical but I am eager to see how it is going to be implemented.

I have some reservations in agriculture where in his speech he only mentioned about livestock, cereals and coffee. But we have another cash crop which is sugar cane. In most of our wards, farmers are now eager to plant sugar as a result of the establishment of Naitiri Sugar Factory together with the efforts being put in place to revive Nzoia and Mumias Sugar factories. If there is a way that the County government can subsidize fertilizers to the sugar cane farmers, I think it will go a long way to revive factories. The factories are sources of employment and if indeed they employ residents of this county, this will reduce balkanization and criminality in our County.

In fact our sugar factories like West Kenya; when I was in Finance Committee, we were looking at revenue that is normally generated. West Kenya was giving a lot of money as one of the revenue sources in our County. Therefore, our Governor should also consider favourably cane farmers in order to boost sugar cane farming in our county.

Lastly on education, in his speech, he embraced the issue of scholarship. I know the name of the scholarship will change after coming up with a policy together with that for bursaries. You know my grandfather was telling me that if you marry a wife with a child, please marry that wife together with the children which was emphasized by a Deputy Speaker here. On the issue of scholarship, we have many queues at the education offices by parents looking for scholarships. As we wait for the task force report, it is my request that the County government should own both the child and the wife. Let us accept this and stop punishing our children by looking at the last government's deeds. Let us not look at their farther, as we continue waiting for the taskforce, please the County government should communicate with the concerned schools so that our learners can remain in class. Issues dealing with ECDE teachers...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Stephen Wafula, what is the issue?

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Honorable Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** On which point?

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** On a point of information. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Nganga should not insinuate that the father has refused the son...

**Mr. Speaker:** Under which Standing Order Hon. Stephen?

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Standing Order 96; the member on the floor should not mislead the House by insinuating by going on record that the County Government has disowned the child of this county. It is not in order! The problem is that we must streamline and know that this fund must be administered in a proper manner.

**Hon. Everton Nganga:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The honourable member who has just informed me if he could right now visit the education office and see the way parents are lining up and the way children are crying complaining that they were on the list and they have not been considered and so on.

As I finish, issues to do with ECDE teachers; first I want to thank the previous Ford Kenya government. When they came in, they accepted and owned up the burden of paying the ECDE teachers who had been given letters by the previous government without coming up with task forces. I also urge this government to employ new ECDE teachers to assist our learners.

On Tourism, Water and Natural Resources; I remember in 2015 the current Governor who was Governor by then, moved in my ward and I was with him at *Mwibale Wa Mwanja* and in his speech, he mentioned that it is a tourist attraction site together with a place in Mt. Elgon where elephants go to give birth labour. He should have mentioned this in his speech as some of the tourist attraction sites in Bungoma County together with others like *Sikele sia Mulia* in West Sang'alo, Nabuyole and Mt. Elgon.

The Governor's speech was brief...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Nganga, the list we have here for Mt. Elgon is a place where elephants mate. You can confirm this with Simotwo and Kirong.

**Hon. Evertone Nganga:** Thank you. I will get more information from Hon. Simotwo. I want to appreciate the Governor's speech in regard to the roads sector where he mentioned the Dual carriage which is about 95% complete. He should concentrate on other areas especially

roads in the sugar cane planting zones like East Sang'alo, Naitiri, Webuye among others, because those tractors are destroying our roads. I support the Governor's speech.

**Hon. Stephen Keisa:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to contribute on the Governor's speech. First, allow me to thank the people of Matulo for electing me to come and serve them in this House for the first time...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Metrine Nangalama, you are an old member, let us allow new members to speak. Equally, you will be given a chance to speak. Allow me also to congratulate the Governor for being elected for his second term. I also congratulate you for being re-elected as the Speaker of the House. I also congratulate Hon. Chebukati from Ndalu/Tabani ward for successfully...

**Mr. Speaker:** He is called Hon. Timothy Chikati

**Hon. Stephen Keiser:** Hon. Timothy Chikati for successfully naming a serious cabinet and naming the first lady of Tabani ward as his running mate. Equally, allow me to congratulate Hon. Florence for being nominated by DAP-Party who comes from my ward and I hope she is going to allow me deliver on my mandate without interference.

Back to the Governor's speech, he touched many issues but I will touch on a few like food security, quality education, affordable health care, infrastructure, clean water among other issues. I will dwell on two issues; first of all on agriculture which is the backbone of the economy of this County. He said that he has already initiated a process of procuring seeds and fertilizers for the residents of this county. I appreciate him for taking this initiative so that our farmers can plant on time.

Secondly, he is going to subsidize agriculture insurance program which will encourage our farmers to come out in numbers to plant aware that their risks have been taken care of. Most of the time, insurance has only been undertaken by able farmers but the thinking of the Governor that all farmers are supposed to have insurance in the entire county especially those poor; it is a plus for him.

On health, without a healthy people all the things that the Governor has talked about will be in vain. I thank the Governor for giving priority to our people saying that all the health facilities are going to be uplifted. He mentioned about supporting the community health volunteers through a monthly stipend.

He said that he is going to make sure that he employs all the casual workers in our health facilities on a permanent and pensionable terms, this is appreciable. 80% of residents of Bungoma County are normally served at dispensary level and the Governor has promised to upgrade those facilities, which is a plus to him.

Lastly on infrastructure, without a good infrastructure, all these good things that the Governor has talked about, I think he will not achieve everything if the infrastructure network is poorly managed. I therefore urge the Governor to make sure that all existing roads are rehabilitated together with building new roads. I beg to support the speech of the Governor.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Stephen Keiser Simiyu.

**Hon. Catherine Kituyi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to give my maiden speech. I want to thank God for enabling me to be in this August House this time. It can only be God that I am here.

I want to thank the Speaker of the National Assembly who is my Party Leader and the Party Executive for allowing me also to be here. I say God bless them.

I want to thank the Governor for his re-election as the third Governor of this County and for his good speech. I want to thank you for your re-election as our Speaker in this House, the leaders of this House, the elected and nominated members of this House and especially the Ford Kenya party. They are why I am here.

I want to pray that God will give them wisdom to do their work well. I want to thank especially my area MCA though he is from the opposite side. I promise that we will work together to see that the people of our Ward benefit from us.

I want to ask that whoever wants my services in their Ward, I will be ready to assist where possible. I am there at your service.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Kituyi, let me advise you for free, don't be a political tourist.

*(Laughter)*

You will be chopped off your legs from people's Wards. That is for free.

**Hon. Catherine Kituyi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to speak on the Governor's speech. I want to speak on two things; on Climate change and Agriculture.

The Governor promised he would do subsidies in Agriculture. Agriculture is our back bone and I want to pray that we have implementable climate actions on priority issues for Bungoma including adaptation laws, damage and enabling laws of implementation support because for example, we are giving subsidies and also we have extension workers in Agriculture.

We cannot just talk of giving subsidies like for example fertiliser and seeds without knowing how much the output is for example before the subsidies. How much was a farmer getting before we get them subsidies. We should have those records so that we know that we are at least getting somewhere, instead of just giving subsidies without having a record of whether these subsidies are helping farmers or is it the subsidies the farmers need or may be it is something else. Is it the best practices that they are lacking in Agriculture or the subsidies? When we have this record, it will help us to know what the farmers need so that they may be helped. If it is Education based practices or different plants that they need to plant.

On Climate change, we are having COP 27 conference soon and therefore it is important that we have those practices that are transformative in nature and are replicable and also have institutional and individual capacity building on climate change. Have Gender balance and youth participation in climate actions and good agricultural practices for posterity.

We need youths to be part of whatever we are doing in climate change and in agriculture for posterity. The Governor should have a task force with partners like NGO's, church, academia, the civil societies, the farmers and all people on the frontline to defend the climate change.

This task force will help us to move forward so that even as the Budget team goes for the Budget, we start working on climate change to attract the 50 million that is being talked about. Otherwise without the budget, we will talk about nothing and also we need to pass this policy as soon as possible so that we start working on that.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Catherine Kituyi.

**Hon.Caleb Wanjala:** Thank you Mr. Speaker also for giving me this opportunity to make my contribution towards the speech that our Governor gave us on 18<sup>th</sup>. I cannot also stop thanking the people of Bukembe East Ward for electing me as their leader. My election was not easy because it was like facing Goliath in the bible but by the Grace of God, I am standing with support from the people of Bukembe East ward.

Mine is just also to make a contribution towards the speech of the Governor especially on the side of Agriculture. Like what my colleague Hon. Nganga said; Bukembe East ward is the ward that hosts Nzoia Sugar factory which is just neighbouring Sang'alo East, Sitikho ward, Bukembe West and even Luuya Bwake.

I would wish that the Governor touched on the issue of Nzoia because as we speak right now, the Nzoia workers have gone 15 months without salary and this is because of the old machine that the company has compared with the machines that other competitors in the region around are having.

I would also pray that this third Assembly comes up with a bill that can make use of the Nzoia Sugar nucleus because as we speak right now, Nzoia has got the largest nuclear in East and Central Africa but it is underutilised. We are not using it well. If this Government can make use of that nuclear, then I do not think we will be crying on the side of food or salaries for the Nzoia workers.

Also in my ward, there is a milk cooler that was started by the Governor during his first term and nothing has happened about it and people are just wondering if this was a white elephant or what was it. I feel that now that we have a milk plant in Webuye, that cooler can be put into use if he can revive the project he had of giving farmers dairy cows.

On matters concerning water and irrigation, in my own ward we have those water kiosks that were built. Outside they look good but inside there is nothing! I would wish that the Governor puts up a task force to do a forensic audit on the side of the scholarship. I would

also wish that he comes up with other plans to audit projects which were put but they are not in use or there is no proper explanation on how funds were spent on those projects.

Lastly, in terms of sports, my ward is very unique. Just recently they concluded the high school football. Bukembe was the best even though there were some challenges but Bukembe has got a good football team. At the same time Bukembe East ward in this republic of Kenya has a team which represented this country at an international match and we were able to get 26 medals. I would wish that our Governor would also diversify sports. Not just soccer but if he can also put effort on other sports like *Tae-kwondo*, athletics, boxing, body building and even arts. This will create a lot of employment for our young people because nowadays people make money through sports and *Tae-Kwondo* the one I am talking about those who got the gold medals were being awarded one million shillings.

This team was being supported by Nzoia Sugar factory but as we speak right now because of the financial challenges that Nzoia is facing the *Tae-Kwondo* team is just there without any sponsorship. How I wish that the minister for sports and our Governor will take advantage of this and support this team because as we speak right now, they have already been invited for an international match which will be taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> of December this year.

The issue of climate, I think it is an issue that all of us need to take seriously. We people of Bungoma County need to thank God a lot because as we speak right now in this Republic of Kenya, we have other parts of this country where people are going without food. Animals are being sold for 500 shillings but for us God has given us rain every day. I think if we put a lot of effort and pass the climate change bills; this is going to help us a lot. We have to come up with tree planting nurseries, also educate our children to come up with climate change awareness in our schools and other areas, churches and this is going to help this great County of Bungoma to move to another level.

Otherwise, I support the Governor and one thing that also made me happy in his speech is when he talked of the issue of consultation and inclusion. I think this is one of the major areas that are going to help us as MCAs. If we work as a team then we are going to deliver on all the manifestos and the promises that our Governor gave to our people. Otherwise, we are the people that are being looked at and I believe we have an opportunity to serve this County and support this County of Bungoma.

For those few remarks, I would wish to support and say thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand here and air out my views on the Governor's speech.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Caleb. I see the passion you have for the cultural dance. I invite you to join the County Assembly cultural dance team in our competitions as we go forward.

Thank you. Let us go back to Hon. Everline Anyango. Hon. Idd I am seeing you are online. Look at 95 before I come back to you.

Now for you I will spare you because... The Standing Orders you know which one...

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Standing Order No. 96(ii)

**Mr. Speaker:** It is okay proceed!

Mr. Speaker, as new as I am in this House, I stand to be corrected. May I get informed if the quorum in this House is adequate?

**Mr. Speaker:** Which Standing Order?

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** I mentioned the Standing Order!

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, there are several quorums that are supposed to be attained whenever we are in session. Which one do you want us to look at?

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** I said may I be informed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Now the Chair cannot inform you because it is like you are raising a point of order on quorum hitch, so you must move me accordingly not me to assist you.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Okay.

**Mr. Speaker:** Then it collapses, we proceed! Hon. Everline, we go back to you! Hon. Waiti at your own appropriate time, look at Standing Order No 37 and 38 so that whenever you rise next time, you move accordingly.

**Hon. Everline Wabwire:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this opportunity to give my maiden speech on the floor of the House.

First of all, I want to thank the almighty God for giving me this opportunity to serve in this Third House.

Secondly, I also want to thank my party Ford Kenya for seeing it good to nominate me into this House. Above all, I want to thank my Party Leader who is also the Speaker of the National Assembly for nominating me to serve in this House.

Thirdly, I want to say that God is so good that most of the MCAs that ran on our party ticket Ford Kenya made it to this House thus allowing me to have this chance. God bless you as you serve the people and your wards. May God meet you at the point of your need?

Lastly, I also want to thank and pray that God will also be with the third Governor of the great County of Bungoma Hon. Ken Makelo Lusaka for being re-elected to serve his second term.

Just to mention a few things on his speech; I would like to say that his speech was short, clear and very persuasive. I only pray that God will help him so that he can do everything that he gave to the people of Bungoma in his speech.

I want to speak something on Trade. Being a business person and from this town, I want to say this; that the Governor was very clear on a few issues especially when he touched so much on Agriculture which is the back bone of this County and I want to thank him for that.

When it came to Trade, there are so many things that happen in town and Bungoma town being the pivot of the economy of this County, he did not elaborate so much on how he is going to expand the business space for the business people of Bungoma. On this, I want to say that most of the roads in town were tarmacked by the previous regime but you find that most of the places are still very untidy especially the market area; the big market behind the co-operative bank.

As much as the cleaning services are being done in town but still we find that garbage is a menace in this town and you find that everywhere you go or pass there is a lot of garbage and just wish to urge the Governor that he looks into that so that we can have a tidy and clean town ready to serve the people or offer business atmosphere to the business people.

On Roads; he was so much particular and very clear on the Brigadier Road. I also want to say something here. That Kanduyi is the centre of Bungoma County and the Roads that come into Kanduyi should also be considered putting in mind the road that is between Mteremko towards Mheshimiwa Caleb's ward that is Nzoia.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Everline, are you trying to say that they basically make the road passing near your home or what are you trying to insinuate.

**Hon. Everline Anyango:** I am coming there Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Polycarp, I know where you are heading to. I will come to you. Let her finish first. I will come to you. Hon. Everline proceed!

**Hon. Everline Anyango:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for protecting me from *Mheshimiwa* Wandabusi. I know why he wants to interrupt.

**Mr. Speaker:** I know where he is heading to.

**Hon. Everline Wabwire:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was very keen listening to the Governor. I expected him to mention something like tarmacking the road from Mteremko towards Nzoia because it is a very crucial road that can make the distance short. Infact the distance the MCA for Nalondo West uses to come here he can still go through Nzoia very fast to this town.

On another issue, I also expected to see a taskforce that is looking into the issue of the Mteremko tannery one time. In his first term, he started a tannery at Mteremko and brought even the machinery and put into it but later on from 2017/2018 we saw the tannery being changed into a polytechnic and the machines were taken away from the tannery. We do not know where they are maybe we are still questioning because it is one of the industries that was nearer town and we expected it to function so that it can also give employment to our youths.

On the issue of water, I also want to say that it is very shameful that up to now you still find that the areas of this town people do not have water and you see the taps can go dry for some months or weeks without water when we are at the heart of the town where we expect everything to be in order. I submit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Everline Anyango.

**Hon. Metrine Nangalama:** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this chance. Actually I won't take more than three minutes. First of all, I would like to thank my living God who intervened through my party DAP so that they can nominate me once more. Actually it was not easy. I just want to appreciate my living God so much together with my party.

Secondly, I would like to appreciate all elected and nominated members. It was not easy and not forgetting my fellow Honourable member Mheshimiwa Eunice Yego whom we were nominated with once more. I just say thank you very much and let us continue praying and working together.

Going back to the Governor's speech, about Water and Sanitation; he assured this House that the County water drilling rig will be at our disposal to ensure that this House through the leaders identify strategic and appropriate location to sink additional boreholes. Therefore, I call upon our Governor to walk the talk and ensure that the additional boreholes are sunk and clean and safe drinking water is availed. Let me hope that this time round the Governor will not reach a place and assume that this person or ward did not vote for me. He should balance all wards.

Secondly, I will talk about...Sorry Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The problem of people who are tall like myself. Just persevere with that height of yours.

**Hon. Metrine Nangalama:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. Actually I am really straining.

**Mr. Speaker:** You will persevere.

**Hon. Metrine Nangalama:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will persevere. I therefore call upon the Governor to walk the talk and ensure that the additional boreholes provide clean safe drinking water. This can only be done through proper feasibility studies. Let it not be that the Governor will just come and start hand picking those people that are not qualified to go and direct the place where the boreholes can be dug. I therefore submit.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Metrine Nangalama. From my screen, there is no more contribution coming from the Honourable members. Being a motion on the Governor's debate, we will adjourn for now and resume at 2:30 p.m. for the last session of the Governor's debate. We adjourn accordingly Honourable members.

*(House adjourns)*