

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, 25th June, 1997

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

PRAYERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

APPROVAL OF TAXATION MEASURES

The Minister for Finance (Mr. Mudavadi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:- THAT, the proposals relating to customs tariff, excise duties, value added tax, income tax, miscellaneous measures and taxes contained in the Financial Statement for the year of account 1997/98 be approved.

(His Excellency the President has signified his consent to this Motion)

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Question No.342

WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY CHIEFS

Mr. Shikuku asked the Minister of State, Office of the President:-

- (a) whether he is aware that most of the chiefs and assistant Chiefs in Butere Constituency do not wear uniforms while on duty; and,
- (b) if the answer to "a" above is in the affirmative, what steps does he intend to take against the chiefs.

The Assistant Minister, Office of the President (Mr. Awori): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply. (a) I am aware.

(b) Chiefs are only duty-bound to put on their uniforms during barazas or on special occasions like national days. That being the case, the question of taking any action against them for not having been in uniform does not apply.

Mr. Shikuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, arising from that reply, then what is the point of having uniforms for chiefs and assistant chiefs, because, normally, they are differentiated by badges that they have? Since they are not supposed to be on duty they should wear their uniforms all the time? When was this regulation changed that they can only wear these uniforms when they are attending barazas? When was this regulation changed? This is because even in the barazas, they do not wear the uniforms.

Mr. Awori: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the regulation has not changed. Right from the beginning, chiefs, assistant chiefs, district officers, district commissioners and provincial commissioners can even go to their offices to perform their duties in civilian clothes. Then, of course, they have an option even in the office to be in uniform. But when they go to barazas or attend national days, they must be in uniforms. If they go and speak at barazas out of uniform, let me know.

Mr. Nthenge: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the uniform is supposed to identify somebody from the rest for a purpose especially when you are in need. Now, if I am passing around and I am not even sure of my chief's face and I see somebody in uniform and I am in difficulty, I can run to the chief and talk to him. Why can regulation not be changed so that you wear clothes like ordinary civilians when you are off-duty but during office hours they wear uniforms so that they look like chiefs or PCs etcetera? This is because their uniforms are paid for by the public and they also

make them look dignified.

Mr. Awori: Mr. Speaker, Sir, when they are in the offices, it is okay because the office doors have the word "chief" written on top. When you go inside and find someone sitting in that big chair, who else can it be? It must be the chief.

Question No.423

IMPOSITION OF AN ILLEGAL LEVY

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Orengo not here?

Next Question.

Question No.445

ESTABLISHMENT OF COFFEE FACTORIES

Bishop Njeru asked the Minister for Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing:-

- (a) whether he is aware that Urumandi Coffee Processing Factory is serving two locations namely: Murinduko and Nyanguti Locations;
- (b) could he give a breakdown of coffee harvested in the two locations between 1986 and 1996; and,
- (c) could he consider establishing separate coffee processing factories for each location.

The Assistant Minister for Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing (Mr. Osogo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) I am not aware of the existence of Urumandi Coffee Processing Factory, but I am aware of the existence of Urumandi Farmers Co-operative Society which owns two factories namely: Mururi Coffee Factory and Chongonye Coffee Factory.

(b) I am not in a position to give a breakdown of coffee harvested in Murinduko and Nyanguti Locations since Nyanguti Factory serves three locations and we can only know the number of killogrammes taken per factory and not per location.

(c) The production figures do not warrant the construction of another factory at the moment since the two existing coffee factories are operating under capacity.

Bishop Njeru: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hope the hon. Member is aware of what I am asking because Urumandi Coffee Factory is in Nyangati location. It was in Murinduko location before it was taken away. People from Mumbuini and Mugambathiora, Meru and Gakunyage are forced to sell their coffee to other neighbouring factories in Embu, Mbere and Gichugu because of the long distance. Could he now tell this House whether he is in a position to separate them so that the Murinduko people can sell their coffee in the nearest factory?

Mr. Osogo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I do not need to separate them. People in Murinduko Location take their coffee for processing to Tongonye Factory. Now, if there are any people in that location who go outside that location to another factory, it is upon the hon. Member to tell them to take the coffee to their factory which is nearest to them; Tongonye Factory.

Mr. Nthenge: Mr. Speaker, Sir, does the Assistant Minister realise that if coffee farmers are given all the conveniences, it is to the advantage of the farmers and the country as a whole for taxation purposes? Therefore, would he, under these circumstances, make sure that these farmers have a factory near their own coffee farms and do not have to cross to go to other areas to sell their coffee?

Mr. Osogo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I very much realise what the hon. Member for Kamkunji is saying and that is why this factory was built for that location.

Question No.248

DESTRUCTION OF WATER PIPES

Mr. Ojode, on behalf of **Dr. Oburu,** asked the Minister for public Works and Housing:-

- (a) whether he is aware that during the grading of Bondo Anyuongi-Nisori Road more than four years ago, the graders destroyed water pipes leading to Bar Kowino Secondary School and the surrounding areas and that the pipes have not been replaced to date; and,
- (b) if the answer to "a" above is in the affirmative, when will these pipes be replaced in order to

alleviate acute water problems for the school and the surrounding areas.

The Assistant Minister for Public Works and Housing (Mr. Mwamzandi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) I am aware that during the grading of Bondo Anyoungi-Nisori Road approximately four years ago, some pipes were destroyed. However, I am not aware that the pipes have not been replaced to-date.

(b) The Ministry is not responsible for the damage because the proper procedure was not followed during the laying of the water pipes, as a result of which the alignment of the pipeline encroached the road drainage channel, and there was no warning sign of the existence of the pipe underneath.

Mr. Ojode: Mr. Speaker, Sir, four years ago is a long time. The Ministry had accepted to replace this pipe.

As we are talking here Bar Kowino Secondary School has been without water for the last four years. Could the Assistant Minister confirm or deny that the Ministry had already accepted to replace the pipes so that Bar Kowino Secondary School could get its water supply on a daily basis?

Mr. Mwamzandi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Ministry never agreed to re-install the pipes. I would, therefore, request the hon. Member to advise the headmaster to go to the District Water Engineer, who is responsible for that job.

Mr. Wamae: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very serious matter. Here is a Government which goes and destroys the pipes which take water to a school, and for four years it does not consider it right to repair the it. Is it in order that this situation should be allowed to continue? When will money be made available to repair the pipes?

Mr. Mwamzandi: Mr. Speaker, I said earlier that, that is not the responsibility of my Ministry.

Mr. Shikuku: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Assistant Minister was asked by hon. Ojode to confirm or deny that the Government had agreed to repair the pipes. Suppose he is given evidence to show that the Ministry had agreed to repair the pipe, what would he do? How much will it cost this Government to repair the pipes for the school? Will it cost Kshs1 or Kshs3 million? I am sure that the amount will be much less than Kshs50,000!

Mr. Mwamzandi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no time when the Ministry accepted to repair these pipes since it is not our responsibility to do so.

Bishop Njeru: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. The Assistant Minister has accepted that the Ministry destroyed the pipe which took water to the school. Can he now accept to repair the pipes? His Ministry took the law into its hands! It should be taken to court also!

Mr. Mwamzandi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, how come that before I concluded replying to hon. Shikuku a point of order was raised? The Ministry did not accept to repair the pipes. That is why we did not bother to do any estimate for the repair work. This is because the people who laid the pipes encroached on the road reserve. If they were careful enough they would have put a sign board to indicate the existence of the pipes.

Mr. Mbeo: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Is it in order for the Assistant Minister to state in this House that since a water pipe encroached onto Government land it was the duty of the Government to destroy what had been constructed by the people of Bondo? Is that in order?

Mr. Mwamzandi: Mr. Speaker, Sir, there was no intention to destroy the pipe, for we did not know for certain that the pipe existed. In fact, there was no sign whatsoever to indicate that a pipe passed through the land underneath.

As we were grading the road we assumed there was nothing underground and went ahead to complete our job.

Question No.432

ALLOCATION OF OPEN AIR MARKETS

Mr. Ndicho, on behalf of **Mr. Gitau**, asked the Minister for Local Government:-

(a) whether he is aware that councillors of Thika County Council are allocating the open air markets to individuals, thereby causing hardships to both the farmers and residents who cannot conveniently buy and sell their products; and,

(b) if the answer to (a) above is in the affirmative, whether he could ensure that these allocations are stopped forthwith.

The Assistant Minister for Local Government (Mr. Kamuren): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) Thika County Council councillors are not allocating open air markets, and are not therefore, causing hardships to farmers and residents when selling and buying their products.

(b) The answer to part (a) above covers this part of the Question.

Mr. Ndicho: Mr. Speaker, Sir, some of the people who make the KANU Government very unpopular with the people are its Ministers. Just imagine what hon. Kamuren has just told this House! The residents of Thika

District know very well that Thika County Council councillors have allocated to individuals the markets in Gituamba in Gatundu, and Ithanga in Makuyu. People are already constructing stone shops in these two markets of Thika District. People there are seeing what is happening. Is the Assistant Minister in order to mislead the House by saying that by constructing these shops in these markets the owners are not inconveniencing other people? Old women who used to sell their bananas, sweet potatoes and arrow roots no longer sell them there? Can the Assistant Minister go and investigate the matter because I have given him specific areas where the councillors have grabbed land and sold it to rich people in Thika District? What is he going to do about this?

The Assistant Minister for Home Affairs and National Heritage (Mr. Mutiso): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Is the hon. Member really in order to mislead this House by saying that one of the reasons that make the KANU Government unpopular with the people is because of the acts of councillors in Thika, when these councillors belong to his party and not to KANU?

Mr. Ndicho: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Mutiso was completely asleep! I said that the KANU Government is made unpopular by Ministers, and he is one of them! I did not say it is made unpopular by councillors.

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member's allegation cannot be substantiated. What I have said in answer is exactly what is on the ground. Investigations have been done, and that is why this answer has come to this House.

Mr. Nyagah: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question of illegal land allocations has been raised countrywide. It is a problem that has, in a way, been brought about by the Ministries. Would the Assistant Minister give strict instructions to the effect that land allocations should not be effected by councillors at will, but should rather be effected in full council meetings and in conjunction with district allocation committees, bearing in mind that this country is bleeding from illegal land allocations despite the fact that I brought a Motion here to stop this?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, that instruction has already been issued. on the ground: Councils all over the country have been told that no land should be allocated illegally.

Mr. Ndicho: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the other group that also makes this Government unpopular are the district commissioners (DCs).

An hon. Member: Aah!

Mr. Ndicho: Yes, I am telling you the truth so that you can behave. This Question was asked by the hon. Member for Gatundu. We come from the same district. Part "b", which asks the Ministry to consider or ensure that the allocations are stopped forthwith, intends to stop the suffering of these people.

The Question was asked and it went to the DC, Thika, and DOs, who are the people who benefitted. They have now misled the Minister to give a misleading answer in this House.

*(Mr. Ndilinge was applauded
as he entered the Chamber)*

Hon. Members: Ndilinge the Chairman!

Mr. Ndicho: My Question to the Assistant Minister is: can he send his queries to the Town Clerk and DC in Thika and tell them that what they have told you to tell this House is misleading?

I have seen for myself houses being built at Ithanga and Gituamba.

Mr. Speaker: Very well, Mr. Ndicho.

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer I have given to the House comes from the Town Clerk himself, and therefore, we believe the Clerk is telling the Ministry the truth of what is on the ground.

Mr. Nthenge: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I raised this issue before; about situations where Ministers are misinformed and the hon. Members from the local area know that, that answer is not correct. What can we do because they are being misled to come and mislead the whole House?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, a Town Clerk is a responsible learned person in any County Council, and he has the right to give us the right answer because if he does not do it, the Ministry will discipline him.

Question No.319

SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN KAMUKUNJI

Mr. Nthenge asked the Minister for Local Government:-

(a) whether he is aware of the great shortage of public toilets in Kamukunji, despite the great population increase in the area;

(b) how many, if any, toilets have been built since 1963, other than the few erected during colonial days; and,

(c) if he could increase the number of public toilets in order to eliminate the great hardship experienced by Kamukunji residents at Shaurimoyo, Majengo, Gikomba and Eastleigh.

The Assistant Minister for Local Government (Mr. Kamuren): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) I am aware that there is a shortage of toilets in Kamukunji especially due to the increase of commercial/jua kali activities in the area. The toilets which had been constructed were meant to serve the residential units only, hence their current inadequacy.

(b) One additional toilet was constructed in Shauri Moyo jua kali area, while two toilets are in the process of being constructed in Gikomba jua kali area.

(c) The City Council has noted the shortage of public toilets in this area and is working out a programme of putting up extra public toilets to cater for the increased population.

Mr. Nthenge: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Assistant Minister has done a very good job by answering properly. But does he realise that since we got Independence 34 years ago, the construction of public toilets has not been done at the same pace as that of the population increase? That area had very few people then, but now they are very many. The kind of answer he has given us is as if there is nothing serious. People are suffering in the area.

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is true, when I joined this Parliament in 1963, the entire population in this country was only 7.6 million. It is true right now, we have more people in Nairobi than at any other time. That is why we had discussed the issue with the Council and my answer to part "c" of the Question says that the programme of building extra public toilets has already been put in place. There is an officer right now with the Nairobi City Council, who is going round, and I am sure within a couple of few weeks, the hon. Member will realise that the Ministry is working.

An hon. Member: Where will you build them?

Mr. Maore: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Question asked refers to the fact that it is only during the colonial days that this zone had been able to see the construction of new public toilets. Can the Assistant Minister tell this House, how many public toilets they intend to erect and when? This statement is not true; the way he has put it. He is just trying to run away from the Question. Can he state specifically, to show that they are people with a vision? How can you run a city for 34 years without building even a single public toilet when the population has increased nearly ten-fold?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following are the toilets now in this particular area:-

Mr. Nthenge: When will they be constructed?

Mr. Kamuren: I will come to that one. In Shaurimoyo, we have 12 public toilets; Majengo/Pumwani - 12; Gikomba - One and Eastleigh - One. The answer to the hon. Member's Question is that immediately the Council comes up with the total number of toilets that we have instructed them to put in place because of the increase of population in this particular area, those public toilets will be constructed accordingly.

Mr. Kamuyu: Mr. Speaker, Sir, is the Assistant Minister aware that in the rural Dagoretti, the people have to use the bush for both their long and short calls because of lack of public toilets? Can you look at Nairobi generally, instead of Kamukunji area alone, and get to know that we are just being assisted by the existing bushes?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, if hon. Kamuyu can put a Question to the Ministry, then we will send somebody to the area to assess the situation. Kenyans are civilised and nobody goes to the bush at the moment.

Mr. Nthenge: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very delighted with the answer, but in his reply to part "c" of the Question, he talks of a plan. Could the Assistant Minister tell us, in terms of months or years, when the exercise will be completed?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as soon as the Opposition sits down with us to pass the Budget, we will put up more toilets in this area.

Mr. Ndicho: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. This is a very serious matter, and you can see the Assistant Minister laughing at himself. The Assistant Minister is taking this House for a ride. Is he in order to bring in a trivial matter, that the toilets will be constructed when the Opposition agrees to sit down and we pass the Budget? We have vowed that we are not going to participate in it because it is in court. That is why since 1963, he has not been made a Minister because you can see how he is behaving. Is he in order to mislead the House? Also, where shall he put up the toilets?

Mr. Speaker: Order! Can we now direct our minds to the Question as it is? It is about public toilets in Nairobi.

Mr. Shikuku: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Is it in order for the hon. Member to refuse to reply to a genuine supplementary question by the hon. Questioner? He has been asked to tell this House how long it will take

him to put up these public toilets. Is he in order to refuse to answer that question?

Mr. Kamuren: Mr. Speaker, Sir, because I respect the hon. Member for Butere and also hon. Nthenge, who is my friend, we will do it immediately, and the officers are on the ground as I am talking now.

Mr. Speaker: Very well.

Question No.423

IMPOSITION OF AN ILLEGAL LEVY

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Orengo's Question is deferred to tomorrow.

(Question deferred)

QUESTION BY PRIVATE NOTICE

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH MINISTRY'S DIRECTIVE

Mr. Ojode: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to ask the Minister for Education the following Question by Private Notice.

(a) Is the Minister aware that Headmasters of Nyamos, Okok, Akala, Nyamanga, Kobodo, Koguta, Miranga, Ototo, Osodo, Magina, Nguku, Rapedhi, Got-Kojowi, Kongo, Onge'ng, Obera, Sibuoche, Wachara and Wi-Rakuom primary schools, among others in Ndhiwa Constituency, are barring pupils from attending classes because of non-payment of book levy, inspection fund maintenance and activity fees?

(b) If the answer to "a" above is in the affirmative, what action is the Minister taking to ensure that no pupil is sent away for non-payment of the same, and what disciplinary action will he take against those headmasters who are contravening the Ministry's directive on non-payment of school levies?

The Assistant Minister for Education (Mr. Komora): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply.

(a) It is not true that headmasters of primary schools in Ndhiwa constituency or headmasters in any other primary schools in Homa Bay District have barred pupils from attending classes because of non-payment of book levy, inspection fund, maintenance and activity fees because all primary schools are fully implementing the Presidential directive concerning these funds.

Mr. Ojode: Mr. Speaker, Sir, while I appreciate what the Assistant Minister is answering, he should take this House very seriously, together with the Question, because there is a young boy known as Hassan Abdi who is the DO I and he is the Chairman of DEB, Homa Bay District. The Secretary, Mr. Dimako, had called a meeting and they passed that they had to collect this levy from the entire district including Rangwe Constituency. I have a circular which was sent to various schools. It reads as follows:-

"The activity fund will facilitate the running and management of creative activities in Terms II and III. Your school goal has been carefully worked out and it is Kshs19,800."

That is one school alone. "As the executive officer; that is the headmaster. You are therefore, required to ensure that the above target is met in full and submitted to the district education officer on the date and venue to be advised later." That is a circular signed by J.B.A Dimako, as the district education officer and the circular was written on 7th May, 1997.

Mr. Speaker: Mr. Ojode, would you like to lay the document on the Table?

Mr. Ojode: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I will lay all these documents on the Table. Just one second! Subsequent to that, there was a letter written by headmasters to the parents of the pupils saying--- This is one of the letters written to one of the parents and it is from a primary school in my constituency. It is addressed to Duncan Otieno. It says:-

"Arrange to pay for your son, Peter Ngare, the following amounts for him to continue with his normal learning:- Book levy - Kshs50; District Mock - Kshs55; Activity fee - Kshs50; Maintenance - fee Kshs50; Preps Money - Kshs30; Inspection Fund - Kshs20;"

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this was his remark: "If not, stay with him at home." This is a very serious issue. I am asking the Minister to either take disciplinary action against this young boy who is the chairman of the DEB, Mr. Hassan Abdi, and Dimako who is the secretary because these levies had already been banned by nobody else but the President. In any case, this same Abdi said that the ban was only meant for Baringo and not the whole country. Let him come and tell us why.

(Mr. Ojode laid the document on the Table)

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am not aware of what the hon. Member is presenting to the House. I have, on the contrary, correspondence from the DEB here, dated 27th January, 1997, cancelling all collections of funds as directed by the President. Here is a letter and there is another letter written by Mr. Dimako, District Education Officer, Homa Bay, and another circular emanating from meetings of DEB Homa Bay, cancelling the same; and it is dated 8th April, 1997.

An hon. Member: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, hon. Members should allow me to continue. As far as the Ministry is concerned, the decision of the President and the directives issued are complete and nobody is to raise these funds. What is important is that we still do require these activities to continue and, in fact, the hon. Member discussed the matter with one of the headmasters--- I have the letter here and he was advised to go and see the chairman of the DEB.

He may have mentioned the DO I, but as far as the Ministry is concerned, the chairman of each District Education Board is the District Commissioner and not the DO I. The hon. Members in this House, and all leaders of this country are in fact, expected to work with school committees and district education boards to raise funds for these activities.

Mr. J.D. Lotodo: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. There was a categorical statement from hon. Ojode; that the President's directive, covered only Baringo District, yet we remember that when the President was issuing the statement in Ukambani, he said that such levies should not be paid all over the country. So, can he substantiate or withdraw?

Mr. Speaker: Order! Mr. Lotodo, do you think the Assistant Minister was not capable enough to answer, which he did answer?

Mr. Maundu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. The question of levies in schools is becoming a serious problem because the DEBs have even organised clandestinely to escape the attention of elected leaders, Members of Parliament and those who are supposed to attend. They have been left to be used only by the DC who is the Chairman, and the DEOs. Could the Assistant Minister tell this House why the DEO in Makeni is collecting Kshs2.8 million in the name of trophy levy when we gave Kshs300,000 only last year?

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, that is a question which will require a separate investigation but it depends on how he is raising that money. If it has been approved by the district education board, the hon. Member himself is expected to contribute to that fund.

Mr. Munyasia: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Arising from the documents that have been presented especially by hon. Ojode and bearing in mind the answer that we were given yesterday about the issue of textbooks to various districts; and noting that Homa Bay District did not get any books, when Koibatek had 466 schools getting free textbooks; would the Assistant Minister not think that, that chairman of the DEB was doing something reasonable for the children of Homa Bay District by asking the parents to pay something towards the purchase of textbooks, since the Government is not giving Homa Bay the textbooks as it has been giving to other districts? Should he not come to the defence of the chairman of the DEB?

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think my statement is clear. We support chairmen of DEBs and leaders in raising funds for any school activities, provided that it does not affect the attendance of pupils in schools.

Mr. Shikuku: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, Sir. The hon. Assistant Minister referred to some documents which we would like to be laid on the Table so that we compare his letters and the letters tabled by hon. Ojode.

Mr. Speaker: Indeed, Mr. Komora, you referred to certain documents then you---

Mr. Komora: I will lay them, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Mr. Komora laid the documents on the Table)

Mr. Ojode: Mr. Speaker, Sir, since a circular was written on 7th May, 1997, requiring these schools to pay this money, how much money has already been paid, how many schools have responded positively to this circular and where did they credit the money?

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am afraid that information is not available with me here because as far as I am concerned, no funds had been collected in relation to levy funds by school pupils.

Mr. Ojode: There was a circular which he read out dated April. I am tabling a circular which was written on 7th May, demanding Kshs19,800 from each primary school within my constituency. This circular is the latest so far. As a result of this circular, how much money has been collected and which account is that money credited?

Mr. Komora: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we will investigate the matter and take action. I will report my findings to the House in a week's time.

Mr. Speaker: That is the end of Question time. We will move on to the next Order.

POINTS OF ORDER

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT SOUGHT:
PAYMENT OF RENTS IN SHAURI MOYO

Mr. Nthenge: My point of order is in relation to Question No.228 of 5th July, 1995. This House instructed that Nairobi City Council rents should be paid directly to the Council by the Shauri Moyo tenants and the Ministry of Local Government instructed the Town Clerk to effect that directive. The matter was effected, but now the head tenants have gone behind, picked a few of the tenants, taken them to court and embarrassed them. They have now been told to pay their rents to these head tenants. These people are poor and as such cannot afford to hire lawyers to present their cases before a court of law. I would be glad to get a statement from the Minister for Local Government or the Attorney-General so that we know what is happening.

Mr. Speaker: I suppose we will wait for the Minister to respond.

MISREPORTING BY THE PRESS

Mr. Shikuku: I am a profound believer in the freedom of the Press and I will defend it, but I do not like the idea of the Press misreporting or misquoting people. I have with me a caption where they say, "President Moi watches the scuffle in disbelief as Mr. Martin Shikuku addresses the Speaker from the KANU side". Mr. Speaker, Sir, you saw where I was addressing you from. The Press says that I was on the other side. This has been said by the *Daily Nation*.

On that very day when the matter was rather hot, I did come to the Chair and we discussed how we could get things balanced in this House and restore sanity. In the photograph here, they say: "Hon. G.G.W. Nthenge speaking to the Speaker". There is a lot of difference between me and hon. Nthenge. I have got so much grey hair unlike hon. Nthenge. Looking at this photograph, you will know that this is not hon. Nthenge at all, but hon. Shikuku. This has been written by the *East African Standard*. There appears to be a calculated move to malign the character of somebody called hon. Shikuku. I wish the Press the best of luck, but I would like to tell them that they are fighting the truth and the truth is God. He who fights the truth, fights God and he is bound to lose.

Lastly, on that day, we run short of water here and when we asked for more, we were refused. I hope this will never happen again. Whether we agree or disagree water must be available for all of us.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM PROVISIONS
OF STANDING ORDER NO.137(1)

The Vice-President and Minister for Planning and National Development (Prof. Saitoti): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following Procedural Motion:-

THAT, the Business appearing on today's Order Paper be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No.137(1), which gives precedence to the debate on the Financial Statement.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, at this juncture, I would like to refer the Members of this House to Standing Order No.142 (6). It reads as follows:

"Any Vote on account shall be put down as the first business on the first of the allotted days, being a day before 26th June; and if on the last allotted day before 26th June the question---"

*(Members of the Opposition
withdrew from the Chamber)*

Without spending much time, that particular Standing Order makes it quite clear that the Vote on account has got to be brought to this House before 26th June. In the light of the fact that precedence has to be given to the Financial Statement and the Financial Statement has got to be discussed for seven days and we have only discussed it for two days, it is only fair that this Procedural Motion should be brought so that the House can work within the confine of Standing Order No.142(6).

With those few remarks, I beg to move.

The Minister of State, Office of the President (Mr. Kalweo) seconded.

MOTION

VOTE ON ACCOUNT

The Minister for Finance (Mr. Mudavadi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:-
 THAT, in accordance with section 101 of the Constitution of Kenya the withdrawal from the Consolidated Fund of the sum of K£2,961,830,754 made up in the manner set out in the Vote on Account laid in the House be authorised for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the services of the Government of Kenya during the year ending 30th June, 1998, until such time as the Appropriation Act for the year comes into operation.

(His Excellency the President has signified his consent to this Motion)

ESTIMATES showing the several services for which a Vote on Account is required for the year ending 30th June, 1998

Vote No.	Service	Total Net Estimates K£	Vote on Account K£
R01	Office of the President	617,305,910	308,652,955
R02	The State House	18,729,010	9,364,505
R03	Directorate of Personnel Management	60,292,730	30,146,365
R04	Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Co-operation	105,973,940	52,986,970
R05	Ministry of Home Affairs and National Heritage	114,422,250	57,211,125
R06	Office of the Vice-President and Ministry of Planning and National Development	24,663,990	12,331,995
R07	Ministry of Finance	334,586,190	167,293,095
R08	Department of Defence	567,164,590	283,582,295
R10	Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Development and Marketing	182,408,880	91,204,440
R11	Ministry of Health	426,267,290	213,133,645
R12	Ministry of Local Government	27,766,290	13,883,145
R13	Ministry of Public Works Housing	176,561,860	88,280,930
R14	Ministry of Transport and Communications	36,651,440	18,325,720
R15	Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development	13,440,980	6,720,490
R16	Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife	36,355,680	18,177,840
R18	Ministry of Culture and Social Services	38,154,320	19,077,160
R19	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	17,661,360	8,830,680
R20	Ministry of Land Reclamation Regional and Water Development	81,476,980	40,738,490
R21	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources	39,830,180	19,915,090
R22	Ministry of Co-operative Development	17,934,570	8,967,285

R23	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	30,800,320	15,400,160
R25	Office of the Attorney-General	12,325,620	6,162,810
R26	Judicial Department	12,397,120	6,198,560
R27	Public Service Commission	2,286,310	1,143,155
R28	Office of the Controller and Auditor-General	6,976,720	3,488,360
R29	National Assembly	135,714,360	67,857,180
R30	Ministry of Energy	10,338,440	5,169,220
R31	Ministry of Education	1,629,844,500	814,922,250
R35	Ministry of Research, Technical Training and Technology	113,799,570	56,899,785
R36	Ministry of Lands and Settlement	<u>37,465,820</u>	<u>18,732,910</u>
	Total	K£ 4,929,597,220	2,464,798,610

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Vote No.	Service	Total Net	Vote on	
			Estimates K£	Account K£
D01	Office of the President		182,549,100	91,274,550
D02	The State House		3,200,000	1,600,000
D03	Directorate of Personnel Management		20,257,108	10,128,554
D04	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation		9,062,600	4,531,300
D05	Ministry of Home Affairs and National Heritage		7,821,390	3,910,695
D06	Office of the Vice-President and Ministry of Planning and National Development		27,725,940	13,862,970
D07	Ministry of Finance	83,136,190	41,568,095	
D08	Department of Defence		34,099,640	17,049,820
D10	Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Development and Marketing		110,911,370	55,455,685
D11	Ministry of Health	92,572,730	46,286,365	
D12	Ministry of Local Government		36,523,770	18,261,885
D13	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	89,093,460	44,546,730	
D14	Ministry of Transport and Communications		25,236,980	12,618,490
D15	Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development		121,000	60,500
D16	Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife		24,834,580	12,417,290
D18	Ministry of Culture and Social Services	12,952,930	6,476,465	
D19	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting		3,332,840	1,666,420

D20	Ministry of Land Reclamation, Regional and Water Development		87,542,550	43,771,275
D21	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources		23,675,670	11,837,835
D22	Ministry of Co-operative Development		9,386,520	4,693,260
D23	Ministry of Commerce and Industry		9,905,000	4,952,500
D25	Office of the Attorney- General		1,259,540	629,770
D26	Judicial Department	624,080		312,040
D30	Ministry of Energy	7,825,310	3,912,655	
D31	Ministry of Education		59,577,240	29,788,620
D35	Ministry of Research Technical Training and Technology		26,989,310	13,494,655
D36	Ministry of Lands and Settlement		3,847,440	1,923,720
	Total	K£	994,064,288	497,032,144
	Grand Total	K£	<u>5,923,661,508</u>	<u>2,961,830,754</u>

The hon. Members have already received copies of the Vote on Account and what I am, therefore, requesting at this stage is that one-half of the net total sum of money as contained in the 1997/98 Printed Estimates of the Recurrent and Development Expenditure be authorised in order to carry on the services of the Government during the 1997/98 Financial Year. The provision in the Estimates includes expenditure on salaries and allowances of public servants and hon. Members. I do not believe we would have any difficulty in having this approved since it is a request in accordance with Section 101 of the Constitution.

There are other aspects relating to individual Ministries which are very clear in the Estimates of expenditure and the House will have ample time to deliberate on each individual Vote when the debate comes up later. So, I would, therefore, just state that this is a Procedural Motion and I urge hon. Members to support it.

With those few remarks, I beg to move.

The Vice-President and Minister for Planning and National Development (Prof. Saitoti): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support this Motion which is in respect of the Vote of Accounts. In doing so, let me draw the attention of the House to the fact that indeed, we are just about to end the Financial Year. The Financial Year will be ending on 30th June, 1997 and thereafter, we are going to require the money to be able to provide the services to wananchi.

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

[Mr. Deputy Speaker took the Chair]

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, it is for this reason that the Government in keeping with the Standing Order 142 Section 2, has brought this Motion on the Vote on Account. I think it will be observed from the attachments on the Order Paper that the amount of money that is being sought for approval here is equivalent to 50 per cent of the Estimates. The reason here is to ensure that the Government gets this amount of money to enable it provide the services between 1st July, 1997 to 31st December, 1997. Inside there is the recognition that it will take time for this House to debate in the Committee of Supply, each Ministry's budget in turns that may take time, and the approval of that one will not come for sometime, until after 1st July, 1997. But in burgeoning that time interim, it is necessary that services must continue to be provided. It is for this reason the Minister for Finance has brought this very important Motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in passing, I also want to refer, contemptuously to what I may very well call the ritual of absurdity on the part of the Opposition for reasons best known to themselves. Whenever we discuss very important matters relating to the Budget, they walk out. I think their walking out and their previous wish to want to interrupt the Budget can be interpreted to signify that they would wish to ensure that wananchi do not get the services. That is because, if this amount of money is not passed here, it means, patients in our hospitals will not get drugs. Anybody who walks out and who does not want to be associated with providing resources to ensure that wananchi get

the drugs, implies that he does not care whether Kenyans who are in the hospital die or live.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, we also know for sure that after the long rains, many of our roads have been destroyed and bridges have been washed away. It is from this amount of money that repairs of the bridges and the roads is going to come. Once again, any Member of this Parliament who stands up to say, he or she does not want the Budget to be discussed here and even goes ahead to walk out, shows that he/she does not want mind if our roads and bridges to be repaired, and therefore, does not mind if so many accidents take place. In addition, there is also money, as was announced by the Minister for Finance, for repair of a number of roads, for example, the Mombasa-Nairobi Road which is very important for the economy of this country and for the economy of the East African region, of which we are members.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, when they do not want the Budget to be discussed, what can you make out of that? Such a person does not want the road from Mombasa to Nairobi and even to Uganda to be passable. Therefore, that person does not care about the economy of this country.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there are many other things that have been announced by, has demonstrated in no uncertain terms that this is an Opposition that has got no shame. It has gone so low. In fact, one wonders whether it is an Opposition at all. It is an Opposition that has completely shown its true colours not only here in Kenya, but internationally. But I would like to tell them this: If they do not know, their credibility has gone down beyond zero here in this country and internationally.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, they have shown that they are not libertarians as they have always wanted to tell people in the world. They have been taking people for a ride for a long time. They have taken the international community for a ride for a long time by giving the impression that they are angels and the real defenders of democracy. I think it has been demonstrated now that these are not people -the Opposition - who believe in democracy. The Opposition believes in anarchy and chaos. I wonder whether that is the kind of leadership they think that Kenyans want. They ought to know Kenyans. Kenyans want a stable nation. The people of Kenya want a State which is safe and secure. Indeed, that is why they are going to support this Budget. The amount of money that is being vetoed here, is supposed to enhance the capability of the security forces, that is, the Police force, APs and others, to ensure for once that they are able to deal with acts of lawlessness and to apprehend criminals. Anybody who wants to deny the Government the resources here, wants to ensure that thieves can rule the streets. They want criminals to go all over. That is not what Kenyans want. Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Kenyans want a stable nation. A secure nation that can attract foreign investments. It is that foreign private investment that is going to contribute to job opportunity and to the prosperity of this nation.

I think, at this stage, I would like to state as follows. Some of the money, especially under the Ministry of Finance, is definitely going to the enforcement, as far as taxation is concerned. One other aspect of the taxation that I want to commend the Minister for is the legislation dealing with dumping. I commend the Minister for Finance for having brought in a measure that will deal with dumping of goods in this country. We do not want our industries to be dumped. The other measure will stop shoddy goods being brought here without paying income tax.

With those few remarks, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order! I may, for the benefit of hon. Members, wish to remind them that this matter is different from the Budget debate which has been going on. So, anybody who has spoken on the Budget and who feels that he can speak on this Motion can still contribute. There is no restriction.

The Minister of State, Office of the President (Mr. Kalweo): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for allowing me to contribute to the Motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Kenyans should know that this august House is being abused. Somebody with a title of "hon. Member" should be an honoured person, but when he decides to misbehave, we do not know what else we can do. In the mind of Africans there is nothing like opposition, therefore, it means that whoever is opposing you is just but your enemy. Kenyans should know that the opposite side of the House is trying to sabotage the Budget and if we cannot pass this Budget in this House, civil servants, teachers, judges and so on, will not earn their salaries. They should realise the implication of opposing the Budget. However, they should oppose it, but with constructive views.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the KANU Government is doing well under this difficult situation created by Opposition leaders. They have gone all over the world to campaign against foreign aid. When hon. Members contribute and say that the Minister has not done a, b, c and d, they know that they are the cause of it. Why do leaders not want to be honest in politics? We should not allow Kenyans to be a plymouth. It is not a place to exercise anything. Some of these leaders cannot even manage a football team. They call themselves hon. Members of

Parliament, but when you listen to hon. Members contributing using abusive language, that is bad. That is not the goal. We want to be constructive and uphold the well-being of all Kenyans with sober minds.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, we are grateful to our Head of State. He has borne this burden of leading this nation peacefully and we are succeeding.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing is doing a few things here and there with the little money we gave them. May I take this opportunity to thank the Government because of Maili Tatu to Mutwate road which is being tarmacked now and a few kilometres from Maua to Ngawene which is being done. I request them, with this amount of money we are passing here, to look at roads in my constituency. There is a road from Maua to Kanuni, Maua to Kiengu, Maua to Athiru-Gaiti, Maua to Mikinduri up to Gakoromone, from Kangeta to Lare, Muringene to Lare and Kiengu to Antubetwe-Kiongo up to Mutuati and they can also repair the opening up roads which link Maua to Mwingi through Kitui-Kibwezi to Mombasa. These roads will enable our *miraa* men who transport *miraa* via Nairobi to Mombasa to shorten that distance.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, this House allocates money to the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, but there is something wrong somewhere. I am now requesting the department of CID in the Office of the President to see to it that all Ministries are doing well. I do not know what is happening with our society because everyone seems to be dishonest. So, I am asking the CID to have somebody supervising projects in all Government Ministries. The Minister for Finance should not avail money without checking whether the previous money has been used for the purpose it was voted for. I am happy today they are going to inspect a certain road in my constituency to see whether it is worth being paid for or not.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the other thing I would like to comment on is the performance of the civil servants. They should serve Kenyans and not the KANU Government. They should serve all Kenyans irrespective of their party affiliations.

The other point that I would like to raise concerns Meru Mulika Lodge. It is under receivership and I would request the relevant department in the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife to consider the local residents, so that they can organise themselves and buy the lodge.

The other thing is about rural electrification. We have electricity lines which traverse the whole of my constituency, but there are some areas like Muringene which do not have electricity. Even there are some people there who have contributed some money. These are Ruruma, Athiru-Gaiti, some parts of Akachiu, North Igembe Division and up to Mti jwa Kiama which is the divisional headquarters. We have electricity lines passing near these places and I request the Minister to move faster and supply us with power.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, with regard to famine relief, our office is trying hard to see that citizens do not die because of hunger. Maybe, there are some mistakes happening here and there, but it is the duty of all wananchi and the Provincial Administration to ensure that the exercise is performed well.

The weather is not favourable all over the country. There are some areas where there is a crop failure. So, there is some indication that the famine might continue. If it continues, the Office of the President is ready under the wise leadership of our beloved President, who is there for all Kenyans.

I would like to comment on the duty of us here. Our duty here is not to waste time. It is wrong for somebody to initiate something when he knows very well that it cannot work. The Opposition should also know that we are the majority. When it comes to having the youth, we also have our own youth. If it comes to old people, we have our old men, women and everybody else.

But what we all need is constructive leadership. We are effective and I urge all the hon. Members to support this debate, so that we can move and supply the required funds to different Ministries.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Minister for Education (Mr. Kamotho): Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me a chance to make my contribution on the Vote on Account.

I think this is a very interesting development because in this House, we are a multi-party Parliament. We have the Government side and the Opposition side. We are all paid a salary and an allowance for sitting here to do the job that we are employed by wananchi to do. Instead of the Opposition singing the song; "no reforms, no Budget", we should sing that; "no job, no salary!" This is because it is very unfair for people to be paid for work they have not done. The money that we are going to pass here includes salaries and allowances of all Members of Parliament of this House. It is unfair because Opposition Members of Parliament, who have been receiving salaries and allowances since they came here in 1993, have not done anything useful for the benefit of wananchi. We are passing all this money here so that we can provide services to wananchi, including, a lot of money for the forthcoming General Elections. We are passing money here for anticipated or expected salary increases of the civil servants, teachers, police and others.

What the Opposition Members are opposing is services to wananchi. Therefore, it is very regretful that these

Members of Parliament have decided to sabotage the work of Parliament, and particularly on an important issue like the Budget. This is because without a Budget, the country cannot run. Without voting this money, there cannot be maintenance of law and order. Without passing this money, the Kshs500 million that the poor parents of this country are expecting as bursaries will not be available. Without passing this money, the Kshs200 million to assist women groups throughout the Republic of Kenya will not be forthcoming. In addition, the Kshs3 billion for health services on social dimension will not be available. Also, there will be no money for roads, health, water, environmental conservation and so forth.

The Opposition Members of Parliament have made it possible for this House to operate as a one-party Parliament. We have always said, and we will say it again here, that KANU supports multi-partyism. There was no day that KANU stood and said that we do not want multi-partyism. It is the Opposition who are demonstrating now that they do not want multi-partyism unless they are winners. Democracy means that there must be a winner and a loser. A winner must be respected when he wins, and he must be allowed to govern and rule.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the behaviour of the Opposition in the Republic of Kenya is far from democratic practises. It does not matter what they try to do because we, on the KANU side are ready for them. I would like them to hear and know that we have now decided to draw the battle lines. We are not, at any time, going to plead with them to come and sit with us to discuss anything. They have used churches to ask the President of this country to accept a dialogue. We, on the KANU side, support our President to the hilt. They should not expect to try and corner our President to discuss any issues of this country, if they are not ready to co-operate with the Government and the ruling party.

It is very odd and unfair because the benches on the opposition side are empty, and these people are earning salaries and allowances. The Back-benchers on the KANU side receive the same amount of allowances and salaries and yet conduct Harambees for wananchi every weekend. I think in the next Parliament, we should have a salary differential; Back-bencher on the Government side should receive a higher salary and allowance than Members of Parliament on the Opposition side. This is because they do nothing. Of course, salaries are paid for work done. The workload on the Back-benchers on the Government side is almost double the workload of the Members of the Opposition. So, they do not merit it. When the salaries of the Members of Parliament are brought here, they do not talk because they do not want wananchi to hear. They are dishonest! Therefore, we on the Government side totally stand firmly by the budgetary proposals for 1997/98. It is these budgetary proposals which are going to carry this nation through the elections and also move towards the next century. We cannot move into the next century under a chaotic situation. Therefore, I would like to use this opportunity to appeal to all Kenyans who are of voting age to vote out, a hundred per cent, every Member of the Opposition in the current Parliament because they have not served them. Therefore, what they want is to bring chaos which we cannot accept.

With those few remarks, I support the Vote on Account.

[Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair]

*The Temporary Deputy (Mr. Ndotto)
Took the Chair]*

The Minister of State, Office of the President (Mr. Biwott): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, like the previous hon. Member who was on the Floor, I would like to begin by stressing the point that today's business is the most important business for this House; it is the business about authorising public funds to be expended in a manner prescribed by the Budget. There is nothing more important than that role which is played by Parliamentarians from all corners of the country. Therefore, any Member who absents himself from this House is doing himself a de-service and the people who elected him. He is also hurting himself and the people he represents. More than that, he betrays the spirit of multi-partyism because they should be here in order to look at the Budget, the Estimates and the proposals from a critical point of view so as to strengthen the process of administering and appropriating public funds for utilisation.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, if they are genuine in their complaints, they should be here to tell us what is wrong with the process which we are engaging ourselves in. If they are sincere, they should be here to highlight any aspect of what they are not satisfied with, so that Parliament and the entire nation can know what is wrong or what is right. In some cases, they could be right and in others they could be wrong. Thus, they cannot achieve that unless they are here. When they leave their seats empty here, then they are telling the entire nation and those who have got faith in them that there is no role for the Opposition. If there was a role for them to play, then they should be here. We believe that there is a role and today is the day when the Minister for Finance is seeking to expend so much money on account, so that services can continue from 1st July, 1997. What business is more important than

for the Members of Parliament to be here today to debate that? Therefore, I think the Members from the Opposition who are not here today should know one thing - that Kenya is a mature and well managed country with people who are alert and who are following what we are doing here. I hope that today, those who elected them will know that their Members of Parliament who have absented themselves today have actually abandoned them. If necessary, they should abandon them also when the elections come because they are not here to serve their interests. They are here to serve other interest which they are yet to tell what those interest are. They should also be very clear that no foreigners will ever install anybody in this country, because this country is alert and is capable of defending itself and cannot allow foreigners to influence the management of this country. We got rid of the colonialists in 1963 and we will not allow them to come and colonise us once again in any manner, because we are capable of administering ourselves and we are capable of looking after our own interests.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Members from the Opposition should have been here to tell us what they do not like about the Electoral Commission. They should tell us what weaknesses there are, so that we can improve the process of registering wananchi before the next elections. They should be here to tell us what is worrying them about the Constitution and why they cannot wait until after the elections, so that we can go through the Constitution from page one to the last page - looking at every clause in it and see how it influences the welfare of the people of this country - and whether it is still relevant as it was in 1963 or not. If not, we need to know the areas that we need to amend, so as to bring it in line with the realities of the day. They should be here because this is the place where they have to talk. There are laws which they want amended and why are they not here to tell us? This is the right moment where they can tell us how to do what they want. There is money which is voted and it will be expended on this process of registration and elections and so forth. They should be here to tell us.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is money which had been voted for the National Women Development Programme and they should be here to contribute on how that money should be used to benefit women. There are provisions for roads and essential services. Why are they not here to tell us what they mean? Kenya being a multi-party state, all views, should be expressed here in Parliament by the Members who represent the entire nation.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to say something about the services that are being provided in the country. We would like the Minister for Finance to be thorough in ensuring that the AIE's are dispatched with expediency, so that the people on the ground can expend the money as quickly as possible in order to discharge goods and services that are required on the ground as soon as possible, so that there is no delay and mismanagement or misuse of those funds. We also like the Minister to put more emphasis on auditing.

We would also like the Minister to ensure that the food is available as quickly as possible. I know that shipment might be delayed and there is nothing that one can do. But we would like that as soon as the ship arrives, the maize and so on is transported especially to the hardship areas. This is because people at the moment do not have sufficient food. Famine needs to be looked into immediately.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, in this House also we need to preserve the dignity of this House and, I believe, that the Minister for Finance will see it fit to provide some funding so that the services that are required to secure or uphold the security and the standards of this House are maintained. Moreso, I would like to end by appealing to all the Members of Parliament from all the parties to ensure that we uphold the dignity of this House by behaving ourselves, first, with dignity so that we can be respected.

With these few remarks, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to support.

The Assistant Minister, Office of the President (Mr. Awori): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for also giving me this opportunity to talk on the Vote on Account.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we already have plans of ensuring that our country will be among the most industrialised countries by the year 2020. In order to reach that goal, it is absolutely essential that our planning becomes truly national. To achieve that, we need to sit down very carefully and choose our priorities. Right now, looking at the Vote on Account, I am happy with the way the Minister for Finance has put the figures according to various Ministries. However, if we will have to be a new industrial country by the year 2020, it is necessary to put in place a proper infrastructure which will include most of the components that help to bring about true economic growth in this country.

It is no longer enough for us to merely talk about roads. It is now essential that we look at our road network throughout the country to see how we are going to move goods from point A to point B. In this regard, we must look at the country in totality. We want to ensure that our road network from Mombasa to Kampala, from Isebania to Mandera, we must criss-cross the whole country and at this stage we can have to ignore areas that may have leaders in this country coming from the Opposition. We must remember that even in those areas where we have MPs from the Opposition, there are wananchi there who do recognise and accept this country and this Government.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to see the Minister for Finance putting a lot of money with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing so that the road network that I am talking about must be a double-carriage

way. Earlier this morning, one speaker was talking about the road carnage when discussing about the Budget. In this country, we are losing far too many lives because of the poor road network. It is about time that our major roads right through the country are made double-carriage ways. We have had railway system in this country from the year 1890. We have always had one railway line. It is about time that money was made available to increase the major line from Kisumu to Mombasa, Malava to other places where there are not just one line, but two or possibly three lines. It looks to me that we have not done much work when we are still maintaining one line that was built during the colonial time. We need to improve our airways. Kenya is a big country. We need to move services in certain areas like in the North Eastern areas where we can only do that by airways.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have taken a little time to discuss the question of infrastructure. That is just to highlight one way on how we can improve our economy. We want to put emphasis on private investments. The reason why we are having a lot of problems from the Opposition is because they are being emboldened by the people who call themselves donors; people who believe that we can only depend on money from the West. It is about time that we mobilised our own funds from this country, and I am quite satisfied that the money that is available already in this country, if properly mobilised and infrastructure put in place will turn this country into a new industrial country in the year 2020. If we look at other countries with "tiger" economies, we find that their economies did not depend on the westerners to give them money in form of donations. They had to stand on their own feet. This will mean that we must deny ourselves certain things.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, when you stand on any of our streets in Nairobi and look at the luxury vehicles that are being driven in this country, you would believe that we are one of the wealthiest economies in the world. It is about time that we stated that we must forego the luxury of Mercedes Benz, BMWs that we are having now. We are spending a lot of money in importing a lot of luxuries that are not necessary to dignity or living. It is necessary that we mobilise our own country now. I am happy to see what the Minister did last year by putting Kshs200 million in his Budget to help the youth. Right now, the informal sector has assumed great importance in this country. If you look at an economy like that of Italy, you will find that it is a vibrant economy, but the major part of the Italian economy is informal sector. These are small industries that are run by man and wife or by family of two or three. We want to try and push the *Jua Kali* side so that the young people whom we have in surplus produce what we have got to do.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we need to make these Ministries productive, but not Ministries that are consumptive or Ministries that merely give us service. We know, for instance, that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing is a productive Ministry.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we would like to see that in these votes more money goes to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Development and Marketing in order to ensure that we produce more food. Only recently we have had to import a lot of food because there has been a famine. A nation that cannot feed itself cannot be very proud of itself. It is necessary that we improve our agriculture, and give it the necessary strength to ensure that it produces more. Using agriculture we can make our economy strong. It is not just the food that we will be producing: We will also be producing certain commodities for export. For a long time we have depended a great deal on the export of coffee, and it has earned us a lot of money. We have exported tea, pyrethrum and a few other crops. There are certain crops, such as cotton, that we neglect that can still help us a great deal in exports. Recently, we have gone a great deal into the promotion of horticulture. It is necessary that we continue to exploit such crops in order for us to strengthen our economy.

Of course, we cannot forget the Ministries that give services. If you have to have good people producing wealth they must be healthy. Therefore, we cannot neglect the Ministry of Health which needs to ensure that our people are strong. We cannot neglect the Ministry of Culture and Social Services that will rehabilitate certain of our people who may be disadvantaged. The disabled and the aged people can continue to produce wealth. Another Ministry that needs to be supported is that of Tourism and Wildlife. We can earn a lot more from this Ministry than we are earning at the moment. Here, I am afraid to say, we would like the Ministry to look very carefully at the expatriate staff who are running its services.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Assistant Minister for Education (Mr. Komora): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. All men and women of goodwill know that all authority in heaven and on earth is established by God. The head of a country is anointed by God and he commands the respect that is put on him by the power of God. It is, therefore, shameful that any responsible Member of Parliament would come into this House to throw insults and contempt at the Head of State and this supreme authority, the National Assembly. I think the members of the public, voters of this country, have seen that the Opposition hon. Members have flouted the authority that God has put on our President, the ruling party and this House, the supreme authority in this country, by the way in which they have behaved.

It is unfortunate that at this stage, when this country requires immediate funding of its various projects,

Members of the Opposition would want to block the issuance of funds to those who need them most. If these hon. gentlemen were really conscious of the needs of the rural people they would be here urging the Government not only to pass this Vote on Account but also to increase funding in various areas. This country has suffered from a serious famine caused by drought. But in some areas the reverse is true: Heavy rains are causing serious suffering to our people, and they need immediate assistance if they have to survive.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, right now I am from my constituency of Garsen, which is now water-logged. The famine relief food that is supposed to reach the people in Garsen is not getting there because the roads are impassable, and have been impassable over the last one month or so. There is a lot of famine relief food provided by the Government - and we thank it for that - but the roads are impassable. It is ridiculous and unbelievable that any Member of Parliament would want to block the funding of the services that would enable the road to be opened and allow the famine relief to reach the people who needed it yesterday and the day before.

In supporting this Motion, therefore, I would like to ask the Government, particularly the Office of the President and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, to institute immediate measures to open the roads in Garsen Constituency and in the rest of Tana River District and Coast Province, where heavy rains are still going on, seriously affecting the movement of goods and services. They should do this in any other affected part of the country so that food can reach the people, security can be provided to the people, health and medical services can be provided to the people, agricultural services to enable people to grow more food can be restored, road services can be restored, where water communication is necessary boats can be repaired immediately, and relief services can be operated immediately.

In this respect we need money to be voted immediately for security and education. As everybody knows we need money immediately to pay bursaries, salaries of teachers and other workers all over the country. Surprisingly, even the hon. gentlemen, who should be occupying the benches on the other side of the House, require their allowances for today, tomorrow and next week. This Budget is supposed to enable the Government to operate from next week, 1st July, 1997. In effect, these gentlemen are saying that this Budget should not be voted. That means they should not have their allowances, nobody should have a salary and all Government services should stop. We are a responsible Government and are not going to allow anybody to interfere with the good running of the services of this country because of a few power hungry Opposition elements in this country.

Everybody has seen that these people are not for the welfare of the people. How many people have suffered in the illegal rallies when they have persuaded them to commit illegal acts by attending meetings which have no permits? Who has been the sufferer? It is not those gentlemen who sit over there. After all, those gentlemen can afford to go for expensive medical attention. The poor people in Nairobi and other places who find themselves in a position where they have to suffer because of greedy and power hungry people, have no means of meeting their medical bills after getting some beatings as a result of obstructing the law.

I have stood up to support this Motion. In fact, I would urge the Minister to go ahead and reply to the debate on this Vote on Account because we support it.

With those few words, I beg to support.

The Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (Mr. Muchilwa): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to the Motion. All of us fought very hard to come to this august House to represent our people. When we were doing so, we assured our people that we would be here, make sure that we participate in the debates of this House and also ensure that our people are properly represented. When we entered into this House, the first thing we did was to be sworn in. We all swore and took an oath to maintain the dignity of this House. We were swearing just below you here. Some of the hon. Members swore holding the Bible, others used the Koran and those who could not use those two, simply re-affirmed, like hon. Angatia; but we took oath all the same.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, when I look on the other side now I see empty benches. These are the people who took oath to defend the dignity of this House, and who assured their voters that they will defend them. Surely, are they taking the business of this House seriously? The dignity of this House is paramount. When we come here and, as happened on Thursday, we begin to disrupt the Business of this House, shouting like a bunch of children in front of foreigners, who had come here to witness what was going on our Budget day in front of the Head of State, then we are not defending the dignity of this House. Surely, when that sort of behaviour is carried out by people who are supposed to be honourable, are we really being honourable?

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the first person who grabbed the Mace, which is the symbol of the authority of this House, is a person on whom some very serious allegations had been made at one time in this august House. I think the allegations were made by hon. Shamalla. He alleged that, that particular hon. Member was not a Kenyan.

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Ndotto): Order, hon. Muchilwa! That is completely out of order. You are out of order.

The Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (Mr. Muchilwa): Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I withdraw and apologise. I was trying to say that for any hon. Member to try and remove the symbol of the authority of Parliament, surely, that is the biggest mistake one can make. You cannot make a mistake that is worse than that. That amounts to destroying the Parliament of this country. We came here, not to destroy Parliament, but to strengthen it and to represent our people in Parliament. So, behaviour of that type is not good. The same hon. Members from the Opposition were even urging that this Parliament should surrender its authority to the Judiciary, forgetting that there is division of powers. Some among them want to go up to the highest level of authority in this country, yet, here they are, pretending that they do not understand the division of powers. Because of their greed to go to that level, they still want to break Parliament and reduce its powers *vis-a-vis* the rest of the institutions that were established to share power according to the Kenya Constitution. I would urge Kenyan voters to make sure that the hon. Members they vote for to come here, are hon. Members who represent them, not Members who are going to ensure that they not only destroy Parliament, but also the country. When they say that they want to make this country ungovernable; what is there to suggest that after they make it ungovernable, they will govern it? It is very easy to light a fire, but it is very difficult to extinguish it. We are responsible citizens of this country and we should behave as such. The same people that aspire to go to State House must know that even if, at one point and time, one of them reaches there, he will need to be respected. When they see our Head of State sitting here in the Chair of State and in front of the whole international community, and then they begin to behave in such a disparaging manner, what exactly do they mean? When they reach there, if ever they do, will they want to be treated that way? The Head of State, His Excellency, President Moi is well respected in this country. Proof thereof is the crowds that go to see him. The crowds that line up the streets are not paid to go there. They go there on their own volition because they love their President. They have a right to have their opinion. If there are others who do not like our President, they are entitled to their own opinion, but if the majority love the President, then they should let the majority also enjoy loving their President. Let the President rule until he finishes his term then they can go to the field and fight it out there.

I once played football, and I know--- I think you have also played football. There used to be a Bunge Football Club here. In football, the team that is losing is the one that starts trouble. It is the one that the players start abusing the referee. They spit on him and even punch him because they want to spoil the match. We do know that KANU is going to defeat the Opposition, hands down. That is why all these things are happening. The Opposition Members should be men and women enough to say: "Look, after all, the election time is just here, let us go to the field, fight properly and whoever wins, let him win;" and that will be KANU. Because they are behaving the way they are behaving, they should be rejected by voters.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, when this money we are voting is released--- Unfortunately, those who should be contributing from the other side are not here, but that is up to them and up to wananchi to see them; urgent areas should be treated with the urgency that they deserve. Particular attention should be given to the roads, particularly in areas that generate income. If you go to sugar cane growing areas, for example, Miwani; farmers cannot move their cane from their fields because the roads are impassable and they are even worse after rains. It so happens that in those areas, cane is burnt first before it is harvested. Once it is burnt, you have to harvest it within five days. It means that if you have tended your crop for two or three years and it is ready and you burn it and it rains, because of the roads, tractors will not go there. No owner of a tractor would want to see it break down. Because of this, you have to stand there and see your money going to waste. All your investment for three years will go to waste in front of your eyes because roads cannot permit you to transport the cane to the factory. That kind of wastage is not a loss only to the farmer, it is a loss to the national economy because, instead of sugar cane being crushed, it is wasted in the field. Then some people hurry up to import sugar into the country.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Assistant Minister, Office of President (Mr. Shamalla): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this Motion. Like my colleagues, I am also not at all amused by the behaviour of our colleagues on the Opposition side, starting from last Thursday; we saw a bit of it yesterday, we have seen a bit of it today in the morning and this afternoon. I think we must be prepared to live with this sort of behaviour for quite some time to come. In doing so, it is not going to be enough to be tolerant towards what is definitely an unacceptable behaviour by those in position of responsibility; particularly when they have taken leave of their senses, forgetting the responsibility they owe to the nation. As a matter of fact, what we are seeing is a clear evidence of desperation by people who have begun to realise that their objectives may not quite be realised. I happen to know a little more about them than my colleagues on this side because at one stage I was one of them.

An hon. Member: Tell us!

The Assistant Minister, Office of the President (Mr. Shamalla): I can recall way back in November, 1991, when we had that march to Kamukunji. Our objective then, when I was with them was State House. We had State

House in mind. Everybody dreamt of State House, our leaders forgot that to make it there you needed discipline and co-operation of everybody starting with the leaders before you can get the support of mwananchi. They went on craving for the seats. What was originally one party, that came out craving for the scrapping of Section 2(a) of the Constitution, ended up breaking into very many splinter groups by the time we went to elections in December, 1992. Because of that division, we lost squarely. I think, starting from 1993, a good number of my colleagues still had sense and they believed that they will make it come 1997. They believe that they will make it come the elections of this year. But because of their continued greedy for power and fights; one has to look at the current situation amongst the leadership of the Opposition. Yesterday the Safina leadership was hitting at DP and FORD(K) leadership. You also have FORD(A) leadership of one faction hitting at FORD(K) leadership and you have both FORD(K), FORD(A) and Safina hitting at FORD(A) leadership of another faction. These are the kind of splits and confusions that spell doom for the Opposition to make it to State House.

A few amongst them happen to know this. They have foreseen this and their solution is, therefore, to create chaos for the entire country; chaos that will camouflage their inevitable failure come the next elections. That is why we have them talking of making this country ungovernable; to be thrown to chaos of all kinds. This is the outcome of the resolutions that were arrived at in Limuru, when the very leaders sat to chart out how much chaos they are going to create so that this country is derailed from the path of progress and democracy. They are doing this in the name of democracy. Who among them can stand here and prove that they are different from those of us on the KANU side? All of them were formerly in KANU; they were the people who used to create messes and chaos in KANU and then when they get to the other side and they know that they cannot make it, the answer or the solution is simple; create chaos to camouflage their weaknesses. I think that we, on this side must take them seriously; not from the point of view of their being a challenge in development and democracy, but we should take them seriously for their destructive potentiality.

I am glad that the Budget the Minister for Finance gave us last Thursday is one of development and one that would see Kenya better off this year than we were the year before. I think that, through sustained areas of developmental activities, wananchi would be able to choose better; whether to go for progress, development and tranquillity or to go for the chaos and destruction that all the Opposition has now come to be identified with. I want to underscore the need for the Minister for Finance and also the other Ministers with the responsibility for various areas of development, to pay attention to those areas that mwananchi needs development most. A mention has been made with regard to the roads in a number of areas and I want also to underscore that area, as far as my own constituency, Shinyalu, is concerned. Only a month or two ago, we had funds earmarked for the completion of roads withdrawn at the time when, in fact, the contractors had been mobilised and they were at site. It is my wish that those roads do not remain at a standstill for unduly long time. At the beginning of the new financial year, funds that were withdrawn should be reinstated so that the roads are completed and wananchi in the country can see that the Government is serious with regard to the improvement of infrastructure.

A mention has been made of the role horticulture can play in this country as an income-generating activity, and I would like to link this again to the roads or infrastructural needs without which very little can be achieved in the field of horticulture. If I may give specific reference, the Eldoret Airport, recently completed and which was referred to fairly often as a white elephant, is in an area that has great potential for horticultural production. My own area, Shinyalu Constituency, happens to fall in that area. The people of Shinyalu have an opportunity to benefit from the proximity to the Eldoret Airport if the area of infrastructure is looked into. The airport, as I understand from those who have looked at the horticultural potential of the area, will not be capable of harnessing all the horticultural products that can be produced in the area in the next three to five years given its present capacity and the development of the area.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

Mr. Boy: Ahsante sana, Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipatia nafasi hii ili niunge mkono Hoja hii muhimu sana. Wakati ninapoiunga mkono Hoja hii ningependa kuchukua nafasi hii ili kumsifu Waziri wa Fedha, Bw. Musalia Mudavadi, kwa kupanga fedha vizuri katika utaratibu wa kueleweka. Ukweli wa mambo ni lazima usemwe. Wakati umefika wa kutazama mbele. Jiwe halisikii. Jiwe ni jiwe. Hata ukiliambia maneno makali namna gani, hata ukalichoma na moto namna gani, jiwe ni jiwe. Haliwezi kubadilika. Kwa hivyo, tuwachane na mambo yaliyopita na kuzungumzia yaliopo sasa. Tutafanya kazi ngumu sana kugeuza jiwe kuwa binadamu. Jambo hilo haliwezekani. Waswahili wanasema: "Asiyefunzwa na mamake hufunzwa na ulimwengu". Maana yake, ulimwengu ndiyo mama mkubwa kwa vitendo. Kwa hivyo, tumechaguliwa katika Bunge hili, ili kuwakilisha matarajio ya wananchi katika sehemu tunakotoka.

Ningependa kuwashukuru waandishi wa magezeti kwa kuninukuu sawasawa jana kwa mara ya kwanza. Bw. Emman Omari alifanya kazi nzuri sana ya kuandika ukweli kama vile nilivyotaka usemwe. Hilo ni jambo zuri. Shida ambayo tumeipata katika nchi hii, ni ile ya waandishi wetu wa habari kuandika wapendavyo. Hawaandiki mambo ambayo yanapendwa na watu wengine. Wao huandika kuhusu democracy kulingana na maoni yao. Kama jambo

linakufaa wewe, basi linakuwa si democracy. Kama linamfaa Emman Omari, basi linakuwa democracy. Sasa hayo ndiyo mambo ambayo yanatushangaza. Hawa watu wa magezeti wana democracy yao wanayoitaka wenyewe.

Nikiachana na hayo, sasa nitaongea kuhusu Hoja hii. Shida yetu ni baadhi ya wafanyakazi wa Serikali. Baadhi ya wafanyakazi wa Serikali wana haja ya kuiona Serikali ya KANU imeanguka. Tunapigana wenyewe kwa wenyewe hapa na hali adui wetu mkubwa ni baadhi ya wafanyakazi wa Serikali. Tutapitisha Bajeti hapa lakini nani anaandika voucher? Nani anafanya tendering? Yetu ni kupitisha Bajeti hapa lakini voucher zinaandikwa na watu wengine na huko ndiko kuliko na ufasadi mkubwa sana. Huu ni ukweli na inafaa usemwe. Ikiwa pesa zinapitishwa, kwa nini barabara zetu ziwe katika hali mbaya? Hata pesa zikitolewa za kurekebisha barabara zetu, baada ya siku mbili barabara zinarejea kwa hali ya zamani. Sasa tukija hapa tunakosana hadi wengine wetu wanasema: No Budget, no reforms na hali ufasadi upo. Hata sehemu unayotoka Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kuna shida. Tunapitisha nusu ya pesa lakini wananchi wa Kenya wanaumia kwa sababu hospitali zetu hazina dawa. Hapa tunakazana tu kusema, no Budget, no reforms na hakuna dawa katika hospitali zetu. Kule Kenyatta Hospital watu wetu wanafariki kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa dawa. Huko kwale Hospital vile vile, watu wanafariki kwa sababu ya ukosefu wa dawa. Coast General Hospital hali ni hiyo hiyo. Kuna wananchi wanakufa na wengi wetu hapa wanakazana kupinga Bajeti hii. Yule aliyetuchagua anaumia sana. Kwa hivyo, kama tunalinda maslahi ya waliotuleta hapa, tuseme ukweli wa mambo. Tungependa Waziri wa Wizara ya Afya ahakikishe kwamba dawa zitapatikana katika hospitali zetu.

Tuzungumzie swala la Wizara ya Utalii na Mbuga za Wanyama wa Pori. Kuna wananchi ambao mimea yao inaliwa na wanyama. Wengine wanauawa na ndovu na hali hawajalipwa ridhaa. Tumeacha mambo muhimu na kuzungumzia mambo ambayo si muhimu hata kidogo.

Tuna shida ya banditry katika sehemu nyingine. Haya ndiyo maneno ambayo yanafaa kuzungumziwa hapa badala ya kupelekana kortini. Saa kumi na mbili jioni lazima uwashe taa kwa sababu giza limeingia. Lakini ukifikiria kwamba saa kumi na mbili ndio mwanzo wa siku, umekosea sana. Tupende tusipende huu ni mwaka wa 1997 na hata ukishikwa na wasiwasi kiasi gani, uchaguzi unakaribia. Ukweli ni kwamba kama hujafanya lolote katika sehemu unayotoka, kuna faida gani kuchaguliwa? Ukichaguliwa, kazi yako ni kuja kula supu na T-bone steak hapa. Wanaokuja hapa wamekonda, baada ya mwezi mmoja wanatoa tumbo. Hamkuchaguliwa kuja kunenepa hapa! Mmechaguliwa kuja kuwakilisha wananchi. Utaona baada ya uchaguzi kila mtu atakuwa mwembamba. Baada ya miezi minne kila mmoja wao anapata kitumbo hata inambidi kununua suit mpya. Kinachoninshangaza ni kuwa, hawa watu wamechaguliwa kuja kula supu na T-bone steak, badala ya kushughulikia maslahi ya wananchi. Hayo ndiyo mambo hatutaki kushughulikia. Sasa watu wameanza kutetemeka, uoga umeingia, tumbo zimeanza kuyeyuka, tea-bone steak hakuna tena. Hii ndiyo shida ambayo unaona watu wameingiwa na shauku. Hawajui wafanye nini. Wamesahau mambo ya barabara, maji, daraja na yote yale ambayo yamewafanya waje hapa. Wamechukua laini nyingine ndiyo iweze kuwasaidia. Waswahili wana msemu wao unaosema: "Mwenye kufa maji, haachi kutapatapa". Kama wewe hujui kuogelea, na kwa bahati mbaya ferry ikazama kama ile ya Mtongwe, utaanza kupigapiga mikono na kunywa maji. Hii ndiyo inayoitwa kutapatapa. Sasa wengine wanatapatapa. Na ni kazi bure, kwa sababu inafaa tukubaliane kwamba kuna upungufu wa kazi nchini; vijana wetu wengi hawana kazi. Tutatatua namna gani swala la upungufu wa kazi? Hata wale wabunge wa Upinzani waseme: "No Budget no reforms", vijana hawana kazi. Wameondoka nje, na bado vijana hawana kazi. Ndiyo maana unaona wakora ni wengi. Wewe una tai yako nzuri namna hiyo, na kuna kijana ambaye hajaona hata peni, kwa nini hata kama mimi ni huyo kijana nisiibe hiyo tai yako? Wewe umevaa saa nzuri aina ya Rado, na mimi sijapata chakula tangu asubuhi, kwa nini nisichukue Rado yako? Kwa hivyo tukitaka kusuluhisha ni lazima tushughulikie matatizo yanayowakabili Wakenya leo, kuliko kushughulika na mambo yatakayotufaidi sisi wenyewe.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, naunga mkono nusu ya pesa hizi zitumiwe.

Mr. Sankori: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I do not need to say much of what has been already said by the hon. Members, especially on the behaviour of our friends. But, may I also join the cue in congratulating the KANU side, His Excellency the President and the Minister for Finance for their patience on that terrible day.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we are here to address the problems of our people; the problems of our constituencies. We are actually paid just to do that and nothing else. If you are not doing that, then you do not deserve to be paid.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, let me turn to the Ministry of Public Works and Housing. There has been a song for a very long time that the Loitokitok-Emali Road is going to be tarmacked. If I remember very well, this is the ninth year since that road was earmarked for tarmacking. It is a very vital road in this country, it links Kenya and Tanzania. There is a very big border post at Lasi in Loitokitok, and Loitokitok is a very potential area. We need that road to be tarmacked urgently.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, health facilities in this country are actually deteriorating. I must thank the former Minister for Health, hon. Angatia who tried all he could to see to it that health facilities in this country were

improved. I am sorry to say that they have started going down and down. We are not actually moving with the population of the country. We are still having the same health centres that we had 10 or even 20 years ago. We should actually be going ahead. The Minister has voted quite a substantial amount of money to that Ministry, and we need to see a lot of improvements in that area.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, a lot of money has been spent on the Nol Turesh Water Pipeline to serve Kajiado, Machakos and Athi River. I am sorry to say that we are not getting the services of that pipeline as we should. There is an old pipeline which is a railway pipeline which used to serve the people between Nol Turesh and Sultan Hamud. If the Ministry can consider repairing that pipeline, it will be appreciated because the source of water is the same. You only need to do some bit of repairs and we will get more water into the main Nol Turesh Machakos-Kajiado Pipeline, then there will be a lot of water in these dry areas of Kajiado and Machakos.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, a lot of money has been voted to the Ministry of Local Government and yet, we do not see it doing what it should do. First, why should the Ministry of Local Government not pay councillors? If we are paid by the Central Government and councillors are our junior politicians, they should also be paid by the Central Government. This is because if you want 20 councillors in one county council, then stick to that, let them be 20 and pay them well. I am happy to learn that they have increased the allowances for the councillors but still, there are some county councils that cannot pay their councillors. I am proud to say that my county council is able to pay the councillors, but a lot of other county councils cannot pay the councillors. So, I request the Minister concerned to see to it that we get this done.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, touching on a very general issue, we have a lot of pending bills in our Government Ministries and yet, I have not seen anywhere where the Ministry has made a provision to offset the overburden of pending bills in the Ministry. This overburden should actually be included in the next Budget, so that the Government does not have a lot of unnecessary pending bills.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, back to the Ministry of Local Government, there are a lot of sewage problems in nearly all the local authorities. We vote to them this money and surely we do not know what they do with this money. For example, I have not seen any money being used in Kajiado County Council or Kajiado Town Council for that matter as far as the Ministry for Local Government is concerned. There are no street lights and there are no sewage facilities, despite the fact that I was once promised that this would be done. But I do not see anything happening.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am sorry to say the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife---

The Minister for Local Government (Mr. F.P.L. Lotodo): On a point of order, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. The hon. Sankori has said twice that the Ministry of Local Government has been given a lot of money and that we are not doing anything anywhere in the 157 councils. Could he explain exactly what he means, because the money there is only for the headquarters? We have no money for running the councils, the councils run themselves.

Mr. Sankori: Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, if I look at the Budget of the Ministry of Local Government, I can see there is some money earmarked for development. If the Minister has not looked, he can look at it. It is KSh18,261,800. What developments are these if they are not for improving the local authorities?

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, let me also talk about the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife. Nearly the entire Maasai-land is full of wild animals, both in the game reserves and the national parks. We have a lot of animals in our farms and yet, we are not benefitting from these animals. They are eating our grass, killing our people and bringing tick-borne diseases and we are earning literally nothing from them. It is high time that the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife together with KWS did something to compensate adequately, the people who are taking care of these animals and not being compensated.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to talk about the Ministry of Energy. They take power to areas that do not deserve it because it happens that there are people in the Government or in KPLC. I would urge the Minister for Energy to take this power where it is badly needed. In Turkwel Gorge a lot of power is tapped, but the Turkana and Pokot people are not benefitting. It is benefiting people who do not need it. If they need it, not as much as Turkana or Pokot people.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to the attention of the Ministry of Culture and Social Services that we have got potential young men who can be very useful in the field of athletics, but the Ministry is not tapping these talented young men and women. They concentrate mostly on areas that are known to produce athletee. There is no reason why we should not have a Somali, Boran or Rendille as the best runner because the climatic conditions of North-Eastern Province are the same as in Ethiopia where we have the best athletes in long distance races. Masais are best spear throwers, but we do not see them in the field because they have not been encouraged to do that. I request the Ministry of Culture and Social Services to tap these talented people.

A lot of money has been voted in the Department of Attorney-General. We have been seeing Bills tabled in this House, but they are withdrawn to be redrafted and yet, we have well-trained staff in the Attorney-General's

Chambers. We have got the outdated Acts. They should be updated and brought to the required standards. For example, we have Acts of 1920's, 1930's, while we are going to the year 2000. We should change with time.

On the Ministry of Land Reclamation, Regional and Water Development, many authorities are not getting money. For example, Uaso Nyiro Development Authority which caters for Samburu, Kajiado, Narok and Nyandarua is not getting enough money to cater for the required development projects.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, with those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Assistant Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Mr. Nassir): Asante sana, Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipa nafasi kuzungumza juu ya Bajeti yetu ya Kenya.

Kila mhe. Mbunge ambaye alibakia katika Bunge ili ajadili Bajeti hii ametimiza wajibu wake. Ni mhe. Mbunge ambaye alichaguliwa kuja kutazama mambo ya elimu, barabara, taabu ya kulipa hospitali na kadhalika. Lakini Wabunge wa Upinzani waliotoka nje ili wasijadili Bajeti hii, nusu yao ni matajiri na hawana haja kujadili Bajeti inayowahusu masikini. Wengi wao wana mashamba makubwa sana. Wakati wa kupigania Uhuru, Mzee Kenyatta alifungwa na wakoloni na hata watoto wake hawakupata mashamba makubwa kama walivyonyakua hawa wahe. Wabunge wa Upinzani. Walinyakua mashamba na kuwafanya ndugu zao masikini. Ndugu zao wamekuwa wakitembea kila mahali wakitafuta riziki. Bahati nzuri kwao ni kwamba Wakenya tunapendana, wanawapokea kila pahali wanakozuru. Ninasikitika ndugu zangu Waluhya na Wakisii wanaadama nao bila kuona mbele katika Upinzani. Ikiwa kutakuwa na Uchaguzi Mkuu kesho, wao wana pesa zao za kufanya uchaguzi, lakini hao wengine hawana pesa za uchaguzi. Kwa hivyo, watawachwa na hakuna katika wale matajiri watawaonea imani ili wachaguliwe tena. Wako katika taabu na watamalizika katika taabu.

Bw. Naibu wa Spika wa Muda, kuwa mhe. Mbunge si jambo kubwa sana ila ni kuchaguliwa. Lakini kuwa na imani na wananchi wenzako ndilo jambo muhimu. Tume kuwa na taabu ya chakula katika nchi hii lakini Serikali yetu iliwasaidia wananchi sana. Wakati huu ni wakati wa masika na vyakula ni vingi. Kwa hivyo, baada ya kuchaguliwa, ni heri tuangalie jinsi ya kuwasaidia wananchi wetu ambao hawana kazi, chokora na kadhalika. Bajeti hii itasaidia wananchi wetu na watoto wanaotembea ovyo ovyo mijini. Badala ya wahe. Wabunge wa Upinzani kukubaliana na Bajeti hii ili tuwasaidie watu wetu, wanafanya Bunge hili kuwa kama kiwanja cha mpira.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, ardhi ambayo imebakia katika Mkoa wa Pwani ni heri ipewe ndugu zetu ambao ni masikini. Kuna watu wetu wengi ambao hawana makao maalumu. Kwa hivyo, wakati wa kugawa ardhi katika nchi hii, ni heri kuwapa watu wetu. Ikiwa kuna maskwota Nakuru, Nyeri, Machakos na Mombasa na kadhalika, wapewe ardhi.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, karibu kila Mkoa una chuo kikuu. Lakini nikifa leo au nisipochaguliwa kuja hapa Bungeni tena, itakuwa ni aibu kuwa Mkoa wa Pwani hakuna chuo kikuu hata kimoja. Wananchi wataniambia ya kwamba nilikuwa nikisema sana katika Bunge, ni nilikuwa Waziri Msaidizi na kadhalika lakini Mkoa wa Pwani hauna chuo kikuu. Hakuna hata shule ya upili ya Serikali ambayo imewahi kujengwa katika Mkoa wa Pwani. Mambo kama haya yanatutia wasiwasi kuketi hapa na kujadili mambo ya Bajeti. Mombasa ndio mji wa pili kwa ukubwa baada ya Nairobi. Barabara zake ni mbovu sana zikilinganishwa na barabara za Murang'a ambazo ni nzuri sana. Ni heri tuwafikirie watu wa Mombasa kwa sababu kula na kipofu ni hatari sana kwa vile anaweza kupapia chakula chote.

Kwa hivyo, tunataka mambo madogo madogo kama haya yaangaliwe na ndugu zetu walioko katika Wizara ya Fedha, ili na sisi tuweze kupata maslahi yetu. Nikizungumzia juu ya heshima, lazima sisi kama viongozi wa Kenya tuwe na heshima ya kuheshimiana. Sisi tulipoanza wakati wa kupigania Uhuru, tulitoa heshima kubwa kwa rais wetu wa kwanza. Tulimtolea heshima na Waislamu na Wakristo wakamuomba Mungu apatiwe maisha marefu, lakini ni mambo ya Mungu kuwa lazima mtu aende. Mimi nawambia ndugu zangu Wakenya kwamba ikiwa hauheshimu ndugu yako, yeye pia hawezi kukuheshimu. Atakayekuwa rais mwingine, na tuwe na hali tuliokuwa nayo hivi majuzi ya kuonyesha watu uhodari; na ni watu waliosoma hivi kwamba wengine ni maprofesa na madaktari; wakafanya kama watoto waliokimbia skuli. Si watoto wa skuli hukimbia skuli? Hawa pia wamesusia skuli. Heshima ndiyo kitu cha mwisho katika Kenya na lazima tuidumishe. Heshima ndiyo ilifanya makabila karibu 42 kuishi kwa kupendana. Hakuna kitu kingine. Si uoga! Hatutishi mtu kwa sababu ni mwoga. Hata mtu akiwa mkubwa namna gani, yuko mkubwa kwao. Na sisi tulio wadogo tuko wengi sana huko kwetu. Tusichezeane sana na wala msifikiri kama watu wengine ni waoga. Hapana! Hatutaki kumwaga damu kwa sababu tumeona yaliotokea kwingine. Mambo yanaofanywa na ndugu zetu yanashangaza.

Mtu akiulizwa: "Je, wewe ni Mbunge wa Kenya hii?" Utakuwa na haya ya kusema kwa sababu ya mambo uliofanya. Hata mimi naona haya kwa sababu ya mambo yaliiofanywa na ndugu zangu. Sijui tutakwenda vipi hata tuweze kuhifadhi heshima zetu.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, tunazungumzia juu ya demokrasia. Demokrasia iko kweli, lakini ni lazima ichungwe. Kama haitachungwa, hatutaipata tena kabisa. Itakuwa ni damu. Kwa hivyo, mimi nawaomba wenzangu wa Upinzani, ambao pia ni ndugu zetu Wakenya, wasichukuliwe na upepo. Wale wanaofanya fujo katika Kenya hii

leo ni matajiri. Wana mashamba makubwa ya kahawa na maduka kila pahali hata huko Mombasa. Tuwaombee Mungu wachukue zaidi. Lakini, lazima tupeane heshima maanake hata ukiwa tajiri namna gani, ikiwa haumheshimu maskini, utapata taabu.

Kwa hayo machache, naunga mkono.

Mr. Magwaga: I want to thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, for your eye which is very good. I want to contribute on this Motion.

But first, before I make my comments on the Motion, I want to comment on the events that occurred earlier, which were brought about by our friends. It is very surprising that people who are elected to serve the voters have refused to perform their duty. The places that they are supposed to sit are empty. I would like to appeal to the voters to seek other fellows whom they will elect in the next General Elections.

It is not in the interest of the public who elected us to Parliament, to disappear either here in Parliament or to appear on technical grounds like our Chairman, who has never participated in any debate here. As many of my friends have said, I join them and say that they have realised that the time of elections is near and they have not done much for the people. Blessed are those that realised it earlier - like me and my friends - and joined a progressive party, KANU. We would be in the same category. I thank the God who helped us to come back to this progressive party which has given us attention. We would like to tell them that it is unfortunate that they have continued to mislead wananchi.

First of all, I want to thank the champions of 19th June, 1997. This is the day when this nation would have had darkness. First, I would single out His Excellency the President for the patience and the control that he had over the events that took place here. Second, is our Speaker for his able attention over what was going to mislead this House. Even on the other side, there were champions. There are people who saw that it is not fit to act the way the Opposition wanted.

The first champion on the other side is hon. Kibaki who remained silent and watched the events as a grown up. I thank my sister, hon. Wanjiru who has been with us all through. She is a champion in her own right. She has sat here with us and she realises that her people want her to serve them. If we do not sit here and vote for this money, how shall we manage to give the people the services they require through various departments?

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker
(Mr. Ndotto) left the Chair]*

*[The Temporary Deputy Speaker
(Mr. Wetangula) took the Chair]*

Having said that, I want to specifically mention the problems that we have met, particularly in my constituency, Ikolomani. Ikolomani is a very poor constituency. We have only a few possibilities of people raising money on their own. There is no meaningful cash crop in the constituency. The people depend on jua kali. We would like the Ministry of Energy to help the people of Ikolomani by providing electricity to areas where jua kali people and youth groups operate, so that they can be helped to run a few businesses.

I want to thank the Kenya Government for listening to us, three KANU Members of Parliament, and providing us with some little money to upgrade the road from Sigalagala through Butere up to Sidindi, touching the very interesting gentleman in this place, hon. Orengo's constituency. Hon. Orengo would be the last one to attack and fight this Government that is helping his people!

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula): Hon. Magwaga, bring a Motion to discuss your colleague! You are offending the rules. Just talk about their behaviour generally and not specifically.

Mr. Magwaga: Yes, Sir. I withdraw. Also, health facilities in my area should be taken care of. Specifically, there has been an everlasting problem at Iguhu Health Centre. This centre has not been given enough money to facilitate its completion, so that the people can get assistance. There has been repeated problems of epidemic breakouts in my area because of poor water. This brings me back to the outstanding incompleteness of Shitoli Water Project. I am requesting the Ministry of Land Reclamation, Regional and Water Development to help us to get enough money to complete this project for the people.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the people in our constituencies require necessary things like education. Above all, I want to thank the Office of the President for listening to my people and giving us administrative units that have brought administration very close to the people in Ikolomani. But we, the people there are poor because we do not have enough money to buy food. We have been asking for famine relief to assist more people. They have been giving 70 bags of maize to 108,000 people which is not enough. Can the Office of the President help us and give us more relief food because the people have not yet harvested their crops?

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, we would like the Ministry of Education to address itself to the problems in primary schools. When they stopped activity fees in schools, this has brought a lot of problems in dealing with activities that are educational. I would like to stress very strongly that we need a specific fee grant for the schools to be able to cater for sports which the activity fee used to take care of.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, another area where we would like the Ministry of education to look into is the grant of scholarships and bursaries that we give to our university students, because the money is not enough for them. The Ministry of education should make it a rule that every university student should get bursary, so that we do not have some who are getting half, others quarter and others nothing. This gives them a lot of problems. In secondary schools, we need to revise the bursary scheme, so that the needy students are given, instead of just leaving it to the teachers. We would like to officially include the Members of Parliament from such areas and councillors.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, once more, I join the Members who have thanked the Government for the increase of salaries for the councillors. But those councillors do not even know their wards. Can the Ministry of Local Government take upon themselves to tell them where they stand, if we are continuing with the system of a location as a ward? They would like to know their boundaries and go ahead and ask people for votes. The Minister for Local Government should check and announce the locations that qualify as wards. Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the problems of our Government are well-known and this Bill will help the Government discharge its duties.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

Mr. Leshore: Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, first and foremost, I would like to thank the Minister for Finance, the Speaker of the National Assembly, the entire KANU Members and last but not least, the Head of State for the patience he showed during the Budget day.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to dwell on few things which touch on the people of Samburu. First of all, I would like to talk about security.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, during 1996 and part of this year, the people of Samburu have been seriously affected by the security within and outside that District. We have had tribal clashes and cattle rustling all over the District. As I am talking now, more than 26 schools have not opened - that includes nurseries and primary schools - because of the security situation in that district. The Government has voted a lot of money on security and so many security personnel have been sent to that district but as of now, Samburu people are not enjoying the peace which other Kenyans are enjoying. I would therefore request that the Office of the President should take that issue seriously. They should bring the people together. We need peace. It should be a Government's deliberate action to restore peace to the people of Samburu and the surrounding districts. We are not saying that we are a hundred per cent clean. We must be having people there who are bent on promoting acts of lawlessness. But I am appealing for peace. I would like the Office of the President to take this issue seriously. If the security personnel were very serious, cattle rustling should be an idea of the last century and not this century. Those people who engage in cattle rustling are mainly unemployed young morans. So, the Government should do something to eradicate moranism.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I appeal to the Minister in charge of internal security to issue security equipment to the police and other security personnel, because I am informed that there are security equipment which he has to issue. They should be fully equipped with communication equipment, vehicles, uniforms and allowances. I understand that upto now, quite a number of policemen who are in operation areas have not received their allowances for the last four or three years and yet, we vote a lot of money to the Office of the President. The Minister should look into that. Still on the issue of security, I would like to congratulate our intelligence services because they have done a commendable job since 1993. The Government should look seriously into giving them good salaries, so that they can cope with the intelligence from outside. Our main fear now is external aggression. We have heard that the army have collected over 300 guns from the Pokots and yet, those guns are not from within. They are from outside this country. There are also very many illegal guns in Turkana and neighbouring districts and those guns are not from within this country. So, the security intelligence in this country should sit down and find a lasting solution to that problem. We do not want a Kabila style of invasion to come into Kenya.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to talk on another issue which affects few districts in Kenya. That is sport-hunting. Hon. Sankori said that we are not benefiting from the wildlife that we have in our country. So, I would urge this House and the Minister for Tourism and Wildlife to re-consider lifting the ban on sport-hunting, but on a very, very strict basis. So many people from my constituency have been killed in the last three years. Indeed, about five or six people were killed recently. If we want to allow sport hunting to take place on the rogue elephants or the lions which eat our animals we have to hire professional hunters. So, on that strict basis, I would like the Minister of Tourism and Wildlife to re-consider lifting the ban on sport-hunting. My community is willing to have the KWS and other conservationists protect the wildlife that we have in our region. So, I would strongly appeal to the Government to consider lifting the ban on sport-hunting.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, the other sector that I would like to touch on is energy - most specifically rural electrification. Since I came to this House, I have not heard of any project being undertaken by the Minister for Energy in those areas. We have requested in this House year after year that the Minister should consider extending rural electrification to our areas. They had promised us that in 1995 and up to now we have not seen anything going on. We are voting money for them, but we do not know where this money is going into. Another hon. colleague has stated that the Pokots and Turkanas are not benefitting. In fact, Turkwell dam is under-utilised. I do not know why the Ministry is not putting proper use to the power that is being generated from that plant. I have visited that plant and I know that should generate power which should be supplied to Samburu, Pokot and the entire Northern Kenya. I do not know why they are not taking that into consideration.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would also like to touch on roads and health. The Government has promised us on many occasions that they are going to tarmac those roads. We would like to see the Minister of Public Works and Housing give a serious thought about that road because it is a road which connects Kenya to Ethiopia and Ethiopia is our next major market outside East Africa. So, we should consider that road seriously by allocating money to tarmac that road. Also there is the Rumuruti-Maralal Road. On several occasions the Minister has promised that he is allocating funds for tarmacking that road. I would urge the Minister to consider seriously tarmacking this road since Samburu District is a potential wheat and maize growing area and livestock rearing. So, it will not be a road as my colleagues on the opposite side say that it is only a road for goats and sheep.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, last, but not least, I would like to touch on health. For the last three to four weeks, many people in my area have been seriously affected by malaria and I understand that Ministry of Health sometimes last year had allocated billions of money to eradicate malaria. Up to now I have not seen the effect of that campaign in my area. Therefore, I would urge the Ministry of Health to consider seriously allocating some of these funds to my region to eradicate malaria in those regions. I have got a dispensary in my area which was completed way back in 1995, but up to now, the Ministry has not sent an officer there or a nurse to assist the people of Mbejuwaki. I, would, therefore, request the Minister to post somebody there urgently because the nearest dispensary is about 75 to 100 kilometres away. I would request the Minister to consider seriously sending a medical officer or a nurse there.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, lastly, I would like to talk about water projects. The Ministry of Land Reclamation, Regional and Water Development has been kind enough to allocate my people water.

With those few remarks, I support.

The Assistant Minister for Finance (Mr. Keah): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this Motion that this House does, in fact, approve the Vote on Account in order to facilitate the provision of services for the various Government Ministries come the 1st of July. This is a legal requirement which has been set by this House and this is why we have come here.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I want to take this opportunity to add my wrath and condemnation to our colleagues on the other side of the House who have chosen to walk out on this very important matter that affects the country. If the Opposition has anything to do against or has any point against the Budget or the reforms, let them make this an election issue and let us meet them out there in the constituencies. They claim that they are supported by the public - by the majority of Kenyans. They have taken statistics to show that the majority of Kenyans are supporting them. We are entirely opposed to their machinations of trying to stop the smooth running of the Government and this country and we condemn their behaviour in the strongest terms possible. I hope that Kenyans are watching. I hope that Kenyans can see what sort of alternative Government we have. I hope that Kenyans can see for themselves that if that is the alternative Government then Kenyans must certainly reject such a Government.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, turning to the vote on account, I note that from the Printed Estimates, our Development total expenditure runs somewhere around Kshs2.3 billion as compared to the total expenditure budget of Kshs7.2 billion. This proportion is in my view not acceptable, but in that situation, I want to call upon the various Ministries to find ways and means of cutting their recurrent expenditures because the Recurrent Expenditure is, indeed, very, very high compared to the Development Expenditure. In reducing the Recurrent Expenditure, more funds will be made available for the Development Expenditure. Now, why am I suggesting that the Recurrent Expenditures by the various Ministries should be reduced? By reduction, I do not mean reduction to the extent where services are curtailed, but I mean reduction which is brought about by efficiency. Efficiency would be brought about if we will begin by not only reducing the numbers that is retrenchment, but also beginning to define the various responsibilities of every officer of the Government. That is by defining not only the responsibility of each officer, but also attaching with it the authority that goes with the duties and responsibility. My experience over the last several years is that although there are job descriptions they are not tailor-made to specific jobs. These should, in my view, be part and parcel of the reform that the Government is currently undertaking. We should not just be concerned with reducing numbers, but should sit back, get consultancy advice, if need be, and for every Ministry try to define job descriptions, responsibilities and duties, and attach to them the necessary authority. This will reduce bureaucracy which we inherited and have

carried over the last 30 years. It is time we removed some elements of bureaucracy from our public service.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, when it comes to actual expenditure, discipline and control are of essence. In this regard, it is imperative that management or finance reports of what has been spent should be produced to the various district development committees (DDCs). There ought to be reports at least on a monthly or quarterly basis, so that we can compare the Budget against actual expenditure. This is normal practice in the private sector, and I see no reason whatsoever why we cannot replicate it in the public sector. I therefore, call upon the Office of the Vice-President and Ministry for Planning and National Development to buy more computers, so that we can have a management information system. We need a proper information management system that will be transparent and available to all the leaders.

I have had difficulties in asking my departmental heads what they have spent on water and roads simply because there are no printed reports of expenditure. Therefore, I want to ask all the Ministries to make sure that there are monthly and quarterly reports to be made available to all of us, or to me, as a member of the DDC, so that I can compare what has been voted by Parliament against what the field officers have spent. Many a time we do not have that information and, therefore, it becomes difficult for us to compare actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure.

I also want to take this opportunity to urge that in order for us to increase the Development Vote several things must happen. We must increase revenue collection or get more donor funds, or reduce the high amount of interest that we pay on the loans that we are servicing. These are only some of the things that we must do. In this regard, we should find ways and means of borrowing cheap money in order to repay all the expensive loans that we have. We can at the moment borrow from the international money market at an interest rate of four or five percent as we repay our more expensive loans, which are at an interest rate of eight per cent. We should strive towards this goal.

With regard to donor financing, all that I can do is to call upon our friends, particularly members of the Opposition, not to work in cahoots with donors in order to stop them from releasing funds to us. Rather, we should persuade them collectively to make more funds available to us. I say so because we still need the donor community and its funds. This is because our economy is young and is growing, and we cannot entirely do away with donor funding. I am suggesting that we cultivate good rapport. In this regard, I want to congratulate the President for the good public relations that he has been undertaking all this time in order to make sure that our country maintains good rapport with its friendly countries. The President needs support. When all of us Kenyans go out of Kenya should be ambassadors of this country by speaking well of it, rather than speaking ill of it. In this regard, I want to condemn in the strongest terms all those Kenyans who despise their country by speaking ill of it when they are out there.

There is an issue of pending bills. I want the Ministries to come out clear on this issue. As an accountant, I am baffled to find that we cannot overcome this issue of pending bills year in year out. I really do not understand what the accountants in the Ministries are doing. They should analyse all the pending bills for us to know what they really are about, and so that we can deal with this problem once and for all.

With those words, I beg to support.

Mr. Rai: Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, kwanza nakushukuru kwa kunipa nafasi hii ili niweze kuungana na wenzangu kutoa maoni yangu juu ya Hoja hii. Ningependa kulalamika juu ya Wabunge wa Upinzani kwa hatua ambazo wameamua kuchukua juu ya Bajeti ya mwaka huu. Tukiwa viongozi, tunawafahamisha kwamba Katiba ya nchi hii si Biblia ya Kirumi, ambayo inaweza kubadilishwa kwa sababu Baba Mtakatifu anataka ibadilishwe. Katiba yetu ndiyo roho na uhai wa nchi hii. Hata kama tungetaka ibadilishwe kungekuwa na haja ya viongozi kukutana na kuchunguza kama kuna kitu chochote ambacho pengine kingeleta madhara kwa wananchi wa nchi hii.

The Assistant Minister for Information and Broadcasting (Rev. Ommami): Jambo la nidhamu, Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda. Umemsikia mwenzangu, mhe. Rai, akisema kwamba Biblia hubadilishwa. Lakini ninavyojua ni kwamba Biblia haibadilishwi.

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula): Hakusema hivyo!

Mr. Rai: Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, hayo ni maoni ya mhe. Ommami. Pengine yeye anaijua lugha moja tu.

Ningependa kumshukuru Waziri wa Fedha kwa kuja katika Bunge hili kuomba pesa ili kuweza kutoa huduma katika nchi hii. Kuna shida mbali mbali ambazo zinawakumba wananchi. Hadi sasa, bado kuna tatitizo la njaa katika sehemu fulani za nchi kwa sababu watu hawajaanza kuyavuna mazao yao. Kwa hivyo, ni lazima tumpongeze Waziri kwa kuja hapa kutafuta pesa za kutoa huduma kwa wananchi. Wakati huu sisi, kama viongozi, tunahitajika kutoa maoni yetu, na kujua vile pesa hizi zinavyoweza kuwanufaisha wananchi.

Ningependa kuanza kwa kuzungumzia elimu. Ningetaka Waziri wa Elimu azifikirie sehemu kame. Wakati kama huu huwa kuna shida kwa sababu ya barabara mbaya. Hadi sasa shule nyingi zina upungufu wa waalimu. Hii ni kwa sababu waalimu wanapotumwa katika sehemu fulani wao huwa na shida ya kufika katika sehemu hizo kwa sababu ya barabara mbaya. Tungependa kumwomba Waziri wa Elimu ahahakisha kwamba kuna waalimu wa kutosha katika shule za sehemu kame. Watoto wetu wanafanya mtihani mmoja na watoto wa sehemu nyingine za nchi hii.

Wanapokosa kupata elimu ya msingi wao huwa na shida kubwa. Hii huwafanya watoto hao kuwa watu ambao hawatajisa maishani. Nikizungumza hapa ningetaka kujulisha Wizara ya Elimu kwamba kati ya shule zangu 96 katika eneo la uwakilishi Bungeni la Kinango, zaidi ya karibu shule 90 zina upungufu wa walimu. Na hilo tungetaka litiliwe maanani ili walimu wa kutosha wapelekwa katika sehemu zile ili watoto wapate masomo.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, jambo jingine ambalo ningelitaka kulitilia maanani, wakati nikijua kwamba Waziri wa Elimu amekwisha fahamu kwamba kuna uhaba wa walimu, ningetaka pia kuzungumzia habari ya Wizara ya Ujenzi ambayo pia inasimamia barabara. Barabara zetu kwa hivi sasa ni mbaya, wakati wa uwandikishaji wa kura, imekuwa ni shida kubwa, hasa hata kwa maafisa ambao wangetaka kupelekwa katika sehemu fulani kwenda kuandikisha watu wetu wachukue kura, inakuwa ni vigumu. Kwa hivyo, wakati tutakapokuwa tunatoa pesa, tungeliwaomba wale Mawaziri wanaohusika, hasa kwa upande wa barabara, wapate kutilia maanani kwamba tunazihitai barabara kwa sababu barabara zinatunika kwa kupeleka chakula kwa wananchi; zinawasaidia pia walimu kwenda katika mashule; zinawasaidia watu kuweza kusafiri kufanya biashara ndogo ndogo kwakuweza kujisaidia. Hadi nikizungumza wakati huu, ningependa kuiguisia barabara ya kutoka Mariakani kwenda Kinango ambayo haijatumika kwa muda wa miezi sita sasa, na ni barabara muhimu sana, hasa katika eneo langu la uwakilishi Bungeni. Kwa sababu ikitoka Mariakani kuingia katika makao ya Tarafa, karibu daraja ziliondelewe, na barabara yenyewe haipitiki. Kwa hivyo, ningemuomba Waziri wa Ujenzi ahakikishe kwamba hiyo barabara imerekebishwa ili ipate kutoa huduma kwa raia wake.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda kitu kingine ambacho ningetaka pia kuzungumzia hapa, kwanza ni kumpongeza Mtukufu Rais kwa jinsi alivyoweza kujizuiwa siku ya kusomwa kwa Bajeti ya nchi hii. Kwa kusema kweli, wengi waliokuwa katika Bunge hili, waliweza kuona ni jambo gani au ni mambo gani yaliyofanyika. Tulidhani labda pengine kiama kimefika, kwa sababu viongozi kama hawa walikuwa wakifanya mambo ambayo hayaambatani na heshima za Bunge hili. Kuna haja ya kuweka hadhi ya Bunge katika hali yake. Tumekuja hapa kuwakilisha wananchi wetu, na ni lazima tuonekane kwamba sisi tomesimama na nidhamu ya kutosha ili kutaka kuonyesha mfano baadhi ya watu wetu kwamba sisi tukiwa katika Jumba hili, ambalo ndilo Jumba kubwa kati ya Nyumba zote zinazowakilisha wananchi wetu katika Jamhuri hii.

Kitu kingine ambacho ningetaka kutilia maanani ni kwamba Serikali iliweza kutusaidia kwa kuongeza maeneo ya utawala katika sehemu zetu. Tunashukuru kwamba Ofisi ya Rais iliweza kutoa mapendekezo ya kwamba machifu waajiriwe katika sehemu hizo. Tungeliomba, kwa sababu machifu wamekwisha kufanya interviews wakisubiri kuajiriwa katika sehemu hizo, Waziri wa Local Government pia naye ajaribu kuangalia ni njia gani atakayofuata ili kuhakikisha kwamba sehemu hizo zitakuwa zinawakilishwa kwa upande wa madiwani. Ni shida wakati chifu yuko hapa na lokesheni fulani haina diwani. Inakuwa kwamba sasa diwani moja anawakilisha lokesheni mbili. Ni lazima tulitilie maanani jambo hilo, kuhakikisha kwamba tutaweza kuwapata madiwani katika zile sehemu ambazo Serikali iliweza kuongeza ili kuhakikisha kwamba huduma zinatolewa kwa upande wa kisiasa na pia upande wa kiutawala.

Bw. Naibu Spika wa Muda, jambo ambalo pia ningetaka kuligusia ni mawasiliano kwa upande wa utawala. Nikizungumza hapa, sehemu ninayowakilisha Bungeni ni sehemu moja ambayo mara kwa mara huingiliwa na ujambazi. Hivi sasa district officer (DO) wangu wa Samburu hawezi kuwa na mawasiliano na district commissioner (DC) wake kwa sababu simu yake ilikatwa. Hawezi kuwasiliana na Bw. DC wala DC hawezi kuwasiliana na DO wake. Sasa kutoa huduma ni shida kubwa. Kwa hivyo ningeliomba simu ya Samburu ya Bw. DO, ipate kutiliwa maanani kwamba irudishwe ile Bw. DO aweze kuwa na mawasiliano, hasa kama shida imetokea.

Jambo jingine ambalo ningelitaka kushukuru hasa wakati kama huu, ni hali la usalama. Usalama ni muhimu katika sehemu zetu na hasa wakati kama huu ambapo tunakaribia uchaguzi. Usalama wa raia ni muhimu sana. Tungekuwa na haja ya kuwasaidia maofisa wa polisi katika hali yoyote, kwa sababu hawa maofisa wanafanya kazi masaa 24. Ni jambo la kusikitisha unaposikia kwamba wakati mwingine wanakosa kulipwa marupurupu yao kwa wakati fulani, na hali huduma wanazotoa ni za muhimu sana katika Jamhuri hii. Itakuwa ni kazi bure kuishi nchi hii bila usalama. Sisi tutakuwa tunafanya shughuli zetu, lakini kama usalama umekosekana, tutakuwa na shida ambazo hazitakuwa na mpaka.

Pia ningetaka kuwapongeza Wabunge wenzangu kwa nidhamu waliyoonyesha wakati wa kusomwa kwa Bajeti ya mwaka huu. Kama wangekata shauri kusema ya kwamba ni lazima sisi tulipize kisasi, basi ninaamini kwamba maafisa yangepatikana hapa Bungeni. Lakini kwa sababu ya nidhamu ya chama kinachotawala cha KANU, na Wabunge wa KANU, tuliweza kujizua kwa sababu tulijua kwamba kama tungekata shauri kama vile walivyokata shauri, lile lengo lao halingetimia tu, lakini wangeumia zaidi, ndipo wajue kwamba sisi tunatawala na pia tunaweza kuwatawala hata katika Bunge hili.

Kwa hayo machache, ninaomba kuunga mkono.

(Ms. Wanjiru was applauded as

she moved to the microphone)

Ms. Wanjiru: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, for giving me a chance to contribute on the Vote on Account. I thank you also for recognising my presence here.

I find it extremely difficult to express my resentment on the behaviour of some of us because, I would find it difficult a situation where a man has to run away from his house or from his responsibility. But, I do apologise for their behaviour and I apologise to Kenyans for what has been transpiring. Maybe, they have some grievances and I do not know why they do not come here to address them.

(Applause)

I think Kenya is a free country, and I want to remind you a little bit of history. When we acquired Independence in 1963, the late Mzee Jomo Kenyatta set up a district, which was hived off from Rift Valley, and that district is Nyandarua, where I come from. It was a physical sign that we are a free people, and that is why Nyandarua happens to be a sign of the free Kenya. We were free from colonial rule. That is why I am one of the daughters of the people who fought in the Mau Mau war. So, I would request my colleagues who have been thinking of shaking me from my political base to desist because God sent me here with a purpose. I come from a very important constituency and that is why God has poured all His Holy Spirit there so that we can radiate, spread the word of God and peace throughout Kenya and to the other nations.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, those who are trying to disrupt peace in Nyandarua and in Kinangop, should know that they are offending God; they are offending His servants and they are going to meet Him. The other issue that I want to touch on, is that I want to remind Kenyans, especially hon. Members to continue praying for peace because once we lose our heads and our peace, then the devil will take advantage of us and then we will not be safe.

There is something else I would like to touch on. I cannot imagine a country without a Constitution. We are a free country and if there is anything that needs change, we should initiate change from here, in Parliament. We have had a lot of things being imposed on us by our foreign masters. I know that there are people who, when they do their job here, they go abroad for payments and that is despicable. I have been hanging around and praying to God so that these people can come back to reason and then we can build a healthy nation.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I know that the colonialists have tried to divide us along religious lines and monetary lines and many other ways, but as Members of this House and Kenya citizens, we should be intelligent enough to know when to part ways, especially when we realise that we are going to work for our own downfall. I have also served this Parliament with unswerving loyalty to the Head of State and I have tried to adhere to the rules of this House and to serve my constituents in Kinangop and, I can assure you that I will continue in the same spirit.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would wish to urge the Minister for Finance to consider increasing banking services so that the women and the weaker people in the society can get some money easily from the banks. I would request the hon. Minister to provide a service called "pawn". Pawn is a service where if I have a precious material like is gold, I can take it to a bank and I can get half of the price of the gold so that I can go and do my work. That way we shall elevate our currency and make it a bit stronger. If we deal with gold and silver, that service will bring our currency to competitive levels with the dollar or the Sterling Pound.

I have been visiting banks as a person and I have seen that even for a Member of Parliament like myself, it is very difficult to secure some funds from banks. I do not know why they have decided to bring this abuse of trust to hon. Members. I would request the Minister for Finance to request banks to give priority to Members' demands so that we can go and serve our constituents.

I have been accused of not attending public functions, but it is not because I wanted to do that, it is only that I had some financial constraints.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would also like to request the Ministry of Public Works and Housing to continue with the work they have being doing.

Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir, I am grateful for what they have done. I would like to remind the Minister that the Magumu-Njabini-Engineer-Ndunyu Njeru Road still needs to be looked into and I would request the Minister to provide some funds to facilitate its tarmacking.

We also need water. Sasumo Dam is in my constituency and we have continued to serve Nairobi with water from time immemorial. I would request the hon. Minister in charge of water development to consider tapping water from the Aberdare Ranges. We have a lot of rivers there and we also have very beautiful falls where they can tap electricity so that my people in Kinangop can be served effectively and feel that they are also sharing in the national cake like other Kenyans.

I would also urge the Government not to forget the nomads. That is another prophecy that I almost forgot to state. The nomads should be remembered because they also comprise citizens of this country.

With those few remarks, I beg to support.

The Minister for Finance (Mr. Mudavadi): Thank you, Mr. Temporary Deputy Speaker, Sir. I will just take a few minutes to reply because hon. Members have dealt with this particular Motion exhaustively. They still have other opportunities to make contribution because tomorrow we shall resume debate on the Financial Statement and equally we have the Motion on Taxation Proposals where they will have sufficient time to contribute on the Budget debate.

I can only stress three aspects as Parliament gives us authority to release the resources from the Consolidated Fund. First, I would like to stress that Ministers must stick to the ceilings that are provided because we all must bear in mind that the Central Bank Act is now in force and, therefore, all the expenditures must be within the parameters that are laid down so that we do not overdraw our accounts and, thereby, break the laws and also undermine our ability to bring interest rates down. Interest rates can only be brought down if we live within our means and we do not encourage excess expenditures.

As we move closer to the General Elections, it is critical that whatever we do and whatever we say is done with adequate responsibility because it is going to affect the credit rating of our country. We want free and fair elections and we shall all try to make sure that we have free and fair elections.

We also know that society is dynamic and changes have to come in so that they are in tandem with the changing needs of society. Nobody is against changes that will make our country run better, but one thing that is clear is that we must make sure that we bring these changes in a mature manner so that we do not disrupt the level of development we have attained so far.

We also would like to stress that the Opposition in this country must bear in mind that KANU cannot carry their agenda. They have their agenda and they have to sell it. They have to articulate the agenda and if, indeed, it is worth, they should sell it to the electorates and the electorates should support them because of the agenda that they are selling. They should not blame KANU if the electorates do not accept their agenda. KANU has got its agenda to sell. We have our own agenda and we have to articulate it. We are all going to the electorates knowing that we have different agendas to sell. We are in competition in conveying a particular message to our society, and it is a question of who conveys it best; who conveys it peacefully; who conveys it so that he attracts maximum support from the general populace. Even in the recent elections in the United Kingdom, the Conservatives were not selling the agenda for the Labour Party and neither was the Labour Party selling the agenda for the Conservative Party.

So, the Opposition should not expect KANU to take over their agenda and sell it. But if they persuade us that their agenda is logical, then that is a different matter. And we want persuasion; genuine logical persuasion, but not the kind of degeneration we saw in this House. I hope it shall be the last as we approach the elections, when all of us have to seek fresh mandate from the people.

With these few remarks, I beg to reply.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Mr. Wetangula): Hon. Members, that concludes the business on the Order Paper. The House is, therefore, adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, 26th June, at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 6.13 p.m.