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[Hon. Speaker (Ms. Beatrice Elachi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

PAPERS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Njihia?

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Hon. Speaker, through your guidance, is it on the statement that I requested?

Hon. Speaker: No, it is a report you are supposed to lay. It is on your [committee] induction. Let the Table give you a copy of that.

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Thank you Hon. Speaker. The County Assembly Committees are extension of the Assembly established under the County Assembly Standing Orders and accordance with section 14 of the County Government Act 2012...

Hon. Speaker: Order Chair! Just read the first page of your report, because you're laying the report on the table. Just read that!

Hon. Abraham Njihia: Ok. Hon. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 191 (6) I beg to lay the following paper on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday 21st February 2018.

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT REQUEST REGARDING MOU TO SINK EMERGENCY BOREHOLES

Hon. Patrick Karani: Hon. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Water and Sanitation regarding the memorandum of understanding between the Nairobi City County Government, the Ministry of Water and Athi Water Services Board.

Hon. Speaker there was an MOU amongst the mentioned state agencies to sink emergency boreholes throughout the County to mitigate the water crisis in areas without piped water. In the statement the chairperson should inquire and report on:

- 1) The terms of reference for each party involved in the MOU
- 2) The implementation progress of the MOU with regard to the number of boreholes sank in the County and their respective geographical locations

Hon. Speaker: Chair of the Committee? Member of that committee? Charles, you are a member?

Hon. Charles Thuo: Thank you madam Speaker, we are going to report in two weeks' time.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Karani, you are ok?

Hon. Patrick Karani: Most obliged, Chair.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members I can see we have many responses. Hon. Osman do you have a statement? Do you want to proceed before the responses?

STATEMENT REQUEST REGARDING LACK OF ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC RULES

Hon. Osman Adow: Hon. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c) I wish to request for a Statement from Chairperson of Sectoral Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding the lack of enforcement of traffic rules by the Inspectorate Department in the Nairobi Central Business district.

Hon. Speaker, bus drivers and GK drivers vehicles disobey traffic rules with impunity as enforcement officers are either unable or unwilling to do their jobs thus putting the lives of road users at risk. In the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- 1) The mandate of the County Traffic Marshals
- 2) What can be done to curb lawlessness by bus and matatu drivers in the City
- 3) What measures have been put in place to minimize traffic offences and to reduce traffic snarl-ups in the CBD? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Chair?

Hon. Jayendra Malde: Madam Speaker I need two weeks

Hon. Speaker: Hon Members we have many responses. I hope the committees have agreed, as we call in these responses, so that we don't experience what we had yesterday. Is Hon. Waitera in the House? Hon. Chair of Environment, since the Member is not in the House we will defer to the day she will be in the House. Hon. Anthony Kiragu, there was a response sought by Kiragu. Is the Budget Committee in the House with the response?

STATEMENT RESPONSE REGARDING SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

Hon. Patrick Mbatia: Madam Chair this is a response to a statement requested by Hon. Anthony Kiragu, MCA and also Chairman Planning to the Finance and Budget and Appropriation Committee with my members most notably Hon. Elias Otieno.

Hon. Speaker on 15th of February 2018 Hon. Kiragu rose for a statement and requested the following:

When the County Executive plans to forward the supplementary budget for financial year 2017/2018 to take care of new and additional expenses as County Government works to refocus the County on the right development track.

Madam Speaker the statement raised a number of issues with regard to procedure of submission of supplementary budgets in cases where the same are necessary.

In this regard the Committee in its wisdom saw it wise to clear the issues before engaging the County Treasury. The Committee therefore held discussions with Hon. Anthony Kiragu pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (e) and wishes to respond as follows:

The provisions of PFM Act 2012 and regulations 39 of PFM Act 2015 prescribes the criteria for introduction of Supplementary Budgets, note that Supplementary Budgets are only introduced to finance additional costs to fund emerging needs for which no amount was appropriated, to adjust the budget when additional revenue is realized, to reallocate budgeted funds that cannot be spent due to unavoidable circumstances, to reduce the expenditure when revenue falls short of target, and when money has been withdrawn from emergency fund.

From the above reasons, it is important to emphasize that the law does not prescribe timelines for submissions for supplementary budgets neither does it make it mandatory to have a supplementary budget in any financial year.

Therefore Hon. Speaker, the County Executive Accounting Officers as implementers of the budget are better placed to determine whether or not there is rationale for the County to process a supplementary budget. It is therefore the considered opinion of the Finance Budget and Appropriation Committee, that the County Assembly, in its oversight role, would be performing executive functions by demanding for supplementary budgets without sound backing on whether it is necessary or not.

The County Assembly has over time decried the existence of too many supplementary budgets in a financial year as they depict sign of poor planning and improper forecasting. The Committee therefore urges the County Assembly to seek to that thinking in strict compliance with the above provisions of the law PFM Act 2012 and the enabling regulations. In fact, the law discourages supplementary budgets by prescribing very stringent conditions that must be met before Accounting Officers explore that option.

The current budget approval structure where budgets are loaded into IFMIS with payments done through internet banking and in line with approved worked plans gives almost a zero latitude for spending money that have not been appropriated by the County Assembly. It is noteworthy that the Committee is currently considering the quarterly reports from the County Treasury in which in its reports, all County revenues are being channeled to the County revenue fund in line with the provisions of section 109 of the PFM Act 2012.

As I finish, during the deliberations of this statement the Committee noted that the County Assembly might be interested in knowing how the new administration has been able to merge its plans to fit within the approved budget for the financial year 2017/2018 and the underpinning approved plans thereof. The Committee will be investing on this matter and will report to the assembly in the shortest time possible.

Madam Speaker, following committee deliberations, we met Hon. Kiragu and I wish to confirm to this Assembly that the Hon. Member was satisfied with our response. I beg to lay the response.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Chair. Hon. Kiragu, are you okay?

Hon. Anthony Karanja: Madam Speaker, I am okay with the response. It was very clear.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Minority Whip?

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Thank you, Chair. Our Standing Order is very clear; as a Member of Budget and Appropriations Committee, we are happy that the Member is very pleased with our report. This is the first report to be presented to this House and the Member is comfortable with it. It should be a precedent to this House that when questions are asked, they are not only directed to a particular person who asked the question but the whole House.

Therefore, Madam Speaker may be to ask for your directives; Agnes Odhiambo was complaining to the Auditor General about the iPads issued to the Members of the County Assembly. It is good the same reports and statements answered can be distributed to all the Members especially my side where we really need to check you thoroughly so that in every Statement, the Committee should be accountable. Madam Speaker, we are seeking your directives on the issue of accountability in terms of giving handouts if the iPads are not yet or your commitment on the issue of iPads for the new Members. When are we getting them? Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Minority Leader you know very well, I think in his statement, he was very clear that everything that you request for is done through IFMIS. I know it is in the budget, so, I am hoping that it will be within your next budget for 2018/2019.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: I believe a ream of plain papers costs about Ksh. 250. Whenever we give these statements, we can distribute to all Members to read and understand.

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Hon. Speaker: That is the duty of the Clerks-at-the-table to ensure they distribute to Members. But also if you are interested in such a response, you just go to the Journals Department and you will get a copy. For the sake of your side as you requested, we shall be doing that and I believe that the Clerks-at-the-table have heard.

Response sought by Peter Wanyoike, Chairman, do you have the response? Peter Wanyoike is not in the House. Peter Warutere and Chege Mwaura are not also in. Is Samora Mwaura in the House? He had sought a statement from the Committee on Environment. Chairman, do you have his report?

Hon. John Muthiga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Next week, we will have a comprehensive report.

Hon. Speaker: Is that okay, Hon Samora?

Hon. Samora Mwaura: Madam Speaker, I hope it will be next week because I have been waiting for quite a while.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Waithera Chege, I will come back to you since the rest are not around. Chair, do you have the report for Waithera Chege?

Hon. John Muthiga: Thank you again, Madam Speaker. I still have the same answer, it is being compiled.

Hon. Speaker: It is fair enough for you to invite the CEC and the whole team to come and explain these issues to Hon. Samora and Hon. Waithera. Is that better?

Hon. John Muthiga: Madam Speaker, we invited them but because of the scenario that happened last week when we were not there, we didn't want to bring another report and Members to disown it. So, I told the secretariat to make comprehensive report for them.

Hon. Speaker: No, I am saying instead of bringing response which you will still bring to this House, It is important that the two can be called to the Committee with the Executive side that deals with the issue and you canvass your issues in that Committee? Is it better than bringing a response that will be---?

Hon. John Muthiga: Madam Speaker, we were with them, we called the Executive and they came. So, we didn't want them to come again here and say they are not satisfied.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Waithera.

Hon. Waithera Chege: Thank you, Madam Speaker. In fact, one of the reasons why I am late for the Assembly is because I had gone for a meeting with the CEC Environment and we were able to sort out my case. I think they lagged very much, so I had to look for answers from somewhere else.

Hon. Speaker: Have they solved the problem?

Hon. Waithera Chege: Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Chair, we will wait for your comprehensive report for Samora. Next Order.

MOTION

RENAMING THE CURRENT RING ROAD NGARA TO DR. G.W. GRIFFIN ROAD

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Adow.

Hon. Osman Adow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. THAT, aware that streets and roads in the County have from the past been named after distinguished individuals who have played outstanding contribution to our today's society; further aware that in renaming of public roads after such great and legendary contributors, it bestows honor and gratitude for their deeds; noting the great contributions of the late Dr. Geoffrey William Griffin (1933– 2005) who was the founder of Starehe Boys Centre and School (1959), founding Director of the National Youth Service (NYS) (between 1964 and 1988) and not forgetting his dedication in improving the lives of youth in the Country by educating tens of thousands through sponsorship; concerned that such heroes haven't had such recognition for the great work and role they played, this Assembly urges the Nairobi City County Government to rename the current Ring Road Ngara to be Dr. G.W Griffin Road in recognition of his efforts and great contributions to the County and Country at large.

Madam Speaker, I am one of those beneficiaries of Dr. Griffin who dedicated his life to the youth of this Country by leading the NYS and founding Starehe Boys Centre. Having seen him personally how he dedicated his life and passionate about the youth, he never wanted to see any child not to go to school because of lack of fees. He tried his best to make sure that he made a lot of dreams come through. If you look at today's society in Kenya, you will find a lot of people who benefited from his services. I think it would be appropriate to name such a road after him so that people can remember him in future. With that, I call upon Hon. Obuya to second the Motion

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I am honoured to second this beautiful Motion. I have few reasons to support this Motion. Most of us were born between 25 and 35 years ago and we connect the good deeds of our founding fathers from buildings, roads and avenues that were named after great Kenyans that lived before us. In that respect, I don't have a choice but to second the Motion. This will not only honour Dr. Griffin but a source of inspiration for many Kenyans to serve humanity and honour God. I beg to second the Motion, thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mberia.

Hon. David Mberia: Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me opportunity to contribute to this very important Motion. I remember in the last County Assembly, I brought such a Motion and Hon. Adow can attest to that. The Motion was about renaming all the roads across the City, roads which have no significance at all to the Country. We have prominent leaders, former freedom fighters, and heroes in sports and entertainment who have no roads named after them. The first County passed this particular Motion but the County Executive did not implement the same.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Griffins has done a lot to this Country alongside others. We want a clear policy to rename roads which have names with no significance at all to our Country. Madam Speaker, why would you name a road Wanye road? Muratina road? Lusaka? Lusaka is the capital city of Zambia. Mogadishu road? Dar es Salam road? Dodoma road? Kampala road? And so on and so forth. As much as we respect Dr. Griffins for what he has done for this Country, we want a clear policy for this Country. I believe that we can revisit my Motion then and probably the Committee on Implementation can tell us where they reached, where the responses by the Executive are and why they did not implement. I remember the former Governor

named two roads; one after Cardinal Otunga and the other after Charles Kobia. Through your guidance Madam Speaker, if Ring road will be changed to Dr. Griffins then we will have to rename all the roads whose names have no significance to us. As I support this Motion, I want us to revisit all the roads that have no meaning to us as a Country. I beg to support.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you *Mheshimiwa*.

Hon. Patrick Karani: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am of a different opinion on how roads are named like Kenyatta Avenue, Tom Mboya, Moi Aveue and Lusaka road. I do not think that it should be limited to people. We are living in a contemporary world and as I have been having discussions with the young people in my constituency, we have come to resolve that tomorrow is a repetition of the past. We are in a digital world and this generation does not care what happened ten years ago. Over Christmas, I went home with my relatives and---

Hon. Speaker: *Mheshimiwa*, are you on a Point of Order? Proceed *Mheshimiwa*

Hon. Patrick Karani: I went to my rural home with my relatives and younger siblings and we went to visit the graveyard of my great grandfather. The perception I got is that these are fellows who used to live here a long time ago. They have no attachments. It is time as a nation we move from naming roads with personalities, with the exception of key personalities who appear in the books of history. There are so many things that we can make reference to. Perhaps we have historical events that have helped shape the history of this Nation. Everyone is aware of the *Saba Saba* movement that brought the multiparty democracy, we have the passing of the new Constitution which brought the new dispensation and also the 2007 clashes.

Madam Speaker, I think that it is time that we depart from naming roads to certain personalities because there are so many people who have done great works to this Nation and they are not recognized. Myself, I have done a lot of work in my Ward and I need to be recognized and have the road named Karani road. So let us depart from that and look wider into phenomenal events and other things. I beg to oppose.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you *Mheshimiwa*. *Mheshimiwa* Mary Ariviza

Hon. Mary Ariviza: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is a great privilege for me to stand before you and this Honorable House. I stand to say that Dr. Griffins did a great job. We have very many personalities that went through his hands and they are great men amongst us and we really appreciate his work. However, I have the great honour to stand here and say that I know one Mrs. Margret Mwaniki who was a great leader at Moi Girls Nairobi.

I kind of agree with my brother that if we are all going to name roads after great people, what about the great Carrey Francis of Alliance High Schol? Great men that brought great results in this Country and we still have very many of them amongst us. If we are going to name roads after people who have done great things then we might actually not be able to name all of them. We have a country that has set precedence of making personalities and people to become greater than they really are amongst us. When they do something

then we epitomize them into gods such that they pervert our history and we are not able to stand by ourselves. We have Mary Ariviza International Airport, Mary Ariviza Hospital, Mary Ariviza Clinic, and Mary Ariviza Avenue and so on.

That is why our country is in a position where some people think that they own the Country and are not able to let us go and reach our destinations. I know he came with a different perspective and I get his point. We have to move forward. If you visit some of these great cities, you do not find many places named after great people. Like Obama. He has not been names after any street in America.

I know the Japanese have named a city in his name. We have to come out of personalities and decentralize ourselves from people so that we can leave this Country into the hands of the future generations instead of putting them in personalities. At the end of the day *tunasikia wengine*. I know I am supposed to speak in English to the end. Sorry for that. Then some people think that they own Kenya and everything that happens here must be with them.

Some of us within this House are here because our fathers were people and even how we treat people shows that we are telling them that do they know who we are. Thing is, your father and grandfather did something and we appreciate them, but what are you and I doing at this time so that we can be remembered? We as a people ride on names of family members and do very little hence corruption gets root because we become corrupt so as to maintain that name because we don't have what it takes to maintain that name by itself. I stand here to appreciate.

I am an educator and Dr. Griffins has done great things. We can name very many great personalities that went through him but I also feel that we need to depersonalize this Country from names that have made us slaves to them in that we think about them and talk about them during the day and night. Such that when we challenge them they become very angry and plan how to forward you to heaven. I stand to oppose.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Emily

Hon. Emily Oduor: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand here to support this Motion. First of all, what Griffins did is beyond that some of us cannot explain. He made some of the poorest students. We have students who came from the poorest of the poor in society whom he picked from the villages and brought them to Starehe and made them who they are today. They have gone back to the villages and homes and held hands of people and some of them have done great things in the society where they came from.

Thanks to Griffins because without that then they would not have gone to school and because of that, I believe that we should name this road after him. Some of us know Griffins because of our age but I am sure that if you ask my child about Griffins today then he wouldn't know because there is nothing named after him. We now just talk about Starehe and nobody bothers to know how it came into being. I would love to drive along that road with my child and have him ask me mom, why was this road named after this man then I will be able to explain. But if we leave his legacy to die then it will be very bad and discourage other people.

Secondly, I would love to disagree with my sister the Hon. Mary. She said that developed countries do not name roads after their presidents and leaders. If you go to Washington DC, we have a University and Hospital and so we cannot say that developed countries do not name after their presidents. I also would like to disagree with you that naming of roads does create corruption. I do not know how the two come together. If I am dead and the road is named after me then how will that bring corruption to this Country? I do not understand. If you disagree with the idea of naming a road after somebody then I don't think that corruption comes in. We appreciate people for what they have done in this Country. As much as we might not be able to appreciate everybody, we need to appreciate some.

We might not be able to name all the roads after people who have done great after this Country but we have to appreciate quite a number that we can. We should not take it to be political in the sense that we say that if we name a road after Emily Oduor then the Oduors family are going to leave a legacy of violence, pride and division. I wish to politely disagree with you on that. Therefore as I sit, I wish to support.

We talked about the roads in Industrial area. That is Kampala, Dar es Salam road. I think that what really contributed to those roads being named like that is for accessibility. If you walk on that road you will note that they are named after cities and alphabetically. People who go to industrial area know that what they need to do is to find letters a, b, c, d to z to access those roads. In the event that we feel that we need to change those roads then we can consider leaders who have those initials. We can still change that. With that Madam Speaker, I support the Motion. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Herman!

Hon. Herman Azangu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am supporting the Motion and also the Member who has just finished has spoken what was on my mind. She has talked about it very well so I support the Motion also.

I want to talk about Dr. Griffin who was doing a good job in the slums. He used to take the children from the slums and gave them education. The road which the Member is proposing Dr. Griffin to be named after is a ring road and it has no name, so I will just support it. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Benson Macharia!

Hon. Benson Macharia: Thank you Madam Speaker, I will have to propose the Motion in that the best way to remember a person is not through naming monuments and it is not through the things we are planning to do. The best way to remember a person is living through the deeds that he taught you. Dr. Griffin taught us to be good men, go home and be good men to your families. If your teacher, for example my teacher Mr. Kwanjumba taught me to be a good leader, it is my responsibility to go into my Ward and be a good leader to the electorates who elected me, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, in our Constitution Article 231 (4) it talks about the currency of our country, we were trying to move from the notes that had the portrait of our founding father and it is a good way because

we are trying to bring national unity. I was privileged last week to go to Rwanda to learn something about that country and I realized that all the roads in Kigali are named after sections like KG Kigali 1, KG Kigali 2. Even us here in Nairobi, Madam Speaker, as Kenya moves from creating a currency that depicts what Kenya is the physical nature and wild animal, even Nairobi can move in such a way that we can name roads that clearly depicts what Nairobi is. So Madam Speaker, I beg to oppose that Motion and thank you while I rest my case.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kennedy Obuya!

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you Madam Speaker, Hon. Members I stand to be guided...

Hon. Speaker: I hope you are on a Point of Order because you seconded this Motion so you can't speak on it.

Hon. Kennedy Obuya: Thank you for your guidance Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Okay! Hon. Mellab!

Hon. Mellab Lumalah: Thank you Madam Speaker, it is a great afternoon that we are discussing about good deeds that people have done in the Country and especially in our County. I will start by supporting or not supporting but let me discuss and give my verdict later, when I finish. In this County we are in a very bad state and I am sorry to say people are describing others on deeds or names and where they come from and the things which people have and others don't have. I feel naming of the roads is very good but can we name these roads with different names. Can we say Peace Road, Processional Road, Harmony road and such names? Why should we use people's name?

Why do we have heroes corner like someone was suggesting? Or places we can put aside as a County and put their historic events of each and every person who did good things. So that our children can have time to go and learn and also to do site visit and learn the real history of those people. Like we have the Wangari Mathaai corner there where you can go and read the monument what they have written on it.

I think if we can do that, it can be better than naming roads because most people will come out and want their road to be named because 'our person did this and that'. What about other community that will never have their own and we should not hide [this fact]? This country is really treading on a tribal line. We are not so mature to handle that as much as we will continue naming the roads and I will also feel bad because I have not seen any Luhya name featuring anywhere. That is only an example. I would prefer we rename historic sites. Griffins did a lot of things that most of us admires; at a monument or historic corner people would come and read historic life and other things.

Let us be realistic and creative enough to come up with very unique features so that if another person from another county coming to Nairobi but doesn't understand our history he or she can have the opportunity to read.

I always admire when I walk into the gallery of Murumbi. There are so many things that you will learn about literature and I have not heard anybody complaining about it. My feeling and instincts are that I don't support it, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah Themendu!

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank Madam Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to comment on the same. What I think we should do as Kenyans is that we should appreciate others because of what they have been doing in our country like Dr. Griffins. What he has done is better than the people who have been named after roads like Moi Avenue, Moi Road, and Kenyatta Avenue. Although they did better, I don't think what Dr. Griffin did was well appreciated; he should be appreciated more than these leaders.

Griffin touched the hearts of many parents who were very poor for they could not afford to pay fees for their children, but they were taken by Dr. Griffins to that school. The school is currently doing very well because of what he did by starting a foundation that he kept in that school. That is how even today it is the school is still doing the same. So I support the Motion, even if it is not that road since we have many roads, but I also support to change the Ring Road, Ngara because it is not famous like Kimathi Street, Tom Mboya or others here. So I think what we could do is appreciate the small things a Kenyan like Griffin did to us.

Although he is dead we should appreciate that, Madam Speaker, and change the road and give that road Dr. G. W. Griffin Road. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Majiwa!

Hon. Geophrey Majiwa: Thank you Madam Speaker, they say that learning is a continuous process and we learn every day. This is a Motion and it really does not call for opposing or supporting; it is common sense that we have to agree with the realities of the day. People have done great things in the world and the world itself has changed a lot, in that we have also to accept and understand that the issue of naming the roads is provided for in the Physical Planning Act and in the planning policies there is a provision on how roads are named after people or certain names. That is the route that we needed to have looked at first before we start opposing or proposing the Motion.

My contribution is this. Great people are named after institutions. How about thinking of changing the name of Starehe Boys Centre into Dr. Griffins Academy because as we speaks now it is no longer boys Centre, because which boys are there? It is now a high cost school. The ideas that Griffins had when it started are not the ones that are running now. It is a different institution altogether. It used to pick the street boys all over, take them there and they were given an opportunity to learn. That is when that school was known and that is when Griffins actually did great work. It is not there anymore.

So we can still name that school after Griffin and we say this is now Griffins Institution that was his idea. Currently the world is changing. Just the other day our former president H. E Mwai Kibaki ruled this Country and we saw a lot of new good things changing. We used to have Kenyatta day. Do we have it

anymore? We don't have it since it is now Mashuja day, and it make sense to a lot of us. We also used to have Moi day and we don't have it now. Things are changing and you know when we don't change, change will change us. We have to accept the realities.

That we have to leave the individualism and go to issues and the way these things have been changing. These institutions in Kenya are too many if we have great people we can name them after institutions that are there and existing while they did their works. The roads have a physical planning provision that we can't do even if we argue here until evening. The physical planning has to actually take precedence. These things have to change in a manner that it will make sense.

I remember sometime in 2015 there was a very big issue. I was visiting former Governor's office Dr. Kidero. There was an issue that the family of the late former Vice President George Saitoti had applied to be given a road in Nairobi after their father but then the response was very clear that you could not get that road.

I have heard of Members talking about Ring road. It is just a road but it has a lot of meaning in Planning Act. Any road you see called Ring road has a very serious planning meaning it means that roads connect other small roads up to a certain area. It is not just ring road like that. It has a meaning in planning. So when we say it is a small Ring road they are never small. They are long but they connect small roads.

I think it is better to say that Griffins did great work and we have so many other people who did great work too, but within the institution they did their great work we have to do changes like we have done with Safaricom Stadium. Now it is no longer Moi international sport Centre. We had Kenyatta day which changed to Mashuja day. Things are changing and if we don't change they will change us. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Nicholas Okumu!

Hon. Nicholas Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support this Motion. History is very important and I think all of us have a history and we are able to relate with a history. For instance I grew up never knowing Tom Mboya but when I pass and see a road named Tom Mboya, I get inspired to go and do a research about who this Tom Mboya was and I realize that he made a great contribution to this Country.

So what I am saying Madam Speaker is that we need to learn to appreciate those people who have contributed to the society, those people who have brought positive contribution. For instance, I have never heard or seen a road named Wanugu Road. Remember Wanugu was a robber, neither have I ever seen that other guy who was called Matheri, I have never seen them. Because you realize that their contribution to the society was negative. So, let us learn to appreciate the people who have contributed positively. When I hear my friend say that we are living in a digital world, it is this digitization of the world that is messing the generation of today.

If only we could be able to read from the history how our forefathers used to get it right, today we would not be in a messy world. Madam Speaker, whatever is happening to the digital youths today with the

era of the internet is bad and that is why one of our friends here one day brought in a Motion to close all the brothels. It is because of that digitalization. As we sit here, you find some of us are in the internet watching different things from what is happening here.

So Madam Speaker, I wish to support the Motion. When I hear that we should change the name of the institution to the name of the individual, we have to remember that that institution identifies with that individual. For instance, Starehe Boys Centre - this is a school that I have grown up knowing - is one of the best schools that you can find around in Nairobi or in the country. We grew up wishing and hoping that one day we would be able to perform better in our schools and join Starehe Boys Centre. For those who did join, they have history, and for us we kept on admiring. So I wish to support the Motion and we need to have an Act; we need to have legislation.

I remember one Fidel Odinga was named in Mombasa. I also wish that we are going to have a road in Nairobi called after my party leader Raila Amolo Odinga, because he has contributed positively to the country. What is in dispute is if any person has contributed negatively. Why do we remember Wangari Mathai? Because of the positive contribution that she brought to this country. So I beg to support the Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The mover. Hon. Karani, you have to request. Yes, request your Point of Order.

Hon. Patrick Karani: You know I am technologically challenged and we are on learning... But I want to correct my neighbor *Mheshimiwa* Nicholas that not all the time we are supposed to remember people because of good deeds---

Hon. Speaker: What is not in order?

Hon. Patrick Karani: Is that Madam Speaker we don't have to recognize good things; bad things also have a place in history---

Hon. Speaker: Order Hon. Karani. You know you are on a mike and Nairobians are watching---

Hon. Patrick Karani Yah. But there are some things---

Hon. Speaker: And you are a leader. Tell me what is not in order.

Hon. Patrick Karani: I am aware of that Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: And you know he had already finished. A point of Order is done when somebody is still on the floor. So when he has finished, I wonder what is out of order. Hon. Pius Mwaura.

Hon. Pius Mbono: Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to support this Motion. I am happy because a similar Motion was brought in the last Assembly and there was a lot of opposing and supporting. But at the

end of the day Madam Speaker, we agreed that the heroes and heroines worked tirelessly for this country need to be remembered in one way or the other.

For one to propose that one road to be named after a hero or a heroine, I think it is a good idea. Madam Speaker when I pass the former Forest Road which was renamed to Professor Wangari Mathai Road, something comes in my mind every day. When I see that name there, I always remember the contribution that was made by Professor Wangari Mathai. There is another road in Pangani that is named Mbono Road. I always see that name I feel delighted because my father's name is Mbono and I remember something comes in my mind that probably that road was named after my Mbono because my father was the first chef during the colonial times around Pangani. So when I go to that area, I always remember my father because Mbono is unique, there is no other Mbono. So when I see that name, something comes in my mind and I remember my father who has already gone to our Almighty.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Speaker: Yes Hon. Mary.

Hon. Pius Mbono: Let me finish, I am finishing Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Order! If you finish I will not accept the Point of Order. So let her proceed.

Hon. Mary Mwami: My Hon. Member has talked very well that when he passes at Ngara, something rings in his head because he lives in a generation and happens to bear that name Mbono also because it was his father. But you see many of us do not know about him. So what will happen one of these good days is, somebody will come here in this very House and they will suggest that name to be changed. So we are not against the great things that people have done, ----

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mary, what was out of order?

Hon. Mary Mwami: What was out of order was to say that he remembers this and it isn't that every time people will always remember you.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed *Mheshimiwa*.

Hon. Pius Mbono: Let me continue. I was saying this Madam Speaker, I know there will be some hurdles form the national parliament. I am a member of the Implementation Committee and Hon. Mberia had requested to be informed of what happened.

Hon. Speaker: Are you on a Point of Order Hon----

Hon. Pius Mbono: No. I am continuing.

(Point of Order)

Hon. Patrick Karani: Yes Madam Speaker, because you have not ruled on the Point of Order of the Hon. Member who had raised.

Hon. Speaker: *Mheshimiwa*, when you stand and tell me you remember something because of your father, what is wrong with that? That is why I kept quiet, because there is nothing wrong when you remember your late father somewhere. It is only that I did not want to be harsh on *Mheshimiwa* Mary. Proceed.

Hon. Pius Mbono: Madam Speaker let us agree that we name these roads after our heroes and heroines because it will also trickle down in our Wards. Last time we argued that even our roads in our Wards don't bear names. Visitors coming to these places get lost because there are no names and we urged the County government to move with speed to even go to our Wards and name these roads. But it was not implemented.

Madam Speaker I remember when my community from Zimmerman called me and told me that we should name those roads after the pioneers of Zimmerman. I asked them if they agreed to name the roads after the pioneers of Zimmerman. They told me yes because they did a very good job. They came together, they were so poor and managed to acquire that place and now the place is fully occupied.

As I support this Motion, I urge the House that we name roads after these heroes because taking one after the other does not mean that we forget the rest. When I go around Archives area, there is a statue there, which always reminds me that Tom Mboya was a great leader. Madam Speaker, in around December of November 2017, we went to KICOSCA games in Machakos. There is a statue just before you enter the field, everybody milled there taking photos alongside that great man, I cannot remember his name. When I asked who this is, I was told that he was a colonial fighter and that is why---

Hon. Speaker: Are you on a Point of Order Nicholas?

Hon. Nicholas Ouma: Thank you Madam Speaker. I just wanted to remind my good friend that it was a statue of Mulu Mutisya.

Hon. Speaker: So you are informing him? Good.

Hon. Pius Mbono: Thank you Hon. Member. I was saying that everybody was milling around that area and taking photos because they wanted to have some kind of attachment to this hero who did great job and is in our books, we know what he did. So naming our places after those heroes and heroines I think even our young children will also be learning more from them. Thank you Madam Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: The mover.

Hon. Osman Adow: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to thank everybody who contributed whether by supporting or opposing, especially those who supported. I just have a few comments. The area member left but we shall follow up with the Implementation Committee on the last Motion that was passed in the last Assembly. Somebody talked about the naming of streets or places after events like *Saba Saba* or

other names, but those events are shaped by people and the people are shaped by others like Dr. Griffin, who has shaped tens of thousands of youth in this country. So the events don't surpass the individuals who actually created them.

Hon. Mary kept talking about who owns Kenya, she talked about "they". I think she is one of those Kenyans who are just angry for no reason. But----- *(laughed)*

Hon. Speaker: Order mover!

Hon. Osman Adow: I don't know who they are. She kept on saying 'they' so I don't understand whom she was referring to. With those few remarks, I say thank you very much and I hope you will support and recognize this great person who is a Kenyan who was born in this country and has made great contribution to the lives of many people. *Asanteni.*

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, can we stand to adjourn. The House adjourns to tomorrow Thursday 22nd February 2018, at 2.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 4.17 p.m.)