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(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren Muga) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Good afternoon Hon. Members and welcome to this afternoon session of today 11th September, 2018. Can the Clerk take us through the Order Paper of the day?

STATEMENTS

Hon. Olale: Thank you Madam Speaker...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Olale, please a moment of your time. Hon. Members, it has been brought to my attention that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 41 (3). I quote, a Member who wishes to seek leave of the House to raise a matter under paragraph 2 (a) or (b) shall before 1:00 p.m. on the day on which the Statement is supposed to be made, hand to the Speaker a written notification on the matter, but, the Speaker may refuse to allow the request unless satisfied that the matter made properly be discussed in the House, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Next order!!

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Samo?

Hon. Samo: Thank you Madam Speaker. May be I am a stranger to some of the happenings in this House. Your Chair has just given Hon. Olale time to speak under statements. He has not stood to state whether it's is a personal statement he want to give or not. So, if it is a Personal Statement, then he is allowed pursuant to provisions of Standing Orders No. 42. I am seeking your indulgence on this matter.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you for that. Since the Member did not mention that, then, it's not the mistake of my making because he is the one who should have put it right on what he wanted to raise before the House. Hon. Olale, what is your statement?

Hon. Olale: Thank you Madam Speaker. I would just want to emphasize that the Clerk at the table should not mislead the House because we should be addressed by the rules and laws governing this House.

Madam Speaker, the Statement that I wish to make is pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 36 (2). Madam Speaker, I have visited the County Assembly Website as the Hon. Member for Nyalenda B and the pictorials in our site is a wash-wash to this County. These pictorials do not state the correct affairs of the Assembly, because it is an imaginary one. On this website, I would like to say here that our Home Page is paid for by the Tax payers monies. As the Hon. Member representing Nyalenda B, I have not seen the updates made to our Home page and when I require information or when the Media House would like to refer to the latest copy of the Hansard Reports it is not available in our site.

Madam Speaker, this House is guided by the laws which are the Standing Orders and if the person responsible is not updating our Website, then he is ruining the image of this House.

Lastly, I want to touch on the matter as Hon. Olale on the face of this changing Assembly, because each day we walk into the House we find changes in terms of furniture and on the expectations we want to this House. The red seats that I see here as Hon. Olale are a wash-wash, the seats that are portrayed to cost dearly, I want to say I am not part of it and it is a wash-wash.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Olale. On your first statement, I would like to bring it to your attention that on 06th September, 2018, when we had a Special Sitting, papers were laid before the House and I want to believe the Notice was delivered and it's the reason we are debating on this matter today.

Hon. Kanga: On appoint of Order, Thank you Madam Speaker. I am rising on Members General Statement pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (b) concerning matters of topical concern.

Madam Speaker, I want to support the matters raised by my colleague from Nyalenda B, Hon. Olale. The taxpayer's monies were used in the purchase of these gadgets to enable us transact the business of this Hon. House effectively...

Hon. Samo: On appoint of Order. Earlier on I rose to support Hon. Olale when you ruled him Out of Order under Order No. 42. Madam Speaker, if you may guide the House that the Hon. Kanga has stood under Orders No. 41. Remember what you have just read earlier on Orders No. 43 (3) . A Statement like that when a Member wants to make, be prepared earlier and be brought to the Office of the Chair. So, any Orders that touches on Orders No. 41 be done in advance in writing, be brought to you so that you may permit it. Madam Speaker, but that has not been the case. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 41 the Hon. Member is Out of Order unless he rose under Standing Orders No. 42.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you for that Liaison Chair. I want to concur with you because any issue that is touching on the County need to be put in black and white, and be brought before the Speaker for approval. So, I am sorry Hon. Kanga that you are completely out of order. Thank you.

Hon. Kanga: On appoint of Order, Thank you Madam Speaker. Despite the fact that I respect the Chair, you have to be consistent in making your rulings without referring to the contributions of Hon. Samo which to my view he is entitled to. Madam Speaker, when you are making your rulings, you are the fair arbitrator on this matter without Hon. Samo influencing your rulings...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Kanga, I want to refer you to Standing orders No. 41 (3). If you are saying that somebody is misleading the House and the statements given touches on the County please make reference to Orders No. 41 (3), please proceed.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Madam Speaker. Aware that we are under Personal Statements and we are just about to comment on the Governor's Speech. That notwithstanding, these gadget were bought using taxpayers monies and if you make comparison of the County Website with that of the County Assembly the Governor's Speech has not been uploaded in the site Madam Speaker. Since we commenced transacting the business of this House in the year September, 2017 it is now one year. If you access the website of other Counties Uasin Gishu County Assembly to be precise where the House of Senate is schedule to sit next week....

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order Hon. Kanga!! I have said it repeatedly that you are out of order because what you are bringing before the House is a County issue and you need to put it in black and white, thank you.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker. I am rising while citing the provisions of Standing Orders No. 42. As Hon. Member representing East Seme, I am perturbed by the sanitary facilities in this Assembly. I have raised this matter before and I will still raise this issue until that day that something is done. Madam Speaker, I want to mention how that affects the performance of this House. Most of the Members have visited the washrooms and one, they don't have water, two the Assembly cannot even afford tissue papers. This means that right now after these Members, including me as Hon. Okumu who has taken water and feel like going for a

short call, then, you think of going back to the House however important what we were discussing was going on, the call of nature cannot be stopped.

Madam Speaker, if a Member leaves the House and for instance goes to Nyalenda like Hon. Olale if he returns, whatever we were discussing shall have passed. Madam Speaker, I don't want to be in this situation for that long. This Assembly's leadership should ensure that we have nice washrooms that encourages these Members to sit in this House as long as they wish. Madam Speaker, I want to sympathize with the Hon. Member representing PwDs and the sanitary facilities that are not compatible with her condition and this is something that needs to be acted upon very soon. Madam Speaker, I was sharing with a fellow nominated Member representing the Youth and she stated that nothing can be done with the conditions that we have in this Assembly, but as Hon. Okumu, I believe we can transform this Assembly. Madam Speaker, we can start with our washrooms, thank you.

Hon. Oraro: Thank you Madam Speaker. I have got two statements to seek. One, today I felt embarrassed while in Aga Khan Hospital. My spouse was admitted sometimes back and as you all understand the policies of any Insurance Agencies, it is that when somebody is admitted or in-patient, then depending on the number of insurers, there is a cost sharing and this is in the public domain that NHIF takes precedence in the settling bed occupancies when a patient is admitted.

Madam Speaker, I thank my God because my spouse recovered and was to be discharged today. Unfortunately, it took me close to three hours and even as we are speaking I am still following up on the same because she cannot be fully discharged because my NHIF Cover is not up to date. Madam Speaker, every month if I look at my pay-slip there is a deduction that goes to pay my NHIF cover. I don't want to take it lightly because it should be automatic and it is known that when I get my payments the statutory deductions are supposed to be remitted before I get my salary. Madam Speaker, assuming that the Hospital had to insist that they can only admit my spouse on condition that my NHIF Cover is up to date, what would have happened and it was an emergency. I am talking because it is me today, but the next time it might be one of us and it might be critical. So, this is a matter that needs to be taken seriously and I am not going to take it for granted and it is something that needs to be followed up.

Madam Speaker, on the same breadth, my spouse has been going for Out-patient services, but every time she comes back, she informs me that she has noticed that the deductions in the AAR Smart Card is doubling. I kept on refusing, but she insisted. This was until she was being admitted on Saturday when I personally witnessed the same anomalies. When I presented my Smart Card and the first this I was told was that there is zero balance in the card. Madam Speaker, when I insisted that I want to get a statement on that Smart Card the service providers were called (AAR), there was a small conversation between the doctors and the service providers. Later, when they brought my card back, there was Kshs 23,000 in that card. Madam Speaker, because it was an emergency, I insisted that we forget about the issue of the card, let

them attend to my spouse first, then we will come back and sort out these issues later. They heard my pleas and worked on the emergencies.

Madam Speaker, when I came back to sort out the issues of payment, because I had promised them to just work on the issues of emergencies. When I went back, the Smart Card was again reading zero balance. We went through the same discussions, the charges for admission were scheduled to be Kshs 3,000 and I don't know how they took the money back from my card again. Madam Speaker, when the deductions were done, of the Kshs 3,000 that was to be deducted they deducted Kshs 10,000. I shared this ordeal with a number of Hon. Members and they confirmed that they have been experiencing the same. Madam, Speaker, I smell a rat and I believe that there is something fictitious in this issue of AAR. I suggest that it be looked into keenly. Thank you.

Hon. Joachim: Thank you Madam Speaker. I could preempt what you wanted to say, but, just mention it, it is SWAGGA, and there is no sin in saying it. Madam Speaker, I have two statements to make. One, is to echo what Hon. Oraro has just said. First I wish your spouse quick recovery and I know she will recoup very well. Madam Speaker, this is not just the NHIF and the NSSF, but we equally have other statutory deductions because the Assembly is taking ages to even remit Loan Deductions, they are equally not remitting on time the HELB. Madam Speaker, the other day HELB took my name to CRB for late payment. Madam Speaker, kindly protect us because these seems to be a lot of lethargy within the administration

Madam Speaker, secondly, I feel that I am being discriminated in this House, because I don't know what my other Member from the other side gave for them to sit on those tables, while we use these other tables. Madam Speaker, I look at some of our other four Members having the red sits and I don't know why mine is still black. So, can you protect us from this level of discrimination? If it is red chairs let all of us be seated on the red chairs, but if they wanted to commence with a few Members, why don't they start with SWAGGA from this side so that I also enjoy the comfort of those red chairs. This is very unfair.

Madam Speaker, thirdly, slay queen are killing us in this town. I know most of our Members don't want to talk about this, but reference to what happened to the late Sharron, we Members of this House need to be keen. Madam Speaker, the other day somebody was sending a text on my phone that I love u. I don't know how she could love somebody she has not even seen. So, this House should protect us from these slay queens because they will kill us. Again I want to urge Hon. Members, that, I know we are being slayed on but there are some of us who are equally slay, we need to take an example and learn from what happened in Migori because this things are now taking a different dimension and you never know the intention somebody has against you. So, we really have to be very careful and take good care of ourselves so that we don't face the same predicaments that befell the Governor of Migori. Madam Speaker, one thing I must tell you

is that these Hon. Male Members here are very hot. So, find a way of protecting them from these slay queens because we don't want to see them in the media, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Next order!

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR

PROF. PETER ANYANG' NYONG'O

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Proceed Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. On Thursday 6th September, 2018 the Governor of Kisumu County did give the State of the County Address as provided for by the County Government Act Section 30 of 2012.

Madam Speaker, that Act envisages that the Governor submits to the Assembly an annual report on the implementation status of the county's policies and plans. The Standing Order No. 20 also provides that the Governor shall address a Special Sitting of the Assembly once every year.

In this year's State of the County Address enumerated the progress report made during the last one year, the challenges therein and of course the expectation thereof. When the Governor took over the office, he narrowed down his manifesto to 10 points agenda;

1. Revitalization of Agriculture for food security and provision of Agri-based businesses.
2. Ensure a healthy population living in a clean environment.
3. Building modern physical infrastructure.
4. Provision or promoting skills, development and innovation.
5. Five was opening Kisumu Lake front for business and investments.
6. Providing decent housing in towns.
7. Promotion of sports culture and arts.
8. Promoting tourism driven by culture and heritage.
9. Promoting industrialization and a vibrant service sector.
10. Deepening the structures of devolution by improving the efficiency and productivity of the County Government.

In Agriculture, the County Government over the last one year has put a lot of emphasis on the dairy sector. We are aware that then department of agriculture gave dairy cattle to selected sub-counties where the climates are conducive for rearing of such animals. We are also aware that the poultry or layers were given out to different sub-counties. Dairy goats were distributed to different sub-counties.

Madam Speaker, certified seeds and fertilizers are also being given out and this is meant to improve our crop yields. There has been also a lot of emphasis to improve and increase the acreage of land and irrigation. This brings to mind the Miguye-Sanda and Kirindo irrigation schemes. There is also a construction of Koru-Soin Multipurpose dam. This dam is a major project and if it is completed then it is bound to open up huge areas of our county to development.

Madam Speaker, this dam is an undertaking of the National Government and of course with the collaboration of the County Government. The revitalization of the sugar sector has also been properly captured in Governor's address. We are aware that the sugar industry in this region has been on its death bed for far too long. There is efforts to revitalize that sub sector and just recently the Government did gazette the Sugar Act 2018. The gazettment of the Act is just part of the work that is in progress whose aim is to give a long term solution to the ailing sugar industry.

Madam Speaker, on Health and Sanitation, the tremendous progress has been made. Currently, we are aware that our people are being encouraged to register with NHIF because our county is one of the four counties in the republic that has been chosen for purposes of piloting the universal health coverage.

Madam Speaker, when this is done, it is envisaged that all our people will get free access to the health facilities without the burden of having to pay because the NHIF will be taking care of the bills. We are also aware that most of our health facilities are either being modernized or they are being approved on. Lumumba Hospital is currently being worked on and it is soon getting completed.

There are also health facilities that are being provided for the purposes of improving the efficiency in our health system. The Community Health Volunteers are also being mainstreamed or absorbed to mainstream health sector. For far too long, these groups of health providers have been doing their training for free. The Governor in his wisdom thought that this is very critical cadre of health providers that needs to be absorbed in our mainstream health sector. With that, all the Community Health Volunteers that have not been recognized as critical to the provision of health facilities are going to be given some allowances and of course they are also going to be insured with NHIF. I believe that will be a good motivation for them to continue with their work to our communities.

Improvement on access to health is cardinal and it is provided for in our constitution and I believe the ultimate objective is that if we have a healthy workforce then that is bound to spur productivity in our county.

Madam Speaker, another milestone is the provision of water. It is often said that water is life. Over the last one year, more than Kshs. 50 million has been earmarked for the provision of water

and the expansion of different water facilities. We are aware that various parts of this county water purifying kits have been distributed, bore holes are being dug and equipped.

Madam Speaker, Kisumu Water and Sewerage Company commonly known as KIWASCO has also done a tremendous job because over the last one year, they have really increased the level of access to clean and safe water within the urban and peri-urban areas of this county. Of course am aware that the efforts are being made to include the rural parts of this county. So that within the next one year as it was eloquently put by the Governor that access to clean water will even go higher.

In the last dispensation Kisumu City operated without a Board contrary to the provisions of the County Government Act. As we speak today, the County Government has complied to the provisions of this Act fully and there is a proper constituted City Board and the City Manager. That is a great achievement because the City cannot operate without being properly constituted as provided for by the Act.

Madam Speaker, I believe that this has now given hope that the city is going to discharge its mandate in a more efficient and robust way because it has now been legally and properly constituted.

I am aware that the City has done quite a tremendous job in terms of infrastructural development. In most of strolling in our modern settlements, there are very good roads. The streets are well lit. Yesterday, somebody made a remark that was very amusing. This person said, now the immediate environment provides more serene environment than what they find in the houses.

So at night such people would venture out to enjoy the serenity that is provided by good roads and good lights that they would have in their houses. That is just a testimony of the good job that is going on in our city.

Madam Speaker, the City is also planning to redesign our town. Instead of town looking away from the Lake, the town should actually face the Lake. That is something that is in the pipeline and I believe discussions are ongoing so that the lands that are adjoined to the lake can be freed for development to enable us have more recreational facilities along the lake. This is in tandem with major cities that are conjoined with the lake. That is what you will find if you go to Jinja.

Kisumu as you are aware has been recognized as one of the cleanest city in Kenya in the recent past and I believe this has been attributed by the good work that is going on. We are aware that the Kachok dumpsite which has been dominant isle in this town is being cleared. Of course there are challenges but the bottom line is that there is work that is going on and a piece that has already been reclaimed and turned into a park.

Another very important segment under Kisumu Urban Project is the special plan that is currently underway. When this is done there would be more controlled developments within the city. The

Governor also talked on roads and infrastructural development. We are aware as Honourable Members on the presentation differences in Wards that over the last one year, various tremendous progress has taken place in expanding our roads network. I want to believe going forward that if this trend continues and I have no doubt that it will continue within the next two years, the problem of accessibility of the rural parts of the county will be a thing of the past.

The issue of promotional skills in development and innovation also came up in the Governor's address. There are many vocational centers in this County that are being upgraded and the focus here is on the youth who may not have the opportunity to join the universities but have the opportunity to sharpen their skills in these centers.

We are aware that the County Government did sponsored 875 students for purposes of improving their skills. The ultimate objective here is to reduce unemployment and generate self employment opportunity that may make this people reliable to improve their living standards.

Madam Speaker, another area that the Governor did talk about and is contained in his 10 point agenda is the issue of Sports, Culture and Arts. The County Government at the moment sponsors Kisumu All-stars. This team plays division two in the league. I believe with proper collaboration and support this team will go places.

There is also effort to rehabilitate Kenyatta Sports Grounds and Moi Stadium in Kisumu. This is sporting facilities that are very critical for the development of sports in this county. I am also aware that, the Honourable Members have done very well in the issue of promoting sports and talents. Recently, I did have an opportunity to grace a sports extravaganza that was organized by Hon. Steve Owiti and I saw during that event that we have talents in this county. If the corseted efforts are made to horn this talents then I believe we can only go far.

Finally, there is the issue of deepening the structure of devolution. That is something that the Governor is very passionate about. As you are aware that the bill about the village council is before this House having gone through the first reading, when this bill is passed it will lead to the creation of the Village Council. This Village Council is meant to entrench devolution at the lowest level. I think essentially that is what the architecture of our constitution wanted.

There is also the issue of tourism development in this county. At the moment the emphasis is on conference tourism with the aim ultimately to find and open other tourist attraction centers. Most of our hotel chains host seminars from different parts of the country and when these people come, they don't just do business. They include business with pleasure. That is what this concept of what conference tourism is all about.

Madam speaker, the Governor also talked of the industrialization in his State of the County Address. At the moment there are some industries which are being revitalized. Works are going on at the EABL. The National Government has also encouraged the County Government to set up a Special Economic Zone. When this is done then it will mean a place where investors will

get free land for the purposes of putting up industries. We are aware 600 hectares of land has already been allocated in Hon. Vitalis Oturas' Ward. That is Ombeyi. The infrastructural development will soon begin and ultimately that is an area that will be set aside for purposes of industrial development.

Madam Speaker, as I wind up on State of the Governors Address, I want to say that the Governor did create the Kisumu Economic and Social Council. This is a high powered advisory committee that will be there to spear head the development of this County.

I believe with this focus, the Governor has and with the kind of prudent planning that he has put in place, we are sure; ultimately, we shall start flying with the eagles because as it is often said that we have perched with the lizards for far too long.

I want to say and this was well captured in the address that to achieve all these objectives.....

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Samo?

Hon. Samo: Thank you Madam Speaker, with your permission may you please guide the Hon. Majority Leader because he is taking too long to move a motion. I don't think he has to repeat everything that the Governor told us. Kindly guide him.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you Liaison Chair for the concern raised and I want to put it before the House that we give the Hon. Majority Leader ten more minutes to wind up his contributions on the motion. Proceed Hon. Majority Leader.

Majority Leader (Hon. Kenneth Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker. I was saying that for us to achieve all these on the Governors distress on zero tolerance to corruption, there could be a lot of wastage of public fund through corruption. One thing that I would probably wish this House to look at is what we call legalized theft through procurement. We have situations where an item bought for the purposes of supply could be given to the County ten times its price. Those are corrupt scenarios that needs to be looked at and the Governor did stress that he will deal with issues of corruption very passionately. I beg to move. May I request Hon. Deputy Majority Leader to second. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank Hon. Majority Leader. I want to inform the Liaisons Chair that I was doing that in respect to Standing Order No. 95 (4). Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Madam Speaker. I second.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): The motion on the State of the County Address by the Governor has been ably moved by Hon. Majority Leader and seconded by the Deputy Majority Leader. It is now open for the debate.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker, I am rising on standing order no. 50 (k) in relation to standing order no. 95. I want to move a motion to limit the time that each Member is going to take to discuss the debate and I am suggesting that every Member be given a maximum of 5 minutes to discuss the Governor's Speech and I ask Hon. Kanga to second. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you very much Hon. Okumu. I stand to say that you are out of order with what you are trying to bring before the House as I refer you to standing order no. 95 (3). What is it Hon. Kanga?

Hon. Kanga: You are referring us to standing order no. 95 (3)...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): I am not referring you but referring Hon. Okumu standing order no. 95 (3) which states that;

'A motion under paragraph (2) shall not be made in the course of the debate to which it refers unless it is moved after the adjournment of such debate and before the debate is resumed.'

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker. That is why I did it immediately before the debate started and it was seconded. I think that I am in order and saying that I am not in order is actually misleading the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Okumu, the motion started when the mover stood to move the motion if I am not wrong. What is it Hon. Owiti?

Hon. Owiti: Madam Speaker, I want to move forward and debate on this motion because the numerous points of orders that have been raised are not in good faith but they would want to waste a lot of time. First and foremost, I would like to thank our Governor for having taken his time to give us a status report for his first year in the office. I want to say that the report was very elaborate and as the Leader of Majority has put it, the Governor did mention to us a lot of issues with regards to the performance of the County Government of Kisumu. Allow me to find a few faults. The first fault and concern that directly comes to this Assembly having been an affair of the Assembly is the choice of the venue where the state of the Governor's address took place. It was a clear indication that the Assembly should up its game so that we can have a modern Assembly that can host such an important event. I want to ask and beseech my fellow Hon. Members that as we move forward, we give priority to building a modern Assembly so that by the time our tenure will be over we would have left a legacy that we did manage to put up a modern Assembly and that would actually curb the situation that we were in when we had to gazette a different venue which would hold such an important event of the Assembly. A number of projects were mentioned and it is true that when you move across the wards you will see a number of projects coming up. These projects Madam Speaker, the ones that are infrastructural will spur development across the County. I want to urge our County Government to stick to the vision that they have always had so that this second County Government of Kisumu would be judged differently from the first Government.

A number of things came up in the Governor's speech but I want to ask and suggest that there was an issue of the pending Bills. We want to commend the Governor's report with regards to paying the Kshs. 700,000,000 statutory Bills that were pending and another Kshs. 500,000,000 that was paid during the same period. In his speech he did say that there is what we call the genuine pending bills and the other bills that they consider not to be genuine. I would want to bring to your attention that this Assembly since its inception has been beseeching the Governor and the Executive to table to us the task force reports that we are yet to receive some of them. When the Governor came to give his status report, he was able to report that an amount of about Kshs.1.8 billion has been considered to be the genuine bills and the other bills are considered not to be genuine. We would be interested in knowing the bills that were disallowed and for what reasons they were disallowed. That can only be in a report to be brought to this Assembly. We would like to request and demand that this Assembly be furnished with these reports because those reports were prepared using tax payers money and there was not only one task force but also other task forces which are supposed to have winded up with their work and we would want to see their findings so that as an Assembly and as the oversight body, we are able to ensure that moving forward we are not able to repeat the same mistake that we committed last time.

The Governor also elaborated on the issue of free health care of which there is an exercise going on of recruiting members of the public and members of this County into the free universal health care program especially the most disadvantaged people. On the same note there was the issue of community health volunteers who will now be referred to as the community health workers. I would want to ask the Governor and his team to ensure that the recruitment of the CHWs (Community Health Workers) is done in a more transparent and better way so that people will be able to get services from the right people.

The Governor also talked about his commitment in fighting corruption. We would also want to see not just talks of fighting corruption but we would like to know the measures that have been put in place. The Governor did say that they have already established a special delivery unit that will ensure service delivery is improved. We would also want to have a corruption prevention unit that would help fight corruption to ensure that we are not only talking about corruption prevention but we are seen to be working towards fighting corruption and preventing it.

Madam Speaker, Kisumu City also came to the lime light and it is true that the Board has been established and the operations of the City must now be delinked from the main Executive so that according to the law as it states, the city can also be allowed to operate within the same legal framework. Kisumu city has its own geographical area and as we move forward, we want to see the Board that was approved by this Assembly allowed to do their work so that there is no unnecessary red tape put in place.

With a lot of caution, I want to hail the efforts put by the Governor while reporting on the issue of waste management and he stated that they are already taking the second face of reallocation of

the Kachok dumpsite to Kajulu. He also said that they will be able to reallocate or to ensure that the third face will be taken to Chiga. We would like to ask the Governor that the issue of waste management or the factory in Chiga is not known to the people of Kolwa East and we would want proper public participation to be done so that we are brought on board. We want to know what kind of machinery and management system that they want to put in place so that our people are not subjected to the kind of situation that we have been seeing in Kachok.

Lastly, I also want to support and recommend the Governor's initiative on putting our CECs and the Chief Officers on a performance contract. It is true that there are a number of ministers that are not performing to the expectation of this County and I want to believe that by the introduction of the performance contract that was suggested by the Governor, it is true that our ministers will be put to account for their time in office. For those CECs who will be underperforming, I think that it will be in order for our Governor to give them the marching orders so that we can get ministers who are able to deliver to the mandate of this County. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Agola.

Hon. Agola: I want to take at least three or four minutes to support the motion on the speech of the Governor on the state of the County. I only want to support it to express my concern in a few areas. When you come to matters of health, it is true that we did launch the universal health care around Kombewa just a few days ago and the NHIF team is not moving with speed. So we would wish to advise the Governor through the minister of health to compel the NHIF leadership to reach our villages by decentralizing their processes to our local health facilities so that they can reach our old mamas at home and they can register. A number of these people are not aware and we are running out of time. We are aware that this was a piloting program that was touching on Counties in Kenya. We need to move with speed to ensure that our people are covered by NHIF services.

Secondly, I did realize in our Governor's report on page 7, the last paragraph where he said that the County Government of Kisumu has revived 3 vocational training centers that is; Nyabera, Kochogo and Sabako from where I come from that is West Kisumu. I want to confirm to you Madam Speaker that our CECs must work with speed to support the Governor to realize his dreams because there was an unconditional grant which was marked to all vocational training centers in Kisumu and these three vocational training centers have not received the grant so they cannot be revived as stated here because that grant was put to all vocational training centers and these three did not get. I would like to ask the Governor to compel the CEC Finance to release these funds to these three vocational training centers so that they can move with speed to catch up with others.

I also want to retaliate on the issue of the village councils. It is true that the Bill is in this House and I want to urge the Hon. Members that this is the only way that we can see the fruits of

devolution. I want to urge the Hon. Members to move with speed to pass this Bill so that we can have the village councils in place. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Otura.

Hon. Otura: I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Governor of Kisumu County for the great work done in delivering the first state of the County Address. In the Governor's speech, there are a lot to be desired and there are areas that we have to put a lot of emphasis in terms of advice. The County Government headed by the Governor identified 600 acres in Ombeyi ward. However, I would also wish to put it very clear that such an achievement cannot be taken for a ride. In the spirit of public participation, I advice the Governor and his team that public participation must be conducted more so in Sidho west where the 600 acres lies. It is true that the spirit of development is in the heart of our people, specifically the Ombeyi people. To some extent, we only find ourselves in the books of which as a leader, I seriously praise the good consideration given to my people having special economic zones brought to my ward. The only element that is lacking is public participation effect. I therefore urge the Governor and his team to move with speed and with my assistance to have me included so that we can have public participation.

It will be good to be remembered in the time when our Governor can give such a wonderful and decorated programs in the name of there is work to be done. I think that in the next one century we will long to see such a wonderful Governor. There is a lot to be done and going by what we have realized in Agriculture, I think that the livestock distribution is one of the best things that we have ever had. I would like to urge the Governor that in his projects to come, he should at least do it by considering economic factors. If we are to realize what is in Muhoroni as the milk plant, then the Governor in his distribution of these projects should consider a double digit.

I would also wish to lay it very clearly that infrastructure is very wide and you say infrastructure with development, it includes even the lighting. We as the representatives of the rural wards, urge the Governor to move with speed because it is in these wards that insecurity comes out to the towns. I therefore want to say that the street lighting should not only be in the city but also in the rural areas. In the budget of 2018/2019, I exhibited some money for a 4km street lighting so as to cub this menace of insecurity. I think that if this is done, then in the next three to four years in Kisumu we shall be at 50% less secure. I want to say that this is a recommendable job and let is keep it up. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes Hon. Ojuok.

Hon. Ojuok: First, I want to congratulate the Governor for keeping to his promise of actually reporting to the Assembly. He has departed from what we were complaining about that the departments were not able to give quarterly reports. The Governor is supposed to give the report annually and he did give it and he went to elaborate a number of things. I would also like to

applaud him to resorting to performance contract because that is the only way that we are going to ensure that the good policies that he has put in place are actually implemented. Having enumerated a number of things I would like to say that he has achieved them to a great extent but there is still room for improvement in certain areas like; on issues of food security, I would urge the Governor to take good care and look into the riparian land especially in North Nyakach, West Nyakach and Central Nyakach. I believe that the production in that place alone can be able to take care of Kisumu County. At the moment you will find that people are doing farming but they are doing it in small scale so if good investors are put on board, we should be able to rip a lot from it. I would also like that the issue on agricultural extension offices are emphasized so that our people don't do the things that they don't know. The issue of fertilizer is a very good idea but I would like the Governor to emphasize on the department to do it in a more serious way so that it can have an impact.

On issues of health, I would like to applaud the Governor for introducing universal health care but would like to urge that there is need for civic education in these areas because the understanding in this issue is still very minimal. Currently there is a lot of outcry that is always seen in the social media and I wanted to raise it with the committee of health to find out what is happening because there is a lot of outcry that there is lack of drugs.

On issues of education, I would like to say that we have to pull up our socks in terms of provision of the ECD classes. The rate at which we are doing it at the moment, it will take us 40 years. So we need to give more allocation to these ECDs. To that extent I don't think that the budget that we have for the County cannot fully take care of this. So, I would like to urge the Government to try and pursue the areas of partnership with the development partners to be able to supplement his particular budget and the same applies to vocational training centers. I would want to see that the 845 that were sponsored by the County Government are actually value for money.

We want to see that the 175 that were sponsored by County Government was actually value for money. I think we should priorities the improvement of this vocational training centres so that when the students complete their training they come out fully equipped. The centres at the moment are not fully equipped and the trainers are also inadequate. I want to emphasize on this because I think education is more sustainable.

On issues of infrastructure, you can realize that at the moment infrastructure has been moved especially the rural roads have been moved to the County Government to a great extent but much of that money has not followed the functions. Like in my ward the roads are on one side and the budget allocation is not going up. We have to strive at getting machinery for issues of maintenance.

On issues of water we need to do proper planning on what we want to do for the whole year. We need to know when and where it will be done. In the past they mentioned that they will add

another machine. The best way we can assist the people back home is by providing them with water. These are areas that can be improved on. I would like to thank the Governor when it comes to sport since our youths are engaged to a great extent. However, I would like to urge the County Government to come up with Pitches for games which are well made. If the pitches are well made then we will help them avoid injuries that make them end up in hospitals making us spend more money for their treatment.

I would like to thank the Governor on issues of trade and enterprise funds. I think that he has noticed that there are areas that need a lot of improvement. We have these Bills with us and I think that with the participation of the Members then we will have to improve these particular Funds. At the moment we don't even know about these funds. Otherwise I thank him and I believe if we continue to work together we will make this County a great County. Thank you.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you yes Hon. Seth Kanga the floor is yours.

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Hon. Speaker. I will be very brief in my contributions towards the State of the Governors address because the Majority Leader had already debated on it while he was moving the motion in the whole document. However, I would like to say that the 10 point Agenda has been narrowed down to the big 4 that is Universal Health Care, Manufacturing, food security and Housing.

Madam Speaker, Universal Health Care is a key component in Governance as you are aware we are facing numerous challenges as far as diseases are concerned and I am happy that the Governor has said that they are going to partner with private sector to come up with Victoria Company which constitutes Kenyan professionals to come up with a 6 Billion Hospital in the City to deal with issues of Cancer. Cancer is a big troubles to our people especially those in the low income bracket. I am happy the Governor is tackling that in his speech.

Madam Speaker, Coming to manufacturing the Governor mentioned that Kenya Breweries.....

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Maurine Otiang?

Hon. Otiang: Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to alert you because I know you are blind. We have a quorum hitch. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you, noted. Continue Hon. Kanga. Thank you Hon. Maureen Otiang. It is true that the Speaker is blind. I would like to know from the Minority Leader in the House if we have a quorum hitch. I am talking of Minority Whip.

Minority Whip Hon. Agengo: Thank you. Indeed there is a quorum hitch.

Temporary Speaker Hon. Muga: In that case, the Sergeant At Arms please, ring the quorum bell for 5 minutes. Yes Majority Leader

(Bell is rang)

Majority Leader (Hon. Kenneth): I just wanted to confirm that there is quorum. Yes Minority Whip. What do you say.

Minority Whip (Hon. Agengo): Thank you Madam Speaker, We have a quorum now.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes, You may continue Hon. Seth Kanga

Hon. Kanga: Thank you Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Hon. Otiang for bringing it to the attention of the House that there is a quorum Hitch because what we are discussing is very important and it will be prudent if the members give it substantive attention.

I would like to go to manufacturing. Under the government of our good professor, we are seeing a 15 Billion investment in this region and in the County which will attract the investment of 30,000 farmers and hence employ a large number of small scale distributors. What is not covered here is the rate of which the Kenya Breweries will employ our local people. A lot of emphasis should be based on the 70% threshold that when a company is coming up then the 70% of its employees should be the local population. If you go to Kenya Breweries even right now it is pathetic. It would therefore be prudent that when they are employing people, then 70% threshold is the local residents. This should not only be in the manufacturing area but also in the Hotel Industry. The hospitality industry in Kisumu is really coming up. We have seen 2 airlines coming up under the new Government of Professor and we should also put a lot of emphasis that the same 70% should also be applicable.

Madam Speaker, I would like to go to food security. As you know this forms the third component in the big 4 Agenda. You have heard the Governor talk about reclaiming dhoha valley and Nyamthoi. As you know I represent a cosmopolitan Ward but my ancestral home is in Nyamthoi. Food security will form another component in ensuring that we elevate poverty.

My final contribution is on Housing Madam Speaker; The Governor talked of developing a land bank and enquiring a piece of land at Ombeyi for developing and for Agriculture purposes. If the said land bank is not protected Madam Speaker, the land grabbers will take them. Investors are coming but we don't have land that can be given to them to develop. Lastly, the Governor concluded by saying that he was going to establish a special delivery unit which will coordinate

inter department development initiative in this County to ensure that this is realized. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Atieno.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Madam Speaker, I just want to bring to your attention that this House is too hot and one of the members has decided that instead of him melting, he has decided to remove his cloths. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Sergeant at Arms, whoever is naked in the House should be dealt with. I am sorry Hon. Roy Samo, Chairperson of Liaison committee; this is not a dressing room. What is it Deputy Majority Leader.

Deputy Majority Leader (Hon. Pamela): Thank you Madam Speaker, as you know Kisumu is very hot and we are really suffering. The Air Conditioners should be brought to this House as soon as possible.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): That is administrative, what is it Hon. Seth Kanga

Hon. Seth Kanga: Point of Order Madam Speaker, You had said earlier that what we are discussing in this House is very important. It is therefore prudent that when the motion has been open up for debate, we stick to our mandate on this discussion rather than bringing side shows. There was statement time and nobody bothered to raise those issues in this House. I therefore urge you to make sure that the House adheres to what is supposed to be done as per the Standing Orders. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you very much.

Deputy Majority Leader (Hon. Pamela): Madam Speaker, if we are suffering we have to complain. This house is congested and we are suffering. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): I hope that since you are one of the Leadership of this Assembly, these are the things that you should bring up when you are having your meetings. Please share the same with administrators. Hon. Maureen Otiang the floor is yours.

Hon. Otiang: Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate our Governor for keeping his promise, however, I have a few remarks that I would like to make. As you are aware that Agriculture is devolved, I was expecting that we include sugarcane farming in one of the Agenda because Kisumu County is renowned for sugarcane farming and I would like to know what plans he has for us as the people representing the farmers.

Secondly, I would wish that the Governor includes something on Green Energy, because as we speak we can tackle that area because it is not so much congested. The uptake has been minimal.

We are also talking about the Soin Multipurpose dam but I am not seeing horticulture being incorporated

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Nyangoya

Hon. Nyangoya: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to bring to your attention that the quorum is not there and this motion we are discussing is very important. I think it is important to all of us to come to the House and discuss it. Through your Chair, I would like you to do something. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you, being blind, I want to believe that what you are telling me is right. I therefore humbly request the Majority Whip in the House to let me know if there is quorum hitch in the House.

Minority Whip (Hon. Agengo): Thank you Madam Speaker, there is quorum hitch in the House as at now.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Deputy Majority Whip, can you tell me if we have quorum hitch in the House so that the members can confirm since am blind.

Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Manuche): Thank you Madam Speaker, there is no quorum hitch since they have signed the attendance register.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Seth Kanga.

Hon. Seth Kanga: I think the Hon. Deputy Chief Whip is becoming rude because as per the Standing Order number 33, it clearly states that from time to time as indicated by Hon. Nyangoya that when there is Quorum hitch then the Standing Order I have mentioned is practicable rather than her referring us to the register. I think this is very rude and the Deputy Majority Whip should apologize to the Chair.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. The Deputy Majority Whip can you apologize to the House as requested by the Member.

Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Manuche): Thank you Hon. Speaker, I have apologized.

Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Sergeant at Arms. Kindly ring the quorum bell for 5 minutes.

(Bell rang)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Deputy Majority Whip, do we know we have a quorum in the House.

Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Manuche): We now have a quorum Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): What is it Majority Leader.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Kenneth): Madam Speaker, I would like to point out that the debate on the Governors State Address is very important and critical but reading from the mood of the House, I can see that fatigue has kindly set in.

I would therefore indulge you Madam Speaker under Standing Order number 50 (b) that we adjourn the proceedings of this House until tomorrow at 8.30 am. Thank you. Sorry at 9.00am

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you what is it Chairperson Liaison Committee.

Hon. Samo: Madam Speaker, I second the proposal by the Hon. Majority Leader.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): You second that we adjourn the house.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you very much the House is adjourned to tomorrow 12th September 2018 at 9.00am. Thank you