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(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honorable Members, welcome to the Third Sitting of the First Session of the Third Assembly. I wish to communicate that as we agreed yesterday that you will have time to give your maiden speech during the Statement Hour. I want to suggest that you summarize it to five minutes to also allow other Members to do so, so that we finish within the three sittings. We are going to have fifteen Members this morning, fifteen in the afternoon and the rest tomorrow during the afternoon session. Welcome Members. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Deputy Whip, Hon. Jenipher Obonyo.

Hon. Obonyo (South West): Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa nafasi ya kushukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kwa kuwa ametuwezesha uzima kutoka msimu wa kampeni hadi siku hii ya leo. Nimechaguliwa kuwa mwakilishi bunge wa kata ya Kusini-Magharibi mwa Kaunti ya Kisumu. Halikadhalika, ningependa kushukuru Chama cha Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) kwa kuniwezesha kitengo hiki cha mwakilishi bunge kupitia tiketi yao. Shukrani inaelekezwa kwa waheshimiwa wenzangu waliofunga mikanda katika kinyanganyiro cha kuwania viti hivi mbalimbali ingawaje sisi tuliokuwa humu ndio tuliibuka washindi kuwakilisha maeneo yetu maalum.

Mimi haswa, ninashukuru kupata nafasi ya pili kwani nafasi ya awali ilikuwa katika kitengo cha mwanabunge mteuliwa lakini wakati huu nimeweza kupata nafasi ya mwanabunge aliyechaguliwa katika kata yangu. Nikitamatisha, ningependa kuwasihi waheshimiwa wenzangu kuungana kama watu wa aila moja ili kusaidia waliotupigia kura kutokana na muungano huo. Sababu langu kuu la kusisitiza umoja ni kwamba, tulipojiunga katika Bunge hili mwaka wa 2017, kulikuwa na vurugu miongoni mwetu kwa kadri miaka miwili kisha tukaja kutambua kuwa tulikuwa tunapoteza muda si haba. Kwa hiyvo wenzangu, tuwe kitu kimoja ili tupeleke Kaunti yetu mbele. Asanteni.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. James Omollo, Member for West Nyakach.

Hon. Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to thank the people of West Nyakach for re-electing me to serve them. It is by the Grace of God that we find ourselves here to represent people both elected and specially elected. It is God's chance that we have come here to be brothers and sisters and to work for the people of Kisumu County.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Members for their elections. Mr. Speaker, allow me also to congratulate you for having been re-elected as the Speaker of this County Assembly. Some of us had the opportunity to serve in the First Assembly and there are a few of us who have made it back to the Third Assembly. It true that you win an election or lose. Some of us were given a break by the electorates but we are now back.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we have a responsibility to do what it takes so that we can serve the people of Kisumu County. Our main mandate is to represent our people and make life more comfortable. Devolution came so that services can be delivered to the people by the Executive. So, we have a bigger obligation and I would urge Members that, let us work as a team. We are all only able to achieve a lot if we work as a team and that is the bottom line.
Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Hon. Anne Ocholla who comes from my Ward. She has been my mentor since I joined politics. It is a God sent moment that has brought us here to showcase what we have for our people.

Mr. Speaker, you are the glue that can make this House stick together. You are the head of the Assembly and you have to show leadership together with your Deputy Hon. Nereah Okombo to enable us steer Assembly to the greater heights.

Mr. Speaker, some of us come from far-flung areas and it is difficult for us to commute but because we have the interest of the people at heart, this compels us to be in the Assembly on time. We were almost missing quorum but I thank the Honourable Members that we made it here in time to deliberate on issues that are crucial to our people. Allow me to end at this point. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela Oyoo of Migosi Ward.

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to give my maiden speech. I want to thank the people of Migosi Ward for giving me an opportunity to serve in this House. I want to congratulate everyone who managed to go through the elections and won. It is not easy. It is by God's grace. It is by God's grace, and we must give Him glory. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that while here, we have the mandate to serve the people of Kenya, especially the people of Kisumu. I am asking Honourable Members that let us work us as team to enable us do our best. Unity is paramount in this House. We must remain united in order to achieve. I congratulate the Speaker for being re-elected for the second term. I also wish to congratulate the Deputy Speaker on her election. We ask that both of you to lead us to greater heights .

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that without God, we are nothing. Let us embrace Him and respect the law. Let us work to achieve our mandate as MCAs of the Third Assembly of Kisumu County. May God bless us. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Vincent Jagongo, MCA, North West Kisumu Ward.

Hon Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the people of North West also known as *"Jo ka-Black"* for having trust in me and granting me a subsequent opportunity to serve in this House. Mr. Speaker, we all know we have been elected to serve the great people of Kisumu County and I was lucky in the Second Assembly to have served as Chairperson, Health Committee. We had a lot of pending issues which I believe we shall have time to resolve and also to work as a team so that we move Kisumu County forward. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Were, MCA, Nyalenda "B" Ward.

Hon Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B" Ward.): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to thank God for granting me life and allowing me to serve in this House. Equally, I wish to thank the people of Nyalenda "B" for having bestowed upon me their trust and giving me a chance to serve for a second term. Mr. Speaker, allow me to congratulate you on your re-election to serve as the Speaker of this great County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to thank all other elected leaders such as the Leader of Majority and the Chief Whip for having been given the mandate of serving in those positions. I believe you are able and equal to the task. Allow me also to congratulate Honourable Members for having been given opportunity to serve in this House. Let us observe unity of purpose in order to effectively deliver on our mandates of oversight, representation and legislation. Thank you

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Caren Odhiambo Ajwang, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward.

Hon Ajwang (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Foremost, I wish to congratulate you on your re-election as the Speaker of this House. On 9th August, the electorates of Kaloleni Shaurimoyo Ward overwhelmingly cast their votes in my favour. Today, I stand on the Floor of this House as a Member of this Third Assembly. I am forever indebted to them. Before I proceed further, I wish to thank the Almighty God for His grace, my Party, the vehicle I used to get into this House, and my family; both nuclear and extended.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to you Mr. Speaker for nominating me to sit in the Speaker's Panel. It is an opportunity that I do not take for granted. I undertake to execute my duties diligently wherever I am called upon. I also wish to congratulate at large, Honourable Members of this House, both elected and nominated. Winning of an election is a stamp of approval of the electorates. My humble plea is that we work together in collaboration with the Executive headed by the Governor Prof Anyang' Nyong'o for the prosperity of our beloved country.

Mr. Speaker, I pray for wisdom and fortitude as we discharge our constitutional mandates of oversighting the County Government, approving budgets and legislating. Looking forward to a peaceful Assembly and five years of partnership and servant leadership. May the Almighty God bless Kisumu County. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Tom Nyaoke, MCA, North Nyakach Ward.

Hon Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First and foremost, it is a pleasure to present my maiden speech in this August House. I want to start by congratulating you on your re-election as the Speaker of Kisumu Assembly and I extend the same to Hon Nereah Okombo for having been elected ad the Deputy Speaker of this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity, once more, to thank Almighty God for having guided me during the entire electioneering period. It was difficult but by the grace of God, the people of North Nyakach saw it wise that I represent them in this Honourable House. This is something that I do not take for granted. I take it with a lot of humility and appreciation. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the House leadership including the Leader of Majority, the Chief Whip and their deputies, and all Honourable Members of this House.

It is my prayer that this House shall remain united for the cause and sole purpose for which we were elected. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know you have a challenge which is to unite the entire House. I know it requires a lot of wisdom, that of Solomon son of David and we pray that you do have that kind of wisdom to unite this whole House.

Honourable Members, I also pray that I diligently serve and remain friendly to Honourable Members. It is worthy to note that I have been a scout during my youthful days and one of the rules was that you must be a friend to every scout and everyone in this world. I have always endeavored to remain a friend to all.

To the staff of the County Assembly, we shall pray to you to do what you were employed to do with a lot of grace from God. I really do not want to take a lot of time. I want to thank the people of North Nyakach for having bestowed their trust upon me. I also promise that I will be their voice; of women, youth and the elderly and deliver the promises I made. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Hon Reuben Rakwach of Kolwa East.

Hon Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. First and foremost, I want to thank Almighty God for the gift of life because it is through His grace that we are alive today. Secondly, I would wish to thank my family and the great people of Kolwa East for giving me the mandate of representing them. Thirdly, I wish to encourage Members that we work together and diligently to discharge duties bestowed upon us, so that we steer the great Kisumu County to greater heights. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Let me give this opportunity to Hon Seth Okumu of East Seme

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme WArd): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I also want to join my fellow Honourable Members in thanking God for giving us an opportunity to serve in this House. Mr. Speaker, I would also wish to thank Orange Democratic Party (ODM). It is known that out of the 47 Members of this Assembly, only one is not from our Party, ODM. It is an honour to be given an opportunity to serve the people of Kisumu County in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the people of East Seme and especially the team which helped me to deliver this victory.

Mr. Speaker, since the inception of Devolution, I am going to be the only person who has served consecutively in East Seme Ward. I want to thank my family for standing with me in prayers, financial assistance in every journey that I took to clinch this representative position. Mr. Speaker, I also want to congratulate all these Honourable Members and I believe that this Third Assembly will be the most robust one ever seen by the people of this County. I see people from different cadres of life not to mention teachers, Lawyers, like Hon. Adega, Engineers like Hon. Rakwach, people who have worked in Real Estate like my friend Hon. Mildred Ajumbo, business people, those that have worked with animals, agriculturalists like Hon. Bill Oliver. I want to say that,

Kisumu is therefore blessed and I believe that we are going to deliver our mandate to the people of this great County of Kisumu.

Mr. Speaker, we have wonderful staff in this Assembly, headed by advocate Owen Ojuok with his Deputy Mr. Nashon Kusina, and this gives no room for excuses but a path to service delivery. I pray that in the same spirit of all Members' I request that we work as a team so that the people of Kisumu can enjoy the representation, the legislative and oversight role that has been bestowed upon us.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot forget to appreciate you for once again nominating me to serve in the Speaker's Panel. I believe that I must have served well in the same capacity in the Second Assembly to be repositioned for the same. I believe that this Assembly is going to approve the nomination for me to serve, otherwise thank you and God bless you all.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Let me give chance to Hon. Anne Ochola, nominated MCA.

Hon. Ochola (Nominated, MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity for giving me this time to share with my colleagues. First, I want to thank my President Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga for this chance he accorded me in the position of a nominated Member of this Assembly. My sincere appreciation goes to the people of Kisumu and I urge fellow nominated Members to work together to support our Party. It is our role to focus and serve our Party ODM. Mr. Speaker, I want to pledge my loyalty to the Party because without it nobody could have been here.

(*Feet thumping*)

All of us therefore should be in support of the Hon. Speaker. I would also like to say that I support the Governor and he should join hands working with the Speaker to achieve our goals. Otherwise I don't have much to say but to welcome everyone to work together because we don't want any crises in Kisumu County.

(*Feet thumping*)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I've not heard representation from Muhoroni, so let me give chance to Hon. Habil Nyasuna, MCA for Masogo/Nyang'oma ward.

Hon. Nyasuna (MCA, Masogo/Nyang'oma Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, First I want to thank God for giving me the gift of life. I extend my gratitude to the people of Masogo/Nyang'oma for entrusting me with representative role for a second time, which I don't take for granted. I also want to congratulate you on your re-election as the Speaker of this Assembly for a second term. You are a symbol of unity and the judgments that you will be making from that seat will be used for or against you in future. I want to congratulate my friend Hon. Kennedy Ooko on his appointment as

the Leader of Majority in this House. My advice to you is that most of the people who have served in that position have never made it back to this House.

(*Laughter*)

So, use that opportunity well because we would wish to serve with you again come the year 2027. Lastly, I want to thank my family, especially my wife Kinyanjigri , for their utmost support through the campaign period up until this time. I probably wouldn't have made it without them, thank you very much.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Let me now consider gender and give chance to Hon. Henrietta ... (*Laughter*) l have noticed you Hon. Dede but let me consider gender and give this chance to Hon. Henrietta.

Hon. Henrietta: Thank you Sir, Good morning Honourable Members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to say a word or two. I come from Kobura Ward in Nyando Sub- County. I want to say that all of us are here because God had ordained that we be here today. I want to let the Honourable Members to ask ourselves why we are here. And if we will be able to answer that question then, we will be quite effective. I know that all of us know how far we have come, and it will be better for us to know how far we want to go. Considering the fact that it is God who has brought us here today, and being able to answer the question of why we are here will allow us to focus on the future and to see what best we can bring to the County Assembly of Kisumu. We had a tough campaign in Nyando Sub-County and I would like to bring my fellow opponent and a friend who I can also call a son, Hon. Bill Oliver whom we went head to head with during the campaigns, doing all that was necessary through to the ballot and ended it at that. As he kept on, I took a back seat and decided that I would watch how Hon. Bill kept up. I thank God that Hon. Bill Oliver made it to this Assembly as a fellow colleague. Hon. Bill Oliver is not going to work alone but with a lady, a mother, a sister, and an aunt to many.

As we sit here today, we need to remember that we never came here to sit but we stood to represent constituents, and that's what we ought to do for Kisumu County to move forward. Otherwise, I want to congratulate all of you, and may that translate to what we will do because it is how we will be judged. I am thankful for the House leadership and believe that you are going to steer us to the highest levels and to bring out our potential that could be lying dormant in us. I thank you all and believe that we are going to work together to achieve what brought us here, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, let me now look at the seniority. Between Hon. Dede and Hon. Oraro, who is more senior than the other?

(*Murmurs*)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Let me give guidance. When you are being sworn in, the person who serves twice consecutively becomes more senior. So, I will give this chance to Hon. Dede and I will consider Hon. Oraro soon after.

(*Laughter*)

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Just a minute Hon. Dede. This is to Hon. Oraro, did you serve twice consecutively or one and half times and the other term?

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Hon. Dede only served for only two years.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Dede, I can see that he is already seated that means he has given you the leeway to proceed.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to also echo my comments about my re-election. First of all, I want to thank the Almighty God for having granted me life to see the Third Assembly. I know that it has been very difficult for Members to be re-elected more so from Kisumu North Ward since the inception of the devolution. There is no one who has been re-elected consecutively within that Ward. However, the electorates saw it wise that I represent them in the Assembly in a consecutive manner, which therefore make me say *heko* to my electorates within Kisumu North Ward.

Secondly, I take this opportunity to congratulate my wife and the family as a whole for having stood with me during the tough times of the campaign periods which was having a lot of complications. Thirdly I take the opportunity to congratulate the party Leadership for having granted me the certificate to be in this House for today.

With the few remarks, I believe that as we will be going with the motions in the Assembly, to the Leadership, let them make us all be one and we will be working together for prosperity of our County, otherwise, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Kelvin Oraro of Central Kolwa Ward.

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I had to leave for Hon. Dede; one, by virtue that he is the MCA Hosting my cousins and uncle and I must respect him for that since my mother comes from his ward.

Mr. Speaker, first allow me to take this opportunity to thank my Party ODM. In the year 2007 when I was a first timer; that is the first time the Party went for an election and I saw it wise that after fourth year I will try to vie as a youth. To date, the record says that I was the first youth to be

elected in this great County of Kisumu. I believe in the word 'D' the democracy part of the ODM. That indeed there is democracy in ODM and people would be given chance when you vie and then when you do that you can get an opportunity.

I am happy because most of the people elected today never knew that they could be elected but because our Party is a good one that I want to encourage many youths to join politics because there is democracy in ODM and I am proud of it.

Secondly, under the leadership of ODM I want to appreciate the role of my cousin Hon. Seth Kanga and also Hon. Patrick Lumumba Owade who is also our Deputy Leader of Majority plus many other people like Jegejege whom have fought and stood for the Party in this great County of Kisumu. That is why today we have a party. I later on came to understand that our gracious lady, a lady whose name is worth mentioned Hon. Ochola (Chimbli) as people who fought and stood for this party. Though we never knew you people, I want to appreciate the role that you played with the Right Raila Amollo Odinga which has made ODM to be the one that we have today. For that reason, the democracy in the party has made it possible for someone who does not have any connection like me to be elected twice without going to look for support elsewhere but believing that people can be give chance to elect a leader that they want.

I now take this opportunity to wish Rt. Hon, Raila Amollo Odinga well, his nuclear family and the extended family that they should be courageous for what they have stood for in Kenya and also in Luo Nyanza. Although people might misuse the opportunities of leadership they are given at times when they lead in ODM Party, but, we are proud of them. For that reason, to me, I will dedicate my Mashujaa day to that family.

In addition, I want to thank the people of Kolwa Central Ward. They chose me during the year 2013 General Election and when I came back, they indeed re-elected me believing that I could represent them well. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud as a leader known as Kelvin Oraro the son to the late Josephat Oraro. I believe that the opportunity given to me by my constituents, my family and the extended that I will deliver to them family.

I want to take another opportunity to thank God for giving life and making our Governor Prof, Peter Anyang' Nyong'o strong whom people who are seeing things like normal human being could not make it to the end of the five year term. Indeed, God has always been with him and given him strength. You know, the Governor is one of my mentors and he is also somebody who has made Kenya proud because of his professionalism and the way he does his politics. Funny enough, it is now my turn to now oversight the Executive formed by the Governor who we have to ensure that they are working in accordance with the principles of democracy laid by him and the Party Leader. We must do our oversight role without caring about who is the Governor. We have to be professional they way our Governor had put it.

Finally Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to say that negative politics; nepotism sometimes can destroy anything good and the issue that might sometimes lead us to have the regional blocks, can sometimes be disastrous. All in all, I want to say the Hon. Ken. Ooko who comes from Nyando Sub- County, Ahero Ward hosting the likes of Miguna Miguna for standing strong as the Leader of Majority. I wish him well in serving our people.

I also want to thank the Party for seeing it wise to nominate Hon. Seth Kanga to be the Chief Whip, the likes of Hon. Lumumba Owade as the Deputy Leader of Majority together with Hon. Jenipher Obonyo who is also the MCA for South West Kisumu as the Deputy Whip

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, you are the boss and you are somebody who has been given the second chance after being re-elected though it was a tough battle. From where I stand and speak today; I want to believe that this Assembly will proceed according to your judgment and your wise decision. I know that sometimes it is good to reward those who are loyal to you but when it comes to leadership, we are also elected. We believe that we will reward those who were loyal to us but work for the people to see a difference. At times, you might end up that those who are loyal to you might see you as a bad person at the end of five years. However, I want to make sure that if these five years will carry us well, then, it is my belief that I will have a good story to tell my children about somebody by name of Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro. So, you just see it well; guide us because you are the next in power in terms of protocol that we be able to see that your authority if properly used, then this Assembly will have power. If the authority is badly used, then this Assembly will be a sycophant and we would have failed *wananchi* of Kisumu. God bless Kisumu County God bless Kisumu County Assembly, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I have seen Hon. Adega rise on his feet all the time. So let me give him this chance. Hon. Ben Adega, Kajulu Ward.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for seeing me by far and thank you for giving me this honourable moment to make my maiden speech on the floor of this House. First of all, I want to thank God for his mercy towards us that we are now in this Assembly because of his will. Secondly, Mr. Speaker Sir, let me congratulate you for your re-election as the Speaker of the House after a tough battle in a democratic process where the majority had their way. Thirdly, allow me to thank my Party ODM and residents of Kajulu Ward, my campaign team and my family lead by my wife for having faith in me by giving me (*nyathi kich*) this opportunity to represent them as their MCA. It is a privilege that I want to take advantage of and serve them diligently and through your guidance and support of from my colleagues in this House. I believe we will achieve some milestones for our electorates Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker sir, I also take this opportunity to congratulate my Governor Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o (Obwanga wuod Nyalung'a) and his Deputy Dr. Owili for their re-election sir. This is proof that they did well in their first term and I wish to promise before this Honourable House that I will always offer my support to them as far as the development of this beautiful County of Kisumu

is concerned. It is my humble appeal Mr. Speaker that you use your Solomonic wisdom to unite this House. Our unity is key in diversity what we promised our people and I believe that we will work on this Mr. Speaker.

Lastly, I take this opportunity to congratulate my colleagues who were elected to serve in various leadership positions in this House. May God guide you through his grace and wisdom as you undertake your duties, may God lead us all, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Biko, Central Seme Ward.

Hon. Mildred (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker, first, allow me to thank the God Almighty for giving me the strength to be here, I have not been feeling well the last 10 days, last night I went to the hospital but now am feeling much better. I also want to thank the people of Central Seme for giving me the opportunity to serve them having come from a very divisive election, it was so tough Mr. Speaker that without God I would not have made it.

I want to thank the members of my family, friends and relatives for standing with me during the period of election. I also want to thank members of this House including Mr. Speaker, I know you came to my ward several time and I want to appreciate that, my brother Hon. Abaja, Hon. Okumu and many other friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am very excited even to be told to make a maiden speech that I didn't even know whether to write or to master it in the night, but I have just decided to stand and say something. I want to thank my party leader Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, I have been in ODM since inception and I love this party and I also want to thank the party for appointing the Leader of Majority and members of the team, we will work together and we want to support you Mr. Speaker so that we can steer this Assembly to be more united.

Mr. Speaker, our people back at home are looking forward to our services, many of us during our campaigns promised that we will give them water, roads and many other things. Already we are behind schedule Mr. Speaker, we pray and trust God that He will stare this House so that we start work, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ouko, West Kisumu Ward.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, actually I have to complain, because I have been standing and siting and I believe that I am not that short by design but it is because of the grace of God, we have some short people like Hon. Were who has just talked, I don't know how you managed to see the Hon. Member but it's alright.

Mr. Speaker, it is a good moment for me and I am delighted to represent Kisumu West as a member of the County Assembly. This is a rare opportunity given to different people because we went for the elections with some other people but by the grace of God, I managed to beat them all and when

we are here we have the opportunity to serve our people and my main worry is to deliver to my people. Mr. Speaker, I thought that coming to the Assembly is just a matter of representation, oversight and legislation but I have found it is more complex than the way it is pronounced in the constitution.

Mr. Speaker, I always see it as a bit technical when you see people from different areas who actually won from different areas and they come here as members of ODM party and pledge their allegiance to the party but, when it comes to respecting the party it is a big problem, we have many hypocrites in this. I would urge the Hon. Members to respectful the party and do what the party directs.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate the House Leadership starting with the Speaker to the other House Committees without forgetting Members and the staff for this opportunity. What we need is constructive and issue-based debating, we need to be very objective in what we are doing. It is our mandate to deliver the promises we made to our people and the buck stops with us. So, I urge everybody here to not only think of good positions in the House but to the voters down there who actually sent us to this House.

Otherwise, am very happy and up to the task to work together and May God bless us all, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samuel Onyango of Railways Ward.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward)**:** Thank you Mr. Speaker for this noble opportunity. First, I would like to thank the great people of Railways Ward for giving me an honor to represent them in this House.

Secondly, I want to thank my party ODM for believing in me to fly their flag in the 9th August election. I also want to thank the Kisumu Central Chair Hon. Seth Kanga that before nomination you were not in the camp. Before nomination we were not in the same camp but after nomination we supported one another and I am so happy for him even for his election as the Majority Whip though the letter was for Railways Ward with his name so I think we may have two whips in the House.

Thirdly, I want to thank my family for standing with me from day one to date, Mr. Speaker in such Assembly much is given and much is expected from us and it can only be achieved through unity of purpose. I want to urge our Members to not create unnecessary enmity to justify nothing.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, I would wish that you unite us so that in everything that we do, we do as the Members of County Assembly of Kisumu and as a House that respect the rule of law. Otherwise, I don't have much, may God bless all of you, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, if you look at your chronometer the Statement Hour is one hour which we have exhausted and as I had promised that in the next sitting we will take the next bunches of those Members who have not given their maiden speech. We have kept record on Hansard of those who have given their speech so we will not give you time to give another maiden speech unless it is something else.

Honourable Members, I would like to direct that we move to the next order because as per our Standing Order the Statement time in one hour.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Kanga?

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga. MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Mr. Speaker, you can use the Standing Order No. 1.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is the Standing Order that you are making referring to?

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga. MCA, Market/Milimani): Mr. Speaker, I am referring to Standing Order No. 1 which gives you the leeway to extend time so that Hon. Members are able to make their maiden speeches.

Mr. Speaker, because the business we are about to transact will not take much time so I just request you to extend time while invoking the provisions of Standing Order No. 1, so that we may make our speeches. I have not made any speech since I came here again since I was elected and the people of Market/Milimani are waiting for me to make my maiden speech. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank so much Hon. Kanga, it's unfortunate that you came late, I had already given direction that we will have three batches where Honourable Members will be making their maiden speech and the first batch being now in this seating the second one in the afternoon seating and those who cannot make it in the afternoon will do it tomorrow. I am guided by the same Standing Order that can only be used on matters which are not provided for in the Standing Order but Statement time is provided for under Standing Order No. 41 and No. 42 and it is one hour so I direct we proceed. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY ANNUAL CALENDAR

BY THE LEADER OF MAJORITY HON. OOKO

The Speaker (Hon. Elisha J. Oraro): Yes, Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to move a motion;

AWARE THAT, Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No.25 provides; (1) Except for the Session commencing immediately after a General Election, the regular Sessions of the County Assembly shall commence on the second Tuesday of February and terminate on the first Thursday of December.

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Sub section (3) of Standing Orders No. 25 states that subject to paragraph (1), the County Assembly shall continue to be in session and may adjourn for such number of days as it may determine in its calendar.

NOTING THAT, Despite paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), a period of three months shall not intervene between the last sitting of the County Assembly in one Session and the first sitting thereof in the next Session

RECOGNIZING THAT, Standing Orders No. 26 (1) provides that The County Assembly Business Committee shall, with approval of the County Assembly, determine the calendar of the County Assembly.

NOW THEREFORE, I pray that this House approves the proposed County Assembly Annual Calendar as follows;

Tuesday 20th September, 2022 to Monday 13th February, 2023	
PERIOD	DAYS
1ST SESSION	
Tuesday 20th September, 2022 to Thursday 1st December 2022	Tuesday (Afternoon) Wednesday (Morning and Afternoon) Thursday Afternoon.
Long recess	Friday 2nd December 2022 to Monday 13th February 2023

Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the House that this calendar is very important for this House because it will guide all the operations of this House. So, I would like you to take keen interest in looking at it and of course it is the norm that you are expected to attend the sessions until 1st December but from 2nd December we will have to proceed for Long Recess to enable Members have enough time with their electorates. In case of any emerging issue, we can always move a motion to extend. I therefore want to ask Hon. Jagongo to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Elisha J. Oraro): Yes Hon. Jagongo.

Hon. Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have a calendar that will assist us in our operations within this Assembly. I want to support this motion and I want to say that we will be here until December since we need time to also go and bond with our people and to also have good time with our family members. I also want to agree with the Leader of Majority that if there will be need for adjustment then we can do so before we break for the long recess. I second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Elisha J. Oraro): Hon. Members now that the Leader of Majority has moved a motion on the approval of the House Business calendar, seconded by Hon. Jagongo, I want to propose that the motion is opened for debate. Hon. Pete.

Hon. Pete (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to suggest that Hon. Pete has misused that because I am seeing Hon. Okombo on her feet.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta "B" Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to also support that the House adopts the calendar. Without the adoption of this calendar then the House cannot operate. Having considered the deliberations of the House Business Committee that prepared the House calendar, it is only in order that as a House, we adopt this calendar to enable us deliberate and further the interest of the constituents of Kisumu County. We are aware as per the statements raised on the floor of the House yesterday and other pending issues like the formation of House Committees and the pending Supplementary Budget that we proceed to adopt so that we put our House in order as Kisumu County Assembly. It has been long overdue since election and nothing is moving on. I know our host MCA, Hon. Kanga will soon be visited by his constituents here and be asked why the House is not operating, so I see it fit that we adopt the House Business calendar and start our representation role. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I had noticed Hon. James Omollo.

Hon. James Omollo (MCA, West Nyakach): Mr. Speaker I stand to support this House calendar from 20th September 2022 to February 13th 2023. Mr. Speaker there is a lot at stake and this year is very unique that we went to elections in August but only to resume just recently. The House Business Committee met yesterday and I believe that they have deliberated on how they can move on. The House Keeping Committee on Selection also needs to move with speed to constitute House Committees and bring the report maybe next week. We also have enough time when we will be going for long recess to engage our electorates. I stand to support and if this House adopts this motion, then we are good to go. We have to do the best of what brought us into this House which is to execute our mandate and it is only this calendar that can really give us directions. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it seems like there is no one rising to contribute thereby giving me the leeway to allow the Leader of Majority to reply.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Members for supporting this motion and I want to inform them that immediately we approve then the calendar shall be published in the Kenya Gazette and in our Assembly website. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. Hon. Members. Now that the motion on the Approval of the County Assembly Annual Calendar for the County Assembly regular sessions beginning 20th September 2022 to 13th February 2023 has been moved by the Leader of Majority, seconded by Hon. Jagongo and debated by Hon. Member, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the County Assembly Annual Calendar for the County Assembly Regular Sessions beginning 20th September 2022 to 13th February 2023 is hereby adopted today 12th October 2022 at 1013 hours. I direct that the same calendar be effected for gazette notice by the Clerk so that the Assembly can proceed accordingly.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Elisha J. Oraro): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to today Wednesday, 12th October 2022 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 10.16 a.m.)

Addendum

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