

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday, 22nd September, 2020

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Honourable. Members. I want to request under Standing Order No. 32 (2) that the Sergeant-At-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

(Resumption of proceedings after requisite Quorum attained)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk kindly take us through the Order Paper of the day.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Honourable Members. Our Zoom platform has some small technical problems but it is being sorted out. You can inform other Members that our password remains the same.

Two, we have commenced tracking of Motions, Bills, Reports and Statements for the Assembly and I would like to make the following comments on the previous activities that had been committed to various committees as follows;

1. On 18th August, 2020, a Bill on the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 was committed to the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the report is yet to be presented and I believe it is with the House Business Committee for further action.
2. On 27th August, 2020, there was a Statement by Hon. Jacktone Oendo on Waste Treatment Lagoons in Nyalenda “A”. This matter was committed to the Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. They were to work on it in two weeks’ time. The report was to be tabled in this House by 10th September, 2020. That has not been done. So, the Chair and the committee Members, you understand on what we agreed upon.
3. A report by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo on Land Ownership in Manyatta was committed to the Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT on 3rd September, 2020. They were to report on 17th September, 2020. I am informed that there is some progress on it but remember the date has lapsed. As a House we need to be informed of its progress.
4. The Budget and Appropriations Committee; The Kisumu County Annual Development Plan FY 2021/2020 was tabled by the Leader of Majority on Tuesday, 08th September, 2020 and you were to report back on today 22nd September, 2020. We have not seen the report. I do direct that you meet on Friday 25th September, 2020 so that you prepare a Plan of Action on how to carry out a Public Participation on the same. We do not want it to coincide with the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper (CBROP) that is currently undergoing Public Participation by the Executive at different Wards.
5. A Statement by Hon. Johnson Guya on proposed Construction of Moi Stadium was raised on 13th August, 2020 and committed to the Committee of PIC/PAC. The report on the same was to reach the House on 27th August, 2020. It is long overdue and I remember it was discussed last week that we need a progress report on the same today. I hope the Chairperson is available.
6. We commend Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee on a Statement that was raised by Hon. Johnson Guya on the Expenditure of COVID-19 Emergency Fund on 13th August, 2020. The report was committed to the said committee and they worked on it and submitted it to the House. Completed, discussed and resolutions adopted.
7. I want to remind the Ad hoc Committee that was constituted to look at the Land Taskforce Report that the due date is Tuesday, 06th October, 2020. That is the time twenty-one days will elapse. Please ensure that the report comes on or before Tuesday, 06th October, 2020.
8. I also want to remind the Implementation Committee that on 15th September, 2020, a Statement by Hon. Jacktone Oendo on the Procurement of a Standby Automatic

Generator in JOOTRH was committed to that committee and given 14 days. We are expecting a report on the same on 29th September, 2020.

9. To the Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee. In 2019 you did a Benchmarking exercise with Nairobi County Assembly. The report is yet to be tabled and discussed.
10. In June 2020, the Welfare and Equal Opportunity Committee was advised to a check-up and report on the LAPFUND and Gratuity Contributions. It is long overdue and it is high time that you give us the feedback on your findings.
11. The Koguta Land Taskforce Report was discussed, resolutions made and it was directed that a communication be made to the relevant institutions for actions as appropriate.
12. The Pollution Report by Water, Environment and Natural Resources was also discussed, resolutions made and it was directed that a communication be made to the relevant institutions for actions. This is to be done through the Office of the Clerk.
13. To. The Ward Development Committee. A report on PMCs Payments was given to this House Committee. It is long overdue. We had promised to give a due ruling and I believe that tomorrow Wednesday, 23rd September, 2020 we shall give a ruling on what is expected to happen next concerning the task on the PMC Payments.

Hon. Members, I want to urge you that, please take your work seriously on Reports, Motions, Statements, and Bills alongside others. We need to adhere to the timelines because when you are given two weeks, bring that report before the House within the time allotted. Whether it is complete or not, you must come and inform the House the reasons as to why it is not complete and your recommendations on what is to be done for adoption with amendments of the way it has been presented. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I just want to applaud the fact that for the first time, the idea of Tracking Motion, Petitions, Reports, Statement and Bill has become a reality. From what you have read, we are seeing that there are some House Committees that were given work to do and it appears that they have been kind of defeated. This is because, if reports or statements were committed to various House Committees as far as June, 2020 and some as far as 2019 and to date nothing has been done, then that shows that, that particular House Committee is simply been unable to perform and deliver on its mandate and we are all aware what awaits such House Committees.

Mr. Speaker, this is to emphasis especially to those various Chairpersons of House Committees that, with this idea of Statements, Motion, Repots, Petitions and Bill Tracking, it will be very difficult for any Committee to hide because that fact are clear on when reports have been

committed to various Committees and it will be unfortunate and foolhardy that we go the direction of constitution Ad hoc Committees every now and again just because certain Chairpersons of House Committees are unable to deliver on their mandates and rise to the occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I want to persuade them that, please let us roll up our sleeves and let us cut very serious legislative agendas especially that now every day we are able to know where different businesses that have been committed by this House are positioned. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Ojuok.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to concur with what the Leader of Majority has reiterated on which is on the Tracking of businesses committed to various House Committees. It is my belief that this is important because anytime we go for any Benchmarking with Implementation Committee, this is something that has come out over and over again. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that if you have gone through the motion tracking issue, I would just wish to request that that these updates be shared in our platform so that we can pick on what we should work on, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA for Manyatta “B” and Chairperson of the Committee of Welfare and Equal Opportunities.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, our report is ready and I want it to be known that the LAPFUND had contributed to the delay of this report because we had only two weeks and they promised to deliver on 10th September, 2020 but they gave reason of some further technical issues with their system.

Mr. Speaker, I will therefore be obliged to read the Progress Report on Tuesday 29th September, 2020 which is next week as we wait for the system to normalize. In fact I will read both the reports as we have been waiting for the annexes on the report on the exchange program with Nairobi. We have been making follow-ups with calls on the progress of the annexes but to no avail. So, we will present it as it is so that Members can have a glimpse of what transpired during the exchange program, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela Odhiambo and all other Members, we had agreed that whether you have completed your activity or not, and it is communicated that you ought to report back within a given period then you will have to do so and give your prayers in the report. If your prayer is that you should be given an additional week or so for you to get some documents then indicate it so that Members can discuss and agree with you. That is the way forward. If there is no any other statement then we go to the next business.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order Mr. Clerk?

MOTION:

PROGRESS REPORT ON NYALENDA A LAGOON

(BY HON. SAMSON AMESO)

(CHAIRPERSON, WATER ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Philemon Ojuok?**Hon. Ojuok:** The Chairperson, Hon. Ameso is not around so he asked me to read the report on his behalf?**The Speaker (Hon. Oraro):** Please Proceed Hon. Member.**Hon. Ojuok:** Thank you Hon. Speaker, I would like to read a Progress Report on Nyalenda “A” Lagoon.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing Order No. 41 (b) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders a Statement was sought from the Chairperson for the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources by Hon. Jacktone Ogendo regarding Nyalenda ‘A’ Lagoon on Thursday, 27th August, 2020 at 1430Hrs of Order Paper No. 361 (See Annex I). In accordance with Article 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 8 of the County Government’s Act, 2012 read together with Standing Order No. 193, the Hon. Speaker instructed the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to make an inquiry, investigate and cause a report on:-

- I. Why there is a delay in fencing off Nyalenda A Lagoons which has claimed eight (8) lives?
- II. What are the measures in place by the CEC Member in charge and the KIWASCO to curb the loss of lives?

Consequently, the Clerk of the Assembly notified the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources through the Office of the County Secretary, to provide a detailed response to the attendant demands of the Statement sought by Hon. Jacktone Ogendo vide letter Ref. CAK/CS/ADM/VOL.V/8/20 (067) dated 1st September, 2020.

Establishment and Mandate of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources is established under Standing Order No. 193 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, whose mandates, pursuant to the Standing Order No. 193 (Second Schedule) is as follows;

To investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the provision of clean water for Domestic use; implementation of specific national government policies on natural resources and environmental conservation, including soil and water conservation and forestry and control of air pollution, noise pollution, other public nuisances and outdoor advertising.

The Subject matter of the Sectoral Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources are as stated in the Second Schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 193 and are as follows; Environmental Conservation, noise pollution, provision of clean water for domestic use, water conservation and implementation of specific national government policies.

Composition.

The committee as currently constituted comprises of the following Honorable Members;

NAME		POSITION
1. Hon. Samson Ameso	-	Chairperson
2. Hon. Kennedy Ooko	-	Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Seth Okumu	-	Member
4. Hon. Seth Kanga	-	Member
5. Hon. David Arao	-	Member
6. Hon. Joachim Oketch	-	Member
7. Hon. Roy Samo	-	Member
8. Hon. Steve Owiti	-	Member
9. Hon. Gard Olima	-	Member
10. Hon. Olga Aoko	-	Member
11. Hon. Caren Muga	-	Member
12. Hon. Maurice Ngeta	-	Member
13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok	-	Member
14. Hon. Johnson Guya	-	Member
15. Hon. John Atieno	-	Member

Committee Secretariat.

1. Peter Anditi - Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Harman Moses - Committee Clerk
3. Angelyne Obonyo - Clerk Assistant
4. Patrick Okoyo - Hansard
5. Dominic Muinde - Legal Counsel
6. Rose Baraza - Serjeant-at-arm

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, I would like to express my special thanks of gratitude to all members of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources for their valuable contributions during this inquiry.

I therefore humbly submit this Progress Report for consideration by the House on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources.

LEGAL BASIS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the subject matter of this inquiry is guided by the Environment Management and Co-Ordination Act, 1999 and Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Act, 2015, The Water Act, 2002, the Public Health Act and the following regulations anchored on the Acts:

- a) The Environmental Management And Co-Ordination (Conservation And Management Of Wetlands) Amendment Regulations, 2017
 - b) Environmental Management and Coordination (Wetlands, River Banks, Lake Shores and Sea Shore Management Regulation 2009
 - c) The Environment Management and Coordination, (Water Quality) Regulations 2016.
- These regulations applies to drinking water, water used for industrial purposes, water used for agricultural purposes, water used for recreational purposes, water used for fisheries and wildlife, and water used for any other purposes.

Other regulations that guided this investigation include:

- i. Kenya Vision 2030
- ii. Land Registration Act 2012
- iii. Water Act 2002
- iv. The Lakes and Rivers Act Cap 409
- v. The Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, Cap 37
- vi. The standard Act Cap 496

TASK FOR THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the following were the tasks to be undertaken by the Committee.

- i. To conduct a risk assessment of Nyalenda 'A' Lagoons
- ii. To identify the causes of deaths in Nyalenda 'A' Lagoon
- iii. To find out necessary recommendations for the Management of the Lagoon
- iv. To investigate the status of fencing of Nyalenda 'A' Lagoon.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources convened on 01st September, 2020 and resolved that the following terms of reference would guide the Committee in this inquiry:

- i. Conduct a site visit to Nyalenda 'A' Lagoon
- ii. To write to the CEC Member for the Department of Water, Environment and Natural Resources to give response on the Status of the Fencing of the Lagoon

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, kindly note that following the need to facilitate the Public Participation on the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 as committed by the Hon. Speaker on 18th August, 2020 in accordance with Standing Order No. 123 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee did NOT conduct its scheduled site visit to Nyalenda 'A' Lagoon but resolved that the investigation be done after the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020.

This is therefore a PROGRESS Report on the matter as had been sought by Hon. Jacktone Ogendo and presented in accordance with Standing Order No. 41 (b) and in pursuant to which the Hon. Speaker had given the Committee fourteen (14) days to issue a response on the same.

Take notice therefore, that the Committee has scheduled for its investigation on this matter after the completion of the attendant matter committed to the Committee on the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020.

RESPONSE BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE STATUS OF FENCING OF NYALENDA 'A' LAGOON.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, following the Communication made to the CEC Member for Water, Environment and Natural Resources vide letter Ref.CAK/CS/ADM/VOL.V/8/20 (067) by the Clerk of the Assembly, the CEC Member has informed the Committee as follows (See Annex ii)

1. THAT a project named Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Initiative (LVWATSAN) that affected the fencing off of the Lagoon was disintegrated into four major components;
 - i. Construction of 107km of water supply distribution System within the City, extending to Satellite towns of Masesno, Kiboswa and Ahero.
 - ii. Construction of 70km of sewerage network within the Kisumu City, rehabilitation and expansion of Nyalenda 'A' Waste Water stabilization pond.
 - iii. Prepare Water Resources and Wastewater Management Master Plan for Kisumu City and Kisumu County
 - iv. Develop new sewerage treatment works at Otonglo to treat 8,000m³/ day of wastewater.
2. THAT based on LVWATSAN project's commitment as articulated above, KIWASCO could not allocate a budget for fencing off Nyalenda 'A' waste water stabilization pond since the activity is already covered under project's component no. 2.
3. THAT the implementation of LVWATSAN Programme as many other donor-funded programmes has been slowed down by the outbreak of COVID-19.

INTERVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON THE MATTER OF NYALENDA A LAGOON.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee has further been made aware, pursuant to the response submitted by the Department;

THAT the Department in collaboration with KIWASCO has so far undertaken the following actions as a temporary measure awaiting full implementation of LVWATSAN Project;

- i. Administrative: The local administration and the Kenya Police have been put on notice of the hazard faced by the company and the Community.
- ii. Communication: Signage has been beefed up at the facility to make it clear the consequences of trespass and the danger the Community exposes itself to as a result of trespass.
- iii. Lighting: The Company has installed ten (10) Number light masts for solar light at the lagoons which are functional although it has been already proposed to have high intensity lights for better monitoring.
- iv. Reinforced Security: The Company has since the last incidence initiated the process of beefing up security by additional three (3) Dog handlers with three (3) well trained guard dogs. (Further refer to Annex ii).

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, due to the Committee's commitment on the matter of the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 and the need to visit this site of Nyalenda 'A' Lagoon to verify the response of the Department on this matter and assess the risk faced by the locals, the Committee prays;

1. THAT this Hon. House resolve to allocate the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources two (2) weeks from the date of tabling of this progress report to allow for a comprehensive investigation into this emergent matter.

CONCLUSION.

It is therefore my honor and privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources to request this House to consider for approval the prayer of the Committee and further to table this progress report before this Honorable House for consideration.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, I would therefore like to call upon Hon. Seth Okumu to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Seth Okumu

Hon. Okumu: I second the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Now that the progress report on the Lagoon in Nyalenda "A" has been presented by Hon. Ojuok on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Ameso and ably seconded by Hon. Okumu as per our Standing Orders. It is only in order that I propose that it is open for deliberation.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Okiri.

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the progress report by the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources. Based on how the report is laid, clearly gives credit to the Committee. The report is a clear indication of how much work is being done by the Assembly, which brings much relevance to the House. Despite the challenges that might have been brought by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the committee has managed to do all that they have presented thus making it quite commendable. Consequently, having received the expected

relevance response from the Executive, this surely indicates the commitment and engagement on their end and that the committee is headed towards the right direction. I also support the request they had of the two weeks they needed to complete the final report, Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Otiang’

Hon. Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker. In as much as I am in support of the Committee of Water and Natural Resources’ Progress Report, it is a known trend that most committees of this great County of Kisumu fail to do their planning well. If a department says that they do not have a budget, I do not know whether they take into consideration the priorities before they do the Budget Making Process. They should understand the aspect of budgeting for projects so that they can recommend to the House these projects that work effectively.

Mr. Speaker, I feel that it is an excuse because you can expect someone to be in an office yet they fail on what to prioritize. We have various Departments, and they are always complaining about the budget - that they do not have enough budget for various projects. We are really getting tired of this excuse. There is no way somebody is sitting in an office and he does not know the priorities to put into their budget thereby making our work difficult. Right now, the excuse they are giving is that they do not have a budget. Why don’t they have budgets for things that are necessary? When they were doing these lagoons, they knew that the lagoons must be secured. Who did these BQs and did not include the fencing component? I support this committee, though I am a bit disturbed by the claim of insufficient funds from most departments. Thank you.

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I wish to applaud the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources for proving to be a very serious committee. The reason for which they are giving this progress report is quite sound. We are aware they have the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 coming up for 2nd and 3rd reading this week. Few days ago, they gave a solid report on Solid Waste Management in this county. Today, if you go through this progress report, you will see seriousness in it. That is remarkable. That is what we would wish other committees to do to catapult our Assembly to the next level.

Mr. Speaker, I have been to the sites where these lagoons are located, these are the places where our solid and liquid wastes are being dumped. I have wondered whenever I visited those areas why those lagoons cannot be fenced. They are quite a number and they have different stages of treatment with the one taking its waste to the lake presumably having no effluent at all. Children are grazing cattle around these lagoons. It is quite a risk and that is why these lagoons need to be fenced. Other than fencing, the wastes that are disposed in these lagoons should be properly treated because sometimes they emit very foul smell, becoming a serious environmental threat to

the people who stay around these areas. As an Assembly, we need to compel the relevant departments to ensure the lagoons are properly treated.

Mr. Speaker, If you go through this report, it should be noted that money is not just the problem; the issue of fencing was taken over by a donor which is Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Initiative. That is the reason why the Department has probably not been able to do the fencing. I feel that information is quite important so that we don't relay wrong information to the public. Otherwise I support, and plead that when the full report is tabled, we will be able to debate quite robustly and put this matter to a rest.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I support the progress report as has been presented here. The issue of Lagoon in Nyalenda "A" has many environmental risks to the people residing around that area. In as much as I support this progress report, I would like this Committee to take time and include also the risks caused to the environment in this particular area in their findings. We know that deaths have occurred but yes, we do not know whether it was because of the effluent that was being discharged into our lakes or poisoning by the raw water around there. I am requesting that, when they shall have brought the full report; let us also get the report on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) so that, we may make proper instructions to the relevant authority to do their work in curbing this menace, thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pete, the Leader of Minority and MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Hon. Ogendo raised this matter before this House. The people he represents are dying. Action which ought to have been taken long time ago time ago. No measures were put in place to protect the people against the danger caused by these lagoons. He is now asking why there is a delay in fencing off the Nyalenda "A" lagoons which have claim eight lives.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at the response from the department, they are just stories. These lagoons were built long time ago and we are being told that the National Land Commission has been communicated to and an action is underway to secure this facility land from grabbers and unnecessary struggles. What does that mean? It means that these things were constructed without precautionary measures to protect the public.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at No. 3, we are being told that the Officer Commander in Station (OCS) of the Local Police Station committed to undertake extra patrols at the lagoons especially during the night hours to manage the security issues. The police officers in charge are not station there all the time but, instead hang around for some few hours and leave. Therefore, the danger paused to the public is still real and people are still going to die.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at the situation, the interventions are underway yet people are dying. Mr. Speaker, just erecting a temporary fence; it has to be designed; quotation made and is under procurement process. The work is yet to start for a month. Truth of the matter according to this letter is that the response was made on 17th September, 2020. Mr. Speaker and Honorable House, there is lack of seriousness in protecting our people.

Mr. Speaker, they are again telling us that, better lighting is being sought. It means that they have not erected proper lighting system in that place to guide the public during the night. A number of communities are staying around that place. Chances of them straying at the lagoons and losing their lives are very high. Though it is good that, the committee say that this is a progress report, but they also need to interrogate further and tell the department that, we need immediate measure to protect our people. A life lost cannot be regained. Once a family loses a loved one, it becomes a big loss to the children left behind as well as the parents and the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, we need seriousness whenever any project is being undertaken. The necessary precautionary measures to protect the public from danger paused by it should be undertaken but not left to be thought of later on. I beg to submit that.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Pamela.

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the progress report by the Committee of Water, Environmental and Natural Resources. I am a witness of what is happening at the lagoons. My people have died there. Today, I do not want to tell stories. But, I am requesting you through your powers, to give direction that this issue be treated as a matter of urgency. This particular place should be fenced using emergency funds. Many people have lost their lives and that is the only thing that we need as the Kasagam community.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Otura.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Otura you need to do the necessary.

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker, allow me to call the mover to reply.

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

Hon. Philemon Ojuok: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First I would just want to thank the Members for seeing the sense to extend the investigation for more two weeks. It is indeed true that the commitment in the Kisumu County Climate Change Bill, 2020 has taken much of our time and even at the moment, we are trying to beat the deadline. Looking at the magnitude of the task before us on the Lagoons in Nyalenda “A” and the number of lives that have been lost there, we deemed it fit not to rush things and end up coming up with a half-baked report that was not going to get us to the bottom line of this particular matter. I have noted the concerns of Members especially Hon. Otiang’ in regard to budgeting some of our matters and I promised that in our

investigations we will seek to find out the level of keenness that is put as far as prioritizing some of these projects is concerned.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, it is indeed true that they have mentioned that this particular project had been taken over for fencing by some donors. The fact that COVID-19 is here with us, a number of those funds are not available. We believe that as the curve continues to flatten some of those bottlenecks will be circumvented. The measures that they have taken to do some of those things, will be done with hasten. We will ensure that value for money will be achieved on those particular areas. I would also want to thank the Members for the compliments and we give our assurance that, we will continue to be committed to delivering quality report as a committee. We also seek to improve the report that we are doing at the moment.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, in regard to the other concerns of the Members in terms of investigations in all those matters on what could have caused the deaths in particular and issues to do with Environmental Impact Assessment which should have been done in that particular area. We promised that we will dig deep into those matters and be able to bring a report that will provide answers to those legitimate questions. I take this opportunity to thank the Members for the support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, first of all I want to appreciate the committee of Water. This is exactly what we have been saying that we have to bring a progress report with your prayers. At this moment when we will be putting a question we will have to look at the prayers made by the committee which I have checked and I have seen that their prayer is that they be given an additional two weeks to conclude on the matter.

Hon. Members, you will therefore be voting in support of the prayer or not. If you say yes then it means that you are agreeing with them that they be given an additional two weeks to complete the process. If you say no then, it means you are insinuating that they ought to have completed this task and therefore you want us to take necessary action to ensure how the process is completed.

Hon. Members, the Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources has presented their Report on Nyalenda “A” Lagoon as presented by Hon. Philemon Ojuok on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Ameso, seconded by Hon. Seth Okumu and discussed by Hon. Members. I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The report is hereby adopted today Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at 1534 hours. I direct that the full report be submitted to the House in two weeks’ time as requested by the committee that is on Tuesday, 06th October 2020 at 1430 hours.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 03. 36 p.m.)

Addendum

Hansard Team

<i>Zablon Otiende</i>	-	<i>In-charge, Reporter</i>
<i>Edward Odanga</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
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<i>Jacklyne Otieno</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>