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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): Good afternoon Hon. Members. The clerk, please take us through the Order of the day?

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I have two communications to make. One, is that we have to adhere to the Covid-19 Ministry of Health Protocols. I have noticed that Hon. Muga is not wearing her mask. So, let each and every Hon. Member ensure that they put on the mask which must cover both the mouth and nose and for those using the portable microphones, ensure that it is well sanitized before and after usage. Otherwise, again, welcome to this afternoon session.

Secondly, is on the pending reports by various House Committees. Hon. Members, sometimes back, I did communicate and brought to your attention about Committee Reports that are long overdue. It is quite unfortunate that, House Committees had a number of activities which are yet to be reported back. Once again, I want to remind the different Committee Chairpersons on the

following; County Budget and Appropriations Committee, there is a report that is long overdue. The Kisumu County COVID-19 Socio-economic Reengineering and Recovery Strategy. Hon. Steve Owiti, this report was tabled before this House on 01st December, 2020 and I believe that this was the date that the report was supposed to be read in the House. This report was again deferred to 06th February, 2021 and it is yet to be brought to this House. I am not aware if there is any Member of this Committee in the House...any Member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee?

Hon. Members, the Joint Standing Committees of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and the Committee of Labour, Social Welfare. There was a report that was sought by Hon. Gard Olima with regards to the Judgement of Case No. 373 of 2018 on the Employment and Labour Relations Court at Kisumu. The lead Chairperson is Hon. Seth Okumu. Hon. Okumu, can you please give us the status of this report.

The County Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Kisumu County Debt Management Strategy Paper which was to inform the Budget Making Process. Hon. Steve Owiti, Chairperson.

Hon. Members, there is a report that was raised by Hon. Pamela Odhiambo on Machine-based Program. Hon. Seth Kanga, Chairperson, Road, Transport and Public Works Committee.

Hon. Members, the Standing Committee of Children, Culture, Arts and Sports and Community Services Report on the Implementation of Projects by the Department of Tourism, Wildlife, Culture and Sports for the Financial Year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020. Hon. Maurice Ngeta, Chairperson, Standing Committee of Children, Culture, Arts and Sports and Community Services.

PIC/PAC Committee Report on the Consolidated Report from the Office of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kisumu County for the Financial Year 2017/2018. Hon. Maurine Otiang’.

Joint Standing Committees of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and the Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT which includes the Public Works and Transport Report on the Status of Drainage Systems in Kisumu County specifically in Urban Areas. Co-chairpersons, Hon. Samson Ameso, Hon. George Olwal and Hon. Seth Kanga. This report is yet to be brought to the House, and this report was to be brought to this House on the 27th April, 2021.

Selection Committee Report on the Benchmarking with its sister Committee of Homabay County Assembly. Hon. Kenneth Onyango, the Chairperson, Committee on Selection. This report was to be brought on the 27th April, 2021 which I believe is long overdue.

The Standing Committee of Labour, Social Welfare on a Statement that was sought by Hon. Gard Olima with regards to the Appointment of Village Administrators and the Recruitment of Liaison Officers by the Kisumu County Public Service Board. I am being informed that the List of Council

Members have been brought for vetting by the respective House Committee. This report was to be brought on the 04th May, 2021. Hon. Rashid Miruka, the Chairperson.

Hon. Members, the Standing Committee Planning, Industrialization and ICT on a Statement that was sought by Hon. Philemon Ojuok regarding the Awarding of Tender for the Construction of Container Kiosks at the backstreet and along Ojino Street, Kisumu City. Hon. Members, we are in the month of July, 2021 and the House was expecting this report in the month of May, 2021. Hon. George Olwal is yet to give the responses.

Further, the Standing Committee Planning, Industrialization and ICT on the Memorandum by the Governor, Kisumu County on the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Bill, 2021. The Governor forwarded to the Assembly the Memorandum which has timelines and it is yet to be submitted. It was supposed to be here on the 22nd June, 2021.

Consequently, the Standing Committee Planning, Industrialization and ICT Report on the deferment of the Kisumu County Regularization of Land Ownership and Development Bill, 2021. Again, Hon. George Olwal.

PIC/PAC Committee follow-up Report on the Implementation Report by the Public Works on Kenya Roads Board (KRB) Roads and County Revenue Funds (CRF) Roads inspected for the FY 2019/2020. Hon. Maurine Otiang’.

The Select Committee of County Delegated Legislation Report on the Benchmarking with its sister County Assembly of Homabay, is yet to be tabled in this House.

The Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security Report on the Village Council Nominees which is due for 11th July, 2021. I have been informed that it is work in progress.

Select Committee on Implementation Report. This was a report that was passed in the First Session. Hon. Agolla.

Hon. Members, there are a number of Committee reports that were passed by the Fifth Session. The Committee on Implementation is supposed to make a follow-up and furnish this House with the Status of Implementation of these reports. I believe that this is work-in-progress.

Any Members of the above mentioned House Committees. In the House I can see Hon. Miruka, Hon. Okumu, the Leader of Majority and Hon. Inviolata. So, who is ready to give us the status of their reports?

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. With regards to that Statement, we have commence the process and we were to conclude it today. The Committee has just received a communication from

the County Secretary and the County Public Service Board that, some of the Members of the Board were isolated as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and they were unable to appear before the Committee so that they give us their technical input that was sought by the House Committee regarding that Statement.

Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence, we have scheduled the meeting with the Board for 15th July, 2021. I believe that as soon as we resume from the July, 2021 Recess, the Committee will be able to deliver the report. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Leader of Majority, Hon. Seth Okumu, Hon. Inviolate.

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

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the Joint Committees of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and the Committee of Labour, Social Welfare with regards to the Status of Former Chief Officers. I believe that our report is ready and if we can be slotted by the House Business Committee, we can present it before the House. I even have the softcopy with me here.

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

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Order!! Hon. Ngeta, we resolved yesterday that we should not abuse the dress code. It was agreed that a member can come to the House dressed in African wear. Please adhere to that. Thank you.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to inform you that our report is ready and this has been ready for quite a while. We shall purpose to slot it for debate in this House. Thank you.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to commend my Committee for the time they have taken on the deliberation that we have undertaken. Mr. Speaker, you are aware that reports that were committed to the Committee have been presented before this House. If you can recall the other day we did dispense off with one of the reports and I am accordingly advised that we should undertake follow-ups because you are aware that this House Committee deals with a number of issues like the Bills, Motions, Petitions, Statement and even Development Projects. So, it is our undertaking if you allow us that, if we do a written request to your office to be accorded time to deliberate during the recess as we consult the County Executive especially the office of the County Secretary and follow-up on the Bills and the Policies that we have passed in this House.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware that just the other day, I did raise as the Chairperson of Implementation that, most of our Bills that have been passed in this House which the Governor has assented to and become Acts of the County Assembly of Kisumu are not posted in our Website.

Mr. Speaker, even information pertaining serving Hon. Members of this Second Assembly. If you visit the Website of the County Assembly, if this website is not correctly updated, and these are the weighty issues that the Committee is working on to ensure that any business that we transact in this House is followed-up which this committee is doing the same. Otherwise, I beg to thank you for the opportunity.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Inviolate, Chairperson, Delegated County Legislation. This is a report on the Benchmarking with the sister Committee of Homabay County Assembly.

Hon. Inviolate: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to inform you that our Committee report is ready and it is just a matter of the House Business to give it a slot for deliberations.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Steve Owiti, Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, we did agree that a report is a report and as a Committee you don't need to exhaust all that you are expected to undertake before you give a report but we have to adhere to the timelines. If any matter is committed to a House Committee, if you encounter challenges especially when you are to get information for example from the County Executive, that is the report that you bring to the House stating that, this matter was brought to our Committee and we have done the following and give recommendation stating clearly this is what we want the House to make resolutions that we do. This House will deliberate and make resolutions on what you have recommended.

Hon. Members, but if you don't inform this House that a particular witness has not responded, then, we will not be doing our work because we are guided with timelines. So, I want to humbly request that, when we have timelines, if there are challenges, please indicate that in the report and give recommendations.

So, let us try and prepare these reports which should be ready so that when we resume from the July, 2021 Recess with the assumption that the Motion of Adjournment will be moved as per our Annual House Calendar so that they be presented for debate and adoption. Otherwise, thank you.

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

MOTION

REPORT FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PLANNING, INDUSTRIALIZATION
AND ICT ON THE MEMORANDUM BY THE GOVERNOR. KISUMU COUNTY

ON THE KISUMU COUNTY LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL, 2021

BY

HON. GEORGE OLWAL, CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE OF PLANNING, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ICT.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Olwal, Chairperson, Standing Committee Of Planning, Industrialization and ICT.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Serjeant-at-Arms, can you please assist the Leader of Majority with Water.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it looks like Hon. Olwal is not in the House. What is it Leader of Majority?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The report on the Memorandum by the Governor on the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Bill, 2021 is ready and it has been circulated to the Hon. Members. I seek your indulgence if I can be allowed to move the report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it hon. Muga.

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I fail to understand what the Leader of Majority is trying to put before us because, it is the mandate of that Committee in the absence of the Chairperson to elect one of the Hon. Members of that Committee to present the report on behalf of the Chairperson. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, this is a serious matter because this is a Memorandum by the Governor. You are all aware that when a Memorandum on a Bill is sent back TO THE Assembly by the Governor, there are only three ways about it. One, we can agree with it in totality. Two, we can make amendments on the Bill and three, we can disagree with the Memorandum by the Governor.

Hon. Members, we did agree that we commit it to the Standing Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT for the purposes of further consultations. Therefore, it will be in order that, this Standing Committee gives this House a report on their consultations so that we have a debate and we either agree with the Standing Committee recommendations which are only three. That, we adopt the Governor's recommendations, we adopt it with amendments or we as a House disagree with it.

I can recall Hon. Olwal called me the other day and I don't know whom he delegated to present this report. I have just forgotten. If I may ask, is there any Member of this Committee in the House?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okiri, it seems that you have something to say?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This House is aware that this is a Memorandum from the Governor and this is a very sensitive matter and if you see a Committee of fifteen Members not present in this House because we have the belief that a report must get the backing of the Committee Membership. If there are challenges encountered by this Committee, they will be able to rally or convince this House and get a wayforward.

Mr. Speaker, if there is a way you as the Chair can assist so that we don't defer this report but slot it for another time given the reason that no member of that House Committee is present in this House because this will not auger well when it is comes to the time of question and response time. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is the reason as to why I sought for your indulgence because I have also gone through the report and it is like the Committee Members agreed with the Memorandum from the Governor. So, there is absolutely no contestation or objections to the Memorandum from the Governor.

Mr. Speaker, I understand how urgent this matter is, because there are activities that need to be set in motion and we are all aware that we are proceeding for recess that will last a whole month and that is why I wanted to indulge you to use your discretionary powers to allow the Leader of Majority to read this report....Mr. Speaker, please protect me.

Hon. Okumu: On a Point of Order. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I need your guidance because the Leader of Majority is misleading this House. The process of bringing a report to this House is well laid down in our Standing Orders. It is the Chair, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson, if not the both, any other Member that the Committee choses. Mr. Speaker, so, there is nothing like the Leader of Majority bringing a report of the Committee to this House.

Mr. Speaker, if the Leader of Majority wants to bring a report from the Standing Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT, if he is not a member of that Committee, let him first joint that Committee. Mr. Speaker, he needs to be informed as to why the Committee did not bring that report and they consult with the Chairperson and bring the report. Thank you.

(Loud Consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I am informed that Hon. Olwal, Chairperson, Planning, Industrialization and ICT is not present neither is there any Member of the Planning Committee only the Vice-chairperson, Hon. Nancy Owiti whom seems to be out and not abreast with the contents report. So, as we await for them to come and as we consult further, I would like to refer to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 38 on the Sequence of Proceedings. Standing Orders No. 38 (2) provides the order in which the business can be transacted and I read;

“Business shall be transacted in the sequence in which it appears in the Standing Orders or in such other sequence as the Speaker may for the convenience of the County Assembly do direct”.

So, I want to direct that, so that we don't inconvenience Hon. Members, I direct that we move to the next motion or business which is business number nine then we move to number eight then finally number ten.

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

MOTION

THE TRANSFER OF KISUMU/KADHIAMBO COMMUNITY LAND NUMBER 1549 TO
OSETH PRIMARY SCHOOL, KABONYO/KANYAGWAL WARD, NYANDO SUB-
COUNTY

BY

HON. PETE OIKO, MCA, KABONYO/KANYAGWAL.

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

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The motion that we have today on behalf of the populaces of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward is to implore the County Assembly of Kisumu to resolve that, the Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel No. 1549 to be transferred to Oseth Primary School. This parcel of land used to be under the Former Defunct Kisumu County Council.

Mr. Speaker, Public Participation on the same was conducted on the Monday, 26th October, 2020. In the Public Participation, Members of the Community sought the authority of the National Land Commission (NLC) to transfer this Parcel of Land No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, the community conducted public participation last year on the Monday, 26th October, 2020 where the matter was resolved. Mr. Speaker, the National land Commission visited the Parcel of Land No. 1549 and they have given their favourable recommendations in writing to the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Physical Planning, Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Speaker, in their communication in their letter, they have stated and I quote;

“The purpose of this letter is to request through your office the blessings of the County Assembly of Kisumu to enable me forward the application to the National Lands Commission (NLC) headquarters for processing as necessary.

That is, the Kisumu County Assembly is requested to approve the Land Parcel Kisumu/Kadhiambo No 1549 to be transferred to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, the reason as to why this is being sought, is because of the perennial flooding problem in Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.

Mr. Speaker, from last year, there has been serious flooding problem in Kabonyo/Kanyagwal resulting in two Secondary Schools and four Primary Schools have been submerged and the community is looking for land on higher grounds. Mr. Speaker, Oseth Primary School is lucky that there is public land adjacent to it where it can be relocated. As the regulations now demands that this is a public land that cannot be merely transferred to this government institution (Oseth Primary School) and it must get the approval of this County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, it is the reason this matter has come to the floor of this House so that we get the necessary approval. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call upon the Leader of Majority, Hon. Kenneth Onyango to second this motion. Thank you.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to second this very important motion that this Assembly gives Leave for the Transfer of this Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel of Land No. 1549 so that Oseth Primary School can be relocated.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is a matter that is of utmost importance considering that the Ward that is in question here has been adversely affected so much by floods. In fact if you look at the pictorials of this school, it is literally been submerged in water and it would only be prudent that the County Government of Kisumu transfers this Parcel of Land No. 1549 for the purposes of relocation.

Mr. Speaker, I have seen the correspondences which have been there between the Offices of the Hon. Member, Hon. Oiko Pete, the National Lands Commission and even the Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Physical Planning, Lands and Housing and Urban Development of Kisumu and it was the considered opinion of the National Lands Commission that this Assembly approves this transfer so that this transaction can be accorded that validity necessary in law.

Mr. Speaker, with that I support and I would like to plead with the Hon. Members that let us kindly support this motion so that, these children of Oseth Primary School can get a decent and conducive learning environment. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the motion by the Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal and also the Leader of Minority in the House on the Transfer of Kisumu/Kadhiambo Community Land Parcel No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School has been proposed by the Mover and seconded by the Leader of Majority and I want to propose a question that the motion is now open for debate.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Education of our young ones is one of the fundamental aspects any government should look into. I arise to support the motion and it is a good approach that mover Hon. Oiko Pete has deemed it wise to approach this House for it to deliberate and see how best the resolutions of this House can assist. This is to allow the National Lands Commission to transfer this Parcel of Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, my only reservations is the issue of Public Participation. This is because we can pass a resolution in this House and the repercussion of not conducting proper public participation and we may learn that the approach that we are to take, it is a direction which might bring chaos and confusion.

Mr. Speaker, I can see the Leader of majority on his feet trying to furnish me with documents which some of us don't have in our possession.

(Leader of Majority furnishes the Hon, Agolla with documents)

Thank you Leader of Majority. Mr. Speaker, I can see from the documents attached to this motion includes a List of Attendance of Members of the Public which has the names of some of parents who attended the meeting who are around thirty in number. Mr. Speaker, I am still stressing that moving forward, at any given stage, Public Participation must be accorded priority in order to ensure that the process is exhaustively addressed. Mr. Speaker, these are parents who I know are praying that one day they get a place that a school can be constructed, where learners can get a permanent place where they can learn but, members of the public should be fully involved and it's the reason as to why I was stressing that the element of public participation should be exhausted.

Mr. Speaker, as I am in concurrence with this motion, I urge this House to come up with a resolution that if such a matter is brought before this House, the Committee concerned should be committed to assist the Hon. Member to act collectively because this is one of the roles of the County Assembly and we are all aware that land is partially devolved because we have the National Land Commission which deals with land which are communal in nature. Mr. Speaker, without much ado, I want to say that, this is a gallant initiative. We are all aware the challenges that our children are encountering as a result of flooding.

Mr. Speaker, I have taken time to visit Kabonyo/Kanyagwal and I have witnessed first-hand how our children are suffering. If there can be a breakthrough or an alternative approach by transferring and reallocating them this Parcel of Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo No. 1549 then I believe that our learners will be given to them Education which is a fundamental right to all Kenyans. Mr. Speaker, without much ado, allow me to say thank you and beseech Hon. Members to adopt this motion so that we move to the next step. Thank you.

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

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to fully concur with the motion as was moved by Hon. Benny Oiko Pete because it is for the betterment of our children.

Mr. Speaker, if the Community has identified a Public Land to enable the relocation of Oseth Primary School, and the Kadhiambo Community has agreed, and they have appended and attached a list of signatures allowing the County Government of Kisumu to relocate this land to this school.

Mr. Speaker, I, Hon. Linet Muga, I support this motion because pupils are having difficulties because their school is submerged as a result of floods. Mr. Speaker, you will find that many pupils cannot go to school as a result of the insecurity. If the County Government of Kisumu has come in and saw it prudent that this transfer is critical for these learners, I believe that every Member will support this noble course since education is very important for the children of this County and if this is the only option that the Kadhiambo Community can assist these pupils to get access to better education facilities which implies that security and their lives is very important to us as a County. Mr. Speaker, I support and entreat all the Members to adopt this motion so that the pupils of Oseth Primary School can be reallocated to an alternative site. Thank you.

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

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the motion moved by Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward that Community Land in Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel No. 1549 be transferred to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, it is in public knowledge that as we speak, Oseth Primary School right now is submerged in water. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the people of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for seeing it fit even before this calamity arose to have land that is community land that they could use for other projects and I want to thank them for agreeing that this land can be given to Oseth Primary School despite having allocated land for the school but, they understood that land that they had initially allocated to the school right now is under water.

Mr. Speaker, the concerns of my brother Hon. Agolla on Public Participation. This forms part of the Public Participation that we are conducting on this Parcel of Land No. 1549 so that, by the time the National Lands Commission will be reallocating this piece of land, because it is not a prerogative to give land to the School. Mr. Speaker, they shall know that the leadership of Kisumu resolved and agreed through the request of the community and the Area MCA, Hon. Benny Pete Oiko that land that was allocated as Community Land be given to one of the primary schools that is now submerged under water.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing big that you can do to the children of today other than giving them education. Education you can only provide in a school and when this school is submerged in water for that duration then, this must be addressed. I can recall my brother Hon. Oiko has been resolving issues of floods for the last one and a half or so years. Mr. Speaker, that means that, there are students that have been out of school for almost two years as a result of flooding. The whole

generation and their future is being affected by a calamity but the Community is providing a solution, then, who are we not to support such a motion?

Mr. Speaker, I want to request through the leadership of Hon. Benny Pete Oiko that, once we do this, they move with speed so that the pupils can have an alternative place they can learn. We are part of the team that agreed that the School needs this land and we are in concurrence with the Community that that land be transferred to Oseth Primary School but we urge that it be done with haste so that that the school can be relocated and education of those kids can resume.

Mr. Speaker, I don't have much to say but I want to urge other communities to borrow a leaf from the people of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal where they have allocated land for the community purposes and now they can use it when it's really appropriate. There are so many places in Kisumu County where we can have projects but, we cannot do them because all the land have been grabbed and made private and when you want such land then, you have to purchase. So, I will continue appreciating the people of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for setting aside land for community projects and resolving to give it for education purposes which is Oseth Primary School. I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. John Atieno.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity. I also rise to support the transfer of Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, Kobura Ward neighbours Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward. I hereby attest to the fact that, atleast four Primary Schools and two Secondary Schools have been submerged as a result of the deluge which triggered flooding which ravaged our wards last year. Mr. Speaker, this is not a normal occurrence in fact, it is catastrophic so to speak. If a whole community can lose six schools to flooding, then that leaves lot to be desired. It is not a light matter and that implies that pupils have been locked out from accessing education. Mr. Speaker, I believe that, this is a very magnanimous idea that the Hon. Member came up with so that we can commence engaging the community to enable Oseth Primary School to get an alternative land which is raised so that children can continue with their learning.

Mr. Speaker, I have been able to see that most of the prerequisite process have been put in place including the Public Participation that was conducted on Monday, 26th October, 2020 and I believe that a lot of processes have ben exhaustively adhered to so that this transaction can be completed. Mr. Speaker, I fully support this motion and I would like to encourage my fellow colleagues to support this motion so that these pupils can get an alternative site to enable them continue with their education. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Otiang'.

Hon. Otiang’: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to support this motion that was moved by Hon. Benny Pete Oiko for the transfer of Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School.

Mr. Speaker, my key reason is that kids must be catered for in terms of places where they can access early learning because, without learning we are not able to nurture these young mindsets. On behalf of myself, I would like to urge Hon. Members and the people of my ward because we also encounter the flooding menace and we know how flooding affect learning. I arise to support this motion to enable our learners get a place where they can go to school.

Mr. Speaker, sometimes when land is left idle without being put into good use, some people take advantage of such to acquire them illegally. So, I implore Hon. Members to be on the lookout for land that is considered public which can be turned into public utility so that we put them into good use. I want to support and congratulate Hon. Oiko for having his people at heart and it’s the reason he has brought this motion before us and he has considered to cooperate with the public in terms of getting the services that are needed and it is important that we all close ranks and support. Thank you. I support.

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the concerns raised by Hon. Benny Pete Oiko as I sympathize with the entire community of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for having lost key utilities and social amenities as a result of floods.

Mr. Speaker, consequently, I want to appreciate the people of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for being virtuous people. Mr. Speaker, in this era, it is difficult and not easy to find this kind of land set aside for Social Services. Mr. Speaker, if these land are there, you will find that they have either been grabbed by corrupt government officials or they have been grabbed by a few people who think that these are easy avenues of grabbing public spaces.

Mr. Speaker, the only issue that I would like to advice the Hon. Member and the Community at large is that, before transferring any agricultural land or any parcel of land that is not defined for the purpose which it was not intended for, there are explicit procedures to be followed. Since this parcel of land was not earmarked for a school, then you must follow it up with the National Lands Commission (NLC), Physical Planners to enable you transfer this land from say Agricultural to Education or if it was earlier meant for a market, you transfer it from Market to Education purposes (Change of User). Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is usually done at fee. Mr. Speaker, before the matter could have been brought to this House for approval, these are the steps you ought to have exhausted.

Secondly, the other thing that I would advise is that, according to me and I stand to be guided. This ought to be a matter between the Department of Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development and the National Lands Commission. I believe that here, it should only come for

ratification. So, before we exhaustively address these avenues of the transferring process between the National Lands Commission and the Department of Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development, I believe that these are avenue that need to be exhausted.

Mr. Speaker, otherwise, the intention is noble because we need to settle our pupils who have been out of school for a long time. I must say that, the objective is virtuous but the processes need to be followed to the letter. Thank you. I support.

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

Hon. Omoro: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I originate from this area. Sometimes last year I mentioned this matter in this House that even if you are endowed with the best SUV (Sports Utility Vehicle) because I tried on time reaching this place and I could not.

Mr. Speaker, it is gloomy that up to today, we have a dry season, but, when you go to this place Kabonyo/Kanyagwal, it is the normal annual rainy season. Mr. Speaker, apart from the school, residents in those areas use canoes to move around and I once highlighted here that, the residents are in grave danger because of the wild animals like the snakes and hippos. Mr. Speaker, this idea is long overdue. There is a time I mentioned it here and I told the Community that the best thing to do is to identify land and then ask the County Government of Kisumu to reallocate that land to that school. I want to appreciate the area MCA who is my friend and brother for picking up this matter and mobilizing the Community to donate this piece of land.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request this House to approve this motion with haste and even if I know there are process like the registration of land, we are the community, and we are ready to jumpstart and see this process through fundraisers. Mr. Speaker, imagine a whole sub location is submerged and the student population have been taken to nearby schools. Some of the student do go to school today because of lack of space or facilities and it is sad to say that, majority of them have resorted to doing other activities other than going to schools because this is there short end of the stick when it comes to learning. So, I urge Hon. Members to support this motion and I would request that as we pass it, maybe you can give a rider that the community if they are able to come up with learning facilities. Thank you. I support.

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

Hon. Jagongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I believe that hon. Members, have exhaustively deliberated on the motion and looking at the mood of this House, may I call upon the mover to reply.

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

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to sincerely appreciate Hon. Members of this House for their positive contribution to this motion and I want to assure this House that, due diligence will be followed so that we don't encounter hiccups on the way.

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, public participation has been conducted, the National Lands Commission has been involved and they have given us their technical advice, the Department of Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development at the County level has equally been involved and they are playing their part. All is needed will be complied with to ensure that the land identified is properly transferred to Oseth Primary School appropriately.

Mr. Speaker, with that, I urge Members of this House to give their approval in order that the other necessary measures can be undertaken to enable the school get the Title Deed for this land and the National Government to assist us acquire land for this School. I beg to move. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the motion by the Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for the Transfer of Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Parcel No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School has been proposed by the Mover and seconded by the Leader of Majority propose and debated as per our Standing Orders I want to put a question for adoption?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, the motion by Hon. Benny Pete Oiko MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal for the Transfer of Community Land Kisumu/Kadhiambo Community Parcel No. 1549 to Oseth Primary School has been approved today Thursday, 08th July, 2021 at 15:44 hours.

Hon. Members, I direct that the Hansard Report be prepared for the necessary action. Thank you.

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

MOTION

REPORT FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF PLANNING, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ICT ON THE MEMORANDUM BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE KISUMU COUNTY LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BILL, 2021

BY

HON. GEORGE OLWAL, CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE OF PLANNING, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ICT.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Nancy Owiti, the Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee Of Planning, Industrialization and ICT.

Hon. Nancy Owiti: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of my able Chairperson, Hon. Olwal I request that the Committee is accorded more time so that after the Recess, we bring back this report. May I call upon Hon. Olga to second? Thank you.

Hon. Olga: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, you are all aware that this is a Memorandum from the Governor and it applies to the fact that, this House on Thursday, 06th May, 2021 passed a Bill on the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Bill, 2021 and sent to the Governor for assent but he refused to assent to this Bill and he sent back to the County Assembly with a Memorandum attached to it the with reasons as to why he never assented top the Bill. I believe that, it is just in order that the Standing Committee would have taken their time and engaged the drafters of this Bill so that, we have reasons as to why we are in concurrence, disagree or making amendments to the Bill. Hon. Members, anyway, I want to direct that let this be the first item of business upon resumption. So, I direct. Thank you.

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

MOTION

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS NO. 26 (3) ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE FOR LONG RECESS FROM FRIDAY, 09TH JULY, 2021 TO MONDAY, 09TH AUGUST, 2021

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO, LEADER OF MAJORITY.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 26 (3) subject to paragraph (1). The County Assembly shall continue to be in session and may adjourn for such number of days as determined and in accordance with its Annual House Calendar. This is in Acknowledgement to Gazette Notice No. 2342 of 12th March, 2021 in which the County Assembly of Kisumu gazetted it Annual House Calendar which was a resolution of the House that the Long Recess was to commence on Friday, 09th July, 2021 and terminate on Monday, 09th August, 2021.

Further, acknowledging that, the County Assembly Standing Orders No. 26 (3) on a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other the next normal sitting day in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar, the Leader of Majority of the Leader of Minority Party or another Member of the County Assembly Business Committee, shall move a motion of

Adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours. After which the County Assembly shall adjourn without a question being put.

Mr. Speaker, now therefore, this Assembly implores Hon. Members to Adjourn the House until Tuesday, 10th August, 2021 at 02:30 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 25 (3). Mr. Speaker, please allow me to ask the Leader of Minority to second that Adjournment Motion. Thank you.

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

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to second the Motion on Adjournment of this House being a tradition and routine that in the month of July, Hon. Members proceed for their Long Recess as per the Annual House Calendar. Mr. Speaker, the time has come, let us adjourn and proceed for our Long Recess. I second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the Motion on the Adjournment of the House has been proposed by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Leader of Minority. I now want to propose a question that the Adjournment Motion is now open for debate.

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. I stand in support the Adjournment of this House for the Long Recess. I want to say that, we need to adhere to the Annual House Calendar as it has always been a tradition that is one.

Two, you are all aware that, this is our last lap in this House and I want to encourage my fellow Hon. Members that, those who have been in the race and those who are equally aspiring, that this is the time that you can also go and sharpen your tools. This is the time that you go reorganize yourself. If there are areas that you feel that are not in order and are not going right, you can deploy another strategy so that you go at it afresh. As you know that, this is the time we are hit by the pandemic and people are sacred everywhere. This is the time you can walk around your Ward and talk to your people and sensitive them on the importance of adhering to the Covid-19 Protocols so that we may not lose as many lives as we are witnessing in recent times. Mr. Speaker, this the time that Hon. Members need to go and consolidate with your families. We are aware that Hon. Members have been starved of the resources because resources have not been as consistent as it had been before. This is the time to visit your constituents and tell them that it has been hard.

Mr. Speaker, this is the time for those Hon. Members who are coming from the Sugarcane, Rice farming Areas, to visit your fields to gauge what they expect to yield because that is where you emanated from and you will go back there. Thank you I support.

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

Hon. Jagongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members. Similarly, I also stand to support the Motion on Adjournment to allow Hon. Members to visit their Wards and to closely work with their electorates.

Mr. Speaker, as we are proceeding for our Long Recess, I know that we have pending issues that we have a Members of this Assembly. One of them is Committee Works. Even if we are proceeding for the Long Recess, I know that upon request, you will allow Hon. Members to be attending committee meetings for those with Pending tasks.

Mr. Speaker, the Health and Sanitation Committee has two Bills that have been committed to the Health Committee which the Committee is supposed to subject to Public Participation. Mr. Speaker, we will do a program of activities to be undertaken and do a request to your office to be allowed as a Committee conduct Public Participation on the two bills and do a report on the same. So, that once we resume House Sessions, we can dispense off with the two bills amicably. Otherwise, I support the Motion of Adjournment of the House. Thank you.

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

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion of Adjournment. As has been highlighted by my brother, it is said that “work without play makes Jack a dull boy”.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for these Hon. Members to have some time to settle their minds and come back fresh and rejuvenated. Mr. Speaker, it has to be clear to the public and everyone that, whatever we are proceeding for the Long Recess on are the Plenary Sessions of this Assembly. The Committee Meetings are still on and I want to urge Hon. Members that, as much as we are taking time off the Plenary Sessions, please don't stay away from the Committee Meetings.

Mr. Speaker, this is to the Members of the Standing Committee of Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security which has an amendment on a bill that they need to look at. The Committee also has the Kisumu County Village Council List of Nominees that they need to look at. I believe that, we should dispense off with them during the time of the Long Recess so that by the time we are resuming our Plenary Sessions, we will have everything ready for discussion and adoption. Mr. Speaker, I support that we proceed for Adjournment. Thank you.

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

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As arise in support of the Motion on Adjournment, I want to say that, we must have some commitment because when you have these commitments, it is when we can have something small in our pockets.

Two, I want to request the Almighty Father in Heaven to keep each and every one of us safe because we are proceeding for this Long Recess when the Covid-19 infection rate is still on the

rise. May the Almighty Heavenly Father keep everyone safe that includes their families? Mr. Speaker, thank you for your support.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am also on my feet to support the Motion on Adjournment. This is in our Annual House Calendar and it is in order that we find some time to concentrate more than we have been doing because much of our time we have been coming here in the Plenary. Mr. Speaker, I believe that one month is adequate to enable us do some of the activities that we were elected to do because time has not been there.

Mr. Speaker, I was trying to go through the County Assembly Standing Orders and the County Government Act, 2012 and I would like to implore the Committee of Planning, Industrialization and ICT to go back and reorganize themselves and bring a report. On the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Bill, 2021. Mr. Speaker, we can even be recalled during the Long Recess. Mr. Speaker, if you keenly look at the Standing Orders, you will find that there is a timeframe for such motion of a Memoranda from the Governor. So, if we take more time with that, then we will be time bad and I believe that is what Hon. Okumu is trying to stress that this House still has a lot to do.

Mr. Speaker, as the Chairperson, Committee on Implementation, in your earlier communication you did reiterate that this House Committee has a lot in their in-tray. Mr. Speaker, I just want to plead with us that, through your able leadership, the time a Committee will seek for your permission so that we can continue, through a written request asking your office to accord us time to deliberate and prepare reports that are pending, I pray and believe that you will accord us that opportunity. Otherwise, I want to wish all of us a healthy and lively recess and let us take time to visit one another, let us sensitize the public to be keen and aware of the Covid-19 Pandemic and let us take care of ourselves. Please remember to ALWAYS PUT GOD FIRST. Otherwise, thank you and wish you a happy Recess.

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

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am also arise to support the Motion on Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, This Motion has come at the right time and we are aware that come next month, our children will be joining the Secondary Schools and the tertiary institutions. Mr. Speaker, as leaders, there is nothing that we can offer them apart from Education.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge Hon. Members to use this opportunity to visit your Wards, talk to them and give them the advice of the importance of going to school as this will assist them in the future. Mr. Speaker, we want to get the privileged to come to this assembly and say that the child of so and so without me being on recess could not have gone to school. So, let us take it that, this is one of the facts that is what we are going to do in our constituencies.

Mr. Speaker, this recess will also help the staff and the technical team of the Assembly to reflect on areas that they feel that they have not performed well and acquire more knowledge and give them time to also rest so that when they come back, we will have a fruitful engagement. Mr. Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Hon. Olang'o.

Hon. Olang'o: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise in support for this House to proceed on their Long Recess. The County Assembly is not our home because we are here temporarily and our home is at the community. This is the time we are going to meet our voters, our families. So, it is time that we proceed for the Long Recess. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to take this opportunity to support the Motion for Adjournment for the Long Recess for the following reasons.

One, Mr. Speaker, you can also tell that our temperatures are very high and we need to relax and bring the temperatures down. This we can only achieve by relaxing. Therefore when we stay home I believe that we will not have a lot of work pressure because of that....

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is the Point of order Hon. Agolla?

Hon. Agolla: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, as we proceed for the Long Recess, you have heard Hon. Ogaga saying that her temperature is very high. Mr. Speaker, I would like to urge the Serjeant-at-Arms to take the thermo-gun and test the temperature of the Hon. Member. Mr. Speaker, we may go on recess and Hon. Ogaga is unwell.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogaga, I know that we are in a Covid-19 pandemic and one of the tools we use to check your temperature is the thermo-gun. Unless you meant something else, can you please come clear?

Hon. Okumu: Mr. Speaker, we have a thermo-gun here. The Chair of Health Committee has a thermo-gun. He has been measuring the Hon. Member...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu, I have not given you time to contribute.

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

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Whatever Hon. Okumu is saying is true. Hon. Jagongo took my temperature and it was very high. This morning, I went to the hospital and all the tests returned negative. Maybe, I felt that it is the work pressure that is making my temperature to soar high and from the behaviour from my colleagues you can tell that this is something that is common

in all of us. Therefore, we need to take a break and go home and rest. Otherwise, I want to say that...Mr. Speaker, could you please protect me...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okiri, what is it?

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker, can the Hon. Member who is on the floor inform this House at what time did Hon. Jagongo take the test and where?

(Laughter)

Hon. Ogaga: Mr. Speaker, I request Hon. Jagongo to verify that.

Hon. Jagongo: Mr. Speaker, just a point of clarification. I believe that I had appreciated you before and if my memory serves me right, it was a year ago when you gave each and every Hon. Members a thermo-gun. So, I am making good use of mine. Hon. Members, if you were provided with a thermo-gun, please make good use of it. When Hon. Ogaga requested me to take her temperature, I obliged.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Ngeta.

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am a little bit perturbed. This is because we were provided with these thermo-guns to use in our Wards and I wonder because some of us don't have wards here in town.

Mr. Speaker, I am getting contradictory statement because Hon. Jagongo confessed to be that he has a thermo-gun between his two legs and now he is trying to change the statement. So, let him come out clear and inform this House on the thermo-gun you are saying. Please inform the Hon. Members where it is because we are all aware that your thermo-gun is sharp and very active ...

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority, whom do you want to inform?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): On a Point of Order. I want to inform the House. Mr. Speaker, you know I don't know where some of the antenna of our Members are. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Jagongo has been christen the "Bull of Auckland" and he has been in the habit of measuring temperatures and especially on our fellow women folk and that is pretty obvious....

(Laughter)

Hon. Olga: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, I am getting lost because this is a House of Order. Are we joking or debating?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogaga, I want us to maintain the debate which was on the Adjournment Motion. A matter has been raised which I believe is of grave concern that your temperature is high. You are aware that when you say that your temperature is high and outside there we want our security team to measure our temperatures. So, Hon. Members were a bit worried because you know that high temperature is an indication that you need to be isolated so that you are checked, but, you did confirm that you went to the hospital and you did the Rapid Test for Covid-19 and other ailments like malaria and the results turned negative. The Hon. Member feels that maybe the Assembly work is what is giving her the hot spells. So, I want us to leave it at that and allow her to proceed and conclude.

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for protecting me. I want to say that, my duties are not limited to my ward only. This morning, I was in the whole of Kisumu West which constitutes of the five wards. When I visited his (Hon. Jagongo's) Ward, that is when things happened, and from there I went to the hospital to run some tests and they all returned negative results including Covid-19 Rapid Test. Therefore, I am very safe and I am not Covid-19 positive despite my temperature being very high. Mr. Speaker, maybe I need to engage in other activities or relax to have my temperature come down.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that this Long Recess is very important because the other day, you were reading a schedule of work that is still pending, that is expected from the various House Committees. I want to say that I support this but I really want to request that House Committees with pending tasks, please allow us to make requests and we are given the approvals for Special Sitting because the Committees of Agriculture, Education and other House Committees have a lot of work that is pending. I wish that our Clerks and Chairperson could liaise with the leadership so that we prepare a schedule of activities how to engage during this Long Recess.

Mr. Speaker, apart from resting and interacting with our constituents, we need to continue with our Committee Work though, in a relaxed manner. I also implore your office to also give us the necessary logistical support especially where we need logistics like transport and other things that are technical in nature. I wish we could be provided with those so that work continues uninterrupted so that by the time we are resuming plenary sessions then, we have reports ready.

Mr. Speaker, the other day, I presented a report from the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee and the whole House was on my neck. Therefore, as a Committee, there is still a lot of work that we need to do on that report so that we beef it up and get comprehensive information, consequently, visit areas that we did not visit and present a fully researched report.

Therefore, I want to request my fellow Hon. Members that, even as we proceed for the Long Recess, because some clerks have also raised complaints that they would prepare work schedules, but Hon. Members are so busy with other activities within their Wards. I request that you also create time for our normal work so that the reports are done so that by the time we are back...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Muga, what is the point of order?

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to be informed. Since when have the Clerks been reporting to one Hon. Member on the issue affecting them?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogaga!!

Hon. Ogaga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me the opportunity to continue building my case. Mr. Speaker, you know that, I keep interacting with different people to know where we have challenges and how best these challenges can be solved. Mr. Speaker, I got information that while on recess, Members tend to engage so much on ward activities so that they are not available for other Committee activities or assignments and that is the reason I said that. Mr. Speaker, we need to strike a balance. Let us have time for our ward activities because like Hon. Muga who is so passionate of what she is doing at the Ward especially to the Women. Mr. Speaker, what I am requesting is that, you do that and also the committee activities so that both activities go on concurrently. By the time we resume after the one month recess, we are able to present the various reports that are needed from the various activities.

Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate you so much for the virtuous leadership that you have shown this Assembly and as we are going for the recess, I am praying that the Lord Almighty may continue covering you with his wisdom, spirits and grace. Correspondingly, let us continue sensitizing our people on the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Speaker, we made a request sometimes back that we be provided with sanitizers and masks. I wish that before we proceed for recess, we should be provided with those items so that we are able to be safe and also keep our people being safe. To conclude, otherwise may God Bless all of us and I hope to see all of us back as a team come end of this recess. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okiri, who do you want to inform?

Hon. Okiri: Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the Hon. Member who has just resumed her seat.

Hon. Ogaga: Mr. Speaker, I have conclude, so, I don't need to be informed.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okiri, the Hon. Member does not want to be informed.

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

Hon. Olga: Thank you Mr. Speaker for again according me this time. I would like to call upon the mover to reply.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. As we proceed for our Long Recess, there is one fundamental thing I would like the Hon. Member to do and especially, our

Members of Orange Democratic Movement Party (ODM). This is because this is a majorly an ODM Assembly. Please go out there and ensure that registration of party members is done. Mr. Speaker, I want to state that, the registration of members is going to be paramount because our nominations is going to be done by the Party Members.

So, please take that opportunity and ensure that as many people as possible are registered. By the way, registration is now free. So, you only need to facilitate those who are engaged in that work to move around and register as many people as possible.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to reiterate that, we envisage receiving two Bills from the Health Committee. When and if those bills come then, we shall ask for a Special Sitting so that we get to deal with them.

Last but not least, you know that today the issues of welfare took a bit of centre stage. I would wish to urge that the commitment that we have made is seen through because actually quite a number of us were reluctant to proceed for the Long Recess before these issues are dealt with. I believe that the commitment that has been given is full proof and I want to urge Hon. Members that please don't worry, that commitment shall be fulfilled. Otherwise, I leave you out there, and still want to plead with the Members that, Covid-19 is still out there and it is real and let us adhere to the Ministry of Health Protocols and Guidelines so that we and members of our families can be safe.

Lastly, and a little bit in jest. Mr. Speaker, it seems that, the body temperatures of the Hon. Members cannot be reduced by one person and it will require a combined effort which may be necessary and I don't know if the Hon. Manager can fit into that bill given that she toured those wards in Kisumu West. Otherwise Mr. Speaker, I thank you and wish the Hon. Member good health.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, the Motion for Adjournment of the House was moved by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Leader of Minority debated and I believe that it is important to note that, our Annual House Calendar provides for both the Short and the Long Recess. This cannot go without mentioning that Covid-19 is real. Hon. Members, when you are out there, you go taking into considerations that there are different variants that are out there and Kisumu County is on the radar.

Hon. Members, you should be an example to the electorates by adhering to the Covid-19 Ministry of Health Rules and Guidelines. Actually, we did provide Hon. Members with the thermo-guns and I would like to congratulate Hon. Jagongo for using his effectively. It is only that he decided to go use it on a Member from another ward who also has a thermo-gun but that is his right.

Hon. Members, the Motion on Adjournment is moved pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 26 (3) and I want to quote that Standing order No.26 which states that;

Calendar of the County Assembly

26 (3) *On a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the County Assembly calendar, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party or another Member of the County Assembly Business Committee shall move a Motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours after which the County Assembly shall adjourn without question put.*

Hon. Members, in that regard, the Motion on Adjournment having been presented seconded and debated, as per the provisions of Standing Orders No. 26 (3), the House stands adjourned for the Long Recess until Monday, 09th August, 2021. Thank you.

(House rose at 05.45 p.m.)

Addendum

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