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House met in the Main Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, welcome to this session. As I had communicated earlier in our last session is that, we did extend the Assembly basically and majorly for the business of discussing the Governor's Fourth Annual State of the County Address. I hope each and every Member has a copy of the Speech and it is my belief that they have gone through the document which has all the main projects that had been proposed. We will give the opportunity to all the Hon. Members because we have today, tomorrow morning and tomorrow in the afternoon session. So, each and every Member will be accorded the opportunity to contribute on the Governor's Four Annual State of the County Address.

Otherwise, immediately after the plenary, you are all requested to remain behind for a small kamukunji” to agree on some Housekeeping issues. Thank you.

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

PAPER LAID

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

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chair, Hon. Vincent Jagongo and pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Order No. 182 (6), I wish to table today Tuesday, 07th December, 2021 Health Housing and Sanitation Committee Report on its consideration of the Kisumu County Environmental Health and Sanitation Bill, 2021. Thank you.

(Hon. Arao tables the report for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I confirm receipt of the Health Housing and Sanitation committee report on the Kisumu County Environmental Health and Sanitation Bill, 2021 as presented by Hon. Arao on behalf of Hon. Jagongo Chairperson of Health, Housing and Sanitation committee and I direct that the House Business Committee considers this report for purposes of scheduling for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

NOTICES OF MOTION

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

Hon. Arao: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Jagongo and pursuant to the provision of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion for Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its the consideration of the Kisumu County Environmental Health and Sanitation Bill, 2021. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE SHORT-TERM BORROWING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY FROM THE KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY CAR LOAN SCHEME

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO, MCA, MIWANI WARD.

LEADER OF MAJORITY

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to move a motion to allow the Assembly to Borrow Short-term Loan from Car Loan and Mortgage Facility. Mr. Speaker, we have activities that are scheduled to take place in December moving forward to January. I would wish that this borrowing be approved by this House to allow those activities to go on. May I ask the Whip to second?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Mr. Speaker I wish to second the motion for the approval of Short-term Borrowing from the Car-loan and Mortgage Facility. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the motion for the Approval of Short-term Borrowing of the Kisumu County Assembly from Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme has been presented by the Leader of Majority and seconded by the Chief Whip, I want to propose a question that the motion be opened for debate.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker, going by the mood of the House I would like to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Member, I want to decline that because, this is a very important debate that we must get the concurrence of at least majority of the Members. I will give opportunity for Members to debate.

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this motion because these funds are urgently required for the purposes of the upkeep of the Hon. Member and their welfare at large. Since we are approaching the last Christmas Event because for the last two consecutive years, we have missed these events as a result of the raging Covid 19 pandemic and we do expect a lot of activities.

Further to that, Hon. Members as you may be aware that majority of the Hon. Members in this House are ODM Member and we are all aware that our party leader is going to declare and make his intentions clear through the “Azimio la Umoja” on Friday, 10th December, 2021. In regards to the above, we don’t really want to delve into other details to ensure that we acquire this funding not to sort out other issues so that it can be actually be accounted for and there should be accountability and credibility. I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Hon. Atieno, MCA, Kobura Ward, then Hon, Arao.

Hon. Atieno: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity. I want to concur with the sentiments made by the Leader of Majority. This House has a lot of pending work with regards to Public Participation and these activities are pertinent because the Public Participation form the integral part of our core mandate. This is because as stipulated in the Constitution of Kenya, our constituents must be involved in all the activities and decisions that the County Assembly undertakes.

Mr. Speaker, as a result of the time constraint and the delays that we have from the Ex-chequer, I would fully concur that we adopt the proposal as was moved by the Leader of Majority to enable us execute our mandates of oversight, legislation and representation. I beg to support. Thank you.

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

Hon. Arao: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Public Participation is enshrined in our Constitution of Kenya and when the Leader of Majority was furnishing this House with information that has necessitated this debate, he clearly indicated that in our website the programme for the Public Participation has been posted there to enable Member retreat back to their constituencies and mobilize the residents. This is the time we are able to interact with our people at the grassroot. Therefore, I support. Thank you.

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

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am in support of the motion for the Approval of Short-term Borrowing from the said account to assist the County Assembly when Hon. Member proceed for the Long Recess to get engaged for the Public Participation activities which I believe that is very much in order. Mr. Speaker, for accountability purpose that if the exact figure could be indicated or quoted so that next time if any argument crops up we have a record for reference.

Mr. Speaker, a Member has equally indicated that, the interest also be declared. Therefore, I would like to implore the Leader of Majority to declare that because when internal borrowing is done, is there need for that interest to be charged. Mr. Speaker, if it is so, that is a formality and a requirement, we will not oppose but, I would like to urge the Hon. Members to endorse the Short-term Borrowing so that the Assembly gets moving when we proceed for the Long Recess. I support. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ngeta: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the motion before us. It is anchored in the PFM Act that whenever there is a crisis then the institution can borrow a certain amount in a certain vote head. I am so happy with the Members who were part of this and the Leadership.

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

Hon. Ameso: Mr. Speaker I am in support of the motion moved by the Leader of Majority. However, I have a concern on what has been mentioned by Hon. Leader of Minority that it is important to know the figure because when we borrow, we don't leave it open. Indeed, we have activities that require funding but I would like the Leader of Majority to clarify the amount of money the Assembly is going to borrow. Thank you.

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker, public participation is a fundamental Constitutional right and funds to conduct it was appropriated in the budget. It is in order for us to seek for short – term borrowing so that it can facilitate our work that we are meant to do.

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

Hon. Olale: Mr. Speaker going by the mood of the House I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Misachi was on her feet.

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Ameso and the Leader of Minority are seeking to know how much is supposed to be borrowed since the money is going to be retrieved from the fund account into the Assembly's account. These are two separate accounts; the Assembly account is administered by the Board and this is a different account administered by a committee elected by the Board. It is in the regulation that when this money is approved by the bank then it earns interest. How about if we do internal borrowing? So that when we are finishing our term then the money is intact in the account because it is going to be loaned to the new Members and we have to leave when it is fully accounted for.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Misachi, you know you had contributed but I realized that you are giving good information by starting by seeking information on the amount to be borrowed. Leader of Majority Leader you ought to have stood and give reply to the concerns raised.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. A Member sought to know how much is going to be borrowed. The amount is Kshs. 9,180,000. Mr. Speaker on the issue of interest, of course that will depend on how long the repayment will be done but going by the timeframe that we hope to take before the money is returned, we have a tentative interest of about Kshs. 80,492. So, I believe that those are the details that Members were concerned about.

Otherwise, I want to thank you so much and I hope that this is going to be done expeditiously so that the activities that have been indicated in the website can be carried out during this period. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the Leader of Majority has moved a Motion on Short-term Borrowing by the Assembly from the Car Loan and Mortgage Fund, seconded and debated by Hon. Members. As per our Standing Orders, I therefore want to put a question on the

adoption of the same. I put that, as many are of the opinion that the Motion for the Approval of Short-term Borrowing by the County Assembly of Kisumu from the Car Loan and Mortgage Facility Scheme be adopted?

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The motion for the Approval of Short-term Borrowing by the Assembly from the Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme has been approved and I direct that the necessary action be put in place. Thank you.

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

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S FOURTH ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, 02ND DECEMBER, 2021 AT THE TOM MBOYA LABOUR COLLEGE.

BY

HON.KENNETH ONYANGO, MCA, MIWANI WARD.

(LEADER OF MAJORITY).

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On 02nd December, 2021, the Governor of the great County of Kisumu did address the nation on the state of the County. Mr. Speaker, this is an annual event where the Governor puts into perspective the progress and strides that the County Government of Kisumu has made for the proceeding financial year.

Mr. Speaker, during the Governor's Annual State of the County Address, he did touch on an array of areas and the first notable issues that the Governor did touch on is about the effects of Covid-19. This is because we know how much the pandemic did affect us in this County and the County was in a lock-down for a very long duration and that affected people livelihood in so many ways. Mr. Speaker, it is good enough that the pandemic is easing off but it has left us with so many lessons to learn from.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important issues is that of Food Security.

(The Temporary Speaker Hon. Muga relieves the Hon. Speaker)

Sorry, the change of guard happened when I was not aware, is the issue to do with Food Security. Madam Speaker, it is worth noting that, indeed we have made very good strides on the issues of Food Productions and especially in the growing of rice. This sub-sector has received a lot of

support from the County Government and that has witnessed the productivity of rice yields going up by about sixteen thousand metric tonnes and that translates into about five hundred thirty percentage growth.

Madam Speaker, it is equally good to note that, in the Dairy Sub-sector we are also witnessing that there is very good progress in Dairy Production and if you can recall, when we started our term in office, there was a Co-operative Society in Muhoroni called as Osiepe Milk Cooling Plant. This plant is now operational and the County Government has really supported its activities, actually it has been a partnership of some sought. It is something that we are all happy about and we are also aware that, over the same period of time there a lot of dairy cattle that have been distributed out by the County Government...

(Laughter in the background)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order!! Order!! Hon. Members.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, so there has been a general increase in Milk Production. There are some emerging issues that are very important and I would wish that we suspend this House for about twenty minutes so that we deal with those House Keeping issues. After which we can be able to resume. May I call upon the Hon. Vincent Jagongo to second?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Order!! Leader of Majority. Before we suspend the House, we have to be given the reasons as to why we have to suspend the House. I believe that it is very necessary to do so.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, we are not adjourning, we are suspending the House. Madam Speaker, I don't imagine that you want me to talk about this. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): That is fair enough. Is it personal?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, this is not personal. It is an emerging issue that is very urgent and we must deal with it right away.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Please let me hear from the Chief Whip.

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Madam Speaker. This House is led by the Leader of Majority. The Leader of the Majority Party has proposed clearly that we suspend the House for twenty minutes to enable us handle emerging issues that need to be cleared before the conclusion of this debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Thank you for that. I believe that it is always very necessary to consult before such decisions are made. I know that it is legal but we have to be furnished with concrete reasons. I am glad that the Chief Whip is aware. So, I would like to direct that the House be suspended for how many minutes Leader of Majority?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, between twenty to thirty minutes.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Let us put it at twenty minutes.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Madam Speaker, that is alright because I hope that you are aware that we have very weighty matters of “Azimio la Umoja” that we have to deal with.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Point noted. Hon. Members, getting that from the Leader of Majority and subsequently getting confirmation from the Chief Whip, this House is now suspended for twenty minutes. Thank you.

(Resumption of House Proceeding after expiry of twenty minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Leader of Majority, the floor is yours.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Madam Speaker and thanks a lot for allowing for the twenty minutes suspension of the House. I want to inform you that, we have effectively dealt with those emerging issues.

Now, Madam Speaker, my train of thinking was a little interfered with. Nevertheless, I was saying that, in the Governor’s Fourth Annual State of the County Address, he did talk about Food Security and he did mention or laid a lot of emphasis on Rice Production. We have witnessed that over the years Rice Production has steadily increased in terms of the land under rice cultivation and even the production itself. I believe that will help to turn around the fortunes of our farmers. It is also good to note that as a result of the increased production, the County Government did purchase a Rice Milling Machine for Ahero Rice Farmers and I want to believe that when the same is installed then, it will be quite helpful.

Madam Speaker, another area in terms of food production is in Milk Production where the Governor has also partnered with different stakeholders to enhance the number of Dairy Cattle and that has seen the establishment of a Milk Cooling Plant in different Sub-counties notably Muhoroni and I believe that there is one that is going to be established Nyakach and Nyando Sub-counties.

Madam Speaker, in Health and I want to laud the personal manning Health. There has been quite a good improvement in the Health Sector. The perennial wrangles that we used to experience which are the Labour Unrests that we used to witness are no longer there. I want to applaud the personnel who are now running that Department. Notably, the Chief Officer Dr. Aganda and of course the County Executive Committee Member for Health the late Professor Boaz Nyunya who left us and may his soul rest in peace.

Madam Speaker, the Marwa Scheme has equally taken off very well which is a Health Scheme that is homegrown. Madam Speaker, Marwa is now directly helping forty-two thousand households and about seventy-nine thousand dependents. I believe that it is envisaged that Marwa will also be expanded. So, Madam Speaker, generally, there has been a lot of improvement in

many other areas and I want to believe that, Kisumu is steadily taking its position where it ought to be even in terms of the beautification of our City because we are all seeing that there has been a lot of change in the City. Those who come from outside normally marvel at the kind of beautification that has happened.

So, it is our solemn duty to help support the Governor's agenda and ideologies so that collectively, we can move this County from where it is because a lot of the potential of growth. If we can all come together and the kind of support that we have given the Executive arm of Government then, we shall spur a lot of growth. I want to thank the Hon. Members because you have been very cooperative in the Governor's agenda and I only wish that we continue with that kind of interdependent so that our County can soar with the eagles because that has been the Governor's dream. Madam Speaker, please allow me to request the Hon. Seth Okumu to second. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Madam Speaker. I arise to second this motion on the Debate on the Fourth Annual State of the County Speech. Madam Speaker, I want to concur with the sentiments of the Leader of Majority and I want to highlight key issues in the address that touch on the people of Kano Plains.

Madam Speaker, the Governor touched on Rice production. We acknowledge the improvement in rice production in Nyando and Nyakach Rice Schemes. After production, for the farmers to enjoy the increased yields there need to be the improvement in Value Addition. I can confirm that the County Government has purchased machines that needs to assist in the improvement of the Value Chain off Rice so that we can access markets outside Kisumu and even outside Kenya. Madam Speaker, it has been sad that farmers experience bumper harvests yet they don't have mills where they can go and do Value Addition.

Madam Speaker, I equally want to concur with the Governor when he talked about the increase in Piped Water Coverage for domestic usage. Even today I have come from my ward and through negotiations with development partners, we managed to get a donor who is going to assist us fix a pump that has not been operational. The Governor has been working hard to ensure that as many people in Kisumu County get access to Clean Portable Drinking Water for use for domestic purposes.

Madam Speaker, I want to commend the Department of Agriculture. Livestock and Fisheries. This is because, if you look at the Governor's Speech, this department took a big chunk of the Speech and as it is said that "Wealth is in Agriculture" and the Luo literary say that "Mwando nie Loo". Again, I want to commend the Department of Agriculture. Livestock and Fisheries. If you look at the speech they talked about a Dairy Farmers Cooperative Society in Nyahera the Seke Obete that was given as a Dairy Multiplication Centre. Nyangore in Chemelil and there is one that

I have visited in South West Nyakach that is doing so well. Mr. Speaker, in Hon. Roy's Ward where we have *Osiepe* is also doing well.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend the Governor and his team on the issue of health. Most of the population in Kisumu County are struggling to put food on the table and most of time if they get sick they get drained because of hospital bills. It is on this that we have the Marwa Health Insurance Scheme that is being used on the indigent population of Kisumu County. Right now, it covers 42,564 vulnerable households. I want to ask Honourable Members that in the next budget, we increase allocation towards this scheme so that our people can get services from hospitals without getting drained.

Madam Speaker, yesterday we had a talk with the Chief Officer for Health. He assured us that if things go well, another partner may add up to Kshs. 500,000,000 into that account. Another one has promised to add another Kshs. 1,000,000. Right now, several counties are coming to Kisumu to benchmark on this. I know it can feel tricky starting such an initiative but with commitment and hard work, we can make life easy for our people.

Madam Speaker, on the Roads Sector, we have tried Machine-based Programme and this is what has been used to make roads in my Ward. I want to commend the Governor that we can use these machines and reduce the cost of road construction in this county. For this reason, we are able to save and now we are going to have the first tarmac road in Kisumu County in East Seme Ward.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Governor and his team for the good work he is doing. We want to encourage him to do even much more. We have challenges of raising revenue in this County. However, if we work as a team, then we will improve in revenue collection that can help us do more to the people of Kisumu County. Thank you. I second the Motion moved by the Honourable Leader of Majority on behalf of the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Muga): Thank you. The Fourth State of the County Address by H.E Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County to the County Assembly has been brought before the House by the Honourable Leader of Majority and seconded by Hon. Okumu, it is presented before the House for debate. Thank you

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

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo): Asante sana Bi Spika. Naomba kuchuka nafdasi kidogo ili nichnagie kuhusu hotuba wa Gavana Prof. Nyong'o. Katika idara ya kilimo na kulingana na hotuba aliotoa Gavana Nyong'o, alisema idara ihii imeainua jamii. Kule maeneo ya Kisumu West, kuna kijana anaitwa Ogonji ambaye ni yatima aliweza kusoma hadi chuo kikuuu kwa sababu ya kilimo.

Nampa kongole Gavana wetu kwa kazi murwa. Naombeni tuangazie idara ya kilimo kwa kuiongeza pesa ikifika wakati wa kufanya bajeti.

Kijana huyo nilimyetaja hapo awali alikuwa akifanya kazi za mikono. Lakini kwa sababu alinufaika na kuku aliyopewa na serilali ya ugatuzi wa Kisumu, aliweza kutia bidii kisha akapata pesa hela iliyomwezesha kutimiza ndoto yake ya kusoma hadi chuo kikuu. Kwa wakati huu, ameweza kajiri vijana wenzake.

Ni pongezi ya kipekee kwa idara yetu ya Kilimo. Nawaomba wazidi kufanya vyema kwa manufaa ya wengi. Asanta.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Muga): The Floor is open for more Members to contribute.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Muga): Yes Hon. Pamela Odhiambo

Hon. Pamela Odhiambo: Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Governor for work well done. Madam Speaker, you are aware that, Covid-19 interfered with us and we wasted almost a year. However, the implementation has been impressive. We talked about food security and as the Deputy Whip mentioned, the Governor is out to change the lives of our people.

Madam Speaker, we have seen what the Governor has done for four years he has been in office and I am happy. He has done a lot even in my Ward. Madam Speaker, we also have Hatchery which is supposed to hatch 2000 chicks per month but it is still not working. It is my hope and belief that once it is made operational, it will change the lives of our people.

Madam Speaker, I am also happy that the Governor has remembered those who left us during corona. We lost very important people in this County. Madam Speaker, the Department of Health has changed tremendously, and even the workers in these health facilities attest to the same. The motivation given to those workers make them reciprocate by offering services happily. The investors who have come to this County are going to be beneficial to several wards, for instance; my ward is going to receive Kshs. 415 million, tarmacked roads, a sewer line for the first time, street and flood lights. Madam Speaker, I want to commend the Governor for the improvements he has made to this County, and would urge Members to support him to realize changes in this County.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes, Hon. Vincent Jagongo

Hon. Jagongo: Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Governor, Prof. Peter Nyong'o for his good speech. I want to confine myself to the Department of Health. I am happy about the idea of Completion of the Cancer Center at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH) because it has been hectic for our people as they could be referred all the way to Eldoret for cancer treatments and care services. Consequently, the increased capacity of beds from 650-800 is also a plus in that sector and would reduce overcrowding. However, the surgical ward still experiences congestion which compels other patients to sleep outside the ward. There was an on-going Construction of a new Surgical Unit, which hasn't been mentioned but I believe

that it is important that they complete the new surgical unit so that our patients are all accommodated. Otherwise, I support the speech. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes, Hon. Beatrice Odongo

Hon. Odongo: Thank you Madam Speaker, allow me to congratulate and commend the Governor for the good work he has done in this County of Kisumu. He has only worked for three years and I believe that if we give him another term, he will scale up even in much better ways and areas.

Madam, Speaker, I want to start my submission with the Department of Education, especially the Early Childhood and that Development Education Sector. We usually have a budget of giving food items to the ECDE pupils and the program has been quite helpful to them and encouraged parents to take their children to public schools especially in the rural areas. Last year, 2021, we were able to open about 8 ECDE classrooms in Seme Sub County, thus showing how much the Governor is investing in Education sector.

Consequently, the Department of Lands and Housing, last FY, 2021, the we were able to open 3 new towns in the County; notably, Maseno, Ahero and Katito, which were launched by the Governor. We are yet to open Muhoroni town and just as Hon. Pamela Odhiambo said about wards benefiting from donors, I believe that these new towns will attract more donors to help in their growth in all spheres.

Madam Speaker, with that and more, it is my belief that Governor can deliver, and that at least 70% of his manifesto in his first term, is captured in the development agenda. I come from Nyakach and one would clearly see the changes in the newly opened Katito Town compared to how its state was before. The cabros pavements and tarmac roads are evidently seen in Katito just like it is here in Kisumu City and I believe all the other new towns will be improved to match as well. I want to urge the Hon. Members to give the Governor support just as we have been doing it over the past few years of his term. We are also requesting the public to give him another chance to lead this county for another term so that much can be realized. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Yes, Senior Member, Hon. Priscah Misachi

Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Madam, Speaker, I also want to congratulate the Governor following his speech that entailed much of the things he has done to this County of Kisumu.

Madam Speaker, I want to talk about the Department of Health. I would like to congratulate the Governor who saw it fit to put our late Minister for Health, Mr. Nyunya to head the department. In his speech, the doctors narrated many developments which have taken place in the Health Department. Some of these were neurologists, oncologists, orthopedics among so many other things that we weren't hearing before at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). Madam Speaker, on the Bone Marrow Transplant, this is a surgical procedure that will be done in Kisumu County at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral

Hospital. This is a plus to our patients who will not go around looking for huge sums of money to travel to India. I want to congratulate the Governor because of the improvement in the Health Department coupled with a resolution of the Senate, to allow them seek for medical supplies from other service providers when they have identified suitable suppliers and not concentrating on Kenya Medical Supplies Agencies (KEMSA). I believe that this will improve a lot of things in the Department of Health plus the bed capacity that we have in our health facilities.

Madam Speaker, our people I believe will be taken care of with the Marwa Health Insurance which has also been introduced. I believe that if we are to be candid enough and speak the truth, and stand by him, and we have to stand by Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó and congratulate and encourage him to enable him do much more than what he has done in his first term in office.

Madam Speaker, I want to say that the Distribution of Dairy Cattle and others which has really improved the lives of the beneficiaries. Let them continue and I equally support what one of the Hon. Members was saying that, we add more resources to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and that of the Department of Health if is possible, so that we remain steady in our undertakings. I support the report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Leader of Minority.

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to amuse this House that one time I entered my House, I found my television set on, but to my surprise, there was a church service going on in Mombasa. The pastor of the Church Pastor Ezekiel was full of praise of Professor Peter Anyang' Nyong'o. Imagine a Church leader in Mombasa County is full praise of Professor Nyong'o. He was saying that, Professor Nyong'o is not a politician, he is a manager. If he was the one to reelect, he would reelect Professor Nyong'o for his second term and not only as a Governor, the Governor is a person who should be given more responsibilities because what he has done in Kisumu in his first term in office with less than four years. He was equating Kisumu City with China. Madam Speaker, I have never traveled to China and he said that Kisumu City is equivalent to China, Kisumu City is magnificent and the Pastor was full of praise of Professor Nyong'o.

Madam Speaker, he urged his audience that those are the kind of people who should be elected and not politician who make noise day and night. Madam, Speaker, I only wanted to pass that message to this County Assembly to be aware that Professor Nyong'o is being praised outside Kisumu.

Madam Speaker, when I now go to debate on the Speech of the Governor on his Fourth State of the County Address to the people of Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, when I look at Climate Change, it is good that this County passed the Kisumu County Climate Change Act and this Act will enable Kisumu County to manage its weather problems like the drought menace, because when it is raining and this, it will enable Kisumu

County to attract donor funding. Madam Speaker, it is only our hope that, when the Budget is being done, we should allocate the two percent (2.00%) of the total budget to Climate Change.

Madam Speaker, recently a report was brought in this House by the Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations on its consideration of the Kisumu County Emergency Operation Plan. This plan is also in line with Climate Change issues and in this report we were told that this report will be used as a reference or policy document for Disaster Management in Kisumu County. So, this is a report that will be used to solicit for assistance from the National Government. Madam Speaker, this implies that, Kisumu County may not be able to handle its Climate Change issues and they will be compelled to go for donor funding, they will similarly approach the National Government for assistance and that is how a government should work.

Madam Speaker, another issue is the Rice Production in Kisumu County. In the Governor's Manifesto when he came to power, he was imagining a situation where Kisumu County will produce rice, pack it and sell in the Retail Chain Supermarkets. Though we have not reached that level, but the effort being put is good, so that we will soon reach our goals. The rice production has gone up in Kano and what was lacking was the Milling Machines. We are all aware that the County has purchased a Milling Machine and we need to inform the people of Kisumu County that the machine has been purchased and delivered. Madam Speaker, with the installation of that Milling Machine, rice being milled in Kisumu County will be captured in the budget and it would be a very big plus for the rice farmers. Madam Speaker, in early 2019 to 2020 when there was heavy rains the rice scheme in Ahero in Ombeyi ward were flooded and a very big acreage was destroyed.

Madam Speaker, the government of Professor Nyong'o compensated the rice farmers and this brought them back to their feet. Though the residents of Kabonyo/Kanyagwal did not benefit on that though they were equally affected, but as time goes when the next calamity affects them, the government of Professor Nyong'o will remember them.

Madam Speaker, the government of Professor Nyong'o need to pay a lot of attention to the Cooperative Societies in rice producing areas. This is an area that has not done well but, it is our belief and hope that good effort will be put so that the Rice Cooperative Societies are well managed and to enable farmer take their harvest to Kenya National Trading Cooperation (KNTC).

Madam Speaker, the Governor is telling us in his report that, in the last fiscal year, about one hundred and fifty kilometers (150 kms) of road were done. I believe that, this is good and if the same happens, but what we all know is that the records that have been brought to this House from the Department of Roads, should be put to task. So, that the people of Kisumu can see the benefits of funds allocated to that department. It is my hope that this House Committee in charge will undertake to do the necessary so that our roads are improved.

Madam Speaker, on the area of Bursary a lot of funds has been allocated and the people of Kisumu have not benefited as expected. So, what you need to tell the Governor is that the Departments of Education and that of Finance and Economic Planning is that, the Scholarship should be released in good time. Bursary Fund should equally be released in good time. So, that our people don't have to wait for long and they don't walk a lot here and there looking for Scholarship and Bursary Funds. I hope that will be taken into account.

Madam Speaker, another issue of concern is the Establishment of New Town. Yesterday when we had a meeting at Wigot Gardens Hotel, the issue of Rural-urban Migration came up in reference to the establishment of new towns. During our discussion we discovered that Kisumu County is making good effort in reducing the Rural-urban Migration. That is because; these towns which are being established will provide people with social amenities hence reduction of people from the rural coming to town to seek various services. Our people will now go to Ahero, Katito, Muhoroni, Kombewa and Maseno towns because these ones will be established with amenities like; government offices etc. and they will open up our rural areas.

That is a good effort in the right direction to empower our people and also develop our county. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Honourable Rashid Miruka.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Madam Speaker for the opportunity. First, allow me to applaud his Excellency the Governor of the great County of Kisumu for the effort he has always put to transform Kisumu County to where it is.

I want to be zero in the Education Sector whereby my colleagues have never appreciated the Governor. You realize that what our Governor said is a fact. That, the infrastructural development of our ECD centers has really improved. That our children have to learn in habitable conditions.

You will also realize that in this Financial Year 2020/2021, a total of Kshs 205 million was released and this went along to pay school fees for the vulnerable children in Kisumu County.

On top of that, the Governor also said that the School Feed Programme in our ECD Centers which you can bear me witness has also been very consistent. That one has ascertained the retention of our children in our schools.

As a Member of County Assembly representing North Nyakach Ward, I want to say a big thank you to the Governor particularly the urban development that was put. You remember Katito was gazetted as a town. It therefore means that even the resources that we used to get will now increase. I now want to say that Katito being a town has really improved the profile of my ward.

Madam Speaker, in the Agriculture Sector, you could hear the Governor say that Katito is one of the centers that where we have the Milling Machine being brought to support the rice farmers.

That is a big plus to our community. We used to transport rice from North Nyakach to Ahero. Now the distance covered is reduced. It means that transport cost is also reduced hence the money being used to support the community.

In addition, in the Health Sector, I want to appreciate the Governor for the good work that he has done in building up partnership and collaborations. If you go to Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, it is said and you all know that the County has partnered with Universities such as Maseno and others to improve services there. That is also a plus because our referral needed such like collaborations.

Madam Speaker, you also remember the World Food Programme, the ILRI on Milk Processing Plant. The Governor has really worked hard to bring other partners on board so as to ascertain increase on the development within our county.

Nevertheless, I also want to talk about other infrastructures that have been developed; The Jomo Kenyatta Sports Ground. That was a good partnership between our County Governor and the National Government. If he did not have the courage and the method to convince His Excellency the President of Kenya, our stadium would remain the way it was. As at now, I am sure that we are able to support the international matches without any hitch, I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Muga): Hon. Erick Agolla.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. Allow me also to add my voice in appreciating the efforts that the Governor of Kisumu County has applied in ensuring he delivers his Manifesto to the great people of Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, from the speech, it appeared to be an actual speech. What we hear from the Governor compared to what we have at our disposal is exact in the areas that we represent.

Sometimes I feel disturbed when I hear from the street around some politicians saying that the Governor has only concentrated in the city not considering the rural areas. I represent a ward within the city though it is a very urban ward (South West Kisumu). Madam Speaker, I want to confirm that in the first regime, in terms of education, we found out that only one ECD Center was constructed in that ward. As we speak, we have eight new ECD Centers.

When the current regime resumed the office, the Governor did not find any Vocational Training Center in South West Kisumu Ward. However, as we speak, we have a well-established Vocational Training Center with a good population of learners plus government instructors. This is a plus to the youths that the Governor promised to change their lives.

Madam Speaker, the Governor did not touch on the Lake Front issue. Just the other day, he, together with the team from the Department of Roads within the National Government did launch a Lake Front Development Project and Commission. These are some of the changes that we cannot find anywhere in this republic and we want to applaud the Governor for the same.

As a representative coming from the lakeside of this County, I once again want to applaud the Governor for considering the Blue Economy on the fact that in the world over, blue economy has been realized as the key fundamental economic tool. Madam Speaker for the interest of time you heard and it is in the public domain that this County resolved and agreed to embark on the Machine based Programme on matters road maintenance. I want to also report to this House that there are some areas that need to be looked into especially in the department of Roads. Remember the Governor did promise to introduce Road Maintenance Team which we did appropriate funds for the same. Through the Leader of Majority, I want to urge the Governor to ensure that we put this system in place so that we have our youth help us do road maintenance.

When we come to Decentralization which is the realization of the Constitution 2010. The Governor is the only Governor who saw it fit to decentralize his functions to the grassroot and this is the only county in the region with the Village Administrators and very soon we will have the Village Councils. Madam Speaker, a good number of youth voted the Governor and this is a clear indication that he is “revenging” by giving back to the electorates who voted him in by giving them job opportunities.

Madam Speaker, the issue of the new towns that were created; I want to thank the Governor for looking and seeing this County 50 and 100 years to come not only 5 years or 10 years which the Constitution mandates him time to serve. Madam Speaker you realize that Kisumu City is benefiting from donor funding simply because it is a city. The Governor realized that through his wisdom that if we create more towns, the World Bank will automatically consider these towns as urban centers and I am proud that by the time this House did approve creations of towns like; Ahero, Kombewa and others, immediately we did the census and so it is in the record of this County that the census that was done covered these towns. So when the donors will be considering funding towns, Katito and Maseno will not be the same. Once Maseno is considered, as a Member coming from Kisumu West Sub-county, I know and I believe that Maseno and its environs will automatically change because we are aware that the money from the Exchequer is always not enough to develop this republic.

Madam Speaker, finally, I want to talk on the issue of Primary Health. Some could not believe that when the Governor was promising during his campaign to change the lives and the how primary Health is being managed. As we speak, I operate from the village and I have seen a good number of other villages we call the Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) that have been trained, being paid and being given stipend every month. They also do digital recording. Mr. Speaker when I talking to some of the CHVs, they told me that they have been trained to take care of primary health for our young Kenyans from ages 0-7. These are categories of groups that will be handled by the CHVs. This is a very big plus to ease the congestion that we have been experiencing in our health facilities.

Madam Speaker, this is the only Governor in this Republic that we can pray for that may the Almighty God protect him and the Kisumu people give him another chance to deliver this County from the bondage of poverty and bad Governance that we have experienced before so that we can see the light of the day. Thank you.

(The Hon. Speaker relives the Temporary Speaker)

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker I would suggest that we adjourn given the fact that we have the whole of tomorrow to debate the Governor's State of the County Address and to also give Members more time since this document came just a short while ago but more importantly we have the Speaker's '*kamukunji*'. So all these issues are conversed then I believe that it gives us a good reason to adjourn so that we continue with this debate tomorrow. Allow me to ask the Leader of Minority to second. Thank you.

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

The Leader of Minority (Hon. Pete): Mr. Speaker I stand to second so that Members may have time for the Speaker's '*kamukunji*' and since we also have more time tomorrow.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon. Members. Is there anybody with any objection with the proposal by the Leader of Majority? The silence means none and therefore before we adjourn there is a communication that I want to make.

Hon. Members, communication is hereby made following a Motion that was brought before this House on 13th October 2021 by Hon. Miruka on the Matter of payment of Arrears Owed to CHVs and Subsequent Remuneration of their Stipend for the 1st quarter FY 2021/2022. The Standing Committees handling the matter and this was Joint Committees of Health, Housing and Sanitation and Labour and Social Welfare are requesting Members to submit to the Committee Clerks names of the Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) in their respective wards who have not received their payment for the duration in question. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 08th December 2021 at 09.00 a.m.

(House rose at 4.55 p.m.)

Addendum

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