

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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Wednesday, 08th December, 2021.

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): Mr. Clerk, please take us through the order of the day.

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

PAPERS LAID.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 113 (7), I wish to table today Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 the Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill, 2021. Thank you.

(Leader of Majority lays the Bill before the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I acknowledge receipt of a Bill for introduction into the County Assembly of Kisumu that is the Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill, 2021 and I direct that this Bill be subjected to the right procedures which follows after a Bill has been introduced into the House as per our Standing Orders.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next!!

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 113 (7), I wish to table today Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 the Kisumu County Project Implementation and Management Bill, 2021. Thank you.

(Leader of Majority lays the Bill before the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I acknowledge receipt of a Bill for introduction into the County Assembly of Kisumu which is the Kisumu County Project Implementation and Management Bill, 2021 and I direct that, this Bill be subjected to the relevant right procedures as per our Standing Orders after tabling in the House. Thank you.

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

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker once again. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Finance Management Act of 2012, I wish to table today Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 the reports of the Auditor General on the Kisumu County Trade Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2019. Thank you.

(Leader of Majority lays the Auditor General's Report before the House)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I confirm receipt of the report of the Auditor General on the Kisumu County Trade Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2019 and I want to commit this report to the Select Committee of PIC/PAC to scrutinize it appropriately and report back to the House as per our Standing Orders. Thank you.

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

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As you are aware that I am the Vice-chairperson of the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations and I would like to table a Report on behalf of the Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise on behalf of the Chairperson, Hon. Steve Owiti. Pursuant to the provision of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 182 (6), I wish to

lay before this House today Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations Report on its consideration of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2021. Thank you.

(Hon. Khan tables the report before the House for consideration)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I confirm receipt of the Report from the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations on its consideration of the Proposed Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2021 and I hereby commit this report to the House Business Committee for the purposes of scheduling for debate. Thank you.

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

NOTICE OF MOTION.

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise on behalf of my Chairperson Hon. Steve Owiti. Pursuant to the provisions of County Assembly Standing Orders No. 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion for the Select Committee of Budget and Appropriations report on its consideration of the proposed Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2021. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, it is Statement Hour.

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

MOTION

FIRST READING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES BILL,
2021

BY

HON. VINCENT JAGONGO

(CHAIRPERSON, HEALTH AND SANITATION COMMITTEE)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I request that you switch off your phones.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Miruka, what is it, I saw you on your feet?

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Chairperson Health and Sanitation Committee please allow me to request the Clerk to read the Bill for the First time, the Proposed Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill, 2021.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Mr. Clerk.

Thank you Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members of this House. The Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill 2021.

A Bill for an act of the County Assembly of Kisumu to give effect to the provisions of article 43 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya and provide for the establishment and delineation of Community Health Units within the County for effective and efficient delivery of Community Health Services and for connected purposes is hereby read for the first time.

(Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill, 2021 stands read for the first time by the Clerk)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, the Kisumu County Community Health Services Bill 2021 having been read for the first time, I want to commit it to the Standing Committee of Health, Housing and Sanitation and I direct that, they look at the Bill followed by conducting Public Participations and report back to the House as per our Standing Orders.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next!!

MOTION

FIRST READING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND
MANAGEMENT BILL, 2021

BY

HON. ERICK AGOLLA

(CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION)

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Committee on implementation and as the Chairperson, I seek your indulgence to request the Clerk to read the Kisumu County Project Implementation and Management Bill, 2021 for the first time.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Mr. Clerk.

Thank you once again Hon. Speaker and Hon. Members of this House. The Kisumu County Project Implementation and Management Bill 2021.

A Bill for an act of the County Assembly of Kisumu to give effect to article 176 (2) and section 91 and 115 (2) of the County Government Act of 2012 and to make provisions for the administration, planning, use, regulation and the management of projects within the County and for the connected purposes is now read for the first time. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, the Kisumu County Project Implementation and Management Bill 2021 having been read for the first time, I want to commit it to the Select Committee of Implementation and I direct that, they look at the Bill followed by conducting Public Participations and report back to the House as per our Standing Orders.

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

MOTION

CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S FOURTH ANNUAL STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS NO. 22 (5)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, the debate on the Governor's Speech that is the Fourth Annual State of the County Address is a continuation of the morning debate. In the morning I had accorded time for most of the Hon. Members to give their views on the Speech. As you are all aware that, you are supposed to give your opinion on the Speech so that we compile the Hansard Report and forward it back to the Governor for the purposes of improvement or addressing the gaps.

A number of Hon. Members had debated on the Governor's State of the County Address, so, I will only allow those Hon. Members who did not have time in yesterday's and today's morning sessions to make their contributions. You are all aware that we had allocated three sessions for the debate on the Governor's Speech because the Standing Orders provides for not more than four sessions but we had recommended the three sessions which is yesterday, today in the morning and today's afternoon sessions. So, the floor is now open for those Members who had not contributed.

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

Hon. Otura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to give details of my understanding of the Fourth Annual State of the County Address delivered by the Governor which was done on Thursday, 02nd December, 2021 at the Tom Mboya Labour College.

Mr. Speaker, having sat during that session passionately to hear from the Governor's mouth and having gone through his address as documented. Mr. Speaker, I only remain to strengthen his last statements. For it is true that the tremendous workload and development as was read by the Governor and on his last statement, where he stated that let us match into the future confidently.

Together indeed the future is bright and together we shall make it brighter. Mr. Speaker that is the only area that I can stress on to Hon. Members and residents of this County.

Mr. Speaker, if it is not because of hard work, we could not have achieved all that was read by H.E. the Governor. Indeed if we are together in this, then our future will also be bright as is expected of us. Mr. Speaker, I don't want to go into the nitty-gritties because that which was read by the Governor everything is contained in the address and I was there personally. Mr. Speaker, I would only say personally that, please let us go by the Governor's personal statement that indeed the future is bright and together we shall make it bright and actually in his last statement if not the word thank you, is that a future is defined by our journey for prosperity through hard work. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Otura, please switch off your microphone.

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

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

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Olale, I will not agree with that because this is a state of the County Address where each and every Hon. Member is accorded the opportunity to air their views. So, for a reminder, the following Hon. Members have made their contributions on the Speech;

1. Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme.
2. Hon. Jennipher Obonyo, MCA, Specially Elected.
3. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA, Manyatta "B"
4. Hon. Vincent Jagongo, MCA, North West Kisumu.
5. Hon. Beatrice Odongo, Specially Elected.
6. Hon. Priscah Misachi, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo.
7. Hon. Benny Pete Oiko, MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal.
8. Hon. Rashid Miruka, MCA, North Nyakach.
9. Hon. Erick Agolla, MCA, South West Kisumu.
10. Hon. Paul Okiri, MCA, West Kisumu.
11. Hon. Florence Olang', MCA, Specially Elected.
12. Hon. Lint Muga, MCA, Specially Elected.
13. Hon. Aslam Khan, MCA, Specially Elected.
14. Hon. George Ogutu, MCA, West Nyakach.
15. Hon. Philemon Juma, MCA, Central Nyakach.
16. Hon. Maureen Otiang', MCA, Chemelil/Koru.
17. Hon. Olga Aoko, MCA, Specially Elected.
18. Hon. Samuel Dede, MCA, North Kisumu; and;
19. Hon. Vitalis Otura, MCA, Ombeyi.

Those are the Hon. Members who have given their contributions. So, I am still giving the opportunity to any Member whose name does not appear in the list that I have just read time to contribute on the Governor's Annual State of the County Address.

Hon. Okiri: On a Point of Information. Mr. Speaker, with regards to the list that you have just read, I believe that it will be in order to include Hon. Olale as one of the Hon. Members that has contributed to this debate. So, the list should capture the name of Hon. Olale as one of the contributors.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I am being informed that Hon. Ollows want to make her contributions. Serjeant-at-Arms you are aware what you are supposed to do to assist her make her contributions.

Hon. Ollows: Thank you Mr. Speaker for according me this opportunity to support Professor Nyongó's Speech. One, our good professor has done marvelous things in this County and I know that if he is given another term in office he will do more. I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I will assume that the silence means that there are no more Members. I was giving that opportunity because I don't want to be accused that I did not give All Members the opportunity to contribute to this Speech. So, my assumption is that all the Members have contributed because I am not seeing any other Member rise on his or her feet and I will go with hon. Olale's request and give the Leader of Majority to respond.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Hon. Members who have contributed passionately on the Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker, from what the Hon. Members have said, it is evident that the Governor has performed exemplary well and he deserves a second term so that his vision may properly be concrete. Mr. Speaker, it takes a very clear vision to achieve the kind of monumental achievements that we have witnessed in this County. This is because of the kind of leadership that the Kisumu people put at the apex of this County and we can only believe that the stars remain our destination.

Mr. Speaker, there are a few observations that were raised by Members and I want to comment on them briefly. For example, a member did insinuate that in the Governor's Speech he did mention that the Road Maintenance Team were already on the ground. Mr. Speaker, as a matter of record, if you look at the Governor's Speech he did mention that we are championing the Road Maintenance Team and Machine-based Construction and to ensure that these two deliver effectively and we have invested in Construction Equipments and recruited young people from across the County. Mr. Speaker, I believe that is the correct position because indeed those who are supposed to be in the Road Maintenance Teams have already been recruited...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Hon. Samo? You are aware that I have given the Leader of Majority time to reply. So, please take cognizance of that.

Hon. Samo: On a Point of Order. Thank you Mr. Speaker. In the Leader of Majority's reply I would wish to get to know this clearly because we are live and our people back in the wards are watching us. So, I would like the Leader of Majority to be kind enough to explain to this House when he states that the Road Maintenance Team....

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Hon. Samo. I had accorded you time to give your contribution to the Governor's Speech and it is time for the Leader of Majority to reply.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I thought that the Hon. Samo is properly schooled in matters Standing Orders. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that the Road Maintenance Teams are due to commence their work in January, 2022 and the letters have already been dispatched so I believe that should be made unambiguous.

Mr. Speaker, on the issues of Bursaries and Scholarships, I believe that in the Governor's Speech, the Governor was talking about Bursaries for the year 2020/2021 and not for the current Fiscal Year. Indeed we are alive to that fact that there have been some challenges with the Disbursement of Bursaries and Scholarships have already been disbursed to the beneficiaries and it is our hope that Bursaries for the current Fiscal Year will be disbursed in the shortest time possible so that our students are not inconvenienced unnecessarily. Mr. Speaker, but again that notwithstanding, parents should also be encouraged to take very seriously their parental duties and roles because even though the County Government chips in to pay school fees, parents should not abdicate their parental obligations and I believe that is very important.

Mr. Speaker, in the Health Sector, there are a lot of improvement that has been achieved. Let me reiterate what I stated yesterday that, before the health sector was calmed there were a lot perennial wrangles that really disorganized effective delivery of health services in this County but the sector was reorganized and new personnel were placed at the helm and now we are witnessing very cogent leadership from that department and that is the reason why we can now see that the delivery of health services is being streamlined. Mr. Speaker, alongside that, there is the issue of Health Digitization which is meant to assist the hemorrhage of drugs that we have witnessed in the recent past. We have equally seen the Marwa Health Scheme which is actually a home grown solution to the Provision of Healthcare in our County. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Hon. Seth Okumu did mention that there are so many counties that are benchmarking with Kisumu so that they can see how this Marwa Health Scheme is working and we are so proud of that.

Mr. Speaker, there is just recently in the month of September, 2021 just to be precise Wednesday, 29th September, 2021, we did approve in this House the Kisumu County Facility Improvement Funds Bill, 2021 which is envisaged to ensure that financing in our Health Facilities is made prompt and this will ensure that emergencies can be tackled as they arise.

Mr. Speaker, last but not least, I want to talk about Industrialization. We can see that the stage is being set for Industrial Takeoff in the County and we can observe that by way of the Special

Economic Zone (SEZ) that is to be established in Miwani Ward Muhoroni Sub-county and there is already a Sixteen Billion Industry that is being setup in that part of the County and these are very phenomenal developments. We hope that when all these is done and dusted then, the unemployment situation in our County is going to be a thing of the past.

Mr. Speaker, when you visit the Rotary Centre where we are going to have the Incubation Centre for Skilled Development, it is almost complete and very soon it will be opened so that our young men and women can learn various skills that they can be used to better their lives.

Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Aslam Khan talked very passionately about the Africities. Of course this a mega event that is going to be held here in May, 2022. This event is going to assist us improve the infrastructure around those area. The Afri-cities Conference Convention Centre is already taking off and it is hoped that by the time the Afri-cities will be held in the month of May, 2022 this very modern Convention Centre will be complete. Mr. Speaker, apart from that, the infrastructure around that area, is being improved at the moment and we are all aware that other than the roads that are leading to the Afri-cities, there is a road that is going to connect the Kisumu Airport, then there is another road that is going to connect to some sleepy markets centres where the Hon. Samo comes from, I believe this will be opened up. Also there is a road that is going to run up to Riat which is earmarked for improvement and these are very important infrastructural developments that is going to open up these areas for further development.

Mr. Speaker. Lastly, I want to applaud the Governor for the kind of interconnections that he has developed with the National Government. Mr. Speaker, there is a seamless relationship between our County Government and the National Government and that is why the National Government has injected huge resources to develop our County. Mr. Speaker, just here, the Port of Kisumu is ready and it is babbling with a lot of activities. Mr. Speaker, when the President was giving his State of the Country Address, he did mention that, now it is much easier and safer to transport Oil Products to Uganda and other East African Countries. The trickle effects is that it is reducing costs and time that is spent to do that kind of business. This is because of the revival of the Port of Kisumu and the closer working relationship that H. E. the Governor has fostered with the National Government.

Mr. Speaker, as I conclude, allow me to reiterate or rather to state again very loudly that, given the track record of the Governor, I want to call upon all the Hon. Members of this County that we join hands together in that journey for the Governor's reelection because indeed he deserves second term in office. Thank you.

(Applauses)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, now that the Fourth Annual State of the County Address a report by the Professor peter Anyang' Nyongó was laid before this House on Thursday, 02nd December, 2021 that is pursuant to the provisions of our Standing Orders No. 22 (4). The

report was further committed to the House Business Committee for scheduling for debate. This House has effectively and robustly debated on this report for the first three sittings that includes this particular sitting. I now want to put a question?

That, as many as are of the opinion that the report on the Fourth Annual State of the County Address and the deliberations by this House be adopted?

(Question put and agree to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, and the Kisumu County Fourth Annual State of the County Address the report and the deliberations by the Hon. Members of Kisumu County Assembly have be adopted today Wednesday, 08th December, 2021 at 15:17 hours.

Hon. Members, I do direct that the Hansard Report containing issues raised by the Hon. Members as regards the Fourth Annual State of the County Address report be communicated to the County Executive.

Further, the Committee on Implementation alongside the Sectoral Committees to make follow-up on the implementation of the same. Thank you.

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

MOTION

MOTION ON THE ADJOURNMENT FOR THE LONG RECESS FROM WEDNESDAY, 08TH DECEMBER, 2021 TO TUESDAY, 08TH FEBRUARY, 2022.

PURSUANT TO GAZATTE NOTICE NO. 12937 OF 26TH NOVEMBER, 2021 READ TOGETHER WITH STANDING ORDERS NO. 25 (1) AND 26 (3).

BY

HON. KENNETH ONYANGO, MCA, MIWANI WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Please allow me to move a Motion of Adjournment for the Long Recess which was contained in the Gazette Notice No. 12937 of 26th November, 2021 and this is read together with the provision of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 25 (1) and 26 (3). Mr. Speaker, this Long Recess is supposed to go until Tuesday, 08th February, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, this is an annual event that appear in our Legislative Calendar every year. It is in the same period and it is this time that we must reconnect with our voters and this is coming especially at such a critical time when we are going back to seek their mandate once more. So, it is a time that leaders must go back to their respective areas of jurisdiction for those who have ben disappearing in the city, it will be a little bit tricky but I do believe that most of us have been properly in touch with our voters.

Mr. Speaker, it is also important that, as we adjourn, we take cognizance of the businesses that we have and especially the bills...

(Hon. Samo arises on a Point of Orders)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo, you know the rules of debate and the Leader of Majority is moving a motion.

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, no the Leader of Majority is not moving a motion, he is debating.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo, I rule you Out of Order!!

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, when the Leader of Majority is moving a motion, he should read what is there...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo, I again rule you Out of Order!! When a Member is moving a motion he/she is allowed to read what they have and add meat on it which I believe is a parliamentary practice. So, please give the Leader of Majority time move his motion.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Mr. Speaker, I don't know why the Hon. Member is throwing away common decency out of the window. So, I was saying that, it is similarly important that we take cognizance of the important businesses that we have so that as we are in the recess period, those very urgent matters can always find their ways because we know the procedures that relevant House Committees do a letter to the Hon. Speaker and the Speaker will make a decision whether indeed the matter requires urgent attention or not.

Mr. Speaker, I am similarly aware that, this House may be recalled for the Supplementary Estimates which I am reliably informed may find its way into this Assembly by this Friday.

Lastly, there is a very important national event that is probably going to crown our party leader as the fifth. So, I would like to beseech all Hon. Members to attend which is the "Azimio la Umoja" that will be held in Nairobi on Friday, 10th December, 2021. I am aware that we have other activities that are also programmed. So, I want to call upon all Members to try and travel to Nairobi so that we all become witnesses to this historic event. Otherwise, I want to wish each and every one of you a happy stay at home, Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May God bless each one of us so that through His mercies we can find our way back into this House. Thank you.

Mr. Speakers, I want to call upon the Leader of Minority to second the Motion on Adjournment for the Long Recess.

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

Leader of Minority (Hon. Oiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Long Recess is a normal holiday in the legislative calendar of the County Assembly and time has reached for the Hon. Members to proceed for the long recess. As we break for the long recess, the elections are also around the corner and also this national programme to crown our hero the Right Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga is also at the corner.

Mr. Speaker, just as the Leader of Majority has stated, let us take our time to witness this historic event. I implore our Members that we proceed for the long recess and see our people on the ground so that when we come back when the year opens we continue with our work and also to see how we can associate with our electorates on the ground to enable our Members plead with the electorates to give them the second round. Mr. Speaker, it is our hope that, a good number of us will come back here so let us not be pessimistic but be optimistic and God will open for us the way and a good number will come back. I second the Adjournment Motion so that we break for the long holiday. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I want to refer us to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 26 (3) which provides that;

“When a Motion of Adjournment has been proposed for a day other than the next sitting day, the Leader of Majority or the Leader of Minority or any Member may move a Motion of Adjournment which after being seconded is proposed for debate but for not more than three hours. After which the House will be adjourned without putting a question”.

So, with that I want to propose that the Motion of Adjournment is open for debate.

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

Hon. Okiri: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support this Motion of Adjournment this is backed by the laws of this House. One this recess is based on the laws of this House, it is not easy to go against it.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at the County and National Government, the County Government is a replica of the Senate and in a case where the National Government can reconsider their activities and consider to alter their House calendar and I wonder how comes a County Government cannot do so based on the activities they have in their in tray. Mr. Speaker, I would like to support this motion in relation to the Bills that were tabled in the House today in the morning session and I know that any time we might be recalled to look into those Bills.

Mr. Speaker, based on the Legislative proposals that were tabled before this House, I thought that this House could have reviewed its calendar to accommodate these bills just I had mentioned that a County Government is a replica of the Senate. So, in a scenarios where the National Assembly has reviewed their calendar to 15th of January, 2022, consequently, we should have reviewed our calendar to 15th of January, 2022 just as the National Assembly did there's.

Mr. Speaker, it is so unfortunate that, this House is adjourning for the long recess, it is a modality to just reconnect with our constituents, but, the greatest disease is on how we are going to jumpstart the reconnecting.

Mr. Speaker, one, we are all aware the education calendar has been altered and traditionally, a long recess like this one, schools were also going to close for the long holidays as they await to commence the new-year. Mr. Speaker, I must say that this one is different in a way that our children's holidays has been interfered with the as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which is still with us. My major concern is that we are going to mingle with our children who are not going to school just because the County Government of Kisumu has not settled their Bursaries with their respective schools. Mr. Speaker, each day just as the Leader of Majority has stated that we are going to connect with our electorates and especially for Members who have not been going home and each and every day the beneficiaries will ask for these Bursaries of which I believe that we should have proceeded for the long recess after this issue has been settled.

Mr. Speaker, I similarly want to talk about Development Projects in our various Wards. This is the first time that this County Assembly is going for a long recess before procurement has fully been executed. So, we will be at home and you constituents will be asking you about projects earmarked to be undertaken in your ward and it is through this House that we will be able to query these projects. If we let this go up to February, 2020 and we will be left with March and April, 2022 before this House prorogues for elections, I don't see this to be practicable.

Mr. Speaker, with all those many remarks, I support the motion of adjournment with amendments. Thank you.

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

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to support the Adjournment Motion that has been moved by the Leader of Majority.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed true that we must thank the Almighty and the Everlasting Rock of Ages for this far He has brought us. Mr. Speaker, it has not been easy since we started this year. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our technical staffs that have worked hand in hand with us and I equally want to appreciate the interaction that we have had with fellow Hon. Members because of that we have been able to achieve this year.

Mr. Speaker, secondly, I also want to say that a the Chair of Committee of Implementation, a few minute ago we did communicate officially to your office and the office of the clerk considering the fact that there is a Bill that has been committed to my Committee and we have asked for your indulgence so that your Office accords us time to deal with this particular bill during the recess period.

Mr. Speaker, thirdly, we are all aware that the only gift that this County Government can give to our electorate as a Christmas gift is allowing our learners to access Bursaries by the time they will be going back to school. Mr. Speaker, the economy is tough and our parents and guardians are struggling and the only thing that we can do better is to ensure that our Bursaries that we are expecting in various learning institutions are released before January, 2022.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed true that, we will have humble time to interact with our electorates. I heard from the Leader of Majority by the time he was moving this motion, I am happy because with me I do operate from home and this recess of two or so months will accord me more time to undertake my primary roles which is representation and especially oversight to ensure that development projects that are being undertaken are done to the required standards.

Mr. Speaker, I want to also thank the Hon. Leader of Majority for touching on the issues of inauguration or official conclusion and mobilization of the “Azimio la Umoja” that has been taking place and as a House that is behind the fifth president the Right Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga, I equally want to beseech the Hon. Members that let us all converge and support in solidarity with other African Countries, Kenyans and other leaders that have already indicated that they are going to attend this historic occasion.

Mr. Speaker, without much ado, I want to appreciate you for creating the conducive environment in this Assembly and I wish all Members a Happy Christmas and I don't know how to call it because I am an Adventist we don't recognise Christmas but, anyway I want to wish Hon. Members a happy New Year as we get ready to face the next year in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo and then Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Samo: Thank you Mr. Speaker. As I arise to contribute to this motion the Hon. Agolla need to withdraw that part of Merry Christmas because he is saying that this is not Biblical but, you informed us that this is a House of Rules and Procedures and we follow what is written and what is there is that Merry Christmas exists and he should wish me a Merry Christmas because I am his first immediate neighbour. Otherwise, I may treat him as a pagan because we as Christians we believe that the Christmas exists .Mr. Speaker, if you so direct then, Hon. Agolla may be able to wish me Merry Christmas. Otherwise, I may not have a better Merry Christmas on 25th December, 2021. Mr. Speaker, could you direct him to do so as I continue with my contribution.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Samo, I believe that is outside the realms of this debate because we are debating the Adjournment Motion. So, you will have an arrangement with Hon. Agolla at your appointed time.

Hon. Samo: Fair enough. Mr. Speaker, then even if you could have allowed him because he is my friend, but if he does not do so, I will block his car before he leaves the precincts of the Assembly. Anyway, I would like to contribute to this motion and I support the adjournment motion with amendments. This is because coming back into this House on 08th February, 2022 with such a long time considering the Bills that have been tabled in this House. Mr. Speaker, like in my Committee where I seat where the Hon. Agolla is my Chair, we have a Bill that has been committed to that Committee. So, if we may be accorded an extension or reduction of the days, then, I would really support that.

Mr. Speaker, apart from that, we are all aware that a time like this is when we get a lot of opportunities to connect and engage with our constituents. It is a very good opportunity for us and for some of my friends like the Leader of Majority who fled his home decades ago, this is an opportunity for him to go and talk to his residents and meet the old mothers and fathers who cannot have their ways back into this town. I have heard a lot of cries he is my immediate neighbour in my ward because our boundaries are the same....

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, I have heard the Hon. Samo state that I fled my home. He is the one who has fled his Ward and moved to a different ward. So, he should not throw stones at glasshouses.

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

Hon. Samo: Mr. Speaker, I believe that he should withdraw that statement but, I have forgiven him. Mr. Speaker, I would wish to say that I am in concurrence with this Motion of Adjournment which has been ably put by the Leader of Majority who has guided us very well for the last four years.

Secondly, towards the same. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank you so much for having restored some serenity in this Assembly that has now seen this session going without much drama which used to be characterized by the likes of Hon. Olale who had a lot of theatrics in this House. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that they were very acrobatic in those sessions but, during your tenure, you have brought a lot of stability and tranquility.

Mr. Speaker, without forgetting, Bills that were brought before this House in the session now concluded have been dealt with conclusively without the theatrics that we used to witness. Mr. Speaker, I would so wish to say that, if God accords us the opportunity and time, we may be able to again work together as we clear off with our term which is the five years which has been mandated to us.

Mr. Speaker, I want to wish you and the Members of this House the very best so that as we resume in the month of February, 2022, be prepared the session the way it comes with what we can handle at that given opportunity. I want to wish all the Members a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu. I have noticed you Hon. Ojuok, I promised to give Hon. Okumu after Hon. Samo.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to support the Motion of Adjournment of this House for the Long recess.

Mr. Speaker, it is said that work without play, make jack a dull boy. It is time for Hon. Members to go back and play with their electorates and I believe that it is something that most of us are missing where they have to wake up in the morning and not bother about coming for the plenary sessions. I am aware that Hon. Ogutu's place this time around, there is no much floods in his place so, he can crisscross and even go to the beaches. It needs to be fun for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, we are praying for the Hon. Members that as they indulge during the long recess, let them not do things that other Members may not be able to do so that come February, 2022 we can all come back to this House and deliberate matters that affect Kisumu County at large. Mr. Speaker, I want you to be clear, that what we are adjourning are the plenary sessions of this House, so we still have other activities that are scheduled to go on. We have Committee meetings that we must continue deliberating on so that by the time we are coming back from the long recess, we have businesses to deliberate on in the floor of the House.

So, I want to request Chairpersons of various House Committees to make it possible for Hon. Members to meet during this long recess. This is because I can see two bills have just been introduced in the House today. One is touching on the Community Health Services which I have a lot of interest in and so passionate about. So, I am requesting this House Committee to deliberate on the issues of that Bill so that by the time we are coming back here, we have a report that can be read before this House so that the Bill can be passed within the minimum time and as soon as possible.

Otherwise, I want to remind my brother Hon. Agolla that he does not have to be from other faiths to wish people Merry Christmas. I know that he has members from his Ward who believe in Christmas and I believe that it is just honourable for him to wish them Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mr. Speaker, on that note, I want to wish everyone including members of East Seme, members of Kisumu County, Hon. Members of this House and Staff of this County Assembly a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2022...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Hon. Okumu.

Hon. Agolla: On a Point of Order. Mr. Speaker, when we were joining this House, all of us declared their faith. I can recall Hon. Aslam Khan and Hon. Ogendo declaring their faith as Islam. So, Mr. Speaker, Hon. Okumu should not compel me to believe what is not Biblical because that is my belief that Christmas is not Biblical and that is my position. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Okumu, please conclude.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I have always wished my brother Hon. Khan eid-ul-fitri and all those celebrations that they hold every year but I am not a Muslim. This is because I respect that he has a different religion from mine, but I still wish him well when they are going to celebrate those holidays. So, I am still guiding my Hon. brother that it is just honorable for him to do the same despite the difference in the faith that we are expressing ourselves to. Otherwise, thank you so much Mr. Speaker and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Hon. Khan: Thank you Mr. Speaker. This time is unusual to break for the long recess but this time it is because of the Public participation and the rest. It is a request made in the House. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Muga, I have noticed you but, Hon. Ojuok has been on his feet for as very long time. Please let me accord him this opportunity first then I will consider you.

Hon. Ojuok: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First, I would like to support the Motion on Adjournment because this will be the time to engage with our voters and find time and to find out exactly what has been happening because you are aware that, a number of times we have been so engaged and it has not been very easy to find out the progress of some of the development projects and you know you cannot do oversight without going to the actual site where these kinds of development projects are going on. So, that we can be able to be more informed on those particular issues.

However, I want to state that, there are number of activities that would need us back here especially something to do with the implementation and the Roads Committee and the pending implementation of some of the policies. There is need for this House Committee to finalize on some of these key issues and to be able to streamline issues in those particular projects. This is because you are aware that Roads is everything because you can have a health centre, a school but as long as you are not accessing these facilities, because at this particular time, we are approaching the electioneering period and if you have polling centre that cannot be accessed, it will be very difficult to campaign because even as the voters walk there to cast their votes, they are reminded that they need to send you home. So, the issue of the road network is paramount and we need to have a look at it and it is good that there are pending works that was trying to address those particular issues. So, we need to have a look at that.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of Implementation of Projects. I am very happy about that Bill that has been tabled before this House today. There is need to put a lot of effort on that particular Bill because one of the issues that has been facing this particular County is the issues to do with Performance Management and Contract Management. Once we cease of those two issues and strengthen the issues of the Delivery Unit and proposer oversight on our side, then I believe that we will be able to put all these things in place. This is because the intentions are good but, as long as they are just intentions and implementation is wanting then, it can be a concern. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we have not been able to manage some of our contractors well and some of them have seriously misbehaved by abandoning projects and citing issues Pending Bills which are completely not associated with what they are supposed to do. So, I believe that this is an issue that we need to manage. So, there is the issue of Pending Bills that needs to be looked at and managed. Mr. Speaker, as we deal with that bill, I believe that we will be able to handle those issues and close all the gaps to be able to move to the next level.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy that we have been able to co-exist for all this time and as we head to the holidays, I wish that we all have a Blissful Christmas and a Flourishing New Year. I just want to say that I felt for my brother Hon. Agolla as a Member of the African Inland Church I believe that there are member of the public who come from his ward who profess Christmas and if the area MCA cannot wish them a Merry Christmas, I don't know if he requires their votes, but I really felt for them. I would really wish that he needs to take care of them. Thank you.

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

Hon. Muga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise in support of this Motion on Adjournment of the House for the Long Recess.

Mr. Speaker, all in all, first, must say this, I want to thank the Almighty Father for keeping us all safe because this has been a very year tough year for all of us because it is the same year where we had this Covid-19 pandemic which is still with us and it swept most of our relatives and friends alike but, the Lord has always endeavoured to keep us safe. So, I have to thank the Almighty God for that as I continue to implore Him to take care of us as we approach the long recess so that when we come back, we come back safely because we are going to mingle with our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, it has come from the Members and I want to reiterate that I support this motion with some amendments. Mr. Speaker, without much ado, let me wish each and every one a Joyous Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Thank you so much and may God bless you all.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Deputy Whip, I had noticed Hon. Ogutu. Let me give him first and then you will be next.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand to support this Motion on the Adjournment of the House for the Long Recess. The long recess is now here with us and I just want to say a few words.

Mr. Speaker, Foremost, I believe that Hon. Okiri captured it correctly. We are party and parcel of what is happening in the National Assembly. I know that it is late, but the most honourable thing that we should have done was to review our long recess which I believe that it is too late and it cannot happen, but, it is equally important to touch on that as well. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we have bills which this House is expected to tackle because, the Leader of Majority has just laid before this House Bill that need to be dealt with expeditiously. If at all we could have considered and reviewed our legislative calendar, then I believe that we could have covered a lot of ground which will be beneficial to our County and the Country as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, having stated that because it is past tense, I don't believe that we have time to reinvent it. I only want to wish Hon. Members well during this Long Recess. Mr. Speaker, without forgetting, we have to thank the Almighty because since we joined this House, I believe that God has taken care of all the Members say for a few staffs who passed on during our tenure. So, we have to thank Jehovah God for protecting Members because since we joined this House in the year 2017, Hon. Members are proceeding for the Long Recess without losing a single Member.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say this. I believe that we are going home, but we have a problem which we have to state categorically. I brought up this matter in the morning session on the issues to do with Bursary and Scholarship. We are all aware that Hon. Members are going to be flooded with respective voters in their homes asking for bursaries. I believe that during his submissions, Hon. Leader of Majority highlighted on this issues stating that parents ought to take their parental obligations seriously. Mr. Speaker, I believe that, what the County Government is giving these beneficiaries is a drop in the ocean because...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Leader of Majority, please put your phone on silent mode or switch it off.

Hon. Ogotu: Mr. Speaker, I believe that parents of these students are responsible enough. You are aware that when somebody has a fixed mind in receiving something that he was promised, even if it is small, all his focus and heart is at that particular point. Mr. Speaker, let the County Executive disburse these Bursaries to respective beneficiaries because, once these monies are disbursed, nobody will bring up this issue again.

Mr. Speaker, I don't have much to say, but I am only praying for the Hon. Members to enable God protect them so that when we resume back next year February, let God be merciful to us so that all of us converge here again that includes our staff. Mr. Speaker, during this festive season, I want to officially invite Hon. Members to my home on Tuesday, 28th December, 2021 so that we celebrate together. Thank you Mr. Speaker and may God Bless all of you including the Staff.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon. Ogotu for inviting Hon. Members.

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

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, the mover be called upon to reply.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Onyango): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Hon. Members for their animated contributions to this motion. Once more, let me reiterate my earlier prayers that may God be with us and my His mercies be upon us as we break for this Long Recess and may we find favour with Him as we approach the electioneering period.

Otherwise, once more Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hon. Ogutu, the invitation is welcome even though it did not have the requisite punch that it should have when inviting Hon. Members. Otherwise, Asanteni Sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Members, I would correspondently like to join Members who have wished you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hon. Members, I want to put it that, in as much we have deliberated on the Motion on Adjournment of the House, be ready that you can be recalled any time that need be. So, I want to request humbly, that if we call you back for a Special Sitting, please just create time and present yourself because I am aware that there are some items that may require us to call for a Special Sitting owing to the fact that February, 2022 may be too long to await before handling some critical urgent matters of topical concern.

Hon. Members, I still want to refer ourselves to the provisions of Standing Orders No. 26 (3) and it stipulates that and I quote;

“On a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn other than the next normal sitting in accordance to the House Business Calendar, the Leader of Majority Party or the Leader of Minority party or another Member of the County Assembly House 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 with a question being put.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, I am aware that some Members have suggested amendments to this motion and I believe Hon. Members are knowledgeable on how amendments are brought into this House. So, I will commit myself to the provision of Standing Orders No. 26 (3) and with that Standing Order, I direct that, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 08th February, 2022 at 02:30 p.m.

(House arose at 04:45 p.m.)

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