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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): Good afternoon Honourable Members. I want to refer you to the provisions of County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Orders No. 32 (2) and request that the Serjeant-at-Arms rings the quorum bell for five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for five minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Chief Whip, could you please confirm if we have the quorum.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Madam Speaker. There is quorum.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I again welcome you to this afternoon session especially Hon. Julius Genga whom I can't recall the last time I saw him. Welcome Honourable

Member and I hope you still know the rules of the Assembly. You are still a Member of this House until 09th August 2022.

Honourable Members, I also want to say that any Member who needs a copy of the Azimio manifesto can pass by my office and get a copy. The copies are for the Azimio members but I can also give members of other political parties because they can later change their mind and join the Azimio.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

PAPER LAID

THE HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION COMMITTEE REPORT ON ITS
CONSIDERATION OF THE KISUMU COUNTY HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022

BY

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CHAIRPERSON, HEALTH, HOUSING AND SANITATION

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is Hon. Rashid Miruka?

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Please allow me to lay this Paper on behalf of Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Please proceed.

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Order No 182 (6), I wish to table today Thursday 9th June, 2022, the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its consideration of the Kisumu County Health (Amendment) Bill, 2022. Thank you.

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

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of the report of the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its consideration of the Kisumu County Health (Amendment) Bill, 2022. I want to direct that the House Business Committee do consider this report for the purposes of scheduling it for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

NOTICE OF MOTION

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

Hon. Miruka: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the County Assembly of Kisumu Standing Order No 45 (1), I wish to give a Notice of Motion of the Health, Housing and Sanitation Committee report on its consideration of the Kisumu County Health (Amendment) Bill, 2022. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. George Ogutu.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also rise to welcome Hon. Genga back to the Assembly. He has been unwell for some time and we thank God he is back. He is also working on the ground to recapture his seat. God willing, we shall meet in this House after 09th August, 2022. Thank you.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Gard Olima, do you also want to welcome Hon. Genga?

Hon. Olima: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I don't under which party does Hon. Ogutu ascribe to. You also said that you have a manifesto. Is it Wajakoya's? Ruto's or the Azimio's because I heard Hon. Ogutu saying that he is going to collect the manifesto, I don't which one he is going to collect because there is no presidential candidate for independent party. Hon. Ameso resigned from the ODM Party and Hon. Ogutu is also an Independent Candidate in the forthcoming election. That must come out clearly.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to clarify that it is me who extended an olive branch to Hon. Genga. I heard Hon. Ogutu say that he is the party leader of Independent Candidates. I have got manifesto for Azimio Coalition. They might later change their minds and join that party. That is why I did agree that even if your symbol is a monkey, you can still come and go through the Manifesto then you are free to change your mind...

(Hon. Ogutu stood on his feet)

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker if you allow me to...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Ogutu I had given you a chance.

Hon. Ogutu: Mr. Speaker, I agree with you, however, Hon. Olima has mentioned my name please if you may allow me...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I have already protected you Hon. Member.

Hon. Ogutu: Just give me few seconds to clarify something.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order!! Hon. Erick Agola, please let me give Hon. Ogutu a chance.

Hon. Ogutu: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to put it very clear that, yes, I am independent Candidate the way Hon. Gard is saying. We have our choice as people of independent candidature. You know very well that we are still Honourable Members but some people are vying on independent tickets. As the independent candidates, we have talked and agreed that we are going to support the Azimio Presidential Candidate. That is our stand and nobody can take that away from us. It is also in order for you to say that we can as well read the manifesto and see what it contains so that we support what we know is beneficial to us. That is what I wanted to clarify. That, we have an association for all independent candidates and as their chairperson, they should respect that. I am speaking on behalf of the members whom you are aware that some of them resigned from the party and we are now seated together but we must have a voice and I am their voices Mr. Speaker if you allow that, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Genga, I had noticed Hon. Agola. Allow me give him a chance then I get back to you.

Hon. Agolla: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am an ODM live member and I subscribe to it as well as being there to stay. We are in August House and I want to inform Hon. Gard Olima that just the other day which I believe was last week, the National Parliament passed a legislation recognizing the Independent elected leaders in this Republic. Their resolution was that after the General Election in August, the leaders whom shall have been elected on independent tickets will have their caucus and their leadership in National Parliament, Senate and Assemblies. That one has been passed and once legislation has been passed, enacted and signed into Law by the President, it becomes a Law. Even though I am an ODM member, I just wanted to pass this information as a point of information to the entire House for consumption.

(Applause)

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

Hon. Genga: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I accept with humility the chance that you have accorded me. I just want to say that it is imperative that we learn one thing. Throughout the four years and some months, there is no permanency in politics and some of us made very hard choices and I believe that it important that our choices are respected.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say without fear of contradiction that my friend Hon. Olima would have been the very first person to cross over had things turned the way they turned for some of us. So it is important for him to respect us and I want to assure you Mr. Speaker that we will be here to checkmate and put Hon.Olima in order so that he does not align himself with opposition politics so much so that in this respect of the party.

Mr. Speaker, as I stand here, I want to tell the House that as I had said there is no permanency in politics and we must just accept that people take different stands but most importantly is that a man must stand for something , because if you don't stand for anything you will fall for anything. So, Mr. Speaker those are some of the choices we made because we know how politics run in this county. I know you sit in the high table where some of the decisions may have been made or some of the decisions are still being made, so you know exactly what may have happened and as some of us are seek for re-election, we hope and believe that we will have a very vibrant Assembly for Kisumu County that having said that it doesn't matter who is coming, whether they are independent or from what other party but we must respect that even the Azimio presidential candidate who we support fully also has given a chance to some of the independent. Mr. Speaker for your information, the Chairman for the Azimio Presidential Campaign Team is an independent candidate so that tells you that even an independent minded leaders play a greater role in the even within the Azimio coalition.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to tell Hon. Olima that, we pray that when that time come he will not do a lot of opposition politics within the party, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you Hon. Genga but I want to make a correction that the Chairman of the Azimio Coalition Party is not independent candidate, he was an independent person then but now he belongs to a party and no longer an independent candidate in fact he formed a party of his own.

Hon. Genga: (On a point of information) Mr. Speaker, all the leaders who are elected on August 2017 their terms and conditions run until 09th August,2022 it is the same thing that is mirroring down here

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Genga, we will still guide you that you remain the sitting MCA until August 09th 2022, but you will not contest in the party that you were in initially elected with because you crossed over and the same apply to the Chair of Azimio la Umoja Coalition Party. Yes, he was an independent candidate then he became the Governor through Independent Candidacy but right now he belongs to a party and he is going to appoint the fourth coming election as a party member not as an independent so I hope you are guided.

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

Hon. Atieno Obura: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was keenly listening to the contributions of Hon. Genga but there is one thing that shocked me when they decided to vie on independent tickets

saying that you were on the high table. I believe that, this is a serious allegation and I want to urge my brother to come out clearly. He is saying that you were in the high table and you are still sitting there when these decisions were being made which necessitated them to vie on independent tickets. I support them since that is their decision and he needs to clarify on that issues.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Genga I didn't hear you say that but...

Hon. Genga: Mr. Speaker, I was clear with what I said and you know Hon. Atieno is just getting concerned because you did not contest my statement and the fact that he has not done so tells a lot. He is just trying to remind you to see if you will take a position. I would like to urge you to just stay silent the way you did because you know there were decisions which were made and you were sitting in that high table and those decisions were very much in order in a democracy like ours.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Genga, I was just seeking for clarification and I didn't hear it but now you are saying that I am part of the team that made you vie on independent.

Hon. Genga: Mr. Speaker, I didn't say that. I believe that Hon. Atieno is just trying to coil my statement to see if you will contest what I said. What I am trying to say is that you sit on the high table where important decisions of the County are being made and some of those decisions were part of what we went through. Mr. Speaker, whether you participated or not and what I know for sure and actually you cannot contest is that you sit on that high table where some of those decisions were made that led to that process.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Thank you. I want to make a correction and to guide you that currently I work for Kisumu County as the Speaker of the County Assembly and I don't belong to any Party leadership that carries out elections and neither do I belong to any election Board of any Party. That statement that you are putting across is very dangerous and it can lead you to problems owing to the fact that I don't belong to any election board.

Hon. Genga: Thank you Mr. Speaker I stand guided.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 3.05 p.m.)

Addendum

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