

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



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Thursday 10th November, 2022

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

(The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nereah Akoth Okombo) in the Chair)

PRAYER

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Madam Clerk, please take us through the Order Paper of today.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honorable Members, in the spirit of promotion of culture and talents, the Chairperson for Sports, Culture and Community Services, Hon. Nancy Matara is asking the Honourable Members who may have time on Saturday 12th November, 2022 and other artists in film industry to humbly attend a film in which she is featuring called *Amollo* at the Vic Hotel in Mega City. Kindly, join her if time allows you. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!!

PAPER LAID

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 44 (2) (b) of the County Government Act, 2012, I wish to table today Thursday 10th November, 2022, full list of Governor’s nominees to the position of Executive Committee Members. These include;

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT
1.	Ms. Judith A. Oluoch	CEC Member for the Department of Public Service, Count Administration, and Participatory Development, Office of the Governor
2.	Mr. Kennedy Hongo	CEC Member for Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development
3.	Dr. Greg Ganda	CEC Member for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation
4.	Ms. Maryline Yanzar Agwa	CEC Member for the Department of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change
5.	Mr. George Omondi Okong’o	CEC Member for Finance, Economic Planning and ICT (E – Government) Services
6.	Mr. Ken Onyango	CEC Member for Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation.
7.	Mr. Salmon Orimba	CEC Member for Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works
8.	Ms. Faridah Salim	CEC Member for Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing
9.	Mr. John Awiti	CEC Member for Department of Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services
10.	Ms. Beatrice A. Odongo	CEC Member for the Department of Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs.

Thank you.

(Leader of Majority lays before the House the list of nominees for consideration)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Members, I confirm the receipt of list of nominees to the position of CECs for various department in the County Government of Kisumu. I therefore commit this list for consideration to the Appointment Committee and you report back within Twenty -One days.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Next order!

STATEMENTS

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Honourable Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I received official communication from the Executive Director of Orange Democratic Movement Party with official template requesting the Members to sign against their names for the monthly contribution to the party. We have two copies; one is for the payroll and the other one will be taken back to the party headquarters. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Yes Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I have a response to the statements sought on the Floor of the House by Hon. Benny Pete Oiko of Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward. What is happening in the lake is a natural but complex phenomenon that has affected the entire region including all the counties straddling the lake. The same has been reported in Uganda and Tanzania.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): A point of Information Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Whom do you want to inform?

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): The House Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Proceed.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Is the Honourable Member giving a response in form of a report or he is giving a Statement?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Ngeta.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to inform you that Hon. Maurice Ngeta is naked in the House. He is not in the right attire.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Serjeant-At-Arms can you confirm whether the Honourable Member is properly dressed or not.

(The Deputy Speaker consulting with the Serjeant-At-Arms)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Ochele, the Serjeant-At-Arms have confirmed that Hon. Maurice Ngeta is properly dressed but he is out of order because the committee is allowed to respond during the Statement Hour. Hon. Dede is responding to a Statement that was sought and we will inquire if the prayers of the author of the Statement are adequately responded to. Kindly, let him proceed. Please Hon. Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for your protection. As I was submitting my response, we strongly believe that what I have highlighted could be effects of climate change. Sampling and water analysis from points in the lake by KMFRI concluded that fish deaths occurred as a result of suffocation due to inadequate dissolved oxygen. It is associated with algae blooms and the decomposing water hyacinth plant that sunk to the bottom of the lake.

Secondly, sources of effluent are broadly categorized into

- (a) Point Sources; these are effluents from industries and institutions where the points of discharge are known; they have valid discharge licenses from NEMA and are regulated by their laws. The sewerage system in the country covers only 20%
- (b) Non-point Source: these are sources that cannot be specifically pointed out. They include air pollution, agricultural activities such as use of fertilizer and pesticides, several human activities such as Jua-Kali, surface runoff after rains, informal settlements like Nyalenda, Obunga and Manyatta, poor Solid Waste Management like baby pampers. The non-point effluents account to 80% pollution in the lake because they find their way into rivers then drain to the lake.
- (c) The unconfirmed report of plants dying from water sourced from Lake Victoria require further investigation.

Madam Speaker, the following are proposed measures put in place to curb the menace:

- a) A coordinated multi-stakeholder approach to institutionalize a legal framework to effectively deal with environmental pollution;

- b) Strengthen environment and sanitation sub-committees in the BMUs to enhance waste management along the beaches;
- c) Multi-stakeholder capacity building and awareness creation must be undertaken to reduce the non-point source pollution;
- d) Technologies on reducing, re-using and recycling (3Rs) solid waste should be enhanced to lower the waste getting into Lake Victoria;
- e) Integrated land management in Lake Victoria catchment should be adopted to enhance good agricultural practices, encourage afforestation;
- f) Rehabilitation and restoration of wetlands should be encouraged to reduce nutrient loads into the lake hence reduce eutrophication;
- g) Proper assessment of the capacity of the lake in regard to siting (location) of cage installation and compliance with set guidelines on proper siting of cages;
- h) Consider restocking the lake with indigenous species through a targeted breeding programme.

Madam Speaker, those are the findings obtained from the Departments of Water, Environment and Natural and that of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. We combined them to form the response to the Statement on the Floor of the House by Hon Oiko Pete. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Thank you Honourable Members, this is a Statement was sought by Hon Oiko. I want to believe that this was in the best interest of the House and the entire County. I want to give Members an opportunity to give their views on the response. However, I would wish to give Hon Oiko first priority who is the author of the Statement, to tell us if he is satisfied with the response before any member can contribute. Thank you.

Hon Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, I don’t believe that this is the right direction to go. This is now a Statement of the House, a response has been brought by the Chairperson of the Water Committee, let the Members react. I will also react if I feel I should react. I do not believe that it should be that Oiko Pete must talk first, I do not know what that direction is, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Honourable Oiko Pete, you sought the Statement and you have to tell us whether you are comfortable or adequately responded to by the Committee or whether the response satisfies your Statement?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Honourable Members, it was a priority for the author of the Statement to give his view on the response. I want to give any Member who may have anything to say on the response.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Yes Hon Nyaoke?

Hon Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for giving me an opportunity to react on this very important matter which was raised by Hon Oiko. We have also keenly listened to the submissions by the Chair. The response that has been given is almost acceptable across all organizations that were doing investigations at the same time.

Madam Speaker, I took very special interest to go on my way to inquire from other experts and I believe that Hon Ochele can bear me witness. We had an interesting discussion with one of the experts who did confirm exactly the information that has been given forth by the Chairperson in response to this issue.

Madam Speaker, indeed, this this has been a problem, particularly to those bordering Lake Victoria and just as it has been indicated, it is a phenomenon, you know some things can happen that cannot be stopped from happening. I am however grateful that at least we are now well informed on what happened. To those of us who did some little bit of science, we do understand that the report that has been given here satisfactorily explains the basis at which those issues happened.

Madam Speaker, I want to sincerely thank the Chairperson for the good response brought before the House and I wish to encourage other Chairpersons to emulate same; you will notice that we also appreciated the Chair Health on what they did yesterday. It seems things are going on well and I thank you Madam Speaker for your direction. Thank you

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Yes Hon Ngeta.

Hon Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Looking at the response before us, I wish to say that the response is not pleasing at all. We need a comprehensive report. The issue of Lake Victoria is touching the lives of many people especially the people of Western region. You cannot just do a half-baked report and present it before the House. We are past that. Let the Chair go and do a thorough investigation and come up with a comprehensive report to present before this House. We are not giving our people the good service expect from us. Let us have a comprehensive report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Yes Hon Ochele. Whom do you want to inform?

Hon Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Madam Speaker, I would like to inform Hon Ngeta.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Hon Ngeta, would you like to be informed?

Hon Ngeta (Awasi Onjiko): Madam Speaker, I do not want to be informed because I know what I am talking about and you can see from the faces of Members that we are not happy with the response. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “A” Ward): Yes Hon. Were.

Hon Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B” Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would also want to register my opinion concerning the report. Madam Speaker, I can say for sure that I want to congratulate the Committee Chair for the responses because considering the time allocated and the much load that the committee was having, this is a good report.

However, having gotten the response concerning what is happening in our lake, Madam Speaker, a serious intervention needs to be taken and put in place. Since the government has known what is happening in our lake and that also making fishes to die, serious action needs to be taken. I being one of the leaders whose areas are affected, I do not want to see my residents who are fishermen suffer. That is because whenever the lake water is polluted, it is not only about fishes but also human beings depending on that water for consumption. I want to urge this Standing Committees to put the Executive on a serious check in ensuring that all the mitigation they have put in place are seriously adhered to so that we are able to prevent pollution in our lake and consequently preventing more loss of lives, thank you Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda “A” Ward): Thank you so much Madam Speaker, I want to add my voice on what Hon. Members have just said. The report may or may not be comprehensive but, that is not the concern I want to put across.

Madam Speaker, looking at the proposed mitigation measures that they say they have put in place to curb the menace. I am underlining a word in that sentence. They are saying; Proposed Mitigation. Already the lives of our people are in danger. What I believe could have come out clearly are the mitigation processes that are already put in place and are being effected to stop this menace. To me, that is what I could term as comprehensive response or statement to the Statement. Otherwise, these reports will be kept on the shelves and our people will still continue to suffer.

Madam Speaker, I want to task the Chairperson of these respective House Committees to immediately put to task the Executive to inform us exactly what they are doing at the moment to control the menace. Madam Speaker, if this is what is going to be done in the near future on the matters pertaining to health of our people, I believe we will be heading towards the right direction. Otherwise, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Reuben Rakwach

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Chairperson Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for the timely response to the Statement that was sought two weeks ago about the pollution of our lake. In the report, we have been told the reasons as to why the Lake Victoria is polluted, consequently the reasons why the fishes are dying. At the same time, we also have the proposed mitigation measures that if put in place and implemented, then, we may see improvement on the condition of our lake. Mine is just to request that we put pressure on our authorities by putting the concerned department on toes so that these proposed mitigation measures are implemented.

Madam Speaker, at the same time, I wish to give my observation on the Honourable Member who has said that this is a half-baked report. Madam Speaker, this is a member of this Committee who was among the people who were supposed to give a response to this Honourable House. These are the supposed members who miss committee meetings. I believe that it is in a bad taste for you to sit on a committee do a report together and when it reaches the floor of the House, you deny it saying it is half baked. Meanwhile you had the time in the committee...

(Hon. Ngeta rises on his feet)

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Madam Speaker, I have been mentioned.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): To sit there and do an improvement on that report Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Ngeta, what is it?

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): The Member on the floor...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Why are you standing?

(Hon. Members consulting loudly.)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Ngeta, please resume your seat.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Honourable Member, you will not be protected.

(Laughter)

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): I could have given you...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Ngeta, please resume your seat.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Madam Speaker, we need to be serious in this House. We were elected to represent our people. This lake is really feeding so many of our electorates. A

member should not be in a committee, sits there and he was even present when we were deliberating about this Statement. Now, when the report reaches here, he is denying saying that the response presented is half-baked, it is not comprehensive and the chairperson should redo the work; with who? Is he not part and parcel of that House Committee? We need serious Honourable Members, thank you.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Madam Speaker, I was not part of the final report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Ngeta, please resume your seat.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Madam Speaker, I was in a meeting. We agreed with the Committee members. Madam Speaker it was even minuted.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Ngeta, please resume your seat!!

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): That we must know the course so that we have a lasting cure Madam Speaker...

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Honourable Members, it is out of order for member of a committee to come to the floor of the House and oppose a report of which he is part of. So to Hon. Ngeta, you are completely out of order.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Yes Hon. Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you so much Madam Speaker for giving me this time to support the report presented by the Joint Committee of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries and Water, Environment and Natural Resources. Some of us are mistaking a report on a Statement and a report on a Committee Finding. Madam Speaker, what the chairperson was presenting today is just a Statement. And from a Statement, any Member can pick it and develop it into a motion which can make us form certain opinions. If you do not understand these bottom lines, we can be here shouting to the top of our voices but there will be no solutions.

Secondly, if such a Statement has been brought on the floor of the House and you feel it lacks beef and you are a legislature. You are not supposed to demean the Chairmanship or the Membership of that particular Committee. If you have any idea Madam Speaker, this is why we are called legislatures. You add what you have to what has been given on the floor. We are not here on a wrestling match where who has got the heaviest muscles and who has less heavy muscles. We are here to find a solution on why the ecosystem in Lake Victoria is becoming dangerous Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, the third point which I want to highlight is that it is very embarrassing for me as a person, a member of a House Committee who purports to be attending all committee sittings, approves a Statement and then when it comes to the floor of the House, you shout the loudest about that House Committee. I believe that is wrong. We will have to take our role and accept- if the committee collapses, it does with all the membership including those who are saying that the report is fault.

Madam Speaker, I now want to contribute on the Statement. The Lake Victoria phenomenon is not just a mere fact that we can laugh about or bring competition into. Madam Speaker it is about life. Apart from being life of fish in the lake, it is life about us because the lake is our livelihood. Madam Speaker, if any of us attended a geography class, you will understand what the chair has read. I have been reading the researches done by our scholars, then you can agree by the chair that there is no better answer than the answer given by the Chairperson of Water, Environment and Natural Resources Committee today.

Madam Speaker, there is what is called seismic pressure, when you dig a borehole whether you come from Nyakach or the low lands of East Kano Wawidhi, if you want to sink a borehole, the first thing that must be tested is the seismic pressure around there to determine if the project is really viable. If you can check the seismic pressure at the mountain then the seismic pressure is even higher at the bottom of the lake that is why you find places like Nyamrundu being flooded even during the drought seasons because the seismic pressure of the lake bottom has gone up causing water up thrust and threaten the lives of the algae within the lake are threatened and surged all over sudden within the lake and they die. When they die Madam Speaker, they convert into carbon which is a component that consume oxygen, the dissolved oxygen that the chair called 'Carbon monoxide (CO). Madam Speaker, the dissolved oxygen, the moment we remit excess carbon in the lake, it will combine to form Carbon-dioxide which is not consumed by animals, they consume oxygen. If all the dissolved oxygen in the lake have been consumed by the carbon then what else do you expect the fish, they will die. In the report the Chair has mentioned the dissolved oxygen and he has even mentioned the source, so what causes the death of the algae? That is what the chair has read Madam Speaker. We can now talk of what I talked of seismic pressure, these are affluent from our factories, motor vehicle that are washed within the lake and any other environmental friendly mechanisms Madam Speaker.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, here we are not experts of environment, we are not experts of geography but we rely on researchers and any report given by researchers is what we take to be what it should be. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I find no fault today when the Joint Committees have presented their findings based on that. If there are any other gap, then this is the House, from the statement we can come up with a motion, then we develop a motion to touch on all areas we want to develop on the this County will move forward.

Madam Speaker. I stand to support and any Member who say that the report is faulty should highlight which part is faulty. You cannot stand here and say it is faulty or farfetched and you cannot say which part is wrong or highlight a statement which is misplaced, that is wrong and we cannot cheat the House Madam speaker, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Ochele.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Nyaoke you had spoken to this response.

Hon. Nyaoke, MCA, North Nyakach: Madam Speaker, I believe that...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Nyaoke you are out of order!

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you, Madam Speaker a statement was raised and a response has been brought. Madam Speaker, the statement was raised and committed to two House Committees. The report today has no evidence that the two committees sat and deliberated on this report if this is what is presented. I have looked at it the names of the Members who attended the meeting, the signatures as the habit of the House is not there but all the same the chair has allowed the report to be discussed. Madam Speaker, in a committee situation a matter can arise like this one....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Ochele!!

Hon. Ochele (MCA, and East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I said that this is not a report, it is a statement and I don’t know when statements are signed by Members, I have never seen.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Members I want to concur with Hon. Ochele that this is a response to a statement and not a report. Honourable Members, we all know that even in the floor of the House a statement can be sought and a response can be given immediately by the chair in the House if the Chair has the answer. So I believe that what was presented by the Chair for water is in order, continue Hon. Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I have been in this House, statements have been raised and response to statements have been brought to this House in the form of report and this is not the first time I am raising that Madam Speaker. In the form of a report showing that the Members deliberated on it and this is the report they have brought to the

plenary that is the tradition Madam speaker. So the evidence that was discussed by the Members should be tabled in this House. It was not wrong but in order for them to get the answers from the two department but how to handle it when they are presenting the report is what now we are raising.

Madam Speaker, it is not wrong for Member to give a divergent view, we can be in the committee meeting, Members of the committee can take its direction but when a Member feel he is not satisfied with the answer given, like the answer given here, when I give my divergent view there is nothing wrong with that and that is the practice in parliamentary discussion. So we are still learning and when you stand to attack a Member seriously on that, well we are still learning but know that one can give his divergent view and it is upon the House to scrutinize what that view is. If it is in order okay but if it is irrelevant we take it that way.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Hon. Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, I am still going on with my contributions, I am not finished, I have not even touched the report.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Oiko, this is a response to a statement and not a report. Thank you.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): So I don’t talk?

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Oiko, you have been informed by several Members that this is not a report of the committee, it is a response to a statement by the chair water. Kindly be informed.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, what do you define a response to be in a House? Can you define what a response to a statement is in the House?

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Hon. Ochele, kindly re-inform the Honourable Member.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, reading from the wording of Hon. Oiko, he is disappointed that the committee did their best and he has nothing negative to say about the report so he is beating around the bush to buy time and to be heard that he is contributing towards the report because he has spent about five minutes and has not touched about the statement.

Madam Speaker, you gave him chance in the first instance and he had nothing to say about it so the only thing the Hon. Member has is to defend other Members who are against the report.

Madam Speaker, when I raise a statement at statement time, what I expect from the chair of that particular committee is to give me a response instantly and that is why Madam Speaker if the answer is not there it is when the chair request the Speaker to give him/her more time to do research on that. So, you don't expect a research on a statement to be signed by Members because he is just seeking more time to do more research. Otherwise, if he has answers at that moment he would have given and I don't expect Hon. Oiko, a senior Member of this House to be adamant and insist that Members of that particular committee must have signed. Madam Speaker, I wonder if there is anywhere in the Standing Order that can defend him on that because if he has Madam Speaker, may he sight and he doesn't have, just allow him to contribute on the report and not insisting on what is not practicable. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Thank you Hon. Ochele.

Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Hon. Oiko, please continue.

Hon. Oiko, (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker, a dangerous trend is being created. Hon. Ochele, you may seem to be a good foot soldier. This is a comment made by Hon. Aden Duale when he was the Leader of Majority; he could skip any Government business in the House and when he was thrown out of that office and he started reflecting back, he was sorry to the people of Kenya and that is where you will be.

Madam Speaker this is a report signed by the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture. The Department of Water has not shown any indication that their input is here. It is the Department of Agriculture that has signed this report and that is what is in this House. When you look at the mitigation measures they are giving, they are telling us of the Water Hyacinth that has come to the bottom of the lake, got rotten and has caused the problem in the Lake. Madam Speaker, people who have lived along the lake become perplexed when they hear this because they have been used to how the lake is and the current state of the lake is a big surprise to them. Human being and animals cannot drink the water and when the scientific theory is being given to them, members of the public don't get satisfied but because we are being told that the scientists have concluded so, they are looking at that.

Madam Speaker, there is an area here that has been treated casually that is the pollution to Lake Victoria from the industries on page 2 number 2. The coverage on industrial effluent that has been given here is very casual. The Members of the public are waiting to see in the long run what the outcome of the problem of the lake will end. But since we are being told that the scientists have said this, then, we should not challenge but give it a nod that we are satisfied. Are these the mitigation measure that we are seeing right now? Or are they the measures that have been there all

along? That is also one key issue. Like when we are told integrated land management in Lake Victoria catchment area should be adopted to enhance good Agricultural practices to encourage afforestation. When you look long the Lake, are there no trees? And if the trees are planted, what will that add to make Lake Victoria waters to be good. These are the issues that the Members of the public are asking about. Multi stakeholder capacity building and awareness creation must be undertaken to reduce the none- point source pollution. Where does this pollution come from? The committee has presented the report raw as it was presented to them. They have not given their views on what was presented to them the way they look at it and so it is upon the House to make its decision. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Members, statement hour is almost up.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority is on his feet.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to add my voice and when I look at the statement that was raised by Hon. Pete basically it is talking about two issues; death of fish and the smell. I believe that this was explained very well by my colleague, Hon. Ochele but I want to say that the problem that we are having is not about Lake Victoria alone, but it is about global warming. I don't want to give it the scientific view but under normal circumstances, when there is high temperature, we have water hyacinths and reeds that when they dry up they sink into the Lake. When they sink, they decompose and we are at the shallow end of the lake. Just like my colleague has said that, when they decompose, there is a lot of emission of Carbon Dioxide and that leads to the depletion of oxygen in the water that will make the fish to die. At the same time as a result of the decomposition then the smell comes out. I want to say that this is not the first time that we are experiencing the smell of the Lake, it has been seasonal. I want to say that this is a global problem and it is not Kisumu County problem alone and if you have been keen, the whole world is now assembled at Egypt to address the issue of climate change. We hope that after the summit they will be able to address the issue global warming. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Yes Hon. K'omudho.

Hon. K'omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to contribute to this response on the statement that was brought to this House. As a collective responsibility bestowed to the Members of this House, I do expect that at times we could borrow the knowledge. My colleague Hon. Oiko together with my fellow member who has just walked out.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Point of order Madam Speaker. When someone wants to contribute, he/she should stick to contributing and not mentioning other members' name.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Oiko, please resume your seat. Hon. Members this is a House of order and when you are standing on a point of order, you should mention the Standing Orders that you are rising on. Proceed Hon. K’omudho.

Hon. K’omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would wish to remind some of our colleagues here that you may think that some of us are juniors in this House but we are very senior outside here. We should treat each other with respect and let us have some decorum, let us address ourselves and have it in mind that the world does not end here. You don’t have to come to the House late and start lamenting on how shoddy the report has been tackled then you walk away leaving other members to argue about it. We are in these House Committees for the betterment of this House. This is a collective responsibility of this House. A lot of science and English will not help us. Unless we own the problem, go back to our people and tell them exactly what is happening. The Leader of Majority has just said that this is not only a problem of Kisumu County but a problem affecting the globe. We should own the process instead of telling us how smart you are. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Thank you. Hon. Rakwach who do you want to inform?

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to inform the House that even the decomposition that has been talked about on this statement...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Hon. Rakwach, you are out of order!!

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Madam Speaker, I am informing the House that the decomposition also utilizes oxygen. That is the information that I wanted to put across.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Next Order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta B Ward): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Tuesday, 15th November 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 3.29 p.m.)

Addendum

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