

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

#### **THE HANSARD**

*Official Report*

#### **THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

**House met in the Main Chamber at 9:00 a.m.**

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

#### **PRAYER**

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

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

#### **STATEMENTS**

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Zack Okoyo, MCA Central Kisumu Ward.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order 41 ( 2( a) (b) , I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Water , Environment and Natural Resources on the status of implementation of NEMA policy regulations and the previous resolutions of this House on treatment of and discharge of effluents into lake Victoria , its tributaries and the neighboring community .

Concerns have been raised about the activities of the following industrial plants and institutions that have allegedly continued to discharge untreated toxic effluents into the lake , its tributaries and the neighboring community Kisumu Water & Sewerage Company Limited ( KIWASCO ) ( mentioned by the Nation Media Group on 18th February 2020 ) , Coca Cola Company ( mentioned by Kenya News Agency , 28th Nov. 2019 ) , Kodiaga Prison ( mentioned by the Nation Media Group 17th Feb 2020 & Standard Media 1 March 2019 ) .

Hon . Speaker, I am also aware, of my own knowledge and that of the residents of Central Kisumu Ward, that the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) off Kisumu - Kisian road also discharges unpleasant untreated effluents into the surrounding community leaving behind foul smell and unprecedented air and environmental pollution with high health related risks.

Further, the Kenya Pipeline Company in Central Kisumu Ward has also witnessed several major pipe bursts openly spilling untreated oil related products into the communities and the lake thus causing devastating environmental effects with the latest being witnessed on 11th August 2018 and 4th March 2022 at Kanyamedha Estate in Central Kisumu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, this House , during the 2nd Assembly , laboriously debated and made concrete resolutions on the matter of continuous pollution of the lake and environmental effects on the community & aquatic life caused by the untreated effluent wastes discharged by the firms and institutions mentioned herein with little or no action from the County Government and the firms concerned judging from the continuity of the occurrences ( copy of the report available in Assembly library for reference ) .

In this statement request, the Committee Chairperson should:

1. Provide a comprehensive report by the County Department of Water. Environment and Natural Resources on assessment of the Status of implementation of NEMA policy regulations and the previous resolutions of this House on treatment of and discharge of effluents into Lake Victoria, its tributaries and the neighboring community pursuant to the report of this House dated August 2020 and in line with paragraph 10 of the 4th Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010. Thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Members, I would direct that this concern be referred to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and a report be given to the House within seven days.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Nyaoke, MCA, North Nyakach Ward.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker....

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Order!! Hon. Nyaoke, just a minute. Hon. Members, we are directing these Statements to the County Executive Committee Member in charge of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and we also want to commit it to the Standing Committee of Water, Environment and Natural Resources and a report should be brought back within seven days.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Nyaoke, MCA, North Nyakach Ward.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2), (a) and (b), I rise to seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation on the hospitalized victims of the unfortunate fire incident that razed down the Adu-Blossom Primary School in Katito, North Nyakach Ward.

As rightly observed by the Governor H.E the Governor Prof. Peter Anyang’ Nyong’o, in his message of good will and condolences, the unfortunate fire incident instantly claimed the life of one pupil while four others (one teacher and three pupils) were hospitalized at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital in critical conditions.

Despite the ongoing investigations by the relevant authorities and the National Education Department in line with the provisions of the 4<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution, the victims are still residents of our County and are hospitalized in our County Health facilities.

In the statement, the CECM should;

1. Give details of any considerations by the County Health Department to help the situation by waiving or offsetting the hospital and morgue expenses arising from the fire incident at Adu-Blossom Academy at Katito in North Nyakach Ward in order to cushion the victims and their families from the agonizing experience.
2. Explain the preventive and precautionary measures that the County Health Department has put in place to ensure Public Health Safety in County Education and Vocational Training Centers.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Hon. Members, looking at this Statement I can see a need of an emergency. I want to direct that the County Executive Committee Member for Health and Sanitation should furnish the House with clear evidence of the intervention they have put in place to help and alleviate the concerns of the family members and the school institution concern.

Honourable Members, this looks like an emergency given the fact that one pupil lost his life and some members are still in the hospital. It is in order that the ministry concern should do a report very soon and report back within fourteen days. I also want to commit this to the Standing Committee of Health to also conduct their due diligence and give a report withing the same period. Yes Hon. Pete.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Madam Speaker there is a statement that you have made a ruling on that has been committed to the committee on Water, Environment and Natural resources; I appreciate the effort made by my colleague Hon. Okoyo. I had also done the same statement and when I took it for approval I was told to come and add my voice on the floor of the House thereby making it not to be approved.

Madam Speaker, I am not condemning but I only wanted to raise this issue; the issue of water in Lake Victoria is an issue affecting so many wards in Kisumu County. Hon. Okoyo has talked about the water and the effect on environment in his ward but there is one aspect that we cannot ignore on this matter that Tilapia the common staple fish for *Luos* is dying in mass in Lake Victoria. When the statement is made, we need to involve the department of Agriculture and Fisheries so that they also open up and tell us why the fish is dying in Lake Victoria because the fishermen are seriously affected by this. Madam Speaker I had raised this so that mine was to capture the department of water and Environment and the department of Agriculture and Fisheries. I was told that there were two Hon. Members who raised this issue but, on my arrival, I have realized that Hon. Okoyo had also had raised it but I feel that if we commit the element of fishing, we shall have missed a very important component of this issue thank you.

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): Thank you Hon. Oiko Pete. Your concern is noted but we had already committed and I want to ask the office of the Clerk to consider your statement for another sitting so that those issues are raised and dealt with appropriately in the relevant department. Thank you.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Deputy Speaker** (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B” Ward): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 09.49 a.m.)*

*Addendum*

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