

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

#### **THE HANSARD**

##### *Official Report*

#### THIRD ASSEMBLY – FIRST SESSION

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Seth Okumu) in the Chair)

#### PRAYER

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Madam Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Next order!!

#### STATEMENTS

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Yes, Hon. Joachim Oketch Omieno.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders No. 41 (2) (b), I wish to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee. Aware that a lot of demolitions and shutdowns of businesses are being carried out within the city by the City Manager latest being shutdown of bars and carwashes in town. It was so sad state of affairs that even those who are roasting corn by the roadside were not spared.

Deeply concerned that; this closure also involved confiscation of merchandises in the process when these businesses act as mainstay of livelihoods for the residents, a large number being our mothers and youths.

Mr. Speaker, it is in this regard and pursuant to the provisions of the aforementioned Standing Orders that I seek a statement from the Chairperson Planning, Industrialization and ICT Committee to investigate and report into the following concerns;

1. Was there a notice issued in good time for the affected businesses/premises?
2. Why is the City Manager carrying out these demolitions on a weekend and in the night?
3. Why were bars shutdown selectively?
4. Why were merchandise confiscated and how will the owners of the confiscated goods get them back?

Mr. Speaker, we do understand that there was a lot of reorganization in town during the first term of the Governor. We cannot do the same thing and expect a different result. These are human being and we demand that if there is going to be any interference then they must be given notice. It is the prerogative of this government to ensure that those who are being displaced are given alternative places for doing business. I also urge this House to join me in this course so that as we reorganize this town, we do not lose our souls and humanity. If we cannot control the City Manager then he will go rogue and become law to himself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Thank you Hon. Omieno. I want to give an opportunity to the Chairperson for the Planning Committee to say something.

**Hon. Boitone** (MCA, Nyalenda “A” Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. We understand the challenges faced by our businessmen in this town. I had a taste of what is happening when I walked in town yesterday. I therefore request that you give us enough time to do a thorough investigation on the same. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Thank you Honourable Member. I want you to report back on the same on Thursday next week.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Next order!

## MOTION

FIRST READING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2022

BY

HON. JOACHIM OKETCH OMIENO, MCA, KONDELE WARD.

(CHAIRPERSON, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE)

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Hon. Joachim Oketch Omieno.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I request the Clerk to read the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022 for the first time.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Proceed Madam Clerk.

*(First Reading of the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022 by the Clerk)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Thank you Honourable Members, the Kisumu County Finance Bill, 2022 has been read by the Clerk and I want to commit it to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and you report back on the same after Twenty-One days.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Next order!

## MOTION

CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNTY ASSEMBLY

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Thank you Honourable Members. We are continuing with the debate on the Governor's Address to the Assembly. I am giving priority to the Members who had not contributed.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Yes Hon. Okoyo.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give my contributions on the Governor's Address and more so on the formal settlement project and the women and youth empowerment. I would like to inform this House that the KISIP project is going to put Kisumu County at high level. I want to appreciate the Governor for finding it wise to give this project to the informal settlement.

Mr. Speaker, the empowerment of our women and youths is also going to address the lack of employment of our people. As the Chair of the Labour Committee, I wish the Governor would have addressed the shortage of the staff in the Health Sector. We know how health is important to our people and if we don't address the issues bedeviling this sector then we are bound to fail.

Mr. Speaker, I can't forget to talk about the wages of the Casual Labourers. The payments to this group of people normally takes too long. I wished the Governor would also address this issue. I also want appeal to our County Government to remit the NSSF of the staff promptly and in good time. Another area that he should look into is the issue of redundancy. I know there is high wage bill but when this matter is looked into then, it will create more space for our people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Hon. Reuben Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, East Kolwa Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to comment on the Governor's Address to the Assembly. He indicated that he has initiated women, youth and PWDs Fund with the first beneficiaries getting over Kshs. 24 million. At the same time, he has employed seven Sign Language Interpreters to the JOOTRH and Kisumu County Hospital to assist....

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): What is it Hon. Kennedy Ouko?

**Hon. Ouko** (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member on the Floor had debated on this motion. Kindly, give an opportunity to other Members who had not debated on the motion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA East Seme Ward): Order!! Order!! Hon. Ouko. From the records I have, Hon. Rakwach has not debated on the Governor's Address. Please proceed Hon. Rakwach.

**Hon. Rakwach** (MCA, East Kolwa Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for your protection. I want to urge the Honourable Member to be reporting to the House whenever there is a sitting so that he knows whatever is taking place. Secondly, by establishing five VCTs this will help our children who may have not had the opportunity to proceed with their university education so that they can also acquire technical training that can improve their lives.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in the same address, the Governor indicated that the allocation for Scholarships and Bursaries has doubled to Kshs. 205 million per financial year. This is a good gesture as it is going to help our children who are less fortunate to go to school, Mr. Speaker, as you may be aware, education is the key to life.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Governor for employing other technologies in the road construction. I want to thank him for appreciating that Claycrete Technology and Bitumen. If optimally employed as technologies this will lead to roads whose design life will prolong as opposed to graveling, which is common in most roads. As you know, especially Kano area which is always affected by floods.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is your point of information?

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): On a point of information. I want to inform Hon Rakwach.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon Rakwach, do you want to be informed?

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Mr. Speaker, I do not want to be informed. I believe that I am talking about road construction, a subject in which I have authority over.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Hon Olima. The Honourable Member you wanted to inform does not want to be informed.

**Hon Rakwach** (Kolwa East): Mr. Speaker, please allow me to conclude.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Let me rule on this matter. Just resume your seat Hon Olima. Please resume your seat Hon Olima. I will request that you allow Hon Rakwach finish his presentation because we are limited in time and we are contributing on Governor's speech. You will inform the House later. Thank you

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am giving my comments on the Governor's speech. In his speech, the Governor indicated that his officers are under instructions to work very closely with the Assembly and provide Honourable Members with relevant information they need for our oversight role. I believe that this came after a realization that some of his officers when summoned to this House either come late or fail to honour Committee invitations. If well followed, this instruction will enhance our operations.

Mr. Speaker, at the same time, he said that commitment and loyalty to the party should not be taken for granted, when breached, the consequences are very clear in the party's constitution. I believe that we all signed the party's Code of Conduct of which consequences we know. I wish to urge Members that we stick to party rules so that we are not found culpable for any offence. In addition, I want to urge the Governor, in his address there was no elaborate plan for flood mitigation, as you may be aware that in Kano, we always lose our roads so fast because the gravel get washed away. I urge the Governor to do something elaborate on flood control. Otherwise, thank you for protecting me.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon Olima, can you now inform the House.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. If you allow me, I will inform the House and contribute on the Governor's speech

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Please proceed.

**Hon Olima** (South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to inform this House that you need to guide this House well and ensure that Honourable Members do not read speeches in this House. This is a House of debates where they should contribute and not read speeches. Any written speech should not be read in this House unless a brief perusal. However, the Hon. Rakwach was literally reading a speech written outside this House. Someone may have written it for him. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon Olima, yes, Members are not allowed to read speeches but if the Speaker allows, the Member can be permitted to read and that is why we read reports and we read Statements in this House. It is not illegal. I also want to inform you that the Honourable Member was referring to his speech but not reading it. I want to allow you to continue with your contribution on the Governor's speech.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is your point of order Hon Rakwach?

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Being that Honourable member who has just spoken has referred to me that I was reading a speech, in want to inform him that I had made notes and pointers and I can pass this to him to confirm. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Hon Rakwach.

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): We all have brains and that is why we were elected to represent our people. I am representing the great people of Kolwa East.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! I believe that I had guided the Honourable member. I saw you were referring to your notes and not reading.

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you. We should not be guided all the time. I suppose he is a second time legislator.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Resume your seat and allow Hon Olima to contribute.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for guiding the House. I know the Member is now informed that he should not read a speech in this House unless it is a report. On the Governor's speech, I want to say that I am disappointed. Two weeks ago, about 18 people in the County were called to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to elaborate on issues to do with corruption. Not even a single sentence in the Governor's speech addressed the matter of corruption. I want to urge this House that we should take our work seriously and ensure that county resources are well utilized and nobody, I repeat nobody is allowed to use county property for personal gain.

In the Governor's speech, he failed to mention corruption which is affecting this county. We are aware the Governor has been summoned to the Senate to answer corruption-related questions. The DCI has written letters that have touched on Village, Ward and Subcounty Administrators and the Governor's Personal Secretary to go and answer to issues of corruption.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is your point of order Hon Rakwach?

**Hon Rakwach** (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I believe that the chance that was given is that we react to the Governor's speech. I do not believe on what the Honourable member is saying is a reaction to the Governor's address. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Honourable Member. I get your concern. I want to guide you that you do not mention members who are not in this House.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to say that the Governor's speech mostly dwelt on history than what we intend to do in the future. Mr. Speaker, this is a new Assembly of the Third County Government. If the Governor could allude that he is going to bring before this House a Supplementary Budget to pay Pending Bills, I wonder what the new MCAs will do to their electorates. Pending bills in this county amount to about Kshs. 2.5 billion. Even if we were to appropriate it, it would take us three years to clear. If this House accepts the Governor's speech as it was written...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is it Hon Oraro?

**Hon Oraro** (Kolwa Central): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to convey information

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, whom do you want to inform?

**Hon Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Mr. Speaker, the House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Then allow the Hon Olima to finish then you inform the House

**Hon Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Mr. Speaker, it so very urgent and could inform the contribution of the member on the Floor.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, if you wanted to inform Hon Olima, then I would agree but if you want to inform the House then you can wait.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Honourable Member.

**Hon Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Please allow me to inform Hon Olima.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu): Hon Olima, would you wish to be informed?

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Yes!

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Please proceed.

**Hon Oraro** (MCA, Kolwa Central Ward): Mr. Speaker, inasmuch I like the way Hon Olima is presenting his points, the issue of pending bills is weighty one and we would wish we move forward. Therefore, in him finding a fault in the Governor, I want to encourage him that the intention is to solve the problem so that we do not have similar occurrences in future. I want to advise him that yes, we have sacrificed as MCAs to solve the problem of pending bills, it is in good faith.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you. Hon Olima, you stand informed.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I stand informed and thank you Hon Oraro. Mr. Speaker, what the Hon Oraro does not know is that this county has a Kshs. 3 billion development vote each year. If you were to pay the pending bills then obviously you would not be left with anything substantive for development. We agree and it is a national government directive that we pay the pending bills. However, I want to urge the Governor that as he does that and pays the pending bills, let all funds allocated to the Wards be developed equally. We should get equal allocation for the 35 wards in Kisumu. If we were to be allocated Kshs. 30 million each, that would be Kshs. 1 billion of the development vote. If you take 1 billion for development and 2 billion used for pending bills, then we can go very far. Within two years, we shall have cleared the pending bills. However, subjecting, more so the newly elected Members, to pay pending bills of 2013 and 2017 at the expense of developing their ward would be very unfair.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is it Hon Lumumba?

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker..

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Hon. Owade. When you raise your point of order then you allow the Speaker to give you an opportunity to talk. On that note, please proceed with your point of order.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I do not believe that the Honourable Member is in order to insinuate that the new members are here to clap.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Under which Standing Order is he not in order?

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, you are being too unfair to me. Members have been rising on points of order without citing specific Standing Orders. Why me now?

*(Laughter)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Let me guide you. If you say that a Member is not in order, then it means he or she is out of the provisions of the Standing Orders. Proceed Honourable Member

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I find it ridiculous for an Honourable Member to insinuate that new members are sitting and watching as money is used to pay pending bills. What about him? Does it mean that his money is not diverted to pay pending bills? That is not in order. Apologize and withdraw.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Hon. Owade. I want to guide Hon. Olima that this is the Third Assembly. There is no new member neither is there an old member. If we fail, we do so as Members of the Third Assembly. Do not proceed with the sub division that you insinuate in your speeches. Thank you.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am guided by my junior Hon. Owade, the Deputy leader of Majority.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is it Hon Lumumba?

*(Laughter)*

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, this is the second time the Honourable Member is referring to me as his junior. I do not know how junior I am to him. Maybe it is because it is my first time in the House, if that so, then it is not only me that everyone else is his junior. However, I want to remind him that he is ten times junior than me when it comes to politics. By the time I joined politics and we were trying to make reforms that you are now enjoying, you were still in Standard One. That makes me more senior than you. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon Olima, by virtue of age and politics, the Hon Lumumba is requesting that you accord him respect. He is also senior when it comes to the leadership of the House. About the number of times a member has been in this House, then you are senior to him. Both of you are seniors in one way or the other.

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I respect my neighbor and father. It is only that when he was struggling in 1982, he struggled with my grandfather.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, could you please restrict yourself to the Governor's speech?

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I was finalizing. I wanted to tell members that some of us made a road map, not that we are more senior. Like my junior Hon Owade.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is too much...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Order!! Hon Olima. Could you please restrict yourself to the contributions?

**Hon Olima** (MCA, South West Nyakach Ward): Thank you. I want to refer to Hon. Lumumba Owade as my neighbour. I was saying that in the second county government, we made a decision as the two Wards of Upper Nyakach; that is South East Nyakach and South West Nyakach that we are going to do a Dairy Farm for the two Wards. We also had a plan to do a Cooling Plant at Nyamaroka which fall in Hon. Lumumba's Ward. Today, Mr. Speaker, we are sitting here and in a whole financial year, we are not going to get even a single Dairy Cow. The mission and vision is dying. I do not want a Member sitting here, killing a vision that was birthed by the people.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge Members that whatever you do, however much you pay the pending bills, it will not count on your development in your Ward. What will count is the roads you do, the markets you build, the dairy cows you give to your people, and the level of improvement of lives of the people you are representing. Therefore, if the Governor decided to give priority to pending bill that is not our problem because we know very well how the pending bills of Kisumu County came. This is the same government that said it will collect Kshs 1.5 billion in local source revenue, and only collects a paltry Kshs 400 million. Is that the Assembly's problem? It is certainly the Executive's problem, and therefore we should not be here to approve a pending bill, which will be paid to somebody who slept on his job.

Mr. Speaker, I want to urge these Members, that if you are here, it is for five years to develop the wards you came from but if you are here to pay pending bills of those who have gone then I pity you. I want to tell you that it is not easy out here; people are suffering, there are no good roads, there are no medicine in our hospitals, people do not even have market shades but some Members here are sitting pretty, clapping to go and pay pending bills to the Governor, who was there when he was making those pending bills. It is not our problem so, let him look for money but the ultimate thing is that any elected Member in this House, make sure you develop your ward and move with your manifesto. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, before the Leader of Majority speaks, I just want to guide this House. We are just 21 people who have

already contributed in regard to the Governor's Speech, which means we have 26 more Members to do so, and we only have one more sitting to finish the contributions. So, I want to restrict the time for contribution, therefore, Hon. Member be sensitive of others who also need to contribute by summarizing your contributions.. On that note I want to give Hon. Gard Olima one minute to conclude.

*(Hon. Omieno rises on a Point of Order)*

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): A Point of information Mr. Speaker. It is a matter of fact because of what the Hon. Member has mentioned, and as the Chair of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, I believe that I need to give the right information.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Honourable Chair of Budget Committee, just allow him to finish then I will give you a chance to give the information.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): It is very important because I want to allow him to speak but with the correct information Mr. Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Please make it brief and to the point.

**Hon. Omieno** (MCA, Kondele Ward): Mr. Speaker, Hon. Olima mentioned that the County collected a paltry Kshs. 400 million, which is incorrect because we just tabled a CBROP report that was read on this floor of this House and the County actually collected over Kshs. 1.3 billion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Gard Olima I know you were not in the Assembly. The County is collecting over Kshs. 1.3 billion, so, could you please withdraw on the Kshs 400 million revenue. Before we proceed with the Hon. Leader of Majority, I will request you to withdraw.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is it Hon. Leader of Majority?

**The Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House that what Hon. Gard Olima is saying is incorrect. Hon. Olima was a Member of this Assembly and he is aware that the Governor was to bring the pending bills. The Budget Estimates are brought to this House, and it is the work of the Members to appropriate, and I believe that Hon. Olima was part of the team that were present and approved the budget. So, for him to come and mislead the Members is quite incorrect.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, I believe that you stand guided and direct that you withdraw your statement on revenue collection.

**Hon. Olima** (MCA, South-West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I stand guided by the Chair Budget and Appropriations but stand misguided by the Hon. Leader of Majority. Mr. Speaker, I have been in this House as a Member for the past 5 years and I am aware that...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, I direct that you withdraw!!

**Hon. Olima** (MCA, South-West Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I want to withdraw the same but I also want to give facts that the County might have collected Kshs. 1.3 billion in the FY 2021/2022 but in the FY 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 we were collecting less than Kshs. 500 million and that's how we came with all these pending bills. Mr. Speaker, I know how the County operates. Maybe, according to the Chair Budget, in FY 2021/2022, they collected Kshs. 1.3 billion but the pending bills trails from the year 2013. The main reason for this budget to come to this level as the pending bills is...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, you will not go on without withdrawing on my guidance.

**Hon. Olima** (MCA, South-West Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker I want to withdraw that in FY 2021/2022 the County collected Kshs. 1.3 billion but in FY 2017/2018 – 2018/2019...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): You have 30 seconds to finish your submissions.

**Hon. Olima** (MCA, South-West Nyakach Ward): If you allow me to take two more minutes...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honorable Member, like I said, I am only giving you 30 seconds to conclude. There are so many Members who also want to contribute.

**Hon. Olima** (MCA, South-West Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker I can't do it in 30 seconds.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you, Hon. Members we are discussing the Governor's speech, thank you Hon. Gard Olima.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes, the Hon. Benny Pete Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I also want to give my views on the Governor's speech to his people of Kisumu County. It is not just for the Assembly but to the people of Kisumu County because we represent the people of Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, there are some traditions that we need to know. When the National President has made his speech in National Assembly, you hear members of the public praise, and also condemn his speech. This also applies to the Members of Parliament; they can praise and condemn his speech.

That is normal in a democracy. It is the reason why when you look at this speech of the Governor on page 3, he is emphasizing on our oversight role. It is not wrong to pinpoint what you feel is bad, just like the statement raised in this House by Hon. Joachim Oketch is quite in order. That doesn't mean he is fighting the Government, but some of us when they hear they see that that is now someone fighting the Government, which isn't the case. However negative someone may be, listen to them and get the facts and what's not factual. It is now good and I praise Hon. Elisha Oraro for ensuring that we are aired live for the public to listen to what we are saying. However useless or good, the public is making the judgement. That's a credit to this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, to go to the record of the Governor on page 3, the Governor has emphasized on our oversight role, which is also there in the Constitution of Kenya. However, when we start interrogating the Government, some people become jittery. Why then were we given that oversight role? To see whether things are going right or wrong and there is nothing wrong in pinpointing. The Governor has reminded us of our oversight role on page 3. So, ask yourself; how good or bad are you playing that role? It is upon you.

When we go to page 4, the Governor is advising us to avoid petty squabbles in this House. That, when we enhance petty squabbles, we disappoint 'Baba' (Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga- ODM Party leader). That is good, and now we ask ourselves; what ere these petty squabbles? What could bring the petty squabbles in this Assembly? We know what they are but we have decided to close our eyes to them. Mr. Speaker, petty squabbles would not be in the Assembly if the welfare of the Members is taken care of. When we look at this Assembly, is that the case? Mr. Governor...

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Mr. Speaker, in this Assembly, the welfare of people is taken care of when they have proper allocations for their vote heads. When you hear people are complaining about that, then it means there is a problem and petty fights will be there. When I go to page 8, and that is why when you hear that Hon. Pete is quarrelling that Members should have hard copies then you think he is merely talking. When Hon. Rakwach was making reference to his notes, he was being accused. This record you cannot read it or refer to it on a mobile phone as a soft copy because it is easier on the hard copy, and you hear now the Speaker is complaining that few Members have contributed, and a larger number is still out. How will you do that from the soft copy?

Mr. Speaker, on page 8, the Governor is talking about value addition in rice production. This one is a credit to the Governor and his Government. Rice production has been enhanced in Kisumu County, and his good effort and the effort of 'Baba' talking to the National Government resulted to money being provided to buy rice from our local farmers. Market was a very big problem to the farmers, and it is only that there was a problem of the rice mill. The Government institution, Kenya National Trading Cooperation, which was to buy rice, failed to do so because we couldn't mill our

own rice. The Governor gave instructions that the rice mill be bought, and as we speak, the rice mill has been bought and is to be installed in Ahero. When I talk about Ahero I am not referring to Ahero Ward but also Ombeyi Ward. That's quite a credit to our Government because the rice will be milled there by the machine that has been bought, packed and we shall have an Ahero branded rice sold in supermarkets. Moreover, since rice is being grown in the larger part of Kano area, the economy of our people will also be improved with the availability of market. What we are asking the Governor is that another high capacity rice mill should be bought and installed in major areas where rice is being produced, and I hope he will address that.

Mr. Speaker, on page 9, the Governor has done something good to the people of Kisumu and the people of Kenya because there is a national project called 'Kabonyo-Fish Project. This is a project that has stalled over the years, and as we speak, it is being revived and today the Minister for Fishery and Blue Economy is making a site visit. If his government hadn't initiated this, the National Government wouldn't have started doing it at this time. This is a project that will open up fishing in Lake Victoria, and most of our wards that border the Lake will also benefit. For your information; the Minister is going to Budalangi, Siaya, Luanda K'Otieno, and he will also visit Ogal Beach in Kisumu West. You have seen from how fish have died in cages. We applaud the Governor for this work because this factory that is going to be revived in Kabonyo-Kanyagwal is a very important project. A fertilizer factory will be built there, a factory that produces food for the fish is also going to be constructed there and a college training people on fisheries will also be built as well as the fish cages and the fish ponds. So, all the wards that border the Lake Victoria will benefit from this project because it is not a Kabonyo-Kanyagwal project but a National government's project. I applaud the Governor for his effort and when "Baba" got wind of this project, he instructed that due diligence be done and the National government to look for funding to undertake it and it is being realized.

Consequently, if I digress a little, we the people of Kano have been suffering, and the government of Prof. Nyong'o in collaboration with the office of "Baba" contacted the National government, and now Koru-Soin dam is under construction. Kano has been suffering from perennial floods but this will soon become a thing of the past. We pray that the Construction of the Koru-Soin Dam is done to completion.

Mr. Speaker, on page 10 is on health matters, which is a very serious subject in this County. When Prof. Nyong'o took over, the people almost killed the MCAs because there were no drugs in the hospitals and to the common mwananchi, it is the MCA who has failed. However, what was there in place? You know, when Governor Nyong'o assumed office, the then President brought the Universal Health Care (UHC). UHC was brought as a policy and was a pilot scheme in Kisumu and three other Counties, and money as well as the drugs for this UHC were in Nairobi and the County government was just preparing the papers. The National Government failed us on this because the person who was being accused was the MCA and the Governor. We pray that now we

improve on our health services. We had passed a Bill here to help health facilities collect money from the patients, and we hope that this will be done.

Mr. Speaker, on Health matters, this Assembly has two Petitions that were raised by Medical Practitioners. The petitions found their way to this Assembly when a Statement had also been raised here. We must tell our Governor that there are problems on the ground. Health Department must be interrogated and we find out what the problem really is. Mr. Speaker, the budget of this County of about Kshs 4 billion goes to the Health Department but to our surprise, I understand that there are ten commodities – the basic drugs that should be in hospitals, are hardly found in the health facilities Mr. Speaker. The Sectoral Committee on Health, Housing and Sanitation must do its work and tell us the truth. Let us not hide because there is a problem in the Department of Health. Mr. Speaker, I remember...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, please conclude.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Mr. Speaker, I obliged

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Mr. Speaker, we were here with you in the year 2020 when there were problems in the Department of Health and an Ad-Hoc Committee was constituted to investigate the matter and they did a great job. If we refer to go to the records it indicates that that Ad-Hoc committee did a good job. We need to tell the Governor that the Department of Health must be interrogated to find out why our people are suffering. Let us not take the petitions that were brought casually. Mr. Speaker, when we look at page 12, on “Marwa Scheme” the Governor said that about 34,000 vulnerable households benefitted from this scheme. We need to interrogate this to determine if what was done reflected this.

Mr. Speaker, on page 13, on Roads and Infrastructure. This is a department that has failed Kisumu County, and that is the plain truth. The officers there must be interrogated to find out what is really happening. If it is the Finance Department not releasing money to the Department of Roads then, we must say that. In the last regime, the Committee on Roads presented three reports here in the House and in the three reports they condemned the department and painted a very bad picture that the department had failed this government. That is something we should not shy away from saying and the department must be told to pull up their socks. They should be investigated to find out why the MCAs are being killed with blames on the issue of Roads and yet MCAs don’t handle money. The money is being handled by the Department of Finance and the Department of Roads but when they fail on their part then blame befalls the MCAs as have squandered the money.

Mr. Speaker, when I go to page 15 on Water...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu): Order! Hon. Member, I know you want to contribute on all aspects but you need to finalize.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Yeah, just give me one minute.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): I am giving you 30 seconds to conclude.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal Ward): Mr. Speaker on the Water Sector, the County has a drill. We should have been happy to see how many boreholes that have been drilled. That one is not indicated here. How many were done to completion and how many are ongoing. What we are sure of that have been successfully done are the ones done before this regime and the additional ones.

Mr. Speaker, it is also good that I do not take all the time; the Kshs 24 Million for the Women and Youth Fund. To me, that was a good move because it is a revolving fund given to our people. The question now comes; is the recovery being done? Is there hope that this money will be revolved and benefit more of our people? Those ones are the questions that we should ask but not just appreciating the money allocated. Who are these people? Is the money being recovered? Did they see the fund able to be given more people to benefit them? With those few remarks, I beg to submit.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you. I want to give this chance to Hon. Sammy Onyango of Railways Ward.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to support the speech of the Governor. Mine will be simple. First, I want to applaud the Governor for outlining the concrete plans he has for this County. However my problem is; he always has good plans but the problem comes at the implementation stage. Having touched on the key areas of; Education, Agriculture etc. As an elected leader from a Jua-Kali sector and SME who makes up 75% of our workforce contributing immensely on revenue generation of this County. In that aspect Mr. Speaker, the Governor however did not address the key areas that affect our people from that sector. The sector employs almost 75% of the population and as we speak, we have a problem of working space especially where I come from. Our brothers and sisters engage in Carwash Cleaning Services and they are being harassed by the County Officers which greatly affected their operations and this need urgent attention. Mr. Speaker I will urge the Governor that as he plans let him include a lasting solution for the affected areas.

Lastly, I want to urge Hon. Members that, it is now time to work. Politics ended long time ago and we are here to represent our people rather than clapping for one another. So, if you hear someone talks about another person concerning something unpleasant to you, just listen and keep quiet because at the end of the day, your electorates may not bother whether you supported the Governor but get concerned on what you deliver to them for the next five years. Therefore I am again requesting the Hon. Members that while we are debating and someone has a point which is not of help to you just keep quiet. However, if you feel it is of help to you, for instance, let me refer to Hon. Gard Olima when he was talking about the Pending Bills. Mr. Speaker, you know that we

must accept that some of us are new Hon. Members in this Assembly. By admitting so, it does not mean that we are not MCAs especially I am a new Member and he is senior because he is serving his second term. That means therefore that there are things that we must learn from him and every other person. Yes, we may support the County Executive in settling of Pending Bills. What about us? In our areas we have bad roads, some broken bridges and so many other challenges on the ground. Even though we are supporting the Governor in settling these bills, I would wish we also consider the challenges in our wards. Mr. Speaker, that is my appeal, thank you and may God bless you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Hon. Sammy. However, may I guide you on the issue of payment of pending bills? Pending bills are still development projects in our wards that were not paid. I believe that as we contribute, let us be alive to that fact. They are not oxygen as Hon. Onditi refers to them. Otherwise I want to give Hon. Tom Nyaoke the next chance to contribute.

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to be as fast as possible on this matter that is before us. Foremost, I want to take this opportunity to applaud the Governor on the precious speech that he gave us the other day. Just as my senior Hon. Oiko was going through, I also took my time to have it printed at my own cost. The first thing he said actually when he was addressing us was that, he really needs us to maintain peace in the Assembly, work together, consult and make sure that the Third Assembly emerges the best.

The Governor mentioned somethings in the Agriculture sector where he gave exactly what he need to be done in the County as far as agriculture is concerned. If I single out a point where he talked about the Irrigation Schemes. He did mention one at Gem Rae Irrigation Scheme in Nyakach Sub County. Mr. Speaker, I also want to bring to the attention of this House that indeed that project has started and we are really looking up to that project to be completed. We pray to the Governor is to put a lot of emphasis in this, so that people of North Nyakach would be able to appreciate the good things that can come thereof.

In addition to that, I want to congratulate him also, when the Venezuelan Government came to Kisumu Count on the rice milling mission and out of his own wisdom, the Governor gave this machine to North Nyakach. I really want to follow up and make sure that this machine...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Sergeant-at-arms, could you please find out what is wrong with the microphones.

*(Hon. Nyaoke being accorded another microphone)*

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Okay, let me try with this one. Mr. Speaker, I was saying that I will try the much I can together with the residence to make sure that this machine does what it is meant for.

Mr. Speaker, in regards to Health Housing and Sanitation. Mr. Speaker, just the same way my colleague has mentioned it here before, we all have to agree that we have a serious challenge in terms of staffing in our County health facilities and I believe that the new team of CECs coming in, I was privilege to listen to the interviews which were going on in the Chambers and I am fully satisfied that, that team coming in will really assist us to make sure that the Health and Sanitation programmes are taken care of. Of most importance touching my area is the fact that the facility improvements that the Governor talked about and the one he did mentioned is the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and referral Hospital on page 11 includes also; maternity wards, Theatres at Kombewa, Ahero, Muhoroni, Pap Onditi and Masogo Sub County Hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I therefore want to put a lot of emphasis on Pap Onditi Health Center because that is where most of our people are being attended to. A nice building has been put up and I believe the necessary tools and medicine are going to be installed there, before the wards being open etc. With that in place, I believe we will have no much worries in terms of health facility in pap Onditi.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue that I cannot pass without mentioning is Infrastructure. My senior alluded to that fact and said its better when it could have been called roads. Mr. Speaker, as you are also listened carefully and I am sure you also alluded to this fact that one of the things that ‘kills’ the MCAs in their respective wards is the construction of roads. Before I came to this House, I had witnessed a number of roads which were being constructed in our wards; they do not only meet minimal standards but almost no standards at all. Mr. Speaker, we have the Chairperson for Roads, Public Works and infrastructural Development Committee and a good team I suppose. What I would request them is to come and ensure that they assist the Governor to realize his dreams of constructing good roads in our wards. I am certainly sure that if these things are done nicely, I do not believe that we are going to have more problems in terms of roads in our respective areas.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at page 14 of the Governor’s Speech, the Governor talked about the Claycrete roads Technology. Mr. Speaker, I wish we could be able to embrace this technology as a team and in this House. It has been used in several countries; Tunisia, Comoros, Southern Sudan I believe that they have also started using it and in Tanzania there are already roads constructed under this technology. I was just feeling that I should just impress upon all our Members and even this Assembly to support the Governor so that we can also help in decision making on how we can use this Claycrete Road Technology. Mr. Speaker, this is a very simple method of doing earth roads and I believe that if we can resort to this, most of our roads are just going to be better. It is a simple and cheap technology as you have heard and you cannot even compare it to Surface Dressing of roads. However, once it is done this way, even a repair becomes so easy. What you need to do is just dig it and scrap then compact and finish. You will still achieve the correct thing. I believe that the Chair for Roads is alive to this fact. So, I am really impressed by that idea which the Governor brought and wish that we are able to embrace that particular technology.

Last but not least is the Machine Based Roads Maintenance Programme. The Governor talked about that and he also did mention the challenges faced with this kind of method. Mr. Speaker, I propose that the Committee for Roads or infrastructure should come up with serious policy on how that programme can be utilized. I trust that it is a very good method that if thought of wisely, we are able to come up with proper ways and methods of maintaining our roads. The most important and also expensive component, particularly, in the construction of earth roads are the machines. The other day I visited the compound of the CEC Road, Public Works and Transport and saw very nice and effective machines but how do we use them? If we do not have the idea on how to put those machines into use, then we will not realize their potentialities. I therefore beg the whole House to pay attention to these kinds of innovations and suggestions that the Governor is coming up with so that we are able to help him deliver on his achievements. If we do not work towards that, then every time we will be coming to this House and crying foul and yet it is our own failure.

Mr. Speaker, the other issue that I need to mention is about the issue to do with the Pending Bills. To me, the pending bill is just going to 'kill us' \*(bring us a lot of negative criticisms). We came here with programmes on what we to do in our wards. Only to arrive here and be told that 'my friend, for this five years there is not much that we are going to do because you are just going to help in paying the pending bills' which we ourselves as the First Assembly together with my seniors in all respects we do not even know how the County Government came to incur these pending bills. Again, I am told that I am not going to receive any development money because we are going to pay the pending bills.

Mr. Speaker, I do suggest that a more and secure method should have been employed to do this otherwise, we are not going to sit in this House to pay the pending bills which we do not know how they originated in this House or the County then at the expense of the development that we are supposed to do. Right now I am already being pushed left, right and center in my ward that I do something. The roads are getting bad, water is being disconnected, and there is nothing that I can do. However, they think that the County Government already has given us money for development to go and do something. Sometimes we will impress upon the Governor to come and do some rallies in our wards and talk to the people that; 'please do not harass your MCAs because I have not yet released any money for development'. Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Hon. Members, maybe I just need to guide you that there is Public Participation on the CIDP which will form our five years Development Plan with the Governor whom we elected. So, make your projects be part of the CIDP that we are forming and then you will break them down into the Annual Development Plans.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu MCA, East Seme Ward): Please to the Honourable Bill.

**Hon. Odhiambo** (MCA, Kobura Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. First I want to thank the Governor. The speech was detailed. To be brief, I want to start with Agriculture. You have heard of the Expansion of Irrigation Schemes and I am happy because the number of people who depend directly on irrigation schemes has increased. Being that I come from a rice farming area, we are grateful for that.

Mr. Speaker, on the same sector, he mentioned Dairy Production. There is a drone system which is being deployed/utilized and we are happy because I know that it is going to help us greatly on distribution of Semen for Artificial Insemination. We are therefore sure that the quality of our breeds will improve. I am saying that because in Kisumu County, we have rice farming and after harvesting the rice, we then collect the hay. We normally use the two, but, you will realize that we have so many livestock yet the milk production rate is small. However, if we have the artificial insemination, there will be improvement of breeds hence high quality milk and quantity of milk from Kisumu County. That will be a plus for Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker, on Health and Sanitation. We are happy that Community Health Workers were employed to this sector. There is also upgrading of hospitals which is also a plus to this County. But again we must agree that health and sanitation is a very big issue in Kisumu County, I am saying these because even after the up grading and the number of CHWs being increased, you will realize that all the health sectors, maybe I am speaking from my ward but all of them have challenges. I was walking in my ward today and realized that even the amount of money allocated to the hospitals at times, if you look at it you will be surprised. I went to a hospital in my ward and was told that they were given Kshs. 35,000 to run the hospital, so this is an area we have to look at because back there people only know the MCA and for us to perform we must look into this because the amount of money given to the hospitals is not sustainable or something we can say can help run a hospital.

Mr. Speaker, I am also grateful for what the Governor talked about, the 283 water projects. Mr. Speaker, but you will realize that most of this water projects after they have been established, there is no maintenance being done. The other day I was called to help in some contribution in my ward, the machines broke down and now they are suffering. The key thing here is we should be doing all this that is the maintenance after everything has been done. Maintenance is poor in this county, maintenance of roads, water projects and nearly all the sectors.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy the Governor talked about Education and informed us that five more Vocational Training Centers were added. That is a plus to Kisumu County. Again the intake from 3100 to 4000 that growth really shows that our people really need education and they won't hesitate to use the little available resources availed to them. I want to also say that we need to add more Vocational Training Centers in Kisumu County because I would love to see at least three vocational training centers per ward if possible.

In conclusion, I want to say that in Kisumu county the eyes at the ground is MCA, so we should have a program of the Kisumu County Government and the Kisumu County Assembly having frequent meetings so that we get to understand each other from the points where we come from so that we can agree on some issues so that at least in every financial year there is something done in each and every ward and not that some specific wards have nearly everything being done there yet other wards has nothing being done at all otherwise I stand to support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Hon, Deputy majority leader Lumumba Owade.

**The Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to support the speech made in this House by the Governor of this great county. The Governor's speech was very inspirational and I listened very keenly no wonder I caught his eye when he pointed me out because he knew that I was very keen on his speech.

Mr. Speaker, there are things that the Governor emphasized on that we need to take very keen interest on. He talked of peace, reconciliation and honest consultation. Mr. Speaker these are not just words but they need to be applied, for example I feel very offended when I hear some people trying to distance themselves from the payment of Pending Bills. These pending bills don't only affect the contractors alone, they also affect us as leaders because if you see how some of the contractors have suffered and others have died and we contribute to their funerals then it is not a laughing matter. So, let us be honest with ourselves and support the payment of genuine pending bills so that we leave harmoniously and in peace.

Mr. Speaker, some of these contractors borrowed money from banks and others ended up being auctioned, they worked and we are enjoying their sweat in terms of the projects they delivered to us, let us support and accept this money to be paid so that is where the word honesty applies, honest consultation.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also asked us to be loyal to the party, he said and asked us never to disappoint him and the party leader, that was his prayer and I also urge this House to leave up to the Governors appeal.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor assured us that, in his last term in office, he will manage this County through consultation with the Assembly that is something we should accept and applaud. Mr. Speaker, for an Executive arm to work closely with the Legislative arm is not very easy, because more often the Assembly would complain that they are not getting cooperation from the Executive but, here we have been assured by the leader of that Executive that he is going to work with us closely so what now remains therefore is for us to deliver to the people of Kisumu on what we had promised them during our campaigns.

Mr. Speaker, let me now go straight to the Governors deliverables, he took us through what plans he has for Agriculture Sector. Indeed he and his government has done a lot and yet to do more and this will only be achieved if we work as a team. He mentioned Gem Rae Irrigation Scheme that is in Nyakach. There is Chiga, Kadibo and so on and so forth. Mr. Speaker, as much as I applaud the Governors speech, he fell short in addressing the Coffee Farmers, those that are in Nyakach and part of Muhoroni which are a coffee growing areas and I expected the Governor to at least shade some light on the Value Addition of this commodity.

Mr. Speaker, again, I got impress with the Governors speech on the Rehabilitating Maseno Farmers Training Collage. When I was growing we used to hear people being taken to Maseno Farmers Training Collage and during those days the farming quality was very high because people used to go there for an in service course for a week or two and when they come back, they would apply what they have been taught and that made production of crop very high. This has been lacking but now that we are dealing with food security, he has promise to rehabilitate this facilities. I would like to urge Members to make good use of this institution in order to enhance our production in our areas. He also mentioned that he is Rehabilitating Konam in Seme. Mr. Speaker, how I would wish that he also rehabilitate the one at Sigoti in my ward and ensuring that that going forward he ensure that every ward has a farmer's institution.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor further informed us of the United Green Project costing about Kshs. 31 billion. He mentioned several crops like soya beans, cotton and rice and here he did not talk about coffee but however I believe it is one of them.

Mr. Speaker, with regards to Dairy Farming. The Governor meant well but the whole project has been mismanaged going by what I have seen in my ward. In deed animals were distributed and a figure has been given here of 152 dairy animals that were distributed across various wards. As at now, we would have witnessed the end product of this animals yet, there is not even a single dairy in those areas that are consuming or receiving milk from this development so, that means that the quality of animals that were distributed were of poor quality and I have seen for myself in my area where these cows were distributed last year. Mr. Speaker, my ward spent Kshs. 2.9 million to purchase 38 animals which averagely gives me Kshs. 75,000 per animal. Recently, one of those animals were taken back to the market and sold for Kshs. 26,000. Look at that rate of depreciation, is it truly workable? It is dishonesty the manner of which this animals are purchased that it why the CECM for Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries was not proposed for appointment because it turned out the Governor had notice his inefficiencies.

Mr. Speaker, let me talk about his speech on the Health Sector. The Governor has done a lot and he mentioned when he came into office, the health sector was on its knees. Jaramogi Oginga Odinga was almost collapsing, has done a lot, and the day we visited the hospital we found it doing very well. Unfortunately, what we noticed there was a building, a whole floor with beds with no

patients, I don't know whether the patients were out but others waiting to be admitted and they could not be admitted because of lack of staff. It is a shame that we have such kind of a facility yet we do not have the staff. I argue this House to push for more nurses to be employed to fill that deficiency in our facilities. Another important issue that the Governor failed to highlight was, what plans he has with the faith based hospitals which form about 65% of health providers in this county. He did not mention the plans he has for those facilities, we have Nyabondo Trauma Center, a very huge facility that is supposed to be managed through Public, Private Partnership (PPP). When I mean private in this case Kisumu County will partner with the government to run that facility and I did not hear anything to do with that facility yet it is about to be opened and operational...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, please conclude.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker I am just going to finalize with infrastructure. The Governor and his team have been trying to make more roads in this county. However, there are some things created by unreliable members of his staff where you will find roads are not done or roads marked done yet they are not done. It is embarrassing Mr. Speaker for the Governor to be told a particular road was done and just to go to the ground and find out that it has not been done, it's quite embarrassing.

Mr. Speaker, let me suggest that in future, the Governor should give this house the leeway to allow Women and the Youth that the allocation 30% of the Development Expenditure they be allowed to access 10% of that kitty as mobilizing fee noting that in bond there is 10% that is guaranteed by the banks or by the insurance to take care of any default to I don't see why they should be compelled not to be paid a partial payment. The Governor stated here that contract bellow Kshs. 5 million will not be awarded any partial payment instead they will be paid after they have completed their work and when you look at it, majority of this 30% falls in the docket of this women and youth. When you see them here they cannot even afford to make Kshs 1,000 as capital to start their business. Mr. Speaker, I therefor argue the Governor to reconsider that directive. Mr. Speaker to conclude...

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, you are left with 30 seconds!!

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I applaud the Governor for revealing to this House that he has made an MOU with the CFC Stanbic Bank to be offering a Credit Facilities to Micro and Small Enterprises. Mr. Speaker the Governor said that there will not be any collateral. Here, I would also argue our women and youth to take advantage of those facilities so that when they apply for the jobs and are awarded they will get somewhere to get the capital to drive the economy of this county, thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Hon. Henrietta.

**Hon. Henrietta** (Nominated MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to say something on the Governors speech. Before I say anything, first, I would like to support the Governors speech. The Governor stated that the election period is over and we should be as one because if you check in page 4 of his speech, he reiterated that he is going to work with those people who campaigned for and against him so, I stand here to say that I am speaking as somebody who is affected by that issue and I want to tell our Hon. Members that we should embrace what the Governor said and he reemphasized that those who campaigned for him and against him, he is going to work together with them. So, we should take that one in our Assembly here and work with that.

Two, I want to say that before I came to this Assembly, I was a teacher, was and still a farmer, I am a business person and I stay at home. I will be very concise to react on some of the things that the Governor said. As I have said that I stay at home, there is a road that the Governor talked about that runs from Guba-Gita number Kabong'o Road. The road was a pilot project which was contracted through the Claycrete Technology. Mr. Speaker, as I speak today that road is being redone and what they are saying is that they are removing the Claycrete and they are going to do the murraming.

Mr. Speaker, if I look at the Governor's Speech, he stated that, the technology used is good which should be embraced. I don't know what has happened though it is not being undertaken by the County Government of Kisumu and I was being informed that it was being done by Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA). I had an audience with the Authority and they informed me that they were removing the Claycrete technology. According to my opinion, the first one kilometer road that was undertaken using the Claycrete Technology was very good and the rest was shoddily done. Mr. Speaker, I am not aware who is going to monitor that, I believe that the Chair for Roads, Transport and Public Work should look into that.

Mr. Speaker, I had earlier on stated that I am a business person. Last week, I had the privilege to visit Ahero Kisam Rice Farm where I take my farm produce before supplying it to the schools because that is a normal business that I have been doing for years. Mr. Speaker, what I noticed was that, our local are going to be denied of their local foods this is because, you will realize that rice in the farms, it is paid for while in the farms. So, there are trader/foreigners who come from outside, they come and take this produce from the farm, they go with the produce, we have traders who come from outside this County, they come take the hay and go with it. Mr. Speaker, this implies that us as the County, we don't realize anything out of the food that we have grown to sustain us. Mr. Speaker, I stand guided to be informed how this can be corrected because I really

feel for our common mama who are down there in the villages. Mr. Speaker, you will find the rice and the hay is gone and you are left with something very little to go back with at home.

Mr. Speaker, on the Livestock Production. As I had earlier stated that I am also a farmer. Last year when there was the Distribution of Dairy Cows by the County Government, I received one. I want to concur with the Deputy Leader of Majority Hon. Owade that the quality of stock that were distributed were not up to the required standards. Mr. Speaker, I have one in my home and I must say that, they are not worth the quality we are being given as farmers. When these cows are being transported from the County, there is no fair distribution. Mr. Speaker, if you look at the distribution list, it was not done as per the requirements. Maybe the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of which I am equally a Member of this Committee, we will have to revisit that issue.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Member, did you insinuate that you are also in the Department of Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries?

**Hon. Henrietta** (Nominated MCA): Yes I am!

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): This is a Department in the Executive?

**Hon. Henrietta** (Nominated MCA): Mr. Speaker, no! I am just as Member in the Sectoral Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, I just wanted that to come out clearly.

**Hon. Henrietta** (Nominated MCA): Okay, thank you. Apologies for that. I am a Member of the Standing Committee of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. So, I stand guided to be informed how it is supposed to be corrected.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Member, please proceed.

**Hon. Henrietta** (Nominated MCA): Mr. Speaker, there is another component and I want to equally concur with Hon. Oiko that we are supposed to be furnished with hardcopies of these reports. Mr. Speaker, I struggled to access this one I am making reference to and it is not really coming out. Mr. Speaker, there are certain policy document that we need to be furnished with so that we can interrogate them this is because I was using the one uploaded in the Member's WhatsApp page which is in my phone at the same time, I am struggling to concentrate on what is being said and this is not auguring well. Mr. Speaker, even at times when the information is being relayed which is done through your phone and you have already entered the chambers and you are struggling to

go through the report and the motion being discussed is alive. Mr. Speaker, I believe that should be correctly addressed. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): What is it the Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority?

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I would like to remind you that there is no quorum in this House.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Deputy Leader of Majority, please approach the chair.

*(The Temporary Speaker consults with the Deputy Leader of Majority)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Deputy Leader of Majority, could you please go out and whip the Honourable Member who are outside to come into the chambers.

*(The Deputy Leader of Majority walks out to whip Members)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): The Serjeant-at-Arms, please ring the quorum bell.

*(The Quorum bell is being rung)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Nyaoke, please don't leave the Chambers. The Deputy Leader of Majority, could you please confirm if we have the required quorum.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that the House now has the required quorum and I request that we proceed. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Deputy Leader of Majority.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes Hon. Alice Wajewa.

**Hon. Wajewa** (Nominated MCA): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. First, I really want to appreciate the Governor for his detailed speech. Further, I wish to thank him so much for the compliments that he gave to the Specially Elected Honourable Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, in the Governor's Speech he talked about peace and unity. So, let us be united as the Governor had said and let us forgive each other from what transpired in the past and moving forward, let us work as a team for the betterment of our people. Mr. Speaker, I want to applaud the Governor because his speech was elaborate and for what he has been doing so far.

Mr. Speaker, I have a few areas that I want to bring across. I will start with the Agriculture Sector. Mr. Speaker, as you are aware that Food Security is key to development and we appreciate the effort that has been made to establish irrigation Schemes in various Sub-counties of Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, there is need to expand the Scheme to cover areas like the great “Nam Thoi”. The Nam Thoi crisscrosses the Kisumu East Sub-county and part of Kisumu Central. If this is well utilized and irrigated upon, it has the potential of feeding the whole of Kisumu County and produce enough products for local consumption and for international export. This will create livelihood for the thousands of households in Nyalenda “A” Kolwa Central and East and Nyalenda “B”.

Mr. Speaker, I would equally like to propose the need for a quick Land Adjudication Process and title deed which are supposed to be issued in places like Nam Thoi. Mr. Speaker, I will implore the Governor to follow up this issue of Land Adjudication and the issuance of Title Deeds. Mr. Speaker, the following are the potentials of Nam Thoi that remains unexploited. Mr. Speaker, if this is optimally exploited we are going to have a lot in term of fish farming, crops and rice production, cotton and also sorghum production.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware that in Kisumu most of our products emanate from our neighbouring Counties namely Kericho, Kisii and Kakamega Counties. As a county we should strive to use some of the potentials that we are endowed with. Mr. Speaker, it is not only Nam Thoi, we also have land in Seme Sub-county, it is an irrigation scheme that was supposed to be utilized but I don't think that is being done.

Mr. Speaker, I want to touch on Health. Measures that are being taken to deliver pharmaceutical and non- pharmaceutical by use of Drone Technology is commendable. Mr. Speaker, the County should establish a Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to ensure that the drugs distributed arrive and are kept in the health facilities. This is a very good technology and these drugs are expected to reach all the Health facilities in the County on time. Mr. Speaker, what is happening with the distribution? Do we have the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to ensure that these drugs arrive in the health facilities on time and are kept to the required standardization? Mr. Speaker, the reason as to why I am stating this is because there is overwhelming complaints for lack of drugs in our health facilities despite the fact that these commodities are budgeted for and supplied to the health facilities. Mr. Speaker, the distribution of drugs to the health facilities remains a mystery so, where do the drugs go to. There is a complaints from patients because they are instructed to always purchase prescribed drugs from certain privately owned pharmacies. So, in order to make proper use of this technology, we really applaud what the Governor has done, which in my belief is really good. Please let us ensure that these drugs reach the health facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to still touch on Farming. Mr. Speaker, there is this issue of Sugarcane Farming. We are all aware that in Muhoroni area sugarcane is a cash crop which a majority of people in Muhoroni depend on. Mr. Speaker, the Governor in his speech, never touched on the

sugarcane farming and I am not aware if he touched on that because we have a challenge because as Members, we were not furnished with the hardcopy of the Address. Mr. Speaker, I just produced mine yesterday and while going through it which was done in a haste, I did not capture everything contained in it. Mr. Speaker, if the plight of sugarcane farmers was not highlighted, I believe that he should revisit this and come up with strategies of assisting the sugarcane farmers.

Mr. Speaker, I want to touch on Infrastructure. Mr. Speaker, most of our roads are good but, except for a few which the Governor mentioned stating that he is going to improve on. I equally want to commend him so much for the Bitumen Standard Roads which has already commenced the Number Kapiyo-Bodi-Asat bao Beach Road. I don't believe that it is the first one in the County. There is a road know as Western-Wigwa Road and I believe that it was the first bitumen road done in this this County. As at now, it is in a deplorable state and it is a "white elephant" and it reflects the impact of corruption on how monies where spent to do this projects. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Governor should do something about this road because as we speak, we are not aware as to whether that road is complete or it is supposed to be done before he moves to these other roads. Mr. Speaker, this road project was undertaken by the World Bank. So, up to now, we don't know the status of that road. So, there is also need for the line department to pay a visit to these roads to ascertain what is happening in these roads.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot touch on everything but, let me go through quickly. Mr. Speaker, I will touch on the Vocational Training Colleges (VTCs). It is commendable that we have those numbers of VTCs, which I believe are many and the student's enrollment. On enrollment, it is indicated that it is at between 3100 to 4000 students or trainees. Mr. Speaker, as at now, we are expected to be having more than that. So, I believe that recruitment should be done and Public Participation and Civic Education should be done to enable our youths know the importance of these VTCs. This is because we have a lot of youths lying idle there who are unemployed and out of school. If the issues of VTCs is given the attention that it deserves, it can really transform the lives of our youths.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to the Affordable Housing. In most of the Estates we can see that work is ongoing. For instance Makasembo but, I am not aware what is going to happen to these other estates the likes of Arina, Ondiek and the other Estates.

Mr. Speaker, on the issue of Revolving Fund. We are not aware whether this is a Grant and how is it going to work. This is because, in this County, it is not the first time we are having such kind of fund. We are not given the success story of these funds like who are the beneficiaries of such funds and what is the impact of this fund and how many members have positively benefited to-date.

Mr. Speaker, on the projects that are in the Beach Fronts. This is mainly in Nyalenda "B". Mr. Speaker, there is need for a well-structured approach on Public Participation to inform the would-be affected persons accordingly and the Scope of the Projects. Mr. Speaker, some of these issues

are heard in the media. It is my belief that there should be a proper and structured public participation to inform the affected persons. As we are all aware that, land issues are a tight balance, very emotive and delicate. Those people who are to be effected should be duly informed through these public participation forums.

Mr. Speaker, please let me say something on Tourism. There is need to encourage Local Tourism. We have a lot tourist attraction sites like the Dunga Beach, the Impala Park, Ndere Park. It is so unfortunate that you will witness buses coming to Kisumu and going to those areas but our locals don't utilize our tourist attraction sites. Mr. Speaker, we are so disappointed especially with education because some of our children in our schools have never seen an elephant or a lion and we have these games here in our parks. Mr. Speaker, if there is any way we can encourage our teachers from the local schools within Kisumu County so that they make use of these local tourist attraction sites and take these pupils to see parks to enable them see these wild game at a subsidized rate. Instead of letting other people enjoy our hospitality industry and tourist attraction sites, let us have our children sample and enjoy them. Mr. Speaker, this is not only for our children, even us the grownups, we go to Mombasa for the beaches and we have our own the Dunga Beach and other beaches around Kisumu County, why don't we make proper use of these beaches. Mr. Speaker, I usually visit the Impala Park but, I have never met any of you there. Does that mean that you have seen enough of the lions and the impalas, have you really seen them? But even if you have seen them, you can make a point and invite your relatives and friends to visit these places.

Mr. Speaker, let us encourage our youths to engage in a lot of Sports. Most of our youths are idle because I am not aware how they are going to do it but I am made to understand that the County donated some sporting gears to the wards. Mr. Speaker, we are not aware of the conditions of the sports gears and I am not aware how active our teams in the wards are. Mr. Speaker, something should be done so that we encourage the youth to be engaged in sports so that insecurity can be reduced since most of our youth are idle thereby finding them engaged in crime. Mr. Speaker, I forgot to congratulate the Governor on his re-election and I know we are going to work together as an Assembly and the Executive.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Hon. Members, we are still discussing the Governor's speech.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Yes Hon. Ratib.

**Hon. Ratib** (MCA, Nyalenda "A" Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to join my colleagues in applauding the Governor of Kisumu County for the elaborate speech that he gave yesterday. There are some few things that I would like to highlight.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor did mention commitment and loyalty to the Party. As a representative of the people, I am not taking this lightly because it is through the Party ODM that I find myself

sitting pretty in this Assembly. There is one statement that he mentioned that caught my attention that, as Members of this Assembly we should take into consideration. As I quote the Governor said ‘the Party leader is watching us’. Mr. Speaker, I believe and you know that statement is not as light as you may view it because it is through this Party that most of us apart from Hon. Bill found themselves in this Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, we only know that the Governor cannot deliver on his own and that is why the Executive wing was created. Mr. Speaker, the success of the Governor in his second term will squarely depend on the officers that the Governor has appointed to the office. We have issues with these officers as was mentioned by Hon. Rakwach. When some of these officers are invited to appear before the respective line committees to shed more light on these issues, they do not honour committee invitations. It has now reached a point where the committees are compelled to use force to summon them of which they will again not oblige. This should not be taken lightly because when these officers are called upon then, they are supposed to appear before these committees since the Assembly is working on a certain timelines. When a statement is committed to a certain House Committee then the committee is always given a certain timeline to do their work and if these officers do not honour committee invitations, then the work becomes difficult for these said committees.

Hon. Speaker, let me now switch some gears and state that enough praises have been given to the Governor but I would like to poke holes on some issues especially in the Agriculture Sector because that is where I have a lot of interest in. The Governor talked about Awach Irrigation Scheme that is serving around 1200 households, in Kabonyo Kanyagwal it is serving around 530 households, in Gem Rae Irrigation Scheme 400 acres that is serving around 1360 households and Chiga in Kisumu East that is serving around 700 households. Mr. Speaker, how I wish Honourable Members of this House coming from the aforementioned regions would tell the House the status of the said irrigation schemes. I only recalled Hon. Bill mentioning that in his area the scheme is benefiting members of his community. How I wish some other Members could also attest to this so that we quantify and get to know whether these projects are actually of help to the people of these areas.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also talked about a Kshs 30 million Milling Machine that is being installed at National Irrigating Authority site. At the moment, I wish we could get the true picture of the status of the said projects. He also talked about Venezuela Government through FAO that gave a certain CBO called COFA in Gem Rae a milling scheme with a metric ton of 1.3 Horse power. This is something that we need to know its status because some of these CBOs and Self-help groups if not monitored then these kind of things find their way back to the market. I wish that Member that come from those areas could give the true picture of that project.

Again, the Governor mentioned the 47 water pumps that were distributed in Kisumu West, Muhoroni, Kisumu East and Nyakach. My question is; are these water pump there and are they being used? These are the questions that we need to ask. I know in Kisumu East there are some water pumps that were distributed. These pumps found themselves into individual people homes. They have either kept them or even taken them back to the market for sale. If those groups that were given the water pumps don't make good use of them then, they should be recalled and given to serious groups who can make a change out of the said items.

Hon. Speaker, there was something mentioned about Maseno Agricultural Training Center and the amount was not little which was Kshs 10 million. Mr. Speaker, I always like the way the Chairperson of Agriculture is always participating when it comes to issues pertaining to meetings that we have always been holding at our committee levels. I would like to ask you to find out the scope of the work that Kshs 10 million did. Was it infrastructure, purchase of equipment or renovation?

Mr. Speaker, I want to echo what the Leader of Majority did say on the distributed 152 dairy cows. If these animals were given 2 years ago or 3 years ago, as a farmer, we are aware that a dairy cow should give birth once in a year and we are being informed that so far there are only 67 calves. What happened to the other animals that did not give birth? If they were given 2 years ago then the production of milk should be evident. If the animal died then, we should have been informed on the same since we don't have facts. What were the causes of the animals' death? Who were the beneficiaries given these animals; were they taken for training before the distributions were done? Otherwise, if we go in this direction, a lot of funds will be wasted.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor also mentioned something to do with promoting fodder where a Hay barn was constructed in Kajulu in FY 2021/2022. I happened to have visited the place and I would like to inform the Honourable Members that, that is not a hay barn. What I saw there looks like a boda-boda shed and is not even being utilized. These are one of the things that we need to stamp our foot on and that public funds should not be wasted. I wish Hon. Adegga could have been here to attest to this.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk about the Agricultural Extension officers. In Kisumu we have none and that is why we are doing poorly in terms Agriculture. We cannot leave farmers to be engaged in farming on their own without the technical knowledge on how to handle the best practices in the market at the moment.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Seth Okumu, MCA, East Seme): Hon. Member, are you sure that Kisumu County has no Extension Officer?

**Hon. Ratib** (MCA, Nyalenda “A” Ward): Mr. Speaker, they may be somewhere else but not in my ward. I don’t know if this is because we are not doing farming. Much has been said about Agriculture, Health and Infrastructure and I would like to concur with the Honourable Members that a lot has to be done.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to switch gears to Water department. The Governor talked about 72% of population having access to clean water. We are all aware that this water is not for free and this significantly contributes to KIWASCO. The other day when we were discussing about the budget, we realized that the County Government spent over Kshs 80 million on KIWASCO but the revenue that KIWASCO is giving to the County Government is nil. This should not be taken for granted and that the CEC nominee for Water, Environment and Natural Resources should be invited before this House and inform the House why this is happening.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to mention something slightly on Environment and this in on the issue of Kachok Dumpsite which has already been relocated. It is my prayer and the entire Kisumu County that that this land should not be grabbed.

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to Education; I believe that we all know that we are not doing badly off but my question is; what are the end results after University or any training institute? Where do our youth head to? Do they join the boda-boda sector? I would like to urge the Governor and the entire Executive to come up with a broad approach where these students could be absorbed. I know it is not possible to absorb everyone but let it be seen that the majority of these students from the university are absorbed and are doing something constructive.

Mr. Speaker, the youth form the greatest and the largest population of our workforce and I know that one of the agenda that made us succeed is promising youth employment. I always ask myself, where these employments are and I couldn’t find the answer. I wish that the County Government introduces free WI-FI within the community halls that have been constructed in the wards for the youth to use this internet to get online jobs or to do marketing. I believe this will engage the youth.

Hon. Speaker, there is also an issue here that we raised during statement hour concerning Street lights and floodlights which falls under the Department of Infrastructure and Energy. Nothing is being done to put back these street and flood lights that the Governor also mentioned in his speech. There are several of them but most of them are not working. How I wish we could come up with some regulations and Bills whereby if a motorist knocks down a street light, then he should be compelled to repair.

Last but not least, on the Own Source Revenue Collection. This should be up scaled because it is through this that the County Government will reduce the suffering from the huge wage bill that we are going through which stands at 62% compared to 38% left for development. I am also shocked

that Hon. Joachim was mentioning something to do with harassment of traders. These traders form a very big part of revenue contributors.

Lastly, I wish to highlight on the issue of “*kazi mtaani*” which was an initiative of the National Government. It is like the National Government is not taking keen interest on the youth. This initiative was actually helped a number of youth as they were waiting to go to some other better fields to engage in. How I wish that the County Government of Kisumu comes up with programs like this so that the youth are engaged in community work and at the end of the day they get something to put into their pockets. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Honourable Members, Is there any Member who has not spoken?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): Next Order!

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Okumu, MCA, East Seme Ward): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned today Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 2.30 p.m. Thank you.

*(House rose at 04.58 p.m.)*

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