COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU

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THE HANSARD

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Tuesday 29th August, 2023

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

(The Speaker (Hon. Elisha Jack Oraro) in the Chair)

PRAYER

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I have two communications to make. First, I wish to welcome you back after a short break to attend to main activities that were of great importance not only to the County of Kisumu but the nation at large. I wish to make the following communication on the two events;

Devolution Conference
Honourable Members, I wish to thank Honourable Members and the Secretariat for participating in the 8th Devolution Conference 2023 which was held in Eldoret from 15th - 19th August 2023.

In line with the theme of the conference '10 Years of Devolution: The Present and the Future' - we as an Assembly showcased the milestones the Assembly has made since inception of Devolution in 2013, discuss existing challenges and learn how to further improve the state of affairs. We were honoured to host the Right Hon. Raila Odinga alongside many other dignitaries who visited our pavilion to sample our success stories. To this end, I wish to hail the close

working relationship between the Assembly and the Executive which was exhibited during the Devolution Conference and further thank our Secretariat for the wonderful display.

CASA Games

The County Assembly of Kisumu equally participated in the just concluded CASA extravaganza which brought together all the 47 County Assemblies. The event which was conducted in Nakuru County from 19th- 27 August, 2023 enabled Honourable Members and staff to not only participate in various sporting disciplines but to also integrate and engage in peer learning with their counterparts from other County Assemblies. I hope all of you were there and you were able talk with other Members of the other County Assemblies what they do similarly or differently from what we do. It was an opportunity to do the peer learning. I am happy to report that Kisumu County Assembly excelled in various disciplines. Our Choir scooped position one among all the County Assemblies.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I wish to equally inform you that, we also emerged top in Tug-of-War Ladies (Position Three) and Draught (Position Three). We equally recorded sterling performance in Football Men, Netball and various indoor games. I wish to congratulate all our players for a job well done. I am aware of various concerns raised on the just concluded sporting activities, some touching on the Assembly while others on CASA. I personally did an opinion which I shared in the (CAF) County Assemblies Forum.

Honourable Members, that is for the Third Governing Council, The Executive and the Speaker's Council. I copied the same opinion to our County Assembly WhatsApp Forum. I am happy to report that I have seen a number of people aligning themselves to my opinion and there is an agreement that something needs to be done as far as CASA is concern. Unfortunately some Members took it differently and began to discuss someone's personality. It was an opinion that CASA is meant to unite the County Assemblies. I also want to confirm that I received a number of complaints from the Assembly. It is on this basis that I wish to task the Committee on Children, Culture, Sports and Community Services to do a report on the same and present to this House in two weeks. Taking in considerations the concerns of the various Members and recommendations. Some of them I did allude to.

Honourable Members, remember when I said we need to find a way of motivating those play. I am aware that the Budget Committee is here. I did talk to other County Assemblies and I realized that a number of them are still using the Votehead of Medals and Awards. It is used directly to award those who participate in sports whether they excel to the last level or a given level. How I wish we could adopt such ideas so that in future, we to have a culture where staff or teams who excelled in their disciplines are awarded or had with the objective of winning if not the participants are awarded and left smiling when they come back. I have made the ruling that Committee on Children, Culture, Sports and Community Services to do a report on the same and present to this House in two weeks so that go into the future together. Otherwise, I want to thank you for participating in the two activities of great importance to this County and the Nation.

My second communication is No. 13 in the Second Session about the Gazettement of the Leadership and Integrity Code for State officers in the County Assembly of Kisumu. Honourable

Members, aware that pursuant to Section 37 of the Leadership and Integrity Act 2012, and following a communication by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on 27th April 2022, the County Assembly established Leadership and Integrity Code within the County Assembly. This is an activity that started in April 2022 and I want you to take notice therefore that on 31st July, 2023, the government printer gazetted the Leadership and Integrity Act for Officers in the County Assembly of Kisumu and as by such gazettement confided all procedures related to leadership and integrity, the ethical conduct in the leadership and management of public affairs in the Assembly.

Honourable Members, the Code is intended to ensure that State Officers respect the values, principles and other provisions of the Constitution and other applicable laws on policies on the standards and performance expected in the holders of public office in the discharge of their duties. Therefore, I want to bring to your attention that by definition, and the following statutes, all State officers are public officers, but not all public officers are State officers. By virtue of being an elected Member, you are a public officer. As such, you must adhere to the Leadership and Integrity Act which is anchored on Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Honourable Members, Clerks are hereby directed to make available all copies of the Code to the Members and their offices. I want to instruct the Clerk to make available copies of the gazetted code to Members and their offices. The House is accordingly guided. Thank you Honourable Members.

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

STATEMENTS

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

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise under Standing Order No. 42. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday 27th of August, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Nyakach made a very disparaging statement. In my view, that statement can cause a lot of disunity in Kisumu County. Mr. Speaker, the MP did make a statement that is viewed as character assassination on the personality of the Governor and his Deputy. Mr. Speaker, we have been enjoying a very peaceful atmosphere in this House and even at the County level. The Governor and his Deputy have been working closely and harmoniously.

Mr. Speaker, other counties have big problems especially between their Governors and their respective Deputies. A good example is the neighbouring Siaya county in which the Governor and his Deputy to do see eye to eye. In our county, Mr. Speaker, the Governor and his Deputy worked very well in their First term in office. For that reason, the Governor saw it fit, to run with his Deputy for a second term. Mr. Speaker, I believe the two are working very closely to the extent that the deputy represents the Governor in international events. Recently, the Chairman Health accompanied the Deputy Governor and the Cabinet Secretary for Health to go and sign an agreement in Russia. Had it not been for their good working relationship, the Deputy Governor would not have represented his boss.

Mr. Speaker, for the MP of Nyakach to insinuate that the Deputy Governor is undermining the Governor to the extent of wishing him death, is a very unfortunate statement. I condemn in the

strongest terms possible the statement by the MP for Nyakach. Such statement can cost this county a lot. Remember we benefit a lot from our development partners in this county and such partners fear conflict. The statement by the MP can cost us the projects being funded by development partners.

Mr. Speaker, the Governor recently established Municipalities and my constituency benefited. We are looking forward to attract donors to help us develop our municipalities. If such statements cannot be condemned and left to go free, the development partners may withhold their funding. Mr. Speaker, I know it is everyone's right to vie for any seat. However, let us not allow our county, and our good leadership to be used as springboard for political game. I condemn the statement by the MP for Nyakach. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Thank you very much the Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority. Honourable Members, the Deputy Leader of Majority stood on Standing Order No. 42 on Personal Statements. It reads that during the Statement hour, a Member may, by the indulgence of the House, explain matters of a personal nature although there is no question before the House, but such matter may not be debated. This means that it is a matter affecting him. However, if there is any member who may wish to speak to the matter, I am not going to put a question on a matter of such nature.

The Speaker (Hon Oraro): Yes, Hon Okumu.

Hon Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also want to comment on the Statement by the Deputy Leader of Majority. Mr. Speaker, we have all the rights to protect the governance in this county. There are statements that if we make as leaders can not only incite people but also interfere with the governance structure and impact negatively on service delivery.

Mr. Speaker, we all have freedom of speech. However, this freedom is limited due to a number of reasons such as incitement. Mr. Speaker, the constitution allows MPs to visit people in their constituencies. It also limits that when they are there, there is a way in which they ought to conduct themselves, whether in private or in public. Mr. Speaker, on this particular occasion, we were burying a very respected lady. However, the sentiments of the MP for Nyakach was casting aspersions on the Deputy Governor, which to us as an Assembly, that I am privileged to have served in the Second Term and now the Third Assembly, has worked very closely with the Governor to ensure that there is service delivery in this County.

Mr. Speaker, by the Hon. Member of Parliament of Nyakach Sub-County insinuating that the Deputy Governor has been wishing bad omen on the Governor, is not only unpalatable but is also demeaning to his office as the MP of Nyakach. We wish to tell all leaders in Kisumu County, that we are all here to offer services to the people and we can only do that if we work together as elected leaders. I know there is also one in this County who has gone somewhere and said that our Leader of Majority needs to be changed. How can he start talking like that when we know so well that as an assembly, our Leader of Majority is working quite well in ensuring that all government businesses are brought in this House and are passed. So, we want to ask all the elected leaders to let the assembly do their part, and let their utterances outside there help us deliver services to the people. Let them not just talk in a way that insights the public against leaders that are supposed to provide services to the people. Let's take those opportunities,

whether in churches or in funerals or any other gatherings, to talk to the people and tell them about development that we are supposed to bring to them and not to castigate other leaders who are also providing services in this County.

Mr. Speaker, we want to request the Hon. MP for Nyakach, Hon. Aduma, that if he is truly a leader then he should come and apologize to Kisumu County for the rift that he is trying to cause between the Deputy Governor and the Governor of this County. We are witnessing what is happening in our neighboring County Siaya, when the Governor and his Deputy are not working together, and they are losing a lot of resources that are supposed to be given to them by several donors. Nobody wants a chaotic environment, and as my brother Hon. Jagongo often says that 'money fears noise', it is true and that is the reason why we do not want noise and squabbles in Kisumu County. We are here and have an Assembly that is committed as well as a Governor who is committed to providing services to the people. We have a Deputy Governor who is committed for now to provide services to the people. Anything beyond that can wait for the right time for it to happen. Thank you so much Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Moses Ochele. I have equally noticed you Hon. Millicent Omuya.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East-Kano Wawidhi Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I start by appreciating all Members for their participation in sports held in Nakuru. I also want to add my voice on what the Deputy Leader of Majority, Hon. Lumumba has just raised, that as leaders, we must always be keen and careful in our utterances. Some may be geared towards our ambitions but we should consider the repercussions. It is selfish to say something that will only help me tomorrow but the same thing can be dangerous to the social fabric of a County or a people. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I read with a lot of thirst, what the Hon. MP for Nyakach said. It was quite unfortunate, demeaning to the office of the Governor as well as to the very people they have been serving for the past 6 years. These political positions come and go but it should not come in a way that you can decide to kill a society just for you as an individual to gain. It is quite unfortunate and sometime before I consulted my soul, thought he was favoring somebody but then I sat down listening to my heart Mr. Speaker, that is a statement that is not worth coming from a leader like Senior Counsel Hon. Aduma.

Mr. Speaker, in this County, there are several reckless leaders and most of them you will find that they do not even talk in the National Assembly but when they get out of the National Assembly, they are too loud in mother tongue. When you find somebody who is too loud in mother tongue, that is a political demagogue because where you are expected to debate, is here in the Assembly and not in funerals. I also heard him say that the people of Nyakach are terming him as 'Momo' meaning dumb. If you are dumb in the House then you should be the same outside the Assembly. Mr. Speaker, a very unfortunate event occurred in Nyando Sub-County, where a Member of Parliament, who is not concerned with management of the County government, writes a letter and carries the letter by himself, accompanied by a Member of this House to ODM house saying that our Leader of Majority should be removed and replaced by another member from Nyando. Mr. Speaker, I believe that we are not serious because if the said Member does not even do well with Members in the House. How do you want to lead people who you do not join with? Mr. Speaker, the same Honourable Member visited my ward, and I know that when a member comes to my ward, I have to give a member recognition that he

deserves. I stood to speak first then gave a chance to a colleague in courtesy to make the final speech for the harambee to begin. What did the Member do instead? He attacked me and the Leader of Majority in my ward but in the House, you do not talk and yet outside you make very loud noises in vernacular. Mr. Speaker, leaders must have sanity and respect each other be it here, the national assembly or the Senate. Respect is paramount, thank you Mr. Speaker.

(*Loud Consultations*)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I had noticed Hon. Millicent Omuya.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am standing to echo what my colleagues have just said. It is very unfortunate for an elected leader to talk the way that MP for Nyakach did. In fact, I watched it in the TikTok App. At times I normally ask myself that is it a must that we must speak in funerals? Is it? No, it is not. Even me when I attend these funerals but I am called out to talk, when I have nothing tangible to say, I will just stand and wave then sit down. It has been made a must thing by us even when the utterances are nonsense or our words are killing people, we care less. I beg the people of Nyakach Sub-County to sort out your issues because when you look at all these issues, they are just rotating within Nyakach. As a Member from Seme Sub-County, I am getting worried because some time back when the Governor started his first term, there were issues from Nyakach and now it has started again. As a resident and representative of the Governor, I have started to get worried, and I believe that it is the right time now that you have started telling, you should know the deeper meaning of the battle between Nyakach people and Seme. The Prof. Nyongó is not good health wise and how do you think he is feeling after hearing all those utterances? Are you people from Nyakach helping him or draining him? I am just begging this Housed through the Chair that you should let us know what is cooking in Nyakach pertaining Seme and the Governor. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I think all the Members who are standing, I am seeing a balance because I am able to see a Member from Kisumu Central, Nyakach, Kisumu West. So, let me start with Kisumu Central Sub County. Sorry, this is Kisumu East Sub County? Honourable Ratib, why I am taking you to Kisumu Central Sub County? I am seeing Honourable Sammy really making consulting loudly that you are not from Kisumu Central Sub County. I have not heard anybody from Kisumu East Sub County, so, let me give this chance to Honourable Boitone.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A" Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to make a rebattle the Statement that has been brought by the Deputy Leader of Majority. I have been very keen on how the Governor and his Deputy are working. There is a cordial relationship between these two. Anytime the Deputy Governor representing the Governor on any forum, Mr. Speaker, he has been doing it very well. If at all somebody would castigate that the Deputy Governor is ill- minded about the Governor, this is not a good statement. It is very unfortunate to come from a mature politician like it happened.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to put a point across. Funerals religious functions should come as a forum whereby we politicians get opportunity to talk to our constituents. Mr. Speaker, you understand very well that gathering a people and giving them information, we as representatives maybe very expensive and difficult. However, if at all a funeral has already earned this for us

then, we take advantage of that funeral to disseminate information that should be taken very positively. For that matter, I want to encourage all politicians that let us use funerals to disseminate information, to give ideas and agendas that we have for the people and not change these funerals into character assassination of other politicians.

Mr. Speaker, when you talk about Kisumu East Sub County, we are the only disadvantaged constituency because we have an independent Member of Parliament whom is not ready to work with us at all. I have always envying other constituencies because they belong to one family that is the ODM Party Family. So, the working relationship between Member of Parliament and Member of County Assembly for the benefit of the people if enhanced, I think will also promote us as Member of County Assembly. I therefore believe that moving forward; let all Members of the County Assembly create that peaceful harmony between them and the Member of Parliament for the sake of our people.

You all understand that the budget that we have at the County is so limited. Let us make use of the National Government County Development Fund so as to enhance service delivery to our people. Mr. Speaker, I rebuke with the strongest terms possible the statement made by the MP for Nyakach Sub County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Zacharia Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu Ward): Mr. Speaker, thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to say a word in regard to what happened in Nyakach. I also want to join my colleagues who are condemning the statement from a senior lawyer and MP for Nyakach Sub County. I strongly agree that the statement may have caused some tension in the County if it is left without condemnation.

Mr. Speaker, some of us do not know why we take advantage of talking in funerals. Sometimes back, the politicians in Nyanza could not get any forum to disseminate information to the electorates in the region. It was not easy to get any permit for gathering and even to educate the electorates as an elected leader. So, we took this advantage of the funerals because the government of those days could give permit for burials, so that we could get opportunities of talking to the electorates. That is why we keep on asking the churches to give us opportunity to talk to our electorates. So, I still support politicians talking to electorates in funerals.

Mr. Speaker, I know that the politician, the MP for Nyakach Constituency said a very bad word. But, I do not think I would agree to call the MP names like demagogue and all sorts of other names. We only need to condemn the statement so that he may come and apologize and maybe withdraw what he said. But, calling my friend Aduma K'Owuor a Demagogue, to me I would not support. That is because, maybe to other people, Hon. Aduma may look like a demagogue but, to me, I know what he is capable of doing.

Mr. Speaker, lastly, I know I am stepping on other people's toes here but, please, allow me to finish. What I want to add on what I was saying is that this House I believe is one to unite the whole County. It is only the hyena who was told not to wait for that hand of a human being to drop so that he may have it. So, if the MP for Nyakach Sub County said or rather the Deputy Governor is waiting for our Governor to maybe to get a chance to easily ascent to the position of Governor….

(*Loud Consultations)*

Then, it is my belief that he was like equating our Deputy Governor to the Hyena who was waiting for the human hand to fall so that he could eat it. Otherwise I also stand to condemn the statement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach Ward): Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to equally sir my views on this important matter. Mr. Speaker, the Member who brought this matte was candid and very specific with reference that, these kinds of statements indeed emanated from the Member of Parliament for Nyakach.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that what we should focus on is the peripheries of the person who uttered this message. It should not be construed to mean that this statement emanated from Nyakach. This is because some of us did not understand the meaning of the statement and the way it was pronounced at that particular place and point. Mr. Speaker, be it as it may even if it was the Deputy Governor who uttered something like that, in reference to the Member of Parliament, I would still not support such reckless utterances. Mr. Speaker, I am here to say that it was very unfortunate and we concur together that it was a very unfortunate statement and I do believe that even if he indeed did make such a statement, self-reflection, I am certain that he must have similarly realized that something must have gone wrong. Otherwise, we cannot accept that and this is not acceptable at all.

Mr. Speaker, I have been a candidate of a lot of character assassinations in most of those funerals. But still, I have not ceased attending those funerals. I will continue attending, this is because we go to bereave the families that have lost a loved one and I don't really care who speaks what about me. It is my belief that Honourable Members should equally learn from the same, that you go there, if you have nothing to say to your constituents, just say what you can say. Mr. Speaker, I believe that from here, it is a good lesson to us as Members on what we normally utter. Mr. Speaker, you know that sometimes you think that this is only the bad apple but then, there are equally others that we may mix and even others ourselves as Members. Even at times we do step on others fellows Members toes but, we should just be careful and be reasonable enough in areas that you go to or funeral that you attend.

So, I want to concur with other Members to also condemn this by starting that the statement uttered by the MP was a very unfortunate statement and it is my belief that the Professor being a reasonable person, and being a renowned Scholar and being an understanding person that we are privileged to have in this County, I am very sure that he is not going to take that statement seriously the way some of us are taking it. Mr. Speaker, I have managed to talk to the DG himself, he is equally calm on that matter and he is wondering the same way we are conjecturing. Mr. Speaker, I am assuring you that, as the people of Nyakach Sub-county, we mean well for this County because we are getting ourselves ready to also spur the growth of this County from 2027. It is my belief that, things will come to an agreement and we will settle it within ourselves. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honorable Member, I think that we only have four minutes for the Statement Hour to conclude. So, I will give Hon. Rakwach and Hon. Ngeta. If you can apportion that four minutes amongst yourselves that translates two minutes each.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for according this chance. You have apportioned us four minutes to divide amongst me and my colleague. It belive that I will take three and my colleague Hon. Ngeta will take one.

(Laughters)

Mr. Speaker, I equally want to add my voice on the reckless pronunciation that was made in a funeral in Nyakach by the said Member of Parliament. Mr. Speaker, this is the time that our elected leaders should really watch their tongues. This is because we were elected to unite our people. But not to cause division amongst them. We should not try to ride on the divisive politics for the 2027 gains. Mr. Speaker, if my memory serves me well, I would state here that in 2018 at the Kenyatta Sports Ground in Kisumu, the same Member of Parliament made the same pronouncements against that said Senator for Kisumu then. I don't know why this MP is obsessed with making bad pronunciations against our Governor. It is my belief that the MP should come out and apologize not only to the Deputy Governor of the great County of Kisumu but, also to our able Governor, the Professor Peter Nyang' Nyongó.

M<r. Speaker, I believe that this is politics which has just started and it is about a particular seat. Some politician may think that it is a reserve for some leaders from a particular place, but I want to state here that 2027 is still blocks ahead. Mr. Speaker, when I stand here as Hon. Reuben Rakwach Okoth, we will equally make big announcements in 2027. So, we should wait for that time to come because I have all the qualifications but, as at now, I may not have the funding but I have all the qualifications that is required to vie for that position. Time will tell but, we really need to tame our tongues so that we don't cause division amongst our people. Mr. Speaker, character assassination is not a good thing. Mr. Speaker, sometimes they say that the meat that is closer to the bone is sweeter. Maybe someone may view that the DG is the Deputy to the Governor and now when it comes to that, the choice may be tough but, I really pray and persuade the elected Members not to do character assassination and especially during funerals and especially when you have lost a beloved member of a family, we should not get agitated but, we should be calm and console our people to enable them deal with the loss that they have gotten. Otherwise, thank you and I condemn in the strongest terms possible. Thank you.

Hon. Ngeta (MCA, Awasi/Onjiko Wards): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I arise to join my fellow colleagues in condemning the same. Mr. Speaker, let me take this opportunity to condemn with the strongest term possible the statement made by the Member of Parliament made on the ill-fated day. Mr. Speaker, respect is two-way and I want to implore the Member of Parliament for Nyakach to try and be sober enough when speaking before any congregation.

Mr. Speaker, if you can recall that during that function, we were privileged to be graced with a lot of visitors from different regions. Mr. Speaker, we need to exercise some decorum when attending such functions. I want to agree with our humble and able DG and convey my appreciations to him because he has not uttered a word on the same. The DG has remained calm and this is the only way to counter such kind of reckless utterances.

Mr. Speaker, I heard that the issue of Nyando was equally brought about during that function. Mr. Speaker, on the issue Nyando, I was the one who visited Hon. Moses Ochele's Ward and made some statement which I am sure I can repeat again. This is because I want us as Members of this great County of Kisumu. Let's be sober, focused and be brother's keeper. If you think that you are a super MCA then, I would like to inform you that there is no such a person in this House. As Honourable Members, we are all equal and we were elected by the Members of the public and therefore we represent our electorates. Hon. Ochele must be aware that he is also a MCA like me and I would like to urge him that as his allies, he should respect Hon. Ngeta in his ward. Let him not come to my ward and start uttering wards expecting me to keep my quiet.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Order Hon. Ngeta. What is your point of Order Hon. Ochele?

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi Ward): On a Pint of Order. Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Ngeta was not the talk of the subject in this House. I had my debate and I didn't mention anyone's name and therefore it is not in order for Hon. Ngeta to utter my name on the floor of the House. I believe that my point was clear, the Member understood and he knows what he did. He should debate on the motion that we have on the floor of the House and not uttering my name.

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

Hon. Ngeta M (MCA, Awasi Onjiko Ward): Mr. Speaker, I have been elected twice and I am normally calm, I respect my colleagues and I am a Christian. The Deputy Leader of Majority can bear me witness when there was something happening in Nakuru. Let's not undermine each other but respect each other. You cannot go to another MCA's Ward without his/her knowledge. Let us keep away from activities that may cause disunity among us. I will not spare anybody who will undermine me. There are so many ways to kill a rat.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, statement time is over but I want to say that we have heard the statement by the Deputy Leader of Majority which as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I have allowed you to debate but I am not able to put any question. I am only going to add my comments that as elected leaders, I have just made some communication here on our Code of Conduct which has now been gazetted. Even without that being gazetted, we already had the Ethics and Integrity Act which spells out on how a Public Officer should carry himself out on the ground. I want to request you to refer to section 37 of the Leadership and Integrity Act 2012.

Honourable Members, all state officers are State Officers and I repeat that not all Public Officers and State Officers but all State Officers are Public Officers. So the way you carry yourself in the presence of others and in the absence of others matters a lot. In reality, integrity is defined as what you do in the absence of others and not what you do in the presence of others. We have presented ourselves above board as Kisumu Assembly and you will testify to that one that for now almost five years we are rated very well in terms of peace from within the Assembly and the County. So we should avoid utterances that interfere with governance of the County. As regards to the issue of the Assembly, I think the Leader of Majority has been mentioned. If a Leader of Majority is to be removed then I believe that there are procedures of removing the Leader of

Majority and there must be a reason to his removal. As I sit here as the Speaker I have no communication whatsoever from anybody regarding the removal or replacement of the Leader of Majority and I can stand and confirm that as the Speaker I know he has been doing his work effectively as per the roles and mandate of the Leader of Majority.

Honourable Members, I want to call upon all of us to be our brother's keeper. There is no harm in informing your fellow Member that you are going to his/her ward. I always try to do so even if I am going on a private function. Regarding the campaign of 2027; all the Members are allowed to take any direction in terms of whom you want to support but by the end of the day, you know that you belong to a House and whatever the House says, I believe we rally behind the House. Avoid attacking one's persons. Let us talk governance, peace, integrity, transparency and ensure that there is service to the people who elected us. We are elected leaders up to the year 2027. From 2027 there will be another election. I am joining your to call upon elected leaders of Kisumu that let us work together, respect one another even if we are differing in opinion. Thank you.

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

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, today during the House Business Committee Meeting we agreed having looked at the available information on the pending works by House Committees and remember when we were closing for Long Recess. In my earlier communication, I did allude to the fact that tens of pending works of committees that have not been tackled. We have decided that tomorrow morning and afternoon session that we will report for papers if there is any to be laid and statements, but we want to maximize the time for committee work. I have already instructed the clerk to plan the schedule for the House Committees to be shared. However, we shall be reporting for purposes of paper and communication that shall be available. Please stand guided accordingly. Thank you

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Member, there being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Wednesday, 30th August, 2023 at 9.00 a.m.

(House rose at 03.31 p.m.)

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