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House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Emily Oginga) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, as per the provisions of our Standing Orders No. 32 (2), I would like to request the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

(Quorum Bell is rung for five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Chief Whip, please confirm if we have quorum?

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. We have quorum in the House. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Mr. Clerk, can you please take us through the order of the day?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Order!! Hon. Seth Okumu and Hon. Moses Ochele, please consult in low tones.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

PAPER LAID

REPORT BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF SUB-COUNTY HOSPITALS IN KISUMU COUNTY

BY

HON. VINCENT JAGONGO, MCA, NORTH WEST KISUMU WARD

(CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

Hon. Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 182 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Tuesday, 05th December, 2023 report by the Standing Committee of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation on the Current Status of Sub-county Hospitals in Kisumu County. Thank you.

(Hon. Jagongo lays the report before the House for consideration)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, I confirm receipt of a report by the Standing Committee of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation on the Current Status of Sub-county Hospitals in Kisumu County. Honourable Members, I commit this report to the Select Committee of House Business for scheduling for debate. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

Hon. Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to give a Notice of Motion that this House adopts the report by the Standing Committee of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation on the Current Status of Sub-county Hospitals in Kisumu County. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

STATEMENTS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, we are on Statement Hour and the floor is open to Members who have any issues to raise.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE FIFTH STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY BY HIS EXELLENCY PROFESSOR PETER ANYANG' NYONG'O, THE GOVERNOR, KISUMU COUNTY, (DAY ONE)

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Seth Kanga, the Chief Whip.

Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of Majority and pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 22 (5) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders the thank of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the His Excellency the Governor of Kisumu County delivered on Friday, 01st December, 2023 at the Tom Mboya Labour College. Madam Speaker, I wish to move this motion that, this motion be discussed in this House.

Madam Speaker, I wish to highlight some of the key areas that were addressed by the Governor. The Governor in his address, highlighted several areas in key departments in the County Government of Kisumu.

Madam Speaker, please allow me to start with the Department of Medical Services where the Governor did indicate that the County Government of Kisumu envisages rehabilitating 35 Health Facilities in each and every electoral ward. It is my opinion that, this will go a long way in boosting the image of our representatives in those areas as we are all aware that the Health Sector forms the key basis in driving the economy of a County or a Country. As it is well know that, a *"Healthy county is a Wealthy county"*.

Madam Speaker, the other areas that I want to talk about, is the Agricultural Sector where the Governor in his speech touched on the Value Chain to help improve production in chicken, dairy products, horticultural product like tomatoes, cotton and even rice irrigation at the county and at the national level. Madam Speaker, in addition to that, the Governor in his address promised to

hire 45 Supervisors and 600 enumerators to help in the profiling by collection of data for farmers to be enhanced so that agricultural activities is enhanced in Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, the other are that I want to touch on is in the Sectors of Water, Environment and Natural Resources. In his speech, the Governor stated that, there are areas that this government has earmarked for rehabilitation by the Solarization of Boreholes to help enhance water supply in our county.

Madam Speaker, in the Education Sector, the Governor stated that the county had constructed 686 ECD Centres of which 629 of them had been anchored in primary schools and the county government is working day and night to ensure that the retention of pupils in the ECD Centres is enhanced by the initiation of School Feeding Programmes in those ECD Centres. The budgetary allocation towards this venture has been increased by Kshs 6.9 million.

Madam Speaker, in the Sector of Infrastructure and Public Works, the Governor highlighted several areas for instance the Namba Kapiyo-Bodi Asat Road which has been enhanced to bitumen (tarmac) standards.

Madam Speaker, in the Sector of Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development, a lot of funds has been allocated in Kenya Urban Informal Sector Improvement Project (KISIP) Programme through donor funding and partnerships which is in the Phase II of the project. This project is meant to enhance infrastructure and drainage services which will equally improve service delivery by construction of roads in the following informal areas of Bandani, Nyawita, Magadi, Manyatta, Kondele, Manyatta "B", Kibuye, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo and in Muhoroni.

Madam Speaker, as I wrap up, the County Government of Kisumu has equally undertaken a lot in the area of Sports where the Governor talked about issues to do with enhancement of Sporting and Talent for instance in Mama Grace Onyango Social Centre which has been given a face lift and upgraded to an international level and a lot of sporting activities are being taken there like the Theatre and Drama and other in-door sporting activities.

Madam Speaker, with those few remarks, I would like to implore Members of this House to debate the Fifth State of the County Address delivered by His Excellency the Governor with robustness and gusto and at the same time critic where necessary but, in my part where we have the Leader of Majority and the Whip of this County, I beseech members that the Speech be discussed and adopted for posterity. Madam Speaker, I will request the Hon. Seth Okumu the Member representing East Seme Ward to second. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme Ward): Thank you so much Madam Speaker. I arise to second the motion moved by the Honourable Majority Whip on behalf of the Leader of Majority.

Madam Speaker, as was mentioned that, the Governor delivered his Fifth State of the County Address on Friday, 01st December, 2023 at the Tom Mboya Labour College. Madam Speaker, on the Address by His Excellency the Governor, he mentioned some of the milestones that he has achieved which has transformed the livelihood of the people of Kisumu County. In doing so, he equally gave a plan where the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (III) FY 2024/2027 was launched.

Madam Speaker, in achieving these fetes, the Governor mentioned Revenue Enhancement. As a County we have struggled to realize our revenue limits as we do our budgets and in doing so, the Governor together with this House constituted a Revenue Board for Kisumu County to assist in the collection of Own Source Revenue. Madam Speaker, it is our belief that with the constitution of the Kisumu County Revenue Board, revenue pilferages that have been taking place or the non-declaration of revenues by different entities in Kisumu County will significantly and drastically be reduced.

Madam Speaker, in the Infrastructure and Public Works Sector, the Governor talked about the Machine-based Programme and the objectives as to why this programme was introduced was to reduce the cost of making our roads and the use of skills that our citizens have acquired in making our roads. Additionally, the Governor talked about the Road Maintenance Teams and these are group of young and energetic youths who are engaged to do minor repairs on our roads. So, apart from just doing the minor repairs to our roads, we are able as a County to provide stipends that they can use to meet their basic needs.

Madam Speaker, the Governor in his address on the Health Sector, talked about Community Health Volunteers (CHVs). In fact I recall him mentioning that, we should refer to them as "Worker" because what these cadres of employees are doing for this County is commendable. Madam Speaker, today, I saw one of the Community Health Workers one Hellen Otieno running physical advertisements that she has drugs for malaria and she is equipped the Test Kits for doing malaria tests. This CHW can do malaria tests for free and again provide free drugs for those diagnosed with malaria. Madam Speaker, this is the group that the Governor had mentioned are CHWs as a way of improving service delivery to health is a true testament and with these kits we can offer emergency care to the population of Kisumu as we await to receive the technical case in our health facilities.

Madam Speaker, as a County we passed in this House the Facility Improvement Financing Act, 2022 which was to help secure and ring-fence funds for our health facilities. The process of getting funds from the County Revenue Fund Account (CRF) is tedious and we believe that, if you were to get drugs for malaria from our health facilities because somebody has compensated, we should make it much easier for such basic pharmaceutical commodities to be accessed in those health facilities.

Madam Speaker, in addition, we heard of the MARWA Scheme which was an Insurance Scheme to assist our indigence and these are people in our midst who are not able to access medical services because of the cost element. Madam Speaker, it is our belief as Kisumu County that, if we can realize our Own Source Revenues not all of us can be sick in one day but, if we have these funds in one pool then, one of us who is taken ill can seek medication, get treated and then we replenish these funds once this person gets well and can go back offer his duties.

Madam Speaker in the Education Sector, on the Recruitment and confirming of ECD Teachers to Permanent and Pensionable (PP) Term, this has really improved service delivery in our ECD Centres. Further, in health, I want to mention the Cancer Center that the County Government of Kisumu is doing at the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital (JOOTRH). Right now, most of our cancer patients seek for medication either in to Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi or in Eldoret at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH). Madam Speaker, when as a County we have a Cancer Center, we will reduce the cost of transport for some of these patients to these referral centres. Madam Speaker, I believe that once this center is complete, it will provide essential services not only to the residents of Kisumu but the people of western Kenya.

Madam Speaker, on that note, I want to applaud the Chairperson for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee because in reminiscence that we travelled with him to Uganda in Mulago Hospital and we witnessed what they were doing there and we that we did compare with what we are doing here and I must say that, we are on the right track in Constructing a Cancer Centre in Kisumu.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Member, in the Sector of Water, Environment and Natural Resources, I want to concur with the Governor is his speech by giving an example that in my ward, we have Boreholes that have been constructed by the County Government of Kisumu and that includes Kit Mikayi Boreholes and Malela Borehole which are equipped with Solarization equipments. Madam Speaker, we have always struggled with the cost of electricity and in some of our Boreholes, we have installed Solar Power Systems and I want to encourage Members that let us move away from the electricity grid to solar power in pumping water for our people. This is because we get so much sunlight in Kisumu County that is able to provide us with the much needed energy to pump our water from the boreholes.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, in the Energy Sector, the Governor mentioned entering into partnership with KERRA in the provision of Electricity to rural areas. Apart from that, the Governor has equally provided Floodlights in most of our Market Centres to help provide security to our mothers when selling their wares and trade in the evening and transformed some of these centers in 24 hour economy. Madam Speaker, the challenges that these floodlights are encountering which I will mention is the high cost of electricity charged. If

we can change these Highmast Electricity to Solar and with plenty sunlight in Kisumu, we will reduce the cost of electricity for these High Mast Floodlights.

Madam Speaker, in the Address by the Governor, I cannot mention everything but I cannot go without mention Vocation Training Centres (VTCs) and we have an example of a working Vocation Training Centre which is Rotary. It is our belief that, moving forward that, let all our Vocational Training Centres which are currently 28 in number mirror Rotary. In this House, we have a Committee that passed the Technical Vocational Education Act, 2023 that will help in ensuring that, our Vocational Training Centres are well run.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, with those few remarks, I second this motion that this House deliberates on the Address by the Governor to the County Assembly. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, now that the motion which has been moved by the Chief Whip on behalf of the Leader of Majority and seconded by Hon. Seth Okumu on the Debate on the Fifth State of the County Address by the Governor to the County Assembly and as per the provisions of our Standing Orders, I propose that this motion is now open for debate. I will open this motion for debate and we have a maximum of one hour for each sitting and we have three more sittings to contribute on this debate .

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Samuel Onyango member representing Railways Ward.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I want to give my comments on the Governor's Speech. I was privileged to be there during the delivery and I keenly listened.

Madam Speaker, the Governor mostly focused on the following sectors Health, Agriculture, Education and forgot about the Roads. This is to remind the Governor that, in Kisumu County most of the road networks are in pathetic conditions and the time we will be going home after his tenure, some of us will be going home with him. The reason as to why I am saying this is because; the process of procuring these services in the Department of Roads is lethargic. For example this House approved its Budget on 30th June, 2023 but, until today, the department is still in the process of Evaluation. Madam Speaker, in future, the Governor and his team should focus more on roads. This is because, even as we construct very good ECD and Health Centres, if these facilities don't have good road access, I believe it is not worth it. I have heard a Member state here that we have good ECD Centers but, how can we access these facilities if there are no road networks?

Madam Speaker, I would like to implore the Governor to focus more, more, more on roads. With those few remarks, I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Vincent Jagongo.

Hon. Jagongo (MCA, North West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I equally want to raise a few issues on the Governor's Speech.

Madam Speaker, I want to limit my contribution to the Medical Services, Public health and Sanitation. First, I want to applaud His Excellency the Governor for recruiting additional Community Health Workers and increasing the number of household from 187,977 to 206,2420. Madam Speaker, we are all aware that health is very complicated and at the moment, the Community Health Workers move from door to door, meet the households and assist and ensuring that they are healthy. Madam Speaker, we equally thank the Governor for ensuring that the Community Health Workers are kitted with Medical Kits that they are using to assist our people on the ground. Madam Speaker, we are delighted that as the Community Health Works can do test to the basic tests like malaria, blood sugar, temperature and blood pressure. This is a very good indication that we as a county are moving towards a disease free county.

Madam, Speaker, I again want to congratulate the Governor in his speech where he stated that the county has employed some specialists in Cancer Management. He talked of an Oncologist who specializes in handling special cases for cancer patients. Madam Speaker, you are aware that, we have been sending most of our cancer patients to Kenyatta National Hospital to seek for these specialized services but, because, the Governor has talked about this, we are relieved because now most of our patients can be taken care of in this facility.

Madam Speaker, I equally want to echo my sentiments on the partnership that the County is planning to enter with other development partners for instance with the St. Petersburg where they are planning to have a partnership towards the Construction of a Cancer Centre that is well equipped to help manage most of the carcinogenic cases and also to conduct operations that are not done within the county. I believe that, this will be a boost to our Health Department and this will provide ease to our people who are compelled to visit other places like India to seek for these treatments.

Madam Speaker, I am similarly ecstatic that as a House we talked sometimes back with the County Executive and they agreed that, they were going to support each and every ward to have a Mini-hub where residents can get basic health management within our wards. I am happy that the department has put funds to the tune of Kshs 150 million to support the mini-hubs within the 35 wards within the county and that is a gesture worth commending.

Madam Speaker, I want to stop there and applaud the Governor for the good speech that he delivered to the County Assembly. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Millicent Ajumbo.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker for according me this chance. Madam Speak, I want to congratulate the Governor for delivering his Fifth State of the County Address that was held on Friday, 01st December, 2023. It was a broad speech and I just wanted to highlight on some of the issues and to just commend the Governor and the entire County Government of Kisumu for the work that is well done and the areas.

Madam Speaker, my interest was in the area of Health in the introduction of Electronic Community Health Information Systems (e-CHIS) and this has improved efficiency in most of our health centres. I have seen my health centre in Kombewa that have benefited and using the Information Health Systems this means that you walk in and in a very short time you get the services.

Madam Speaker, I was equally enchanted by the fact there is also the rehabilitation of the 35 health facilities as our mini-hubs in the wards and that is a great achievement for our wards because remember, devolution starts from the grassroots. So, if the health facilities in our wards are improved, then, most people that come to town, this will reduce the number of patients coming to our health facilities in town for medical check-ups. Madam Speaker, I was equally impressed by the new technology and I remember when the Governor was pronouncing the words, it was quite a mouthful which is the new innovative services at the JOOTRH acquired which is called Gasless Laparoscopic that ensures that, during surgery, there is less pain during the procedures. Madam Speaker, this is quite an achievement because you recall in Kenya we have very few and we have not heard of this anywhere in Kenya and I was even telling one of my sisters that was planning to travel to India for a surgery procedure that I have seen what has been introduced here the Gasless Laparoscopic because even he Governor has difficulty in pronouncing it. So, this quite an achievement and quite impressive that now, we don't have to travel all the way to India to get this kind of treatment.

Madam Speaker, in the area of Agriculture, it is the backbone of this economy this is through Value Addition in poultry, dairy and horticultural products, cotton and fish farming. I again want to laud the Governor for what he did when the Fish farmers lost quite a number of fish in the lake and in the fish cages. In my Ward in Seme at Pap Othany, farmers there lost quite a number of fish that went into millions of shillings. Madam Speaker, I am happy to see that, the Governor gave an additional compensation of Kshs 3 million and farmers there are quite happy because they are almost harvesting which is by close of December, 2023 and they even promised that some of us will have a taste of the fish harvest.

Madam Speaker, in the area of Education, I equally want to laud the Governor for the implementation of programmes like the Bursary and Scholarships which is disbursed to school to help vulnerable and needy students. Again, the introduction of Vocational Training Centres in 28 of the electoral wards. Madam Speaker, I can see that, there is Completion of Lela Vocational Training Centre in Kobura Ward which is even ready for official opening. Madam Speaker, in

Central Seme Ward, a similar Vocational Training Centre notably Pap Othany was to be done at the same time but, this facility at Pap Othany has not been done and it has stalled and it is quite sad and unfortunate that these services will not reach my ward. So, in that regard, I would wish that this project is taken into consideration so that, the stalled facility in Central Seme Ward can commence this fiscal year. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Thank you Hon. Millicent Ajumbo. I will give the chance to Hon. James Were the Member representing Nyalenda "B" Ward.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B" Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also arise to give my comments on the State of the Governor's Speech. The Governor in his speech did give an elaborate talk on his achievements so far and what he intends to do in the years to come. Madam Speaker, I will limit my comments on four key departments. This is because the Governor did give his address in all the departments in the County Government but, I will only comment on four.

Madam Speaker, if you look at Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries Development and Irrigation Sector, the Governor gave us an assurance as the county men that, his administration has prioritized Rice Value Chains that includes chicken, dairy, tomatoes, cotton and rice value chains. Madam Speaker, if these are executed, you will find that this will ensure that as a county we are food secure and when we enhance rice, fish, dairy and poultry farming, you will find that, we will similarly create employment for our youths. Madam Speaker, as we enhance our food security, we also create job opportunities for our women and people living with disabilities.

Madam Speaker looking at Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy, the Governor did spell out on the programmes that he has in place for his county. Madam Speaker, by the introduction of Machine-based Programmes and the Road Maintenance Teams and Road Stabilization through Claycrete Technology and contracted roads, and Box Culverts. Madam Speaker, if this is properly and successfully done, it will ensure that, we have a big road coverage that is going to be done within our county and it will resonate very well with our people.

Madam Speaker, I will move to the Department of Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs. In this sector, the Governor did speak about supporting Sub-county and ward Sport events where talented youths are identified and recruited to more established teams. Madam Speaker, this can be realized because two days ago, we had the Governor's Cup that was played and I believe that if we put more emphasis on this then, we shall bring our youths together, support them together with their initiatives and ensure that, their talents are nurtured that is by support given to them.

Madam Speaker, I will conclude by going to the Department of Administration here the Governor did talk about the Huduma Centres the *"Huduma Mashinani".* Madam Speaker, creating or establishing the Huduma Mashinanis is going to ensure that the services are devolve

further to our villages and when these services are devolved further to our villages, this implies that, there will be ease of access of services to our residents and this will save our residents from spending money going to the county headquarters this is because these services have been devolved further to our people. Madam Speaker, I therefore beg to support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Regina Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Governor for taking the issue of Climate Change seriously. As we speak; we have a conference that is going on COP28 that is tackling the issue of Climate Change and I would like to applaud the Governor and his administration for planting over 200,000 tree seedlings in various institutions and public spaces in an effort to Green Kisumu our "EUROPE". I equally want to congratulate the Governor for Decommissioning the Kachok Dumpsite that is no longer an environmental eyesore because I can see from his Address that the infamous Kachok Dumpsite is no longer an environmental eyesore as it was the first victim of his mission in 2018 and the garbage is relocated from Kisumu City and its environs is ferried to Kasese in Ombeyi Ward where the county has established a Waste and Energy Recycling Plant. So, I want to even thank the Governor for taking care of the Kachok Dumpsite because it was an issue that was giving our "EUROPE" a very bad name.

Madam Speaker, in furtherance to that, I want to applaud the Governor for launching the M-taka App during the 2023 World Environment Day and I can see from the address that the M-taka launch stands as one of the County's innovative and transformative initiative revolutionizing Waste Management and Recycling Practice through its integrated approach for sustainable and circular economy. Madam Speaker, that is a plus to our government and I want to urge my fellow colleagues that, when we go back to our wards please, let us take the issue of Climate Change seriously by planting trees, we take care of garbage and let us assist the county in addressing the issue of Climate Change. This is because, whenever the issue of Climate Change is there in a Country, the most affected sectors are Health, Infrastructure and Agriculture. So, let us take this issue seriously. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members let me give this opportunity to Hon. Ken Ouko.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I would like to commend the Governor for his well-balanced address to the County Assembly. I came to realize that, it is always advisable that, if you give a Governor the opportunity to serve, then, they should be allowed to serve for a period of two terms and this will enable the serving Governors accomplish a lot of his projects and programmes that they may have in their manifestos in running the County.

Madam Speaker, my fellow colleagues have talked of many good things that the Governor has achieved, but, objectively, we should equally critic the bad ones and we should also be allowed to pin point on areas where we feel we need to see changes effected.

Madam Speaker, one of the areas that I really applaud the Governor on his presentation is the improvement of JOOTRH in terms of infrastructural development and the equipments provided in the hospital. We are all aware that, this County relies on JOOTRH as a referral hospital within the region. Despite all this, we have always been lamenting that, JOOTRH is eating into big chuck of budget appropriated to the department of Medical Services and denying most of our lower level health facilities the best services that should be given the vulnerable. Madam Speaker, if you can recall sometimes back, when the Senators visited us here, we recommended that the JOOTRH be promoted to level VI hospital and it be surrender to the National Government, and this was not captured by the Governor. Again, I can recall there was a time the Governor talked about this but how the Speech was presented it is like we are taking back JOOTRH and not surrendering it to the National Government because this will really affect the small health facilities.

Madam Speaker, I did not here the Governor touch on the plight of professional working in the Health sector. I believe that, this is equally very important. As much as we are praising the Community Health Workers, we must also ensure we understand and recognize workers who are professional within our health system.

Madam Speaker, there is an issue that I never heard the Governor explain well which is about the Facility Improvement Financing Act, whose objective was to cushion the health facilities by allowing these facilities use the revenues collected within these facilities to restock pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical commodities. Despite that fact that we approved this legislation in this House, the FIF Act has failed. This is because, when you visit our health facilities, we don't get the basic drugs and this Act was the sole purpose that whenever they collect these funds they use these monies to restock and this is not happening.

Madam Speaker, the Governor mentioned the Kachok Dumpsite and I really applaud him for this because actually this was his first agenda when he assumes office in 2017 because he has managed to transform that site. Madam Speaker, we must also take note the environmental effects in Kasese which must equally be taken into consideration. So, let us not do well somewhere and transfer the problem elsewhere. Madam Speaker, when we visited that site environmental situation is pathetic and we need to improve on that.

Madam Speaker, we have witnessed where the Governor touched on Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs. There is a tournament that took place which is known as the Governor's Cup. This was noble idea just as he was explaining but, you find the organizers of this tournament took the advantage of embezzling fund and up to this point Members of the County Assembly were being called upon to go into their pockets and help subsidize services in some of the areas

and we all know that we appropriated funds for this tournament and we are being called to cater for lunches for these participants and this reflects a failure not only to the department but also to his administration. Madam Speaker, the Governor must have had the good intentions but, the organizers who are officers working under him to ensure effective implementation of this agenda have really disappointed the county.

Madam Speaker, we equally have the monster known as Pending Bills which is equally significant matter. Madam Speaker, during the budget making process this House appropriated monies towards Pending Bills and it was resolve that this time around, we do away with Pending Bills. As much as we are doing this, these figures remain the way they were in the last fiscal year. So, these are some of the issues that the Governor should seriously look into so that when we are reporting back to the people, we should report back the exact issues that are happening in the County.

Madam Speaker, there is this issue of Affordable Housing going on in Kisumu, we really applaud that because it was brought to us but remember there was time this matter was brought to us because it has a connection between the Governor and the LAPFUND. I believe you are all aware what is happening because if you can recall sometimes back the Right Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga opposed this project. Madam Speaker, monies taxed to build these houses had been reduced so that it is at par with the living standards majority of people in Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, as long as the rates are still the same, we cannot call it affordable and it is affordable to which cadre of people? This is because our people should be in the process of accessing these units and you will find that a few rich people will owning these flats. What is the Governor doing to be seen that the cost of these houses go down? Madam Speaker, I had initially stated that, at times we need to be objective in criticizing. Even if some people are doing well but we need to look at the other side of the coin which in my belief is equally important. Otherwise, we still believe and have a lot of confident that if given time our Governor can fix some these issues and still believe that, so far he has done the best despite the challenges we encounter. So, let us accord him all the support necessary as the County Assembly and sensitize our people to support him because, at the end of his tenure the County belongs to each and every one of us. Thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Thank you Hon. Ken Ouko. I will give this chance to Hon. Kelvin Oraro of Central Kolwa Ward.

Hon. Kelvin Oraro (MCA, Central Kolwa Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let it be official that the day the Governor was delivering his State of the County Address to the County Assembly we were on an official visit to Uasin Gishu County and I was not present during that inauguration. Madam Speaker, this is to inform you that, there was a House Committee that was out from 28th of November, 2023 and this was the House Committee of Ward Development which was out on official duty.

Madam Speaker, please allow me to use this opportunity to equally comment the Governor on his powerful speech and the colorful ceremony that took place at the Tom Mboya Labour College. This is because, I witnessed Members were bright and shining the good news emanated from that place and the residents of Kisumu were jubilant to hear from their Governor deliver his plans for the County. Madam Speaker, the Speech of the Governor is drawn from different departments within the county and from those departments, as Member of the County Assembly we will not be put in a position where we say that, things are okay and yet some of them are not.

Madam Speaker, I want to agree with the sentiments from Hon. Ken Ouko and the few Member colleagues, who have just contributed before me trying to applaud the Governor where work has been done and where credit should not be given. Indeed, in this House we represent people, we represent a section of the county and we equally have our take that we can talk about. Little or nothing can we celebrate in Kolwa Central Ward for the last fiscal year apart from one road and one desiltation that was undertaken.

Madam Speaker, to me, a good part of this report does not reflect what the people of Kolwa Central think about this County Government. Madam Speaker, every time in my messaging that I receive my constituents' who keeps on inquiring about roads and other projects that should be done and they are not done yet the Governor in his government has recruited officers to assist him deliver on his promises. Some of these deliverables are decorations that are placed in the report to flower it and to make it look good and real yet most of them don't reflect what is really there on the ground. Madam, Speaker, if given the opportunity to have a one-on-one talk with the Governor, I would not shy away by informing the Governor that some areas in the score-card needs serious adjustment. This is because we represent the people and we are not appointees of the Governor so that we please him that this is okay and yet some are not.

Madam Speaker, in the Department of Health Services, according to me in terms of the rating, so far this department has done commendable work and if you look at the Governor's Speech, it even took most of the space and this is because a lot has been done and a lot is yet to be done in the Department of Medical Services. The Governor in his score-card can positively report that. Madam Speaker, with the coordination of the National Government, in accordance to what was launched during the Mashujaa Day, the issue of voluntary workers and the things that they were given you will see that nationally and at the county level health has been given the attention required and there is good work been witnessed.

Madam Speaker, the Chairperson of the House Standing Committee for Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation is also equal to the task and I can applaud him for the good work done and trying to ensure that, the respected leaders are doing their duties accordingly.

Madam Speaker, in that listing, the Departments of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Water, Environment and Natural Resources and Education and Vocational Training followed suit. I must say that they have really tried and as a teacher by profession, when I say that you have tried

that implies that you are somehow average and again that is interpreted to say that, you are doing your work but, not to the satisfaction of the majority of the population and you cannot be ranked to some level that people will know that you exist.

Madam Speaker, one of the areas that needed transformative change and a lot need to be done so that the Governor is really felt is in the Department of Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy. Madam Speaker, you will realize that with energy, the county had a good plan of having floodlights all over. In this sub-sector, it is the MCA who goes into his pocket and does follow-up on some of the floodlights that are not functioning so that they can work. Madam Speaker, the issues of Insecurity has become a big concern and that department should give workers the attention so that they undertake periodic check-up and prepare and submit monthly reports and ensure that these lights are functional.

Madam Speaker, on the issue of Infrastructure, the Governor in his score-card, I have seen the Governor report how the Machine-based Programme is working. It is my belief that Members have witnessed the reality on the ground. I must authoritatively state that, this programme is not working to the expected level that we can say that it is doing a good work. This programme can do wonders if only it is well managed. Madam Speaker, it is very unfortunate that there are areas in this County that have been done by the Machine-based Programme and there is no murraming and you cannot even explain to the people to make them understand. Madam Speaker, in the report of the County Budget Review and Outlook Paper FY 2022/2023 and during the public participation that was conducted recently, it was reported that, where my Chairperson is coming from that the Machine-based Programme was done at 50% to completion and we don't understand what the 50% to completion means. Madam Speaker, how do you gauge grading when it comes to machine-based programme? Madam Speaker, in my ward it is indicated that it is 70% completion and there are areas that are graded and there is no murram, no box culvert and they have placed a billboard to show that this work is machine-based and nothing is being done.

Madam Speaker, around the Black Pearl area, machine-based was done and some of the areas were poorly done. Madam Speaker, even if you complain because there is nothing that is going to be done and how do you want us to glorify this. Madam Speaker, it is my wish that, the Governor could see that for this programme to be a success, a lot of effort must be put into it so that Members can be free to state that, this programme is a success but, Members could be in agreement with the Governor that, really this programme is a success but, in some of the areas, I can authoritatively state that, this Machine-based Programme is a raw deal and something must be done to improve on this programme.

Madam Speaker, I was looking at each and every department and I must say that the Department of Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy has no good plans. This is because, you cannot classify other roads to be of the same level with other areas and do tendering and procurement with the same soil texture. We are all aware of Kano plains and the issues of rainfall, that

tendering and procurement must be accorded priority so that these roads are done on time before the deluge commences. Madam Speaker, this department needs to get a good attention so that it can improve on its service delivery.

Madam Speaker, looking at the Department of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development various budgets have been proposed so that land is purchased for projects and other things, nothing is being seen to be done and we need to inform the Governor to ensure that at least some of these items proposed in the budget be implemented.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, in the Department of Trade, Tourism, Gender and Youth Affairs and Social Services. Madam Speaker, we only see the Department of Tourism that is doing a good work but, the Sub-sector of Trade is not reaching women of this county. In fact our Women Representative is doing a good work in reaching the people but, that of Trade is not doing anything tangible apart from collecting revenue in our markets.

Madam Speaker, finally, where we have a problem and thank God is almost the last department in question, is the Department of County Treasury, Economic Planning and ICT Services. From the introductory part, I was a pioneer MCA in 2013 by then; we had revenue being collected to the tune of Kshs 1.1 billion. Now, ten years down the line with the infrastructural improvements and other revenue enhancement measures taking place, how can the county and this the only area that the county is dragging or pussy-footing around because there is no adequate revenue being realized and nothing is being done about this.

Madam Speaker the Governor has gone as far as inform this House that, the amount realized is just 24% of the County Treasury Estimates of our county's Own Source Revenue (OSR). Madam Speaker, looking at the revenue potential of Kisumu County and what we can only realize is 24% and this implies that, we are not doing well. We cannot applaud and say that nothing is not being done? I have heard my colleague Hon. Seth Okumu stating that, we have a new team which is the constitution of the Kisumu County Revenue Board, let us believe and give them the benefit of doubt that they are going to do a good job. Madam Speaker, in this county, the area of revenue collection is a total mess and for that reason it has equally affected developments in our electoral wards. Madam Speaker, if the county does not realize its projected revenue, then, projects will not be done on time and others go without being done just because the county could not realize its projected revenue.

Madam Speaker, the worst is issue is this monster the known as the Pending Bills which is brought about by the shortage of adequate financing to finance the development projects. So, these pending bills will automatically come when there is no money to pay for projects that have been done. So, for that reason, I believe that this is the area that the Governor should pay more attention to. Madam Speaker, I am on record in various placed lamenting about how the County Treasury is allocating resource to the ward level this is because, some wars are allocated nothing at all. Madam, Speaker, during the public participation on the CBROP, we realized that Manyatta

"B" Ward was never allocated anything in terms of development projects in the last fiscal year. Madam Speaker, my ward was allocated two projects amount to Kshs 7 million, Nyalenda "A" was allocated projects totaling to Kshs 9 million and we wonder why that is happening. Madam Speaker, the reality is that we should not go to bed with the County Treasury and we should come up with a mechanism that will ensure that these wards feel the essence of devolution though the initiation of development projects.

Madam Speaker, I want to appreciate the only part that has been done well with equality and equity is the part of Bursary and Scholarships. That one, I want to applaud that the Governor has done well and we all have hope with that, things are going to work. Madam Speaker, students who have done their examinations are aware that, they will qualify for the Bursaries and Scholarships. It is just unfortunate that, as I summarize, that some do not understand the objects and intentions of these Acts that we as a House approve. Madam Speaker, when it comes to implementation of these policies, please let us not victimize the people just because you think that the MCA is not clapping for you, it is better that you do the good work for the people that voted you in because you represent the people of Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, I rest my case saying that, the score-card was well prepared, colourful, flowered but little to shows in terms of development in the ground especially from Kolwa Central Ward. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Thank you the Honourable Member. I just want to put a reminder that, we only have 60 minutes as per our sitting to give our contributions towards this debate. So, I have allocated a maximum of five minutes to each and every member that has not contributed in order for all of us to get the opportunity to make our contributions. So, just try and summarize your comments within the five minutes. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Vitalis K'Omudho.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Koru Ward): Many, many thank to you Madam Speaker…

(Hon. K'Omudho inaudible)

(Temporary Black-out and interruption of Communication Systems)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon. Geoffrey Warindo.

Hon. Warindo (MCA, Miwani Ward) Thank you so much Madam Speaker, let me equally take this opportunity to give my comments on the State of the Count Address that was delivered by the Governor. Madam Speaker, I want to laud the address that was given because indeed if you look at the Governor's Manifesto and what the Governor was talking about, they were in tandem with each other and I would like tor request those that have been tasked with the responsibility of assisting the Governor achieve his dreams and aspirations to up their game.

Madam Speaker, the aspirations of the Governor he stated that we need to stop walking with the chicken and start flying with the eagles and if all of in the County Government of Kisumu could have the same vision, I believe that right from the ground that we are coming from and what the Governor was saying will be appreciated in a great deal.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the Department of Medical Services and indeed each and every Member who has stood here is really appreciating that there is something going on in that department. Madam Speaker, in our electoral wards, the health facilities are spread across the wards where we are coming from. The Human Capital in this sector, the numbers that are there can still serve our people and the only challenge that we are still facing is the issue on pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical commodities which I still implore the Governor through the department that, they need to look into that.

Madam Speaker, the other hitch that we are encountering in the health facilities that are spread across the wards, is that, they are inaccessible. Madam Speaker, most of the roads that are leading to those facilities are not usable and sometimes I tend to wonder because I believe that when the machine-based programme was introduced, the places that they ought to have started with were the places where our health facilities are situated. This is where we have constructed the ECDs centres and the health facilities. Indeed, it is a very bad gesture that we have facilities that cannot be accessed and I want to believe that, the departments concerned should at least look into that and address it appropriately.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the Education Sector, we all applaud what the County government is doing and actually they have supplemented that with what the National Government was supposed to do. This is the Bursary and Scholarship allocations; they are doing it and each and every child or pupil that qualifies for the Scholarship and Bursary benefits from that and it is my belief that, this is a magnificent job. Madam Speaker, what I usually believe in is that we are all serving the same people and these are the same people who voted us in that includes the MPs, Senator, Governor, Women Rep and the MCAs and it and every service that is given out, is meant to help the constituents and the voters that voted for these other offices.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Development and Irrigation, indeed, agriculture is the backbone of every economy and actually this sector is still undergoing a lot of suffering this is because of the inaccessibility of roads to the farms where we are coming from. Madam Speaker, I am not a person who likes to lament a lot about the Budget but, I usually expect those that are in those departments to at least account for the funds that have been appropriated to these departments. Madam Speaker, if what you were requesting for in roads in allocated due to financial constraints, the little that you were allocated, what is it that can you show to the ground that, this is what we did to the people. Please let us try and utilize what we have been allocated to at least make a difference and transform lives from

where we are coming from. Thank you Madam Speaker, I wish to support the State of the County Address delivered by the Governor.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honorable Member, I will give two more contributors. So, I will give Hon. Reuben Rakwach and one more Member.

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker, I arise to support the State of the County Address that was delivered by our Governor, Professor Peter Anyang' Nyongó.

Madam Speaker, I must say that, our Governor has the good intentions for these great people of this great Kisumu County and this was seen in his Speech. Madam Speaker, the milestones that this county has achieved especially in the Department of Medical Services which has been appreciated by all the Honourable Members that have given their contributions towards the address is a testament.

Madam Speaker, I will not dwell much on the Health Sector, I will go straight to the Department of Infrastructure, Public Works and Energy. Madam Speaker that is where we have the Machine-based Programme. It is my belief that this programme was introduced by the Governor because of the scarcity of resources and we know one nature of financial resources is its scarcity. If this programme is well managed, then, we will come to realize that, the roads that are done using Machine-based Programme will effect a cost saving of up to Kshs 500,000 per kilometer. In this machine-based programme, we have a Sub-program called the Road Maintenance Teams. In this Sub-program, one, it has helped to improve our road networks because I sometime see that, when the program was still active then, as I come to the Assembly in the morning I would see our youths working on these roads and especially on the drainages and this has gone a long way in improving our roads. Madam Speaker, on the same note, in the Road Maintenance Teams, this went ahead to create job opportunities to our youths because at one point you could get eight youths working on these roads in every electoral ward. Madam Speaker, if you compute eight youths by thirty-five wards, this represents 280 (two hundred and eighty) youths. At the same time included are the Supervisors. So, it is my opinion that, this is a programme that should continue so that our youths are kept engaged and get something at the end of every month which can sustain them and assist in bridging some economic gaps.

Madam Speaker, there is the Upgrading of Roads to Bitumen Standards. This was especially done in the Namba Kapiyo-Bodi-Asat-Bao Road. This is a good gesture and if most of our rural roads can be upgraded to Bitumen Standards, then, I believe that our transport system can be made easy this is because the murram roads wear-out very fast compared to roads done in bitumen standards. Further, another good thing is this engagement between the National Youth Service (NYS) and the County Government of Kisumu which has made it possible for the county government to reduce the cost of implementing roads done in bitumen standards from Kshs 35

million down to Kshs 27.7 million per kilometer and this translates to Kshs 7.3 million per kilometer.

Madam Speaker, on Floodlight, here I want to authoritatively state that, a lot has been achieved but there is no proper maintenance. I wish to encourage the line departments concerned with the maintenance of these floodlights, be it the City of Kisumu or the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works to up their games so that our Floodlights and Highmast can continue functioning. Madam Speaker, I have to state this, this Machine-based Program, if well managed then, we can realize a lot because those who are given the responsibility to oversee this program are not using it well, that is when you will get that up to this point, there are some of the wards that have not reaped the benefit of this program. Madam Speaker, I must state that, there are some of the wards that have over-benefited from thus program. Madam Speaker, there are some wards whose roads don't reflect what is on the ground. So, Members of this Department of Infrastructure and this goes to those who are in-charge, let them give us the true picture of what is on the ground because this is a program of the brain-child of our Governor and he had the noble intentions for it so that, that little resources that we have, is prudently and effectively utilized then, this will help improver most of our road networks and especially in the rural setup.

Madam Speaker, let me move to the Department of Sports. There was this tournament known as the Governor's Cup and I have to appreciate our youths from Kolwa East and Nyalenda "A" who are from Kisumu East Sub-county. This is because; the football ladies team the trophy was won by a team from Kolwa East which is my ward, I expect the Member to clap for my ward for clinching this trophy…

(Applause)

Madam Speaker, in football boy's category, the trophy was won by youths from Nyalenda "A" Ward. Madam Speaker, I am aware that Seme Sub-county could only manage to get position three in the tournament. Madam Speaker, that means that approximately Kshs 600,000 went to Kisumu East Sub-county and that in the Sub-county where the Chief Whip Hon. Seth Kanga is striving very hard to represent in the next General Elections and we are praying for him. Madam Speaker, the Governor's Cup was not well managed but, the Governor's intention was noble. So, we need to see some improvements in the next year's tournament so that MCAs are not called upon by the participants to provide refreshments and even tents. This is because, some of the teams were not provided with tents and chairs. So, when you get fatigued and feel like seating down, you squat and I am aware that, this was not the intention of our Governor.

Madam Speaker, on Education, I have to appreciate the Governor because a lot has been done where there has been Construction of ECD Centres which has improved the learning environment for our leaners. Madam Speaker, as it was reported in the address, 12 classrooms were completed and 72 classrooms are ongoing. This one has to be confirmed because

especially in my ward, there were classrooms that were completed and there are some which are still being constructed.

Madam Speaker, there is the bit of Bursary and Scholarships for 1,400 students each year. As you are all aware, we have 35 wards and each wards takes care of 40 students per year and that represents a total of 10 students per form and this is being undertake on a yearly basis because we witnessed this last year and I am aware that right now it is almost being rolled out and our students are going to benefit…

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Order!! Hon. Rakwach. Please conclude. This is to remind you that I had mentioned that, I am giving each member a maximum of five minutes and your time is up…

Hon. Rakwach (MCA, Kolwa East Ward): Madam Speaker, I am just wrapping up. It is only that, the State of the County Address was so good that the time limit is not enough. Madam Speaker, I want to conclude by stating that, in the Vocational Training Centres, you will find that some of our students don't perform well at the form four level and some drop out in class eight. Madam Speaker, with the support offered by these VTCs, these children will get something that they can do. Especially the short courses or the technical courses like plumbing, hair dressing, and carpentry. Madam Speaker, because of the time constraint, let me stop there but I have to state that, I support the Fifth State of the County Address by the Governor. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes Hon Joachim Oketch of Kondele Ward. Honourable Members, please let us try and observe time or else we will be eating into other Member's time.

Hon. Joachim (MCA, Kondele Ward): Thank you Madam Speaker. I had to intervene because you know that Hon. Rakwach has fallen in love with the Governor's Speech. So, I thought that he should have been bold enough to carry the speech home so that he can enjoy it in the comfort of his bed while reading the Governor's Speech.

Madam Speaker, I will be very precise just to show my fellow Honourable Member what it means to be precise and to the point. One, I have to commend the Governor for keeping with the tradition this is because when he came in you know devolution was not working in Kisumu as it was expected to be working. So, the Governor has kept the tradition of delivering his speech every year. Basically he has been reporting to the people every year on what he has been able to deliver and even the challenges.

Madam Speaker, of course you have seen Members believing that whatever the Governor was reporting about his success stories but I have to differ. The Governor gives us his report on areas he has succeeded and then two, on areas where he has failed and three, if you keenly look at the Speech the Governor has been giving recommendations of what he is doing, what he is trying to do and what he is planning to do in the near future and that has been a great difference and

therefore, we have to applaud the Governor for being very bold because it is not easy to see a Governor who is bold enough to come out in the open and give his score-card to the public and therefore, we have to acknowledge that.

Madam Speaker, I have to mention here that, the Governor has one, reiterated the Implementation of the KISIP project which is a World Bank funded project which has taken so long and that is one thing that I noted on the Speech and the Governor has assured us that these projects are going to be implemented. Madam Speaker, these are projects that are going to improve our informal settlements and therefore we want to continue applauding the Governor that he pushes these projects so that at least one day we see the contractors of these projects reporting on site.

Madam Speaker, I equally have to thank the Governor even though it has taken a lot of time; the issue of the Cancer Centre at the JOOTRH. Those are the areas that the Governor has acknowledged that there are challenges but again we have to thank him for looking at strategic partnerships with the Russian Governments so that we can have these facilities constructed once and for all and therefore that acknowledges the fact that the Governor knows that we have financial constraints and this has led him to look for partners with other like-minded governments so that we have these institutions completed.

Thirdly, the Governor acknowledged that our revenue has not been performing well and of course there are numerous interventions that he has been doing to ensure that we perform optimally and that is why he was bold enough to report on where we are at 24% but again, given the interventions that he has been making of constitution the Kisumu County Revenue Board and all the staffing issues that he has been trying to address and therefore, it is our belief that, with the coming in of the Revenue Board and all the interventions that he has been making, we know that Kisumu is going to perform in terms of Revenue Collection.

Madam Speaker, when you look at the issue of Pending Bills, the bigger chuck of it has been occasioned by the shortfall in revenue collection and therefore we have a projection, plans and projects that we intend to do and some of them have even been procured but again, towards the tail end of our revenue shortfall, then other projects are not able to be paid and that again balloons what we call the Pending Bills. Therefore, if you look at the Governor's Speech, he was able to acknowledge all these challenges that as much as we have been budgeting year in year out for the Pending Bills, we have been having an increase every year because one, the revenue shortfalls and therefore we are not able to clear the pending bills as a result of that. I therefore believe that, the Governor was very bold enough one, he has kept the tradition, two, he has openly acknowledged areas where he is not doing very well three, he has mentioned the interventions and measures that he is going to put in place to ensure that we make Kisumu move forward. Consequently, we have to applaud him and I have to sit down by supporting the Governor.

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, it is our believe that in areas that he has failed, he will be able to continue improving on them so that we are able to achieve not only the 70% but look at 90 to 80%. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, I would like to stop there and close today's session. So, this is to those Members who have not gotten time to make their contributions, please reserve your comments until tomorrow so that we move to the next order. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Members, there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 06th December, 2023 at 09:00 a.m.

(House rose at 11:35 a.m.)

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