

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



## COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

### **THE HANSARD**

#### *Official Report*

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

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

*(The Speaker (Hon. Oraro) in the Chair)*

#### **PRAYER**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Clerk, can you please take us through the order of the day?

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

#### **MOTION**

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF FINANCE AND ICT COMMITTEE ON A MATTER  
RAISED BY HONOURABLE NEREAH OKOMBO REGARDING  
DELAYED/INCOMPLETE DISBURSEMENT OF BUDGETARY FUNDS TO THE COUNTY  
ASSEMBLY.

BY

HON. CARRN AJWANG' MCA, KALOLENI/SHAURIMOYO

(CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ICT)

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable, Ajwang' Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and ICT Services.

**Hon. Carren** (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Thank you Mr. Speaker. This is a report on a matter raised by Honourable Okombo regarding Delayed/Incomplete Disbursement on Budgetary Funds to the County Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, during the Assembly sitting on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, Hon. Nereah Okombo, the Deputy Speaker and MCA for Manyatta “B”, pursuant to the provisions of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 41(2)(a & b), raised a statement requesting the Chairperson for Finance and ICT to provide a comprehensive written response regarding the incomplete/delayed transfers of the County Assembly's allocation for the previous financial year's budget as well as the July 2024 disbursement, despite the full receipt of Exchequer releases for the mentioned period.

The statement was duly committed to my committee to conduct inquiries and report the findings and recommendations to the Honorable House.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk for their invaluable support in creating an enabling environment for the successful execution of this assignment. I also commend the members of the Committee who, despite their busy schedules, sacrificed their time to attend meetings and contribute meaningfully to this report. Additionally, I express my appreciation to the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning, and ICT for the timely responses and for providing detailed information as requested during our inquiries.

Lastly, I thank our secretariat for their effective coordination, technical support, and for compiling and producing this comprehensive report.

It is now my distinct honor and privilege to present the report of the Committee on the consideration of the delayed/incomplete disbursement of the County Assembly's budgetary allocations for the previous FY 2023/2024 and the current FY 2024/2025 by the County Treasury, for careful consideration and approval.

#### Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Sectoral Committee on Finance and ICT is established under Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order No. 193 and is required to;

- a) Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments;
- b) Study the Program and policy objectives of departments and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- c) Study and review all the County legislation referred to it;
- d) Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measures by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;

- e) Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- f) To vet and report all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 187 (Committee on Appointments).
- g) Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

#### Mandate of the Committee

In accordance with the second schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, the Committee is mandated to consider;

*All matters relating to Finance, Financial Statements, all matters of Tax Estimates, monitor the spread and enhanced use of ICT in the County Government to Increase transparency and accountability.*

#### Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Sectoral committee on Finance and ICT is composed of the following members and Secretariat;

#### Committee Members

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|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon.Carren Odhiambo | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon.Lumumba Owade   | - | Vice-chairperson |
| 3. Hon.Joachim Oketch  | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon.Mickey Ochieng' | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon.Benson Adega    | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon.Ken Ouko        | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon.George Abaja    | - | Member           |

#### Committee Secretariat

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|-------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Edwin Omollo   | - | Committee Clerk         |
| 2. Kephias Onoka  | - | Fiscal Analyst          |
| 3. Mollen Achayo  | - | Fiscal Analyst          |
| 4. Zablun Otiende | - | Senior Hansard Reporter |
| 5. Abraham Odegi  | - | Sergeant-at-Arm         |

### Committee Meetings

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, this House Committee dedicated significant time and effort towards processing this matter. It held four (4) meetings where members discussed the statement, interrogated the responses and held consultative meeting with the County Assembly Finance Department to seek further justification

Moreover, the Committee communicated the queries sought in the statement to the CECM for Finance, Economic Planning & ICT for responses through a letter CAK/CG/F&ECP/VOL. 7/2024 dated MONDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2024 (SEE ANNEX II).

Consequently, the County Treasury forwarded a detailed response vide a letter REF: KC/FIN/C.ASSEMBLY VOL. IV/191 dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 (SEE ANNEX III).

### Terms of Reference by the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, to effectively carry out this assignment, the Committee derived the following terms of references;

- a) Reviewed the relevant legal frameworks mandating the County Treasury with responsibility to monitor the implementation of the County Budget including facilitating transfers to other County Entities.
- b) Critically examined and interrogated the statement.
- c) Examine and analyzed the completeness and accuracy of the information provided by County Treasury through their responses.
- d) Held consultative engagements with the Clerk's office to seek further clarification on the issues raised in the statement.

### Background

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the County Assembly's recurrent allocation is determined by the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA), an Act of Parliament that provides for the equitable distribution of nationally raised revenue among county governments. CARA also outlines the shareable recurrent allocation for each County Assembly from the counties' equitable share of national revenue.

In the Financial Year 2023/2024, Kisumu County was allocated an equitable share of Kshs. 8,361,797,770 to fund its expenditures, including transfers to other county entities. From this amount, the County Assembly was allocated Kshs. 975,311,910 to cover its recurrent operational costs and ensure timely payment of staff salaries and benefits.

The County Assembly's recurrent budget was fully aligned with the ceiling set by CARA 2024 and was approved by this Honorable House through the Approved County Budget Estimates and the Appropriations Act for FY 2023/2024. Accordingly, the Assembly expected to receive its full allocation by the close of the financial year, contingent on complete exchequer releases to finance its recurrent expenditures.

However, despite the full disbursement of the equitable share to counties by the National Treasury in August this year, the County Assembly is yet to receive Kshs. 57,001,950 of its recurrent allocation from the County Treasury. This shortfall has severely disrupted the Assembly's operations and undermined its fiscal stability.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, in the current FY 2024/2025, the County Assembly was allocated a recurrent budget of Kshs. 1,008,619,656, translating to monthly transfers of Kshs. 84,051,638. Shockingly, for the month of July 2024, the County Treasury transferred only Kshs. 60,768,917, withholding Kshs. 23,282,721, despite receiving the full exchequer release from the National Treasury.

This inherent, illegitimate and irregular conduct by the County Treasury on delayed/incomplete disbursement of the County Assembly recurrent allocation forms the basis of this statement and by extension our inquiry.

#### Questions Sought in the Statement

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, based on the above, Hon. Nereah Okombo in the statement, requested the Committee to provide a detailed response on the following issues;

1. Why, the County Treasury has failed to disburse Kshs. 57,001,950 outstanding balance for the FY 2023/2024 to the County Assembly?
2. Why do the County Treasury withhold Kshs. 23,282,721 allocation for the County Assembly for the month of July, 2024?
3. When should the Assembly expect to receive the total outstanding balance of Kshs. 80,284,671 which comprises (Kshs. 57,001,950 for FY 2023/2024 & Kshs. 23,282,721 for July, FY 2024/2025) owed by County Treasury?
4. What measures are being put in place to ensure that future disbursements are made in full and on time, as per the County Assembly's budgetary requirements?

#### Response by the County Treasury

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the Committee addressed these questions to the County Treasury and were responded as indicated hereunder;

- a) Why, the County Treasury has failed to disburse Kshs. 57,001,950 outstanding balance for the FY 2023/2024 to the County Assembly and withheld Kshs. 23,282,721 allocation for the month of July, 2024?

*The delayed transfer to the Assembly during this period was occasioned by late exchequer releases and there was no deliberate decision made by the County Treasury to withhold transfers to the County Assembly.*

- b) When should the Assembly expect to receive the total outstanding balance of Kshs. 80,284,671 comprising of (Kshs. 57,001,950 for FY 2023/2024 & Kshs. 23,282,721 for July, FY 2024/2025) owed by the County Treasury?

*That a transfer of Kshs. 26,802,200 to the County Assembly has already been approved by the County Treasury, to be paid immediately upon clearance by the Controller of Budget (COB). This payment accounts for the balance of Kshs. 23,282,721 pending transfers to the Assembly out of the July, 2024 Equitable Share Disbursement from the National Treasury and Kshs. 3,519,479 payment of the Outstanding amount carried forward from the Last Financial Year.*

*That, going forward, the County Treasury Commits itself to timely transfers to the County Assembly with every disbursement from the National Treasury and a top up of Kshs. 6,333,550 every month for the next nine (9) months starting October, 2024, to compensate the Outstanding balance of Kshs. 53,482,471.*

- c) What measures are being put in place to ensure that future disbursements are made in full and on time, as per the County Assembly's budgetary requirements?

*The County Treasury submits that, it will conduct monthly reconciliation of status of transfers to the County Assembly, ensure full compliance to the schedule of transfers throughout the Financial Year.*

#### Committee Observations and Findings

- a) There is laxity/reluctance by the County Treasury towards timely and full disbursement of budgetary allocation to the County Assembly.
- b) That, the County Treasury owes the County Assembly a total of Kshs. 80,284,671 which comprises Kshs. 57,001,950 balance carried forward for the FY 2023/2024 and Kshs. 23,282,721 pending transfer for the month of July, FY 2024/2025.
- c) That, the County Treasury has approved a transfer of Kshs. 26,802,200 to the County Assembly, to be paid immediately upon clearance by the Controller of Budget (COB). The payment accounts for the balance of Kshs. 23,282,721 pending transfers to the Assembly out of the July, 2024 Equitable Share and Kshs. 3,519,479 payment of the outstanding amount carried forward from the Last Financial Year.
- d) The net balance of Kshs. 53,482,471 outstanding amount carried forward from the Last Financial Year will be compensated through a monthly top up of Kshs. 6,333,550 above every monthly exchequer disbursement to the County Assembly for the next nine (9) months starting October, 2024.
- e) The County Treasury has contravened the provisions of Section 104 (1) of the Public

Finance Management Act, 2012 which bestows on it the responsibility to monitor, evaluate and oversee the management of public finances including coordination of the fiscal transfers to the County Assembly.

#### Committee Recommendations

##### 1. Adoption of the Payment Formula

This House resolves to adopt the payment formula agreed upon between the Committee and the County Treasury for the settlement of Kshs. 53,482,471, outstanding balance carried forward from the previous financial year. The formula proposes that the outstanding amount be cleared through a monthly top-up of Kshs. 6,333,550, added to the County Assembly's monthly exchequer disbursements for the next nine (9) months starting October, 2024. The House to monitor the implementation of this arrangement.

##### 2. Strict Adherence to Public Finance Management Act, 2012

The County Treasury to strictly comply with Section 104 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, and other relevant legal frameworks by ensuring proper management and administration of public funds and effective coordination of fiscal transfers from the County Treasury to other County entities as required.

##### 3. Advocacy for County Assemblies' Financial Autonomy

The Hon. Speaker, through the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), to lead efforts towards declaring full financial autonomy for County Assemblies including authorization for direct receipt of exchequer allocations from the National Treasury into a separate fund account, aimed at reducing fiscal inefficiencies for proper control and management of financial resources.

#### 4.3 Monthly Reporting of Fiscal Transfers

The Clerk of the Assembly to submit monthly reconciliation reports to this Hon. House, detailing the status of transfers to the County Assembly to promptly monitor compliance with the schedule of transfers and adherence to the payment arrangements throughout the financial year.

#### Conclusion

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I hereby urge the Honourable Members to adopt this report with the recommendations herein. May I call upon Honourable Lumumba Owade to second. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Owade.

*(Honourable Owade bows)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Standing Committee on Finance and ICT has presented a report on a Matter raised by Honourable Okombo regarding Delayed or

Incomplete Disbursement of Budgetary Funds to the County Assembly and has been seconded. As per our standing order, I want to propose a question that the report is open for debate.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Onyango.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to comment on the report. I've reviewed the committee's recommendations, and I see the House is being asked to adopt a payment formula based on an "agreed-upon" arrangement. But where is the written agreement? Mr. Speaker, we are dealing with officials who do not even respect court proceedings; recently, we witnessed one of Staff of the County Treasury avoiding court appearances. Now we're expected to adopt a report based on a mere gentleman's agreement. It would be far more effective if we had a binding or written agreement.

Frankly, I don't see the necessity of this report as it stands because it lacks clarity, and the response from the County Treasury is inadequate. They haven't even explained why they failed to remit the Kshs 57 million owed to us, despite receiving the full allocation from the Exchequer. Furthermore, the supposed plan to remit Kshs 6 million monthly for nine months raises questions: from which budget is this amount supposed to come, given that we're dealing with the 2023/2024 fiscal year?

Mr. Speaker, perhaps it would be best to reject this report and continue operating on informal agreements with the County Executive as we have been doing before. The only recommendation here that I fully support is for the County Assembly to pursue financial autonomy through County Assemblies Forum, that's the real solution. This sort of informal agreement may work elsewhere, but not in Kisumu. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Regina Kizito.

**Hon. Kizito** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to note the following issues arising from the report. I went through this report and, Honourable Speaker, from the committee report in its submission, in page seven, this House Committee has reported that the County Treasury informed them that there were late exchequer releases as reason for the delayed County Assembly disbursements. Mr. Speaker, I went through the report to find whether this House Committee made any attempt at making further inquiry on this submission from County Treasury, but I have seen none. I want to submit that this House Committee ought to have inquired further on the exact dates on the County Treasury, on the exact dates the County Treasury received these funds in order to find whether the County Assembly received its required funds in or during the dates.

Mr. Speaker, without these dates, then, it is not possible for this Honourable House to be moved to agree that indeed the reason for the County Assembly's delayed disbursement is due to the late

exchequer releases. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, this House Committee has not provided in its report the County Assembly's disbursement receipts so that this Honourable House can appreciate the trend in disbursement by the County Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to beseech this House Committee that if it's called upon to make an inquiry, it should take its time to do a proper investigation and not merely forward a communication from the County Executive to this Honourable House without careful scrutiny, Mr. Speaker. I also want to focus mainly on the committee's recommendations. In the recommendation number one of this report, this House Committee has recommended that this House will monitor the implementation of the monthly Kshs 6 million top-up, but it has not informed this House on the mechanisms by which this Honourable House would need to do that monitoring, Mr. Speaker. It would benefit this House for this House Committee to make a complete recommendation as to what needs to be done and the actionable. As it stands, this House Committee seems to be throwing back a mandate that is already accorded to it in the Standing Orders to this Honourable House without stating why it is doing so, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in recommendation number three, I also wish to note that whereas the need for advocacy of financial autonomy is a welcome idea, it seems to have been lost on this House Committee that already there is a work in progress at the Senate where the Honourable Kathuri Murungi had already proposed amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill 2023, a bill which was consequently introduced at the Senate on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the same had been read a first time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, it is my submission that as evidence of proper investigation, this House Committee ought to have informed this Honourable House the stage in which the legislation at the Senate is so that this House is moved to lobby with County Assemblies Forum, then it does so based on the right information Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on the forth recommendation requiring the Clerk to do monthly fiscal reporting, it is my submission that this Honourable House need to ask this House Committee whether this is tenable in light of elaborate fiscal reporting procedures provided for by the Public Finance Management Act and its Regulations, 2016 requiring quarterly reporting by the Clerk.

Mr. Speaker, it is my submission that the recommendation number four while aimed at improving checks and balances on the subject matter of this inquiry is a temptation to amend the procedures provided for by the PFM Act, 2012 an endeavour which is obviously beyond the constitutional jurisdiction of this Honourable House. Again Honourable Speaker, this is indicative of the poor research that was done by this House Committee. Mr. Speaker, I wish we could be bringing reports in the House like the one yesterday we heard from the Standing

Committee on Health. It was a good report that was worth supporting. Mr. Speaker I do not support this report. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Leader of Majority

**Leader of Majority** (Hon Ooko, MCA Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker on the subject matter before the House today without going around we will not get a solution but I want to support the report with amendment that the proposed Kshs. 6,000,000 (six million shillings) to be spread for nine months.

Mr. Speaker, I propose that we increase it to Kshs. 15 million so that it can go for three months. Mr. Speaker, I want to propose that amendment and I also want to say that the report before the House if approved it is binding between the Assembly and the County Executive. Now that, I have proposed an amendment, if you allow me, I ask Honourable Ochele to second the amendment. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority has proposed an amendment to the report that is on the issue of a proposal to submit to the House a figure of Kshs. 6,000, 000 (six million shillings) for nine months.

Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority has proposed an amendment to the report. If you look at both the observations and the recommendations by this House Committee, especially page 9 of the report, that a figure of Kshs 6,333,550.00 (six million three thirty-three thousand five fifty only) be submitted to the County Assembly monthly for nine months. The Leader of Majority has proposed three months instead of nine months. He has requested Honourable Ochele to second.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Honourable Ochele.

**Hon Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to second the proposal that we amend the report by replacing the 9 (nine months) with 3 (three months) and that Kshs. 6,000,000 (Kshs six million) with Kshs 15 million (Kshs Fifteen million).

Mr. Speaker, the money owed to this Assembly by the County Executive is money which is intended to be spent and was supposed to have been spent long time ago. By spreading it to a period of nine months, certain aspects of deliveries in this Assembly will suffer. It is my belief that we are one County and we have to be lenient enough because we would have demanded all the remaining money to be dispatched once, but in the spirit of working together and the spirit of family, it is not bad if they spread it to a maximum period of 3 (three months) so that service delivery by the Assembly is not hindered. Mr. Speaker I second.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Honourable Leader of Majority, the figure in question is Kshs 53,482,471.00 (Kshs Fifty-three million four eighty-two thousand four seventy-one only). If you work it out with 3 (three months) it will come to Kshs 17,827,490.00 (Kshs Seventeen million

Eight twenty-seven thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Only) and not fifteen million. Is that what you meant?

**Leader of Majority** (Hon Ooko, MCA Ahero): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Honourable Members, the Leader of Majority has proposed an amendment to the report under the section on committee' recommendations that the pending figure of Kshs 53,482,471.00 (Kshs Fifty-three million four eighty-two four seventy-one only) be remitted to the County Assembly through a monthly top-up of Kshs 17,827, 490.00 (Kshs Seventeen million, Eight twenty-seven thousand, Four hundred ninety thousand Only), for a period of 3 (three months) through the Exchequer disbursement starting the month of October, 2024.

Honourable Members, that having been proposed and seconded as per our Standing Order I propose that that proposed amendment is open for debate. Honourable Members, when there is an amendment we will give time for debate on that amendment. I will put a question on the amendment for it to form part of the report before we resume back to the debate on the original document.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Yes, Honourable Ngeta.

**Hon Ngeta** (MCA, Awasi Onjiko): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to concur on the proposed amendment by the Majority Leader that was seconded by Honourable Ochele. Mr. Speaker, as long as we are still depending on the Executive Treasury, we need to be very careful. I want to thank the Majority Leader for that idea.

Mr. Speaker, there is an amount that is meant for the County Assembly. It is not retention money. There is no way that the County Executive can funds meant for this entity, because this is not retention money. Mr. Speaker they ought to given us our money once they receive the total disbursement from the Exchequer.

Mr. Speaker, I support the proposal and I want to urge Members to support this proposal so that we can get our monies in three months as this will enable us clear our debt and other pending bills owed by the Assembly. I ask Members to support the proposal. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon Oraro): Honourable Omuya

**Hon Omuya** (MCA, North Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am contributing on the issue of amendment. Basically when you look at how things are happening from the report this one is money that was supposed to be paid in the month of July. We are now in November. When I look at how we are receiving and we are very comfortable with what we are being given definitely somebody from somewhere or even from the County Executive is seeing Assembly as if we have enough that can keep us. Maybe we over budgeted and do not need that money.

Mr. Speaker, if at all we were supposed to get that money by end of June and now we are in November and it is not that they did not receive the money. The County Treasury received the money and did not submit to the Assembly their share. Now they are waiting for money beyond July. In fact, I know that they are waiting for funds earmarked to be disbursed in the month of September or October, showing that our money came but they never bothered to release it. Well, we can agree to work with them because we are brothers. It is the same government. But I would wish that let us not allow the County Executive to take us for a ride.

Mr. Speaker, in case money is disbursed, let us have a mechanism or an agreement that in the event the County receives the allocation by 1<sup>st</sup>, maybe by 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, or fourth, we get our share and this must be in agreement and it should not go beyond that.

The idea of reducing the demands for getting our arrears, it is good we have reduced it but it will be important we get our money at the right time, so that we can also appear to be serious or else we might not need that money. Spreading that money for nine months does not make any sense. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Sammy Onyango.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the amended report, I still have a worry on the one of Kshs 6 million (Kshs Six Million only). There was no agreement. So, this one of Ksh 17,827, 490 (Kshs Seventeen million, Eight Hundred twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Only), Mr. Speaker, we are supporting something which is opaque. This is something that you cannot see.

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

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): A Point of information Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Whom do you want to inform?

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): By and large I would like to inform the House on the subject matter of amendment and the building on money.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

**Hon. Ochele** (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Mr. Speaker, it is my considered opinion that we are the legislatures and we are quite aware of our role and the meaning or Members debating and passing resolutions in this House. Once a document has been brought to this House and Members debate on it and a vote is moved, Mr. Speaker there is no better agreement than that because we were not in a Court of Law. We are not in chief's baraza to sign agreements. The most binding

document is a document from this House. So, it is my belief that, if we want that agreement to be fruitful then we must support this document with the amendment so that it becomes a binding document from the Assembly. Any Law we make, we do not sign agreements in the cattle sheds but we sign agreements by ourselves by debating and passing reports in this House. That is what has been binding between the County Executive and the County Assembly and that is more binding even in the County at large. So, Mr. Speaker for us to talk of agreement, the agreement is now, it is here with us. Let us pass it and let the County Executive be bound by the resolution of this House today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Sammy.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the Member was informing himself, so let me proceed. Mr. Speaker we are in this House of records and House of rules. It is my belief that now this is my second year, and I have seen how the reports are being presented. The way in which it is being presented with the recommendation and the supporting document. So, I believe that this one is unique to County Executive bouncers that they protect everything to an extent of supporting a document without even a binding. Mr. Speaker there is no binding made between the County Executive and the Assembly. We can assume that this House Committee just sat somewhere and came up with these recommendations. They decided to write a recommendation and adopted them. There is nothing that is binding that we can believe in. So, Members are talking as if the County Executive is doing us a favour for giving us this money. This money belongs to the Assembly Mr. Speaker. So, I still have observation that we are debating on a report which is opaque something that we cannot see. Maybe others know it. So, if anything whether it is amended or not, I reject this amendments in totality.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I want to remind you that we are debating on the proposed amendment as has been moved by the Honorable Leader of Majority on the recommendation number 1 on page 9 of this House Committee report by recommending that the formula proposed for outstanding amount to be cleared through a monthly top-up to be of Kshs 17,827, 490 (Kshs Seventeen million, Eight Hundred twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Only) added to the County Assembly monthly Exchequer Disbursement for the next 3 (three months) instead of 9 (nine months) from the month of October, 2024.

So, I want to request that we subject ourselves to that debate of amendment and I will put a question on whether it is adopted or not. If it is adopted it will form part of the report, if it is not adopted, we will continue debating the report the way it is. So, I hope you are guided.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): I had seen a number of Members up. Yes, Honourable Benny Pete Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo- Kanyagwal): Thank you Mr. Speaker, on this matter of amendment it sounds good, but how powerful is it? Let us be people who are well informed. Now what is going on in Kenya? That is the University Union and the Ministry of Education and the Government. The lecturers were duped when the Departmental Committee on Education was asking them to give them all the evidence of what they agreed on. The Ksh. 4.3 billion they said did not have a compelling document and that is what the Standing Committee of Finance is presenting to us here and the Leader of Majority is making an amendment and we are expected to endorse.

Honourable Members, see how you have been taken for a ride and a Member comes up to say that what we discuss here becomes a Law. Where is it on earth that what we discuss here becomes a Law? When a Bill is brought here, we discuss it to become an Act. Where is the evidence of what we are discussing? It is not there. So, we are amending our own things. The Department of Finance has thrown us into the ditch and Mr. Speaker this is why the Deputy Speaker was persuaded to bring this statement because someone realized some things were not adding up. So, Members this is a time to reject this report and take as a serious warning to the County Treasury that we should not be taken for a ride....

*(Feet thumping)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Lumumba Owade.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The Finance Committee of which I am a member, presented a report which has been articulated by the Chairperson. The role of that House Committee is to present to you the observations and recommendations in this House, that is mandated to either adopt, amend or reject. Bearing in mind that if we reject this report, even the six months we are talking about or nine months, then we will remain with zero. It would be prudent enough...

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Lumumba Owade, I want us to subject our debate on the proposed amendments so that we do not eat into the time for debating the whole time.

**Deputy Leader of Majority** (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach): Mr. Speaker that is what I am coming to. I personally say if the House feels that there is an amendment, then let us do an amendment to the report as opposed to rejecting the report. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Were, still on amendments?

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Yes Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you. Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker. I also rise to add my voice on the proposed amendments. Considering that Assembly has got pending bills to pay, we have got suppliers who are supposed to be paid promptly. We have members of staff who need to be paid promptly. Similarly, we have Members of County Assembly who need to be paid promptly. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore in order that we compel the County Executive to release our money timely. Mr. Speaker it is quite absurd that our funds are received by the County Executive and not released as expected. It is therefore in order for us to amend this report so that we can compel them that instead of spreading this within nine months, we compel them to remit this money within three months so that Assembly can also be on the move. Assembly can settle pending bills so that we cannot have trouble with the service providers to the County Assembly. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I support the amendment.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Warindu. Is there any Member? I think Honourable Warindu should be the last person then we will give the Honorable Leader Majority Leader to reply so that I put a question. Honourable Bill, I am seeing your hand. So, you are after Honourable Warindu. Warindu proceed.

**Hon. Warindu** (MCA, Miwani): Thank you so much. Mr. Speaker. I will restrict myself to the amendments because I want to believe that there are so many recommendations there which we are still going to debate on. I want to believe that Majority Leader has been lenient enough with the County Executive by proposing an amendment of installments of Kshs. 17 million (Kshs Seventeen Million) in 3 (three months). Initially, it was Ksh. 6 million for 9 (nine months).

Mr. Speaker, I will echo what my colleague Honourable Were has said. That we have so many things that we still need to do, so we cannot just sit and wait for all the nine months so that we can be able to receive the money from the County Executive. In that case, let me also join the Members that are supporting the amendment of the Majority Leader. Thank you so much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Bill Oliver.

**Hon. Oliver** (MCA, Kobura): Thank You Mr. Speaker. If you look at the amendment that the Majority Leader has suggested, I want to support the idea that we reduce the number of months but, I also want to believe that the amount is so small that if you look at the delay that has been there, for the past few months, we have been lenient enough to the County Executive and if it is possible, we can even have that payment done in one installment, Mr. Speaker. So, I do not know the procedure if we can be allowed to amend the amendment so that we do that in one payment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): I had noticed Honourable Regina. Honourable Bill, you know that yours has been over taken by event. You can amend the amendment but, I did not get any seconder. So, Honourable Regina please proceed.

**Hon. Kizito** (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. On the proposed amendment by Honourable Leader of Majority; in as much as I want to support the proposed amendment but again, Honourable Bill has touched on something that this money can even be paid within one month, not even necessarily the three months that Honourable Majority has proposed.

Mr. Speaker, another thing; are we going to see a conspicuous difference this time around? That is our worry as Members. Or are we still going to play the playboy drama game with the County Executive, whereby the boy here is the County Executive, playing drama game with the Assembly, Mr. Speaker? Kindly put that into consideration. Thank you.

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

**Leader of Majority** (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate the Honourable Members that are supporting my proposed amendment. However, I also want to make this remark that all County Assemblies receive funds through the County Executive from the National Treasury which is always a big setback to our day-to-day running of the Assembly. Until the day that we will be given financial autonomy by the National Government, we will still face the same problem.

Mr. Speaker, I really want to thank the Leader of Majority Leader in the Senate Honourable Aaron Cheruiyot. I believe that in his remark in his last statement on the Bill he said; that they are going to do everything possible to ensure that by the end of this year, the Assemblies will have their financial autonomy. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I reply. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, in the motion of Adoption of the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and ICT on a matter raised by Hon. Nereah Okombo regarding Delayed or Incomplete Disbursement of the Budgetary Funds to the County Assembly. Consequently, the Leader of Majority had proposed an amendment to the recommendation by this House Committee. On the amendment (1), there is an adoption of the payment formula, which was presented as a formula proposing that outstanding amount to be cleared through a monthly top-up of Kshs 6,333,550,000 (Kshs Six Million, Three Hundred Thirty-three Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Only) added to the County Assembly monthly Exchequer Disbursement for the next 9 (nine months) starting October, 2024. By replacing the said statement to read as follows;

1. THAT the formula proposes that the outstanding amount be cleared through a monthly top-up of Kshs 17,827,490,000 (Kshs Seventeen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Only) added to the County Assembly's monthly top-up monthly Exchequer Disbursement for the next 3 (three months), starting the month of October, 2024.

This has been seconded and debated upon and as per our Standing Orders, I want to put a question;

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, and the amendment now forms part of the report and the number one recommendation now reads;

1. THAT, this House resolves to adopt the payment formula agreed upon between this House Committee and the County Treasury for the settlement of Kshs 54,482,471 (Fifty four Million, Four Hundred Eighty Two thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-one Only) outstanding balance carried forward from the previous Financial Year.
2. THAT, the formula proposes that the outstanding amount be cleared through a monthly top-up of Kshs 17,827,490,000 (Kshs Seventeen Million, Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand, Four Hundred Ninety Only) added to the County Assembly's monthly Exchequer Disbursement for the next 3 (three months) starting October 2024.
3. THAT, therefore, this House to monitor the implementation of these arrangements.

So, any time you are debating, please take care of that amendment. So, we resume back to the debate of the report now with the said amendment.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Bennie Pete.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): Thank you once again Mr. Speaker, we now go back to our main report. In this report, there are some matters which also need to be addressed by the Members to see how authentic this report is. On page (6), we are informed that the total allocation for the Assembly for the Financial Year 2023/2024 was Kshs 975 million and Kshs 910 million. Then, out of this Kshs 975 million, we are being told that the Assembly was given about Kshs 835 million; giving a difference of Kshs 139 million. Please let me refer to the annex (i) which is very clear. The allocation for the Assembly for FY2023/2024 was Kshs 975,311,910 (Nine Hundred Seventy Five Million, Three Hundred Eleven thousand, Nine Hundred Ten only). Then, by the end of the Financial Year; the Assembly was given Kshs 835, 330, 809 (Eight Hundred Thirty-five Million, Three Hundred Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred Nine Only) leaving a deficit of Kshs 139,981,020 (One Hundred Thirty-nine Million, Nine hundred Eight-one and Twenty only).

Mr. Speaker, the outcry here is on Kshs 57,100,950 (Fifty-seven Million, One Hundred Thousand, Nine hundred Fifty only). One would now ask; where is the difference? And, if this total amount of Kshs 975 million is being referred to as the current budget. Was there a development budget part of this total? The difference, Mr. Speaker, is Kshs 82,979,070,000 (Eighty-two million, Nine Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand and Seventy only). Where is this Kshs 82,979,070,000 (Eighty-two million, Nine Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand and Seventy only).in this report? It is not explained where it is?

Mr. Speaker, on page (6), FY2024/2025, we are being informed that a Recurrent Budget of Kshs 1,008,690,000 was the budget. And every month the Assembly is supposed to get Kshs 84,051,638,000 (Eighty-four Million, Fifty-one Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Eight Only).

Mr. Speaker, the question which arises, is that the correct calculation? All this Kshs 1billion is part of Development Fund. Mr. Speaker, if these calculations are not correct, then we have a report that we should not adopt. That is because, as per what I know concerning the total allocation to the Assembly; there is allocation for the Recurrent and another one for Development Expenditure for building the Assembly. Then, those ones have been captured in the last Financial Year and the current one. So, the record is a bit misleading. Therefore, it will be clueless for us to go by this record if what is being stated here is not the real position.

Mr. Speaker, when a matter on finances is raised, it raises the eyebrows of the Honourable Members. With these calculations Mr. Speaker plus a statement you made on the floor of this House during our *Kamukunji* that; you were forced to pay Kshs 10 million (Ten Million only) to Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA). This is because it is known in Kenya that KRA was conducting raids on the government institutions that have failed to pay taxes.

Mr. Speaker, we are interested to know how much taxes you paid, because it is in our knowledge that taxes have not been paid for quite a long time. And now that the government is conducting raids on the government institutions that have failed to pay taxes, we are a victim to what extent? And that is the information that Members need to be abreast with.

Mr. Speaker, with the report of the two financial years we are addressing, I plead that Members can pass if they like, but it is not a report to pass because once we endorse it, we shall accept what is all that is said in Chapter 2. And the response of the County Executive Committee Member for Finance, that is Annex 1. And the question will now come how serious we are in understanding the records brought before us. With those remarks, Mr. Speaker, I ask the Assembly, the Members, to distance themselves from this report so that we go back and see how a better statement could be raised to cover everything.

Mr. Speaker, another issue raised here, it is like we are referring to two months, that is June and July, in this report and it is common knowledge that August allocation had also been disbursed. It is only September and October that we are waiting for. So it is upon the members. The report is not adequately conclusive. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, does silence mean that we can give the Member who moved the Motion to reply?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari, do you want to contribute?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. I just wanted to, even though Honourable Oiko has sat down, the Member has said something, touching on KRA. But I have gone through this report, I have not seen anywhere written or indicated this issue of KRA, which the Member has talked about. So, I believe that, it is only that I forgot my Standing Order. So I wanted to ask if the Member can clarify about that.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari, are you on a Point of Order or maybe you wanted to stand on a Point of Order.

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Exactly.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): I am seeing Honourable Oginga on her feet; she can assist you so that you know which order you are rising on. Is it a Statement of Facts you want Honourable Oiko to clarify?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Yes. So can the Member clarify that before I proceed? Kindly.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Oiko.

**Hon. Oiko** (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Yes, Sir. Honourable Odari, I have made a statement and I have digressed and referred to a statement that was made by Honourable Speaker on the Floor of this House. That is what I have referred to. A statement that was made by Honourable Speaker and I have combined that with what is happening in Kenya now.

That Kenya Revenue Authority is now raiding the accounts of government institutions that have not paid taxes. And the Speaker personally said here that the County Assembly paid Kshs 10 million (Ten Million only) to Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA). That is a statement I have referred to.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I believe that I gotten Honourable Odari right, the Member was asking where the question of Kenya Revenue Authority is coming in the statement raised by Honourable Okombo Nereah. If I got him right. I have also looked at the questions. I have not seen any question on Kenya Revenue Authority. Hon Odari, am I making your enquiry much more palatable?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): You are right, Honourable Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): If you rule Honourable Oiko Out of Order because I don't think he has addressed the concern raised by Honourable Odari appropriately. But anyway, you can

continue. Honourable Odari, I think Honourable Oiko has not addressed that one. We don't have any question on Kenya Revenue Authority as per the statement raised by Hon Nereah Okombo.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): That silence means that, you want to contribute?

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Mr. Speaker, I want to contribute, I believe that I said I will contribute.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Proceed.

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil/Tamu): Mr. Speaker, as a House, I hope and I believe that we all know that we are dealing with somebody who is intellectual. And that is from the Department of Finance. Mr. Speaker, something which is impossible, you cannot force it. So whatever we are saying here, I don't believe they will be implemented. Because where I am seated, I was wondering, even though I'm not good in mathematics, but I've seen the House Committee observation that the net balance of Kshs 53,482, millions outstanding amount carried forward from the last financial year. In my opinion, I believe that this money, they received it and they used it. And they ignored the Assembly. They decided on their own not to give it to us.

Mr. Speaker, recently, I believe that it was last week, and when Honourable Samuel stood, it is my belief that you heard him, how he talked about those who went to defend the County Executive Committee Member for Finance. I was one of them. I was caught there. But it was very unfortunate. I later regretted. When I went back to my house, I really regretted.

I asked myself so many questions. Even today, we were discussing this with my friend. He told me that now that the contractors have not been paid, workers within the County Assembly, the staffs, both in the Executive and the County Assembly have not been paid, and you went to defend Mr. George Okong'o, were you normal? So I decided not to answer that question and to ignore it. But truly speaking, I've been coming to this Assembly during committee meetings. Sometimes I normally come, and I've seen the County Executive Committee Member for Finance and his team, the way they have been answering questions here. And I'm not afraid to report to you that Mr. George Okong'o will talk so much and will confuse everybody in the Assembly, including the Chairpersons and Members of House Committees. A very smart and shrewd guy, now, he has decided to come and act on us.

Mr. Speaker, all these problems that we are facing as Honourable Members, I don't blame the County Executive, but I'm blaming the Members of this County Assembly, including the leadership of this Assembly. Because most of the leaders in this Assembly, they are good at what is known as tit-for-tat. People are talking here, discussing something which can assist us. In the next two minutes or five minutes, they are on the other side discussing the same thing which has

been discussed here, which is not good. So, Mr. Speaker, on my side, I will not support this statement or support, but I will submit it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro):Honourable Caren Ajwang’, can you please reply?

**Hon. Ajwang’** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you Honourable Speaker. I want to thank all the Honourable Members who stood up to debate in support of this motion. Honourable Onyango asked where the argument is. But I want to inform the Member that when a motion is brought before this Honourable House, it is debated upon, and a question raised, and the motion is adopted, then it becomes a law.

I’d like to remind the Member that this Honourable House functions much like a court. That’s why Honourable Nereah, the Deputy Speaker, requested the statement to be formally brought before this House. This allows Honourable Members to debate it thoroughly, ensuring it is recorded in written form—not merely discussed verbally. Just as our leadership negotiates the allocations due to us, which are often specified...

*(Hon. Sammy Onyango interjects with a Point of Order)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro):Proceed.

**Hon. Onyango** (MCA, Railways): Mr. Speaker, there is no quorum.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari.

**Hon. Odari** (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Mr. Speaker, we started debating over this issue long time ago. If the Honourable Member now interrupts the mover by pointing out a lack of quorum, I must ask where was the Member earlier. Furthermore, it seems that the Member has overlooked a key point: the Member should inform us if the member who originally raised the statement has arrived now, after we’ve concluded the debate. Mr. Speaker, it’s quite unfortunate that the individual who brought the statement... No, I was simply asking him to sit down and allow Madam to continue her response.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Carren, proceed!

**Hon. Ajwang’** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am unsure whether it is appropriate for any member to interrupt when a member has been called upon to reply. Since joining this Honourable House, I haven't witnessed such interference.

Nevertheless, I will continue. Honourable Onyango raised a question regarding the source of funds that the County Treasury will use to settle their outstanding obligation to us. That,

however, is not our concern. If you owe someone money, your responsibility is simply to repay it. We expect them to provide us with what is rightfully ours.

Honourable Regina commented on the delay in the Exchequer release, which was cited as the primary reason as to why Kshs 57 million was not transferred to the County Assembly. As a House Committee, we found this explanation unconvincing, as this Kshs 57 million should have been allocated in the previous financial year, and the County Treasury did receive its full allocation from the Exchequer. It seems they are merely trying to mislead us.

Honourable Regina raised another concern, noting she didn't see in the report the total amount we were supposed to receive compared to the actual amount received. However, I believe that information is included—specifically, the Kshs 900 million expected and the Kshs 8 million actually received. Perhaps it was overlooked, but it is indeed there.

Honourable Regina also expressed concern about recommendation number four, which addresses the monthly reporting of fiscal transfers. Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, we have a full House Committee that meets every Thursday, and our Clerk can use this platform to update us on whether the County Treasury is complying, allowing us to monitor any potential disregard for our directives.

Regarding autonomy, Honourable Regina advised that I needn't have brought it up. However, I believe we are on the right track, as it has already been raised in the Senate. Asking our Speaker to follow up on this through the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) is reasonable, and we can pursue it through multiple channels.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I would like to thank the Leader of Majority Leader for proposing an amendment, which was seconded by Honourable Ochele. Now, instead of Kshs 6 million, we expect an allocation of 17 million, which will be spread over three months. I fully support this adjustment. Thank you.

Honourable Oiko raised a question regarding taxes and the total amount paid. However, I don't believe that falls under the scope of this report. Let's stay focused on the statement requested by Honourable Okombo, so I won't be addressing that here. Additionally, it's not appropriate to expect the Honourable Speaker to answer from his seat; perhaps you could follow up with him privately in his office.

Honourable Odari, the challenges we face as an Assembly are, in fact, widespread, and this was the primary reason the Senator introduced the motion. These issues are not unique to Kisumu County.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, many of the motions brought before this House often need to be amended or rejected. We can pass a motion with amendments, which is why a statement or any matter is referred to a House Committee before being brought back to this Honourable House for debate. At that stage, amendments can be made. Any member who feels something was not handled properly has the right to suggest improvements—that is the proper way to proceed.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, if there is a part of a motion that is incorrect, it should not be out-rightly be rejected. Instead, it should be reviewed, debated, and corrected as necessary. That is our responsibility which is to legislate and ensure that what is brought before us is appropriately refined and passed in the right manner. With that, Honourable Speaker, I rest my case and conclude my response.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the motion on the Adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and ICT on a matter raised by Honourable Nereah Okombo regarding Delayed/Incomplete Disbursement of Budgetary Funds to the County Assembly has been moved, seconded and debated upon, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, the motion on the Adoption of the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and ICT on a matter raised by Hon. Okombo regarding Delayed/Incomplete Disbursement of Budgetary Funds to the County Assembly with the Amendments therein, has been adopted today Wednesday, 06<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at 1606 hours.

Honourable Members, I direct that the recommendation of the said report be communicated to the relevant department for action. Consequently, the Select Committee on Implementation to take up the matter and follow up on the same as appropriate.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, please be upstanding. There being no other business in the order paper, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, the 07th of November, 2024 at 2.30pm.

*(House rose at 4.07 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

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