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Thursday, 27th February, 2025

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

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Careen Ajwang') in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I direct that the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): the Deputy Whip, Honourable Obonyo, can you confirm if we have quorum.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you Madam Speaker. We have quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Clerk, take us through the order of the day.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Next order!!

MOTION

DEBATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY

(THIRD SITTING)

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO WARD

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, this is the third sitting. We are still debating on Governor's State of the County Address to the County Assembly, and we are only remaining with one sitting, and that will be on Tuesday.

Honourable Members, before I open the Floor, I'd like to bring to your attention that the following Members had already debated. Number one, so please, if I read your names, that implies that you are not supposed to debate again. We have Honourable Nyaoke, Honourable Seth Okumu, Honourable James Were, Honourable Opar, Honourable Dede, Honourable Oiko, Honourable Ouko, Honourable Alandoh, Honourable Okoyo, Honourable Ochele, Honourable Oraro, Honourable Omollo, and Honourable Obaso. I now open the Floor for debate.

(Hon. Ochele rises on a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): What is it Hon. Ochele?

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, Honourable Okoyo is reminding me that I preserved five minutes of the debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): No, it is not allowed. I wish the Member said that on that day he was debating. Honorable Members, the Floor is now open for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Hon. Jennifer Obonyo.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Asante sana, Bi. Spika. Ninasimama kuunga mkono hotuba ya Mheshimiwa Gavana. Hata hivyo, nikitazama kwa makini, ni kuwa barabara zetu ndani za jiji zimeboreshwa kwa kiwango cha kuridhisha, lakini barabara zilizoko vijijini bado hazijafikia viwango vinavyostahili. Ni matumaini yangu kwamba juhudi hizo za uboreshaji ziendelee na ziwafikie wananchi walioko mashinani.

barabara zetu za jiji zimeundwa vilivyo ilhali barabara katika mashinani bado hazijafikia kiwango kinachotakikana. Ni tumaini langu kuwa tuboreshe barabara zetu za bara pia.

(Applause)

Jambo la pili, Bi. Spika, ningependa kuligusia ni kuhusu Idara ya Ushuru. Katika hotuba yake, Mheshimiwa Gavana alieleza kwamba mapato ya ushuru katika Kaunti ya Kisumu yaliongezeka kutoka shilingi milioni moja nukta moja (1.1M) hadi shilling milioni moja nukta tano (1.5M). Bi. Spika, ikiwa kweli mapato yameongezeka kwa asilimia ishirini na tano (25%), basi tungetarajia madeni yaliyocheleshwa (pending bills) yakipungua. Haiwezekani kuona ongezeko la mapato halafu, kwa upande mwingine, madeni bado yanabaki juu. Hili ni swala linalopaswa kuangaliwa kwa umakini mkubwa na Idara ya Fedha. Bi. Spika, kwa hayo machache, naomba kuhitimisha. Asante sana.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Yes, Honourable Henrietta Bodo.

Hon Bodo (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to say a few things about the Governor's State of the County Address to the County Assembly that was presented to us late last year, in December. Madam Speaker, I would like to go straight to the first page of His Excellency the Governor's speech.

Madam Speaker, as a House, we were informed that we have a department, domiciled in the Governor's office, known as *Huduma Mashinani* Programme. Madam Speaker, this is a very good programme, if we as leaders could make good use of it. This is kind of what we normally do, called public participation, but now this one is coming from the Governor's office. It is something we have never experienced. We are experiencing it now, and I would like to urge Members, that for this programme to succeed, we have to work with leaders at the grassroots. We can work with the Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and Village Elders. We can also mobilize our Members so that this can be successful.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to look at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation. We have been informed that in this particular booklet that, three Motorbikes were distributed. Madam Speaker, as a person, I believe that, we would have been further informed where the three motorcycles were taken. Are they in Wards? Are they in sub-counties? Madam Speaker, this was not very clear.

Madam Speaker, I would like to, if you allow me, to ask Members that we can stand and observe a one-minute silence for Kenyans who were killed in Lake Turkana - Ethiopia border. Madam Speaker, if you allow me, we can rise and observe a minute of silence as a show of solidarity with the departed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you. Yes, you are allowed. We can observe a minute of silence.

(A minute of silence was observed)

Hon. Bodo (Nominated Member): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. These are our people, they were killed. Madam Speaker, the reason why I am bringing this before the House, this is a very important department, the Department of Agriculture. We have been informed that we have fish cages, and in particular, I want to mention that it is in Dunga Beach. This is a very good initiative, Madam Speaker. However, if you cannot allow everybody else to own the cages, then it is my belief that it is work in futility.

Madam Speaker, these people would have not been killed, if they would have owned some few cages in that particular lake. However, because they were fishing at night, Madam Speaker, they met with these people who were armed, and they ended up losing their lives. I wonder where the Coast Guard were, who we have here, and we have even in Coast, where are they or where were they when these people were being killed? I think that is the reason why they have been employed, to guard those particular areas.

(Loud Consultations)

Madam Speaker, protect me, protect me from Members. I was not here yesterday.

(Hon. Onyango rises on a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Sammy Onyango.

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, is the Member on the floor discussing the Governor's speech, or what? This is because I am lost. We have stood here for one minute and the Member is talking about Turkana people. So, what is she talking about? The Governor's speech, or is the member talking about the Turkana affairs?

(Hon. Nyaoke equally rises on a Point of Order)

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): (*On a Point of Order)* Madam Speaker, just as my fellow colleague has noticed, Madam Speaker, it is my opinion that the Honourable Member should be guided that we are talking about the State of Governor Address to the County Assembly of Kisumu, and not the Address of the Governor of Turkana County, Madam Speaker. Thank you,

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, I think Honourable Henrietta was just touched, but the member should not dwell that matter so much. Honourable Henrietta, please stand guided.

Hon. Bodo (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. We are legislators, and when you see something is happening wrong along the road, would you not bring it before the House? You would bring it before the House so that we can have a discussion about it.

(Hon. Ouko rises on a Point of Order)

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu): A Point of Order Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Ken Ouko.

Hon. Ouko (MCA, West Kisumu): (*On a Point of Order*) Madam Speaker, is it procedural for a member to talk after you have made a ruling on a matter?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Henrietta, we are debating on the State of the County Address by the Governor to the County Assembly that was delivered on Friday, 13th December, 2024 at the Tom Mboya labour College. Kindly now stick to the debate.

Hon. Bodo (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for your protection. Madam Speaker, this is the reason why I know it is within the Governor's speech. The Department of Agriculture is within the Governor's speech. That is why we have this booklet, Madam Speaker. So, Madam Speaker, are they allowed to rebuttal….

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Henrietta Bodo, Are you through with your contribution?

Hon. Bodo (Nominated Member): No!! Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Than, you have two more minutes, or you want to donate it to somebody?

Hon. Bodo (Nominated Member): No, I want to wind up. Please let me wind up. Madam Speaker, I would also want to touch on the VTCs. I am quite encouraged by one of the VTCs within Kisumu. The VTC that has been mentioned here, Madam Speaker, it is called Rotary. I would like to encourage Members that as we all now know that, we have a garage in that particular place. We can take our cars there so that we promote this VTC. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the time you have given me.

(Hon. Okoyo rises on a Point of Order)

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Point of Order Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Honourable Zachary Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): *(On a Point of Order)* Madam Speaker, I am still getting more confused with the speech from the Honourable Member. I am wondering if the member is talking about VCTs or VTCs, because when the member talks about VCT, I tend to think maybe she is talking about the Voluntary Counseling Tests which are being done where we go to check on our HIV status. So, I do not know which one she's talking about. If she's talking about the VCTs, then she should be clear, because I don't know which VCT she is talking about.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Bodo, kindly give clarity on this matter?

Hon. Henrietta (Nominated Member): Madam Speaker, I believe all Members in this House are well... That could be one, Madam Speaker. However, I don't believe I'm referring to that. I'm referring to Vocational Training Centers. Thank you

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The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Honourable K'Omudho, from Muhoroni.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru): Many thanks, Madam Speaker and to my fellow colleagues this afternoon. I am privileged and want to share on the Governor's State of the County Address to the County Assembly on the country affairs.

Number one is about the roads, as clearly stated in the contents. As some of my colleagues mentioned yesterday, it would be important to talk about the roads across the county, and more

specifically to places where we come from in the Sugar Belt regions. I know the county government has done wonderful jobs in other areas. Unfortunately, some of us do not have much to show, especially when you come to Muhoroni- Koru ward that I represent.

Madam Speaker, the situation is quite, it's pathetic and bad. If we refer to the roads which are done in other parts of the county, which I do agree to, and I commend the county government for doing some wonderful job, we do sincerely request that these other areas, especially the Sugar Belt, and more specifically Muhoroni - Koru ward, be looked at with seriousness.

Madam Speaker, the second overview of my second concern is about the recently established Municipalities. I happen to represent an area within those subdivided municipalities that is Muhoroni-Chemelil. Madam Speaker, together with the Honourable Members, we have almost nothing to show off as of today, despite the establishment of these divisions about two years now. If this was to work for me, I am sure today I would not be coming to complain, or rather to raise….

(Leader of Majority rises on a Point of Order)

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Leader of Majority.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Honourable Speaker, I don't believe that the Honourable Member is very right to say that there is nothing to see around Muhoroni - Chemelil municipality. And of course we all know that there is a lot of work going on under KISIP in Muhoroni town. So, it is incorrect for the Honourable Member to mislead the House. Thank you.

Hon. K'Omudho (MCA, Muhoroni/Koru): That is noted, Madam Speaker, and with due respect, I wish to withdraw any unkind remarks that probably related to unsavory words. As we continue, probably I would have refrained from it. I would have paraphrased it in a different way, that how I wish the development that is currently going on could be heightened to a greater level, so that some of us who may not be seeing may see what is already in that place. Thank you.

My final point was about the sugarcane plantation areas. In this particular address, at least we had expected something to touch on the so-called CESS. This is because where we come from we give good money in terms of the production from the millers around but what we end up getting in return is the poor road network system. I hope that next time, God willing, as we enter

another year, progress will be made even before the end-of-year address. Specifically, I hope to see improvements in the poor road network in our sugar belt areas. Once again, my sincere thanks to you, Honourable Madam Speaker, and to all the Members.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes Honourable Millicent Omuya.

Hon. Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for granting me this opportunity to contribute to the speech of our esteemed Governor. I will keep my remarks concise while focusing specifically on the Department of Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs.

Madam Speaker, in the Governor's speech, I noted the mention of the Governor's Cup, which was intended to help the County identify and nurture talent. However, I would have appreciated a clear indication of how many talents were actually identified. Unfortunately, the outcome of this initiative was disappointing, and I strongly believe that such ineffective and poorly organized tournaments should not be repeated.

That said and done, I want to commend the Governor for one truly commendable initiative—the Bursary Program. From my perspective, this is the one aspect of the speech that genuinely reflects the County's positive impact, as it has directly benefited my community and demonstrated that the County is actively working for the people. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I would like to remind you that there is still time for debate. If you have not yet contributed, this is your opportunity to do so.

(Silence)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, your silence indicates that no other member wishes to contribute on the debate on the State of the County Address by the Governor. Therefore, I want to make reference to the dictates of our Standing Order No. 22(5), which states that the County Assembly shall deliberate on the public policy positions outlined in the Governor's address.

Honourable Members, in line with this provision, the debate on the motion shall not exceed four sittings. Accordingly, the House Business Committee scheduled it for four sittings. The motion was moved by Honourable Okombo, our Deputy Speaker, on behalf of the Majority Leader, Honourable Ken Ooko, and was seconded by Honourable Seth Okumu during our first sitting. We have now completed the third sitting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I now request Honourable Members to be upstanding. I therefore adjourn this Honourable House to Tuesday 04th March 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 03.12 p.m.)

Addendum

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