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House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 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 be rung for the first five minutes)

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

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I want to acknowledge the presence of Kala TV station at the gallery. I want to give this opportunity to two Members to welcome them.

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

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to convey a warm welcome to our very local TV station crew who are in the House. We wish also to commend them for the good work that we are seeing they are doing outside there.

Madam Speaker, it is imperative that they thought it wise also to join us in the floor of the House and witness and carry out some of the responsibilities that are put on us. We believe and trust that going forward they will be able, as a reporting entity, to be reporting positively on the challenges that we encounter as legislatures, that is what we are going through in our places of work, in this particular place here, as we sit here today to deliberate on issues that concern our county. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you Madam Speaker. May I join my colleague in welcoming the media in the House? That is the Kala TV.

It is essential and we also understand the importance that the media is doing in terms of dissemination of information. Information is key. In anything, in human life, information is key.

If you lack information, then you are as good as dead. So, I want to take the opportunity to welcome them and also to let them know that the Assembly also has a live streaming channel, that the public also knows what actually we undertake in our daily proceedings at the Assembly. That makes us also try to inform them that let their coming not be impromptu, or rather let their coming not be occasionally.

They should be coming to the Assembly more often so that we get that one-on-one engagement with our media stations. We welcome you and we believe that the information that you will disseminate and portray to the public, let it be truth and only truthful. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Okay, Honourable Were, I only need two Honourable Members, but as long as you are up, you can give your contribution. Just proceed. Okay, proceed, Hon. Were.

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B"): Thank you Madam Speaker. Protect me from Honourable Ochele. Madam Speaker, let me also join my colleagues in acknowledging the presence of KALA TV in the House.

Madam Speaker, KALA TV has been in existence and has been partnering with various organs of County Government of Kisumu. I believe their coming to cover proceedings in the County Assembly of Kisumu is going to be something that is going to make information reach many people, because I know they have a wide coverage. I believe if you have a good partnership, it will be for the importance of all people.

I believe the larger population of Kisumu County will benefit. Otherwise, long live KALA TV and long live Kisumu County Assembly. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I would equally like to inform you that KALA TV will be streaming this session live. I do really appreciate them and once again feel most welcome.

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

STATEMENTS HOUR

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, it is Statement Hour. I can see Honourable Nyaoke is on his feet. Please proceed.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to make a personal statement this afternoon. That is to say a lot of congratulations to the officials of our ODM members who were elected yesterday in our sub-county of Nyakach.

It is my prayer that going forward, we are going to be able to facilitate and to ensure that our party, particularly from the sub-county of Nyakach, leads in the oncoming further registrations of members and to again ensure that, we hold it much more vibrant. I wish all the officials who were elected yesterday a better future and a prosperous work to the party. Thank you.

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

MOTION

REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON LIAISON ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF
THE HALF-YEALY PROGRESS REPORTS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

BY

HON. KENNEDY OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF THE MAJORITY)

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Honourable Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Honourable Nereah Okombo, Chairperson, Select Committee on Liaison, I would like to move a motion on the Report on the consideration of Half-yearly Progress Reports of House Committees for the period ended 31st December 2024.

Honourable Speaker, the provisions of Orders No. 183(1) compels each Select Committee to submit half yearly progress reports to the Liaison Committee. Consequently, Orders No.183 (2) mandates the Committee on Liaison to, within twenty days, compile such reports and submit to the County Assembly.

This report therefore is an analysis and presentation of the general performance of Committees' during the period ended 31st December, 2024 and finally presented in fulfillment of the requirement of Orders No. 183(1) & (2) of the County Assembly Standing Orders.

Objective : The main objective of this report is to fulfill the requirements of Orders No. 183(2) that mandates the Liaison Committee to 'compile half-yearly reports submitted to it by all Committees and submit a report to the County Assembly'.

Methodology: In coming up with this report, the Committee examined the reports as submitted to the House Business Committee for tabling and presentation on the Floor of the House.

Findings'; Honourable Speaker, from the analysis, the Liaison Committee established that during the period under review (PUR);

1. Committee workload

A total of 56 papers were submitted to the County Assembly and assigned to various committees in line with their mandates. (See table 2).

This period recorded more papers so far in the history of the 31st Assembly (see table 14).

2. Motions; The period under review recorded four (4) member sponsored motions.

3. Public petitions: Two petitions were received and referred to Labour and Social Services Committee and Finance and ICT Committee (see table 4). Both remained pending as at the end of the period under review.

4. Policies; Only one policy was received during this period and Committee to joint Committees of Sports Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs and JLAC. Consideration on the Policy was still in progress as at the end of the PUR (see table 5).

5. Statements; Sixteen statements were requested during the period under review. Nine of these remained pending before various committees (see table 6).

6. Bills and Legislations; Four bills were introduced to the Assembly, two were procedural and two were private Member Bills. Consideration of the two bills was still in progress as at the elapse of the PUR (see table 7).

7. Committee Reports; During the period under review, a total of Fifty (50) reports were tabled by various Committees. Forty-One (41) of these were debated and voted upon while Nine (9) were not debated on for various reasons (See tables 8, 9 and 10).

Committee performance in terms of reports tabled between 1st July, 2024 to 31st December, 2024 (see tables 11 and 12):

Srl	House Committees	Reports
1.	PIC/PAC Committee	8
2.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	5
3.	Budget and Appropriations	2
4.	Finance and ICT Committee	2
5.	Appointments Committee	6
6.	Implementation Committee	4
7.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	4
8.	Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development	1
9.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services	1
10.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional	3
11.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	3
12.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and	1
13.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation	2
14.	Labour and Social Welfare Services	1
15.	Liaison Committee	2

16.	Selection Committee	2
17.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	1
18.	Delegated County Legislation	1
19.	Procedure and Rules	1
20.	Powers and Privileges	0
21.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	0
22.	House Business Committee	0

8. Committee performance in terms of reports tabled Third Assembly:

A total of 185 reports have been so far tabled by Committees in the Third Assembly, distributed as shown in the table below (see table 13).

Srl No.	House Committees	Total
1.	PIC/PAC	26
2.	Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation	20
3.	Budget and Appropriations	16
4.	Finance and ICT	11
5.	Appointments Committee	10
6.	Implementation Committee	10
7.	Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works	8
8.	Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development	9
9.	Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social	9
10.	Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affair,	8
11.	Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs	7
12.	Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate	7
13.	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and	7
14.	Labour and Social Welfare Services	7
15.	Liaison Committee	6

16.	Selection Committee	6
17.	Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing	6
18.	Delegated County Legislation	4
19.	Procedure and Rules Committee	3
20.	Powers and Privileges Committee	2
21.	Welfare and Equal Opportunities	2
22.	House Business Committee	3

9. Comparative analysis of the legislative performance of the Third Assembly. Overall performance between FY 2022/2023, FY 2023/2024 and thus far FY 2024/25. It is important to note that FY 2024/25 is highlighted, as it is still continuing.

Srl No.	ITEM	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	TOTAL
1.	Papers	39	50	56	145
2.	Statements	35	24	16	75
3.	Motions	11	12	4	27
4.	Bills	5	8	4	17
5.	Petitions	5	5	2	12
6.	Policies	2	2	1	5
7.	Reports	57	78	50	185

Observation

- a) Note that only Member sponsored motions were captured during the FY 2024/25 while the numbers indicated in other Financial years included the procedural motions.
- b) It can be concluded that the output (number of reports tabled) is in upward trajectory considering the financial year is still in progress.

10. Pending business

As at the end of the period under review, eighty-four (84) businesses remained pending before various committees (see table 13).

Recommendations

Honourable Speaker, The Committee thus recommends;

- a) THAT to sustain and further encourage the improvement on member sponsored motions and bills, the County Assembly should create a platform for members to receive support and guidance on drafting and presentation. Additionally, establishing a mentorship program where experienced members can guide new members on procedural matters could be beneficial.
- b) THAT, to maintain the reporting momentum, committees should adopt a more systematic approach to report preparation and presentation, including setting clear deadlines and ensuring thorough reviews before submission.
- c) THAT to reduce the pending businesses, the County Assembly should implement a backlog reduction strategy which could involve prioritizing and fast-tracking high-impact items and/or redistributing workloads among committees.

Acknowledgement

Honourable Speaker, the Committee wishes to thank the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the Kisumu County Assembly for the support accorded to it towards fulfillment of its mandate.

It also recognizes and appreciates the commitment and valuable contribution that its Honourable Members exercised during the sittings to deliberate on various elements of this report, not forgetting its secretariats for their exemplary performance in providing the needed technical support.

The Committee commends Hon. Regina Kizito and Hon. Nereah Okombo for their proactive and committed leadership, which is exemplified by the massive impact that the private member bills they introduced to the County Assembly will have on the residents on the County.

Honourable Speaker, it is finally an honour to move, on behalf of the Liaison Committee members, THAT, this House adopts this report of the Liaison Committee on consideration of Half-Yearly Progress Reports of House Committees for the period ended 31st December, 2024. May I ask Hon. Pamela Oyoo to second.

(Hon. Oyoo bowed while seconding the motion)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I want to propose a question that the motion on adoption of the report of the Select Committee on Liaison on its consideration of Half-Yearly Progress Reports of House Committee for the period ended 31st December 2024 is open for debate.

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

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me first start by appreciating this House Committee for a very in-depth report that they have brought before us. This report shows us a summary of almost all the steps we have gone through and the journey that we are walked this period and time.

Madam Speaker, this House Committee have equally gone ahead to give very important recommendations that will be able to help this House to do proper and much timely reporting. There is also another recommendation that is talking about the systematic way that we may adopt so that the pending businesses because we have seen even the number of businesses that are still pending looking at the time from that we have already taken.

Madam Speaker, if these recommendations are going to be put in place and I believe and trust that we are going to ensure that these recommendations are put in place then, we are going to enhance the system which we shall be using to make these reports and more importantly to encourage all the other House Committees to catch up with the rest because we can see from the report there are certain House Committees that have done quite well.

Madam Speaker, a number of activities have been carried forth although some have been slightly identified to be really not I cannot say it's low but at least not much has been done. So, the recommendations that have been given here I believe are geared towards improving the kind of and the system that we are going to be using in our report writing going forward and even so that the agility and the frequency that we are going to be using in delivering our reports is enhanced. Thank you Madam Speaker in such I beg to a support.

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

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to take this opportunity to really appreciate Members of Kisumu County Assembly because clearly from the report that has just been read it reflects that, we are really up to task the last report about the same you realize that we've grown as Members we've learned a lot about how to do our work and it's a very good trend and I believe that in the coming reports we are going to have more and even better report that will show Kisumu County that really we are doing a lot of work Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, I also want to take this opportunity to thank the two members who had brought or taken the initiative to have the self-sponsored Bills to this House at least it is showing us that we really know what we are doing and I want to believe the two bills are going to help Kisumu County move forward and this is because, those were gaps that needed to be addressed and with the two bills I believe we are really going to serve Kisumu County.

Madam Speaker, if you look at the recommendations, I want to appreciate this House Committee for the report. The recommendations will be an advantage if implemented as it will help people previously unaware to be informed and this will help us in our delivery to the people of Kisumu County. Once again, I thank Honourable Members for the good work done during this period, and I believe before 2027 we, as Members, will have done much work for Kisumu County. I support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Now, I will consider in order of seniority. Honourable James Were, then Honourable Boitone. Proceed.

Hon Were (Nyalenda "B"): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support this report. First, I want to commend this House Committee for having come with an elaborate report concerning this Honourable House. Madam Speaker, going by this report, and if you look at the third recommendation, it will help us reduce the pending businesses.

Madam Speaker, this report indicates the strength of this Assembly: where we are, where we are going, and where we have come from. It is my belief that, if we take seriously those considerations and the recommendations proposed, I believe we shall be making strides that will help us know where we are supposed to reach. I believe that the House Committees which still has a backlog of reports to do will pull up their socks and be at par with the rest.

Madam Speaker, if this House considers the recommendations highlighted in the report and that have been suggested, this Assembly will move with haste, and we shall be compared to none. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I beg to support. Thank you

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

Hon Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you, Madam Speaker for giving me this opportunity. Let me first appreciate what the leaders and what this House Committee have brought to this House; considering what we have been discussing or agreeing in this Honourable House, which is productivity.

Madam Speaker, we agreed that we want to improve on productivity, and going by what the report before us, I can see that we are working very hard towards improving productivity. I urge fellow House Committee Chairpersons, to continue working hard and bring forth issues which can be deliberated and debated in this Assembly. Otherwise, Madam Speaker, thank you. I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Boitone, the floor is now yours.

Hon Boitone (Nyalenda "A"): Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I thank you. Madam Speaker, you sat me down for too long until some of the points that I wanted to put across have seemingly evaporated from my mind. Be that as it may, let me start by thanking this House Committee for the report before the Floor of this House.

Madam Speaker, this Assembly comprises 47 Members, 35 elected and 12 nominated, who represent different Wards and different specifications. Madam Speaker, having been sworn in into this House, and aware of our mandate as Members of the County Assembly, it is quite evident that this County Assembly is up to task. In terms of legislation, the County Assembly is up to the game as well as in terms of representation and oversight.

Madam Speaker, there is only one element that I want to put across, and I believe it is also very vital. The Mover of the Motion mentioned that there are about 81 pending reports with various House Committees. The main reason these reports are still pending in the House Committees is because of slow response from the County Executive, especially from different departments.

Madam Speaker, this has negatively impacted in these assemblies having the best kind of production that we want. You realize that it takes the department from the County Executive, different departments from the County Executive, a lot of time to respond when the House Committees of the Assembly invite them. This is a trend that I want to beg that the County Executive improves on this so that our reports are submitted to the Floor of this House within the timelines that is always prescribed when the reports are directed to different House Committees. Madam Speaker, if that will be earned, then I believe this Assembly will do much. Thank you.

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

Hon Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker. May I also join the queue in supporting the motion as read by the Leader of Majority on behalf of the Chairperson. Madam Speaker, the report is somehow comprehensive. However, there are certain elements which need to be added to improve it. And before I indicate those elements, Madam Speaker, I heard the Leader of Majority present the performance of various House Committees. I may have missed it or it was not there. There is something called Ward Development Fund and I did not get any performance indicator where Ward Development Fund was mentioned.

Madam Speaker, that leads me to my second point. The Select Committee on Procedure and Rules has been doing amendments on the Standing Orders. It has taken more than two years and

we do not know the status of the Standing Orders, something which brings confusion. Which Standing Orders are we using? Madam Speaker, are we using the Standing Orders they intended to amend or the old Standing Order? Madam Speaker, we are waiting for a report from that House Committee indicating what changes have been made in that Standing Order so that as we perform our duties. It is based on the Bible of this Assembly, which is the Standing Orders. The confusion is immense and I want to believe that the Leader of Majority will take this challenge to the relevant House Committee, being a Member of that House Committee.

Madam Speaker, another concern which I have, when giving such a report, it is also encouraging to give the positive achievements by the various House Committees and also highlighting the House Committees which have pending works. By indicating the House Committees which have pending works, we can be urging them to indicate where the challenges are, moreso as indicated by the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. The member alluded to the fact that most challenges emanate from the County Executive. Most of these House Committees which have pending works; such works should be indicated in the report so that as we enumerate the positive achievements, we also do not forget the backdrops from the same House Committees.

Finally, Madam Speaker, we came here when the new Assembly was being constructed. We as Members, specifically I as a Member who represents taxpayers whose money is proposed to be used in the construction of that Assembly, I do not know what to tell them. Is the construction ongoing or has it installed? I believe that as Members, we should be updated from a report from the County Assembly Service Board on the status of such events so that we become part and parcel of anything taking place in this Assembly. As those in charge of oversight, we are not just concerned on the projects from the County Executive but also those in the Assembly.

So, when certain things happen in this Assembly and we do not know, it means that we were elected to oversight the County Executive, not the Assembly, which is not true. The County Assembly Service Board should give us a status report on the Construction of the New Ultra-Modern Assembly. Otherwise, I thank the Leader of the Majority. He has been away and I have seen him in a new suit. So, it is my belief that, the journey was okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

(Leader of Majority rises on a Point of Order)

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

Leader of Majority (Hon Ooko, Ahero): Madam Speaker, Honourable Ochele is naked in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Serjeant-at-arms, please confirm if Honourable Moses Ochele is naked as alluded?

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, in the context of the language of the leader of Majority, I do not know what it means to be naked. This is because while the member was away, the mandate of the Assembly was left to the Deputy Whip, who was our leader. And we respect any position of leadership in this House. I am here because of delegated responsibility of the Deputy Chief Whip.

So, if that is the sound, then this Assembly, everybody is almost naked. And as leadership, we must respect each other and each other's decision. Majority Chief Whip, we echo your voice, and that's why we are here. And we will always respect you. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honorable Leader of Majority, do you have a response to that?

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Madam Speaker, the matter is very simple. Is Honourable Ochele naked or not naked in the House that is the question?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Ochele, you are a senior Member of this House. You know the procedure.

Hon. Ochele (East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Not granted. Honourable Ochele, please resume your seat.

Hon Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, but I am on my feet..

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Ochele, please resume your seat. You are a Senior Member of this House who understands the House procedures. The Serjeant will confirm whether or not you are naked. And if you are found to be naked, you know what is to be done.

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

Hon Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, Hon *Basmati* (Hon Ochele) was only praising the Leader of Majority who is well-dressed. See, coming in with the new suit that shows that the position is well-deserving. That is what Honourable Ochele echoed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): The Leader of Majority noticed that Honourable Ochele is naked. It is as simple as that.

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

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you, Madam Speaker. You have given direction that the Serjeant- at-arms to give you the response. Instead of just going round, you have some business you want to transact, Madam Speaker. Kindly.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Bill, you have something?

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I just needed clarification from the Honourable Member from Kabonyo-Kanyagwal ward. He stated Honourable Basmati, and I am not aware if we have a Basmati here in the House

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

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach): Madam Speaker, I don't believe that it is in order to have two businesses at the same time. We are dealing with the nakedness of a member and you should give a ruling on that, then we proceed with the motion on the floor.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you. Exactly that is what I am doing. Honourable Benny Oiko, we do not a member in this House by the name of Honourable Basmati in this House. Can you please inform this House who that is?

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo-Kanyagwal): Madam Speaker, you know, at times when the debate becomes sweet, an analogy could be used. And it is well known that when we use that analogy, we refer to the boss of East Kano Wawidhi ward, Honourable Ochele.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Okay, thank you. Serjeant- at- arms, you will do your work, and Honourable Members will proceed.

(Hon. Nyaoke rises on a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Nyaoke, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Madam Speaker, the first instance has not been comprehensively exhausted. When you say that the Serjeant-at-arms to do their work, Madam Speaker, communicate your ruling, so that we proceed to other things that we are supposed to do. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Ochele, kindly cooperate.

(The Sergeant-at-arms consulting with the Speaker)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Ochele, it has been confirmed that you are not properly dressed in the House, so comply.

(Hon. Adegga rises on a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Benson Adegga, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Adegga (MCA, Kajulu): Madam Speaker, if Honourable Ochele has been found to be naked in the House that is by not being properly dressed in the House, then another neighbour here is also naked, Madam Speaker. Honourable Zachary Okoyo, is naked.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Adegga, you have communicated. Kindly sit down. Serjeant-at-arms, kindly confirm if Honourable Okoyo is naked.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Madam Speaker, Madam Speaker, I wonder what is happening with my Honourable colleague Adegga from Kajulu because the member is just inciting other Members against us.

(Hon. Nyaoke interjects with a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Nyaoke, when a member is on a point of order, you wait until he or she has concluded.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Madam Speaker, the member was not on a point of order. It has been raised by Honourable Adegga, the issue of being naked, Madam Speaker. Again, I believe that we should just go procedurally after Honourable Benson Adegga raised the issue of Honourable Okoyo being naked. It is just as simple as that, thank you Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, please accord me time to rule. Kindly Honourable Okoyo, it has been confirmed that you are naked. Do what is necessary. I can see Honourable Ochele is back and well-dressed. You are smart, Honourable Ochele. Kindly resume your seat and we proceed.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Deputy Leader of Majority, Honourable Lumumba Owade. Kindly use the microphone.

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach): Madam Speaker, this is a House of honour and that is why we are called Honourable Members. I appeal to Members of this County Assembly to follow the Standing Orders and even the dress code.

Madam Speaker, it is very embarrassing. As you can see in this House, we are live streaming proceedings of this House. Even the public that watching us are seeing the way we dress against which is contrary to the provisions of the Standing Orders. It does not give us a very good impression. It does not cost anyone to dress smartly. You must show that you are able and responsible to dress in accordance to the dress code of this House. Every time and again members come to the House naked when they know what they are supposed to put on. I urge Members to adhere to the provisions of the Speaker's Rules and the Standing Orders and dress accordingly. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Madam Speaker, I can see Honourable Lumumba Owade is naked in the House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I am wondering what is happening. Kindly, Serjeant -at-arms confirm if the Deputy Majority Leader is naked. Honourable Members, I have been informed by Serjeant-at-arms that Honourable Owade is not naked. We proceed.

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

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you madam Speaker. It is interesting that we continue with the order of the day and we should stop the sideshows so that we are able to dispense with what we are here to do.

(Hon. Ochele rises on a Point of Order)

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

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): *(On a Point of Order)* If a trend is started, then we must follow the trend. Honourable Lumumba Owade is the Deputy Leader of Majority, whom we respect immensely. As he speaks, he does that to show that he is a Law-abiding citizen, and he respects the rules as laid down in our Standing Orders.

Madam Speaker, our Deputy Leader of Majority has just lectured us on honouring and respecting the dress code in this House. Madam Speaker, going by the Standing Orders, the Standing Order does not allow any Member to come in this plenary dressed in a side piece with 10 pockets. If the Standing Orders has been amended, and that is my concern because maybe as a leader, as one of the leaderships in this House, the member knows some of the contents of the new Standing Orders, which I do not know. However, what I have as of now is that side pockets is not part of parliamentary dress code. So, the person, the member who ruled that Honourable Lumumba is naked is true to her words. Honourable Lumumba is in a side piece, not part of the dressing code. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let us follow the rules universally, not just Honourable Ochele. It should apply to all members who disobey the dress code. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): The deputy Leader of Majority, I have not given you permission. Honourable Ochele, going by our Standing Orders, it is not your duty to identify whether a member is naked or not. It is the work of the Serjeant- at-Arms. And from where I am seated, I am blind. I am being informed by the Serjeant- at- Arms. I have been informed that Honourable Owade is not naked. So, Honourable members, let us proceed.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, mine was tailor made, that I be out to have dressed disorderly.

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

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, this is because it is the same Serjeant- at- Arms who had identified that I was naked. I was just missing a tie. But there is a Member who has come in a trouser of eight pockets. What is he carrying in those pockets? Then Serjeant- at- Arms should proceed and check the pockets. We are not allowed to dress in side pockets in this chamber. Madam Speaker, if that is the case, then you should overrule your first ruling that I was naked. That is because the law must be applied to all in equal measures. Otherwise, then we are abdicating our role as members and our role as Chairpersons which chair meetings and rule in favour of some members and rule otherwise when you are not in leadership. That can be hurting to me. It is my opinion that the Law must be applied equally. Honourable

Lumumba as the Deputy Leader of Majority should see to himself that he is naked and walk out honourably. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, I want to make it clear that we are in a House of order. You are given permission is when you talk. You cannot just wake up and take a microphone and proceed. Kindly let us be orderly.

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

Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Lumumba, MCA, South East Nyakach): Madam Speaker, I was aware that I needed to be searched. Yet we have security. For one to pass through that door, to enter this House, he must have satisfied the security that is security-friendly to the Assembly. For one to have many pockets does not show that he is a security risk. We have coats. Like my coat has like how many pockets? Almost seven. Does that show that we are a security risk here? Madam Speaker, let us take our debate seriously and proceed. Madam Speaker, you have made your ruling and that ruling should be final. Let us go to the next business. Thank you.

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

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker for the wise ruling. Honourable Patrick Lumumba is not naked. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Adeg, please approach the chair. Similarly, Honourable Boitone, approach the chair.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Order!! Honourable Ochele.

(Hon Adeg and Hon. Boitone consults with the Speaker)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, let us proceed with the debate. Honourable Obaso, I think you had spoken. I stand guided.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated MCA): Madam Speaker, I have not spoken today.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Then proceed.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated Member): Madam Speaker, let me start by commending the Liaison Committee for the job well done on this report. Secondly, I also want to commend the invaluable

work being done by various House Committees in this Assembly. Madam Speaker, it is my belief that, the work being done here is a testimony to the commitment and the hard work that we put in all these legislative processes. Madam Speaker, I want to urge the general leadership of this County Assembly to provide more budgetary allocation to these House Committees because they are the engine rooms in this assembly and it brings a platform where we engage soberly on issues that affect the general community of this great county.

Madam Speaker, I also want to commend our Honourable Members, notably Honourable Nereah and Honourable Regina on their Self-sponsored Bills and it is a challenge upon us, the other Members, that before the end of our time we should really try to also bring a self-sponsored bill in this assembly. Madam Speaker, with this few remark, I want to support the motion before the House. Thank you.

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

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Thank you Madam Speaker. Today I have seen you consulting frequently; I do not know what is happening. Allow me to debate on the said motion and say that indeed the members of House Committee plus the technical team have furnished this House with a good summary of the activities done within and outside the Assembly by various House Committees. Madam Speaker, and the way it has been captured, Madam Speaker, I have realized that there are some areas we are not doing enough and there are some areas we can be proud of what has been done.

Madam Speaker, I was looking at the summary of the Petitions, Statements, Reports and many other things in the said report and I have realized that one of the areas that we are not doing enough, starting with yours truly and many members, is on the issue of Motion.

Madam Speaker, in this segment of motion, I have seen almost around five motions in that page that has been brought forward. this means that maybe we need to utilize that part of motion and see activities that we can do or we can always put in place. Remember that motion once discussed will always formulate the policy and even force the other side to consider that is the County Executive, to consider some of the things that we have in the motion which tend to portray what the public feel. And from there we can have also the County Executive Committee Members knowing what to table at the Cabinet Meeting.

Madam Speaker, I have seen that this House Committee did not shy away from even trying to rank House Committees and the activities these House Committees are doing. I have seen actually from the table listed that the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts form the best with the many activities and many reports in the Assembly, and by doing that it

means that they have a lot of activities they are doing. And even if they were to ask for more money during Liaison Committee meeting, I am not there but automatically will say we have evidence of what this House Committee is doing and I have seen the committees going backward.

Madam Speaker, I am just wondering why some other House Committees have just presented only one report in this Assembly. I don't know what action maybe the Liaison Committee can take in order to improve or to encourage other House Committees to also be at par.

Madam Speaker, we are all aware that the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts have the advantage of the Audit Report being formulated or funded by the Auditor General, meaning that they have some their work cut out by virtue that it is mandatory for audit report to be regenerated from various institutions within the county. That may give them the leverage but, what they have done, they have shown that they're equal to the task.

Madam Speaker, I was following all they said and I am realizing Madam Speaker, but Madam Speaker, I'm wondering and I believe that it should be encouraged that at least by now maybe the House Committee and whoever is responsible for Liaison Committee should sit down and even ask the chairpersons of various House Committees to try reach stipulated target. With the target, at least they can with a lot of authority say that these and that.

Madam Speaker, the Liaison Committee report has actually reported what is being done in the Assembly and with such a report we can also engage you and know if we are doing enough towards activities that we are supposed to do as an assembly.

Madam Speaker, the final thing I also wanted to raise is that issue of Petition. The citizens are not petitioning the Assembly and for that reason we have very few petition brought to the assembly. Meaning we are not engaging them. And, I will ask the Leader of Majority to consider giving members' authority to have public participation and try to inform the citizens, the opportunity they have sometimes when issues of great importance arise and they feel like they need attention of the county. They should utilize the petition that we have and with the petition it is a way of the public trying to get assistance through the Assembly so that issues can be addressed by the County Executive. The issue of petition it is upon us members and majorly elected members and maybe the nominated ones to let the public know of the various avenues that they can always bring issues.

Madam Speaker, I have seen issues like they you'll realize that you wake up in the morning you find some houses have been demolished and maybe you want to know. Instead of complaining outside we feel like they should always be taking advantage of petition and giving Assembly Members work and by doing that will be intervening and there are other issues that can discuss.

Sometimes you can be given a notice by the City Manager and you feel that you have not been given adequate time.

So, this House/Assembly can sometimes be petitioned and some of those issues can be ironed and even time can be extended because our interest as the county want to see business people growing and want to see that action taken to them is fair and they feel like the treatment is good. So, for that reason it is upon us as the Assembly to encourage the public to be using the Assembly to petition some of the things so that they are done well. Finally Madam Speaker, I want to say that going forward as we approach the next financial year let us deliberately try to be proactive and ensure that our constituents use the available means to communicate their grievances through the House....

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

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, I have to draw your attention.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): I am listening.

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Finally Madam Speaker, I want to agree with my colleagues that this House Committee took their time and did a good report and summary of the activities that has been done in this assembly throughout the period that they chose and for that reason let us cooperate let us work towards improving on areas that we have performed poorly and let us try to bring issues that affect the public just as it has been said by my colleague Honourable Peter Obaso so that our attention now going forward should be issues that actually have direct impact on the public apart from the other basic or mandatory requirements or legislation that you are supposed to pass.

Madam Speaker, we need to do extra work and for that reason I also want to join Honourable Peter Obaso in trying to commend what Honourable Regina did and with the Bill that the member brought which was a challenge to all of us and it means that we still have a lot of things that we need to do as a county and if we sit together and we target and we also consult the public through public participation and other activities we'll always come up with things that can help them. Thank you madam speaker and I support the report.

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

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal): Thank you Madam Speaker, this is a good report because it reflects on our work as legislators of this House. It portrays the work we have been doing and it is now put us to assess the work we have done over this period of time.

Madam Speaker, as individual members of the Assembly and as House Committee members, let us weigh ourselves what have we done and is it good for the county or for the people of Kisumu County. However, Madam Speaker there is one area that is always taken for granted or feared is never mentioned and when you look at the reports brought to this Assembly it may only come at the far end of all the reports and that is the financial aspects of the Kisumu County Assembly. Like even recently when the Departmental Committees were engaging the departments, the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board was never engaged. You will only find their report at the far end like their report were only appearing in the Supplementary Estimates for the FY 2024/2025. When House Committee was interrogating the departments, the Kisumu County Assembly as a department of the county government was never interrogated by the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT.

Madam Speaker, this is an area that Members need to address themselves to because, this is where our money for our welfare lies and the little development done by the Assembly we need to interrogate this. Honourable Ochele had echoed it here but the picture we have seen since the Third Assembly started, members have taken this matter for granted that these are the finances of this assembly are never interrogated. We must take this seriously and know the progress of our assembly financially.

Let us not just assume. There is no time where even the members of the County Assembly Service Board who represent us there can even tell us how the finances are being managed that is the finances reports they get and if we do not address those matters we shall be failing on our side as Members of this House and we may find much later that what we ought to have raised in the early stages have come at the far end and now managing it may not be easy.

Otherwise, Madam Speaker, it is my opinion that, this is a good report and the outcry that the pending works are there because of the poor response from the County Executive should also be addressed by this House so that we don't move that this cannot happen because the County Executive is not responding. There are powers vested on this House that when it comes to that level the House should exercise its power. I know there are members in the House who are hell-bent to defend the County Executive. That is the time we shall discuss as members of this House and those who defend the County Executive and we find a middle ground. Otherwise, let us not just fear that the County Executive is not responding. It will be our failure.

Madam Speaker, remember that when Honourable Duale was removed from being the Leader of Majority in Kenya, he lamented what he had done to the people of Kenya when he was

defending the government. So, let us do our role and let us execute the work we are supposed to do so that good things are done for our people and the County Executive is taken on its toes. I so submit to Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes Honourable Obonyo, the Deputy Whip.

The Deputy Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you, Madam Speaker, I wish to call the mover to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Leader of Majority, Honourable Ken Ooko, you have been called upon to reply.

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. Foremost, I wish to sincerely thank all the Honourable Members who have contributed to this debate.

Madam Speaker, please allow me to begin with the remarks made by Honourable Pete Oiko. I fully agree with the sentiments of the member that this report offers a true reflection of our work as a House. If we refer to the table presented in the report, it is evident that the Select Committee on County Budget and Appropriations has tabled eight reports, while House Committees such as Powers and Privileges, Welfare and Equal Opportunities, and House Business have yet to table any. This indeed gives a clear picture of our activity and performance.

Honourable Kelvin Oraro made an important point regarding the need for increased budgetary allocation to support the activities of the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts. I agree with him wholeheartedly. The scope and significance of the work carried out by the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts demands that we allocate more resources to enable this House Committee to continue their crucial oversight role effectively.

Honourable Kelvin also raised the issue of public participation. As the leadership of the Assembly, we will take this into serious consideration. Expanding opportunities for public participation will enhance direct engagement with our electorate and allow us to gather valuable feedback at the same time helping us determine whether we are on the right track or need to make adjustments.

Honourable Bill highlighted the contributions of two members: Honourable Okombo, who introduced the Kisumu County Quarry Bill, 2024, and Honourable Regina Kizito, who sponsored the Kisumu County Cess Bill. I commend both members and encourage others to bring forward Private Member Bills that promote development and directly benefit the people of Kisumu County.

I also concur with Honourable Moses Ochele regarding the omission of the Ward Development Fund in the report. This is a critical issue, and I intend to discuss it with the Chairperson of the relevant House Committee for necessary follow-up.

Honourable Ochele further pointed out a gap related to the Procedure and Rules Committee, which has yet to present its report clarifying the current status of the Standing Orders being used by members. The Chairperson of that House Committee, Honourable Olima, who is not present in the House today, but I will follow up with him to ensure that report is brought forward in due course. With those remarks, Honourable Speaker, I now beg to reply. Thank you very much.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, Now that the Motion on Adoption of the Report of the Liaison Committee on its Consideration of Half-Yearly Progress Reports of Committees for the Period ended 31st December 2024 has been presented, seconded, and debated, I therefore want to put a question on the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, the Motion on Adoption of the Report of the Liaison Committee on its Consideration of Half-Yearly Progress Reports of Committees for the Period ended 31st December 2024 has been adopted today, Thursday, 10th April 2025, at 15:59 p.m. I direct that the recommendations of this report and that of the House debate be directed to the relevant Department for action. Thank you.

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

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTINGS FOR A SHORT RECESS
PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION OF THURSDAY, 3RD APRIL 2025 UNTIL
TUESDAY, 29TH APRIL 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, b your microphone is on, can you please switch it off? Before I move this motion, I would like to ask members to remain behind after this session so that we have some conversation.

Otherwise, Honourable Speaker, it is time to move a motion for the adjournment of the County Assembly Sittings for a short recess pursuant House Resolution of Thursday, 03rd April 2025 until 29th April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, at its sitting of Thursday, 03rd April 2025, the House approved a motion to amend the County Assembly Annual Calendar for 2025, Regular Session to extend the date of adjournment for short recess to Thursday, 10th April 2025.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING, the importance of orderly legislative proceedings, Orders No. 26 (3) of the County Assembly Standing Orders specify that on a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the County Assembly Calendar, A motion of adjournment shall be moved by the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party, or another member of the County Assembly Business Committee. This motion shall be debated for not more than three hours, after which the County Assembly shall adjourn without a question put.

RECOGNIZING, the demanding nature of legislative duties and the need for honorary members to adequately address constituency concerns and engage in community activities, a recess becomes imperative as it offers members the opportunity for in-depth constituency work and overall rejuvenation. Recognizing the importance of this recess in fostering effective representation and legislative performance, this House prays that the County Assembly do now adjourn its sittings for Short Recess pursuant to the House Resolutions of Thursday, 03rd April 2025 until Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 2.30 p.m. I would like to call upon Honourable Owade to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Owade, the Deputy Leader of Majority, over to you.

The Deputy Leader of Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker, I urge Honourable Members to make good use of the recess period by actively monitoring the implementation of projects undertaken by the County Executive and diligently fulfilling their oversight responsibilities.

Above all, Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to wish all Members and their families a joyful and peaceful Easter. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, the Motion for the adjournment of County Assembly sittings for a Short Recess, pursuant to the House Resolution of Thursday, 03rd April 2025, until Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 2:30 p.m. has been duly moved by the Honourable Leader of Majority, Kennedy Ooko, and seconded. I now open the floor for debate.

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

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion for the adjournment of the House. This recess was initially scheduled to begin on the 03rd of this month, but due to the pressing business of passing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper for the FY 2025/2026 and the Proposed Supplementary Budget for the FY 2024/2025, it was rightfully extended. Now that we have concluded those critical matters, we are ready to proceed on recess.

Madam Speaker, I believe this recess will provide an important opportunity for us, as Members of the County Assembly, to engage directly with our constituents.

However, I must express a concern, particularly regarding my ward—Nyalenda "A". There is a growing perception among our electorates that every interaction with their MCA must be transactional, often expecting financial incentives. This, Madam Speaker, is a misconception that we must address. Our presence and engagement with the public should not be tied to money. We need to foster open and honest relationships with our constituents—ones based on dialogue and shared responsibility, not financial expectations.

Sometimes, this culture discourages us from freely engaging with the people we represent. And yet, this is a critical time on the ground. Project implementation is on-going—roads are being constructed, and other development works are in progress. This recess allows us the necessary time to monitor these activities, inspect the quality of work, and ensure that contractors are meeting standards before seeking payment certification from the executive.

Madam Speaker, this break is not just a pause—it is an opportunity for oversight, engagement, and reflection. For that reason, I fully support the motion for adjournment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Hon. Were (MCA, Nyalenda "B"): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the motion for adjournment for this short recess. Madam Speaker, since our return from the long recess, we have been fully engaged in rigorous legislative activities, often working continuously from Monday through Friday.

It is important, Madam Speaker, that we now take this break—not only to refresh and re-energize, but also to step away from the Assembly and reconnect with our constituents. This recess provides a valuable opportunity for us to interact directly with the people we represent, to listen to their concerns, understand their needs, and to carry out our oversight responsibilities more effectively by inspecting the progress of ongoing projects within our wards.

Let this be a time for all Honourable Members to return to their wards and meaningfully engage with the public, ensuring that development is on track and that their voices are heard. Madam Speaker, this two-week break is both timely and necessary. I therefore support the motion. Thank you.

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

Hon. Oyoo (MCA, Migosi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to call the mover to reply.

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

Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to sincerely thank all Honourable Members who have contributed to this motion for adjournment. I particularly agree with the sentiments shared by Honourable Ratib and Honourable Were.

This recess presents an important opportunity for Members to engage meaningfully with their constituents—to sit down with them, understand the ongoing projects within their wards, and gather feedback directly from the people we represent. It also offers a valuable chance for Members, especially those residing in town, to spend quality time with their families.

This is to Honourable Ratib—don't worry too much about the financial expectations. If the need arises and you're able, go ahead and assist. What matters most is maintaining that connection with the people. Madam Speaker, I believe this break will allow Members to return both refreshed and re-energized, ready to take on the work that lies ahead. With that, I beg to reply. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni Shaurimoyo): Honourable Members, I will refer to our Standing Order No. 26(3), which states that;

“On a day when the County Assembly is scheduled to adjourn to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the County Assembly calendar, the Leader of the Minority Party or the Leader of the Majority Party or another member of the County Assembly Business

Committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for not more than three hours, after which the County Assembly shall adjourn without question put.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, the House stands adjourned from today, Thursday, 10th of April 2025 to Tuesday, 29th of April 2025 at 02.30 p.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 4.27 p.m.)

Addendum

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