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

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

PRAYERS

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Mr. Clerk, kindly take us through the Order of the day.

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MESSAGE ON THE STATUS OF DISBURSMENT OF BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

PENDING WORKS BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEES AS AT 03RD JULY, 2025

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I have two communications to make:

Foremost, I have received information from the Executive, and to be specific, the County Executive Committee Member for Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services Mr. John Awiti, through the County Secretary, regarding the Disbursement of Bursaries and the Scholarship funds for the year 2024-2025. It has come to the attention that the fund collapsed in the middle of the Financial Year 2024-2025, and therefore the Office of Controller of Budget (OCOB) was not able to approve the request. Now the requirement is that the County Cabinet is supposed to meet to make a resolution on the extension of the fund to the Financial

Year 2025-2026. That will require the express approval of the Assembly. Similarly, I have been informed that the County Cabinet shall be sitting probably tomorrow. Therefore, if the Motion will be approved, then you may be called for a Special Sitting to resolve on the extension of the life of the Scholarship Fund for the Financial Year 2024-2025.

Secondly, I have got a summary of the business before House Committees as of Thursday, 03rd July 2025. I will read, starting with the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts, led by the Chairperson, Honourable Kennedy Ouko. The following reports were committed to this House Committee for consideration;

- a) Report on consideration of the Auditor General's report on the Kisumu County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June 2022. The report was committed on 24th of May 2023, was supposed to be reported back to the House in 21 days, whose due date was 14th of June 2023, is pending to date.
- b) Report on the consideration of the Auditor General's report on the Examination and Audit of Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation for the year ended 30th June 2022, committed on 10th August 2023 it is due or pending from 31st August 2023.
- c) Report on the Examination of the Auditor General's report on Kisumu County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed on 16th May 2024, and is pending since 13th of June 2024.
- d) Report on the Examination of the Auditor General's report on Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed on 16th May 2024.
- e) Report on the Examination of the Auditor General on the County Government of Kisumu Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed again on the same date 16th May 2024.
- f) Report on the Examination of Auditor General's Report on Gulf Water Services Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed on the same date 16th May 2024.
- g) Report on the Examination of Nyanas Water and Seino Company by Auditor for the year ended 30th June 2023, same date 16th May 2024, that's the date it was permitted.

Finally, the report on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on the Kisumu County COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed on the same date 16th May 2024, and all these reports are pending from Friday, 13th June 2024.

Report on Examination of the Report of Auditor General on Kisumu Lakefront Development Corporation for the year ended 30th June 2023, committed on 04th September 2024, due date is 25th October 2024.

Report on the Examination of the Report of Auditor General on Nyang'ande Sub-County Hospital Level 4 for the year ended 30th June 2022, the due date is Wednesday, 09th of October, 2024.

Report on the Examination of the Report of the Auditor General on Masogo Sub-County Level 4 Hospital, Ober-Kamoth Sub-County Hospital, Ojola Sub-County Hospital, Nyangoma Sub-County Hospital. All these reports were committed on Wednesday, 18th of September 2024, their due date is Wednesday, 09th of October, 2024.

Honourable members, we have report on the Auditor General's report on Nyamarimba Sub-County Level 4 Hospital, committed on Wednesday, 20th of November, 2024, the due date is 11th of December 2024.

Honourable members, again, we have the following reports;

- a) Report on the Examination of the report of Auditor General on Kisumu County Alcoholic Drinks Control Fund for the year ended 30th June 2024,
- b) Report on the Examination of the Kisumu Executive for the year ended 30th June 2024 Kisumu County Gulf Water Services for the year ended 30th June 2024,
- c) The Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation for the year ended 30th June 2024, Nyanas Water Services Company Limited for the year ended 30th June 2024,
- d) Kisumu County Revenue Board for the year ended 30th June 2024, Kisumu County Revenue Board I have said that one on for the year ended 30th June 2024, these ones were committed on 25th of February 2025, and their due date is 18th of March 2025, so they are still pending.

Lastly, the report on the Examination of the Report of Auditor General on Ojola Sub-County Hospital for the year ended 30th June 2024, that is Level 4 Hospital, committed on 21st of May 2025, the due date is 11th of June 2025.

Honourable Onditi, I am waiting for you to please take your seat.

Honourable members, we have the Departmental Committee on Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development. The following reports were committed to this House Committee for consideration,

- a) Report on the matter of recent Demolitions within the City and the location of County premises to business operators are sought by Auditor General on 8th May 2024, is due from 22nd May 2024.
- b) Report on the matter of Allocation of Parcel of Land is Kisumu Municipality Block 11/43 to EACC, committed on 4th of September 2024, due from 25th of September 2024.
- c) Report on the request for Approval to transfer Ondiek Estate, Land Registration Number Kisumu Block 9/29 and 9/115 to National Housing Corporation, that was committed on 11th of June 2025, and is due for submission on 2nd of July 2025.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare Services, headed by Honourable Zachary Okoyo as the Chairperson. The following reports were committed to this House Committee as follows

1. Report on the matter of Non-compliance with Section 80 of the Public Service Commission Act 2017 and Regulations 70 (1) of the Public Service Commission's Regulations 2020 by the County Public Service Board on the Mandatory Retirement Age provisions. This was committed on 11th of September 2024, and has been due since 25th of September 2024.
2. Report on Alleged Severe Labour Violations, Corruption, and Exploitation by Ceda Ceramics. This report was it was committed 25th of June 2025, it is due on 9th of July 2025, so it is on progress.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Welfare led by Honourable Seth Okumu as the Chairperson. The following reports were committed to this House Committee.

1. Report on the matter of Stalled Early Childhood Development, ECED Projects within the Awasi Onjiko ward. The report was committed on 28th of November 2024, it is due since 12th of December 2024.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT led by Honourable Carren Ajwang' as the Chairperson has the following reports committed,

- a) Report on consideration of the Annual Report and Financial Statements of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital, Level 5, for the year ended 30th June 2023. This report was committed on 15th of November 2023, it was due since 29th of November 2023, it is actually it is long overdue.
- b) Report on the Financial Statements of Kisumu County Education Fund, Quarterly Report, for the period ended 31st December 2023,
- c) Report on the Kisumu County Revenue Fund, for the period ended 31st December 2023, all committed on 24th April 2024, long overdue since 15th May 2024.
- d) Report on the consideration of the Quarterly Reports and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Revenue Fund, for the period ended 31st March 2024, committed on 08th May 2024, overdue since 29th May 2024.
- e) Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Education Fund Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 2024, committed on 2nd October 2024, overdue since 23rd October 2024.
- f) Report on the Petition by Kisumu Contractors and Suppliers' Association to the County Assembly on the matter of Prioritization of Pending Bills for Kisumu County Government, committed on 09th of October 2024, to be dealt with within 60 days, so the due date was 10th of December 2024.

- g) Report on the consideration of the City of Kisumu Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 2024, for Kisumu Urban Project KUP and FD credit number CKE1035OLG.
- h) Report on the Emergency Fund Account Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th June 2024, then the County Revenue Fund Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2024.
- i) Report on the Kisumu County Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Annual Report and the Financial Statement for the year ended that 30th June 2024.
- j) Report on consideration of the Kisumu County Executive Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 2024.
- k) Report on the consideration of the City of Kisumu Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2024.
- l) Report for the County Climate Change Fund Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Honourable members, all the reports I have read were committed on 09th of October 2024 and are due from 30th of October 2024.

- m) Report on the consideration of Kisumu County Revenue Board Annual Financial Statement and Receiver of Revenue Report for the period ended 30th June 2024 and that one of the revenue statements for the County Government of Kisumu's Receiver of Revenue for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2024. The two reports were committed on 6th of November 2024 and are due since 27th November 2024.
- n) Report on the matter of Disposal of Movable Assets in the County which was committed on 13th of November 2024. The due date is 27th November 2024.
- o) The report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Revenue Fund quarterly report and finance statement for the year ended 30th September 2024.
- p) Report on the Kisumu County Executive Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 30th September 2024.
- q) Report on the Kisumu County Assembly Reports and Financial Statements for the year for the period ended 30th June 2024. The three reports were committed on 14th of November 2024 and were due since 5th of December 2024.

Honourable members, the following two reports report on the consideration of the Kisumu County Executive Quarterly Report and Finance Statement for the period ended 31st March 2025 and the County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Finance Statement for the period ended 31st March 2025, all committed on 21st of May 2025 due since 11th of June 2025.

Honourable members, that gives a total of 21 reports pending with the Departmental Committee of Finance and ICT with only two having been committed in the year of 2025 around May.

Honourable members, we have the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs led by Honourable Nancy Matara, it has the following reports;

- a) Report on the matter of the Expenditure for the FESTAC event, committed on 15th of October 2024. The due date was 29th of October 2024.
- b) Report on the matter of Status of Renovation of Kanyakwar Cultural Center in Railways Ward which was committed on 21st of May 2025. It was due on 4th of June 2025.

Honourable members, those two reports are pending with that House Committee on Sports.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change led by Honourable Samuel Dede. The following reports are pending;

1. Report on the Kisumu County Quarterly Bill 2024, County Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2024. This was committed to the Committee on 28th of November 2024. The due date was 19th of December 2024.
2. Report on the matter of Pollution of Oroba River and Nyakoko Stream by Ceda Ceramics which was committed just recently 25th of June 2025. The due date is 9th of July 2025 and it is in progress.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works. It has the following reports which still remain unattended to;

- a) Report on the matter of the State of Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by Kenya Urban Rural Authority (KURA). I believe that, I saw a letter from the County Executive Committee Member for this department on this Road of Nkrumah which required intervention by KURA. This report was committed on 14th of May 2025 and the due date was 28th of May 2025.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security. This is a Committee led by Honourable Moses Ochele. The following reports have not been worked on and submitted to this House.

- a) Report on the matter of Loss of Life and Injuries caused by Quarrying and Steel Mining in Awasi Onjiko Ward. Committed on 22nd May 2024. Due date was 5th of June 2024.
- b) Report regarding the Escalating and Widespread Incidents of Insecurity within Kisumu County which was committed on 7th of November 2024. The due date was 21st November 2024.
- c) Report on the matter of Escalating cases of Cattle Rustling in Awasi Onjiko Ward which was committed on 28th November 2024. The due date was 12th of December 2024.

Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing led by Honourable Alice Wajewa. It has the following reports for consideration;'

- a) Report on the operations of Kisumu County Trade Fund committed on 25th of June 2025. Due date is 9th of July 2025 so it's on progress.

Honourable members, the Joint Departmental Committees of Trade, Tourism, Industry and marketing and that of Committee of Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change led by Honourable Samuel Dede and Honourable Alice Wajewa.

- a) Report on the matter of the Deteriorating State of Cleanliness and Waste Management at the Market. This reports was committed on the 28th of November 2024 and the due date was 12th of December 2024.

Honourable members, the Joint Departmental Committees of Administrative Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and that Committee of Labor and Social Welfare. Honourable Moses Ochele and Honourable Zachary Okoyo.

- a) Report on the matter of ongoing Investigation into Delegations of Embezzlement by employees of Kisumu County Revenue Board. This report was committed on 18th of September 2024 and the due date was 2nd of October 2024.

Honourable members, the Joint Departmental Committees Joint Committees on Medical Services, Public health and Sanitation and that of Labor and Social Welfare. Honourable Vincent Jagongo and Honourable Zachary Okoyo. The following report is yet to be submitted;

- a) Report on the matter of Payment and Deductions on Stipends of Community Health Promoters. This report was committed on 07th of May 2025 and due date was 21st of May 2025.

Honourable members, the Joint Departmental Committees of Administrative Law, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security and that of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing. Again, Honourable Moses Ochele and Honourable Alice Wajewa.

- a) Report on the Alleged Unfair Trade Practices, Exploitive Lending and Alleged Sexual Abuse in the markets. This report was committed on 25th of June 2025 and the due date is 9th of July 2025 and is on progress.

Honourable members, I have taken my time to read all those pending reports and you have witnessed that there are several reports which are touching on what borders or within what we are supposed to be doing and some of them are due from as early as the year 2023 and we are in 2025. We are discussing Proposed Kisumu County Budget for the Fiscal year 2025-2026.

Honourable members, it is my opinion that, it will be of good honor if I give each and every Chairperson of these House Committees mentioned so that it goes into Hansard what plans they have on those pending reports.

So, I will start in the following Order. The Chairperson, Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts, Honourable Kennedy Ouko. Your House Committee has a total of 29 pending reports. Hon. Kennedy Ouko.

Silence

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, if the Chairperson is not in, the Vice Chairperson of that House Committee.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Onditi.

Hon. Onditi (MCA, Ombeyi): Thank you Mr. Speaker, the problem we ran into as a House Committee is that during this Financial Year, we were added a lot of facilities with very limited resources which we has exhausted. Sometimes back and we made a formal requests to allow us to go and write some of our reports but I believe that we have taken it as a challenge and we are promising this House that as a House Committee we are going to pull up our socks and try to be the best in terms of meeting our obligations and deadlines in time. Otherwise, thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): I do not know if Members are convinced with that statement by the Vice Chairperson of this House Committee?

Silence

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Ratib Boitone. Departmental Committee of Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development. Your House Committee has got a total of three pending reports.

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you Mr. Speaker. It is just today that I was discussing with the members of the mentioned House Committee plus the Secretariat. Two of those reports we are already done with. It is only that they will now not be able to forward to House Business Committee but I believe when we resume, they will be the first thing on the table.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What about the remaining reports?

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you Honourable Speaker. For the remaining reports, I believe that we were asking for a meeting, so that we call the National Housing and Corporation plus all the stakeholders that are involved in the Debt Swap. We suggested the 14th day of this month so that we conclude making of that report.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, you have heard the response by Honourable Boitone. The issue of the National Housing Corporation and the Debt Swap is a very important issue. Sometimes back, you heard that as we are still struggling to move forward, the National Housing are already doing public participation across the estates that were targeted. Therefore, it

is within our mandate to make decisions of the same. I do not know what the Honourable members have to say about this?

Anyway, let me proceed to the Departmental Committee of Labour and Social Welfare. Honourable Zachary Okoyo. Your House Committee has two reports that are pending.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you Mr. Speaker, yes, it is true we have two, to me I think there are three but there are two pending reports. Mr. Speaker we were ready to bring forth the report which has stayed for long in this House before we proceeded to the recess. Therefore, it was not that ready but we wanted to bring it so that we could table it. Unfortunately, we are a bit time-bound.

Mr. Speaker, the other two reports, the one which was a statement sought by Honourable. Caren regarding the Fatal Accident at the site. We had written letters to other agencies and authorities to have a concrete report however only one has responded and we are waiting for another one.

The other report on Muhoroni regarding factory on tiles. We will visit that place during recess after which, I believe that by the end of our recess we will have the report ready. That is the status of our reports, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, is the response by Honourable Zachary satisfactory?

Silence

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Anyway, the Departmental Committee of Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services. Yes, Honourable Seth Okumu.

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I believe that we have one pending report with regards to Incomplete ECED project in Awasi Onjiko. Honourable Speaker, other than bringing a report to the flow, we have advised the Member of County Assembly representing the area, to have all those ECED factored in, in this year's budget and it is my belief that the member is working on them. This is because there is no way we can complete them without these projects being factored in the budget, whether it is going to be a Rollover or as new projects. Honourable Speaker, it is my opinion that, is the same report that we will bring back to the Assembly. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable member, we agreed that if that is the agreement, that is what you were supposed to report back to the Assembly, so that we close that file. If that is the advice you gave to the member, to ensure they are re-budgeted, that is a one-paragraph report that will not take a whole year to bring to the Assembly.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, Honourable Carren. Your House Committee has a total of 21 pending reports yet to be submitted to this House.

Hon. Carren (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do agree that these reports were committed to our House Committee, but Honourable Speaker, in 2023 and part of 2024, we had a challenge as a House Committee. We did not have a competent Committee Clerk and I even raised this matter with the Select Committee on Liaison. This Select Committee had to discuss this matter and it was resolved that my House Committee needed to be provided with a Committee Clerk.

Thereafter, there were some reports which were time-bad. We thought even if we bring them to this Honourable House, they would not add value because it was already overtaken by events, as the Audit Report was already out and the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts had worked on them and reported to this House

Mr. Speaker, again, there were three reports which we combined, and they are still appearing in this Rota of pending works. Maybe my clerk and clerk of the Select Committee on Liaison will sit down and harmonize the list of reports. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, same note, if you feel that some reports have been overtaken by events, It is my opinion that it is the same thing that you report to the House, that the following reports were committed to my House Committee. However, by a resolution of the House Committee, we feel that we are not going to proceed with them because of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

And you allow the House to agree with you or disagree, and we close the file. What you have just stated is two lines, which you can take just one minute and you have it done, to bring to the House so that we close the file. Rather than it is appearing on the Legislative Tracker. This is because the tracker is showing that those reports are still pending as early as 2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, The Departmental Committee on Water and Environment, Honourable Samuel Dede. You have two pending projects. What say you?

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I agree that, my House Committee has two reports pending. One is concerning the Quarry Bill, which we have already done all the due diligence, and we are waiting for tabling, if we come in the first week, we will take it to the House Business for consideration.

Mr. Speaker, the second report was just committed to us week ago. Therefore, it requires that as a House Committee, we go to the site visits so that we see the issue concerning Oroba Nyakoko Stream. Finally, over the recess, we are requesting for a Special Sitting so that we are able to conduct these site visits. Mr. Speaker, when this House resumes, we will bring the report.

Mr. Speaker, there is also one report that committed to our Departmental Joint Committees on Water and Trade joint on the matter concerning the Cleanliness of Awasi Market. I believe that, we have already convened with the Trade Committee, because it was matter committed to the Departmental Committees of Water and Trade as I had mentioned earlier. We are going to work on it during the recess, when the House resumes come back, all shall be done with. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and security. Honourable Ochele, you House Committee has three reports pending. Yes, Honourable Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, the three, we have two which we merged as a House Committee, one involving Kwari, one is at Awasi-Onjiko Ward, and also Cattle-Rustling. As a House Committee we agreed to combine them, and it is the job we did this morning. It is just unfortunate that we finalized when the calendar for the House had been done with.

Mr. Speaker, again, we have some joint assignments with the Departmental Committee of Labour and Social Welfare. I know my friend knows where the hiccup is. I believe the member will respond on it, because any time we have a meeting, the Chairperson may be, as a busy man, gets engaged somewhere.

Therefore, I cannot answer on his behalf. But we made a progress, a one-sided progress. So, I just wish my partner, Honourable Zachary Okoyo reduces this other side hustles and commit himself to this joint task. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Okoyo rises on a Point of order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okoyo, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Mr. Speaker, I wonder why my colleague and partner in issues of administration is giving this House the wrong information as per my schedule. This is because, I am always ready, and we have been meeting over the same, and I know where we have reached.

So, when the member is informing the House that I reduce my schedule, my hustle, I do not know what the member implies. But the thing is, we have been moving on this matter together, and I believe that, the report should be ready when we come back from recess. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, whichever the case, the fact remains that there is a delay in that report. The report was committed in 2024. It is yet to come. Actually mid-2024. And it is yet to come. So, it is not a must that the Chairperson must be there.

The Standing Order is very clear that in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will chair to meeting. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the members will agree on one member to chair the meeting. So, these blame games of the Vice chairperson or the Chairperson, I believe that it is not holding any water. The fact remains that there is a delay, and it is a report that is pending that needs to be worked on. Yes?

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Mr. Speaker, it is true that in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson can always chair a meeting. Normally, when we have Committee sittings, there are attendance lists which are being signed, it is within your reach. None of the members of the Labour Committees has ever attended.

It is a skewed sitting for the two assignments. So, I am just beseeching my colleague to adjust.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Alice Wajewa, though this one is in progress, it was just committed. It is due on 9th of July.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Just as you have said, this other one is still in progress. We are promising that we will give the report after the recess.

There is another report which was committed to the Joint Departmental Committee on Water, Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change and that of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing. We are going to visit Awasi Market during the recess period after the recess, we are going to bring the report to the House. Thank you so much.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I was just wondering aloud that a report that was committed to the Departmental Joint Committees on Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change and that of Trade, Tourism, Industry and Marketing on the 28th of November 2024, and we are in July 2025. I have just seen a request by the Honourable Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Water, Honourable Dede that you want to conduct a site visit. It takes a year to draft a letter requesting for a site visit. That is what is amusing me. Honourable members, from November 2024, it is today that I met a request on my table that you want to conduct a site visit. A whole year plus.

Honourable Moses Ochele and Honourable Zachary Okoyo, I believe that this is the report you are talking about, the one for Allegations of Embezzlement by Employees of Kisumu County Revenue Board. I believe that is what you are referring to.

Honourable members, you are all aware on the matter Own Source Revenue which has been a debate in this House from April, a very serious one on the Budget Estimates. The answer is lying here. And there is nobody. In fact, I was surprised that one time Honourable Zachary Okoyo was also amused on the issue of Own-Source Revenue, together with Honourable Ochele. The matter is lying in their House Committee. Those, this Joint Departmental Committees are supposed to give a reply to the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Jagongo and Honourable Zachary.

Hon. Okoyo (Central Kisumu): Mr. Speaker, Honourable Jagongo is not around. Mr. Speaker, we had an agreement of working on the report, so that after coming back from recess, we can bring it to the House. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, I have a long list of Legislative Frameworks, that have been passed in this House which requires Regulations. The Select Committee of Delegated Legislation has not tabled a single report on the same. I can see Honourable Abeid in the House. What is the wayforward? You can see Members are clapping because of your presence in the House. Please respond to that?

Hon. Abeid (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. I acknowledge that my House Committee is lagging behind on some issues. We had a meeting today and agreed that as soon as the House resumes, we shall pick up on where we are lagging and bring the reports. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, let us agree that there is no way we can pass a Bill, and be assented to by the Governor it be effectively implemented without the necessary Regulations. I fear that if I start reading the list of the laws that we have passed here, including the ones that were passed in Second Assembly and First Assembly that requires Regulations, I fear I might take the next twenty five minutes doing so. These are matters that lie squarely on the Select Committee of Delegated Legislation and not a single one has been reported.

I am having a long list of Select Committee on Implementation. Follow up on House Resolutions, including up to yesterday and Monday 30th, June 2025, whereby on Friday, the Honourable Chairperson, Select Committee on of Budget and Appropriations, will bring a list of all our projects. Where is the Chairperson, Select Committee on Implementation, the Honourable James Omollo? Or the Vice-Chairperson? Any Member of this House Committee present?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am the third Chairperson. I have talked to Honourable Omollo a few hours ago. He is in the hospital.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I only gave Honourable Nyaoke the opportunity to talk.

Hon. Nyaoke (North Nyakach): Thank you for your protection, Mr. Speaker. We are aware of the predicaments we are facing...

(Hon. Onditi interjects with a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Honourable Onditi?

Hon. Onditi (MCA, Ombeyi): thank you Mr. Speaker, Honourable Tom Nyaoke is known to be the chief priest in this House. If the member stands today before all the Members and lie on oath and camera, I believe that the member should go back and step out of the pulpit. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Onditi, the term lying is unparliamentary. An Honourable member cannot lie. Honourable Nyaoke, are you telling the truth?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That is the opinion of the member. We cannot deny him such kind of privilege to express himself. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me proceed.

(Hon. Ajumbo rises on a Point of Order)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): What is it Honourable Mildred?

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have been sent by our Chairperson, Hon. James Omollo. I do not know how many people were sent from the same House Committee. Therefore I am not aware of what Honourable Nyaoke is saying.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Ajumbo, can you please inform this House what the Chairperson has sent you to say?

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Honourable Speaker, I managed to talk to Honourable James Omollo during the lunch hour. I chaired the meeting during that time and we were with Honourable Anne and Honourable Lawino. However, Honourable Nyaoke was not in the meeting and we agreed that, through our clerk, we will write a letter to your office, so that we are given time during the recess to do the pending work. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, my concern is that the list is long, it will take me forty minutes to exhaust the list, as each resolution done in the House must be followed by the Select Committee on Implementation. I am worried because some questions comes and yet we have no responses to them.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Nyaoke what is it?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, it is good to be on record that is what my colleague, Honourable Ajumbo, has talked about. The problem is Honourable James called me, which is okay. Well what the member has responded to is the same thing, which means we were prepared as a House Committee to have the answer given in any way. Therefore, it shows that our House Committee is really active and anyone of us is able to give satisfactory answer to this House. Mr. Speaker, I support what my colleague has just said. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, on my desk I received a request from the Chairperson, Select Committee on Liaison, requesting for a Special Sitting. I am going to forward this list to the Chairperson, Liaison Committee and I would like it to form part of the Agenda in your meeting, in order to get a conclusive way forward on how we are going to work on this report. I wish that when we resume from the short recess we start on a new page without any pending report.

Therefore, there are some reports that requires one minute to write, one line and some requires one paragraph. I do not know why they are taking long. Those reports must come and members must agree that the resolution of those House Committee makes sense. Therefore, Honourable Deputy Speaker, as the Chairperson, Liaison Committee, I will forward the list and request it to form part of the discussion and to have conclusive way forward on dealing with those pending reports. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING, INNOVATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES REGARDING THE BURSARY ALLOCATION DISBURSEMENT TO SOUTH EAST NYAKACH WARD IN THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEARS.

STATEMENT ON THE MATTER OF COUNTY FUNDING TOWARDS MARINE TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE LAST TWO FINANCIAL YEARS.

STATEMENT REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT STATUS OF MOI STADIUM

STATEMENT REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE KISUMU COUNTY LAKEFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

STATEMENT ON THE DEPLORABLE SANITATION FACILITY AT KIANJA ECDE
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The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Nereah Okombo.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. I sought to raise a statement, on the matter of Non-payment of Stipend Balance to Agripreneurs, under the NAVCDP Projects. Mr. Speaker, however I received a communication from the representative of the Agripreneurs stating that their Arrears, which was 60% of the total payment, had been cleared by yesterday. This statement therefore, stands overtaken by events. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, so, that statement dies a natural death.

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

Deputy Leader of the Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable members. I rise to seek for a Statement, on the Matter of Bursary Allocation to South East Nyakach Ward.

Mr. Speaker, the provisions of Order No. 41 (2) (b) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee of Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services regarding the Bursary Allocation Disbursement to South East Nyakach Ward in the current and previous Financial Years.

Mr. Speaker, education bursaries are critical in supporting access to education for needy students across Kisumu County. It is imperative that there is transparency, accountability and equity in the distribution of these funds, to ensure they reach the intended beneficiaries. Specifically, I seek clarification on the following;

1. Aware that each Ward has a location of 1.1 million, I am asking how much money was disbursed in the subsequent years, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024?
2. Which schools received bursaries disbursement from the allocation for South East Nyakach Ward?
3. Mr. Speaker, has there been any balances, if any, where is it?

Mr. Speaker, you realize that when the names are submitted for the beneficiaries, in my Ward, some students are left out without bursary, due to the number of applications. Then, when the disbursement is done, we discover that a certain number of students did not benefit. Therefore, the balance of that money, is supposed to be ploughed back to the Ward to cater for the

remaining students to benefit. However, this money normally is not given back. I humiliated myself, when I went to plead with the County Executive Committee Member in-charge of the Department for additional money, only to be told that was the actual balance of my money.

Mr. Speaker, immediately after the disbursement of funds, if you go, people queue up at the County Executive Committee Member's office requesting for favor to be given bursaries. Yet, it is the balance of our money. It is for that reason that, I would like to be informed what happens with the balance of our money.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, there is double allocation, which is okay. For example, in my Ward, there was a case where, a student applied for bursary both in my Ward and Migosi. However, eventually benefited from Migosi. It is true because Kisumu Town is cosmopolitan. Nearly all students come from a particular Ward, sometimes they double apply, once they have benefited in that Ward and they have received the disbursement, the balance should be reimbursed back or be informed that the remaining balance is Kshs. 80,000

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Deputy Leader Majority, go straight to your statement and your questions, not to debate.

Deputy Leader of the Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Mr. Speaker, I am just trying to expound on why I am seeking for this statement. This is a very critical need for members. I am sure that you understand what is happening. I therefore ask, Mr. Speaker, were there any cases of double allocation or omission, and how were they addressed? That is question number one.

Mr. Speaker, I further to sort, a Statement on the matter of County Funding towards Marine Training Programs.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority, let us dispense off with the first statement. The Honourable Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education is in the House. You have any reply?

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Out of that statement, the biggest question is, are there double applications for bursaries? Honourable Speaker, before I apply, the Honourable member has mentioned something that is interesting, that after bursaries have been taken to the Ward Committees, he went again to the department to look for bursaries for two or three people.

Mr. Speaker, I do not know how the member knew that the department was still having money to give to give out, yet we appropriate money and distribute to the Wards. However, on double

applications, yes, Honourable Chairperson, we have challenges. In the past, when we did not have a system, students used to apply on different Wards, and they used to get money in each of the Wards. That is why the department saw it wise to include in the application the UPI numbers and the admission numbers. The UPI numbers are unique to every student, as the admission numbers can sometimes be similar.

Therefore, the UPI numbers weeds out the double applications. When a student applies in two Wards or three, he can only get one of the bursaries awarded to that particular student. It is important to ask: how many of such instances have happened? What happens when such students only receive one application? What is the remaining balance of the money. Honourable Speaker, if you give us time, we can find out the numbers and what they do with the balances. However, I want to request that the member should do what he has done today, instead of going there to beg for bursaries. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I believe that Honourable Lumumba, asked four questions. I want to commit this statement to the Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services. Consequently, I direct that this House Committee works over it during recess, if it is approved, and report back on 5th of August 2025. Deputy Leader of Majority, you said you had another statement to seek?

Deputy Leader of the Majority (Hon. Owade, MCA, South East Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. I rise again to seek for a statement, on the Matter of County Funding towards Marine Training Programs in the last two Financial Years.

Mr. Speaker, while citing the provisions of Standing Order No.41 (2)(b), I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services regarding the County Government's investment in Marine Training Programs over the last two years.

Mr. Speaker, the County Government has on various occasions committed to enhancing youth's access to technical and specialized training opportunities, particularly in the blue economy sector. Marine training remains a critical pathway for equipping the youth with relevant skills, positioning them for employment and entrepreneurship in marine and related industries.

However, there has been limited visibility on how public funds have been allocated and utilized for this purpose. Mr. Speaker, I specifically seek clarification on the following;

1. How much money was allocated and disbursed by the County Government for Marine Training Programs in the last two Financial Years?
2. How many students have benefited from the said funding during that period?

3. What are the names of the institutions where the sponsored students were enrolled?
4. What criteria were used in selecting the beneficiaries of the marine training program?
5. Are there mechanisms in place to track the progress and employment outcomes of these students? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this matter is of great public interest, especially to the youth in Kisumu County who are keen on opportunities within this blue economy. I therefore request that the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services to provide a comprehensive statement addressing the above issue.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Deputy Leader of Majority, Which is why I called the Chairperson of Education, Technical Training...

Hon. Okumu (MCA, East Seme): Thank you Honourable Speaker. I think I will tackle some of the questions, but the rest we will be allowed to handle at the committee level. We budget for Kshs. 70,000 per student for the Marine Training. We usually budget for two students in every Ward, totaling to 70 students. Every year, including this current and last Financial Year, we had budgeted for Kshs. 140,000 per Ward for two students to be taken for marine training.

Mr. Speaker, that happened in 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. In 2023/2024, Honourable Speaker, the members agreed that it was hard getting the students trained, it was getting late and the money had to be utilized. Therefore, they agreed, that the money can be dispensed as bursaries for both Secondary and Vocational Training Colleges. In that year, there were no student who were trained for marine training.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, this current Financial Year, we have not dispensed any bursaries, neither for Marine Training or other training. I do not believe it is going to happen because there is a challenge with Kenya Railways Institute where they were supposed to get the training. In the year 2022/2023, the Kshs. 140,000 per Ward, this was budgeted for the marine students. Therefore, from the guidance of the department, they had agreed to continue with the students who had been picked in 2021/2022 because they realized that the training they had gotten was not enough for them to graduate as Coxswain.

Mr. Speaker, they had to add another training. We will get the list of those students that were picked, the courses that they were doing, place they were being trained and then we will bring the list to this House. Otherwise, there has never been any admission for marine training. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I want to commit this statement equally to the Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, Innovation and Social Services.

Since it is almost similar to the first statement, please work on them alongside the other and report back on the same date, 05th August 2025.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Adonija Odari.

Hon. Odari (MCA, Chemelil Tamu): Thank you Honourable Speaker. I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 41(2)(b), to request a statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Marketing, Sport, Culture, Gender, and Youth Affairs, Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works, and the Select Committee of the Public Accounts and Investment, regarding the Construction, Development Status of Moi Stadium a flagship project that has attracted significant public interest and concern due to its prolonged delay, despite consistent budgetary allocation across departments since the Financial Year 2017/2018. Honourable Speaker, His Excellency the President recently made a public assurance, that the National Government is committed to completing Moi Stadium.

Mr. Speaker, while this commitment is greatly welcomed. It is important for this House and the public to understand the progress made by the Government thus far, given the resources already committed towards the same, over the last Financial Year. In light of the foregoing and in-furtherance of the principles of public accountability, financial probity, and legislative oversight, I request that the Chairperson provide the information for consideration, by this Honourable House;

1. Complete and exhaustive list of Contractors, Subcontractors, and Consultants engaged in the Moi Stadium project since the year 2017/2018, including all phases of development, such lists should detail;
 - a) The prices, scope of work, service, or consultancy rendered by each entity?
 - b) The corresponding contracts, amount, and any variation thereto for each engagement?
 - c) Comprehensive performance evaluation for each engaged entity, detailing any instance of delay, non-performance, or breach of contractual obligation together with the specific reason attributed thereto?
 - d) All remedial action, including but not limited to imposition of liquidated damages, contract termination, or legal proceedings undertaken, in response to identifying non-performance or contractual breaches?
2. A reconciliation demonstrating the specific work completed, deliverable, achieved, and physical progress made, in direct correlation to every ceiling of the public fund expended on the project to date?
3. A documentary evidence of the utilization of all allocated public funds can be presented encompassing without limitation. The following authenticated records;
 - a) Comprehensive procurement record, including tender issued, Bill, evaluation, contract words, pre-qualification documents?

- b) Official and validated project implementation reports, progress report, and financial expenditure statement?
- c) Duly authorized and reconciled payment voucher, invoice, and bank statement pertaining to all project disbursements?
- d) Certified site inspection report, quantity surveyor report, and engineer's certificate attesting to the actual work completed and materials utilized?
4. A detailed report on the coordination mechanism, reporting structure, and transition protocol among the various government departments and agencies that have assumed oversight or responsibility for the project at different stages of its implementation?
5. A definitive and independently verified statement on the current physical completion status of the Moi Stadium project, expressed as a precise percentage of the total project scope. I therefore request that, the aforementioned Chairpersons be obligated to furnish the detail and evidence responses to the issues herein raised expeditiously and comprehensively, to enable the House to deliberate on the matter. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I am biased to think that the question sought by Honourable Adonijah Odari would call the anchor Committee or department of Sports, Culture and Youth affairs. The House Committees like Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works are enabling committee or department.

Therefore, I want to be biased and commit this statement to the Departments Committee of Sports, Culture, Gender, and Youth Affairs, where the stadium is domiciled, should be responsible for these questions. If they need to seek for opinion from the other mentioned departments, it will be at their own volition. Let me give the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender, and Youth Affairs or the Vice Chairperson. Any Member of that House Committee?

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Adega.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Let that statement be committed to our House Committee to respond on the same issue now.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, you have noticed that the statement by Honourable Adonija is very detailed and specific on what is required. That makes it easier to work on it. Therefore, in those 21 days will still be on recess if the House approves our recess, on 05th of August, 2025, the Departmental Committee of Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs should report back to the House regarding this statement.

Therefore, I hope the Select Committee on Implementation is following up on the same, because next time I will be asking that House Committee on the Status of this House Resolution before I ask the Chairperson.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Odari.

Hon. Odari (Chemelil Tamu): Thank you once again Honorable Speaker, pursuant to the provision of Orders No. 41 (2) (c) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Order. I seek for a Statement to the Joint Departmental Committee on Finance, Economic Planning and ICT and the Select Committee on Public Accounts and Investment regarding the Status of the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation.

Honorable Speaker, this Honorable House will recall that in 2021, it passed the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Act, which established a statutory framework for the creation of a Special Purpose Vehicle, SPV, (The Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation). The purpose of this SPV, as clearly set out in the Act, was to manage and coordinate the economic and social development of the Kisumu Lakefront, mobilize both local and international resources, and foster sustainable investment opportunity in the region. Honorable Speaker, the enactment of this Law was driven by the need for a structured and transparent approach to transforming the Kisumu Lakefront into a vibrant economic and tourism hub.

However, Mr. Speaker, a simple online prompt on Kisumu County Lakefront revealed a report of the Auditor General, on the Financial Statement for the year 2023/2024. It paints deeply concerning pictures that calls into question the legal, standing, operational integrity, and financial property of the entity purporting to undertake this function. In the report, the Auditor General issued a Disclaimer Opinion in Audit Report, signaling the absence of sufficient and appropriate documentation to support the corporation financial statement. The audit report finds as follows;

1. THAT, while the Act stipulates that the corporation shall serve as a PSV, it failed to comprehensively outline the strategy or mechanism through which it will mobilize resources, execute development plans, or manage the region's economy, thus creating legal and operational vacuum.
2. THAT, a company named Kisumu Lakefront Development was incorporated as a private limited company on 24 October 2019, two years prior to the enactment of the Act, established the corporation, which raises legitimate concern about the intent and transparency surrounding the formation of the legal entity tasked with lakefront development.

3. THAT, the 10% shareholding ownership was undisclosed, and no share certificates were available for audit scrutiny, casting doubt on the legitimacy and public accountability of the shareholders involved.
4. THAT, a search conducted by the Auditor General through the Business Registration Service No. on 11 March 2024 found no record of a Corporation by the name Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation. Instead, only the private entity, Kisumu Lakefront Development Limited, appears to legally exist with a declared 100 million shares.
5. THAT, despite being a private entity, Kisumu Lakefront Development Limited has been receiving public funds from the County Government, without clear-evident clarification the link between the private company and the statutory corporation envisioned in the Act.
6. THAT, the Memorandum and Articles of Association which form the legal foundation of any corporate entity were not made available for Auditors, which raised further questions in transparency and impeded verification of the company's purposes and compliance with the Law.

Honorable Speaker, These revelations are not merely technical anomalies. They strike at the very heart of public accountability, lawful governance, and prudent use of public resources. As such, I respectfully request that the Chairperson of these two House Committees to provide this Assembly with a detailed and comprehensive report addressing.

1. Provide proof of existence of the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation. This will include a Certificate of Incorporation, State Establishment, Registration, Documents, and Board Resolution from the Corporation Board Meeting?
2. Detailed clarification on the state and place of the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation as a legal entity envisaged by the Kisumu County Lakefront Corporation Act 2021 in the wake of the already existing private limited company established two years before enactment of the Act?
3. The legal and operational relationship between Kisumu Lakefront Development Limited, (The private Entity and the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation created under the Act.)
4. Provide a detailed reason why the County Government of Kisumu has been appropriating public funds to a private limited company?
5. The total amount of public money that the County Government of Kisumu has appropriated to the private company since its incorporation with a detailed breakdown of how those funds have been utilized. This should include all supporting documentation including payment vouchers, procurement records and project report?

6. Detailed information on who are the shareholders of Kisumu Lakefront Development Limited, clarifying the entity or individual holding the undisclosed 10% stake and provide the share certificate?
7. Table the Memorandum and Article of Association of a private company and any other foundational documents, including evidence of board appointment and shareholders agreement?
8. Whether the Kisumu Lakefront Development Limited currently implementing any programs or activities aligned with the objectives of the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation Act 2021, if yes, provide details of such an initiative, their scope, budget, and impact?
9. Provide the current status of operations of the Kisumu County Lakefront Development Corporation in terms of staffing, leadership structure, projects, executions, and governance?

Honorable Speaker, this matter goes beyond the procedural. It is a test of this Assembly commitment to its oversight role and to protecting public interest and the County resources. I urge these two House Committees to treat this matter with the urgency, depth, and seriousness it deserves and to table a report at the earliest opportunity. Thank you.

Honorable Speaker, on 30th June, 2025 when we were passing a budget here, I informed the Honourable Members that if we are not serious, one day, one time, we will appropriate money for a private entity or private company and that is what has happened. Mr. Speaker, I have the evidence to show that even though the public participation was done, the report was brought back to the Assembly. Honourable Members discussed it, debated on it and there are some areas they sent the technical team from the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, after that, the Bill was passed in this Assembly. So, Honourable Members, before I sit down, we were looking for Ksh. 50 million for projects and we were denied. Each and every Financial Year, we appropriate funds to this company. The last Financial Year it was allocated Ksh. 120 million. In the Fiscal Year 2020 before the bill was passed, this company was allocated Kshs 25 million through the County Government. It is very shameful and we are here seated. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Odari, I am listening to you and you have asked the same question that you are giving answers to, so I wonder why you want me to deal with this statement. This is because I have seen similar questions in your statement wanting to know how much it allocated, but again I am seeing you placing figures to fiscal years. That is why it is always advisable that, when you are drafting your statement you put the questions and you will form part of the team as the first witness in whichever committee that you put it.

Honourable Members, going by what Honourable Odari has asked, I am persuaded to believe that this matter would not fall within the ambit of the Select Committee on Public Accounts and that of Finance and ICT, because those are equally watchdogs going with the questions. It must fall within the Departmental Committee responsible and department is the Departmental on Lands, Physical planning, Housing and Urban Development. So it is this House Committee to refer to the reports by the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts and to the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT. In my earlier communication, the second audit report that is pending with the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC) is the 2022 Auditor General's report on Lakefront Development Cooperation.

Honourable members, there is also the 2023 and all the Financial Statements for the Lakefront Development Corporation and that is why I always say that if you have been given mandate to be in a House Committee let us take for example the Departmental Committee on Finance and ICT, please take your time and ask questions and if those ones were dealt with earlier, I am sure this statement would not be here.

So, I want to give Honourable Boitone a chance if the member has anything to say or if somebody has a contrary opinion of what I am seeing. I am biased to think that this statement should be committed to the Departmental Committee of Lands, Physical Planning, Housing and Urban Development because that is where Lakefront Development Corporation is domiciled.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honorable Boitone, the floor is yours.

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda "A"): Thank you Honourable Speaker. This statement is very important and it needs a thorough investigation that this House Committee needs to work on as soon as possible, so that a comprehensive report detailing all the questions that have been asked in this statement be provided by this House Committee. We will work on it Honourable Speaker. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Boitone, your House Committee, we have a lot of time to work on this and I want to give you up to 12th of August 2025 to work on this. A report is a report whether it is positive or negative. If you ask for information and you are not given, please put it and do your recommendation, then the House will make a judgment on what the next course of action will be. Do not wait that we look for the report in the name of having requested for information and the information is not forthcoming. If it has to come, that is what you report. We requested for this and it did not come and this is our way forward. So, please take note of the date 12th of August, 2025. It is my hope that the Select committee on Implementation will be helping me to track this.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, we are still statements.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Opar.

Hon. Opar (Nominated MCA): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable members. I arise to request a statement on the deplorable sanitation facility at Kianja ECDE Center. Honourable Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.41(2)(c), I arise to request a statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, and Social Services regarding the Deplorable State of Sanitation Facility at Kianja ECDE Center.

Honourable Speaker, it has come to my attention with great concern that the sanitation unit at Kianja ECDE are in a state of severe disrepair. Notable that there exists an open pit that was initially dug for the construction of a pit latrine but was never completed. This open pit remains exposed and continues to pose a significant danger to the safety and well-being of the young children enrolled at the center. Hon. Speaker, the existence of such hazardous infrastructure within a learning institution is unacceptable and undermines the County Government's commitment to providing safe and conducive learning environments for our early learners. The situation not only endangers lives but also exposes the children to health risks due to poor sanitation and hygiene standards.

Honourable Speaker, in the statement, the Chairperson should address the following;

1. Whether the department is aware of the poor sanitation condition and the existence of the open pit at Kianja ECDE?
2. What immediate step the department intends to take to secure the area and avert a potential tragedy?
3. Whether there are plans to construct or rehabilitate proper sanitation facilities at the said center?
4. The timeline within which these measures will be implemented to ensure the safety of learners?

I thank you, Honorable Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education, Technical Training, and Social Services or is there any other Member of that House Committee in the House.

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

Hon. Onyango (MCA, Railways): Hon. Speaker, I request that you accord this House Committee two weeks to work on the matter.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): We are giving you up to 12th of August 2025, which is the last date going by the other assignments that have been given to the said House Committee. That, you give this House a comprehensive report on the same. It is still statement time but I am seeing Hon. Nyaoke is on his feet.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Tom Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to make a personal statement that I have been struggling with in this House for quite some time now due to the lighting system in this House. I do not know whether my eyes have problem now that I cannot even recognize the Members who are present. I am sure you are also suffering the same fate that you are not able to see properly because of the lighting in this House which needs to be improved. With those few remarks, I request Hon. Bill to second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Personal statement does not require a secondment Hon. Nyaoke but that is noted.

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

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE CALL FOR INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS TO
ENHANCE SECURITY WITHIN COUNTY FACILITIES, STREETS AND ROADS

BY

HON. NEREAH OKOMBO, MCA, MANYATTA “B”.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Nereah Okombo, the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members. I rise to move a Motion on the Installation of Surveillance Cameras to Enhance Security and Safety within County facilities, Streets, and Roads.

Hon. Speaker, AWARE THAT, the primary mandate of the County Government as enshrined in the Constitution and the County Government's Act 2012 includes ensuring the safety and security of its residents and safeguarding public and private properties within its jurisdiction.

Mr. Speaker, aware that there has been a notable increase in security incidences, criminal activities, and challenges in effective post-incident investigation within County facilities, public streets, and roads thereby necessitating proactive and technologically advanced security measures. Noting that modern surveillance technology including closed-circuit television that is CCTV cameras has rapid emergency response contributing significantly to urban safety and order. Further noting that while the right to privacy constitutionally guaranteed, it is subject to reasonable limitation necessary for public safety and order provided such limitation are proportionate and accompanied by robust data protection and oversight mechanisms.

CONCERNED THAT, the current security infrastructure within the county is inadequate to address contemporary security threats effectively, leading to increased vulnerability for citizens and County assets and potentially hindering economic development and public confidence. Recognizing that urgent need for a comprehensive, integrated, and legally compliant surveillance system to bolster public safety, enhance law enforcement capabilities and ensure a secure environment for all residents and visitors within the County.

COGNIZANT THAT, the installation and maintenance of a comprehensive surveillance system will compel the County Executive to prepare a detailed cost estimate encompassing initial capital expenditure for procurement and installation based on a phased budget approach as follows.

Mr. Speaker, the proposed phase rollout of surveillance proposed here is that we will have a phase 1, which will consist of critical facilities and high-risk zones. The targeted location and facilities in phase 1 are County Headquarters, main markets, Central Business Districts, major bus terminals, and key government offices. Mr. Speaker, the estimated timeline for the implementation will be 0 to 6 months as agreed by the House. That finalized County surveillance policy, consideration to finalize County Government policy, initial budget allocation, public consultation on policy, infrastructure assessment, vendor selection and initial personnel training. Phase 2 will include high-crime urban areas and major intersections. Targeted locations include identified crime hotspots in urban centers, major road intersections and public parks with high foot traffic.

That will be within 6 to 18 months and the key considerations here is to expand budget allocations, continued public awareness campaigns, advanced personnel training for monitoring and data analysis, data center setup, and security protocols. Phase 3, Mr. Speaker, will include major road networks and entry or exit points. Targeted locations here include main arterial roads, County entry and exit points, industrial zones. This should happen within 18 to 36 months and the key considerations here are to integrate with traffic management systems, explore and drive analytics for efficiency, conduct fast independent audit for system and policy compliance. Phase 4 will include rural hubs and expanding coverage. The key locations and facilities here include

key administrative centers in rural Sub-Counties, strategic community gathering points which should happen in 36 months and above.

Mr. Speaker, ongoing system maintenance and upgrades is one of the key considerations. Regular policy reviews and updates based on operational experience, continuous performance, monitoring and reporting. Now, therefore, I pray that this Honourable House, resolves;

- a) To direct the County Executive and Department of Public Works in consultation with the County Executive Member of Finance and Economic Planning to immediately initiate a feasible study for the strategic installation of surveillance cameras across all County facilities, major streets, and roads within the timelines provided for in the proposed phase rollout.
- b) To compel the County Executive to allocate adequate budgetary provisions in the next supplementary budget and subsequent annual budgets for the procurement, installation, maintenance, and the proliferation of comprehensive surveillance camera systems, including necessary infrastructure and personnel.
- c) Mandate the Department of Public Works, JLAC and ICT in collaboration with the County Attorney and County Data Protection Officer to develop and present to this Honourable House a comprehensive County surveillance policy within 90 days, outlining clear guidelines on data collection, storage, access, retention, privacy, and privacy safeguards, and accountability mechanisms in strict adherence to national data protection laws and constitutional principles.
- d) To urge the County Executive to establish a multi-agency task force including representatives from law enforcement, County administration, and relevant technical departments to oversee the first implementation of the surveillance system and ensure interagency coordination for effective utilization of the technology.
- e) To call upon the County Executive to conduct public awareness campaigns regarding the public benefits and safeguards of the surveillance system, fostering public trust and cooperation while addressing community concerns.
- f) The County Executive to submit quarterly progress reports to the relevant Assembly Committee on the implementation status, budgetary expenditure, and impact assessments of the surveillance camera system, ensuring continuous oversight and accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I am aware that this motion comes at a point that this House had approved our budget and appropriated for the next Financial Year but we know that the budget cycle begins officially in August and from there, the relevant departments can consider prioritizing the request in this motion for execution. Mr. Speaker, we know several cases of insecurity in Kenya and Kisumu County would have been potentially mitigated and investigated more effectively if we had the assistance of surveillance cameras. These cases include muggings, robberies, and even more serious cases like murders that have been recently witnessed in our country.

Mr. Speaker, surveillance will deter such kind of crimes because cameras would tell or would assist in identifying potential threats, deter and prevent robberies from happening. Mr. Speaker, in evidence gathering, the footage can provide clear images of the perpetrators and can even show direction where the perpetrators are headed to, helping in the identification and apprehension. Surveillance has also helped in investigation where the footage have been used to reconstruct evidence leading to crime identification of potential suspects and even witnesses. I want to cite a recent case of our fallen Legislator, Honourable Ong`ondo Were. May God keep his soul in perfect peace.

Mr. Speaker, the surveillance cameras helped in identifying the perpetrators, how they started following the legislator and that helped in identifying and arresting the suspects. We also have a very recent case of Albert Ojwang` who is being laid to rest today. Even though there was a surveillance camera in Central Police Station, we know that it was interfered with and apprehending the perpetrators became a little difficult. Mr. Speaker, if we have a well-working surveillance system then, as I have said, that the perpetrators will be brought to book very soon because the surveillance will help in investigating the suspects.

Mr. Speaker, Nairobi City County has an urban surveillance system with cameras that have facial and license plate recognition capabilities. We see that these ones help even in traffic control and in cases of accidents we can manage to see how all this happened and so it makes the work of the security personnel easier, because of evidence that will be availed by just going through the footage. So, having surveillance cameras in Kisumu County, especially in major facilities like our ECDs, government offices and our major streets will help in keeping peace.

Mr. Speaker, I come from a region where muggings has been very frequent. Some few months ago, a number of cases were treated at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital and other hospitals from what we call the effects of “Tarimbo” which is an instrument. I think it is a blunt object, it hits you once and you either wake up in heaven or in the hospital not knowing how you got there. Such cases have severally been reported and the perpetrators have escaped because we do not have a way of recognizing them, since they do them at night in streets that are isolated and have no surveillance to help identify these people. A number of cases of accidents have also been reported along Nairobi Road especially around the Flyover, Kasagam, and Coptic areas with cars, motorists hitting and running for pedestrians.

Mr. Speaker, surveillance cameras will help us identify the car owners by just identifying the number plates of those vehicles and with that I think the number of incidences of hit and run will be substantially reduced with the installation of the CCTV cameras in our major streets. It is therefore my pleasure to ask Honourable Boitone to second, even as I implore the House to adopt the report. Thank you

Hon. Boitone (MCA, Nyalenda “A”): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. To narrow it down first to Kisumu, which is a city. It was declared a City in 2001 by the late President Moi. 2001 up to now, that is 24 years down the line and no single road in Kisumu has a surveillance camera. Mr. Speaker, this Motion has come in time that this Honourable House supports this Motion so that the County Government of Kisumu will install surveillance cameras on some of our roads. Let us take for example the Oginga Odinga Street, a very busy street though at the moment, the traffic has gone a little bit down but this street needs surveillance cameras. Similarly, Otieno Oyoo Street, Kwame Nkrumah Road, Kenyatta Highway. These roads really need surveillance cameras, Honourable Speaker, as a matter of fact, as I have mentioned, that Kisumu was declared a City in 2001.

Mr. Speaker, this is something that should have already been put in place long ago. Mr. Speaker, let us look at the County offices and premises within the County, none of them have surveillance cameras. In case of any incident, pulling up or pulling out evidence becomes very difficult. In this time and age, Honourable Speaker, I believe that we need to install these surveillance cameras in our streets and also government premises. I support and I believe that the Motion is well informed and the time-frames are also provided. As much as we already passed the budget, we still have a Supplementary Budget where we can factor in maybe a few to start with. Then, in the subsequent budget, we embark on proper installation of CCTVs in our streets and government premises, including County Government premises. Hon. Speaker, I support and I believe Honourable members of this County Assembly will support the motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Members, now that the Motion on the Installation of Surveillance Cameras to Enhance Security and Safety within County Facilities, Streets, and Roads have been moved by the Deputy Speaker, Honourable Nereah Okombo, seconded by the Honourable Ratib Boitone. As per our Standing Orders, I want to propose a question. I propose that the Motion on the Installation of Surveillance Cameras to Enhance Security and Safety within County facilities, Streets, and Roads is opened for debate.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Bill Oliver.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Honourable Member for that Motion. We are really ripe as a city to have the surveillance systems installed. I do not want to start from far, just recently we lost televisions in this Assembly and there is no record or even a video to show who was the thief, how did the thief get in or if there was partnership to get this things out of this Honourable House. So, I really believe if we do that for Kisumu County, we will also be helping the police because every sector should be a brother’s keeper and I believe if we install the surveillance in the City, we are going to save our people’s lives since we heard about “Tarimbo” team that whenever darkness enters, at least we get reports from the hospital

that either we have lost somebody or is in critical condition yet this are some of the areas we are in control.

Mr. Speaker, if you are coming from Nyamasaria, towards the city at around the flyover onwards, the street lights are not working, there is no surveillance and whenever we pass by that area we fear because, for example let us say a lorry transporting sugarcane passes through that road and encounters an emergency breakdown and you are next there, you will not get your way through since there is no surveillance. I believe this is something we need to do as far as yesterday and because it is not in the budget, I also support that in the next Supplementary Budget let us factor in this so that we make Kisumu a city that is safe where investigations can be done well as it reflects its name “ Europe”. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion before this House. This is a well thought out idea and where we are heading as the city, it is time we install the CCTV cameras. We have seen incidences where there have been hit and run cars within our roads and no one can trace these cars. Just the other day, a lady was hit by a moving vehicle around Mega City and until today no one has been traced. So the idea of installing the cameras will cure such incidences. Secondly, we have also witnessed instances where County Government properties have been lost, like the other day there was a rumor that there were some building materials that were taken from JOOTRH and no one could trace them, It is my belief that, such occurrences will be cured when the CCTV cameras will be installed. I support, thank Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Mr. Speaker, looking at the mood of the House, may I call the Mover to reply

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Okombo.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker, even though Honourable Dede just passed by to consult I thought that the member had something to say but now that I have been called upon to reply and the member has resumed his seat allow me to reply.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Honourable Members for accepting to adopt this Motion and particularly thank Honourable Bill who has talked of the efficiency or the effectiveness of surveillance in monitoring critical infrastructures. The member has mentioned our own Chamber was raided sometimes back and some of our communication items were stolen and to date we

still don't know who the perpetrators were, had we had the surveillance cameras, we would have known them.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Obaso has equally raised the same point that having surveillance would deter crime by letting us know who the perpetrators are and helping in apprehending them giving back the confidence of the public and even the government officers in matters security. With those many remarks I want to thank this Honourable House for considering this Motion and I know it entails a lot of planning and cost implications. I would wish that when we begin our budget cycle on 30th August this year, the relevant department concerned will think critically and objectively and consider the resolutions of this House on matters security. They will be representing the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan and I checked the current Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan and noticed security was a priority. So, Mr. Speaker we are within the time frame of the Kisumu County Integrated Development Plan (KCIDP) and when the Kisumu County Annual Development Plan (KADP) will be represented, I trust that this will be considered a priority. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker I thank this Hon. House and I reply. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Motion on Approval of the Call for Installation of Surveillance Cameras to Enhance Security within County facilities, Streets and Roads have been moved, seconded and debated. I want now to put a question as per our Standing Orders.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Motion Approval of the Call for Installation of Surveillance Cameras to Enhance Security within County facilities, Streets and Roads have been adopted today Thursday 03rd July, 2025 at 16:34 hours.

Consequently, I direct that the recommendations or the prayers of the said Motion be communicated to relevant department for action and that the Select Committee on implementation to follow up on the implementations of the said resolutions. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Next Order!

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SITTINGS FOR RECESS PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF ORDERS NO.26 (3) OF THE KISUMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY STANDING ORDERS AND HOUSE RESOLUTION OF WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2025 UNTIL TUESDAY 05TH AUGUST 2025 AT 02:30 P.M.

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA AHERO.

(LEADER OF MAJORITY)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): The Leader of Majority, Honourable Ken Ooko.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko Kennedy, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Honourable Speaker. First, I want to acknowledge that there is enough light in this House and I am able to see and read.

Mr. Speaker I arise to move a Motion on the adjournment of the County Assembly sittings for Short Recess pursuant to House resolutions of Wednesday 26th February, 2025 until 05th August, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable members, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, at its Sittings on Wednesday, 25th February, 2025, the House approved the County Assembly Annual Calendar for the Year 2025 Regular Session outlining that a Recess was scheduled to commence on Friday 04th July, 2025 and conclude on Monday 04th August, 2025.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, the demanding nature of the legislative duties and the need for Honourable Members to adequately address constituencies 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 THAT, Orders No. 26 (3) of the County Assembly Standing Order provides 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's calendar, the 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.

THEREFORE, the Assembly, while recognizing the importance of orderly legislative proceedings and the role of this recess in fostering effective representation and legislative performance, prays that the County Assembly do now adjourn until Tuesday 05th August, 2025 at 02.30 p.m. and I call upon the Deputy Speaker to second. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okombo.

Hon. Okombo (MCA Manyatta “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion of Adjournment for a Short Recess until 05th August, 2025. Mr. Speaker, it is good that once in a

while we go back to reconnect with our electorate, check on other issues that need our attention and bring them back in form of representative Motions, Statements, Bills and Petitions.

Mr. Speaker, as we go back, I want to implore on my Honourable Colleagues that you find good time and now that it is a Gen Z season, I want to ask every Honourable member here to ensure that you at least welcome a number of Gen Zs in your compound. Take some tea together, consult and know what ails them as a generation.

Mr. Speaker, as we break for the short recess, a number of House Committees here, talking as the Chairperson of all Chairpersons, Mr. Speaker, a number have pending works before them that have just been read by the Honourable Speaker himself. I want to implore on all the Chairpersons to take their work seriously. We will be asking for Special Sittings for all the House Committees with pending works before them and ensure that all the pending works are done with by the time we report from recess.

Members of the Liaison Committee be informed that we need to be retreating to appropriate the Operations Budgets for House Committees for the Financial Year 2025/2026. So, when we are done with the Reports before us, we will need to retreat. But we are not retreating until all those pending works are done with. So once we are done, we retreat and apportion money for this Financial Year for the Committees to operate. Otherwise, Mr. Speaker, I second.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Motion for Adjournment of the County Assembly Sitting for Short Recess, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No. 26(3) of the Standing Order and the House Resolution of the 26th February, 2025 which gave the House calendar that is until Tuesday 05th August, 2025 at 02.30 p.m. has been moved and seconded. I propose a question that, the Adjournment Motion is open for debate. Remember the debate cannot go beyond three hours.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Tom Onditi.

Hon. Onditi (MCA, Ombeyi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion of adjournment. Mr. Speaker, other than the fact that this kind of space provide an opportunity for Members not only to reconnect with the Constituents and families but also to go back and align with some of the activities that are taking place within their Wards and across.

Mr. Speaker, during the 30th June, 2025 when we were passing the Kisumu County Budget Estimates for the FY 2025/2026, I remember mentioning in this House, that the House at the time was at a crossroad on whether to drop the Budget and lose all the benefits that were accrued to it or pass it with the cries that were in the faces of Members particularly that of losing the Kshs 50 Million that Members were yearning for.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that this recess alongside other things is going to provide Members with an opportunity to get enough time to explain to their Members because most of the Members here have ropes around their neck by their Constituents particularly with regards to the media reports that are attributed to the Honourable Governor saying that over Kshs 900 Million were allocated to the roads. Some of the Members had already went out celebrating that this time round we are going to get sufficient money to do projects in our Wards. The reality is that, this is now not the case and the onus of explaining and convincing the Constituents otherwise as far as Ksh. 50 million is concerned lies with these Members.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that this break is also going to provide Members with time to interact and even explain as much as we can to our electorate so that at least even if we are going to be hanged for not delivering the Kshs 50 Million that we were promising in the funeral but at least we have something that we are going to take home as we have been.

Mr. Speaker, again, I believe that Members have also had a lot of activities in this Session and if you can even look from the attendance and the mood of the House now, Members are a bit exhausted and it is my opinion that this recess could not have come at a better time than this. With those remarks, Mr. Speaker, I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Kelvin.

Hon. Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also agree with Honourable Onditi that a lot has happened in the month of June. We got the opportunity to see Honourable Opiyo Wandayi. Lucky enough we succeeded and we went to State House. Immediately after issues of State House we were struggling with approval of the Budget Estimates. We have done a lot in the month of June and it is high time we go and relax. As we relax it means that we have enough time to meet the women group, the youth group and many other activities within the Wards.

Mr. Speaker, you are aware that Members here have already started witnessing their competitors coming up with a lot of propaganda and lies. I think that with this recess, some of other things we can take advantage of is and inform the Wananchi the truth of what is happening. The Budget Estimates, whatever that was taken to the Public Participation and the things that might come out might be totally different.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that, it is high time we also interact with our electorates and apart from that get opportunity to visit some of the projects or even schools to learn and know what electorates feel about our performance. Most of the things being reported sometimes are not factual and with that interaction it will always help. For some of us who are Adventist, I believe that we are starting our camp meetings from this month of July.

You can also have advantage of visiting other camp meetings and also praying, thanking God for the far he has brought us. I support the adjournment Motion and I believe that God will take care of all of us and we will meet when we are geared and ready to work again. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Boitone.

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda A): Asante sana Bwana Spika. Nataka kuanza kushukuru Kiranja wa Walio Wengi Bungeni kwa kuleta Mswada kama huu. Muda huu ambao tumeuchukua, Bwana Spika, imekuwa hati hati. Kazi ambao tumeufanya ni mzito mno. Kwa hivyo tukipata nafasi ya kuenda kujumuika na wapiga kura naona kwamba ni jambo sio la kawaida lakini jambo linalofaa.

Ingawa aje Bwana Spika kunalo kitu moja ambacho pia nataka nieleze. Kutengamana na wapiga kura wetu si kazi rahisi. Kutembea mara kwa mara kuwaona wapiga kura wetu si kazi rahisi. Inajulikana vyema ya kwamba wapiga kura wetu ambao waliofanya tuwe Waheshimiwa wakati huu mara kwa mara tukikutana nao, haja yao sio project, si mambo ya mabadiliko, si mambo ya kitu gani lakini swali lao ni unatuwacha vipi?

(Applauds)

Hon. Ratib (MCA, Nyalenda A): Hili jambo Bwana Spika, linatokea mara kwa mara. Ambapo mimi ningeona ya kwamba, tungepata muda zaidi kukaa apa, manake kukaa apa ni rahisi kuliko kukaa kule Mashinani. *(Laughs)* Bwana Spika huo ndo ukweli wa mambo. ukweli husemwe initoke. Huon do ukweli wa mambo ingawaje kalenda imesema tupumzike. Hatuna budi ila kuenda tu kupumzika. Asante sana.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Mildred.

Hon. Ajumbo (MCA, Central Seme): Asante sana Bwana Spika. Ata mimi leo wacha nizungumze kwa lugha ya Kiswahili. Bwana Spika ninashukuru sana kwa kunipa nafasi huu kuzungumza. Bwana Spika, I want to oppose this Motion...

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Mildred, our Standing Order is very clear.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): When you start in one language, that is the language that you use up to the end. Honourable Ochele? Let me give an opportunity to Honourable Ochele followed by Hon. Bill.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): But, I thought that you were going to do it in Kiswahili.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Mr. Speaker, I would have loved to do it in Kiswahili, but I know I would not spend even a second before you shut me down. I want to take this opportunity to thank Members that it has been a good part of the session. We worked well. And above all, I want to thank the Almighty God, that for us Members of the Third Assembly, He has kept us safe, alive, and active. Save for our colleagues who have lost their loved ones. We had our staff, Mr. Kisia, who lost his mom and burial is set for tomorrow. And again, we have our dear friend, our professor in quotes, Honourable Bennie Oiko, is also mourning his mom, they are at Kabonyo.

Apparently, the two funerals are in Kabonyo, but the burials will take place in different places. And again, when we were handling the Budget Estimates in Nairobi, a member of staff lost her dad, Madam Mollen Achayo, that is my in-law from Ahero. So, apart from us having been kept safe by the Almighty, we are still grieving because we lost some of our parents who are so dear to us. I believe that God will condole them, keep them safe, and give them strength to mourn.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, it has been a long journey coming up with the Budget Estimates. Mr. Speaker, apparently, when rumors had it that the Honourable Governor had accepted to give us the Kshs 50 million, some Members were agitated and went to the ground to ease tension from the demand for roads and started announcing that this time around, roads will be done because the Honourable Governor has given us Kshs 50 million. Like my brother, Honourable Onditi, I know it gave you a big mileage. But today you must plan how to rescind that pronouncement because the truth and the reality is now dawning on us that what we could afford is the Kshs 20 million. But colleagues, all along since we came to this Assembly, we have never been given more than Kshs 20 million. We started with some less than Kshs 10 million, we moved to Kshs 10 plus something, Kshs 20 million, and now Kshs 20 million.

Let us just plan. And we pray that our revenue base improves, we collect enough, so that this Financial Year, even as if we are headed towards the electioneering period, if we collect enough, we will get enough to do something that is tangible in the coming Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker, I want also to thank you that the Bible says, many were called and few will enter. We have numerous weaknesses as human beings, but as a father figure, at times you counsel, at times you advise. May that spirit continue even when we will be done with the recess.

Fourthly, Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate the fact that the Bursary Allocation can now be discussed. This is because, I was worried, I could not even debate because I was wondering how I am going to tell our electorates why the bursary allocation for the Financial Year 2024/2025 has not been disbursed. In our area, in Nyando, the tool, the biggest tool, other than the road, the biggest tool is the bursary. And the biggest question, they will ask you about the road, then they will make a full stop with the bursary.

Now that you made a communication that the Executive have gotten some kind of bumps, and the bumps will be corrected legally, it is my belief that, I will say that the post, the bursary will come upon this, since I was approving the lifting of that fund from Financial Year 2024/2025 to the current Financial Year, so that disbursement for Bursary, disbursement for Scholarship are delivered. I believe that, at least we have something to say, which will not turn out to be a lie. It is bad lying, if you are not sure of a thing, then insisting on being firm on a position which you know will come to fruition. Otherwise, I thank the leadership, I thank all of us, and I thank the entire people of Kisumu County. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Bill.

Hon. Bill (MCA, Kobura): Asante sana Bwana Spika. Kwa kunipa fursa hii kuungana na wenzangu wanaounga mkono Mada hii. Bwana Spika, wakati huu wa mapumziko, tukienda Mashinani tukirudi kwa Wadi zetu, ni wakati ambao tunatumia kueleza waliotupigia kura, waliotupa fursa hii kuwa katika hili Jumba la Bunge, kuwafanyia kazi, tuonyeshe zile kazi tatu zote waliotupatia. Kazi la kwanza kupitisha sharia, la pili kuwawakilisha apa ndani na la tatu La uangalizi. Tunaenda kuwaambia yale yote tumekuwa tukifanya.

Bwana Spika, mimi nina Furaha saana. Kwa sababu nikirudi nyumbani Kobura, naenda kuambia wapigakura yale yote nimeyaona kwenye Jumba hili. Yale yote ambayo wenzangu wamefanya ili tusaide Kaunti hili letu amabalo tunalipenda liweze kusonga mbele.

Bwana Spika, tumefanya mengi kama Jumba. La kwanza tumepitisha Bajeti juzi, tumepitisha Bills nyingi sana na tumefanya mengi. Sasa nachukua fursa hili ili kushukuru wenzangu wote ambao wamekuwa wakikuja apa ili tufanyie watu wa Kisumu kazi, kila mtu aweze kufurahi anapokuja Kisumu. Nafurahi sana, nawashukuru nyote na ningeweza kusema I support.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Hon. Bill ungesema unaunga mkono. Yes, Honourable Okoyo.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Asante Bwana Spika. Huwa tunasema wakati ukiisha, unakuwa mtamu. Naona leo watu wanajaribu kuongea lugha ya Kiswahili. Na mimi, kama Mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Central Kisumu ambayo iko katika Ugatuzi ndogo la Kisumu West, nimeona mimi pia niongee Kiswahili.

Bwana Spika, wacha nianze kwa kukushukuru kwa fursa hii ulilotupa tukimalizia na sana sana nashukuru wenzangu ambao wamefanya bidii mpaka sasa tunamaliza muhula huu na tunaenda kupumzika kwa kiasi kidogo. Bwana Spika, mimi kwanza wacha nikushukuru kwa vile ulituandaa na ukatuandalia ile safari tuliloenda katika Ikulu ya Rais wa Kenya. Naweza sema iyo nafasi ilitupa muda mzuri sana ya kujua vile Ikulu ya Rais inavyo kaa.

Bwana Spika, wacha tu nikuambie ukweli. Mimi huwa ninaona ya kwamba ata tukishapeleka izo Taarifa zetu ili tuwekewe pesa ili kazi ifanyike, tusirudi tulale. Tunaweza andaa safari linguine tuenda, sana sana kwa sababu hatukumwona Waziri Mwashimiwa Mbadi, na unajua yeye ndiye Waziri wa Fedha. Waziri Mbadi anaweza kuangalia mambo yetu na kile tuliloweka na anaweza kuweka kwa Supplementary ili tuone kama inaweza patikana. Kuna vitu vingi sana, Bwana Spika, ambavyo wewe mwenyewe unajuwa hatukufaulu kuweka. Kwa hivyo tukienda kumwona waziri Mbadi pengine atakuwa na consideration aweke kwa Supplementary Budget.

Bwana Spika nikimaliza, nimeona wenzetu wanaogopa kurudi nyumbani, sana sana Mwakilishi wa Wadi ya Nyalenda A, ilhali huwa namwona akirudi nyumbani kwake kila jioni sana nashangaa mbona anaogopa. Mimi nakushukuru. Kwa sababu sazingine nakaa apa adi jioni kabisa. Nikirudi kwenye Wadi napata watu wangu wamekula vitu vingine na kuchanganyikiwa. Tukiongea naongea na mtu ambaye si wa kawaida kitimamu, naongea na yule mtu ambaye sana ako kwa mood ingine mzuri. So tukianza na yeye asubuhi adi jioni atleast tutaongea kwa nafasi ingine mzuri. So naona umefanya vizuri kwa kutupatia hii fursa ya kukaa nyumbani na niende nikae na watu wangu. Mama watoto sana sana. Na hao wengine pia unajuwa tukiwa apo nyumbani, Bwana Spika, wanakuja tunakaa pamoja, tunaweza ata pata aka uji alafu tunakaa vile tunakaa.

Kwa hivyo naomba wenzetu, wale ambao wako na shida kukaa kwao, mimi niko na samaki pale. Wanaweza kuja wanunue samaki alafu wanaweza kwenda kupikia watu wao. Nimeshukuru sana kwa kunipa hii nafasi na asate Bwana Spika.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Eunice Alandoh.

Hon. Alandoh (Nominated MCA): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for having given me this opportunity. I have also rise to support the Motion of Adjournment for the retreat of Members. It is important that after adjournment for the recess, it is important that after we have deliberated enough, we need to go and rest and maybe be with our electorates.

A lot had been said, but mine, I just want to remind Members that this time of recess, as coincided with our Kisumu Agricultural Society of Kenya Show, and as the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Livestock Development, Fisheries and Blue Economy that is spearheading the show, I want to inform Members that as the County Assembly of Kisumu, we will have a stand at the show and I want to urge all of you to make sure that you attend the ASK show so that you go and learn more so to those who are not very much conversant with agriculture because most of us, more so those who are staying in town, we also have urban farming, you can go there, you know what you can do under urban farming so that you also practice agriculture. Otherwise, I support the adjournment for recess. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Alice.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir. Foremost, I want to thank the Lord for this far he has brought us since we started this session. The Lord has been faithful to us. In fact, all of us in this House, Honourable Members, we have not had any ugly incidents in our families except a few which we have some of our Members who have lost their loved ones, Honourable Oiko Pete and Mr. Kisia and Mrs. Achayo. May the souls of their loved ones rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, sir, I just want to applaud the work the Members have done during this session, the commitment and diligence they have demonstrated throughout these deliberations. We have collectively advanced the mandate entrusted to us by citizens of Kisumu County through constructive debates and oversight. And Mr. Speaker, sir, it has been a very busy session and we have gained so much because you can remember recently you organized for us trips to Nairobi where we went and met with the Minister for Energy. It was so good because even the Members were blessed. They came back when they were loaded. We even went to State House and I believe that, it was a very good because it is going down in history that we managed during our session to go to State House and meet our Honourable President. And I hope all the things the Honourable President promised us will come to pass.

Mr. Speaker, sir, this is the time after working so hard, we go and rest because rest emotionally, physically and even physically emotionally because Members have worked so hard they need to go and rest and re-energize and meet with the electorates. Some of our Members have said that we have not been so visible ground where we meet with our people because we always have short time with them. Some times when you go back in the evening you find that they have changed their mind after taking those things one of the Honourable members has mentioned. So this is the time when we will start meeting with them from morning to evening. We will share their issues, we talk to them, we share meals together and it is going to be a very good gesture.

And even to us, I know after the recess we are going to come back with a lot of energy and vigour to start again deliberating on the mandates which have entrusted to us by the electorates. With those few remarks. I want to support and I wish everybody well during the recess, may the Lord keep us and keep our families until we come back again from the recess. Thank you Mr. Speaker, sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable K'omudho.

Hon. K'omudho (MCA, Muhoroni Koru): Many Thanks Honourable Speaker, together with my colleagues. Looking at the mood of the House, it is high time we call the Mover to reply.

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko Kennedy, MCA, Ahero): Thank you very much, Honourable Speaker. Allow me to sincerely thank all Honourable Members for their thoughtful contributions.

First, I wish to begin by acknowledging Honourable Bill, who brought his reply in Kiswahili. I take this opportunity to remind the House that we are privileged to use either of our two official languages—Kiswahili or English—based on one's preference.

Honourable Speaker, I also wish to thank Honourable Alice and Honourable Okoyo for raising the matter concerning the visit to State House. Their comments serve as a timely reminder to us, especially those in leadership, to be mindful of other Members' welfare during this short recess period as they take time away from the Assembly.

I would also like to join Honourable Ochele and Honourable Alice in expressing our condolences to those Members who are grieving. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Honourable Mollen Achayo, who lost her father, to Honourable Pete, who lost her mother, and to our Supply Chain Manager, Mr. Kisia, who also lost his mother. Personally, I will be laying my step-brother to rest tomorrow. May God grant all the bereaved comfort, strength, and peace during this trying time.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Bill further reminded us of our core responsibilities as elected leaders—oversight, representation, and legislation. These roles remain vital, even during recess.

Honourable Onditi and Honourable Kelvin Oraro emphasized the importance of connecting with our constituents. I fully agree. While we recognize that staying at home and engaging with the public can sometimes be financially demanding, it remains a critical part of our mandate.

To the few Members who opposed the motion, I urge you to embrace this opportunity to rest and meaningfully engage with the people you represent. Let us not make it a routine to frequent this Assembly during recess if there is no pressing business. This is a time to be on the ground, understanding the needs of our constituents.

Honourable Speaker, Honourable Alandoh also reminded us of the upcoming ASK Show at the showground. I encourage Members to attend and consider taking along family members and constituents to experience and learn from this important event. With those remarks, Honourable Speaker, I now beg to reply. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Motion of Adjournment of the County Assembly sittings for Short Recess, as per provisions of Standing Order No. 26(3) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders and the House Resolution of the Wednesday 26th February 2025 until Tuesday 05th August 2025 at 02.30 p.m. has been moved, seconded, debated as per our Standing Orders. I also want to make some remarks;

Honourable members, and I want to say that as we prepare to adjourn from today, July 03rd 2025 to 05th August 2025, I want to emphasize the importance of this short recess period.

It is a valuable opportunity for us to step back from our legislative duties and reconnect with our communities. That is the communities that we serve. I want to encourage each and every member to use this time to visit your wards, engage with the residents, and listen to their concerns, hopes, and aspirations.

Whether it is visiting the projects, schools, hospitals, or local businesses, let us take this chance to gain first-hand insights into the challenges faced by the constituents and to strengthen the bonds of trust and service. During this period, I urge all House Committees to continue their work diligently. Important on-going issues and pending projects require our attention and follow-up.

Let us ensure that progress is maintained and that we come back ready to push forward on critical initiatives that will benefit Kisumu County. While we take this break, I queue in the line, by condoling with our colleagues, Mr. Edwin Kisia, who has lost a mother. The burial is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, the 04th of July, 2025, in his home in Ongalo, in Kisumu West, on your way to Holo.

We also condole with our colleagues, C.P.A. Mollen Achayo, who lost a father. And the burial is scheduled for the 18th of July, 2025, in Komenya sub-location, North Kanyamkago location, Uriri sub - County, Migori County. We also condole with our colleague, Honourable Benny Pete, M.C.A. Kabonyo, Kanyagwal, who also lost a mother. We are yet to get the program on the

burial date, but I believe we'll be able to communicate the same. Honourable members, I want to urge that we stand with them. We need to challenge ourselves in terms of our welfare, how we relate with the staff and how the staff relates with the members. But even at this level, find it worthy to condole with our colleagues.

Honourable members, it is also essential that we acknowledge the work we have already accomplished. We have passed vital legislations, debated key issues, and set the foundation. But it's now the responsibility of the Executive arm to implement these policies effectively. The most critical one being the Kisumu County Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 that was passed by this House on the 30th of June, 2025. We must hold them accountable and remind them of their duties to translate our collective efforts to tangible results.

This recess is not just a moment of reflection, renewal, and strategic planning. It offers us a chance to recharge and return with renewed energy, focus, and determination to serve Kisumu County better. I have full confidence in your dedication and commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of the people of Kisumu County.

Let us use this time wisely, fostering stronger relationships with our communities and preparing ourselves to return with fresh ideas and renewed vigour. Together, we can continue to work towards the development and prosperity of Kisumu County. I want to thank all of you for your service and dedication, and I want to wish you a productive and fulfilling recess.

May we all return ready to serve with eager and with even greater purpose and resolve. Honourable members, you may be upstanding. I want to refer ourselves to Standing Order No. 26(3). And I quote;

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 majority party or the leader of the minority party or another member of the county assembly business committee shall move a motion of adjournment which shall be debated for no more than three hours and after which the county assembly shall adjourn without question put.

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I will not put a question, but I declare that the House is adjourned until the Tuesday, 05th of August 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

(House rose at 05.11 p.m.)

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