

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

THE HANSARD

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Tuesday 16th September, 2025

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): Honourable members, in line with the provisions of Orders 32 (2) of the Kisumu county Assembly Standing Order, I direct that the quorum bell to be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first minutes)

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Whip, could you please confirm if we have quorum.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Mr. Speaker, there is quorum.

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

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

COMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

**MESSAGE ON THE CONSULATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY
WITH THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025.**

The Speaker (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I have got one communication to make. In our last Kamukunji, which was following the meeting between the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board and the leadership, we did propose a meeting between the County Assembly and the County Executive. The Governor did communicate to me on a possible date of Thursday this week from 09:00 a.m. However, you are all aware that, on the same date, Thursday, 09:00 a.m., there shall be another meeting by the Nyanza Region at Jukwa la Usalama Town Hall meeting for the Kisumu Chapter on the 18th September 2025. I have just consulted with the Governor and we are in agreement that we push the meeting between the County Assembly and the County Executive to Friday, 19th September, 2025 at 09:00 a.m. so that we can have time to attend the Jukwa la Usalama Town Hall meeting that will be in Kisumu.

So please, the date is not Thursday as was initially agree upon, it will be on Friday, 19th September, 2025 at 09:00 a.m. I will be liaising with the County Secretary so that we have official confirmation of the same. Thank you.

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

STATEMENTS

STATEMENT INFORMING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF THE BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY 17TH, SEPTEMBER 2025 TO TUESDAY 23RD, SEPTEMBER 2025

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

[LEADER OF MAJORITY]

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

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise pursuant to Orders No. 41 (2) (c) to present and lay on the table of the County Assembly a statement informing the County Assembly of the business coming before the House in the following week.

Honourable Speaker, this is therefore to bring to the attention of members and the County Assembly that for the week commencing on Wednesday 17th, September 2025 to Tuesday 23rd, September 2025, the Select Committee on Assembly House Business at its last meeting approved the following tentative businesses to appear in the Order Papers follows.

Wednesday 17th September, 2025 at 09:00 a.m.

SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture, Gender and Youth Affairs, Honourable Nancy Matara will move a motion on adoption of a report on the FESTAC Expenditure.

Wednesday 17th September, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on the Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security Honourable Moses Ochele will move a motion for the adoption for the Proposal for the Establishment of “Bunge Mashinani” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly.

Thursday, 18th September, 2025, at 2.30 p.m.

SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Lands, Housing, Physical Planning, and Urban Development, Honourable Ratib Boitone will move a motion for the adoption of the report on the Induction on the Committee and the Municipal Board.

(The Deputy Speaker took the Chair)

Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025, at 02.30 p.m.

The Leader of Majority will issue a statement pursuant to Orders No. 41(2) (C) with the standing on as business is coming before the County Assembly for the week commencing on Wednesday, 24th September, 2025.

SUSTANTIVE BUSINESS

The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Consumer Affairs, Good Governance, and Security, Honorable Moses Ochele, we'll move a motion for the adoption of the report on the Inquiry into the Escalating Cases of Cattle Rustling in Kisumu County.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!!

MOTION

DILAPIDATED STATE ON NKRUMAH ROAD AND THE NEED FOR INTERVENTION
BY KURA

BY

HONOURABLE REUBEN RAKWACH

[CHAIRPERSON, INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENERGY COMMITTEE]

(Motion moved by the Leader of Majority on behalf of Hon. Rakwach)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): What is it Honourable Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to move this motion on behalf of Honourable Reuben Rakwach. I believe that, the Speaker who was then on that Chair and it is my belief that was informed accordingly.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Please proceed.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Honourable Speaker, I rise to move a motion on the report on the Matter of the Dilapidated State on Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by KURA.

Madam Speaker, this report seeks to address the various concerns surrounding the dilapidated conditions of Nkrumah Road and the urgent need for intervention by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority.

It highlights the current challenges and provides an overview of the road status in terms of maintenance and infrastructure development. The issues outlined herein are in response to a formal statement raised by Honourable Zachary Okoyo, Member of County Assembly for Central Kisumu Ward to the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works.

The statement was submitted in accordance with the Standing Orders No. 41(2) (b) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, requesting a comprehensive response on the state of Nkrumah Road and the steps being taken or planned to address the deteriorating condition of the road. In light of these concerns, the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works was requested to provide a detailed response addressing the following;

- i. A detailed update on the current structural and maintenance status of Nkrumah Road, including any assessment reports by relevant agencies, to clarification of whether KURA has assumed responsibility for the maintenance and upgrading of the road and the role of the county government in coordinating the same.

Public works was requested to provide a detailed response addressing the following:

- i. A detailed update on the current structural and maintenance status of Nkrumah Road including any assessment reports by relevant agencies.
- ii. Clarification of whether KURA has assumed responsibility for the maintenance and upgrading of the road and the role of the County Government in coordinating the same.
- iii. A report on any steps taken by the County Government through the Department of Roads or otherwise to formally engage KURA on the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road.
- iv. Information on whether any funds have been allocated in the current or upcoming financial year towards the upgrading of Nkrumah Road, and if not what steps are being taken to secure such funding.
- v. Lastly, expected timelines for the roads rehabilitation and the specific officers or agencies accountable for ensuring the work is undertaken efficiently and effectively.

The following observations that were made:

- i. It was established that Nkrumah Road classified as an urban road No. K36 Kisumu falls under the jurisdiction of the Kenya Urban Roads Authority. Consequently, the responsibility for its rehabilitation and maintenance lies with KURA and not to the County Government.
- ii. Both the Department of Infrastructure and the KURA Kisumu regional office acknowledge the severely deteriorated condition of the road. A petition from the local community underscored the significant socio-economic impact caused by the road's poor state including limited access to essential services, increased transportation costs, and heightened safety risk.
- iii. The County Government through the Department of Infrastructure has taken a proactive role in convening consultative meetings with KURA and other stakeholders to seek a long-term solution. A notable engagement was held on 14th May 2025, chaired by the County Executive Committee Member.
- iv. The road consists of two distinct sections, one paved with the cabro blocks and the other surfaced with murrum.
- v. The outer pavement is higher than the carriageway, a condition that may hinder proper water drainage and affect overall road usability.
- vi. The section constructed using cabro blocks is in a severely deteriorated state with only minimal and temporary repairs carried out using loose chippings which are inadequate for long-term maintenance.
- vii. Lastly, the road has suffered significant damage due to frequent usage by heavy trucks servicing the pipeline company, accelerating the wear and tear of the road surface.

Recommendations:

- i. THAT, KURA prioritizes road maintenance of Nkrumah Road to avoid future challenges given that the road falls under the jurisdiction of the Kenya Urban Roads Authority.
- ii. THAT, KURA urgently prioritizes the comprehensive rehabilitation of the road to address its current deteriorated state and mitigate the socio-economic impacts on the local community.
- iii. THAT, the county government of Kisumu through the Department of Infrastructure should continue engaging KURA and relevant stakeholders through structured consultative fora to fast-track the planning and funding of a sustainable long-term solution for the roads improvement.
- iv. THAT, a detailed technical assessment should be conducted to address the elevation discrepancy between the outer pavement and the carriageway.
- v. THAT, proper leveling and drainage systems should be incorporated into the road design to ensure effective storm water management and prevent further damage.
- vi. THAT, the temporary patching with loose chippings is inadequate. It is recommended that permanent repair works be carried out to restore the road's structural integrity and usability, especially along the cabro section.

Madam Speaker, Honourable members, it is now my pleasure to move that this Honourable House adopts the report of the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works on the statement raised by Hon Zachary Okoyo concerning the dilapidate condition of Nkrumah Road and the urgent need for intervention by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority.

This reports outlines the committee's findings, observations and recommendations aimed at addressing the deteriorating state of the road and ensuring timely and sustainable action is taken by the relevant authorities.

Madam Speaker, I now call upon Honourable Obonyo, who is a member of the Roads Committee, to second. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon Okombo, MCA, Manyatta "B"): Yes, Hon Obonyo, the Deputy Whip.

The Deputy Whip (Hon Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I second the report from the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works concerning the Dilapidate Condition of Nkrumah Road and the urgent need for intervention by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, a Motion on the adoption of the report by the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works Committee on the matter of Dilapidated State of Nkrumah Road, and the need for intervention by KURA has been moved and seconded. I, therefore, propose that the Motion be open for debate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, the Honourable member representing North Nyakach.

Hon Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. I wish to start by thanking Honourable Okoyo, who raised a question regarding the state of this road at a time that that road was actually almost impossible to pass through. Madam Speaker, I want to secondly thank the line House Committee which took up the matter.

Madam Speaker, if the whole scenario that took place, the intervention of this House Committee, the correspondences that they did, the findings that the road belongs to KURA, in itself yielded some positive results that led to immediate start of repair, even if not in good design, but at least the start of repair just to make it motorable was done.

Madam Speaker, as we speak and we can get from this report that, KURA has taken the responsibility that they have stated here that already they have the appropriate design, bearing in mind the amount and the heavy loads using that particular road. Madam Speaker, we are sure and certain that KURA will rise to the occasion and have that road done to the standard required.

Madam Speaker, I really wish to appreciate this Honourable House and that shows and demonstrates that things taken seriously in this House actually must be able to yield results outside. I want to thank the KURA as an organization, for the action they took simply by looking at the correspondences and the action that this House had taken. I beg to support. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, the motion is still open for debate.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, the Honourable Chief Whip.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to debate on this report based on the prayers by the Honourable Zach Okoyo. Madam Speaker, the Honourable Zach Okoyo sought whether any funds have been allocated in the current or upcoming financial year towards the upgrading of Nkrumah Road.

And if not, what steps are being taken to secure such funding? Madam Speaker, the prayers of Honorable Okoyo are not addressed adequately, going by the recommendations read by the Majority Leader on behalf of the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Infrastructure and Public Works, that is Honorable Reuben Okoth Rakwach. And if you keenly go through the recommendations, the issue of inadequate, the issue of whether funds were allocated is not addressed in the recommendations.

Madam Speaker, in the recommendations, I have never seen anywhere indicated in the report whether the regional office of KURA acknowledged the apportionment of funds or appropriation of funds towards the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road. Madam Speaker, I heard earlier when Honourable Nyaoke was debating and indicating that KURA acknowledged that the signs have been approved and made.

Madam Speaker, in the report, none of that is indicated in the report. The KURA have just talked about a detailed technical assessment should be conducted, which in my own understanding has not been conducted. And they'll say that the proper leveling and drainage system should be incorporated into the road design to ensure effective storm water management and prevention of further damage.

Madam Speaker, without indicating how much is allocated towards the road design and addressing the issue of Storm Water Management, Madam Speaker, I want to believe that, we'll just be reading reports in this House for the sake of reading them without adequately addressing the prayers of Honourable Okoyo.

I'm just contributing by indicating that no monies were allocated. This is because Madam Speaker, you know, we always say that money follows functions. The function of maintaining the roads require funds.

Honorable Okoyo requested this House Committee to investigate and interrogate whether funds were allocated towards the rehabilitation of the roads. And in this report, none of that is indicated. So, I was just requesting that next time, when House Committees are addressing issues raised by Honorable members, they should dig deeper to inquire whether funds have been allocated.

This is because when we speak in this House, Madam Speaker, we are speaking on behalf of the people. And the people will be happy to know how much money has been allocated towards the rehabilitation of this road. Madam Speaker, even though KURA is domiciled under the National Government, but there's nothing stopping the County Assembly, or the House Committee, from even summoning the Regional Manager of KURA to explain whether in their work plan for the current financial year, because they do develop work plans, Madam Speaker. They could have indicated to us how much money is allocated to Kisumu County, for example, for rehabilitation

of roads, and what have they apportioned towards the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road. Those were my observation.

Otherwise, Madam Speaker, I support this report, but they could have included the issue of funding towards the rehabilitation of that Nkrumah Road. Otherwise, Madam Speaker.....

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): The Honourable Chief Whip, do you believe that if you are to make an amendment or incorporate your views into the report, then it would make a difference? I could use Standing Order No. 1 to give you a leeway to put across your amendments.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, going by your directions, I would have called for the amendment on this report on the basis of how much money is allocated towards the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road, and I will implore this House Committee to move further to invite the Regional Manager so as to shed light on how much money is allocated towards the rehabilitation, because the prayers of the Honourable Okoyo, Madam Speaker, were how much money is allocated towards the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road, and I believe that matter is not sufficiently addressed by the recommendations of the committee.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): So, do you want to put across an amendment?

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. Yeah, I put across an amendment that the Regional Manager, KURA be invited before this House Committee to shed light to the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works on how much money is allocated towards the rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honorable Chief Whip, point of information. Honourable Chief Whip, if you make an amendment, then you will want to have a seconder.

(Hon. Nyaoke interjects with a Point of Order)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Nyaoke, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to inform my senior, because the member is due to make a very important introducing of an amendment. There is one information maybe I needed to pass to the member before he proceeds to move that amendment. Madam Speaker, it is my opinion that, they are at a good stage of now coming up with the funds that they are due to allocate. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): The Honourable Chief Whip, after the information, you still want to go ahead and make an amendment?

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. I do concur with the contributions of the Honourable Nyaoke, in the sense that the KURA have indicated that they have allocated money towards rehabilitations of roads in this current Financial Year.

Madam Speaker, they have developed a work plan but, they have not indicated to us as an Assembly whether a specific sum of money has been allocated to Nkrumah Road. I am speaking on behalf of Honourable Okoyo in the sense that in his prayers the member wanted information whether a specific sum of money was allocated towards the rehabilitation of this road. However, in Honourable Nyaoke’s contribution, no specific sum of money has been allocated towards this effect. Therefore, I stand to be guided, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, I want to agree with the Chief Whip that; true, the Regional Office as indicated in the report has already completed the detailed engineering design for the roads including the Bills of Quantities (BQs) and I believe it should at least quantify the project specific verses amount, which is not clearly stated. So, the Honourable member feels that he needs to make an amendment to compel KURA to at least give a quotation and amount for the project. Therefore Chief Whip, a member needs to second your amendment.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. I am in concurrence with Honourable Nyaoke that he goes further to second my amendment. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Looking at the intensity of the matter and the specifics that is required, there is no harm for me to second the amendment so that this issue be included in the report. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, an amendment has been made on the motion that the specific project amount be indicated in the report to allow conclusive response to the prayers of the Statement seeker. That amendment has been proposed and seconded. I now want to open the floor for discussion on the amendment.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Regina Kizito.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to support the amendment. For accountability and transparency purposes, it is my belief that KURA should provide this House with the budgeted allocation that they have for Nkrumah Road. So, I support. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you. Silence means Honourable members are convinced that the amendment is needed to make a comprehensive response to the Statement. So, Honourable members, if no one else has a submission to make, then I want to ask the mover of the amendment to reply.

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Thank you Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Honourable House for having allowed this amendment to be included in part of the report and equally thank Honourable Nyaoke and Honourable Regina Kizito for contributing towards this amendment which in my opinion will enhance prudent use of resources towards rehabilitation of Nkrumah Road. Madam Speaker I reply, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you. Honourable members, an amendment has been proposed on the motion by the Chief Whip, Honourable Seth Ochieng’ Kanga seconded and debated upon. I therefore want to put a question on the amendment

(Question put and agreed on)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, the amendment that KURA indicates clearly the project amount be included in the report.

Honourable members, we revert back to the parent motion and the motion on the adoption of the Report by the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works on the matter of Dilapidated State of Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by KURA is still on.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes, Honourable Matara?

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order!! Honourable Regina. Honourable Matara, you are on your feet.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Matara?

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. It is a concern to my Honourable members, because already he has sent a text that he wanted to debate on this, so let me allow him to do so. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Matara, members only speak through the Chair and text messages are not official communications in this House. And nobody has sent me any messages; we don't debate by reserving debate periods for members who are not yet in the House. So, I don't know what you are talking about, Honourable Matara.

Hon. Matara (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta B): Before the mover replies, I saw Honourable Regina Kizito on her feet. Honourable Regina Kizito, what did you want to say? I'm talking to Honourable Regina.

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Nyaoke, kindly allow Honourable Regina to...

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Madam Speaker, before Honourable Kelvin Oraro walked in, the member asked me if we are still debating on this matter of Nkrumah Road. And I told him to hurry up, so the member informed me that he wants to make his submission. That is why I was requesting that through the chair, we could allow him to make his submission.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): I can see Honourable Oraro has now employed a mouthpiece in the House. In the name of Honourable Regina Kizito. I want to allow Honourable Oraro to make his submission before the mover can reply.

Honourable Oraro, your mouthpiece for the day, Honourable Kizito, is informing this House that you requested to be given an opportunity to make your submission on the motion. The floor is yours, Honourable Oraro.

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, I believe that you have made a good judgment. Honourable Regina Kizito is not my mouthpiece and I believe I never informed her to hold a brief on my behalf.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Order! Honourable Oraro. Honourable Kizito, did you just lie to the House?

Hon. Kizito (Nominated Member): Madam Speaker, I have the evidence.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, I do not want to belabor on that. I will allow Honourable...

(The Chief Whip rises on his feet)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): The Chief Whip is on his feet?

The Chief Whip (Hon. Kanga, MCA, Market/Milimani): Madam Speaker, you know, sometimes we joke in this House and as ranking members of the House, sometimes we need to inform the House and tell the public what is happening. Madam Speaker, the Honourable members have the right to address you whenever they want to address this House.

Madam Speaker, it is my belief that the Honourable Regina Kizito has portrayed this House in bad light. Madam Speaker, for purposes of records, Madam Speaker, we need to make matters straight. Madam Speaker, when we are contributing to this House, we contribute under the glare of cameras.

Madam Speaker and we are elected by the people to champion the interests of the residents of Kisumu County in accordance with the law, going by what is required in our Standing Orders. So, Madam Speaker, sometimes Honourable Kizito, I know you are new, but you have now learned. So, next time, Madam Speaker, as a ranking member, I was trying to put matters straight that we should not behave in a manner when we are addressing this Honourable House, especially on matters of public interest as to what we are discussing in this Honourable House.

Madam Speaker as a ranking member, if I could not have made matters straight, Madam Speaker, I believe we will be letting the residents who entrusted us with the issue of representation in this House in their own way as others, Madam Speaker, I apologize on behalf of Madam Kizito for that misrepresentation of facts in this Honourable House. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Thank you, the Honourable Chief Whip. Honourable Oraro is still on the Floor. Honourable Ochele, when the member is done with his submission, I will give you time to submit.

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, I believe that, after trying to clear that, let me contribute, Madam Speaker. I am a member of this House Committee, and I am aware of the report brought before the floor of the House.

Madam Speaker on the same report, whoever presented the Petition or cry about the Nkrumah Road, I believe that we deliberated that as a House Committee. We realised that KURA, as an agency of roads in Kenya, had committed and are waiting for funding to do that road, Madam Speaker. Apart from that, under Corporate Social Responsibility, Coca-Cola Company had agreed to intervene by supporting minor repair for the sake of their trucks, and etc. Madam Speaker, with the recommendation of this House Committee...

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Oraro, are you a member of the Roads Committee?

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Yes, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): And you did not sign the report. Could you clarify why you did not? Did you agree with the report, or you were just not around at the time of endorsing the report?

Hon. Oraro Kelvin (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, I agree with the report, and totally agree with what was written by the Secretariat, because I was part of the deliberation.

Maybe by the time they were supposed to sign, I was not around, but get it from me that I fully agree with the committee report and recommendation, and least we took our time, interrogated almost the concerned officers, and even did a sight visit to witness and got information on the same. So, most of the issues highlighted in this report on the same is to assure that those road users who are supposed to use the Nkrumah Road, they are safe, and as a House Committee of the Assembly, we have done our part, and together with the County Executive, we entrust that we are going to see that road is tarmacked by KURA as an agency of road. Madam Speaker, for that reason, I support the report, Madam Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Yes Honorable Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to support the motion as read by the Leader of Majority on behalf of the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works.

Madam Speaker, today being a Tuesday, those of us from Ahero know very well that Tuesday is traditionally a “soup day.” Growing up, soup was a great delight, especially for children—it was something we always looked forward to.

Madam Speaker, there is also the saying that “all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” And indeed, in Commonwealth Parliaments, when business becomes too serious, proceedings

sometimes lose their liveliness. In our own National Assembly, we have Members like Honourable Junet who, whenever the atmosphere is tense, bring humour and light moments—much like my colleague, Honourable Kizito, who knows how to add some “juice” to the hard work that we do in this Assembly.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, while I fully support the progress made here today, I must respectfully disagree with my leader, the Chief Whip of the Majority Party, for condemning such active contributions.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Ochele, I've given you an opportunity to give your submission on the report. Kindly go straight to the motion.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, I'm circumventing.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Don't circumvent, kindly go straight to the motion.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker that is my approach to the issues. Kindly allow me. Allow me just to build my case unless anybody feels offended.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): You seem to be targeting your debate on the remarks by the Honourable Chief Whip.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Kindly Madam Speaker, don't pre-empt.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): I'm not pre-empting. You are a senior Member, and a serious senior Member of this House and I just want to ask you, Honourable Ochele, to go straight to the motion.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I believe KURA will take action on that road, and this will bring satisfaction to the incoming Member of Parliament for Kisumu East. It will also make him appreciate the efforts made by the Honourable member who campaigned tirelessly for the road to be tarmacked, while at the same time supporting the campaign in Kisumu East. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable Ochele, I will excuse your remarks, considering that the mover had already been called upon to reply. It appears you were not seeking to contribute to the report itself, but rather to direct your comments towards the Honourable Chief Whip. Nonetheless, I believe that the member has gladly received your praises and good wishes for his advancement to the next level.

The mover had already been called to reply, unless there is still any Member wishing to make further submissions.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): The Leader of Majority.

The Leader of Majority (Hon. Ooko, MCA, Ahero): Thank you, Madam Speaker. First, I want to appreciate the Members who have contributed, and in particular Honourable Moses Ochele, who rose to be noticed, though without making a substantive contribution to this report.

Madam Speaker, I concur with the Honourable Chief Whip on the proposed amendments. We are aware that KURA has already submitted 30 signs to the Nairobi office, but this should be guided by the specific location of the project.

As a regular user of this road, I can confirm that its condition is extremely poor. As Honourable Oraro rightly mentioned, Coca-Cola had agreed to undertake some repairs. However, Madam Speaker, mere patching is not sufficient. What is required is a proper allocation from KURA to comprehensively repair this road.

This is a vital route, heavily used by trucks transporting fuel from the Kenya Pipeline Company. For that reason, I call upon the County Department of Infrastructure, Energy, and Public Works to coordinate with KURA to ensure the road is properly rehabilitated for the benefit of the surrounding community. With those remarks, Madam Speaker, I beg to reply. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, I therefore want to put a question on the motion of the adoption of the report of Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works Committee on the matter of the state of Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by KURA together with the amendments raised.

(Question put and agreed)

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, the motion on the adoption of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Infrastructure, Energy and Public Works on the matter of the State of Nkrumah Road and the need for intervention by KURA together with the amendments raised has been adopted today Tuesday 16th, September 2025 at 15:31 hours. I further direct that the report together with the Hansard be prepared and forwarded to the relevant departments or implementing authorities for execution and implementation.

Additionally, I direct that the Select Committee on Implementation to follow up and ensure that this resolution is implemented to the latter.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Next order!

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Okombo, MCA, Manyatta “B”): Honourable members, there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 09.00 a.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 03.52 a.m.)

Addendum

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