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COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

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THIRD ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 10th September, 2025

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

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

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members in line with the provisions of Orders No. 32 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I direct that the quorum bell to be rung for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Yes, Madam Whip, could you confirm if we have quorum.

Deputy Majority Whip (Hon. Obonyo, MCA, South West Kisumu): Thank you Madam Speaker, there is Quorum.

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

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

(Hon. Adega rises on a Point of Order)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Adega, what is your point of order?

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Thank you madam Speaker, we don't have quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Adega, it has been confirmed that we have quorum. Please resume your seat Honourable member. You know the procedures of the House. The Whip has confirmed that we have quorum.

Hon. Adega (MCA, Kajulu): Madam Speaker, this is House of rules and orders.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable Adega, I will not allow that to continue. Clerk, take us through the Order Paper of today.

MOTION

THIRD READING OF THE KISUMU COUNTY QUARRYING CONTROL BILL, 2024

[KISUMU COUNTY BILL NO. OF 2024]

BY

HON. SAMUEL DEDE, MCA, NORTH KISUMU

[CHAIRPERSON, WATER, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren Ajwang'): Yes, Deputy Speaker, Honourable Nereah Okombo.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta "B"): Thank you Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise to move that the Kisumu County Quarry Bill, earlier amended as Kisumu County Quarry Control Bill 2024, be now read for the third time.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, I call upon the Clerk to read the Bill for the third time.

KISUMU COUNTY QUARRYING CONTROL BILL, 2024.

A Bill For

AN ACT for the County Assembly of Kisumu to regulate quarrying activities; to ensure the safe and sustainable exploitation and use of land, quarry resources and materials and the environment; to establish a system of benefit sharing in the exploitation of quarry resources between the resource exploiter, the county government and the local community; and for connected purposes.

MEMORANDUM OF OBEJECTS AND REASONS FOR THE BILL

The principal objective of the Kisumu quarry control Bill, 2024 is to regulate quarrying activities within Kisumu County to ensure the safe, sustainable, and environmentally sound exploitation of quarry resources. This Bill seeks to establish a legal framework that balances the economic benefits of quarrying with the need to protect land, natural resources, and the well-being of local communities. The Bill further introduces a benefit-sharing system to ensure equitable distribution of revenues derived from quarrying between resource exploiters, the County Government, and local communities, thereby fostering sustainable development and social equity.

Madam Speaker, the Kisumu County Quarry Control Bill, 2024 Bill is now read for the Third time.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members the Kisumu County Quarry Control Bill, 2024, Kisumu County Bill No. 5 of 2024; has been read for the Third time and I now open it for further amendments if any.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Ajwang', MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): None of the members is on his/her feet, so I will assume there is no further amendments. At this juncture, before I put a question, I will call upon the sponsor of the Bill, who is Honourable Nereah Okombo who is also our Deputy Speaker to give her comment, if there is any.

Hon. Okombo (MCA, Manyatta "B"): Thank you Madam Speaker and Honourable members. Indeed, today is a great day that this Assembly finally passes the Kisumu County Quarrying Control Bill, 2024. Madam Speaker, this Bill will assist control and regulate quarry activities in Kisumu County. Madam Speaker, we know of a very notorious quarry that has been left open for a very long time. Madam Speaker, the quarry behind the Lake Basin Mall on your way to Uzima University.

Today morning, Madam Speaker, a lady by the name Caroline Tatu, a Kisii, who is married to a very senior advocate in this town, was found floating in the water's edge, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, the quarry, from reliable sources, belongs to the owner of the Kibos Sugar, a Mr. Chang, and several attempts, Madam Speaker, to have it refilled or fill up the quarry, has failed on 10 years. Madam Speaker, it is sad that the residents of the area are led by the

Honourable Maurice, saying that many people have, in previous occasions, been found dead in that quarry.

Madam Speaker, even a car was found driven there with people inside, and they were all dead, Madam Speaker. So, Madam Speaker, this Quarry Control Bill will ensure that such instances are controlled, Madam Speaker. We do not need to lose our people in quarries that are left open after the minerals have been collected, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker, we remember sometimes last year when the Honourable Maurice Ngeta, a Member representing Awasi-Onjiko Ward, brought here a statement that a man had been hit in the eye by a stone from a quarry in his ward, and the eye was badly damaged. So, Madam Speaker, this Bill will ensure that those that are involved in the quarrying business are held responsible. Madam Speaker, in addition to the measures contained in this Bill, the communities in which quarrying takes place will now directly benefit from the proceeds generated from these activities.

Madam Speaker, I am truly humbled by the passage of this Bill, and after passage by this House it be forward to the Governor for assent, so that quarrying activities in Kisumu County may henceforth be conducted in a regulated and controlled environment. Madam Speaker, thank you. And to all Honourable Members, I remain humbled.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you Honourable Okombo. Honourable members, now that the Kisumu County Quarry Control Bill, 2024 having been read for the third time, I would like to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, the Bill is hereby adopted today Wednesday 10th September, 2025 at 2:43 p.m. I direct that the vellum together with the Hansard report be prepared and forwarded to the Governor for assent.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Carren, MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Honourable members, there being no any other business to transact, this House stands adjourned until Thursday, 11th September 2025 at 02.30 p.m. Thank you.

(House rose at 2.44 p.m.)

Addendum

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