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(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Emily Oginga) in the Chair)

PRAYERS

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, I direct that the quorum bell be rung in accordance with our Standing Orders No. 32 (2) for the first five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for the first minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Nyaoke, would you kindly confirm if the House has attained the right quorum to transact?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. We don't have quorum.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, I want to further direct that the quorum bell be rung for further five minutes.

(Quorum bell rung for further five minutes)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Nyaoke, do we have quorum?

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Madam Speaker, I can confirm there is more than the required quorum. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Clerk, can you please take us through the Order Paper for the day?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Next order!!

MOTION

REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION OF LAW,
JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY ON
THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF “*BUNGE MASHINANI*” INITIATIVE

BY

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[CHAIRPERSON, ADMINISTRATION OF LAW, JUSTICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS,
GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SECURITY]

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Moses Ochele of East Kano Wawidhi.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion on the report of the committee of administration of law, justice, good governance and security on the proposal for the establishment of the “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly.

Madam Speaker and Honourable Members, aware that pursuant to Article 185 (3) of the Constitution 2010, Section 8 and 9 of the County Government Act 2012 read together with Standing Order No. 193 of Kisumu County Assembly, Standing Orders, this committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, Constitutional Affairs and Security has undertaken comprehensive review of the proposal for the establishment of “*Bunge Mashinani*”, a mobile or decentralized seating of the County Assembly.

As a strategic and necessary evolution in the assembly's operations to fully actualize its constitutional mandate Recognizing that the second County Assembly had attempted to conduct the “*Bunge Mashinani*” program a couple of times in the same and in other sub-counties but the program seemed to have been neglected or forgotten in that assembly. Noting that the establishment of devolved government under the Constitution of Kenya 2010 was transformative act designed to fundamentally alter the relationship between the state and its citizens.

It sought to dismantle a centralized system and replace it with one predicted on the principles of subsidiary public participation and local accountability. The Kisumu County Assembly as the legislative and oversight body at the heart of the world structure bears the primary responsibility for ensuring these principles are realized in daily lives of the people of Kisumu. The subject matter for consideration by the committee during its deliberations are summarized as follows.

1. To examine the constitutional and statutory imperative for proactive public participation demonstrating that “*Bunge Mashinani*” is a superior method for fulfilling this legal duty.
2. Define the concept of “*Bunge Mashinani*” tracing its origin and outlining its core objectives for enhancing governance.
3. Conduct a comparative analysis of similar initiatives in other Kenyan countries and internationally to provide evidence of the model's feasibility and success.
4. Propose a practical strategic framework for implementing “*Bunge Mashinani*” in Kisumu County complete with the first approach and thematic focus areas aligned with the committee's mandate.
5. Articulate the anticipated benefits from the improved legislative quality to enhance social cohesion while addressing potential challenges with concrete mitigation strategies.
6. Provide clear actionable recommendations for the County Assembly's consideration.

Committee Observations

1. THAT, The ““*Bunge Mashinani*”” provides a superior mechanism of fulfilling the Assembly's duty to facilitate public participation by removing logistic and financial barriers that ordinarily prevent citizens from accessing the assembly presence in Kisumu City.
2. THAT, it will serve as a tool of enhanced legislation, ensuring county laws are context-specific, practical, and widely owned by the public.
3. THAT, it will act as a powerful oversight mechanism enhancing citizens to scrutinize the performance of the executive in real time and provide evidence directed to members of the county assembly.
4. THAT, it will contribute a systematic civic education, demystifying legislative procedures and empowering citizens to engage meaningfully with the assembly.
5. THAT, it carries the potential to strengthen social cohesion, access to justice and rule of law by providing structured platforms for communities to deliberate on pressing issues such as resource allocation, service delivery, and conflict resolution.
6. THAT, while financing logistical and political risks exist, these can be mitigated through a dedicated budget line, strategic partnership with the civil society, adherence to the procedural safeguards, and the development of strict nonpartisan rules of procedure for settings held under this model.

Committee Recommendations.

Madam Speaker and Honorable Members, upon careful analysis, the committee recommends as follows.

1. THAT, this Honorable House adopts the report of the Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Good Governance, and Security on the Proposal for the Establishment of Budget of “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative.
2. THAT, the assembly formally resolves to institutionalize ““*Bunge Mashinani*”” as a regular feature of its legislative calendar.
3. THAT, the committee, in collaboration with the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board and the Office of the Clerk develops a detailed implementation framework and a sectional paper within 90 days of adoption.
 - i. Amendments to the Standing Orders to recognize ““*Bunge Mashinani*”” settings as formal proceedings of the assembly.
 - ii. Phase and rotational implementation model, beginning with a pilot in financial year 2025-2026.
 - iii. A robust budgetary and logistic plan, and a formal feedback mechanism ensuring that citizens' contributions are acknowledged, acted upon, and reported back.
 - iv. Ring fenced budget line for public participation, inclusive of “*Bunge Mashinani*”, be established to safeguard sustainability and accountability.

In conclusion,

Madam Speaker and Honourable members, we have seen from Makeni, Nandi, and even the Senate of Kenya, that sittings outside formal Chambers are not political gimmicks. They are constitutional imperatives. They bring Assembly closer to the people, dismantle barriers of distance and cost, and allow citizens to give evidence, raise concerns, and shape laws where they live.

To any of them, this forum is to betray the promise of Article 174 on Devolution. This House Committee therefore urges this House to adopt its report and formally institutionalize ““*Bunge Mashinani*”” as part of our legislative calendar, complete with safeguards in standing orders, dedicated budget lines, and a feedback mechanism that guarantee every citizen's voice is heard and acted upon.

Madam Speaker, this is not just about procedure. It is about legitimacy, transparency, and the sovereignty of the people. By adopting this report, Kisumu County Assembly will set a national pace as a model of participatory governance. Accordingly, I beg to move that the House adopt

the report on the proposal for the establishment of the “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly. I now invite Hon Kelvin Oraro to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Kelvin Oraro

Hon Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central): Thank you Madam Speaker, I rise to second the Motion as read by the Chairperson on this very important issue of the “*Bunge Mashinani*”.

Madam Speaker, I want to say without fear of contradiction that the most important thing that we do as Assembly is to represent Wananchi by virtue of Article 1 of the Constitution, which gives them the sovereign power. This is because, they are so many and they cannot come to the Assembly, they have to elect a representative. In most cases, some of these issues that we discuss of great importance to the County sometimes become a very big headache to them to get information. Despite the fact that we have used several technologies like YouTube, Facebook, and others, to some still we do not reach them.

Therefore, coming up with initiative that can actually enable the grassroots, the people we represent, get to know the information about our role as their representative and much about the operation of the county government can be of great importance. And for that reason, as said or analyzed by the report and the House Committee’s recommendation, I stand to second the report as I support it. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, now that the report by the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security Committee on the Proposal for the Establishment of “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly has been presented and seconded. As per our standing orders, I would like to propose a question that this report is now open for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Bill Oliver of Kobura Ward. Honourable Omuya, I have noticed you, you will contribute next.

Hon Bill (MCA, Kobura): Thank you Honourable Speaker. I have read through the report and I want to thank this House Committee for bringing this report to this House. Madam Speaker, if you look at this country and where we are so far, you realize that our people, the people of Kenya, really need an environment that bring them closer to their leaders and equally an environments where they feel comfortable in presenting their issues.

Madam Speaker, I am saying this, because if you look at how our system works, our County Assembly is in the middle of Kisumu County and we serve people from as far as Nyakach. Some

people come as far as around Koru area. These are people that at times, as much as the world is digitalized, we have the social media platforms and all the other that we are glad this Assembly is using, but we really, not everybody can reach that. As such, using the “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative will bring our electorates closer and it will give them ideas of getting involved in how this country is run.

Madam Speaker, I am stating this because, when we take this, let us say, to Kobura, in as much as they are representative, elected representative, but you realize that people have very good ideas back at home and if we bring “*Bunge Mashinani*” around our areas, we will get at least petitions as well as ideas as we interact with them. We can even guide the public on how to do some particular issues. If you go around the social media and if you go back to our Wards and you interact with these people, you realize that most of them have very good ideas that can really help us. And we have done public participation as an Assembly; some of them we have done as leaders, but that only does not bring everybody on board. Therefore, I am very happy that we are having this and I believe when our electorates embrace this and they will be coming to the “*Bunge Mashinani*” programs, they will get to learn more about governance, their leaders and the County. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I really want to support this and I am glad if you look at the comparative analysis that they have done, it has worked elsewhere.

Madam Speaker, I believe if we do this and implement it and increase on how to perform this duty through the “*Bunge Mashinani*”, I believe we will have solved a lot of issues at the world level. Madam Speaker, this report should have come a long time ago because really this is what we need. Madam Speaker, the drafters of Devolution was to bring leadership and bring development back to the ground. I believe having “*Bunge Mashinani*” will bring that spirit a little bit closer to the Mwananchi. I really want to support this and I urge this Honourable House to support this report so that we get more interaction with our electorates. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated): Yes, Honourable Omuya. Honourable James Were, you are next.

Hon Omuya (MCA, North Seme): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise to add my voice in supporting the matter on the Floor. I want to state this to this House Committee, this one is a well-thought out idea. From where I am seated, I am just wishing that it was started a long time ago. I am seeing my Ward participating and seeing how things are running in the Assembly. After this, I believe it is going to ease my work. Since they will be in a position to attend, they will see what is happening. The idea of answering everything that the Assembly does, finally I will be having some other people who are also able to explain. Therefore, in totality, I am saying that this is a very good idea. I full support this Motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon Oginga, Nominated): Yes, Honourable James Were. You will be followed by Honourable Tom Nyaoke.

Hon Were (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also stand to add my comments on the report. Madam Speaker, this is an idea whose time has come. Madam Speaker, it is very important to have “*Bunge Mashinani*”. Going by the report, it is clear that this House Committee has dug deep and has given us even the case studies of counties where this has worked. Looking at the several counties that have been cited, “*Bunge Mashinani*” is working in Vihiga, Kitui, Turkana, Kakamega, Baringo, and Kajiado.

Madam Speaker, there are reasons why so many counties have thought and found it wise to adopt the “*Bunge Mashinani*”. “*Bunge Mashinani*” will cure a lot of misconceptions if we go by the observations that have been raised by this House Committee. It will equally deepen the public participation. This will allow ordinary citizens to interact with elected people, engaging them through the debates that will be going on in those forums.

Madam Speaker, so many people are not even aware of the roles of the MCAs that they elected. However, through “*Bunge Mashinani*” initiative, we will be going from one ward to the other. People from those different wards will be getting an opportunity to interact with their people. This will be a good show for them, and will build confidence amongst them. Additionally, Madam Speaker, “*Bunge Mashinani*”, as per the report, will also improve on accountability and transparency. People will be able to know exactly what happens in their local parliaments, with their elected leaders, what is expected of them, what they do to improve the livelihood.

Additionally, Madam Speaker, “*Bunge Mashinani*” will clearly enhance civic education and empowerment. Through the engagement, people will know much about the roles of this House. They will also know how to participate in key decision makings and public participation processes. This will even encourage so many people to want to engage and participate. It will also ensure that their voices are heard, to make sure that their involvement becomes key. Madam Speaker, this is something that we need to give priority. If there are key elements that we need to put right so that this happens, it is something that this House should adopt and support. Madam Speaker, I therefore support this report. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Tom Nyaoke. I have noticed you Honourable Oiko...

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo /Kanyagwal): Thank you Madam Speaker, I was standing because today you see Tom Nyaoke is sitting on a very big chair, the seat of the Leader of Majority. So, I thought that when I stand up, I will be recognized and the member will come later because of his position today.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Benny Pete, I promised him that he will be talking after Honorable Were has contributed. So let me just honour that. You will speak next.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo /Kanyagwal): Much obliged.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker. I cannot leave without supporting this very important report that has come before us today. I want to say that by adopting this report today, it will be one of the biggest milestones that we are going to step into in this Assembly.

Madam Speaker, we are on record that we have canvassed quite a lot about anticipating having “*Bunge Mashinani*”. Actually, even the interest of people out there, some of them have been asking, raising such questions as to why. Is it possible that you can have some of those proceedings carried maybe in sub-counties or in wards? However, today, Madam Speaker, I am particularly happy that this House Committee has sat, led by my senior Honorable Ochele, who has worked on that report together with the committee. They have looked at all the circumstances, including and not limited to ring-fencing the budgetary allocations that can come forth to make this thing a success.

Madam Speaker, this is something that, once it is started, and I pray that North Nyakach, being the largest ward in this county, will be listed as number one location that we will be able to start with. I am happy that the chairperson is listening and that the list will have North Nyakach as the top ward to host the first “*Bunge Mashinani*”. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I beg to support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honorable, Benny Pete, or have you donated your time to Honorable Alice? Honourable Alice Wajewa please go ahead. Honorable Benny Pete has taken his seat.

Hon. Wajewa (Nominated Member): Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. I also want to add my voice on this very important issue we are discussing now.

Foremost, I want to start by applauding this House Committee which has come up with this issue of “*Bunge Mashinani*”. It is long overdue, and I believe that it is a very noble idea. As you are aware, this “*Bunge Mashinani*” is going to bring us close to our people in the grassroots. Most of them do not really understand what we do in the Assembly, except just a few. They really know our roles, but they do not know exactly what is done in this House. So, when we take this information to them, it will be like a civic education, and it is also going to bring us closer to the people.

Madam Speaker, most of the time, you can hear that our people are complaining that they do not get services which they maybe expect from us. And sometimes they really do not really know our role. They cannot distinguish between our role and that of the County Executive. So, bringing this issue of “*Bunge Mashinani*” is a very good idea. It is going to make our work easier. The people at the ground are going to correct us where we are wrong. We are also going to educate them on issues which touch on them.

Madam Speaker, in as much as there is usually the public participation, most of our members do not attend. I do not know why they do not do so because even if we try to mobilize them, they still do not attend. However, I know that the community is going to be so excited, and especially when we go down there and sit down with them to sort out their issues. This is a well-thought-out issue, and I am so excited about this issue, and I want to give it my full support. Thank you so much, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honorable Benny Pete Oiko.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Thank you Madam Speaker, today we have a matter that is coming up for the second time in this House. It was first mooted during the Second Assembly. It was practiced a little, then it died on the way, and today we are reviving it through a motion.

Madam Speaker, Honourable members, this is a good way of making decisions in Parliament. When Parliament pronounces a matter, the Executive is expected to take it seriously. The other time, when it came up, I believe that it was just mooted by the County Executive, the practice started, it died that way. However, this one brought up by a House Committee, I hope it will not die the way that one died. Madam Speaker, at that time, this County Assembly was able to hold its functions in Miwani and East Seme wards. The public were very enthusiastic to see their representatives on the ground, and to see them debate, and they were keen to learn what is really the role, what are these men and women doing. Madam Speaker, I hope it is now coming back in full swing.

Madam Speaker, “*Bunge Mashinani*” will enlighten our people on our role as legislators, and they will know what our representation entails, and how laws are made. There is one element which members of the public do not understand well, the representation of their elected leaders. Those will come out, Madam Speaker. Now that a number of countries have gone this way, including the Senate, it is very much proper for Kisumu County Assembly to follow suit.

Madam Speaker, there are a number of issues which are taken for granted. When they are not properly explained to the public, the public also does not understand them. These calls for us to

go to the ground and let the public be sensitized on the difference between the Assembly and the County Executive and what their roles entail. We shall do a good thing to the people of Kenya because they will get educated which at times is not easy because it comes at a cost and it needs time and I think this is the direction we are taking.

Madam Speaker, when the Members of the Assembly go to the ground you will see how enthusiastic our people are. They will fill the questions to the members and mingle with them. At times, they will have discussion at personal level with the members and this politically is important in our role. When we mingle with the members of the public and have a discussion at personal level, this will augur very well for the people of this County. Madam Speaker, the Assembly today pronouncing itself on this “*Bunge Mashinani*” and the County Executive hopefully will take this with the seriousness it deserves.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, we are passing this when the budget allocation had already been passed. I am now pleading with the members that we make an amendment asking the County Executive to provide a location for this because I suspect this could be one of the reasons why it failed during the Second Assembly. I propose that budgetary allocation be undertaken for “*Bunge Mashinani*” during the Supplementary Budget. As it stands now, we cannot figure out the figure. If we ask for budgetary allocation during the Supplementary Budget, the County Executive knows what their role should now be. So, when we shall be asked that there is no allocation for this, we shall plead with them, the Assembly had passed that allocation should be given during the supplementary budget.

I therefore propose that budgetary allocation for “*Bunge Mashinani*” be given during the Supplementary Budget so that we enjoy this before the end of this Financial Year. And I plead with the Honourable Kelvin Oraro to second.

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

Hon. Oraro (MCA, Kolwa Central): Madam Speaker, please allow me to second the proposal put forth by Honourable Oiko that we amend the report and include the issue that upon approval, this report is so important to Members; both elected and specially elected and upon discussion of Supplementary Budget, the issue of “*Bunge Mashinani*” be considered, Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, therefore a proposal on the amendment on the recommendations of the report by the Departmental Committee on Administration, Law, Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance and Security on the Proposal for the establishment of “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County. Therefore, I would like to propose a question and I will open this for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Samuel Dede.

Hon. Dede (MCA, Kisumu North): Thank you Madam Speaker. I rise to support the issue which has been brought on board by Honourable Oiko that before anything takes place or any activity takes place, there must be a budgetary allocation. Madam Speaker, the proposal that we want to pass this motion now and allocated for, I would like to say that let us go with the amendment by saying that we have introduced something in the Supplementary Budget under the Governance Department so that to facilitate the issue of “*Bunge Mashinani*”. Otherwise, I support, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano Wawidhi): Madam Speaker, I call upon the mover of the amendment to reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Oiko Pete.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Thank you Madam Speaker. When such matters come, at times it is taken for granted that implementation will just be done. Implementation cannot just be done without budgetary allocation. So, the House is in agreement that the County Executive looks into this matter. I am referring to the Assembly Executive Office look into this matter and provide adequate budgetary allocation for this important function of Kisumu County Assembly. This is because, Honourable members and staff will be going to the ground. Then there are a number of matters that will be looked into which will have financial implications. So, I thank the House for approving that. Madam Speaker, in Kisumu County, when “*Bunge Mashinani*”...

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Hon. Oiko Pete, have you replied?

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Yes Madam Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Are you still continuing with your reply or that is your debate?

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo Kanyagwal Ward): I have replied. I am now continuing with the debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Okay, please allow me close.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Okay.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, now that there has been a proposed amendment by Honourable Bennie Oiko Pete on the recommendations to the report by this House Committee on the Proposal for the Establishment of “*Bunge Mashinani*” initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly that, there be provided adequate budgetary allocation during the Supplementary Estimates towards this initiative; has been proposed, seconded and debated. I would like to put a question.

(Question put and agreed upon)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable members, therefore, the proposal by Hon. Bennie Pete Oiko on the Assembly to have a budgetary allocation for the “*Bunge Mashinani*” activities be included in the recommendations of the report has been adopted and therefore it forms part of the report.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Honourable Bennie Pete Oiko, you can continue with your debate.

Hon. Oiko (MCA, Kabonyo/Kanyagwal): Thank you Madam Speaker. When the debate flows that way, the House is very lively. Kisumu County will go on record to have established “*Bunge Mashinani*” and you know the County Executive had also established a “*Huduma Mashinani*” Initiative.

The two; when well put in practice, will sensitize and enlighten the people of Kisumu County and the matter of oversight as well as the role of both Assembly and the County Executive will be well articulated to the members of the public. We shall then be happy as the Third Assembly that has brought matters that make it easy for the members of the public to relate with the County Assembly and the County Executive on their own. It will then be Governance and Oversight and we shall be on record as a well-enlightened County Assembly and a well-enlightened County Executive, Madam Speaker. With those few remarks, I so contribute.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga, Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Zachary Okoyo, continue.

Hon. Okoyo (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you Madam Speaker. Foremost, let me appreciate this House Committee which has brought this matter forth and indeed I want to concur with my colleagues that it is timely and we need to adopt the report and pass it so that we can move to “*Bunge Mashinani*”.

Madam Speaker, is my belief that, almost everybody has contributed and they have confirmed to this Honourable House that members of the public would wish to see what we do and how we

perform our work in the Assembly. I also want to say that besides members of the public coming to witness what and how we perform our duty in the Assembly. It would also be very important to us when we will be discussing matters of the county government down at *Mashinani*.

Madam Speaker, this, like my colleague Benny Oiko Pete said, that this is a matter which came up maybe in the Second Assembly and it is coming up now. We would not want to see this matter failing as it happened in the last assembly. So, Madam Speaker, I would also ask my colleagues as well, Honourable members, to see the need of having this “*Bunge Mashinani*” and we pass the report. Thank you Madam Speaker. I support.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable Peter Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated Member): Thank you Madam Speaker. Let me also be in concurrence with the previous speakers on this issue before the House. Madam Speaker, I want to start by commending this House Committee for this well-thought idea.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, as you know, devolution still needs sensitization within our people or back in the villages to know more about devolution and through this, it is another way that members of the public are going to learn more about devolution. So, this is a well-thought-out idea and this also brings service delivery to the doorsteps of our electorates. So, I want to be in concurrence with fellow members in support of this motion before the House and I also support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Geoffrey Warindu.

Hon. Warindu (MCA, Miwani): Madam Speaker, going by the mood of the House, may I call the mover to reply?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker. Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank first and foremost this House Committee for having worked tirelessly to come up with this report.

Secondly, Madam Speaker, it is also my pleasure and privilege to appreciate members of this House who have contributed positively to the motion and with the hints and amendments therein, I want to believe that this House is in sync with the report and the motion beforehand. Madam Speaker, allow me now to reply to some few issues. Not so grave, but I'll start by mentioning Honourable Nyaoke.

Honourable Nyaoke, I know you said it on a light touch, but not Nyaoke's ward is not the largest. You will go to the records and you'll know that it might be probably number eleven. So, and then the prerogative of assigning, if the House approves the motion, the prerogative of assigning which wards or which sub-counties are to be attended will rely solely on the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board being the engine organizing the operations of the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, I also want to inform the House that “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative was first mooted in the year 2015, in the First Assembly, and it was not a matter of the House. It was a matter born from the County Assembly Service Board plus the County Executive. In those days, the leadership of the House was sitting squarely in the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board, where the Leader of Minority and the Leader of Majority were the representatives of the members in the Board.

So, they gave this idea, and one such occasion was held in Ahero, Multipurpose. Thereafter, it never saw the light of the day, and most likely there was no budgetary provision. So, there was a challenge in financing it, and I have gone through records on how the previous Assembly, that is the Second Assembly, got this idea. It was just the same as the first. It was never a matter which was born from the House. It was a proposal by the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board and the leadership, and indeed they tried. They attended two occasions, in Miwani and in East Seme Wards.

Thereafter, it collapsed, basically because of lack of budgetary allocation. Therefore, Madam Speaker, today as members have debated, it is worth noting that members of the public generally, a good percentage of members of the public, do not access our social media platforms. Moreso, some of us who come from the rural areas. Those who stay in the rural areas do not follow the proceedings of the House. So, they are just trying to imagine, how does this member represent me? How does it oversight? How does it legislate on my behalf? And therefore, they lose track in the process, Madam Speaker, by not actually knowing the role of members of the Assembly.

Madam Speaker, what is known outside there is that members of the Assembly decide what kind of projects to be done in the ward, when they are to be done, when they are to be completed and how they are financed. It is a bad end, Madam Speaker, when there is a problem of a road in the ward. You can struggle to explain to the public that I put it in the budget; it is now the County Executive to do a part. They cannot listen to that because what they know, it is about this House, members of this House, who executes the development projects. They identify, they procure, they oversight on the ground, and then finally they pay the contractors upon completion. And therefore, the outcry there, when there is a failure in terms of service delivery, it is not a failure of the Governor. Nobody will ever shout of the Governor to have failed of doing something. But the problem is on the members of this House.

Madam Speaker, in the past two years, the County Executive came up with this idea of “*Huduma Mashinani*”. This “*Huduma Mashinani*” has been largely very successful, and they explain their role, but then they leave it at the boundary. They do not say that if a road is not done, it is them. They say the road, if it is not done, talk to your representative. If it is properly done, talk to your representative. So, the buck stops with the representative at that “*Huduma Mashinani*” initiative. So, at the end of it, they come out more angered by our lack of performance.

So, Madam Speaker, if members can get an opportunity to go out there, interact with the public, and actually explain the following;

- i. What it is meant in law by the word representation?
- ii. How do we represent them?
- iii. How do we legislate the laws of the county?
- iv. How do we oversight?
- v. What limit do you have in oversighting?
- vi. What is our role in project execution?

Madam Speaker, it is my considered opinion that, such a platform is very necessary to disabuse the notion of the members having all the powers to failing to do or doing projects on the ground.

Madam Speaker, another thing which is worth noting is that whenever a good initiative is brought forth by any member of this House and approved by the House, but there is lack of finances, then however good it is, Madam Speaker, such a programme cannot see the light of the day.

Therefore, I want to commend my brother, Honourable Oiko Pete, to have noticed that whether it is that good, but there is no budgetary allocation for it, then, it will be like just the past years. It will not take off. Therefore, I also emphasize that if the House so approves the motion, then the Kisumu County Assembly Service Board must ensure that as they prepare the Supplementary Budget, which they are working on now, then they take a portion of the finances based on how they determine how many sittings will occur in a financial year. Then they must give a vote line for this “*Bunge Mashinani*”. With that, Madam Speaker, then we will be actively involved in this kind of activity.

Finally, Madam Speaker, normally once the report has been passed, I know you'll direct it to a relevant department of the Assembly, but then it will be upon that relevant department, be it Kisumu County Assembly Service Board, to ensure or determine how many sittings shall we be having in a financial year. And I believe that we will be guiding on the allocation in the budget book.

Otherwise, I thank members so much, and I pray that unanimously as we debated, we approve the motion, and then we pray that it be implemented forthwith. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I reply.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, the report by the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance, and Security regarding the Proposal for the Establishment of the “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly has now been presented, duly seconded, and debated. In accordance with our Standing Orders, I now wish to put the Question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, , the report by the Departmental Committee on Administration of Law, Justice, Constitutional Affairs, Good Governance, and Security regarding the Proposal for the Establishment of the “*Bunge Mashinani*” Initiative for the Kisumu County Assembly, has today, Wednesday, 17th September 2025, at 1546 hours, been duly adopted.

Accordingly, I direct that this report, together with the Hansard record, be submitted to the relevant department for purposes of implementation. I further instruct the Select Committee on Implementation to report back to this House on the progress within 90 days.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Next, Order!!

MOTION

THAT THIS HONOURABLE HOUSE DO NOW ADJOURN IT’S SITTING UNTIL
TUESDAY, 23RD OF SEPTEMBER, 2025, AT 2.30 P.M.,

BY

HON. KEN OOKO, MCA, AHERO

[LEADER OF MAJORITY]

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

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, I have a communication from the Leader of Majority, Honourable Ken. Ooko, who is away on official duty. He has therefore designated Honourable Tom Nyaoke to move the motion on his behalf.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Madam Speaker. On behalf of the Majority Leader, I wish to move a motion on Adjournment for Matters of County Importance.

AWARE THAT, the Minister of Interior and National Administration, being responsible for maintaining internal security, overseeing national registration services, managing immigration policies, and coordinating national government functions, further aware that in execution of its mandate, the Minister has invited, initiated a program of citizen engagement through Town Hall Meetings across all 47 counties, with the objective of enhancing public participation, assessing the security situation on the ground, and building synergies with the devolved institutions.

COGNIZANT THAT, the Ministry has scheduled a Town Hall Meeting in Kisumu County on Thursday, 18th, and Friday, 19th, September 2025, to be presided over by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Honourable Kipchumba Murkomen EGH, during the said meeting, the Cabinet Secretary will meet with county leadership, Members of parliament, Members of the County Assembly, and security agencies to deliberate on security matters as well as the government's bottom-up economic transformational agenda better.

NOTING THAT, the Cabinet Secretary has formally extended an invitation to the Governor, Members of Parliament, and Members of the County Assembly, to participate in this engagement forum, which is urgent county importance, given the prevailing security concerns in the region.

PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order No. 28, that is dealing with hours of meeting, and the assembly sits on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 30, that is dealing with Adjournment of the County Assembly, a member may move a motion for adjournment at any time for stated reasons.

Further AWARE THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No. 36, that is Motions Which May Be Moved Without Notice, a motion for the adjournment of the County Assembly may be moved without notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I pray that this Honourable House adjourns pursuant to Standing Order No. 25, that is regular sessions of the County Assembly, Standing Order No. 28, Hours of Meeting, Standing Order No. 30, Adjournment of the County Assembly, and 36 Motions Without Notice, resolves to adjourn its plenary sittings to Tuesday, 23rd September 2025, in order to allow Honourable members to participate fully in the scheduled town hall meeting convened by the Ministry of Interior and National Administration.

Madam Speaker, I wish to call upon Honourable Ochele to second the motion.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Yes, Honourable Moses Ochele.

Hon. Ochele (MCA, East Kano/Wawidhi): Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to second the motion, as moved on behalf of the Leader of Majority by Honourable Nyaoke, that this House adjourns to Tuesday next week in light of the matters that have just arisen—matters of grave national importance.

Madam Speaker, the issues compelling the Cabinet Secretary for Interior to move across the country are well known to Members of this Assembly—rampant insecurity in many areas. As you are aware, the Departmental Committee on Security in this House has been proactive in addressing this concern. We have already held public forums, one at Nyalenda “B” Ward and another covering the entire Kisumu Central Sub-County at Mama Grace Onyango Social Hall. Similar engagements are planned in the remaining sub-counties, and a comprehensive report will soon be tabled before this House.

Madam Speaker, insecurity in this nation is deeply worrying. For us in Kisumu County, we cannot sit back and watch our county deteriorate. If the national leadership has chosen to engage citizens and leaders on this issue, then it is indeed a commendable and timely move. As members of this Assembly, we too must be present to engage the Cabinet Secretary directly on areas where we believe the national government is failing us.

When we visited Honourable Were’s Ward, it became evident that some of the lapses lie within the very national security agencies stationed in our villages, who in some cases encourage negative practices within our communities. Opening up dialogue with the Cabinet Secretary will provide an opportunity to address such shortcomings and, hopefully, improve service delivery. With those remarks, Madam Speaker, I beg to second.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, and now that the motion on adjournment for a matter of County Importance has been moved and seconded, I therefore propose a question as per Standing Orders, and I propose that this motion is now open for debate.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable Peter Obaso.

Hon. Obaso (Nominated MCA): Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I call the mover to reply?

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable Nyaoke.

Hon. Nyaoke (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you Madam Speaker, and thank you, Honourable Obaso, for accurately capturing the mood of the House. Madam Speaker, I wish to make a humble request to my fellow Members to kindly avail themselves for tomorrow's important session, where we shall deliberate on the security situation of our county. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I reply.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, the motion on Adjournment for a Matter of County Importance has been presented, seconded, and debated, I therefore want to put a question on the adoption of the same.

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Oginga Nominated Member): Honourable members, with reference to our Standing order No. 31; this House therefore stands adjourned until Tuesday, the 23rd of September, 2025 at 02.30 p.m.

(House rose at 3.57 p.m.)

Addendum

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