

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU**



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**House met in the Main Chamber at 09:00 a.m.**

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

**PRAYER**

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, in line with the provisions of Orders No. 32 (2) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I will direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for the first five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for the first five minutes)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, in reference to the same Standing Orders, I again direct the Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for further five minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung for further five minutes)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, I can see Honourable Were occupying the seat of the Leader of Majority. Please confirm if we have quorum.

**Hon. Were** (Mca, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker, we have quorum.

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

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

**PAPER LAID****THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
KISUMU COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025**

BY

HONOURABLE JAMES WERE

*(Hon. Were lays the report on behalf of Hon. Ken Ouko)***The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Were.

**Hon. Were** (Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the the provisions of Orders No. 182 (6) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to table today Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026, a report of the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts on the Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Reports and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the Financial Year 2024-2025. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

*(Hon. Were lays the report before the House for consideration)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, a report of the Select Committee on Public Investments and Accounts on the Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Reports and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the Financial Year 2024-2025. Is properly laid before the House and I direct that the House Business Committee to consider scheduling it for debate.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Next order!!**NOTICES OF MOTION****THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
KISUMU COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-2025**

BY

HONOURABLE JAMES WERE, MCA, NYALENDA “B”

*(Hon. Were gives Notice of Motion of the report on behalf of Hon. Ken Ouko)***The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to give a Notice of Motion that, pursuant to the provisions of Orders No. 45 (1) of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, that this County Assembly adopts the report of the Select committee on Public Investments and Accounts (PIC/PAC) on the Examination of the Reports of the Auditor General

on the Reports and Financial Statements of Kisumu County Executive for the Financial Year 2024-2025. Thank you.

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

## MOTION

PRIVATIZATION OF MOHORONI, CHEMELIL AND MIWANI SUGAR COMPANIES

BY

HONOURABLE EUNICE ALANDOH

CHAIRPERSON, JOINT COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, LIVESTOCK  
DEVELOPMENT AND IRRIGATION AND FINANCE AND ICT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable Alandoh.

**Hon. Alandoh** (Nominated): I rise to table a Motion on the Progress Report on a matter that was sought on the floor by Honourable Moses Ochele regarding the Privatization of Muhoroni, Chemelil and Miwani Sugar Companies.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, Pursuant to Standing Order no. 41 (2), Hon. Moses Ochele during the assembly sitting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2025, sought for a statement regarding the recent privatization of Chemelil, Miwani and Muhoroni Sugar Companies (see annex 1).

The statement was accordingly committed to the Sectoral Committees on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation & Finance and ICT pursuant to their mandate as enshrined in County Assembly S.O No. 193 (5) to investigate, probe, inquire and report back the Findings and Recommendations to the House.

The Joint Committee undertook investigations, received submissions from the Kisumu County Department of Agriculture and now presents this progress report for consideration by the House.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the Committee is grateful to the office of the Speaker and Clerk for providing both logistical and technical support throughout this process. I equally wish to express my appreciation to the Members of the Committee for their valuable contributions and the Committee Secretariat for their meticulous coordination, production and preparation of this report.

Preface

Establishment of the Committee

The Departmental Committees on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation & Finance and ICT is established under County Assembly Standing Order No. 193 and is required to;

- i. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operation and estimates of the assigned departments;
- ii. Study the Program and policy objectives of departments and policy objectives of departments and the effectiveness of the implementation;
- iii. Study and review all the County legislation referred to it;
- iv. Study, access and analyze the relative success of the departments as measures by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
- v. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the assigned departments as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the County Assembly;
- vi. To vet and report all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order No. 187 (Committee on Appointments).
- vii. Make reports and recommendations to the County Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

#### Mandate of the Committee

In accordance with the second schedule of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders;

The Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Committee is mandated to consider,

All matters relating to agriculture, including crop and animal husbandry, livestock sale yards, County abattoirs, plant and animal disease control, veterinary services (excluding regulation of the profession) and fisheries; animal control and welfare, including licensing of dogs and facilities for their accommodation, care and burial of animals.

In executing its mandate, the Committee oversees the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Blue Economy.

The Finance and ICT is mandated to consider,

*All matters relating to Finance, Financial Statements, all matters of Tax Estimates, monitor the spread and enhanced use of ICT in the County Government to Increase transparency and accountability.*

#### Composition Of The Two Committees

##### Agriculture Committee Membership

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The Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development & Irrigation is composed of the following Members:

1. Hon. Eunice Alando - Chairperson
2. Hon. Bill Oliver - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Samuel Dede - Member
4. Hon. Pamela Oyoo - Member
5. Hon. Vincent Jagongo - Member
6. Hon. Maurice Ngeta - Member
7. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
8. Hon. Tom Onditi - Member
9. Jennifer Obonyo - Member

#### Committee Secretariat

The Committee is facilitated by the following secretariat:

1. Omollo Isaac - Committee Clerk
2. Zablun Otiende - Assistant Director, Hansard Services
3. Kennedy Okise - Sergeant-at-Arms

#### Finance Committee Membership

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, the sectoral committee on Finance and ICT is composed of the following members and Secretariat;

#### Committee Members

1. Hon. Carren Odhiambo - Chairperson
2. Hon. Lumumba Owade - Vice-chairperson
3. Hon. Joachim Oketch - Member
4. Hon. Mildred Ajumbo - Member
5. Hon. Benson Adega - Member
6. Hon. Gard Olima - Member
7. Hon. George Abaja - Member
8. Pete Oiko - Member
9. Ratib Boitone - Member

#### Committee Secretariat

1. Edwin Omollo - Committee Clerk
2. Kephass Onoka - Fiscal Analyst
3. Mollen Achayo - Fiscal Analyst
4. Zablun Otiende - Assistant Director, Hansard Services

- 5. Abraham Odegi - Sergeant-at-Arm
- 6. Calvins Odhiambo - Secretariat

### CONCERNS SOUGHT IN THE STATEMENT

- 1 What were the views, memoranda, or feedback from the residents, stakeholders, and other interested parties during the public participation exercise, and how were these incorporated into the final decision?
- 2 Plans on revival of the sugar sector including the nuclear land under ownership of the privatization companies
- 3 Whether there is any plan for collaboration with the county assembly of Kisumu for successful implementation of the new lease arrangement
- 4 Any measures being taken to safeguard the rights, welfare, and economic interest of the workers including pension if any the local community following the privatization.
- 5 History of workforce uptake in the transition period.

### Methodology

In conducting the inquiry, the Committee:

- a) Requested written responses from the Kisumu County Department of Agriculture;
- b) Reviewed national policy documents on sugar sector reforms;
- c) Analyzed stakeholder memoranda submitted during public participation;
- d) Examined socio-economic implications of privatization within Kisumu County.

### Background

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the sugar industry remains a critical economic pillar within Kisumu County, supporting thousands of farmers, factory workers, transporters, traders, and small-scale enterprises.

The National Government initiated reforms aimed at revitalizing the sugar sector through privatization of state-owned sugar factories, including:

Chemelil Sugar Company; Miwani Sugar Company; and Muhoroni Sugar Company.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable members, the privatization process generated significant concerns among farmers, employees, and host communities, prompting the request for a Statement to clarify the implications of the exercise on residents and the county economy.

The matter was therefore referred to the Joint Committee to investigate and report on issues raised.

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**FORWARDING CONCERNS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES**

Following committal of the Statement, the Joint Committee resolved that the Clerk of the Assembly communicates the concerns to the relevant County Executive Departments.

Accordingly, letters were issued as follows:

- a) Ref: CAK/ALFC/SEC/VOL04/9/25 dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 which forwarded concerns to the Department of Agriculture (See Annex II); and
- b) Ref: CAK/FICT/SEC/VOL04/9/25 dated 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 which forwarded concerns to the Department of Finance (Annex III).

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance responded, indicating that the matter squarely fell under the mandate of the Department of Agriculture (Annex IV).

Due to delayed responses from the Department of Agriculture, the Committee issued follow-up reminders referenced:

- a) CAK/FECP & ICT/SEC/VOL24/9/25 dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 (See Annex V); and
- b) CAK/FECP & ICT/SEC/VOL02/10/25 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2025 (See Annex VI).

Subsequently, the Department submitted a written response vide letter Ref: CEC/FS-KSM/ADM.I/CG/VOL.III/016 dated 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 and was received on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 (Annex VII). The Committee noted that the submission was largely shallow and non-comprehensive.

#### Committee Observations and Findings

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, upon analysis of the responses received concerning the privatization of Muhoroni, Chemelil, and Miwani Sugar Companies, the Committee made the following observations:

S/n	Primary Concern	Response by the Department	Committee Observations	Action
1	What were the views, memoranda, or feedback from the residents, stakeholders, and other interested parties during the public participation exercise, and how were these incorporated into the final	The management provided no report or justification on this issue	Response is inadequate	The Joint Committee to hold a consultative meeting the CECM,

	decision?			Agriculture
2	Plans on revival of the sugar sector including the nuclear land under ownership of the privatization companies	Nuclear land would be leased to the privatization Companies with ownership still retained the Government thus appealing political and community concerns	Response is inadequate	offer sufficient responses
3	Whether there is any plan for collaboration with the county assembly of Kisumu for successful implementation of the new lease arrangement	No response was provided	No response	
4	Any measures being taken to safeguard the rights, welfare, and economic interest of the workers including pension if any the local community following the privatization	That in order to facilitate a transparent and accountable transfer of assets, liabilities and workforce components A leasing Transition Committee was formed	Shallow response Response not supported with relevant details i.e., data of all implicated workforce was not provided, arrears, and repayment plans	
5	History of workforce uptake in the transition period	No response was provided	Inadequately response	

### General Findings

The Committee further observed that:

- a) Responses submitted by the Department were incomplete and lacked supporting documentation;
- b) Critical data relating to workforce transition, liabilities, and socio-economic safeguards was not provided;
- c) Public participation outcomes were not demonstrated or documented;
- d) The absence of adequate information hindered the Committee from finalizing its inquiry.

### Request For Extension Of Time

The Joint Committee therefore requests this Honourable House to grant an extension period of two (2) weeks to enable the Committee to:

- a) Conduct a consultative engagement with the CECM for Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation; and
- b) Finalize investigations and submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly.

### Conclusion

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, I therefore move that this House adopts this Progress Report and grants the Committee the requested extension of time. May I therefore call upon Hon. Caren Ajwang to second this motion?

**Hon. Caren Ajwang'** (MCA, Kaloleni/Shaurimoyo): Thank you Honourable Speaker for the opportunity. I rise to second a report which was committed to the Joint Departmental Committees on Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation and Finance and ICT.

Mr. Speaker, this matter was sought in this Honourable House by Honourable Moses Ochele, MCA for East Kano Wawidhi, the words regarding the privatization of Chamelil, Miwani and Muhoroni Sugar Companies. Honourable Speaker, Honourable members, the member had primary concerns and they were four. As a committee, we found that these concerns were not responded to by the department.

For example, we found out that the member wanted to know what were the views, memoranda or feedback from the residents, stakeholders and other interested parties during the public participation exercise and how were these incorporated into the final decision. If you check the response which was given by the department, it was inadequate. As a House Committee, we advised the department, the Joint Committee to hold a consultative meeting with the CEC Member for Agriculture to offer sufficient response.

And again, we found concern number two, there was also inadequately responded to. Only concern number four, which the department tried to respond but it was shallow. So, Honourable Speaker and Honourable members, it is in order for this Joint Committee, therefore to request this Honourable House to grant an extension period of two weeks to enable this Joint Committee to conduct a consultative engagement with the CEC Member for Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and Irrigation. Finally, to conclude the investigation and submit a comprehensive report to this House. I second.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the motion on the Adoption of the Report of the Joint Departmental Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock Development and

Irrigation and Finance and ICT on the Privatization of Muhoroni, Chemelil and Miwani Sugar Companies have been moved, seconded. I want now to propose a question and I propose that the motion is open for debate.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Mildred Ajumbo.

**Hon. Ajumbo** (MCA, Central Seme): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have listened to the progress report of this Joint House Committees on Agriculture and Finance regarding the Privatization of Chemelil, Miwani and Muhoroni Sugar Companies. Mr. Speaker, this House Committee is requesting for an extension of two weeks. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I am not going to support that. This House Committee was given a chance to meet with the Department of Agriculture and when you look at the concern of the member of the Assembly, Honourable Ochele, the member had five concerns in his statement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, when you look at the adoption schedule, I am a member of this Joint House Committee. I did not sign because I did not agree with the extension of that progress report. You look at some of the views that were of primary concern regarding the feedback from the residents and the response from the management is inadequate. All the concerns that were raised here, this House Committee says the response is inadequate, no response.

Mr. Speaker, even if you give this House Committee another additional two weeks, Mr. Speaker, there will be no response. So, I stand to reject the extension of this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Dede.

**Hon. Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity. I am Member of this Joint House Committee who undertook the report, Mr. Speaker, as per the norm of the committees; the County Executive Committee Member for Agriculture did not respond to all the matters that were forwarded to the department. The Chief Officer, the County Executive Committee Member, Agriculture, brought for us some of the excuses.

First, we talk of the public participation conducted, and if you talk of public participation conducted, there is no list for justification, Mr. Speaker, to justify that such and such a person sat for the public participation and the views of the manager were taken, Mr. Speaker.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, concerning the workforce which was to be organised, Mr. Speaker, if I am not mistaken, there was no list of transition that was provided, because the workforce was to be absorbed. No list of transition workforce which was provided, Mr. Speaker, and we don't know the effect. And if somebody informs you that there is no period provided for the transition, Mr. Speaker, the department fails.

Mr. Speaker, as a House Committee, I am a member and I distance myself from this House Committee, being that I didn't append my signature in the report, Mr. Speaker, because what was brought in the committee was not satisfactory, even if we were provided with more time, and the time we were given, we would have, at the committee level, this House Committee would have re-invited the County Executive Committee Member, for Agriculture to shed more light. And while I did state that, there was no clear justification on that, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, with this report, I distance myself from this report, being that I am a member of this House Committee, but I can't append my signature on what is not clear, Mr. Speaker. With that, I stand to reject this report, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

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

**Hon. Nyaoke** (MCA, North Nyakach): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to contribute a little bit on this progress report that has been brought by the two Joint House Committees. Mr. Speaker, I want to look at this thing differently, a little bit from my colleagues who have just spoken. And, Mr. Speaker, the reason is, Honourable Ochele brought here a statement with a very important motive, Mr. Speaker.

During that time that we were informed of the forthcoming privatization of these companies, not all of us were aware of the ongoing, Mr. Speaker. And I believe that this is the fact that prompted Honourable Ochele to come to this House with this statement.

Mr. Speaker, this Joint House Committees brought a spectrum of whatever they were supposed to look into, which was to investigate, probe, inquire, and report back the findings and recommendations to the House. Mr. Speaker, if you look at, again, the observations, all the way from number 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the possibility, in fact, what they are reporting here is a true testament that they didn't accomplish the mission that they were supposed to do, Mr. Speaker.

As to whether the two weeks they are looking for will be sufficient or not sufficient, Mr. Speaker, we can only give them the benefit of doubt. But ideally, if we shut down this progress report, Mr. Speaker, it means we shall not have achieved, and in fact the responses that were demanded from this particular statement, Mr. Speaker, will not have been realized. Mr. Speaker, it is important to know that privatization of these companies has affected so many individuals in this country, Mr. Speaker and we should also remember that agriculture now is being handled by county governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is only good and important to know that our people, who are involved in sugarcane farming, have to get the right explanation and they have the right to understand what is going on. Mr. Speaker, I therefore look at it that the two weeks which have been sought by the two Joint House Committees, Mr. Speaker, let us accord them the benefit of doubt and let them have the meetings that they intend to have, finish it. In fact, after two weeks, two weeks is just a short time, my fellow colleagues.

We give them that benefit of doubt. They come back here with that report because we are also waiting to know exactly what is going on in that particular sector, Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks, I beg and implore upon my fellow colleagues that we support this progress report so that we come up with a conclusive report regarding the same thing. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okoyo.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is a very sad morning, Mr. Speaker, when I hear House Committees from the same members of the same House Committees who are discussing a matter which was brought to this Assembly and which is very important to our county. Mr. Speaker, agriculture being the backbone and one of the functions which was devolved. We need to be very serious with what we need to bring to the House.

Mr. Speaker, this is going to be like a case of throwing a baby with the bath water. This is because, I wonder if we are going to throw away this matter or not allowing the two Joint House Committees, two weeks which they have requested, to bring to us the report conclusively, then I believe the matter will have died the natural death. I am supporting my colleague, Honourable Nyaoke, for allowing the two Joint House Committees a further two weeks so that they can bring to this House the report which we will certainly look into and decide on what to do with the report. But if we want to reject the report at this stage, then I believe that we are going to do a disservice to the Honourable member who brought this statement to the House.

Mr. Speaker, I am also a bit surprised to hear the two of my colleagues who are the members of this Joint House Committees. What they were supposed to discuss in the House Committees, is being brought into this House. For us to hear the differences they have either with the Chairpersons or between themselves, Mr. Speaker. This is so surprising. And Mr. Speaker, I would ask you and ask my fellow Members just to allow the two...

*(Hon. Dede rises on a Point of Order)*

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

**Hon. Dede** (MCA, North Kisumu): Mr. Speaker, I am rising while citing the provisions of Standing Order No. 89 on the Statement of fact, Mr. Speaker, the member should clarify if the member was in the meeting and I didn't raise my concern in the meeting because my views have not been captured on what we discussed. The recommendation which I placed there has not been captured. Can you now clarify that I didn't raise my concern in the meeting and the member wasn't in the meeting, Mr. Speaker?

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Okoyo, please respond to that.

**Hon. Okoyo** (MCA, Central Kisumu): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Maybe the Honourable member does not know that we even have the liberty to know what was discussed in that House

committee. If the member thinks we cannot go through the minutes which were done in the same House Committees which I believe the member attended or he must have not attended those committees meetings then, we will be wasting time of this Honourable House because that is something which they should have done in their respective House Committees. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable Seth Okumu.

**Hon. Okumu** (MCA, East Seme): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Allow me to join Honourable Mildred Ajumbo to oppose the extension of time for this report. Honourable Speaker, as mentioned by the Chairperson of this Joint House Committee that, this report was given to them on 03rd of September, 2025. If I was to count the number of days or the number of months I will start with 3rd to October, one month October to November, two months November to December, three months December to March, 2025 which is precisely six months. We are in 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 Honourable Speaker, six months if they could not get these answers in almost six months how sure are we that they can do it in two weeks?

Honourable Speaker, my good brother the Honourable member for Central Kisumu thought that by members of this Joint Committee disagreeing with the report of the Chairperson means that they have personal differences. Mr. Speaker, that would be really misleading and coercing members just to agree with the report on the basis that the Chairperson has brought it before the House. All members of this House Committee have a right to speak in the floor of this House and give their submissions on what they think about any report whether they agree with it or not.

Even after agreeing with it at the Committee level it's only a fool who doesn't change his mind. They would still come to the floor of the House having done a little bit more investigation and disagree with the report that they signed but give us explanation so that we don't just pass reports for the sake of passing reports that are beneficial to our people.

Mr. Speaker, this trend we should cease and we can only cease it by pushing Committee members to give their reports within the stipulated time. I want to remind members that on the day this report was being given to this House Committee I know that they were given only 21 days that is 3 weeks. But we are going to 6 months that is close to over 120 days. That is 100 days more than the time frame that they were given. However, in their wisdom they are saying that if we give them an additional 14 days they will now bring a very conclusive report. How will they change the fact that the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) did not provide a response?

How is that going to change in the next 2 weeks? Are they going to cane the CEC member to provide the report? Are they going to arrest the CEC member to provide the report? They have not informed us the measures they have put in place so that we get convinced that if we give them 2 weeks they sure are going to get the response so that they find a very conclusive

report. Honourable Speaker, Honourable Okoyo is trying to interfere with my microphone. I want to humbly request that the Honourable Okoyo must declare interest in this report.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I know. I know members are used to saying “ayes”. They have never known how to say “Noes”. But today is the day that members are going to practice saying “nay”. And this “nay” is going to send signals to other House Committee who delay with their reports. Whether it's the Departmental Committee on Education, on Labour, on Sports, whether it's the Committee on Water, they must know that there is a cost of delaying with their report. Especially when it's not justified. When there are no proper reasons. I remember it is even saddest that as we bring this report almost all members from sugarcane growing zones including the person who brought the statement is not there. And we want to extend the time. It means the person who just brought it and then I don't know, the member doesn't even have interest in it. Why must we waste time if the owner of the statement doesn't have such interest?

Why must we give another two weeks? Finance Department has so many, so many annual statements, financial statements that they need to discuss. Why must we commit them again into discussing this for another two weeks? The Agriculture Department. I know I was with them when we were discussing the County Fiscal Strategy Paper. And I listened to a lot of their stories.

And even during that time they touched a little bit on what we are discussing today. I don't foresee any answers coming even if we give them two weeks. Chairperson, I reject the extension of time. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Yes, Honourable James Were.

**Hon. Were** (MCA, Nyalenda “B”): Thank you Mr. Speaker. May I also join the queue in rejecting the report? Mr. Speaker, foremost, there is no sufficient justification on the request on extension of time. Mr. Speaker, why am I saying this?

Mr. Speaker, this House Committee has failed, the Joint House Committee has failed to provide valid reasons for not completing their report and their work within the scheduled period of time. Mr. Speaker, there must be a compelling evidence. Evidences, correspondences showing that they requested for the evidences that were never supplied or provided.

Mr. Speaker, we must not be going by the weak reasons such as ongoing consultations. How does this Assembly know that there is an ongoing consultation regarding the same? Mr. Speaker, another reason why I am rejecting this report is the inefficiency and poor time management. Mr. Speaker, it is nearly six months. There is no sufficient proof that if we extend and give them another two weeks they will be able to complete their work within the requested timeline. Mr. Speaker, there has been a long period of inactivity. Having spent six months without conclusive report, without tangible report, that is going to give us a solution on the matter before the House.

Mr. Speaker, there is a public interest and there is agency in this matter which requires this Joint House Committee to have done their work within the stipulated period of time. Mr. Speaker, privatization of sugar factories is a sensitive economic issue affecting our farmers, affecting our workers, affecting local community within the Kisumu County and by extension even other counties like Kakamega, Busia. And it requires that when such a matter is raised by a concerned citizen it must be tackled, a solution must be provided within the stipulated time. So, Mr. Speaker, I therefore also join the queue of rejecting this report. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Hon. Matara** (Nominated): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, may I call the mover to reply?

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

**Hon. Alandoh** (Nominated Member): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Foremost, I want to thank members who have contributed to this report and also to say that I'm so disappointed with the members of this Joint House Committee who've come to reject the report in the House and all along we've been having these meetings they've never attended even once. And again, now coming here to reject a report where they were supposed to discuss at the committee meeting and they didn't have time to attend those meetings.

Two, I want to remind the members who are blaming the two Joint House Committees. Remember when the statement was sort and committed to this Joint House Committees we had to do a letter to the department to give us a response. And if you were keen when I was reading the report I even quoted the dates when we wrote to the department and they never responded immediately. Again, we did a follow-up.

The first letters that were communicated to the two departments, those letters were done on the 4th of September 2025 for both the departments that is Agriculture and Finance. Because of the delay to respond we did a reminder on 24th September to follow up the letter that we sent to them. Still there was no response.

We did another letter on 02nd of October, 2025. They gave us a report after two weeks and the response that they gave us is what we felt it was not adequate report that we wanted. So, it forced us to do another letter and to date they've not responded.

Mr. Speaker, now when this House Committee noticed that the time was moving very fast that is the reason as to why we've decided to bring this progressive report so that the House may add us more time and then we sit down with the two departments and then we look into this concerns that was raised by Honourable Ochele so that we bring a comprehensive report concerning the statement that was raised.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members who supported this because maybe some members were just talking thinking that this was a making of this House Committee but remember we

need to get a proper communication or a proper report from the County Executive which they failed to do so. Now by rejecting this report it is like you are supporting the inadequate report that we have presented that was furnished to us by the County Executive to see into it that it is this House Committee that failed and the County Executive has carried the day.

Mr. Speaker, it is my belief that we did our best as required by the law and Standing Orders and that is why we are requesting for additional time to go and sit down with the CECM of Agriculture to give us a full report so that we bring it back to this House Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker a member just said that people are used to saying “Ayes” but today is when they are going to learn on how to say “Nays”. I want to remind that member that, this was your idea and it's not for all of us and it's like you are campaigning for your “nays” and you might be surprised. At times you can dig a ditch and you end up falling on that ditch.

With those few remarks Mr. Speaker I reply and say thank you and thank you to the members who supported this motion as we go and sit down a miracle is going to happen. Thank you.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members the motion adoption of the report Progress Report of the Joint House Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries Livestock Development and Irrigation and that of Finance and ICT on the privatization of Muhoroni, Chemelil and Miwani Sugar Companies have been moved, seconded and debated. I want to put a question however before I put a question I want to remind members what the Standing Order provides if you are in a House Committee and you feel that you are having a contrary opinion which cannot be captured in that report, the Standing Order provides that you give a Dissenting Opinion Report and that report should be given the alternative of what you need to be done it is expressly provided for in the Standing Order. I want to request members of this Joint Committees that any time you raise an objection and the committee is not willing to capture it, the Standing Order provides that you give a dissenting report I want to proceed to put a question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, the Adoption of motion on the Report of the Joint House Committee of Agriculture, Fisheries Livestock Development and Irrigation and that of Finance and ICT on the Privatization of Muhoroni, Chemelil and Miwani Sugar Companies have been adopted today Wednesday the 18th March 2026 at 10.05 a.m.

Honourable members, I direct that that request for extension shall be strictly two weeks as has been requested.

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**The Speaker** (Hon. Oraro): Honourable members, please be up standing. There being no any other business to transact in the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned until today Wednesday the 18th of March 2026 at 2.30 pm

*(House rose at 10:10 a.m.)*

*Addendum*

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