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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

#### PRAYER

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

#### THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION PANEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 58 (A) OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACT 2012

Honourable members, I rise to make a communication regarding the matter of the nomination of persons to the panel of recruitment of the members of the County Public Service Board as forwarded to this House by His Excellency the Governor via letter CG/BGM/GVN/CA. Vol. 1(30) of 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 quoting section 31 of the County Government Act, Section 44 (1) and (2) of the County Governments Act and section 56 of the County Governments Act.

As you recall Honourable members, a notice of motion on this matter was issued and scheduled for debate during our sitting on Wednesday at 9:30a.m and was subsequently moved to 2:30p.m sitting of the same day yesterday. However, the debate was adjourned under Standing Order 44 to allow for further consultations.

Honourable members, upon receiving the letter and the list of nominees, it became clear that the 6 individuals had been proposed to constitute a Selection Panel. This unfortunately does not conform to the Law specifically section 58(a) of the County Governments Act 2012 revised in 2020.

Allow me to remind the House of what the law says

*58(a) (2) That the Selection Panel should be made up of the 5 members namely; a chairperson not being a public officer, one person from private sector, an advocate of the high court of Kenya who is a member of the Law society of Kenya, an Accountant who is a member of ICPAK and one person from an association representing workers.*

Not only was the number exceeded but the composition did not demonstrate a clear compliance to the specific qualifications and affiliations required under the law. Following these concerns, the matter was placed before the House Business Committee this morning in its sitting at 9:30 a.m. and the committee resolved as follows;

1. That the motion of the nomination of the members to the panel be and is hereby dropped, it shall not be listed in today's Order Paper as agreed on.
2. That the Clerk of the County Assembly shall formally communicate to His Excellency the Governor informing him of the legal inconsistencies and requesting a fresh submission that fully complies with the law
3. That all proceeding relating to this motion be expunged from the record of the House.

In light of this, I now officially communicate that the motion is dropped and this County Assembly will not entertain any further debate on the decision on this matter unless/until a revised list properly constituted as per the law is brought before us.

Let me also offer some firm but respectful guidance, it is important to note that when handling such sensitive matters especially appointments and approvals, we must be guided by the law not emotions, assumptions and political persuasion. I urge each one of us to take his/her time to read and understand the relevant legal provisions; we are all law makers and with that comes the duty to speak from the position of information and legality.

Statements made in this House must be grounded in fact and study. When we mislead the House intentionally or unintentionally or contribute to a debate without proper reference to the law, we risk not only breaching the law of our rules and procedure, but also bringing the dignity of this House into question. Let us lead with knowledge, integrity and respect for the rule of law. That is how we will continue to preserve the honor and trust placed in this County Assembly.

Next item,

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

### STATEMENT IN RESPECT TO THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS OF VARIOUS OFFICERS AT MABANGA ATC

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, the statement is by Hon. Sudi Busolo and I was told Hon. Ipara is stepping in for him.

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**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you Hon. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Sudi, I have question number 22 of 2025 where the member is seeking for the following;

The statement is in respect to the recruitment process to various officers in the department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative development, in the statement, let the chairperson inquire into and report on the following;

1. Provide the exact number of casual workers that were put on one year contract
2. How many were the former casuals from Mabanga ATC
3. How many were deployed to Mabanga ATC
4. Provide a report indicating the name, age, Ward of origin, professional qualification, year of graduation and salaries of the contracted staff
5. Provide the intent to employ by the department
6. Provide a report on the recruitment process indicating how many positions were advertised, number of applicants shortlisted and how they performed in the interviews
7. Indicate the date, place and the venue where the interviews took place.

Honourable Speaker, those are the 7 issues the Hon. Member wants to know.

**Mr. Speaker:** Chair Agriculture you are present, you are given three weeks from now so when we resume on 28<sup>th</sup> of August you need to give us feedback...hold on, I am addressing the Chair of Agriculture, let me hear him then he will inform us accordingly. On 28th August we will be able to get feedback from you.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. That is okay

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** (*On a Point of Information*) Honourable Speaker, I want to be guided, that statement is cutting across so many departments and in particular it is referring to employment and I am wondering how the Chair Agriculture will be in charge of recruitment and other issues rose in the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** I do appreciate your sentiments but I am aware of one thing, every department has a Human Resource (HR), so let them come and say they don't have the answers. Let the HR ask the Service Board or we bring the Service Board here plus the CECM Agriculture and Director to answer this query.

Next item,

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MATERNITY WING,  
CONTRACTUAL SUM AND THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS AT KAPTAMA  
HEALTH CENTRE**

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honourable Speaker, thank you for that guidance, I thought that Hon. Nyongesa as the longest serving member of this House could have just gotten item 2 and 3 which was addressing...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Ipara, proceed on the second statement. Let us wait for feedback

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for the direction. This is a member for Kaptama Ward Hon. Francis Chemion to request for a statement from Chairperson Sectoral Committee on Health services in respect to the Construction of a Maternity Wing, Contractual Sum and Procurement Process at Kaptama Health Center.

In the statement, let the chairperson inquire into and report on the following;

- 1) The procurement processes, advert, evaluation report, professional opinion and the award.
- 2) What is the present status of the construction of the maternity wing at Kaptama Health Centre?
- 3) Provide the bills of quantities for the project.
- 4) How much is the contractual sum awarded for the construction of the maternity wing (provide contract agreement)
- 5) How much has been paid out to debt in relation to the project.
- 6) How much remains unpaid and the timelines for settling the said balance.
- 7) Measures the department has taken to ensure completion of the maternity wing.
- 8) Any other information deemed necessary.

That is the end of the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any Honourable member of the Health Committee? Hon. Juma Orize, you may want two weeks or three weeks but as per our timetable, let me give it on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2:30 p.m. session.

Next item,

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT TO THE WARD SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR THE FY  
2024/2025**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Ipara.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. This is for a member for Kaptama Ward, Hon. Francis Chemion to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning. The statement is in respect to the ward-specific projects for the financial year 2024/2025.

In the statement, let the Chairperson inquire into and report on the following;

- 1) State how much in total was allocated for Ward Based Projects.
- 2) How many ward projects were paid?
- 3) Provide amounts for the said projects.
- 4) Provide the details of contractors responsible for the projects, their names, directors, amount involved, amount paid and balances, if any.
- 5) Provide criteria used to pay.
- 6) Provide reasons for non-payment of the unpaid contractors.
- 8) Any other information deemed necessary.

That is the end of the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Any Honourable Member from the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning? Yes Vice-Chair, Hon. Orize. Let me hear your voice.

**Hon. Orize Kundu:** Bwana Spika naomba muda kwa sababu tunaenda *recess* nipate mwelekeo kutoka kwako

**Mr. Speaker:** We will have to jump to the first week of September. We have already slotted two motions on August 28<sup>th</sup>, so we will go to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. Let us proceed.

**STATEMENT IN RELATION TO THE STATUS OF BUNGOMA COUNTY REFERRAL 300-BED CAPACITY HOSPITAL WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY COMMISSIONED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Otsiula, I am told you have instructions to stand in for Hon. Charles Nangulu.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Charles Nangulu, I stand to request for a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Health and Sanitation. This is in relation to the status of Bungoma County Referral 300-bed capacity hospitals which was officially commissioned by His Excellency the President.

Let the Chairperson inquire and report on the following;

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1. Lists the hospital equipment that are in the said hospital.
2. What has hindered the said hospital to be in operation, despite the fact that the President commissioned it almost one year ago?
3. When is the said facility going to be operationalized? No.
4. How much has been allocated to the facility in the current budget?

That's the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Member from the said Committee, Hon. Orize Kundu.

**Hon. Orize Kundu:** Asante Bwana Spika kwa sababu ya *recess* naomba mwelekeo kutoka kwako..

**Mr. Speaker:** We will have it on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, Tuesday at 2.30 p.m., when we resume our meetings. 2nd of September, 2025.

Next item,

#### **STATEMENT IN RELATION TO MEDICAL MIS- INFORMATION THAT IS MAJORLY PUT ACROSS BY ONE DR. NAMASWA FROM BF-SUMA COMPANY ACROSS THE COUNTY**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Otsiula,

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Charles Nangulu, Member for Namwela Ward, I wish to seek a response from the County Executive Committee Member of Health and Sanitation. This is in relation to Medical Mis-information that is majorly put across by one Dr. Namaswa from B.F. Suma Company across the County.

Let the CECM provide answers to the following.

1. What is the academic qualification of Dr. Namaswa of B.F. Suma?
2. Is he working under a registered requisite body nationally or in the county?
3. What are the operating guidelines and medical equipment that he uses while giving services to the people of Bungoma County?
4. Why Dr. Namaswa of B.F. Suma is misguiding and misinforming the public to an extent of them selling their assets to seek the elusive treatment from him?

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5. That Dr. Namaswa of B.F. Suma avails himself before the relevant committee for further clarifications on the date and time as will be duly appointed with his academic and professional testimonials.

That is the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** We must find a way here Hon. Members because we do not want to invite a stranger in his House directly. I will give the committee to give us a feedback on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2025 but the committee at its own level can be able to engage the CECM concerned.

Invite that Dr. Namaswa before they report back to us. So you will have it on 2<sup>nd</sup> when the CEC is supposed to give us a feedback on the other one of Hon. Charles Nangulu about the 300- bed capacity.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Well guided Hon. Speaker.

Next,

#### **STATEMENT IN RELATION TO SIBUMBA, KIKAI AND MENU COFFEE FACTORIES MISMANAGEMENT IN NAMWELA WARD**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Otsiula.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of Hon. Charles Nangulu, Member for Namwela Ward, I wish to seek a response from the County Executive Committee Member, Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Irrigation and Cooperative Development. This is in relation to Sibumba, Kikai and many coffee factories' mismanagement in Namwela Ward.

Let the CECM provide answers to the following;

1. List of all workers in the factories paying out any form of advance payments for their wages and pending bill.
2. List of farmers including factory registration numbers, mobile phone numbers, any payments made to them and mode of payments used. And they shall attach documents of proof.
3. Total number of kilos of coffee received from farmers.
4. Dividends of cherry in terms of kilograms sent to the three mentioned coffee factories. Let them attach the delivery book.
5. Provide kneeling statement.

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6. Sales of all cherry according to class by cluster by the new KPCU at Stock Exchange Market.
7. All bank statements capturing withdrawals and loans and the names of bank signatories.
8. Total dividends of Mbuni to the society and its sales.
9. Ration on how much per kg should be paid to the farmers including minutes of the meeting that made such decisions.
10. Expenses incurred on development including budget proposals, contract award, procurement process and expenditures.
11. Supervisory committee reports and minutes. There are two.
12. Clarify on the amount of stolen, struck missing, milled coffee in Sibumba and Kikai factories.
13. Any agreements with any farms made in the management of the factory. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

That is the end of the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti Wafula

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Hon. Speaker, I am at your disposal.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** You can't be at my disposal? And you know that one. Hon. Waiti what I will do, I will not dispose the way you want me to do it. Hon. Waiti, the CEC will be coming here on 28<sup>th</sup> of August in the earlier question sought by Hon. Sudi Busolo. We will have it on the same day.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you Hon .Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker** Yes, the issue of being disposed of, I will ask Hon. Otsiula to assist me to dispose you accordingly in the best way possible.

Next,

### **MOTION**

### **REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND 2023**

**Mr. Speaker:** Order Members. Order Members. Hon. Okasida, before you commence I am hearing murmurs saying that we confirm the membership as a practice. If you do not have r members in this House you know what happens, Hon. Chemion, Okasida, Ali Machani

*(Loud Consultations)*

Honourable Members, even if you're in your office you are not present in this Plenary. We count people in attendance not those in your office. If you are having lunch in the cafeteria, you are absent so Hon. Barasa, Eunice Kirui, Sudi, Henry

*(Laughter)*

Mildred Barasa. The energy of saying absent is the one which is making me laugh

*(Laughter)*

Hon. Edwin Opwora, Wafula Waiti, Aggrey Mulongo, Makari, Cornelius, Metrine, Hon. Polycarp Kimeta. So Ipara as per your mathematics are you 7 plus 1

*(Applause)*

Hon. Ipara, if you do not have members there's no way of commencing this motion because we will not accept it.

Let me guide you, we are all aware the case of Hon. Barasa, we are aware of the case of Hon. Sudi and Hon. Chemion, I gave them permission, but where are the rest.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honorable Speaker, if you subtracted 3 out of the total...

**Mr. Speaker:** We will not know the threshold

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** No I am only saying because 3 of our members, Hon. Kikechi just a moment...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Okasida, there is nothing that can save you today.

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Honourable Speaker, you have guided and the traditions regardless how hard they are, they have to be followed on behalf of this committee because we failed to comply, let us also suffer the same consequences.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** So we will call the next item,

## **ALTERATION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR**

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**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, our leader of Majority...

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me move the motion alteration of the County Assembly Calendar that pursuant to provisions Standing Orders No.31(4) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders this Honourable House resolves to alter this calendar by rescheduling the four session recess that had earlier been slated from 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 and instead this House proceeds for recess from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2025 to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and resume its regular sittings on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 continuing uninterrupted by the next schedule short recess period from Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

This adjustment is necessary to allow the Assembly's business and committee schedules in line with the emerging legislative priorities and operational timelines.

Having reached there allow me call upon Honourable Leader of Minority to second

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Vitalis, you have the honor of seconding the motion.

**Hon. Vitalis Wangila:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to second a motion moved by Honorable Majority Leader of altering the County Assembly calendar because of the elephant in the House that you are very aware that any time from now this assembly it's not going to have some necessities that enable us to be in this particular place.

We have so many problems for example we can take this chance even to allow some drivers to go on leave because they will be here without fuel. What I am saying is that we are going to use this chance instead of them idling here because there isn't going to be procurement of fuel so that they go for leave. I do second that this House proceeds on recess as from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 25<sup>th</sup> August and resume on 26<sup>th</sup> August. I second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and been seconded, I propose.

*(Question proposed)*

Yes Hon. Chikati,

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker. In addition to what has been moved that we are going to recess and due to the financial constraints. I request that even the committees that we usually have if they can be condensed to one or two days so that members especially us who come from abroad, if we can just be coming maybe on Mondays or Tuesdays so that we can save on that. I stand guided.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Hentry...

**Hon. Hentry Nyongesa:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I support the mover and the seconder of this motion. We are proceeding to recess not because of our making but because of a man made problem. I will be leaving this chamber today this evening in my lowest spirits because what is being provided here, the meaning of recess is we go to associate ourselves with the electorates and one of the learned friends mentioned here that I am supposed to have energy to move in my constituency but now that I am going with nothing.

These are man-made calamities that are supposed to be looked at keenly in future because it is derailing development and making the lives of our people difficult. My people know very well that when I am in recess, I run a lot of errands around meeting women groups, attending funerals and other activities. I support the motion but let us not invite problems in this House in future.

We even do not know the Ali Mohammed who is engaging this institution in court and I am requesting let that Ali come out and negotiate with this institution, so that the issues of this County can run in a smooth way. People in our Wards expect development, I'm being asked to open roads, drill borehole and all sorts of questions.

I wish to request that whoever knows the Ali, hold the hand of Ali come with him on the table and the entire management of the county so that this case is solved and if worse comes to the worst I beseech that the leadership if that matter is solved after leaving this chamber, I think the leadership can convene and we can break the recess before the timeline as stipulated in the calendar.

I wish also to be guided on that because if the matter is solved tomorrow I think we need to embark on our daily duties as per the constitution. I support.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Benjamin Otsiula.

**Hon. Benjamin Otsiula:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I also have similar views to what my neighbor and my brother-in-law Hon. Hentry Nyongesa has said. There are several empty seats in this House today which means that most Honourable Members are left in limbo, they don't understand whether they are moving forward or they have stagnated. People are experiencing financial constraints and we are not sure when this particular situation that has bedeviled this County will be unraveled.

This particular motion gives an opportunity to the House Leadership, I'm saying specifically the House leadership to try and sit together and assist the large County of Bungoma and find out all

those interested parties or party who are in Court creating this crisis. I'm sure, with the wisdom of the leadership, they can use this time to ensure that they settle all these issues out of Court, so that our County can get back on track.

This recess is welcome and once this matter is solved and with the assistance of the House leadership, I believe what Hon. Henry Nyongesa is saying that we recall Members to come back and resume the normal sessions, I believe even in the Liaison Committee, the normal internal meetings will proceed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays as usual.

The only technicality where communication will ensue is concerning the external meetings or retreats, I believe once this issue is resolved, while on recess, Liaison Committee already did a schedule, even while on recess with your wisdom and the wisdom of the leadership of this House, we can proceed to conduct our Committee retreats until when we shall be coming back on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. I don't see the need of breaking in between.

But the most important thing is to use this time to ensure that when we come back as a united House, we pick up on a different level, so that we end the remaining two years with a lot of energy, because all the 45 elected Members are going to face the common enemy. We are going to be subjected to universal suffrage, which is not easy.

Therefore, as we go home empty-handed, it leaves a lot to be desired and maybe food for thought for House leadership to ensure that when we come back, everything shall be on track. I support the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Otsiula. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba,

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you may look at these Members, we were preparing to go and rest our heads away from Assembly and our voters. And that is something to do with the Devolution Conference which is coming up on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025. May be you can give this House a brief over the same and how prepared you are for us to go and attend the Devolution Conference.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Kuloba. Hon. Johnston Okasida,

**Hon. Johnston Ipara:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to support this motion. It is a decision that has been reached because things are not normal, irregular and out of personal interest. And that's why we find ourselves in such a situation.

Today as I was walking around consulting on some projects that have not been completed, I can tell you that the situation is dire in this County Assembly. At every level that I passed, I was stopped, then the question that was coming up, what are you doing towards the solution of this budget? I asked them what it was about. They said why are you not coming up with lasting solutions?, I found that even those workers who work for the Executive have more information than us and why we are subjected to such suffering.

In the future let the grieved party seek for alternative dispute resolution, at least use the internal mechanisms that are there to sort out our disputes. When are handling an artificial issue that is not directly affecting you, then keep away from rushing to the Courts. I was talking to Hon. Benjamin Otsiula a few minutes ago, he was saying even today Ipara, if you want to appeal this matter that is before Court, I will tell you the fees that you require to pay. If you pay me part of it, I will rush to the Court, So Courts are not places for lasting solutions for issues that come up particularly for the Assembly, and we have all mechanisms that are created including Powers and Privileges Committee.

If you think that there is something that is not happening well, just go to the Honorable Speaker; tell him that these issues I'm not comfortable. For example; it is Hon. Ipara who has done these issues and the Speaker will call the affected parties and a solution is reached. Even things that require simple interpretation of the law; just go to the Speaker and you will get a lasting solution. And that is why we have the Speaker, and we have also the leadership in the Assembly. Leadership is supposed to assist you to understand or get a solution.

We should also desist from using third parties who are not directly or indirectly affected by the decision of this House. And particularly those people who have not vested interest in our County. When somebody just failed to give basic details that are supposed to be given at a glance, we accept but it should not be business as usual.

I want to appeal to the leadership that in the future, if it is Ipara who does this, the decision that you make on it, should apply to the rest of us. So that if we say that we want to make lesson then it applies to everyone who breaks the rules. If we don't do that then we shall not have respect, and we shall not be able to create the relationship that we need.

Lastly, we as the Members of this House, whether you are standing on the right or the left, whatever we do, it is a collective responsibility. So let's be people who are bound by collective responsibility as Legislators, Representatives of the people and oversight what the Executive does, we are here to ensure those three. I support.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Deputy Speaker

**Hon. Stephen Wamalwa:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise also to support the motion. We have reached here because God has been so gracious that we are alive, we are healthy despite the challenges that are emerging and those that we believe we can surmount, but we are fine.

There was a time that the Courts in this Country opted that they can have a mechanism of decongesting the Courts with cases, so that some issues can be resolved by the communities without going to the Courts. And I want to urge the House that in the same spirit, let us try to embrace each other.

The issue that is now making us even bring the recess forward is because actually one of the reasons is that issue that is now forcing us to go back home, not comfortable, because we cannot interact with our electorates in a manner that gives an Honourable Member self-esteem. I want to believe that most of the Honourable Members who are going home to interact, to stay with their people, they don't have that self-esteem, because without money we can say very many things, we can address and give facts, but our electorates understand one language. When you don't have money so that you can facilitate their greetings, when they listen to you, you facilitate that. I think I'm being factual here. So Honourable, Members are going home in that manner courtesy of the issue at hand.

It is an aspect that talks about selflessness and being people-centered or otherwise. Going forward, Members, as we go home for one month kindly let us think about this.

Let us call ourselves to meetings and actually ask ourselves what we do, is it to the benefit of this House or not, because we can choose to take a certain direction which may not be beneficial to the Assembly, or even to yourself.

So, members, let us cultivate brotherhood and sisterhood where we strive to disagree but agree amongst ourselves at the end. Going forward if we can talk that language members, I am very sure because where we are going we do not know. We may come across other challenges that are even far much bigger than what we have gone through. So I want to urge that as we go home, let us call ourselves to discussion and inform ourselves that going forward as a House without talking about the Minority or Majority wing, at the end of the day this is a House of the people of Bungoma, we are doing this as delegated functions by the people and anything we decide to do here we have to ask ourselves are we doing it as a delegated duty given by the people or we are doing it on our own?

Members, I wish you well as you start your recess and we believe that we shall all come back healthy, in one peace so that we can progress on with the work that God has given us. Meanwhile, the Liaison Committee worked on what the Honorable member for Ndalu/Tabani mentioned that bearing in mind the issues around facilitation of transport and other such issues courtesy of the issue at hand and we felt strongly that we cannot have it in a day for meetings because otherwise other committees may not function optimally.

So we felt that two days that is Tuesday and Wednesdays because Mondays are very tricky, so the two days, I call upon members to attend the committee meetings so that at the end we generate activities that will ensure we have enough activities once we resume. I support.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa. Hon. Waiti,

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to add my voice on this motion. Let me laud the mover for coming up with this motion considering what is interfering with the running of this Assembly. How I wish that as Honorable members of this House, we wish to have known this animal called Ali Mohammed as we move away because that is the cause of these problems. How can a person with legal knowledge in the name of the Attorney stay all this long without moving to the court and demanding to know who this animal that doesn't have an Identification Card. So I am moving from this House an unhappy man and I want to urge my colleagues that immediately we step out, let start praying for the leadership of this House to even borrow money from the mortgage and pay salaries for these members, so that as we meet our electorates we can enjoy outside there for three weeks.

Otherwise, I want to support the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Majority Leader, kindly reply.

(Applause)

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, allow me also appreciate all members who are in support of this motion though it's a forced recess but you know everything happens in this world for a reason and purpose. So as we break for our homes, we are lucky that even our families are now coming from schools. We shall have enough time to interact and chat with them and guide them so that at least they will be future leaders.

As we break, though the Deputy Speaker has said that through Liaison Committee, we have planned that we should be having our committee meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, we humbly

request that actually let us attend those meetings because those will be part of our welfare as we wait for the outside meetings.

As we also break although its not yet confirmed, but there is some assurance that at the end of today's business, the so called Ali and the lawyers will be unlocking the court issue because one, their demands lowered to around to 300 which I think has been taken to Nairobi for them to do away with that case. But the critical issue is that as I told members we are still looking for this Ali Mohammed who is now almost well-known and as much as we shall be in recess but we shall disclose who is Ali Mohammed, so that at least as a House we could also find time and interact with him.

Otherwise, as we break I urge this Honorable House to continue praying for our colleague Hon. Barasa Mukhongo so that at least God heals him.

As we interact with voters, it's also our highest time also to go through the resolutions of this House and especially you will also find time to peruse the payment for the Ward Based Projects so that at least you know the Kshs. 24,000,000 that was budgeted for those projects, were they paid or not, if not what was paid and what is the balance, so that as we resume we should be told clearly what happened.

So members, there is a very hard task before us to scrutinize what was paid and what was not paid, what was the reason so that at least as we look forward to implement the Kshs. 35,000,000, let us also see what went wrong on the 24million.

Otherwise, I do appreciate the members for the support but let us ensure that we attend meetings.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa for moving the motion that was equally seconded by Hon. Vitalis Wangila the Minority Leader. I also thank members for their contributions towards the motion. Honorable members, allow me be able to proceed and put a question to the motion beforehand that the House may have a chance to make a decision over the same.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

The ayes have it.

Honorable members, the motion is allowed and accordingly your recess starts now.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

That was the last item in our Order Paper, we will adjourn our sitting today and resume on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. accordingly.

*The House rose at 3:37 p.m.*