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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9:30 a.m.

(Mr. Deputy Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYER

PAPERS

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON PERFORMANCE OF BUNGOMA COUNTY EXECUTIVE IN KICOSCA 2024 AND PREPAREDNESS FOR KICOSCA 2025

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chairperson Gender or any member, Kirui Eunice Yego

Hon. Eunice Kirui: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I stand to table a report on Performance of Bungoma County Executive in KICOSCA 2024 and preparedness for KICOSCA 2025.

(Papers laid by Hon. Eunice Kirui)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Yego. Members a report on Gender, Cultural and Social Welfare on Performance of Bungoma County Executive in KICOSCA 2024 and Preparedness for KICOSCA 2025 having being tabled now becomes the property of the House.

Next item,

NOTICE OF MOTION

REPORT ON GENDER, CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON PERFORMANCE OF BUNGOMA COUNTY EXECUTIVE IN KICOSCA 2024 AND PREPAREDNESS FOR KICOSCA 2025

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Yego,

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Hon. Eunice Kirui: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report of the sectoral Committee on Gender, Culture and Social Welfare on performance of Bungoma County Executive in KICOSCA 2024 and preparedness for KICOSCA 2025.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kirui Eunice Yego for issuing the notice. Honourable Members, the notice of motion having been issued I now direct that the same be circulated to Honourable Members so that they can go through as the same will form part of business that shall be considered by this House after ratification by the House Business Committee.

Next item,

MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON THE COMPLETION STATUS OF CHEMOGE HIGH ALTITUDE TRAINING CENTRE

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Report by the Youth committee on the Completion status of Chemoge High Altitude Training Centre.

(Loud consultations)

The youthful Honourable Member Hon. Allan Nyongesa specially elected, now you confirm the quorum.

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will call the names of the Honourable Members; the Chair is Hon. Makhanu Violet, Vice the Hon. Grace Sundukwa, Hon. Chikati

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: Out of official duty chair...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Ndasaba, Cornelius, Charles Nangulu, Allan Herald Nyongesa, Caleb Wanjala, Mulongo

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: He is on official duty.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Everlyne Anyango, Catherine Kituyi, Jeremiah Kuloba, Abraham Obama, Martin Chemorion, Metrine Wilson. So as usual we need to have 7 plus 1.

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(Loud consultations)

So we step down the motion...Order members! I will only allow the point of information or point of order if it is just touching on the tradition that is set but anything away from that will not be accepted. So Hon. Allan, you can take your seat.

(Loud consultations)

I want to make a communication, Hon. Nangulu can proceed...

Hon. Charles Nangulu: We are 15 in this committee; around 7 members are out on official duties. The only one who is not here is Hon. Ndasaba and she is unwell and the speaker is aware that she is in hospital. Hon. Obama is also unwell; he is not on his feet; he could have been here. Owongo is out on official duties in Nairobi...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nangulu, I know what you are talking about all the members of this committee who are out, who are engaged. I know those who are in implementation in Nairobi and I know about Hon. Obama, we take cognizant of his absence but we cannot run away from that but other members, where is the chair? Where is the Vice?

Hon. Charles Nangulu: Hon. Allan was to take us through...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: No, we are talking about the quorum. Hon. Nangulu, you can sit first. Let me make this communication before you come in. Members honestly, I am elected like you and the Deputy Speaker of this County Assembly. I am in charge of Liaison Committee. Members when you look around, are we doing well? We are not and we cannot encourage this.

Honestly if the people of Bungoma realize this is what is happening in this House, do you think we have a face? We don't.

(Loud consultations)

Honourable Members, we have to be serious and especially a committee is led from the front. As a Chair of a Committee, you must whip members.

Order Members! I also chair a Committee called Liaison and before we come to have a motion here or a report, I must whip my members by calling them literally. I also make texts through SMS and whatsapp and also request the records office to send messages. Has that happened in

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this very committee of Youth? Do you have proof that the same happened? So we are stepping down this motion, and I am sending it back to the House Business Committee.

(Loud consultations)

I have stepped it down the number is not there.

(Loud consultations)

Order Members! I observed the quorum, it was not there.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will not allow any information on that. Hon. Tony, you are a senior member and I respect you.

(Loud Consultation)

On what!

Hon. Tony Barasa: Information Honorable Speaker!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am very democratic. I will allow him information. Let's hear Hon. Tony, there is a Standing Order for the same, but let's hear him.

(Loud Consultation)

Order members!

Hon. Tony Barasa: Hon. Speaker, I know you want to jump a gun but I have listened and the Committee on Youths and Sports membership have stood up, they are around 7 or 6. Let us be honest, there are a number of Honorable members who are out on official duty and here they are seven. Why can't we just allow them to proceed because if they could not have gone for that official duty then definitely the quorum could be here? So let us be fair on them.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Tony!

Hon. Tony Barasa: I am just informing that we have 7

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: You are out of order Hon. Tony, resume your seat! Before any other person comes in, do not contradict the tradition that is here. Even if we are 7, we have stepped down reports here isn't it? That is the truth and I want to ask Hon. Tony, you have to be sincere and honest, even the Chair and Vice Chair of this committee are not here, they are out on official duty. Honestly, let us be serious. The people of Bungoma will judge us very harshly.

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Makari, what is it?

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, I am very senior than Hon. Wambulwa.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Hon. Sudi is the senior most. You talk, you are senior.

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker!

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! You are 003, I know.

(Loud Consultation)

Order members!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members!

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Makari, retract that and proceed!

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, let me retract that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, he has retracted

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Wambulwa has been a County Council Chairman in Busia for 15 years; he is now doing another 15years here, so he is senior.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well.

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Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, we passed here a resolution. It does not matter what the issues are, the issue is, do we have quorum? Any other side shows cannot be allowed. There is nothing like where somebody is, do we have quorum? That is the question. Just answer the question. Can you be able to answer the question that 7 members is a quorum? If you say no then the motion dies .We do not debate that.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Makari. I give Hon. Wambulwa but in the House we have a leader who will speak last. Members, if you are going to talk about this, I request that you shelve that so that we move to the next item. Let me allow Hon. Wambulwa then the leader of the House.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Our biggest challenge is the County Assembly secretariat. Remember the notice of plenary engagements this morning was released this morning, these members are travelling all the way from the villages. How do you expect somebody to have gotten the communication at 8:30 a.m. to be here by now? It is very unfortunate that whoever issues memos on what is going to happen, the agenda of the day would have done it last evening so that we prepare on time and be able to travel.

I have been notified that we are having a motion for education this morning. I saw the message on my whatsapp at 8:30 a.m. Who is failing who? It is not members; it is the secretariat of the Assembly that is a problem.

I therefore want to request you that based on this, please allow the youth committee motion to proceed because they are almost meeting the number...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wambulwa, you are out of order. That one I want to...

(Loud Consultation)

Order member! Hon. Wambulwa Order!

I want to correct you Hon. Wambulwa to prove that you are out of order. This motion was stepped down last evening and they were informed that it will start business today, what about that? If they were informed that it will be the first one this morning, what stops them from coming early. So members, let us be factual. Let us avoid side shows and let us even avoid casting aspersions on the County Assembly staff. Let us be responsible as Honorable members.

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Let us not pass blames here. I have ruled. Hon. Sudi before you speak, you are the leader you speak last. Let us have Hon. Luseneke then you finish.

Hon. Anthony Luseneke: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You have already addressed what I wanted to say because the Speaker communicated yesterday that this report was coming as the first item today and it was very clear.

Secondly, your Government side is letting us down because in a committee of 15 you are 11, we are only 4, so you can even transact business without our side. If we lack quorum it is you failing us .That is why we have weak oversight. Honorable Speaker, can you mobilize your side so that we do justice to this County.

Otherwise the way things are going, we are headed the wrong direction.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Luseneke. That was very important so that the Whip will come to respond even to that. Our Chief Whip, you now take note that it was important for Hon. Luseneke to speak. Our whip, Hon. Isaiah Sudi!

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In fact the Hon. Member for Bukembe West has said what I wanted to say. That it is our side that is letting us down because we are 11 in the committee and they are four and what I wanted to say is that you also direct that the Selection Committee sits again and re-looks at the membership of some of these committees. We have given people many committees and it's like an abuse. So let us see members who are regular and be given even ten committees...

(Applause)

...because as much as we try to entice our members, surely they are really doing a disservice to us. Yesterday it was true because Lands and Implementation Committees were out, we could understand but now the Lands Committee is supposed to be in. Hon. Makari, is a member of Lands Committee and he is here. Where are our members? Just direct that the Majority side holds a session with their people and Selection committee should take some decisive measures so that we continue doing our duties as members of this County Assembly. For specially elected Members, I am sorry to say this, since they were given more committees, they do not come and when they had one or two committees, they were very regular in this compound.

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You have been a Speaker, and since we added them more committees, they stopped coming because they are now in the comfort zone and yet we denied even elected members committees and said that let us balance because some of them do not have responsibilities and they are not supporting us. Look at this, a member on a Youth's committee; it is not the first time the Youth Committee has been in this scenario; all their reports are having these issues. What are we going to do?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sudi. Honorable members, I made a ruling already but I will want to emphasize that this report is taken back to the House Business Committee for rescheduling and it has consequences because now from the look of things, it will not be as smooth as it is. I can say this is shameful and if the people of Bungoma can realize that this is what is happening here, it is very shameful. We need to be responsible.

Let us proceed,

REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING ON THE STATUS OF KSHS90, 000, 000 ALLOCATED DURING THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET FOR FY 2024/2025 IN RESPECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson or member Education and Vocational Training Committee! Yes, Hon. Rugut Angeline Chelagat, specially elected, you have the pleasure to move the report and as usual as is a tradition, the members of Education and Vocational training, let us confirm, if you are a quorum.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Stephen Kaiser, Ali Machani, Johnston Ipara, Francis Chemion, Obama, Timothy Chikati, Jacob Psero, Christine Mukhongo, Jack Kawa, Everton Nganga, Job Mukoyandali, Wanyama, Rugut, and Hon. Mildred Wanyama. So, again, we do not have the quorum. So members, if we make an argument on it, please let it be maybe guidance, not anything to try to... anything apart from guidance, because this report is taken back to the House Business Committee for rescheduling. Yes, now the Chair wants to say something, then Hon. Allan Nyongesa

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Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. As I had earlier indicated, we were notified of this motion this morning at 8:30 a.m. To me, the Secretariat is being unfair. They are supposed to give members enough notice to be able to prepare and be here on time.

But, shockingly, Honourable Speaker, you can even confirm with your gadget. We got notice this morning at 8:30 a.m. is it fair? I have to travel all the way from Kimaeti and reaching here and you know what it takes.

There are members coming all the way from Tongaren, Mt. Elgon, like Hon. Francis Chemion. If you are given notice at 8:30a.m this morning isn't this sabotage by the Secretariat? As much as you have made a ruling, but I request that you also reach out and take action against the Secretariat, that they are not giving us sufficient notice so that we can prepare and attend the meetings.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Allan Nyongesa

Hon. Allan Nyongesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I am having a proposal. If we continue with this trend; we shall not be transacting anything in this House. I am proposing that the Liaison Committee considers this decision and revises down the quorum number for the committees to transact in this House. Otherwise, with this spirit we may not be transacting anything.

Then, two, what Hon. Jackson Wambulwa is saying, doesn't hold any waters because we normally have a weekly programme read on every Tuesday.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I was going to remind him that.

Hon. Allan Wanyama: It was there, it was read, so we shall not blame the secretariat so much, but what I'm advising the Liaison Committee, let them consider this decision and revise down the quorum number. We were in the National Parliament the other day, and out of the committee of 25 members in the National Assembly, three members are allowed to transact business. We were there for training sessions. So we are a replica of the National Assembly, if a member is there to second the motion, the motion shall be allowed to proceed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Anthony Luseneka,

Hon. Anthony Luseneka: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. In this House, we have a committee called House Business Committee, which draws a weekly program and that program is read here

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on the floor of the House and shared to all members. So any excuse that I was not aware, I think that is very lame.

And secondly, we are here for serious business; we came here to work, to do legislation oversight and representation. So any member who doesn't come and is very much aware that he's supposed to be here, that is his own problem.

I'm a member of Finance Committee, and there was a time, we lacked a quorum, I think twice, the third time, Speaker said that if we are not going to meet the quorum, he was going to suspend all retreats for the committee, and in fact, withhold the allowances that were supposed to be paid. That was the communication. Why can't you also apply it to these committees that are not able to raise a quorum?

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Caleb Wanjala, Member for Bukembe East.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, I think scaling down the number...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Honourable members.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Scaling down the number of the members that are supposed to be here for report to be read will not help us, because all of us came here to work. We are here for a serious business, just like my colleague has said.

And I think it is high time the Selection Committee comes up with the names of those members who are active, just like Hon. Sudi said, rather give them even ten committees. Those people who are active, than having people who are not ready to work. In fact, if what is happening here goes out there in the public, especially for elected leaders, it will not be business as usual. Outside there, people will reprimand us. So scaling down the quorum is not a solution. We came here to work and we cannot have few people to work for others.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Caleb Wanjala. Let's finish it off with Hon. Orize Kundu.

Hon. Orize Kundu: Asante sana, Bwana Spika. Mimi kwangu nashukuru sana kwa kazi ambayo *Liaison Committee* ilifanya, kwa sababu kuweka hiyo sheria, haikuwekwa bure. Kulikuwa na kilicho fanya mkaweka hiyo sheria. Sasa hiyo sheria lengo yake sasa imeonekana. Kwa hivyo

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kazi mliyoifanya kwa *Liaison Committee* mlifanya kazi nzuri. Sasa majibu ndio haya, yanaonekana nani wanafanya kazi na ni nani hawafanyi kazi.

Kwa hivyo ningepomba sasa *Liaison Committee*, irudi sasa wapatie *Selection Committee* sasa kazi ya kupanga *Members* kulingana na utendaji kazi, ili kazi ifanyike kwa hii *Assembly*. Pasipo hivo, itakuwa tu mtindo ni huo huo tu. Mtu amepewa kamati na hana haja, anataka wengine wamfanyie kazi vile Mheshimiwa Caleb amesema hapa. *Liaison Committee* ikuwe *serious*, hiyo sheria ibaki hivvo hivyo, msikuze na mweke meno Zaidi, na *Selection Committee* ifanye kazi kulingana na kazi ilivyo hapa *Assembly*.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: *Asante sana Mheshimiwa Orize Kundu kwa usemi wako mwema sana. So Honourable Members that is the decision, the report is taken back to House Business Committee for rescheduling, and it will have consequences of course.*

Next item,

**REPORT ON SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, WATER, NATURAL
RESOURCES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH
JUNE, 2025**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Member Chairperson or Member Tourism, Water and Natural Resources, Hon. Martin Cheseto Chemorion, member for Cheptais, you have the pleasure to move the report but as usual, let's have the quorum confirmed.

(Laughter)

Hon. Martin Chemorion: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Allow me to say something kindly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Can be seated Honourable members, Hon. Cheseto what are you saying

Hon. Martin Chemorion: Honourable Speaker, this is the communication that our Committee members received this morning, our Tourism report on fourth quarter financial statement will be moved today at 2:30 p.m. hence the quorum is needed and Honourable Speaker pronounced a warning on quorum hitch in yesterday's plenary. Please note and attend. This is the communication that we got from Secretariat; this is from Records Office.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members. Let me give an advice. I want your attention. As a chair of any Standing or Sectoral committee, when tentative weekly program is read here, as a chair, take note of your committee. That is what binds, because such a communication may be someone raised through the Records Office, maybe a Chair or a Member who was not well versed with the tentative program of the week. We cannot alter anything apart from when it is pronounced by the Speaker. So the tentative program is as was read. The Weekly Programme read here. Who was that? It was not Hon. Okasida, it was Hon. Makhanu. That is what we go by Honourable members. So any other circulation is null and void.

It cannot alter that, you know very well. So advisory to members, chairpersons, please when they are reading that, note down the date and time when you will move your report.

So members, again that report is taken back to the House Business Committee for rescheduling.

(Loud consultation)

Let us hear him

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Honourable Speaker, I agree with you 100%.

But also put this in consideration in your communication. That even the Committee Clerks should be hands-on to know what happens in the weekly programmes so that they can inform the committees on time to prepare and be here on time.

Whoever releases the daily programmes of the House should also be releasing a day or two. Not the same day like it was done to us this morning at 8:30 a.m. It will be important that the secretariat that drives these committees should be hands-on.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Johnston Okasida.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honourable Speaker, the member who wanted to move the report on behalf of Tourism who happens to be the Vice-Chair, was reading the messages selectively. The overall Clerk of this committee, who is Kabeyi at 9:06 a.m. Sorry, Honourable members, the Tourism motion is at 9:30 a.m.

(Laughter)

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Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I want to contribute differently. As a House, generally, we are proving what came from the Executive as a weak oversight body. I stand here now and confirm that one member of my committee, who I believe is a member of several other committees, does not participate on Whatsapp forums, but he rarely misses the meetings. This is Hon. Sudi Busolo. If you look at his gadget; he has a wonderful phone '*Mulika mwizi*' but he has always been here. And to add on that, it appears as though we are running away from the discipline which an Honourable member must have. We were sent here by our electorates to work on their behalf.

Remember, we are working on delegated powers and from our electorates. Looking at the gallery, on your left-hand side, we have a Liaison officer who is seated here on a specific duty to come to transmit everything that comes from this House. I'm wondering what he will report today.

And that will prove that as a House, we are doing very poorly. If today we defer these three motions, automatically it is going somewhere to disrupt our business as a House because we have other motions ahead of us. And we have motions with a timeline, like the ones touching on finances, budget and many others.

So my colleague Chairpersons and I don't want to praise my committee, but as a Chair, I always do my work. I will make sure that members are informed and I don't want to blame the clerks because I believe the secretariat, does their work like the one in my committee. They inform us early, so that we mobilize our members, and it is equally the duty of that Chair to now identify, when we have retreats, how many members are affected so that we confirm the quorum at the earlier stage.

The Chief Whips from both Majority and Minority, you should make sure that your coalitions are disciplined enough to attend the House not necessarily the committee motions, but the entire House. If you look around, you can judge the percentages and calculate how many members are out officially from each coalition.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker. And it is at your disposal, to advise the House. Otherwise, the quorum must be attained to run any business of the committee.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Waiti. Honourable Tendet, do you have something?

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Hon. George Tendet: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Mine is just to ask I heard you very clearly saying that the consequences would come later on. I am now wondering who is going to face those consequences. Is it the Whole Committee or some of the committee members because some are here, some are not here? So, I don't know how we are going to do it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Tendet. It will be responded to. Hon. Sudi, you will be the last, as a leader you will need to respond to some issues. So let's have Hon. Luseneka.

Hon. Anthony Luseneka: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Arising from what Hon. Waiti has said, we have members who never miss committee sittings and retreats and they are known. If you ask these chairs, they will tell you who contributes and who comes early. So as a leadership, you can also consider maybe awarding something to those members who never miss those committees, so that it acts as a motivation to other members. Because you find that Hon. Sudi doesn't have a smartphone, but he never misses any meeting. So we have those serious members in this House. Not that when we miss a quorum, we are all jokers. We have serious members who know what they are supposed to do at what time.

So I think those members should also be recognized in some way or another so that we motivate these others.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. As for consequences, as sought by Hon. Tendet, that is your discretion. You don't need to announce here the type of consequences they will receive. I see he is very worried about the consequences. But he should not be worried, but you said they will be very severe. Let it be very severe, when you mete out the consequences.

Let our whips be proactive. Of late, you will find that it is only Hon. Sudi Busolo that comes in the House as a whip, the rest of the whips never show up. And Hon. Allan, they are ardent attendees in this House. I have never missed Hon. Allan and Sudi. Where are the rest? That should also when you are planning on meting out severe consequences, also try to check on the leadership because whips have to whip their members.

As much as we want to blame the Secretariat, I don't think the Secretariat have any problem here. It is us that have problems. The Committee Clerks should inform their chairs that you know on Thursday we will be having a motion on health.

And I like the way you do it in Liaison Committee. You begin informing members earlier, even Messages are send to Member's gadgets but you also call in person that we have a meeting.

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Honourable Speaker, you see somebody once said in the last Assembly that a committee will take on the character of the chair; if the chair is *hafifu* then the committee also will be the same.

(Applause)

And that's very true. The Committee will take on the character of the chair. How you present yourself that is the same way your committee will look like and I also want to inform the House about something. You see by next year May, if today our motions are collapsing because of lack of quorum, what will happen next year by May. People will not be in this House; they will be out there... The weather will be hot. Those ones that have begun being hot, next year they will be hotter than they are today.

So coming to the House by next year May will be something which might not even be there. Somebody is in a meeting, has been called in this function, so it's going to be terrible. So if we are having motions collapsing at such a period in time, what about 2026? So that's my input. I think we need to pull up.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Our senior member you have something.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Just in summary, I want to agree with what my colleagues are saying that we have to be serious members who are committed to serve the people we represent in this House. Either you are nominated or elected; we have people who are here on daily basis. Leave alone Hon. Sudi who is not on WhatsApp and he is ever here to make sure that the business of the House goes on.

This is my proposal under the consequences, that you should come up with a list of shame that should be read to this House every week on who are the members who are shamed because they don't attend to House business. These are the same members that even when you go for retreats, they are not coming but you will find on the list they have already signed the attendance. They rarely attend. It is time that these members, even as chairs in Liaison, we should come up with a list of members who are committed in our committees and those who are not committed, so that when the Selection Committee retreats, they are able to replace those members who are committed to this committee so that we can move as a House.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jackson Wambulwa for your input. Let us hear our Whip, the ever serious, ever present Whip who is not on WhatsApp, Hon. Isaiah Sudi Busolo.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honorable Speaker, I just want to give a summary of what has happened here. I want to request that from today onwards, when a committee retreats, there will be no signing of payment vouchers. Until that report has been passed, so that when we pass the report we shall mark members who are present, then they process money for those members who are present during the plenary. That one will make members to come because you see the unfortunate part is that we have already signed payment vouchers at the retreat, so now that marks the end of me or any other person participating in the report because he/she is assured of being paid.

Today as we are seated, we only have seven chairs here, you can imagine. As much as we praise that in Liaison Committee that you call us, you can imagine that these reports are for the chairs. They are the ones who prepare the reports. They are the ones who have signed those reports and you can imagine we only have seven. You know apart from members, the chairs are also letting us down. They hardly participate in a report that is not theirs. Just take note of that. There are very few chairs who can sit here and listen to a report that is not theirs. Where are we heading to?

(Applause)

We only have two committees that were out. Now today it's just one. Only Implementation and of 11 members where are the other chairs? Hon. Mulongo who is the Minority Chief Whip is officially out on a Committee of Implementation and as a whip, will I go to these members' homes and bring them to the Assembly? After they were elected., his is the duty that they were elected to do.

Last Saturday I attended a funeral, and like 20 people want to be an MCA. They want to come here. Like in Hon. Makari's Ward they are now almost 20 and they want to be MCAs. What they want is to come and sit in this Honourable House. Can you imagine, you have an opportunity and you don't want to come? Specially elected, please talk to your colleagues; it's an opportunity that is rare. Can you imagine out of the Bungoma population very few of you are nominated and you want to stay in the House again? I don't know if I was the one. Like I have a Ward and I am always here. Just do what you are sent to do.

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So members, moving forward, we are not going to pay members. Members will not sign claims at the retreats. We are telling my other whips, we shall follow them. We shall use our own resources to make sure that the claims are signed here when the report has passed. We shall only mark out those members who have been present, who have participated in the debate. They will be paid because we are paid by talking here. That is the only work that we do here by talking.

I rest my case by urging my colleagues that let us do our work. One time, this report you will be out of this House. He has to come and you will see some of these reports on the official website of the County Government of Bungoma. You see, you will get shocked because it is even hurting you, because you were not there and you didn't participate and you could have corrected, had you participated. So let us attend these sessions.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sudi. He has captured very pertinent issues. The Majority Whip is out with the permission which he registered to be away for a week. I am aware of that and for Hon. Mulongo again you have been informed well that he is out on official duty with the Implementation Committee.

Members I was worried that Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana will leave maybe before I say something. The Hon. Zeddy was chairing Finance Committee meeting the other day, it was Monday I think and while chairing that committee, there were some members who were raising issues which already were handled by this House but they were trying to make it look like it has never been done. What is the reason? The member who was very vocal saying no, we have handled this, never stays in this House and is in your committee. I was asked to support something and I was coiling around, you remember? You can now look around the House, Hon. Zeddy. That is what we are saying. Members don't come in the House. When we are in the committee, they make a lot of noise and members you can agree with me. Some members who don't sit here, at the committee level they make a lot of noise.

They even try to force chairs to make rulings on things that the House has already addressed. You know what I am talking about. So members the consequences will come and you can be rest assured that the members who are committed, your issues will be also handled well but I can assure you members who are not turning up for the motions like today, Youth Committee members who are not here, they are known. You will see the consequence and they will come

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here crying and unfortunately, some of us again will start saying no let us bend this law, let us bend this. How?

So I want to urge you that let's keep on doing what is right. We represent the very good people of Bungoma. They have a lot of trust in us. That's why we were elected and that is why you are specially elected also. Let us attend the House. It's unfortunate that even our specially elected members, most of them are not attending House and we know. They have very flimsy excuses or they don't have excuses at all. Again I want to announce this. It's known, it's taken care of, and it's observed. So members let's attend the House.

ADJOURNMENT

With these sad incidences that have happened, we adjourn and resume at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon. I want to believe that you will whip our members to be here.

The House rose at 10:36 p.m.

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