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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, I do have a communication to make from the Office of the Speaker and this is in relation to the Majority Coalition; this is reference to discharge of Honourable members from committees.

The above matter refers; reference is made to Standing Order NO. 178 (1) (a); Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi has been discharged from the following committees:

1. Finance and Economic Planning Committee
2. Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities Committee.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. This is signed by the Deputy Minority Whip Hon. Isaiah Sudi Busolo.

PAPERS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Members! Consult in low ones.

**THE BUNGOMA COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES AND PROGRAMME-BASED
BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Honourable Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table the Bungoma County Budget Estimates and Programme-Based Budget for financial year 2026/2027.

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(Papers laid by Hon. Joseph Nyongesa)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, the Leader of Majority for tabling the estimates.

Honourable members, this is Bungoma County Budget Estimates and Programme-Based Budget for financial year 2026/ 2027 having been tabled, it becomes the property of the House. It stands committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations, so that they will work on it and report back to this House.

Next Item,

THE BUNGOMA COUNTY TARIFFS AND PRICING POLICIES 2026

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Leader of Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I again rise to table the Bungoma County Tariffs and Pricing Policy 2026.

(Papers laid by Hon. Joseph Nyongesa)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, the Bungoma County Tariffs and Pricing Policy 2026, having been tabled to this House, it becomes the property of the House and stands committed to the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning for processing and reporting back to this House.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Response in Relation to Submission of Financial and Non – Financial Reports in Respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Edwin Opwora and Chair, Tourism.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Pursuant to Standing Order...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Opwora, you can take your seat. I'm told there's some delegation here by the owner of the statement. The owner of statement has delegated to Hon. Masai Chemion.

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Hon. Francis Chemion: I'm standing in for Hon. Tony Barasa, I take full responsibility of the response.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Tony Barasa has delegated to the Hon. Francis Masai Chemion member for Kaptama to stand in for him and therefore the member is deemed to be present. Hon. Opwora, proceed.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company.

Pursuant to Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources hereby presents its progress report regarding the statement sought by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company.

Honourable Speaker, the statement was tabled on Thursday, 9th April, 2026. Following this, the committee requested a formal response from the department through a letter referenced CAB/CC/6/Vol. 3, dated 9th April, 2026. In reply, the Chief Officer for Water and Natural Resources submitted a report referenced CG /BGM /WTR/ CEC/ Vol. 1/123, dated 17th April, 2026 through the Office of the Clerk to the County assembly.

The report was also shared with the owner of the statement, Hon. Tony Barasa. The committee subsequently invited the Chief Officer to appear before it on Tuesday 28th April, 2026 to address the issue arising from the statement.

The Chief Officer submitted a letter to the Office of the Clerk to the County Assembly referenced CG/ BGM/TE/CO/BCA/Vol.2(42) dated 24th April 2026, annexed, requesting for rescheduling of the consultative meeting as the department was appearing before the Senate in Nairobi on the same date.

The committee seeks leave of the House to be granted additional time of 14 days to convene another consultative meeting, finalize its report and table the same before this Honourable House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wekesa Opwora. Hon. Masaai Chemion, that is what the Honourable Chair requests.

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Hon. Francis Chemion: I accept the request on behalf of the owner of the statement. Let them be given time because they have given a reason as why they could not give the response.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Chemion. The request is granted as laid by the Chair of the Committee, the Hon. Opwora and the House takes note of that and grants the same accordingly.

MOTION

REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE TRAINING HELD AT THE CENTRE FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Benjamin Jeremiah Otsiula, Chair Budget and Appropriations Committee, proceed.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm on my feet to move a motion of the Committee of the Budget and Appropriations on the committee training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training. On page number two is the table of contents.

Chapter One

On behalf of the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, it's my pleasant duty and privilege to present to this House a report on the committee training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training, CPST from 13th to 17th October, 2025.

The training was informed by the Constitution of a new Budget and Appropriations Committee following the lapse of the tenure of the previous committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order Number 215, which states that the County Budget and Appropriations Committee constituted by the County Assembly immediately following the general elections shall serve for a period of three calendar years and that constituted thereafter shall serve for the remainder of the County Assembly term.

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There was a need for the committee to undergo training in order to gain an in-depth understanding of its mandates and to execute its duties effectively and efficiently. This report represents a summary of the topics covered during the training and highlights the key action points arising from the sessions.

Mandate of the Budget and Appropriations Committee

Budget and Appropriations Committee has established Under Standing Order Number 210 of the County Assembly of Bungoma and is mandated to;

- a. Discuss and review the estimates and make recommendation to the County Assembly.
- b. Examine the County Fiscal Strategy Paper presented to the County Assembly.
- c. Examine the County Debit Management Strategy Paper presented to the County Assembly.
- d. Examine bills related to the County Budget, including appropriations bills.
- e. Evaluate tax estimates, economic and budgetary policies and programs with direct budget outlays.

Committee Membership

The Committee on Budget and Appropriations as currently constituted comprises the following members.

1. Hon. Benjamin Otsiula - Chairperson
2. Hon. Caleb Wanjala - Vice Chairperson
3. Hon Meshack Simiyu
4. Hon. Sudi Busolo
5. Hon. Everlyne Mutiambu
6. Hon. Francis Chemion
7. Hon. Jerusa Aleu
8. Hon. Christine Mukhongo
9. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya
10. Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba
11. Hon. Stephen Kaiser.

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Acknowledgement

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, Members, Hon. Mulongo order! Resume your seat Hon. Mulongo, I had observed that and I didn't see any problem.

(Loud consultations)

Honourable members, sometimes we observe and realize that things are in order, and then we proceed.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Not always, but sometimes we save time by observing. Proceed, Hon. Jeremiah Benjamin Otsiula.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Indeed, my members have confirmed to the House that this is a committee of eminent persons.

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

Acknowledgement

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Hon. Nganga, what is it?

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Honorable Speaker...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Nganga.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. You know the mover of the motion, he has said eminent, and what does it mean? We are all Honourable members here maybe he withdraws the word eminent.

(Loud consultations)

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members. I don't think that by him referring to Honourable members as eminent is wrong.

(Loud consultations)

Order members, is it that Hon. Nganga Sifuna wants to be called eminent? Hon. Otsiula, you can call him eminent also so that we proceed because I know that he referred to the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee as eminent. If he was talking about all of us, he could have said all of us are also eminent. We're not part of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Nganga, you're a serious teacher. Yes, and I know that very well. Proceed. You know, CPA Nganga is also eminent. Yes. Make him feel so.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. His eminency Hon. Everton Nganga, CPA

(Applause)

Acknowledgement

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to your office and the Office of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support provided to the committee which facilitated the timely conduct of the training. I also wish to appreciate the members of the committee for their commitment throughout the training.

They actively participated in group work, engaged in discussions, and their willingness to ask and respond to questions where necessary. I am confident that members are now well equipped to discharge the committee's mandates in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

It is now my pleasant and duty and privilege on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to present to the County Assembly the report of the committee training at the Center for Parliamentary Studies for consideration.

The report is signed by Hon. Benjamin Otsiula Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee.

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TRAINING OF THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AT THE CENTER FOR PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING

Introduction

The Budget and Appropriations Committee participated in a capacity building training aimed at enhancing its understanding of the budget process, fiscal oversight mechanisms, and the legal and institutional frameworks governing public finance management in Kenya at the Center for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) Nairobi, from 13th to 17th October, 2025.

The training was organized to strengthen the committee's ability to discharge its constitutional mandates on budget scrutiny, approval, monitoring, and oversight.

In line with the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, Public Finance Management Act 2012, and the Constitution of Kenya 2010.

Training objectives

The training was designed to achieve the following objectives.

1. To enhance understanding of the historical foundations of parliamentary budget oversight and the role of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.
2. To clarify the mandate and operational framework of the Budget and Appropriations Committee at both the national and county levels.
3. To deepen knowledge on the budget cycle and its implications for county budgets.
4. To strengthen members' capacity to analyze program-based budgets.
5. To familiarize members with the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and its regulations.
6. To introduce the role of the County Assembly Budget Office (CABO) in fiscal analysis and oversight.

Methodology

The training was delivered through a combination of;

- Interactive lectures and plenary discussions.
- Case studies and group exercises.

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- Presentations by experienced facilitators from CPST and the Parliamentary Budget Office.
- Peer learning and knowledge sharing sessions among members.

Summary of key topics

Historical foundations of budget committees

This session explored the evolution of legislative oversight systems and the origin of modern budget committees.

Members were informed of the two primary models of parliamentary budget oversight. We have the system and the key features.

The first one is congressional system; For example; the USA. This one is used in the USA. Legislature initiates and amends the budget, supported by independent fiscal offices.

For example, Congressional Budget Office, strong checks and balances, high legislative influence. That one, members to note, is produced by the legislature.

Then number two is the Westminster system; for example, the UK and Commonwealth countries; the executive dominates budget formulation, limited amendment powers by Parliament, focus on political accountability and expenditure monitoring. Kenya's framework blends both systems, establishing a semi-presidential structure where the executive proposes the budget, but Parliament and county assemblies exercise strong oversight powers, as provided under Articles 94, 95, 96, 185, 207 and 220 of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act 2012.

The role and mandate of the Budget and Appropriations Committee; Members were taken through the legal foundations, structure and mandate of the Budget and Appropriations Committee at both the National Assembly and Bungoma County Assembly. I'm referring to the table, honorable speaker.

We have aspect, the National Assembly, and then we have the Bungoma County Assembly. Legal basis, standing orders number two or seven of the National Assembly. Then under Bungoma County Assembly, it is standing orders number 199 of Bungoma County Assembly.

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Membership, in the National Assembly, we have the Chairperson plus 26 members. In the Bungoma County Assembly, we have the Chairperson plus 10 members. They serve for three years after general election both in the National Assembly and also in Bungoma County Assembly.

Key mandates

National Assembly, review and recommend on national estimates, examine budget policy statement, BPS, evaluate fiscal policies and consider appropriation bills.

County Assembly, review and recommend on county estimates, examine County Fiscal Strategy Paper (CFSP) evaluate fiscal and budgetary policies and consider county appropriation bills.

Collaboration with departmental/sectoral committees; BAC consolidated sectoral committee reports to ensure fiscal discipline, Macro-economic balance and policy coherence across all county departments.

Key learning, for effective oversight, continuous collaboration between BAC and departmental committees is critical to avoid duplication and ensure harmonized fiscal decisions.

The budget process and its impact on county budgets; Members were taken through the national and county budget cycle and the inter-linkages between them.

Key stages of the budget cycle: budget formulation; Preparation of budget circular, budget review outlook paper that is the CBROP. Sector Budget Proposals and Budget Policy Statement, (BPS) Fiscal Strategy Paper.

Approval and Consideration of Budget estimates, Public Participation and passage of the Appropriations and Finance Bills.

1. **Budget Execution:** Release of exchequer issues, implementation and preparation of supplementary budgets when necessary.
2. **Budget Reporting:** Preparation of Quarterly Budget Performance Reports and Budget Implementation Review Reports (BIRR).

The committee was also taken through key budget documents and timeline through a group assignment as illustrated below:

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Honourable Speaker, I wish not to go through the table since it illustrates the assignments that were prosecuted in groups.

Impact of National Budgeting on County Budgets:

- County allocations are influenced by national revenue projections and expenditure ceilings.
- Fiscal policies at the national level determine county fiscal space.
- Alignment with the Medium-Term Plan (MTP IV) ensures that both levels of government work toward Vision 2030 targets.

Budget Analysis: Programme-Based Budgeting (PBB) vs. Itemized Budgeting

Members were trained on the differences between **itemized (line-item)** budgeting and **programme-based budgeting (PBB)** and why Kenya transitioned to PBB.

Aspect	Itemized Budget	Programme-Based Budget (PBB)
Focus	Inputs and expenditures	Outputs, outcomes and results
Strengths	Easy to control spending and ensure accountability	Links spending to performance and outcomes
Weaknesses	No link to results; inflexible	Requires strong capacity for monitoring and evaluation
Legal Basis	Traditional system	PFM Regulations, 2015

Programme-Based Budgeting enhances accountability and transparency by linking resource use to measurable outcomes, thereby enabling more effective oversight by the County Assembly.

The Role of the County Assembly Budget Office (CABO) in Budget Oversight

This session emphasized the PBO (CABO’s) role as a **technical and independent support institution** established under the PFMA, 2012, to provide professional fiscal advice to Parliament.

Key Functions:

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- Analyze the budget and its economic implications.
- Review debt levels and fiscal sustainability.
- Build technical capacity for legislators on fiscal matters.
- Support committees (especially BAC) with data and evidence-based insights.

Biosafety Resource Allocation

The **National Biosafety Authority (NBA)** was used as an example to illustrate how underfunding of key sectors can undermine national safety, public health, and economic growth. The PBO's analytical work ensures that political priorities translate into fiscal commitments, thereby safeguarding the public interest.

2.4.6 The Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Public Finance Management Regulations, 2015

Public finance involves the management of a country's revenue, expenditure, and debt.

Core principles include:

- Transparency and accountability in financial operations.
- Equity and fairness in taxation and resource allocation.
- Efficiency in resource use to maximize public welfare.
- Sustainability of fiscal policy to ensure long-term economic stability.
- Rule of law and proper authorization for public expenditure

This session covered the **principles key regulations and reforms** introduced by the PFMA over the past twelve years.

The Core Principles of Public Finance explained are

- Transparency and accountability.
- Equity and fairness in taxation and spending.
- Efficiency and sustainability in resource use.

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- Fiscal responsibility and rule of law.

The following are the Key Impacts of the PFMA on the Budget Process:

Area of the Budget Process	Impacts / Expected Outcomes
Efficiency in Expenditures	With stricter timelines, counties and national government need to improve internal capacity to produce estimates, pass bills, report and implement. This may reduce waste, accumulation of pending bills or delayed procurements/implementations.
Legal Clarity and Consistency	Amendments harmonizing definitions (public debt, financial obligations), aligning with Constitution and simplifying or removing conflicting clauses (e.g. in county finance bills) reduce legal ambiguity. Fewer loopholes or contradictory requirements could lead to smoother process flows.
Transparency and Public Participation	Requiring publication of budget documents, prescribed formats, and mandated public forums gives citizens more insight and input. This can improve legitimacy and ensure budgeting priorities align more with public needs.
Oversight and Accountability	More detailed reporting, shorter delays for financial statements and quarterly reviews give County Assemblies and Parliament better ability to monitor implementation and take remedial steps earlier. Also, clear consequences (or obligations) when debt anchors are breached fosters accountability
Fiscal Discipline and Debt Sustainability	By using a debt anchor tied to GDP rather than a fixed number, debt levels are more linked to the country’s capacity to service them. This helps ensure borrowing is more sustainable. The five-year window compels medium-term fiscal planning. Also, stronger oversight makes deviations subject to accountability.

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Planning and Predictability	Harmonized submission and enactment timelines (e.g. county Finance Bills) reduce uncertainty. National and devolved units can better plan for when revenue laws will be in place and avoid delays that stall service delivery or development projects
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Key Regulations Highlighted:

- **Regulation 26–30:** Fiscal strategy and macroeconomic framework.
- **Regulation 31–36:** Budget preparation and audit of estimates.
- **Regulation 37–38:** Appropriation Bills and vote on account.
- **Regulation 41:** Budget classification and standard chart of accounts.
- **Regulation 47–48:** Budget variations and reallocations.

Adherence to these regulations ensures fiscal discipline, transparency and the achievement of policy priorities at both national and county levels.

TRAINING WAY FORWARD

The action points and recommendations are drawn from deliberations and lessons arising from the training. The training provided an opportunity for Members to assess the current procedural and operational practices, identify existing gaps and propose practical interventions aimed at strengthening the role of the County Assembly in budget formulation, approval and implementation oversight. The proposed actions are structured to enhance legislative oversight, improve coordination among actors and align county budget processes with the applicable legal and regulatory framework. The table below therefore captures the agreed focus areas, proposed committee actions, responsible actors to guide implementation of the training outcomes;

Focus Area	Sub-Focus Areas	Current Procedures	Proposed Committee Actions	Actors.
Procedural	Current status of the Budget	CARA is approved after the approval of the County	To propose legislation amending the County Budget	MCAs Legal

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	Process	Budgets	cycle, to ensure that proposed budget estimates are submitted only after the approval of CARA	department
	Budget implementation oversight	Sector committees conduct budget implementation oversight by reviewing and reporting on the quarterly financial statements and reports submitted by the County Treasury	Propose amendments to the Standing Orders to include budget implementation oversight as part of the mandate of the Budget and Appropriations Committee so that the BAC can also carry out budget implementation oversight on some projects.	Rules and Procedure Committee Budget and Appropriations Committee
		The committee does not interact with COB and their reports	Engage with the Office of the Controller of Budget (COB) on their reports to ensure that the reports are submitted and tabled in the House. The BAC should consider it and report to the House.	COB County Coordinator BAC
	Submission of the Finance Bill	The Finance Bill is submitted after the approval of the Annual Budget Estimates	Finance bill should be submitted at the same time with the annual budget estimates on 30 th April	CECM Finance Finance and Economic Planning Committee
	Budget implementation reports	They are not submitted by the County Treasury to the County Assembly	They should be submitted to the County Assembly with the quarterly financial statements and reports	County Treasury Clerk
Operational	Committee meetings	The Committee hold weekly meetings only for planning and evaluating committee's	Invite former CECMs of Finance, Chief Officers and Chairpersons of Budget and	Clerk Chairpersons

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		activities	Appropriations Committees to normal internal committee meetings to discuss specific legal provisions on budget-making, share challenges encountered and explore mitigation measures	
	Capacity building	Each committee does its own capacity building	Plan for joint seminars with the CECMs, Accounting Officers and Chairpersons sectoral committees on Public Finance Management	Clerk BAC Chairpersons Sectoral Committees CECMs Accounting Officer
	Tools for budget oversight	The fiscal analysts do not access the monthly exchequer releases by CoB	The fiscal analysts to be sharing monthly exchequer releases from the National Treasury gazette notice on 15 th of every month and sharing the same with the Budget and Appropriations Committee	Fiscal Analyst
	Special groups in the County	There is no list of special interest groups in the County	Come up with a list of all interested groups in the County	Research Officers Budget and Appropriations Committee
	Analysis on the gender responsive	No analysis is done on gender responsiveness on the proposed and approved	The analysis on gender responsiveness on the budget document proposed and	Fiscal Analysts Budget and

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	budgeting	budget documents	approved should be done and reported	Appropriations Committee
	Submission of sector committee reports on budget documents	Sector committee reports are submitted to the Budget and Appropriations Committee through the respective committee clerks. The CECMs and Chief Officers are then invited to appear before the Budget and Appropriations Committee for further engagement	Ensure that sector committee chairpersons, fiscal analysts and committee clerks appear before the Budget and Appropriations Committee to present their sector submissions on the proposed budget documents. The BAC should refrain from inviting CECMs and Chief Officers, except for the CECM for Finance, who should be the only executive representative invited to appear.	Budget and Appropriations Committee Sector Committee Chairpersons Fiscal Analysts Committee Clerks
	County Fiscal Strategy Paper	The Budget and Appropriations Committee and sector committees have not consistently adhered to the approved CFSP ceilings during the review and approval of the Annual Budget Estimates	Ensure the County Assembly critically interrogates the CFSP, where reallocations can be made without limitation; however, during the consideration of the Annual Budget, variations should be strictly limited to 1% of the approved ceilings as per Regulation 37 of PFM Regulations	Budget and Appropriations Committee Sector Committee County Assembly
	Conditional grants and counter-part-funding	Committee adopts the proposals without scrutinizing the conditions.	Conduct a detailed examination of each grant requiring matching funds or counterpart contributions by studying	BAC

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	requirements		MOUs and Grant Agreements.	
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Conclusion

The training was timely and essential in building the capacity of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to perform its oversight role effectively. It reinforced the Committee’s appreciation of its strategic position as the custodian of fiscal discipline and the guardian of public resources at the County level.

The Committee commits to applying the lessons learned to strengthen the County Assembly’s budget oversight and ensure that public funds are utilized efficiently and transparently to improve service delivery for the people of Bungoma County.

The report is signed by all members of the committee.

That marks the end of the report for purposes of noting. I therefore call upon our spiritual leader Hon. Caleb Wanjala to second.

Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I take this opportunity first of all to laud the chair for presenting this report preeminently Honourable Speaker. I also take this opportunity to appreciate the County Assembly for giving the Budget committee an opportunity to go and learn in Nairobi. Just like they say knowledge is power and what you don’t know can hurt you but what you know you have the capability to deal with it. Right now the Committee on budget has knowledge on how they can deal with budget cycle and how they can prepare the budget.

From the report, one of the main things that makes me happy is that we learnt on itemized budget and this is very key because you realize that in the budget that we have been making in past years we have had complains where there is no roll back when we have made some budgetary allocation on some projects but now with the knowledge on itemized budget, it is going to curb wastage and diversion of funds because the budget will come out with an already itemized budget for example in CEF, let’s take an example of the township ward. If they have a project in health and maybe Soysambu/Mitua too had a project in health itemized budget helps us to give programs in those wards in that we don't just have a block figure heaped in health without breaking down on what the funds are going to do. We will not be having these diversions of funds as we have been having before.

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We also learned that when the budget is tabled in the House like it has been tabled today, we also expect the finance bill also to be tabled at the same time. So these are the key things that we have learned and we believe that it is going to help not only the Budget Committee but also the members in the sector committees to be responsible and to take the interrogation seriously especially in the sector committees.

Another key thing we learned is that the sector committees chairs, vice chair, fiscal analyst and the clerk they are supposed to appear in the Budget Committee. Why, Honourable Speaker? Because it is the mandate of this House to make the budget but previously we have been having the CECs coming to defend and sometimes they only defend their interest but when the sector committees appear in the Budget Committee they are giving the true accounts, the true feelings of the committee or what is needed to be done.

So I want to appreciate and laud the chair for reading the report as I support that this is very, very important and not only for us, even other committees. I remember when we were in the legislative summit in Mombasa, Bungoma County was lauded as the committee that has taken the advantage of the training in Nairobi to send several committees and this is good. So I support the report and I believe we are going to have tangible results this time around. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well Hon. Peter Caleb. Honourable Members this report having been moved and duly seconded allow me now to propose that this House notes the report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the training held at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training laid on the table of the House on Wednesday, 11th day, March 2026. I propose. Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Speaker. First also allow me to appreciate the Budget Committee for coming up with a report. You know it's not so easy, especially in terms of training people to come up with a report. I am lucky that I was also part of that training. Now it's just for the purpose of noting. I think especially for the chairs, the chairs now should own up the budgets of the departments because it's them to appear before the Budget Committee and explain the needfulness of that budget in that department but not the Budget Committee calling every CEC. The only CEC that the Budget Committee will have to call is the CEC for the treasury.

So, those changes we should now start implementing them based on the budget that we have tabled. The key issue again is that actually they told us that in every budgeting there should be an increment in every project so far basing on the last financial year. So for us also as a House, let's also see especially the issue of CEF because in every financial year there's an increment. So if there's an increment, we should also be increasing.

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Lastly, what we were also taught is that the fiscal analyst should be showing the Assembly the exchequer releases and by showing the exchequer releases we should also be in a position now to see how much we have received and how much it has been spent on our projects. So, let's begin on that and follow what we were taught. I support.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Leader of the Majority for your remarks. The Hon. Waliaula Aggrey Mulongo, Member for Kibingei and Minority Whip.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this chance to contribute to this motion. A training is a continuous process and to learning even and since this committee went into a training they have really come back with a very fruitful report. I wish the chairs were all here apart from Waiti and *Mheshimiwa* Kikechi.

The sector committees they are the ones who are letting us down. As I am speaking like this, we were going round, round, round but from today that we have received this report, let them change and interrogate. Let them go and face the Budget Committee. Let them come up with a conclusive budget so that at least we can give the people of Bungoma the services that they need.

We have failed as a House. Why? It's just because our oversight has been neglected and therefore, this report has now become an eye-opener to us as honourable members. Let us pull up our socks.

Everything on earth starts with budgeting. Starts with budgeting and if you fail in budgeting, even in your own home you will never succeed. You must plan and budget. Therefore, that report is the best and you need now to call all the sector committees and then you take them through, so that at least let them not alter anything or come up with any other thing apart from the real budget itself. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Hon. Waliaula for your remarks. The Hon. Ipara Johnston Okasida.

Hon. Ipara Johnston: Asante sana Bwana Spika . Mimi nataka kupongeza mwenyekiti wa Bajeti, ndungu wetu mdogo Benjamin Otsiula kwa ripoti ambayo umetuonyesha barabara na inaonyesha kua masomo ilifanywa Nairobi. Tukifwata hio njia sisi wote tutafaidika lakini nina masikitiko sana pengine unipe ruhusa nilie kidogo kwa sababu wengine walisoma na sisi hatuja soma na nikiskia ndungu Mheshimiwa Waliaula vile anajivuna na tutapanga vile tunamfanyia kazi tuki toka hapa kwa sababu sisi hatujasoma na hatujajipangia wenyewe kwamba tusiende kusoma na pengine kitu tunaangalia ni ubaguzi uliopo.

Wale wengine wamesoma masomo mazuri ambayo itawasaidia na sisi ambao hatuja soma tulilinganishwa na hawa namna gani kwa sababu ukisaidia mtu kusoma ataweza kuelewa bara

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bara ya aliko na kwenye anaenda tunaomba hii masomo mpaka tuangililiwe kwa sababu bila hio masomo hatuta linganishwa.

Unaskia *Majority* pia amesema kwamba wameambiwa wakati wowote mgao unatoka hio stakabathi ya kuonyesha pesa kiasi gani iligawanywa mpaka ionyeshwe na mimi ukiniuliza bora niambiwe tulipata milioni 10 hio itatosha. Kwa hivyo unaona madhara ya waliokosa nafasi ya masomo. Naomba tafadhali tuangaliwe na pengine kwa ruhusa yako ungeomba kiranja wa wachache asimame aombe msamaha kwa sababu sio sisi tutaka kwetu kukosa kusoma

(Laughter)

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Ipara kwa usemi wako najua kwamba aliyesoma ripoti ataweza kuangazia hoja ulizotaja. Kwa sasa tuna Mheshimiwa Maasai Chemion Francis kutoka Kaptama

Hon. Francis Chemion: Asanti Kinara wa Bunge leo ningependa kuongea lugha ya Kiswahili. Kwanza ningependa kusema ndungu wetu Johnston Ipara amedondoa hoja ya maana sana kwa sababu ni vizuri watu waende wasome. Kusoma haina mwisho na kumbuka tulipokua katika masomo hayo, tulikubalina kama kamati kwamba tukisharejea hapa nyumbani tutakutana na wenye viti wa kamati ili na wao kabla hawajaenda kule Nairobi kusoma na sisi tuwafundishe kwa sababu tuko na makarani wetu ambao walinakili mambo haya karibu yote.

Tulikua tunaonelea kwamba sisi wote haswa wale wenye viti wangepitishwa mambo haya ndio wakija mbele ya Kamati ya bajeti wawe pia na ile ujasiri na uwezo wa kusimamia idara yao kwa niaba ya waziri na wale wengine walio chini ya waziri.

Kwa hivyo mambo yamebadilika na kwa sababu ya muda kama kutakua na nafasi...kwa sababu muda ni mfupi mtakuja tu tusemezane na hio inabidi sasa wenyeviti wakati mnafanya ugaguzi wa bajeti mwangalie kwa makini kwa sababu wewe sasa ndo utakuja usimame kwa niaba ya Idara na useme mipangilio ambayo iko katika hii idara ni haya na tungependa yaende kwa namna hii. Isikue sasa ni wale mawaziri na wale wanaofanya kazi pamoja na wao.

Kwa hivyo tuwe maakini sana wakati tutawaita wale ambao watakuja mbele zetu katika kamati zetu ili tuyanakali na tunayachukue yale ambayo mutakua mmekubaliana na wenye kiti ndo watakuja kutueleezea.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asanti sana mheshimiwa Maasai kwa usemi wako mwafaka tunayesasa Mheshimiwa Jeremiah Kuloba kutoka hapa mjini . Mheshimiwa endelea

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii kuongezea tu kwa yale yalilyofunzwa hasa la muhimu katika maswala yaliyowekwa katika jumba hili ni kuhusu kugawanyisha bajeti ili kila mtu ajue kama ni Idara ya Afya ama Idara ya Ukulima kila sehemu ijulikane ni fedha ngapi imewekwa huko katika vipengele vidogo vidogo. Isiwe malimbukizi yale yanawekwa pamoja kufunika yale mambo ambayo hayajulikani.

La muhimu pia tulilojifunza ni kwamba yale yanayojadiliwa katika mihadhara kabla ya kuletwa bajeti yawe yakipewa kipao muhimu ambapo yale ni maswala ya wananchi wanaotaka utendekazi ufanyike katika sehemu zao. Yale mambo lazima yawe ya kutiliwa maanani na kuzingatiwa haswa ikiwepo vijisehemu vidogo vidogo ili mwananchi ajue kua sehemu fulani ambayo alihitaji ndio iliyotiliwa maanani katika hio bajeti. Asante Bwana Spika kunipa fursa hio.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Kuloba. Tunamuita sasa mwenye kiti aweze kupeana rejeleo kutokana na usemi wa waheshimiwa hawa. Nimeona lugha ya Kiswahili inapooromoshwa kabisa hapa hatujui kama ataendeleza lugha hio. Nilimuona yeye ni rafiki wa ndani wa Mheshimiwa Mulongo. Wanajuana kwa vilemba kutoka kule Kimilili na ndio maana uliona wakati Mheshimiwa Mulongo alikuwa anaongea walikua wanajibizana kimaso maso. Haya...

(Laughter)

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Honorable Speaker...

(Laughter)

(Applause)

For purposes of today only allow me reply in English but when it comes to Kiswahili you know me very well, very few members here can much my proficiency.

(Laughter)

(Loud consultations)

I can't mix the two languages while replying as a member of the House Rules and Procedure. First of all I want to appreciate the positive contributions made by Honourable members as far as this very, very important motion is concerned. If you look at the concerns raised by members

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and the timing of this motion, I want to laud members of the House Business Committee for this good work.

Scheduling this motion at this particular time, prepares members and reminds members of their obligations before we embark on the serious issue of the interrogations and handling the budget tabled before this House this afternoon. Therefore, the timing by that committee, I appreciate their wisdom.

Secondly, I agree with the sentiments of all the Honourable members. We used to have a mistaken belief that everything stops with the Budget Committee when it comes to budget making. According to our training, the Budget Committee is just the culmination. We are just presenting to the House the final wishes and aspirations of the results of the Sectoral Committees.

This therefore means that the challenges that we have been facing, especially from Sectoral Committees during the first supplementary budget, there are two committees that I would not wish to name here on this House to safeguard their integrity but the recommendations that they signed forwarding to the Budget and Appropriations Committee are again directing the Budget Committee again to call the CEC Finance and do ABCD.

The work of the Budget Committee is to act on the recommendations of the sector committees. You are supposed to direct what is supposed to happen in relation to what was submitted before that committee. Therefore, our chairs this time is going to be a very, very different system because now that we are fully trained on these issues and fully equipped, the chairs will be appearing before the Budget and Appropriations Committee and you will not be accompanied by the respective CEC for that particular department.

Therefore, chairs who don't attend to sittings when interrogations are underway please don't come with half-baked responses before the Budget and Appropriations Committee because it is going to undermine the power of that Sectoral committee. Also on the issues of finance bill, I think members have been taken through that today being the 30th of April we are supposed to have it tabled before the House. That is very clear for members to know before the interrogations what the bill contains.

On issues of the budget, members to look at the itemized budget keenly and there is a very important issue that I am not supposed to forget. This one, that by 15th of every month, Exchequer releases must be monitored and the analysts must ensure that by 15th of every month we have a report from the Treasury to show how much and to what extent the county has expended monies.

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That has not been happening and we now from this point agree that we have to be following but I can confirm through our committee clerk that as at even last month, the analysts obtained that report and we are now following keenly to ensure that whatever you appropriate, here those monies are now being spent in line with the appropriation act.

As we end, I just want to urge Honourable members to be thorough, scrutinize everything that will come before their committees and wherever called upon by this committee let them appear and support us to deliver as far as our mandate is concerned. Thank you, as far as nothing is concerned, I reply.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so Hon. Benjamin for replying and for the House to note the same, so that going forward we are doing what is right and where I sit today, Honourable Leader of Majority, I am happy that the Tongaren Constituency is fully represented here...

(Applause)

...100%

(Applause)

Followed by Kanduyi...

(Applause)

So the Honourable members should be in the House and this is a very important document that required that members are in this House.

(Loud Consultations)

Yes and now every member is trying to find out. I think that's what we should be doing always. Well we will note that members and thank you so much for that. So the House notes the same and appropriate steps will be taken after forwarding by the clerks at the table for the same. Next item,

PROCEDURAL MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY CALENDAR TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION IN EAST AFRICA LOCAL AUTHORITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION (EALASCA) GAMES

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Deputy Speaker: Very well, our Leader of Majority, the Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, Member for Tuuti / Marakaru.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Speaker. Allow me to move the procedural motion, Alteration of the County Assembly Calendar, to facilitate the participation in the East African Local Authority Sports Association that is the EALASCA Games.

Aware that the Assembly Calendar for the year 2026 was approved by this House, Pursuant to the Provision Standing Order Number 21, noting that the East African Legislative Assembly's EALASCA Games are scheduled to commence in Mombasa on Saturday, 2 May 2026, providing a vital platform for inter-parliamentary networking, regional integration, and the promotion of the physical health among Honourable Members and the staff.

The County Assembly of Bungoma emerged as the undisputed champions of the County Assembly Sports Association, CASA Games, held in 2025 in Meru County, demonstrating exceptional talent, teamwork, and discipline.

Cognizant of the fact that, by virtue of being the reigning CASA champions, the Bungoma County Assembly has been formally invited to represent the Kenyan County Assemblies at the prestigious EALASCA Games to compete at the regional levels.

Further cognizant of the significance of Bungoma County Assembly participation in these regional games to foster bilateral relations with other legislative bodies within the East African community, recognizing the constitutional timelines and the urgent necessity for the House to consider and approve the budget estimates for the year 2026/2027 financial year, alongside other critical oversight businesses, aware that the House was originally scheduled to proceed on a long recess starting tomorrow, Friday, 1 May 2026, and terminating on Monday, 25 May 2026.

Therefore, pursuant to the Standing Order NO.31 (4), this House resolves to adjourn the Assembly calendar as follows;

1. The long recess scheduled to commence on 1st May 2026 and end on 25th May 2026 be and is hereby rescinded to allow for the completion of House business.
2. That the House sitting shall continue uninterrupted thereafter to dispose of urgent matters, specifically the consideration of the budget estimates and other critical oversight businesses.
3. That, notwithstanding the above, and to facilitate the travel and participation of the County Assembly's delegation in the EALASCA Games in Mombasa starting on 2 May 2026, the House

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shall adjourn from today Thursday, 30th April 2026, and resume its regular sittings on Tuesday, 12th May 2026.

Mr. Speaker, allow me now to call upon Hon. Vitalis Wangila to second.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, Hon. Vitalis Wangila, Member for Kabula and Leader of Minority, proceed to second.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am on my feet to second a procedural motion that has been read by the Majority Leader, that's alteration of County Assembly Calendar for facilitating participation of EALASCA Games. After EALASCA Games, this House to resume tackling crucial documents or important documents like the budget estimates which has just been tabled this particular evening.

I second that the House adjourns today, Thursday, 30th April 2026, and resumes its regular sittings on Tuesday, 12th May 2026.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Vitalis. Honorable Members, after the motion having been moved and duly seconded, I propose to the House that there is a procedural motion on the Alteration of the County Assembly calendar to facilitate participation in the East Africa Local Authorities Association EALASCA Games. That this House resolves that the long recess scheduled to commence on 1st May 2026 and end on 25th May 2026 is hereby rescinded to allow for the reorganization of the House. Hon. Everton Nganga,

Hon. Everton Nganga: Asante sana bwana Spika. Kwanza nataka kumpongeza kiongozi wa upande wa wengi Mheshimiwa Joseph Nyongesa MCA wa Tuuti/ Marakaru. Kwanza ninaunga kubadilisha ratiba ya mpangilio wa hii nyumba yetu.

Kwa minajili ya Waheshimiwa kwenda michezo Mombasa, ninaunga mkono michezo ya EALASCA. Nakumbuka mwaka uliopita, michezo kama hii ilikuwa nchi ya Uganda, lakini wengine hawakuenda, lakini mwaka huu, niko na furaha sana, mimi kama mmoja wao wanao sakata dimba.

Mwaka uliopita waliniacha inje nikakasirika sana lakini mara hii nimezivaa njuka na sare na niko ndani ya uwanja. Naenda Mombasa mara hii tuone Mombasa hata kama nasikia ni joto sana lakini mabao nitayafunga.

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Mswada huu ambao umeletwa na kiongozi wa wengi ni mzuri sana. Waheshimiwa, tumekaa hapa tukijisatiti kupitisha miswada, lakini ninafuraha mara hii twende tupumzike kidogo. Kiswahili ni lugha yetu,, najua tumezoea kingereza lakini Kiswahili sio mdomo yangu lakini nimemaliza.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Everton Nganga. Usemi wako katika lugha ya Kiswahili. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Benard Kikechi endeleza lugha ya Kiswahili basi.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipea hii nafasi pia mimi nichangie huu mswada ambao umewekwa kwenye Bunge na kiongozi wetu ambaye ni wa wengi. Kwanza kabisa pia mimi naunga mkono hii mambo ya michezo, unajua wahenga walinena kwamba kufanya kazi bila kucheza inaweza fanya hawa waheshimiwa wazembe sasa ni kitu ya maana twende kule Mombasa , kama mimi niko katika kitengo cha kutingiza mabeka, mimi ndio naongoza kile kitengo na itakuwa heshima kubwa sana kukutana na wale kutoka Uganda na Tanzania tukishabikia michezo yetu kule Mombasa.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Benard Kikechi, Mheshimiwa Wafula Waiti tuna muda mfupi sana sababu ya mtambo wa umeme wanarekebisha na hivi karibuni tutaukosa umeme hapa, kwa hivo tutajibidisha kiasi, Mheshimiwa Wafula Waiti

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honorable Speaker for allowing me. I'm not very good in Swahili. I just want to stand here today to support the motion before us for a very simple reason, sitting where you are yesterday; we passed a motion here with amendments which allows the County Government of Bungoma to subscribe the CAF issues. And to prove that, we want to support that amendment by making sure that the Honourable Members of this Assembly plus the employees of this Assembly participate in the EALASCA Games as a proof. And remember, this is a House of Rules and Procedures, so we are in order to make sure that we participate.

And looking at myself, nowadays I don't understand. I have been growing huge every day, and how I wish that as we retreat to EALASCA Games, I want you to be near Volleyball pitch and watch me as I jump to make sure that I support our winning in EALASCA Games. You know we won the CASA before we were approved to go for EALASCA. So I will prove and when we come back, make sure that you applaud me in this Honourable House. I support the motion.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wafula Waiti. Honorable Members, I want to repeat kindly the transformer has a fault and we have technicians from Kisumu around waiting, so kindly let's be short so that we don't run into that mess. Proceed, Hon. Francis Chemion

Hon. Francis Chemoin: Yangu yatakuwa machache mno Spika. Kwanza kabisa ningependa kuwashukuru wale wenzetu ambao hawakuingia uwanjani kucheza, walikuwa pamoja na sisi na walikuwa wanashangilia kwa vifijo, nderemo, denzi, mbwebwe na hoiho. Wao pia walichangia pakubwa sana sisi kufanikiwa na kutunikiwa hizo vikombe zaidi ya tisa na mnawajua vizuri sana wakiongozwa na Mheshimiwa Benard Kikechi akiwa kiongozi akisaidiwa na Jeremiah Kuloba na wengine wengi tunawashukuru kwa sababu bila ninyi hatungefika mahali tulifika.

Jambo la kuongezewa wale ambao wanatarajiwa kwenda kucheza kwa sababu kuna wale majina zao zilinakiliwa, lazima mbebe sare za michezo za kufanya zoezi kidogo ndio muingie uwanjani, wakati mwingine hamna sare kule kwa hivo lazima muwe na sare zenu za michezo tunapoelekea kule.

La mwisho, nataka kushukuru viongozi wetu wa bunge hili, hawa viongozi wamewaza vizuri, hiyo ndio sababu ni vizuri kuwa na viongozi ambao wanajali masilahi ya wafuasi wao, hao wametujali sisi wote, iwe ulikuwa umenakiliwa jina ama bado kwa sababu sisi ndio tulikuwa washindi inabidi sisi wote twende kule. Kwa hivo nashukuru kinara wa Bunge na tutashikilia mambo yenu tutawashikilia kwa sababu mnajali masilahi yetu kama Bunge la Bungoma.

Mwisho, iko ahadi ambayo mlikuwa mmetuwekea kwamba tukitoka kule tungekutana tukule mbuzi, najua hii mbuzi tumekula mbuzi nusu kwa sisi wote kwenda kule Mombasa, hiyo ni mbuzi nusu tayari wametukumbuka, lakini tukitoka huko tukaribishe tena rasmi, ili tule mbuzi iliobaki.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Francis Chemion, hebu tumuone Mheshimiwa Kuloba.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Asante Bwana Spika, nitakuwa mfupi wa waneno kama vile kimo change kilivyo. Kwanza ningependa kumshukuru kiongozi wa walio wengi Mheshimiwa Joseph Nyongesa kwa matangazo ambazo ametoa kwamba tunaenda wote Mombasa kwa ajiri ya Michezo. Langu ni kuwashukuru tu kwa sababu kulikuwa na dukuduku kuwa Waheshimiwa hawaendi, ya kwamba wale waliokuwa walishiriki katika vitengo mbali mbali ndio walikuwa wameenda, kwa hivo sisi tunakushukuru kwa kuja peupe na kutuambia kuwa twende

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tujitayarishe, isipokuwa hujatwambia tunasafiri siku gani, pia maswala yetu ya kifedha pia ninajua utaenda kuangalia.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Jeremiah Kuloba. Tumalizie na Mheshimiwa Edwin

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Asante Bwana Spika. Pia mimi nataka kuchangia huu mswada, kwanza nikishukuru kiongozi wetu Bwana Nyongesa, kuhakikisha kwamba huu mwaka kila Mheshimiwa atajumuika kwenda Mombasa. Hii imenipa motisha kurudi uwanjani kwamba mwaka uliopita, mimi na wachezaji wengine Hodari kama Mheshimiwa Otsiula ambao tulichangia kuleta hiki kikombe cha mchezo wa kandanda tuliwekwa inje na wale ambao walikuwa labda ni mashabiki tu ama wale ambao walikuwa wanatushikia nguo inje ndio wale walienda kucheza Kampala. Ilituuma moyo sana na hata...

(Laughter)

...nakumbuka Mheshimiwa Sudi alikuwa ananishikia ile taweli tukitoka uwanjani na kunipa chupa ya maji lakini alijipata Kampala mimi na Mheshimiwa Otsiula tukabaki tukichunga ngombe hapa. Lakini kwa hivyo, nachukua hii fursa kushukuru wana kamati na kushukuru viongozi wetu kuwaza kwamba lazima kila mtu ajumuike. Hii inatupa motisha hata michezo ambayo inakuja tutaendelea kushiriki tukijua kwamba tutajumuika sote pamoja na pia sisi tuwe na raha.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Edwin Opwora. Mheshimiwa Kiongozi wa wengi, tafadhali utaweza kumalizia.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, let me appreciate all Members for the support of the motion. Just to add on that actually the sentiments have been taken very seriously especially the critical one, the issue of maybe welfare, how many days, I think in the next meeting we shall disclose, even the issue of *mbuzi*, Mr. Speaker, has taken note of that. Lastly, the issue is to get an opportunity to mix with other leaders from other Countries not only in Kenya, because we shall have leaders from Uganda, Tanzania and other leaders from Rwanda and Burundi. So Members, it is an opportunity, let's utilize it.

I wish you well because you are the champions of CASA and I hope we shall maintain as one of the speakers said, let's also carry on our sports attire so that at least we shall be in fields. Otherwise, I wish you all the best.

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Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Majority Leader. Honourable Members, allow me to put the question that pursuant to Standing Order 31(4), this House resolves to alter the Assembly Calendar as follows; One, that the long recess scheduled to commence on 1st May, 2026 and end on 25th May, 2026 is hereby rescinded to allow for the reorganization of House Business.

Two, that the House sittings shall continue uninterrupted thereafter to dispose of urgent matters, specifically the consideration of budget estimates and other critical oversight businesses.

And three, that notwithstanding the above and to facilitate the travel and participation of the County Assembly delegation in the EALASCA Games in Mombasa starting 2nd May, 2026, the House shall adjourn at the rise of the House today, Thursday, 30th April 2026, and resume its regular sittings on Tuesday, the 12th of May 2026.

(Question put and agreed to)

The motion is adopted.

Next item,

ADJOURNMENT

That being our last item on the Order Paper of the day, we adjourn and resume as per the resolution of this House.

The House rose at 4.04 p.m.

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