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The house met at 2:30p.m.

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FROM FRIENDS SENIOR SCHOOL SINOKO

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, I take this opportunity to welcome students and teachers from two visiting schools. We have Friends Senior School Sinoko from Ndivisi Ward of Webuye East Sub County. The delegation comprises of 49 students accompanied by five teachers. Students of Friends senior School Sinoko be upstanding for recognition.

(Students stood up)

Kindly resume your seat!

(Applause)

Honorable members, they are accompanied by the following teachers

1. Mr. Edmond Wekesa
2. Ms. Martha Nyaboke
3. Mr. Kenneth Waswa
4. Ms. Salome Nambafu...
5. Ms. Jupiter Manyasi

(Teachers stood up)

Kindly resume your seats please

(Applause)

Honorable members, take up your positions please.

(Honorable members standing at the door took their seats)

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The second school is Lukhuna Friends Secondary School from Tongaren Ward, the delegation comprises of 80 students accompanied by 10 teachers.

Students of Lukhuna friends Secondary School be upstanding for recognition.

(Students stood up)

(Applause)

Kindly resume your seats please!

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, they are accompanied by the following teachers

1. Mr. Namanda Humphrey
2. Mr. Kisaka Philip
3. Mr. Bonventure Magomere
4. Mr. Nyongesa Emmanuel
5. Ms. Nelima Faith
6. Mr. Mukwei Anthony
7. Ms. Teresa Makokha
8. Mr. Chiliswa Anthony
9. Ms. Arengi Esther
10. Ms. Lorna Achongo

(Teachers stood up)

Kindly resume your seats

(Applause)

Honorable members, from their request to visit the Assembly of Bungoma, the primary objective of this Education institutions is to visit, learn and get exposure on the actual working of the County Assembly, including the core mandate of the Honorable members, the plenary conduct and to relate with the practical theory in classroom and the practical part that we carry out in devolution and real practice.

Honorable members, at the statement hour on our Order Paper, I will be able to allow Honorable members to make some brief remarks about our visiting delegation, words of wisdom, encouragement and wish the candidates the best of luck in the end year examination as we only have one more term to the closure of the academic year. We proceed accordingly

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Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, as earlier said, we have two visiting delegations, first is the Friends Senior School Sinoko from Ndivisi ward, I will ask the host MCA Hon. Alfred Wekesa to be the first one to go, then I will allow some few members to make remarks before we proceed accordingly. Proceed please!

Hon. Alfred Mukhanya: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My school is Sinoko Friends Secondary school led by four teachers and what I may tell them is that this is the Assembly of Bungoma, it's a replica of the National Assembly and you have been taken round by the Serjeants. In this Assembly, we have the Speaker who is seated in front then Clerk at the Table; here we have the members of the Assembly and Sergeant at Arms who assist us in all that we need.

To my students, this is a time you are supposed to be working very hard to finish up your career as form fours and I want to encourage you to continue working extra hard as near third term where you will be sitting for your final examination. As you see us here, these are Honorable members who represent you in all that we do at the County level.

Otherwise, I don't have much, but wish the form fours from Sinoko that God be with you in all that doing as you prepare for your exams.

Two, I would want to tell you that respect your teachers, make sure that you follow what they teach you, also be disciplined then God will bless you with a good future.

As usual we say if you have your papers, you can't miss somewhere in the near future. That you will be looking for employment and if you work hard, you can also be like Member of County Assembly like some of us.

Otherwise, those are my brief remarks and I wish you journey mercies when you go back home.

Mr. Speaker. Hon. Johnston Ipara, MCA for Tongaren Ward.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Let me take this opportunity to welcome the students of Lukhuna Friends School. This is one of the schools that we are proud of in the upper Tongaren particularly when it comes to passing exam. This is one of the best schools we have within Tongaren Sub County.

This is an opportunity for them to learn leadership, democracy and governance principles. I want to advice these students that they should take their studies seriously because it is a foundation for the future.

As all of us understand that discipline is the foundation of the successes that we want in this country. If you look at a few organizations that have succeeded, a good example is Safaricom, Kenya Breweries; they are making those huge profit margins because of the discipline of the

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workers. Therefore I urge the students that discipline should be the key and directing principle during all that you do and don't forget that you must always remain respectful and uphold the integrity that is required of you.

We should also advise these students to avoid negative influence particularly from their peers, every one of them should always be thinking of where they come from and the foundation that they were brought up from, because all of them come from different places.

I want also to advise them to use their talent and skills to make a difference in their lives and in the future.

As your representative, I always feel proud to associate with Lukhuna Friends because it's a school with a difference and that is why today I stand here without any shame to say that we are proud of Lukhuna friends.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. First of all, I want to congratulate the entire entourage of students from two schools including Lukhuna that have chosen to come to acquaint themselves with issues of Governance especially devolved functions and units.

Allow me talk to the entire entourage of students because Lukhuna holds a special place because it is a school where some students come from Soysambu/ Mitua ward, the ward that I represent.

We are representatives, people have given delegated functions to come here and articulate issues that touch on you, because not all of us can fit in this House. Therefore, for the students, I want to urge you during the times of our fathers, this country had a lot of land and a man who was born especially sons and to some extent even a few fathers would give their daughters land because there was land and today learners, there is no land, it has been sub divided and there isn't any arable land that is fit to be called settlement.

Those who come from Tongaren for example which is a settlement scheme, initially they called it White Highland areas because there were a lot of tracks of land and people migrated in search of land for farming. Today, there is no land, so students the only land settlement scheme that your parent would give you today is education that will empower you as a girl or boy into fitting into society and it will enable you stay anywhere. Education is the current settlement scheme and if you use the opportunity given properly, you can even put it in your briefcase and migrate with it anywhere on earth and you will live there without any problem because you are empowered.

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Embrace education and it is so simple, when you follow rules and regulations of your school, then life becomes easy, because teachers will much concentrate on giving you education rather than solving problems.

I want to urge you to strictly follow the school requirements, listen to your teachers and above all follow up and ask questions on areas of your studies that you don't understand. They say, you are only bright and gifted if you are asking questions and you stop to be wise the moment you stop asking questions. Ask your teachers questions, follow them up and your life in school will be well. Remember you are there for a season and reason, get that season and use it very well and don't fall into issues that are of mob psychology.

Otherwise, Those of you going to sit for KCSE, remember you are the second last cohort .For those of you who are in form three, you are the last born of 8-4-4 system and therefore you have to work extra hard and smart so that you fit in to this society.

For Lukhuna, I know we shall meet after here, I will be accompanying my neighbor your MCA so that we can look into each other's eyes. For the rest of the students, I know we are very many here, tutagawana tu.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Deputy Speaker

(Laughter)

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Sorry, I withdraw that .In this Assembly, we have to use a language that you begin with. If you are speaking English, Swahili or sign language then use that one till the end of your contribution.

I was provoking the mood so that you can also learn that one. We wish you all the best as you prepare for your exams and as you prepare to travel back home, may God bless you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa. Hon. Ali Machani, before you rise allow me be able to engage the gear of Gender. Hon. Sheila Sifuma proceed.

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I think you will go to heaven in the morning because...

Mr. Speaker: I have been praying to go to heaven always...

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Thank you very much because you have considered gender balance. My name is Sheila Sifuma, I serve in this County Assembly as a nominated MCA and I am happy to see girls and students from Lukhuna and Sinoko. I have been told those are the schools that are

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around, so welcome to the parliament building. This is the chamber where we debate motions, pass laws and legislations and you are all welcomed.

Maybe to just add to my senior who is a teacher, I know he has spoken much of what I would have wanted to say. Maybe just to add that do your best in school. You are there for a very short time and make it count because I am just from school the other day and I am still continuing to learn. Education does not end but now that you are in school uniform, do your studies well, education does not end, maybe if I may just guide the students, there are Honorable members here who went back to school in their 50's, or 60's and others are still planning to go in their 70's and I am not talking about Hon, *Makabichi*....

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sheila!

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Sorry Mr. Speaker Sir, but he mentioned that he would want to go back to school.

Mr. Speaker: Who is that? I am not aware of any Honorable member known as *Makabichi* in this House

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba

Mr. Speaker: It's okay. The Honorable MCA for this region. Proceed

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: I just want to tell the students its better when you learn early, when you have an opportunity so that by the time you are studying and working you can focus on other things because family comes and career also comes.

To the teachers, I want to thank you for giving these students exposure. As a daughter of a teacher, I know how much sacrifice you put to be in school very early and late and to mark exams, so congratulations for what you are doing, because you know we are told that education is an equalizer and all of us who are seated here in this House, everyone has been equalized because of education. Do your best and put God first. Whatever subject you are trailing on, just look for someone who can help you to revise, you don't have to be perfect in everything but you can be perfect at something, whatever you are struggling with, just get someone to assist you, you will not be in school for so long. It will be over before you know it, so do your best then if you come out and meet us on the roads, just say hi and even some of us will be exiting this House to other places.

Recently our President opened passport center in Bungoma, so we want to export you from Bungoma to the world and you serve in big offices even across the continent. May God bless you very much and when you go home greet your parents.

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(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ali Machani,

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. For the benefit of the learners, my name is Hon. Ali Machani Mutoka socially known as Hon. Balala representing Maraka ward in Webuye East Sub County, serving my third term as an MCA.

I want to thank you Honorable Speaker because when I was almost standing, you requested me to resume my seat and gave Hon. Sheila the first chance to speak and the learners must have learnt something, that you are gender sensitive and more so when you are seated, there to guide us because you are an advocate of the high court, so every time you ensured the law is observed.

The learners in this House both from Lukhuna where my brother Hon. Okasida Ipara comes from and Sinoko from where my brother Hon. Mukhanya represents, we respect these two leaders and whenever my students or learners appear in this House, they have always supported me by talking to them and encouraging them to be good leaders in future.

Going to school and getting a diploma, degree or PhD does not matter, but it requires being committed and more disciplined. Majority of learners in this House might be in form three and form four soon you will be voters. Politics influences so many things, whether you want to be Kenya Kwanza or Sifuna, it's all about what you want in future.

In future, the legislative arm will want to amend laws that even a watchman or the security men in school must have reached form four. Even the Government has introduced stipend for village elders. We used to call them *Bakasas* or *Liguru*, from where I sit, they are going to do serious scrutiny that if you are not a form four then you cannot be a village elder. So I want to encourage the learners that Honorable members seated here work on laws, allocate money to various departments in the County and monitor what the County Executive. Don't gossip and talk about your teacher, also when you are at home don't talk about your leaders. What is spoiling the current children is talking much about their leaders in the system. You may talk about President Ruto, Sifuna but first of all you must be disciplined, respect those in authority, make sure that the leader representing you whether it's an MCA, take your time and support the leader because in this House, we have approved the bursary around Kshs 6,000,000.

I am aware these two leaders will also support you if the Governor will fast track to release the money. I want to urge to tell your parents to support these two leaders, Hon. Mukhanya and Ipara to be re-elected, so that those of you who are in form three, can benefit from the fruits that we have approved in this House. Thank you for allowing me encourage these learners.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, we will have Hon. George Makari closing.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I was very uneasy, before I welcome the guests when Hon. Sheila said you will be in heaven very early in the morning.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, I know you are a bishop, I pray for all your flock to go to heaven.

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, what she didn't say is that before you go to heaven, you have to die

(Laughter)

You will not walk to heaven and we will have a very long convoy from the mortuary taking you home.

(Laughter)

I was very uneasy when she said you will be going to heaven very early in the morning. I got very worried and you know being a very senior bishop in this House.

(Loud consultation)

Hon. Francis Chemion: Point of information Honorable Speaker!

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chemion, is it point of information or you want to contribute?

Hon. Francis Chemion: Point of Information Honorable Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Yes please,

Hon. Francis Chemion: You know the member who is addressing this House is a senior Bishop and he has read the bible from Genesis to Revelation and he knows that there were people who went to heaven without dying

(Applause)

Maybe I allow him to use a different context but that one should be in his mind that we have people who went to heaven.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the happiness of Hon. Chikati and Sudi today is very abnormal. I do not understand what they took for lunch.

Hon. Francis Chemion: That is information; our senior bishop can change it a bit so that we don't mislead the learners.

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Mr. Speaker: Hold on Hon. Makari, let me hear Hon. Sheila, she has information, let me hear her first

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Point of information! I think because students are here, there is something in grammar called figure of speech. So even as they go home they can research on it and maybe advise my colleague, that is just figurative, I don't wish for the Speaker to go to heaven soon.

Mr. Speaker: But all of us are basically going to die, it is written. Although Hon. Chikati is disputing but allow me go back to Hon. Makari please.

(Loud consultation)

Kindly please, Hon. George Makari proceed! We have four motions ahead of us please.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. You know I speak from the point of information.

(Loud Consultation)

Order Honorable members! I speak from a point of knowledge. You see not all of us will go to heaven. Three quarters of this House will go to hell and you know that...

(Laughter)

Only a few of us will meet in heaven.

(Loud consultation)

I know the lives of everyone here; I can tell you those who will go to heaven and those who will go to hell. Let me say something, Hon. Chemion mentioned it, he says in the bible there are those people who did not die, that was the bible at that particular time but in this dispensation all of us are going to die.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Tony, resume your seat please! What is coming out, I am seeing that you doubt your own bishops

(Loud consultation)

Honorable members, Now that I am giving you a long recess, take time and research about the bible, so that if you know you are going to die soon, start preparing in advance. Hon. Makari.

Honorable members, I am not allowing interjections.

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(Loud consultation)

Hon. Tony!

Hon. George Makari: Last time I checked...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari, just hold on. None of you has become a judge in other people's courses

(Loud Consultation)

Honorable members, the challenge I am seeing here is that...

(Loud Consultation)

Hon. Meshack...

(Loud consultation)

Order Hon. Museveni! Hon. Makari, kindly stick to your submission.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Honorable Speaker for saving me. I could see a lot of interjections even from my good friend the bishop from Bukembe.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Speaker: Order members, I have not asked anybody else to speak except Hon. George.

Hon. George Makari: Honorable Speaker, let me move away from the topic of heaven and hell because it is making people very uncomfortable in this House. Allow me come back to the students and as properly said by my colleagues. I take this opportunity to welcome students and teachers in this House. Last week there was a certain school, and I remember Hon. Kiron'g standing up and saying it is only the teachers that share the same profession with Jesus and it actually touched me because Jesus was a teacher. I also teach in the church but...

(Loud consultation)

Why are people murmuring when I am trying to explain myself? To the students welcome, you can look at the procedures of the House, our Speaker, the Mace and everything, but above all I want to comment the host MCAs Hon. Mukhanya and Hon. Ipara Okasida, I must attest that Tongaren has produced one of the best MCAs in this House.

I want to comment the people from Tongaren and Webuye East, when you go back, kindly vote for the leaders that have enabled you to be in this House, we want them to be re-elected in the next election because they are good people, you have very nice leaders and I want to comment

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them for inviting you to this House and as you prepare to go back, we just pray that you have a very safe journey. Thank you for giving me the opportunity

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, allow me on behalf of the remaining speakers who may want to have a chance to speak because you are all aware we have four more motions ahead of us. Allow me on behalf of the Honorable MCAs present here and the House leadership and the management of the Assembly allow me make the following remarks to our students in the public galleries, students be very disciplined, have respect for your parents and teachers and studying will become easier for you.

We are going to have a long break of August. Use that time to prepare, study, revise your work so that you prepare for the end-year examination. But equally as you are away from school, occasionally we have come to learn that some of our young boys and girls no longer want to assist their parents at home, we are asking that assist your parents with cleanliness, farm work, taking care animals and other home chores; so that when you reopen they are prepared properly to be able to pay your fees.

Importantly for young boys, we are going to a festive season of circumcision and some of you are candidates, I will ask you to keep away from *disco matanga* and equally the circumcision ceremonies, if you go there and misbehave, the results will be seen in December when results are released. So keep off...

(Applause)

Keep off, because you need to have an exam when you are prepared with no worries around yourself.

As I am finishing up, is that the boy child is now endangered. We have been having stories that the girl child is endangered, now it is the boy child who is endangered, so we urge you to work hard, because you are no longer endangered, because once you have good results, you will get a good profession and subsequently a good life.

For teachers from Sinoko and from Lukhuna School, you are doing a good job for us because as I said yesterday, you spent 75% of your time with our children and as parents we spent 20-25% of our time with our children. So you are basically the real parents to our children. I wish you well. You are doing a good job and we keep on praying for you.

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MOTION

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH SERVICES ON THE STATUS OF EQUIPMENT IN BUNGOMA COUNTY REFERRAL HOSPITAL AS A CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi Busolo, proceed. The mover of the motion Hon. Tony Barasa is present. The seconder is equally present. So move and call your seconder to the amendment that you are proposing.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I have seen the mover of the motion around, I don't know how I can say it but he understands

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, that is basically casting aspersions about Hon. Tony. Hon. Tony is here as an Honourable Member of Lwandanyi and he told me that although he is having a funeral at home, he came specifically to have this motion.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi Busolo: You see Speaker...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi...

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Today is the third day since this motion was moved.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, stick to the issue at hand please.

Hon. Sudi Busolo: Mr. Speaker all said and done, let me go back to the motion. The motion reads proposed amendment to the proposed recommendations by the Committee on Health Services.

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Following the motion on the status of the equipment in Bungoma County Federal Hospital (BCRH), I wish to move slight amendment to be included as part of the recommendations by the Committee on Health Services.

Amendment number one, that there is need for the county government of Bungoma to prioritize purchase of its own CT scan machine in the next budget cycle for sustainability.

Amendment number two, that the CT scan service charges should strictly be pegged on the argument with a NACIP of 90% and 10% respectively for hospitals of Kshs 4,500 respectively.

The third amendment is that Bungoma County Referral Hospital to take over and expertise the completion of the blood bank as per the purchase provision.

Fourth amendment; that future agreement with partners should be presented to the County Assembly for scrutiny and ratification.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi Busolo, a member of this County Assembly representing South Bukusu Ward, call your seconder to this amendment please.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Before I sit down, Speaker I have been reminded my seconder is a Hon. Member for Kaptama, Hon. Chemion Masai.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chemion Francis, proceed.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First, I want to thank you for being magnanimous to this motion and you did allow that we panel bit and do some slight improvement on the recommendations. If you look at recommendation number four, from the report that we had got. It was insinuated that there was a donor who was ready to do some funding of the blood bank.

We are putting this recommendation so that any partnership between the county government of Bungoma and another donor or partner is brought to this House so that members are able to know who the donor is. What are they going to do? What are the obligations of the County Government of Bungoma? What are the obligations of the donor or the partner? It was not very clear by that time and it has been a norm even in other departments, where county government engage partners without bringing their document before this Honorable House.

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Recommendation number three, is the issue of the blood bank and we have said in that recommendation that the county government, that department, the BCRH should take charge because they collect their FIF. They should now use the same and take charge in constructing that blood bank as per the budget that we have passed that is running now. In that budget it is provided expressively that they are supposed to take over.

Then the issue of the 90-10, we said let them stick to those percentages so that we don't disadvantage the hospital and we also don't disadvantage the patients and finally, on the issue of the CT scan. This is very critical equipment that is required in our hospitals and therefore we are recommending that let the County government provide some financing so that we are able to purchase at least our own, so that we really don't depend on this one that we will be tied for 10 years.

This one will be tied in paying for it for 10 years. So it would have been better if the County Government of Bungoma prioritizes in its subsequent budget, give money for this purchase of the CT scan. Hon. Speaker, I second the amendment.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, allow me be able to propose a motion within a motion because this are amendments: they are proposing to amend the recommendations within the main motion of the Committee on Health recommendations. Honourable Members, a motion has been moved and it has been seconded that this House adopts the proposed amendment to the committee final recommendations be included in the final committee recommendations.

(Question put and agreed to)

Ayes have it. Now I will invite Hon. Tony Barasa to respond to the main motion.

Hon. Tony Barasa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to thank the HBC for considering that we dispense this matter once and for all. I want to appreciate the members of this House for being alert and to come up with these amendments to this particular report.

I concur with the amendments as put together and presented by Hon. Sudi Busolo. These four major amendments is going to better this report and effectively unlock so many issues as stated under recommendation No. 3 and 4, so that it can give the BCRH opportunity and power to proceed with putting up the blood bank.

I want to urge this House to adopt the report with the amendments, so that it can go for implementation. I beg to ask the House to support with the amendments.

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Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Tony for the reply to the motion of the committee. Allow me Honourable Members, now for the finality of the committee report. Honourable Members, a motion was moved and seconded and debate having ensued that this House adopt the report of the Sector Committee on Health Services on the status of the equipment in Bungoma County Referral Hospital.

(Question put and agreed to)

Ayes have it.

(Applause)

Honourable Members, the committee report, observations and recommendations are hereby approved by this House.

Next item,

**REPORT OF THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON
CONSIDERATION OF THE DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE TO THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY FUND FOR
FINANCIAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Catherine Kituyi, proceed.

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am here to move a motion on a report by the Committee of Finance and Economic Planning on consideration of the disbursement schedule to County Assembly Fund for the financial year 2026-2027.

Mr. Speaker: You know the practice here. Lay the base of your quorum. Committee members, please be upstanding.

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: I thought they said...

Mr. Speaker: We must confirm; Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, Joan Kirong, Hon. Chikati kindly quiet! Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, Vitalis, Hon. Anthony Lusene present, Violet, Tony Barasa, George Makari, Kawa, Sundukwa, Orize, Kituyi. There is quorum for proceeding. Proceed.

(Applause)

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Hon. Catherine Kituyi (Member Finance Committee): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I will need your indulgence, Chapter one. I read.

Mr. Speaker: Chapter one. You read.

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Okay.

Preface

The County Assembly Fund was established under the County Public Finance laws (amendment) Act, 2025 to facilitate the efficient financing of the operations of County Assemblies and to enhance their institutional independence in executing their constitutional mandate of legislation, representation and oversight.

Section 109E of the County Public Finance laws (amendment) Act, 2025 requires every County Assembly Fund to prepare an annual disbursement schedule indicating the timing and amounts to be transferred from the County Revenue Fund to the County Assembly Fund. The schedule is required to be approved by the County Assembly before implementation by the County Treasury.

This report therefore presents the proposed Bungoma County Assembly Fund Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/2027 for consideration and approval by the County Assembly.

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Seek approval of the monthly County Assembly Fund disbursement schedule for FY 2026/2027.
2. Ensure compliance with Section 109E of the Public Finance Management Act.
3. Facilitate timely financing of County Assembly operations.
4. Enhance predictability and efficiency in budget implementation.
5. Provide a framework for monthly releases by the County Treasury.

Committee membership

1. The Committee on Finance and Economic Planning as currently constituted comprises the following Members:
2. Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana Vice Chairperson

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3. Hon. Stephen Wamalwa
4. Hon. Joan Kirong
5. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo
6. Hon. Vitalis Wangila
7. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka
8. Hon. Violet Makhanu
9. Hon. Tony Barasa
10. Hon. George Makari
11. Hon. Jack Kawa
12. Hon. Grace Sundukwa
13. Hon. Orize Kundu
14. Hon. Catherine Kituyi

Acknowledgement

The Committee is grateful to Bungoma County Treasury for submission of the disbursement schedule to County Assembly Fund for Financial year 2026/2027 which is a facilitative planning tool for budget execution by the County Assembly of Bungoma.

The Committee also is grateful to the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical support in discharging its mandate. I also thank Members of the Committee for their sacrifice and commitment in the successful completion of the assigned task within the stipulated timeline.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, I now have the honour to present this report on consideration of the disbursement schedule to County Assembly Fund for Financial Year 2026/2027 before this honorable House.

Report signed Hon. Godfrey Wanyama Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Economic Planning

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Legal framework, Basis of disbursement schedule and justification

Article 201

Provides the principles of public finance, including accountability, transparency, and prudent use of public resources, equity and openness.

Article 219

Requires that a county's share of revenue raised nationally be transferred without undue delay and without deductions except as provided by law.

County Public Finance laws (amendment) Act, 2025

Section 109E

This section establishes the County Assembly Fund and requires that:

- a) Funds appropriated by the County Assembly be transferred from the County Revenue Fund into the County Assembly Fund.
- b) The County Assembly approves an annual disbursement schedule.
- c) The County Treasury transfers funds in accordance with the approved schedule.
- d) The approved schedule forms the basis of monthly releases to the County Assembly Fund.

County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA), FY 2026/2027

The County Allocation of Revenue Act determines the equitable share allocation to county governments from the National Government. The County Treasury's ability to finance the County Assembly Fund is therefore dependent on the monthly equitable share disbursements released by the National Treasury.

Accordingly, the proposed schedule has been aligned to the anticipated monthly equitable share disbursement from the National Government.

Annual County Budget

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The approved FY 2026/2027 County Budget appropriates resources for the County Assembly Fund and authorizes expenditure in accordance with the approved Appropriation Act.

Basis of the Disbursement Schedule

- a) The proposed monthly releases are based on:
- b) The approved FY 2026/2027 budget.
- c) Expected monthly equitable share releases from the National Government.
- d) Cash flow requirements of the County Assembly.
- e) The need to ensure uninterrupted legislative operations.
- f) The need to guarantee timely payment of salaries, statutory deductions, committee activities and operational expenses.

Since equitable share transfers are expected to commence after the first month of the financial year, no disbursement is proposed for July 2026.

Proposed Disbursement Schedule

The County Treasury shall transfer funds to the County Assembly Fund on or before the 15th day of every month as follows:

Month	Amount (Kshs.)
July 2026	0
August 2026	113,292,288
September 2026	113,292,288
October 2026	113,292,288
November 2026	113,292,288
December 2026	113,292,287
January 2027	100,000,000
February 2027	100,000,000
March 2027	100,000,000
April 2027	100,000,000
May 2027	100,000,000
June 2027	100,000,000

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TOTAL 1,166,461,439

The County Treasury shall effect each transfer on or before the 15th day of the respective month.

Justification for the Proposed Schedule

The proposed schedule seeks to:

- a) Ensure predictable funding for Assembly programmes.
- b) Support uninterrupted legislative business.
- c) Facilitate timely payment of employee compensation.
- d) Support committee operations and oversight activities.
- e) Enhance budget absorption.
- f) Improve cash flow management.
- g) Align county cash releases with National Treasury equitable share disbursements.
- h) Minimize accumulation of pending bills.

Expected Benefits

Approval of the schedule will:

The disbursement schedule shall:

- a) Improve financial planning
- b) Enhance budget implementation
- c) Promote accountability
- d) Strengthen the independence of the County Assembly
- e) Ensure compliance with statutory timelines
- f) Improve service delivery and Enhance oversight of public resources.

Committee Observation, Recommendations and Conclusion

Observations

The Committee observed that:

1. There are incidences of delay in national government disbursement of equitable share.
2. There is zero allocation in the month of July 2026.

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3. Allocation for August 2026 to December 2026 varies from that of January 2027 to June 2027.
4. The disbursement schedule shall be based on equitable disbursement from the national government.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends that:

1. **THAT**, the House Approves the Bungoma County Assembly Fund Disbursement Schedule for FY 2026/2027 as presented in this report.
2. **THAT**, the County Treasury to transfer funds to the County Assembly Fund on or before the 15th day of every month in accordance with the approved schedule.
3. **THAT**, the County Treasury should provide timely reports where circumstances necessitate any variation in the approved disbursement schedule.
4. **THAT**, the County Treasury should in any revisions arising from changes in equitable share disbursements or approved supplementary budgets be brought before the County Assembly for approval in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act.

Conclusion

The proposed FY 2026/2027 County Assembly Fund Disbursement Schedule has been prepared in accordance with Section 109E of the County Public Finance laws (amendment) Act, 2025 and aligns with the anticipated equitable share disbursement from the National Government.

Approval of this schedule will promote prudent financial management, ensure predictable financing of the County Assembly, facilitate efficient implementation of Assembly programmes and strengthen compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

The Committee therefore urges this House to adopt this report and approve the proposed disbursement schedule.

The adoption schedule is signed by all members except one.

Mr. Speaker: Don't be using that word because if I check, is it all signed by all the members?

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: I said all except one sir.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed. Just be saying it's basically adopted. It is easier that way. You want to put your colleague on HANSARD and he did not sign. Call your seconder, please.

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Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, it's my pleasure to invite our Deputy Speaker to second the report.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Deputy Speaker, Hon. Wamalwa, second the report please.

(Applause)

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa (Member Finance Committee): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I stand here to second this report but before that, I want to laud the mover Hon. Catherine Kituyi for eloquently moving this very important motion report. I want to inform and remind the House that this is one of the measures that were put in place to ensure as an Assembly, we have to do our work without depending on executive or facing some arm twisting anywhere.

This part of the autonomy that was given to the assemblies and which we have to be proud of that's why, this report has come just in time to ensure that this house is given its respect and that we can walk our heads tall and high, that we can do our oversight without intimidation.

So Honourable Members on every 15th of every month, an officer must and shall abide by the requirements of the law to ensure that this Assembly is given powers to ensure that we do our work as required by the law.

Therefore, I want to urge let us all support and adopt this report without any amendments so that we can give the House its powers as required.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa. Honorable Members, allow me now to propose a motion for debate. A motion has been moved and seconded that this House adopt the report of the Sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the disbursement scheduled to the County Assembly Fund for the financial year 2026/2027.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ipara,

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. Let me begin by lauding the mover of the report and the seconder of the same report. This is appropriate motion that has come at the right time. I remember the challenges that we previously faced but this particular report cures those challenges that were there.

If you refer to section 109 E, it says the County Treasury *must*, the word that give me a lot of hope is the word must disburse money to the Assembly at the beginning of every month. This was intended to cure the experience we have experienced from the County.

The County Executive Government has never taken time to appreciate the role of the Assembly and have never a very serious role to play we play in terms of budgetary process. This is intended to protect the autonomy of this House and you remember this was granted recently and we must jealously protect it without any mercy.

Secondly, if this particular schedule is uploaded, it will compel the County executive to ensure that there is continuity in compliance to the schedule that has been spelled out on how money is disbursed to the Assembly for its operations.

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This particular report supports the separations of powers, it gives distinction between Assembly and Executive and their specific roles and more so it promotes predictability in budgetary process. You know a budget recently was approved and it is spelled out on how much is allocated.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, Order! Proceed

Hon. Johnston Ipara: How much is allocated to the Assembly and when every exchequer is released, how much will be channelled to the Assembly operations.

Lastly, they were enacted to ensure that the assemblies are not financially constrained. You remember one time the challenge we faced as a House, where the executive on their own just decided to slash part of the cake that was intended for this particular House, but this act and this report will cure this mischief and we shall never go back to that and I support this particular motion.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Francis Chemion, you are the last speaker then Hon. Kituyi, prepare to reply.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Honorable Speaker, I would like the mover of the motion to enlighten us on why we have variation? Why is it that we could just disburse them uniformly in the months that are there but here there is variation? We can see that we have three months or four then the others are equal. What is the reason of the variation?

Secondly, the mover should also enlighten us why and explain a bit, why we have not allocated anything in the month of July. Can the mover enlighten the house so that we are we in tandem?

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, I do know whether Hon. Chemion is asking the mover to respond to his questions, so I think you appear before the committee because like now what you are asking is more of questions...

Hon. Francis Chemion: Honourable speaker, I am just interrogating the report and I have found out that I need more information from the mover because it is the mover who has moved to the report, so if you can just explain the two issues, why do we have these variations and why zero for July? Just for members to know.

Mr. Speaker: Order Hon. Chikati, Hon. Kituyi, reply to the motion?

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the members who have contributed to the motion. First of all, I want to answer on the July zero allocation, because it was in the report and maybe members were not keen. It said, since equitable share transfers are expected to commence after the first month of the financial year, no disbursement is proposed for July 2026. I thought that was clear and that is why

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(Applause)

Two, I don't work in accounts because its accounts who have planned this... so it's better, I'm answering that there must be calculations to see how much is needed in January or in August for them to put this and then just supply it in the whole year. So Hon. Chemion just be keen this is our money.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Catherine, your response is more of personal to Hon. Chemion, isn't it?

(Laughter)

Then it's Hon. Chemion, if you want to call him out there, then that is you decision.

(Laughter)

Hon. Catherine Kituyi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is our money and as long as all is coming to the Assembly, I don't see if there is any problem, whether it's how much in this month, as long as everything is well catered for. I beg the members to support the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, the energy I'm seeing from this side of the house today is very abnormal, especially Hon. Chikati. Members, allow me now people to put a question to the motion as moved and seconded.

Honourable members, a motion has been moved, seconded and debate having ensued that this House does adopt the report of the Sector Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the consideration of the disbursement scheduled to the County Assembly Fund for the financial year 2026/2027.

(Question put and agreed to)

(Applause)

The schedule is approved by the House accordingly.

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APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE IN COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker: Leader Majority, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, proceed.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa ((Leader of Majority): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move the motion on approval of nomination of members to serve in committees. THAT, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 177(3), this House approves the nomination and appointment of Members to serve in Select Committees as follows:

1. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta is appointed as a Member to the Sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning; and the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization.
2. Hon. Henry Nyongesa, is appointed as a Member to the Sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources in place of Hon. Martin Chemorion, who is hereby discharged; Powers and Privileges in place of Hon. Orize Kundu, who is hereby discharged; and the Sectoral Committee on Youth Affairs and Sports in place of Hon. Abraham Obama, who is hereby discharged.

So having reached there, allow me to call upon the Majority Whip to second, Hon. Meshack Simiyu.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Meshack, proceed and second the motion accordingly.

Hon. Meshack Simiyu (Majority Chief Whip): Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika, I second

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, as you all know this one we will not be able to elicit debate. I put the question that pursuant to Standing Order No. 177(3) that this House approves the nomination and appointment of the members to serve in the Select Committee as laid or as moved and seconded by the Leader of the Majority and the Chief Whip accordingly.

(Question put and agreed to)

The motion is approved accordingly and those members are placed in those committees accordingly.

We proceed to the last item,

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ALTERATION OF THE CALENDAR AND ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to move a motion on Alteration of the House Calendar and Adjournment pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No.31 (4)

Mr. Speaker: Order Members, the movement to cease please

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: This House resolves to alter the calendar as adopted with respect to the long recess of the House...

Mr. Speaker: Can movement stop? Proceed,

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: THAT, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 31 (4) of the County Assembly of Bungoma, this House resolves to alter the Calendar as adopted, with respect to the Long Recess of the House.

Aware that, the Calendar of the County Assembly of Bungoma as currently adopted provides for the House to proceed on Long Recess from Friday, 28th August 2026 to Monday, 21st September 2026.

Cognizant that, this August is a period during which a significant number of communities within Bungoma County observe the cultural rite of circumcision, an important and time-bound cultural season.

Further aware that, it is within the mandate of this House to alter its own Calendar as circumstances necessitate, provided such alteration does not prejudice the constitutional and statutory timelines within which the Assembly is required to transact its business; Therefore, this House resolves as follows:

1. THAT, the Calendar of the County Assembly of Bungoma be and is hereby altered such that the Long Recess of the House is brought forward and shall run from Friday, 31st July, 2026 to Monday 31st August, 2026;
2. THAT, the period originally designated as the Long Recess in the Calendar, being Friday 28th August, 2026 to Monday 21st September, 2026, be and is hereby converted into ordinary sitting days of the House;
3. THAT, the House shall resume regular and uninterrupted sittings on Tuesday, 1st September, 2026 at 2:30 p.m., and shall thereafter sit as scheduled without a break through the period previously set aside as the Long Recess;

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4. THAT, all Committee schedules, and any other House programmes be realigned to conform to this revised Calendar.

Honourable Speaker, having reached there, let me call upon Hon. Aggrey Mulongo to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, proceed.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo (Minority Chief Whip): Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir for giving me this chance to second the motion. As you look at this House today, Honourable Members are very happy because they want to go home and rest. When you look at them properly, they are in a mood of going home. Some of them are circumcisers, especially like Hon. Kikechi here is a circumciser number one and therefore this...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Member, there is nothing wrong with being a circumciser.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: It is our tradition and therefore we are going home. Be advisers for those who are going to *Minya*. Be good advisers when you meet students who are possibly especially candidates, , advise them not to go deeply into it. If they are girls, let them close their legs. If they are men, let them remain vigilant. When you say something, the truth is always bitter. When I am saying that they close their legs, you are supposed to tell your daughter or son, the truth that HIV is there. If you don't, then you will end up burying him/her or you be there telling them to take ARVs daily. Therefore, you better tell the truth, and the truth will set you free. Sit with your kids, sit with your children and advise them.

This recess Honourable Members, when we are going to resume, Honourable Speaker, protect me...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati!

(Laughter)

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Honourable Members, we are breaking, and when we are going to resume please, attendance of committees and plenary, make sure that you attend. You are giving whips hard time, please let us attend the internal meetings and the plenary.

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Today, we are doing this because when we are going to come back, you will see us now in true colors as Whips.

(Applause)

We are going to whip...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Mulongo is very much in order, we proceed

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: On the majority side, the Majority whip is there, and he has already told us in the HBC that he is now ready to whip members who are not going to attend meetings and I'm here also saying the same. Thank you so much, I second.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No.31 (4) of the County Assembly of Bungoma, this House resolves to alter its calendar as adopted with respect to the long recess of the House as moved and as seconded. I propose.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Ali Machani,

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all, I want to thank this House. The short recess that was there last time, it really enabled some of us to harvest and we managed to be at home to familiarize and engage with the community. Bringing up this alteration of the calendar, it is normal because we respect our culture and tradition that in this August our young boys are going to face knife during circumcision ceremonies.

So as leaders when we are at home, let us guide the community. Most recess is also a reminder to any Honourable Member elected or specially appointed that one day you will be at home, so it is not wrong for you to be at home and engage with the community, do other things in terms of development. It will also remind you that when you will not be in this assembly, what else can you do at home? So you prepare yourself, talk to your children; engage with your sweetheart closely in terms of planning for the future...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ali Machani for people like Kikechi, you say engage with your sweethearts.

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Hon. Ali Machani: I want to thank you for that reminder but when you are at home, if you can use the short rain that is there, you can put something in your farm and that one will assist you. During campaign next year and you know our people have not harvested seriously, but if we can go at home and engage much in the farm, the Chair Agriculture is here, I know you will have something to say. You will have more harvest to supplement what we have harvested. So that next year when we will be campaigning, people will be talking about *Njaa Njaa*, then we can also give them...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ali Machani!

Hon. Ali Machani: Honourable Speaker, I think that term was not friendly.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari,

Hon. George Makari: Honourable Speaker, I want to support the motion maybe at one point you will give Hon. Chikati some few minutes. He is very excited today, I don't know where this excitement is coming from but that is not my point.

I was very comfortable with the mover of the motion and even the seconder, but I became very uneasy when seconder started lecturing members and pointing fingers at members. That was not seconding the motion, but warning and intimidating members. The seconder has never had such a role in his life, so he is exercising a lot of powers that he does not have.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. George Makari, if you look at our Standing orders, those are the major mandates of the Chief Whip in the House.

Hon. George Makari: Honourable Speaker that is why I am saying that in his entire life, since he came in 2017, he has never had such powers, so he is now trying to exercise these powers crudely by intimidating members and warning them that if you don't come, you know we are not students. We are very mature people and some of the members here, including the seconder is over 70 years of age.

(Laughter)

So I don't know where he carries the temerity and the wits now to begin lecturing members. Otherwise, I want to support the motion.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Makari. Hon. Chikati,

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Hon. Timothy Chikati: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sometimes I'm just quiet and you are mentioning my name. I don't know why. You are confusing Kikechi with Chikati.

(Laughter)

I'm Chikati and he is Kikechi and even in body size we are different, he is 5GB and I'm 1GB. So my point is that it is so demeaning from the Minority Whip to refer to the Honourable Members as circumcisers, these are people who have some spirits in them. You can't even sit with them in this House.

Secondly, how I wish...

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati, I think you are out of order.

In the First Assembly, one of the Honourable MCA for Kimaeti Ward, Hon. Wechuli was actually a circumciser and Orize is a circumciser and personally I'm a chief circumciser.

(Laughter)

Hon. George Makari is a medical circumciser. So there's nothing wrong in that. If you are ashamed, that's on your side alone. So you are out of order at that point. Proceed.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: It's good to know. Secondly, I wished that we could have allowed our students to go out then we talk about this motion. We are conflicting ourselves by saying that we are having time to go to those circumcision events. We have just been telling our students to avoid going to those events. The students will ask, what is my father or my mother going to do there and they are denying me, so sometimes let us gauge. You could have allowed them to go out.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Chikati, you are out of order. We are saying going to circumcisions at night, and *disco matanga* they should keep off. When they invite me to go there, I will take my walking stick during the day, there's nothing wrong with that, unless you are not an elder like here. Like Waliaula, Ali Machani and others.

Hon. Timothy Chikati: I think you are out of order, because circumcision is done at night, not during the day. I think you have lost your culture.

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(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Honourable Speaker, I stand to support this motion because it will allow most of us who live within the Western Region to participate in the whole month of August, particularly where we shall observe *Embalu*, *Bukhebo*, or in the other languages *Sikhebo*. We should not be ashamed of our very important culture. We have earned a lot of money through circumcision, when visitors from Europe and elsewhere around the world, they come and see that particular important rite that we practice in Luhya and in Western. When people try to demean that very important culture, I think they are not living where we are, or they were not born by the Luhya community. Even me, who comes from *wasinde*, I support this...

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, that is un-parliamentary, you are out of order.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Honourable Speaker, I withdraw that word.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: I withdraw that word. For me, I will have an opportunity to visit *Embalu* and see how they do it. I will also go around the country to see how this important culture is being practiced. I support this motion.

Mr. Speaker: Once you second the motion, you are disqualified from contributing on it. Hon. Meshack, proceed I give you two minutes.

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika. Naunga mkono lakini ninaomba wenzangu twende nyumbani tufanye kazi lakini tuisahau kazi yetu kama wakilishi wa watu. Naomba tukihitajika tukuje tufanye kazi ya bunge hili, tafadhali tuje kwa sababu unajua yale yenye tunafanya ndiyo tutekeleze majukumu yetu kama Bunge.

Lakini nataka niambie Mheshimiwa Makari ya kwamba lazima mtu afanye kazi ndo akule, na kama hutafanya kazi usikule bibilia iliandika hivyo. Kwa hivo tukisema watu wakuje *Committee Meetings* acha wakuje ndo tufanye kazi ikuwe rahisi kwa Bunge yetu.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Majority Leader, reply to the motion. Hon. Chemion, you will speak but whoever has no card today will not be allowed to speak from the dispatch, because none of you gives me your m-pesa cards to keep for you like ATM Cards. Proceed.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Honourable Speaker, I am student of History and for us who have not read the history of the *babukusu*, you should be made aware that the first *bukusu* to be circumcised was circumcised by a sabaot lady, do research

(Applause)

It is very true, don't question because it is there in books. It is the correct position that the first person to be circumcised was done by a lady. To even add more flesh, if you look at the age sets, after we have circumcised our young people, they are put in age sets. There is no difference between Bukusus age sets and the Kalenjin ones. They are just one because you will get somebody in your culture called *Omusawa*, *Korongoro*, *Maina* we have *Kwaimet*, which you call them *Kikwaimet*. So you will realize that what I am saying is closely related to the circumciser who brought the same age sets to our culture.

It is a very important activity because it is a way of transforming the young men into adulthood. If you have not undergone that in the African context then you are referred as a child. Even if you are 90 years, you will always be referred as a child in the African context. If you have not undergone this, especially for those ones who undergo this once, we have those other communities that don't do it. So for them, they have their way of maybe graduating them. For us, it is a cut and if you went back there was no injection that nowadays we see happening. You face the knife the way it is, in daylight.

Most of the people come there to witness, if you mess holding the knife, your name will be sung and you will be abused for very many years. So it's a very important exercise and as our Speaker, you have done it good to allow members to go to witness this important culture.

For those ones who will have other issues, they will also rest so that as we meet, we abide by what has been planned for us. I have educated one of our senior members here.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Joseph Nyongesa, Majority leader, kindly reply to the motion.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Speaker. Firstly, I appreciate the members who have supported in silence and those who have also spoken. I appreciate Hon. Chemion for educating some members who aren't aware. It's actually our culture and we should embrace our culture for

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the purpose of learning, actually this age set is *Bakakanachi*. So we should be aware if you coined our history, in fact cultural circumcision is safer and in fact accurate compared to those maybe that went to hospital. So members if you want to be a real man, it's better to face the knife. In fact we are telling our...

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, during the reply to the motion, no responses ought to come from you members. If you are not happy with the responses, swallow it the way it is.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for protection actually cultural circumcision can take only 5 seconds compared to hospital. I am a Christian and should not hide into Christianity circumcision is natural. So we wish you all the best and when you find those people, kindly give them gifts. It is also one way of campaigning and we are adjourning purposely to respect our culture and we are embracing our culture. Let us have enough time for safe circumcision

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Joseph Nyongesa for your reply to the motion. Allow me now put a question to the motion as moved and seconded by the Leader of majority and minority chief whip.

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

The Calendar of the House is altered accordingly and this House shall resume its sitting on 1st of September 2026 in the 2:30p.m session.

(House rose at 4:40p.m)

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