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

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

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I have the following communications to make from the speaker's office to the House for the visiting delegation. Honourable Members, take up your positions quickly, please.

VISITING DELEGATION FROM NALONDO GBM SPECIAL SCHOOL

Honourable Members, I'm pleased to welcome the pupils and teachers of Nalondo GBM Special School for the physically handicapped from West Nalondo Ward, Kabuchai constituency, who are occupying both the Public Gallery and the Speaker's Gallery. The primary objective of this education visit is to enable the learners to understand the structures, the roles and the functions of the County Assembly while gaining practical insight into the implementation of the Kenyan devolved system of government. The visit will provide learners with an opportunity to connect classroom knowledge with real life experiences and appreciate the role of the County Assembly in promoting public participation, representation, legislation and oversight.

The delegation comprises of 143 students, those who are able to stand, be upstanding, those who can't stand, just be where you are. Kindly resume your seats please.

Honourable Members, the said students are accompanied by the following teachers;

1. Mrs. Ethel Queen Osiyang, be upstanding
2. Mrs. Stella Koba
3. Mr. Chris Teka

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4. Ms. Vera Yamame
 5. Mr. Amos Nyongesa
 6. Ms. Eveline Nafula
 7. Mr. Brian Nabibia
 8. Ms. Agnetta Sikoye
 9. Ms. Immaculate Mbanacho
 10. Mr. Kena Bena Ouma and lastly,
 11. Mr. Aggrey Waliaro.
- Kindly resume your seats, please.

Honourable members, at our appropriate time, on our Order Paper, I will allow Honourable members to make some brief remarks about our visiting delegation of the students who have come to learn from the practical point of view of the Assembly. Thank you. Next item.

PETITION

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, I have a petition. The petition to the County Assembly of Bungoma on the utilization, accountability, and oversight of the Equalization Fund in Mt. Elgon sub-county.

This presented, pursuant to Article 37 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Article 119 of the Constitution of Kenya, Section 15 and 88 of the Counter-Government Act, 2012, and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, County Assembly's Power and Privileges Act, 2017, and the Understanding Order of the County Assembly of Bungoma addressed to the Speaker, County Assembly of Bungoma, 1886, 5200.

Honourable Members, the said petition has been processed by the Legal Department and it has been confirmed that it meets the threshold to be processed by the House. Consequently, I commit this petition to the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs for processing and reporting back to the House.

The period for processing as per our Standing Orders is 60 days, running from the day of committing the same to the Committee. Thank you.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable Joseph Nyongesa, Leader of the Majority.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Speaker. I rise to table the following papers;

1. The Annual Report for the Office of the County Attorney for the Financial Year 2025-26, passed on to Section 28 of the Office of the County Attorney Act 2020.
2. The County Revenue Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2026.
3. The County Receiver of Revenue Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2026.
4. The Bungoma County Executive Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2026.
5. The Equalization Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statement for the period ended 30th June, 2026.
6. The Bungoma County Fleet Management Policy 2026.
7. The Bungoma County Revenue Waivers and Exemptions for the Bungoma County Refined Hospital Financial Year 2024, 2025, and 2025-2026, passed on to Section 159 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012.
8. The Bungoma County Health and Sanitation Planning Research and Monitoring and Evaluation Policy 2026 to 2031.
9. The Bungoma County Health and Sanitation Referral Policy 2026 to 2031.
10. The Bungoma County Locum Engagement Policy for Health Workers 2026 to 2031.
11. The Bungoma County Mental Health Policy 2026 to 2031.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, allow me now to proceed. And commit the following documents to the respective sector committees for processing.

Members the annual report of the office of the County attorney for the Financial year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 28 of the office of the County Attorney Act 2020 is hereby committed to the committee of Public Administration and ICT for processing and be reporting back to the House.

Honourable Members the County Revenue Fund quarterly report and financial statements for the period ending 30th June, 2026 is hereby committed to each individual sector committee for extraction of the respective Department for processing and reporting back to the committee of Finance and Economic Planning for amalgamation and filling the report to the House.

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The county receiver of revenue quarterly reports and financial statements for the period ending 30th of June 2026 equally each sector committee to extract the departmental report process the same and have the same taken to the Committee of Finance and Economic planning for compilation and reporting back to the House.

The Bungoma County Executive quarterly report and financial statement for the period ending 30th of June 2026 equally each sector committee to extract its report have the same processed and report the same to the committee of Finance and Economic planning for compilation of the report and having the same brought back to the House for processing.

The equalization fund quarterly report and financial statement for the period ending 30th of June 2026 is committed to the committee of Public Administration and ICT for processing and be brought back to the House.

The Bungoma County Fleet Management Policy 2026 is committed to the Committee of Public Administration and ICT for processing and reported back to the House.

The Bungoma County revenue waivers and exemptions for Bungoma County Referral Hospital for financial year 2024/2024, 2025/2026 pursuant to section 159 of Public Finance Management Act 2012 is hereby committed to the committee of Health and Sanitation for processing and reporting back to the House.

The Bungoma County Health and Sanitation Planning Research Monitoring and Evaluation policy for 2026 to 2031 is hereby committed to the Committee of Health and Sanitation for processing and reporting back to the House.

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The Bungoma County Health and sanitation referral policy for 2026 to 2031 is hereby committed to the Committee of Health and Sanitation for processing and reporting back to the House.

The Bungoma County law come Engagement Policy for health workers for 2026 to 2031 is hereby committed to the Committee of Health and Sanitation for processing and reporting back to House.

The Bungoma County Mental Health Policy 2026 to 2031 is hereby equally committed to the Committee of Health and sanitation for processing and reporting back to the House. Thank you.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members as I had said earlier, we have visitors in our Public Gallery students from Nalondo CBM Special School for Physically Handicapped. I now invite Members to be able make brief remarks about our visiting delegation.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, I want to welcome the institution here, and in fact, I say we are also proud of them for coming to learn with us. Mr. Speaker, I am standing in on behalf of the area MCA, Hon. Polycarp Kimeta Wandabusi, who is away on official duties, and he said I should stand in. I am also standing because West Nalondo also borders Tuuti-Marakaru, and as a House, this school is a National School because the students from this school come from all over our country.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want to appreciate the leadership and management of the school for deciding to come and learn with this institution of the County Assembly of Bungoma. As we are aware, Mr. Speaker, this is a replica of the National Assembly; what transpires here is the same way the National Assembly conducts its business. So, teachers and students, you are most welcome, and continue coming to learn with us so that, maybe, if you had no passion for politics,

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you can also start developing that passion so that, in future, you become the leaders of this County and Nation.

Mr. Speaker, as we appreciate the teachers of that school, actually, if it means caring, they were really trained to care a lot for the special cases which they normally handle. Apart from normal learning, this institution does everything in terms of co-curricular activities, and we are really proud of them. We continue saying, keep it up because you have really transformed our community based on the natural issues we used to have in those days.

Otherwise, I say you are so much welcome, and I have your warm greetings after this session from the area MCA. Members, I know, with their good hearts, also shall meet outside there for the warm greetings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I wish you all the best in your endeavors.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you I will have Honourable Otsiula.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula : Thank you Hon. Speaker. Also in line with what the leader of majority has said, allow me also to pass my special regards to the teachers and the entire fraternity of Nalondo CDM Special School. I concur and agree with the majority leader that the work that is being put in by these teachers is very noble.

Remember most of the children are of special needs which mean the teachers go an extra mile to ensure that our children are nurtured well and are well taken care of in the school. We appreciate their effort and we pray that they continue producing and nurturing more children as they pass through their hands.

For the students I also wish to encourage them and thanking them for taking their time to appear in this assembly for a learning spree. Education has no limits and they say that education is an equalizer. It is good that they have an opportunity despite several challenges in several institutions that they can manage and afford to come to the County Assembly of Bungoma for purposes of enriching themselves with education.

Let them take this opportunity seriously, take their time in school seriously, manage their time properly, work very hard and even getting here as the majority leader has said. I know it is not easy. It requires a lot of sacrifice and dedication for them to achieve their goals in future. I know sometimes they think that the politicians use shortcuts to get here.

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I want to encourage the students that all these heads here passed through education structures laid in this country. We have people of various professions seated in this house. We have teachers, we have surveyors and we have business people with distinguished qualifications. We have lawyers in this House, we have accountants, and we have former high ranking government officers including police commandants in this Honourable House like Hon. Okasida Ipara.

So I want to challenge our younger brothers, our daughters and sisters to embrace the culture of hard work to be disciplined people, take their studies seriously, respect your parents back at home, respect your teachers and at the end of the day you are going to reap the fruits of your hard Labour.

Before I wind up Hon. Speaker, I also wish to associate myself with this institution. My cousin, one Jackline Solo is a teacher in this institution, she is the deputy in charge of academics and she is very passionate about the institution and I believe her passion is evident as far as the standards set there are concerned. I also have my niece there called Britney Opicho in grade 9 and he is doing also very well. You can confirm that whatever I am talking about I understand this institution very well.

Finally, I want to return my appreciation to the MCA for this particular region, Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi for the efforts that he is putting in to support education in that particular ward. He is a passionate member, a hardworking member. What he is doing on the ground is visible and that is why he is wishing to graduate to become a member of the National Assembly.

Therefore how I wish that the people of Nalondo embrace him and support him to ensure that all the education programs that are rolled out by this House channel down to reach our people. I want to wish them the very best as they prepare for the exams coming ahead of them towards the end of this year. I wish them success, read well, and pass well. For our teachers, thank you so much. Finally, they say that the roots of education are very bitter but the fruits are very sweet. Hon. Metrine is burning with aspire to speak and I wish to end there by saying the sky is only the limit. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii kuwahimiza wanafunzi na walimu ambao wamekuja kutembelea jumba hili la kutunga sheria. Kwanza ningependa kuwashukuru walimu kwa ushirikiano wao na uongozi wa jumba hili kupanga safari kuja kujionea mambo vile yanavyoendeshwa.

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Langu kwa wanafunzi ni kwamba,wekeni bidii katika masomo yenu.Jumba hili lote lina wasomi. Hapa hakuna mtu asiye msomi. Ukitaka kufaulu kuingia katika jumba hili na uchangie katika kuwakilisha watu wako lazima uwe msomi ndiposa uelewe mambo vile yanavyoendelea. Katika jumba hili kwa kuwaeleza kwa ufupi ni kwamba jumba hili lina sehemu mbili, hatuna upinzani. Lina sehemu ya wengi ambao wamekaa upande ule wa kulia wa Bwana Spika na upande huu wa kushoto ni wachache.Sisi tunafanyia kazi pamoja na majukumu yetu makubwa ni kuhakikisha kuwa nyinyi ambao ni raia mko nje mpate maisha mazuri kwa zile sheria na yale mawakilishi ambayo yanafanywa hapa.

Msichukuwe kuwa mko tofauti na wengine. Nimetumia lugha ya kiswahili kwa sababu hapa tunanena kwa lugha tatu. Tuna lugha ya kingereza, kiswahili na ishara kwa hivyo ikiwa kuna wanafunzi walio maalum shule hii ikiwa ni shule maalum mjisikie mko huru ni vile mkalimani wetu wa lugha ya ishara ametoka kidogo. Huwa tunaye hapa pia anaweza kuwashauri kwa kutumia hiyo lugha.

Wekeni nidhamu katika yale mambo ambayo mnafanya. Kila kitu ukifanya na ukose nidhamu hata tungekuwa na muashiria wa lugha ya ishara angekuambia ya kwamba tutaishia mahali bure ama sufuri.

Mnaporudi shuleni, wekeni bidii. Sio kwa wanafunzi pekee yao, hata wale walimu ambao wameambatana na hawa wanafunzi, ongezeni jitihada katika kazi yenu kwa sababu uongozi wa kesho bado unawategemea nyinyi.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Metrine!

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you Hon. Speaker Sir for the opportunity to encourage our students from CBM Special School Nalondo Kabuchai Sub county West Nalondo Ward.

First and foremost, I want to appreciate the teachers for making it possible to have our students here. I know you are doing such a wonderful job, taking care of these students is not a joke. I know it's like a calling to you teachers and you have done it very well so, I want to applaud and urge you to continue doing it. It's a service and it's like a seed you are planting and one day God will reward you in a better way.

I also want to appreciate the students to have found time to be here to interact with this institution. I know you have learnt a lot and I want to appreciate you for being good students and making sure that you are here and ready to learn. I also want to say that we are here and this is a House where we do representation, legislation and oversight like our Leader of Majority had mentioned.

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This is a replica of the National Parliament and anytime you want to learn anything about legislation, oversight and representation, you are most welcome. We want to encourage you to work hard and to always be able to have that courage to ask questions and fully interact with other students.

We are proud of you and ready to welcome you here anytime. Your abilities , determination and achievements remind us that every person has a unique talent and potential. Disability is not inability and your presence here demonstrates that every child deserves an opportunity to learn ,participate, lead and achieve their dreams.

I want to encourage you to believe in yourselves, work hard in your studies, respect one another and never allow any challenge to convince you that you cannot succeed

You are most welcome . I am a specially elected member of this County Assembly from Kabuchai Sub County, Mukuyuni ward .We are happy to have you here and like our Leader of Majority had said, we will be together outside there to also be with you as you leave this Honorable House. I also want to thank the area MCA for West Nalondo ward Hon. Polycarp.

I know most of the students come from around though it is a National school. I know he has done a lot to make sure that you have a good environment as a school to learn and now that he wants to graduate like Hon. Otsiula had said, we want to urge you that as you go back home, talk to your parents and help him to be where he wants to be to give you better representation.

Thank you so much and you are most welcome once more.

Mr. Speaker: I will have Hon. Sheila then Christine to close that position of contribution.

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Thank you Hon. Speaker for the opportunity to speak to the students that are here with us today. My name as has been mentioned is Hon. Sheilla specially elected and I serve in this County Assembly as an Honorable member .Much has been said by my colleagues and just to encourage you to do your best. It being a special school does not limit you. Actually, it gives you a better opportunity because the world and constitution as is gives equal opportunities to everyone to excel so, do your best all the time.

Work hard in school, respect your parents and guardians at home and above all remember to pray because God is the giver of all and he will actually make you succeed and we want to hear in a couple of years that students from this school actually went and represented Bungoma in the National and International level.

Thank you teachers for bringing the students here. As a daughter of a teacher I know the work that teachers do to actually ensure students get ahead and more so for a special school. I thank

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you for the good job that you are doing and even as you go home remember to register as voters and vote for William Samoei Ruto for the second term.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Christine

Hon. Christine Mukhongo: Thank you Hon. Speaker,

Mr. Speaker: Her contribution to my understanding was not unparliamentarily, it was not offensive. The way you canvass votes for your candidates...but this is a place of politicians, it's not a place for pastors. Proceed!

(Applause)

Hon. Christine Mukhongo: Thank you Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance also to make my contribution concerning our students in the Public Gallery and teachers in the Speaker's gallery.

First of all, I want to thank the administration of the school and the parents for enabling these students to be here today. Actually this is the first special school I have seen visiting the Assembly so that they can learn more of what is done here.

This one has really demonstrated that disability is not inability. When we go to school, when we learn, we get to be versed with a lot despite who we are or how we are made, and therefore, we take this opportunity to thank the teachers. We can never take it for granted.

It is not easy for this inclusive school, Nalondo National School, to be how it is. It is always shining in exams, shining in sports and all that. I have been a teacher of students with special needs in a unit, and I understand the agony, the problems and the goodness that these teachers encounter while taking care of these students. It is a lot.

I know we can never pay you enough to appreciate what you do for our students with special needs, but we thank God that you are given that heart so that you tolerate them. At times, you take good care of them as mothers, apart from being teachers. Therefore, teachers, we want to appreciate you so much, and we ask that God gives you much and blesses your homes and your families for what you are doing for these students.

We also want to take this opportunity to say that we have our Chairperson for Education here, and we should think about... Actually, we usually discuss our students so much. As a county, we deal mostly with ECDE and the VTC, but we want someday to sit down and talk about learners with special needs.

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We know that sometimes you are supported by the national government, but being who you are, we need to sit down as a county, through our Chairperson for Education, so that we can see what we can do for learners with special needs, especially from our county, so that we support them in their learning and so that they can stay in school.

Although I know some of our elected MCAs, through our bursaries, usually do something, because myself, I usually focus there because I know how it is, especially St. Antony, which is Nalondo, and St. Angela, Mumias.

I am always following up on those students so that we can support them and so that they are there. Most of these students come from very poor backgrounds because, at times, some parents who are not enlightened think that it is a waste to take these students to school. So you find out that teachers take on that burden to ensure that these students are in school.

So, Chairperson for Education, Chairperson for Budget, let us think about these special schools so that we can see how to support them, so they can have enough food in school and they can have the materials that they require in school, so that they can also make their lives better. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Christine. Honourable Members, allow me, on behalf of the entire House leadership, the Honourable Members present here... I have seen Hon. Jack wanted to say something. Let me allow him to say something because he is Chairperson for Education, and sometimes, you know, age is wisdom, but I am not saying that he is aged everywhere.

(Laughter)

Hon. Jack, please. Chairperson for Education.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. May I take this opportunity to welcome our students from Nalondo Special School? It's not much that I want to say, but I want to encourage them that, wherever you are here, you are meeting leaders. These leaders are of different cadres. As you see us here seated, we have lawyers, we have doctors, we have surveyors, we have businessmen, and one time you will also be coming here to do the same.

What I want to confirm, according to what my colleague has just raised here, is that through our ward bursaries that we are going to issue in January this year, indeed, it's true that we are supposed to support these needy schools, and I have been doing it in my area because I have Kimwanga for the deaf, then I have Libolina for the disabled.

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So, Members, don't shy away from supporting and saying that we need to pass something. There is nothing like that. Special schools need support from the county government, both the county government and the national government. So, wherever you are going to issue these cheques, please make sure that you give them consideration because these are our own sons and daughters. More so, to enable them to be able to buy food, we must give them support through these bursaries that we are going to release.

Number two, they have come from the ward of my friend, Hon. Polycarp. He is a very good friend of mine. He is a serious member. I know he is held up as the Chairperson of Finance, but I wish he was here with you. He is a leader whom we are looking forward to you giving votes to. He is ambitious. He came as an MCA, and he is aspiring to be an MP. As a House, we support him and we wish him well. So, wherever you are with your parents, please encourage them to support Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi. Thank you, Honourable Members.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Chairperson for Education, Hon. Jack. Allow me, Honourable Members, once again, as I was saying before, that on behalf of the House Leadership, and the entire Honourable Members who are here present today, I make the following few remarks.

First and foremost, allow me to associate my views with the views spoken by the Honourable Members and the appreciation said about the school that is in the public gallery, Speaker's Gallery. I will urge that the students who are here be disciplined, be very good pupils, work hard in school, have respect for your teachers and, importantly, for your parents.

Soon, you will be going home for a long recess. At home, assist your parents with some house chores and work on the farm with your parents, and I will urge that you do so because, as parents, we support you to be in school once you are back in school in January.

For teachers, we cannot be able to pay you enough because teaching is a calling, and teaching in a special school means you require some special skills to be in such a school as teachers. So, I wish you well, and we pray for you that, at least, you keep on assisting these special-needs students so that they excel in the exams and co-curriculum activities. Thank you. Wish you well. Next item, please.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Mr. Speaker: Leader of Majority, Members, be very keen on the content of this procedural motion because I think it was shared on the Order Paper, and the Members are still asking me for permission to be away tomorrow and Thursday. Proceed.

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Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Thank you, Speaker. I stand to move on the procedure of motion. Alteration of the House Calendar.

THAT Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order number at 31(4). Aware that the current session of the House is rapidly drawing to the close proceedings. Proceeding the recess for the upcoming general elections and cognizant of the urgent need to allow all committees extensive time to mop up, consolidate and prioritize all pending businesses, reports and petitions currently before them. This House resolves that upon its rising today, the House alters its regular hours of sitting to resolve to sit only on Tuesday morning and afternoon for the remainder of the approved calendar until the House shall resolve otherwise. Number two, that these extended sittings be dedicated to concluding all consolidated priorities, committee businesses to ensure no critical legislative matters are left pending before the House adjourns for the campaign period.

So, having reached there allow me call upon Hon. Johnston Ipara Okasida to second.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Ipara, you have the honor of seconding the motion as moved.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Honourable Speaker let me have the honor to second the motion on adjournment of the House and particularly identify a day that the Honourable Members are supposed to be attending the Assembly. We have two calendars.

Mr. Speaker: It's an alteration.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: That's why I'm saying alteration. Thank you, Honourable Speaker

Mr. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Alteration. This alteration is coming about to assist and help the Honourable members. One, engage in practice in the Assembly's competition that is coming up in Kisumu. When we look into the calendar, it's so squeezed. This particular adjournment will allow them time for like three days to practice continuously so that we can build. Honourable Members should not forget that we are the defending champions of the Assemblies in Kenya.

We've won. This is the third time. If we are going to win this third time, what it means the trophies that we brought in for the two subsequent wins we've done, it will become a permanent asset for the Assembly and it will form part and parcel of the history of this particular Assembly.

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You remember as you did take us through. You've taken us through several serious matters that are supposed to be debated by respective committees. What it requires, it requires time, one, to interrogate the details that are in those details. Secondly, to make a report that will be presented to this House for purposes of discussion, adoption, and approval. Without reasonable time, this House will not be able to present a report that will stand the test of time.

With that, I want to appeal to the Honourable Members. As they do deliberate on the matter, let's approve this one. It will enable us to have time to defend and bring the trophies back and also submit to this House reports that will inform the way forward on the executive side. I second.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara, for seconding the motion moved by the Leader of Majority. Honourable Members, allow me to propose a motion to be able to allow the Honourable Members to debate the same.

Honourable Members, a procedural motion has been moved and has been seconded. That this House, upon its rising today, the House alter its regular hours of meetings and resolves to sit only on Tuesday mornings and afternoon for the remainder of the approved calendar until the House shall resolve otherwise.

Secondly, that those extended sittings be dedicated to concluding all consolidated and prioritized committee business to ensure no critical legislative matters are left pending before the House adjourns for the campaign period. I propose.

Hon. Otsiula you have the dispatch.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. First of all I want to laud and appreciate the wisdom in the mover of the motion in coming up with such a very wonderful motion at this particular delicate time where we are facing numerous challenges, preparing for CASA games, approving motions in this House and doubling up with other several tasks.

This is a very wise idea, a laudable one to give Honourable Members an opportunity to reorganize themselves and ensure that we complete and handle all tasks. Appearing here for an entire day to transact business confirms that these Honourable Members are very committed. Working the whole day, debating here, passing motions, and overseeing the County Government of Bungoma, the whole day from 9 a.m. up to 7 in the evening, confirms the spirit and the latter of the third County Assembly, that they are still committed.

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This shows that under your able leadership that we are still going to remain committed and deliver on behalf of the people of Bungoma until the very, very last day..

From the motion, you have stated clearly that until the end of the calendar period, meaning until up to February that is also a challenge to us as a House, to ensure that all the pending works, on our desks and in all these other committees, that we rush and crush, to ensure that we approve them before this Honourable House.

As we prepare for the CASA games, I think we now have some ample time to prepare. Some of us who are nursing injuries, but I think it gives us an opportunity that when I leave here at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, I can...

Mr. Speaker: I will not ask which type of injuries, as you understand.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: There are several, Honourable Speaker.

You understand and I know Arsenal fans, Manchester City fans are happy because I'm a Manchester United fan, but me and Hon. Meshack, we are working very hard to ensure, and Hon. Waiti, members of the big red team, Manchester United, that we are going to deliver to this House when we resume our training, because Manchester United is the biggest club in the world and we must transform that spirit to this House to ensure that we come back with the trophies from Kisumu. I wish to support this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Sheila, seeing you have made a request to speak. Hon. Sheila, proceed.

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I don't know why the Honorable Member is excited while his team is tailing on the table of the EPL. However, I think he does not know the spirit of champions, which is Arsenal so; we'll just spare him for today.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I also want to join my Honorable Member in supporting the procedural motion... Mr. Speaker, Sir, protect me.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sheila, you are protected and Hon. Meshack is warned. He is severely warned. Proceed.

Hon. Sheila Sifuma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was saying, I want to applaud the mover of the motion on us having an adjustment to the calendar and to agree with my colleagues that it will be a good opportunity for Honourable Members to wind up on any business that remains in their committees. Maybe just a challenge on the committee composition of the Honorable

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Members, I know many a times when you are about to wind up and do a closing report, many people take advantage, it is for us to be vigilant, especially with the Executive and other reports that we are dealing with because some of us that are interested to come back to the House might deal with issues that arise in this period. It is a call to all of us to be keen, to follow up and make sure whatever business we transact in the committees is in line to our mandate and we are following the law to the latter. I think that is what I mentioned and also, I think the adjustment is a good opportunity for us to prepare for other activities and even to go back and talk to our people to convince them that we need to come back to this House.

So, thank you Mr. Speaker for that opportunity. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sheillah. Allow me to be able to... Hon. Waiti, what is the issue? None of you gives me your ATM cards so, whenever I see people struggling to... Hon. Waiti, proceed.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I have been keenly listening to my colleagues as they ventilate on this motion. I also want to put my weight, Honorable Speaker, but as we deliberate on it, I just wanted to make this point very clear to Members, that the mover of the motion was very clear and he read a certain line which Honourable Members are evading. I want to bring to their attention that as you go away on important issues, be aware that the current session of this House is rapidly drawing to a close proceeding to the recess of the upcoming general election. It is just a soft way of preparing these members that the elections are around the corner. So, as you go home, don't leave a lot of luggage behind, start carrying slowly, so that by the time of going for the final recess, you never can tell whether you will come back or not.

Otherwise, Honorable Speaker, I support the motion. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Waiti, I think your submission is meant for Hon. Kikechi and Hon. Chikati who are basically your neighbors from Tongaren. Leader of the Majority, kindly reply to the motion.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Mover to reply): Thank you, Speaker.

I want to appreciate all the Members who are in support of this alteration of the calendar. Members be aware that the sessions are still on because it was clear that our sessions have just been changed and we shall be having our sessions Tuesday morning and afternoon.

Most of the issues, committee sittings and committee retreats shall be arranged by the Liaison Committee and likely, our meeting shall be on Monday. Our retreats shall be on Wednesday going forward.

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Speaker, I want also to plead with the Honourable Members that let's also attend and ensure that we are also winding up all the reports so that at least as we are heading to the elections, we know that even the next year's budget will also be done next year in March, as we proceed for our nominations.

Therefore, Members we are still at work, it's only that we are just changing the way of operations so that at least we can also have enough time to sit with our people, engage them for our next general elections. As we proceed for these changes, let's ensure that we are in touch with our people as well as present in this Assembly to do the necessary.

Lastly, as I said, Mr. Speaker, and I have seen the overwhelming support of the institution that is with us here, so kindly, Members, as usual, we shall have an address outside there and I wish Hon. Allan will be there so that at least you can say the issue of what you wanted to say. But as we know, we normally struggle and train to form governments, so that's the road that we are going. Thank you, Speaker, and thank you for the support.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, allow me now put a question;

(Question put and agreed to)

The Ayes have it!

Honourable Members, the procedural motion is hereby approved by the House. It comes into effect today after today's sittings.

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable Members, I am equally informed by my Clerks-At-the-Table that was the last item on our Order Paper. Consequently, we adjourn today's sitting and resume on 22nd, Tuesday next week in our 9.30 a.m. session. Tuesdays we have 9.30 a.m. session and 2.30 p.m. session from next week Tuesday.

The House rose 3.36 p.m.

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