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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Honorable members, I am pleased to welcome students and teachers for St Theresa's Kabula Senior School, Kabula Ward in Bumula Constituency. The Primary objective of this Education visit is to enable the students understand the structures, roles, functions of the County Assembly while gaining the practical insight into the implementations of the devolved system of government in the Republic of Kenya.

Honorable members, the delegation comprises of 120 students. Kindly be upstanding where you are.

(Students stood up)

Kindly resume your seats please.

(Applause)

Honorable members, they are accompanied with the following teachers:

1. Ms Janepher Awino
2. Ms Beatrice Aoko
3. Mr. Daniel Man'goli
4. Mr. Rodgers Wafula
5. Ms Maureen Otieno

Kindly resume your seats!

(Applause)

Honorable members, at an appropriate time, we will allow Honorable members to make brief remarks about our visiting delegation. We proceed!

PETITIONS

1. A petition on lack of representation of a person with disability in the County Assembly.
2. ECDE teacher promotion, employment, gratitude, infrastructure, porridge and educational digital learning and responsibility allowance

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the petition has been presented before us, I will commit the same to the Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs for processing and reporting back to the House as per our Standing Orders accordingly.

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The indication from our diary is 60 days running, that is 1st of December, and we expect feedback from the committee.

PAPERS

REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION ON BUNGOMA COUNTY TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND LOAN FUND QUARTER REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Alice Kibaba, proceed!

Hon. Alice Kibaba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to table the report by the sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the Bungoma County Development Loan Fund Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2025

(Report tabled by Hon. Alice Kibaba)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, a report of the Bungoma County Trade development Loan Fund Quarterly report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2025 by the sector committee is hereby tabled and formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE DISASTER AND EMERGENCY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Zeddy proceed.

Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana (Vice Chair, Finance): Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I am on my feet to table a report by sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Disaster and Emergency Fund Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

(Report tabled by Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana)

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, the report by the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Disaster and Emergency Fund and Financial Statements for the period ending 30th June, 2025 is hereby tabled by the Committee and formally becomes the property of the House accordingly.

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORT BY THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON TRADE ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALISATION ON BUNGOMA COUNTY TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND LOAN FUND QUARTER REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2025

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Alice,

Hon. Alice Kibaba: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the Bungoma County Trade Development Loan Fund Quarterly Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December, 2025.

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Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, a notice of motion has been duly issued by the sectoral Committee on Trade Energy and Industrialization on the Bungoma County Trade Development Loans Fund Quarterly Reports and Financial Statements for the period ending 31st December, 2025, I urge the table clerks to share the said report with the Honorable members. The same will be coming up as a motion on our Order Paper once scheduled by the HBC accordingly.

**REPORT BY THE SECTOR COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING
ON DISASTER AND EMERGENCY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2025**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Zeddy,

Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Disaster and Emergency Fund Financial Statements for the period ended 30th June, 2025.

Mr. Speaker: Honorable members, equally a notice of motion has been issued by the sectoral Committee on Finance and Economic Planning on the Disaster and Emergency Fund Financial Statements for the period ending 30th June, 2025. I equally urge the table clerks to have the same shared with the Honorable members, as it's going to come up on our Order Paper as a motion once it is scheduled by the HBC.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

**STATEMENT ON HIGH-PROFILE BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP AND
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
FINLAND AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF KENYA MINISTRY OF
PUBLIC SERVICE, GENDER AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, our Deputy Speaker, kindly to issue your statement.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I am on my feet to seek this statement from the relevant offices. This is subject to high-profile bilateral partnership and memorandum of understanding, MOU with the Government of Finland and the National Government of Kenya Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action.

Pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 47(2) (C), I rise to seek a statement from the County Executive Committee Member for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports. AWARE THAT the County Government of Bungoma during an official public launch and signing ceremony held at Kibabii University on April 19, 2023 entered into a high-profile bilateral partnership and memorandum of understanding, MOU with the Government of Finland and the National Government, Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action targeting over 700 million in total program value apportioned across the implementing Counties of Bungoma, Kilifi and Samburu towards the multi-year Kenya-Finland bilateral

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program on Gender-Based Violence(GBV) aimed at strengthening prevention, response systems and community-led frameworks.

NOTING WITH CONCERN public anxiety, online discourse and growing advocacy under the public call GBV in Bungoma regarding transparency, fund absorption, financial accountability and the actual status of support infrastructure for vulnerable survivors across the County.

In this regard, could the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Gender, Culture, Youth and Sports provide comprehensive answers to the following specific questions?

1. State the precise date on which the County government of Bungoma formally entered into and executed the Memorandum of Understanding for the bilateral GBV program and clarify the active operational timelines stipulated under the agreement.
2. State whether any trench or part of the monies committed under the Bungoma-Finland GBV bilateral framework has been fiscally received by the County government of Bungoma to date. If so, what is the cumulative financial amount received this far?
3. Were these expected or received funds formally captured, declared and itemised in the approved County Budget and Appropriations estimates for the execution of this specific GBV mitigation program?
4. Could the executive table before this house a certified and dated copy of the signed memorandum of understanding and any subsidiary implementation agreements entered into between the county government of Bungoma, the ministry and the government of Finland?
5. If any monies have been received, disclose the specific bank account name, account number and financial institution holding the funds and table certified bank statements covering the account's operational history from the date of inception to August 31st, 2026.
6. Lastly, if any funds have been expended towards the execution of the GBV program, could the CECM provide a detailed, itemised expenditure report accompanied by relevant procurement records, payment vouchers, implementation progress notes and the status of physical infrastructure such as proposed rehabilitation and support centres for affected victims?

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, any member from the Committee of Gender and Culture? Now, it appears that we require maybe more than one CEC member because we are talking of Gender and Culture, Youth and Sports...

(Loud Consultations)

I am told that they are under the same CEC, so I think it will be okay. Hon. Joseph Nyongesa?

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At least with the heavy facts that the Deputy Speaker is raising, if you could give the Department a maximum of two weeks, I know they may be able although not sure but they may try...

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Leader of Majority, why are you pre-empting the work of the CEC? Let the CEC come and answer these queries. Let's be able to have a feedback on 13th October and I will ask the bishops that you pray seriously for the CEC, so that they are able to answer these questions accordingly, so clerks at the table be able to transmit these statements without delay to the Executive for action.

**STATEMENT ON FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY, PROCUREMENT INTEGRITY,
ASSET MANAGEMENT AND THE OPERATION OF EFFICACY OF THE SPECIAL
PROGRAMS AND EMERGENCY FUND**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Wamalwa,

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I am again on my feet and this is in relation to financial accountability, procurement integrity, asset management and the operation of efficacy of the Special Programs and Emergency Fund

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order No. 47(2)(C), I rise to seek a statement from the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Special Programs and Emergency Fund.

AWARE THAT the Department of Special Programs and Emergency, under the stewardship of one Karen Nato Wanyonyi is mandated with critical public safety, humanitarian relief, disaster response and specialized logistical coordination across the County.

NOTING WITH GREAT CONCERN, the emerging public audits, administrative queries and constituent inquiries regarding financial accountability, procurement integrity, asset management and the operational efficacy of the docket.

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I now ask the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Special Programmes and Emergencies to provide comprehensive documented answers to the following critical audit queries on the floor of this house.

1. Can the CECM provide the vendor, make, model, year, price, procurement method and budget line for the County bus and table all supporting documents?
2. How external donations are received, stored and accounted for and what records distinguish them from goods purchased using County funds?
3. What are the supplier details, quantities, unit prices, source of funds and complete beneficiary records for the maize and beans procured for vulnerable persons exceeding Kshs 30M?
4. On what basis were infrastructure projects like bridges selected and launched and what are their approved budgets, cost variations, contractors and completion records?(State the physical locations of each of the constructed bridges across the County)
5. How much has does the docket receive annually and in total since inception and what is the utilization report?
6. Why the department's emergency response capacity down and explain the current unserviceable state of fire-fighting assets and extinguishers?

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, our Deputy Speaker. Honourable members, our Deputy Speaker did not come out clearly to state that this statement is under which department but from, let me guide you properly now.

The department is basically domiciled in the Office of the Governor, so it's Public Administration not Finance.

(Loud consultations)

Let me assist you members. The Finance department is a compliant department in this matter. When you are doing projects in this department, it's Public Administration. If you are buying buses, it's Public Administration. Unless you are telling me that Finance is also procuring buses from today.

(Loud consultations)

I will listen to you but still from...

(Loud consultations)

Honourable members, Honourable members, I will commit this statement to the Committee of Public Administration and ICT. Who is the member of that committee?

No, we cannot.

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(Laughter)

That is being mischievous.

Where is the Vice-Chair? Hon. Chikati, there's no room for raising hands here. You want to change the goal post.

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker: Vice Chair Hon. Chemion.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Honourable Speaker, when we do budgeting in this House and we could cross-check, Special Programs is under the Office of the Governor, that's what we normally do. The budget is under the Office of the Governor and therefore the Office of the Governor is under the Public Administration Committee, so that is the right place to refer the matter to.

Mr. Speaker: I have done so. How many days do you require?

Hon. Francis Chemion: As usual, 14 days.

Mr. Speaker: We are now changing. We do not just say as usual. We keep changing, so I will give you 14 days, which takes us to 13th of October.

Yes Hon. Jack, what is burning?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. There's nothing burning but looking at the question, it's of great importance to this County. What I realize out of the questions, there are supposed to be three CECMs. That of Public Administration, to deal with Special Programs, CEC Finance and on matters bridges, it also comes under Roads. So we have three CECMs in the same question.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Members, what we will do, this is a collective responsibility of the Cabinet. Let him come here and say it's not under my docket and we will see what happens. Let's proceed. What information?

Hon. Johnstone Ipara: Honourable Speaker, if you did follow the way the Honourable for Soysambu was pointing out those serious issues, they are very sensitive. It indicates that there're massive funds being used. So we need urgency into it and if we keep on wasting time saying that maybe we give them the usual time, 14 days, it will delay then the money will be wasted. The intention is to hold people accountable and let them also open up in terms of transparency, which is the source of these funds.

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Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, I will ask the committee, if there are some signs of people not being responsible, we will ask them to come to the open house here to answer questions from here. Are we together members?

Hon. Chemion, you are always very diligent in moving quickly. You can even convey the message before the normal channel is done, so that they start preparing. Hon. Chemion, I give you the mic?

Hon. Francis Chemion: Honourable Speaker, when we say within 14 days, we can even bring it before that. Hon. Ipara is my member, and the Vice-Chair has already spoken on the...

(Laughter)

So, I want him to know that the Vice-Chair has already commented on it, so he should not come behind the back of the Vice-Chair.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members, I do appreciate the comments by the Vice-Chair, but equally, members, as we are all aware there is nothing in our Standing Orders that bars an Honourable Member who is a member of the committee from making a comment to a matter before us. So, it's just in order, but the only fear that they are having, that you may be planning to do something else that I have heard Hon. Cornelius alluding to. Let's proceed.

**STATEMENT ON THE ILLEGAL AND HAZARDOUS ON-SITE BURIAL OF TOXIC
ASBESTOS WASTES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KANDUYI MARKET BUS
PARK**

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Stephen Wamalwa, proceed.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. This is subject to illegal and hazardous on-site burial of toxic asbestos waste during the construction of the Kanduyi Market Bus Park.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47(2) (C), I rise to seek a statement from the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Water, Environment, Tourism and Natural Resources and Lands, Urban Development, Physical Planning, Housing, and Municipality.

AWARE THAT the Environment and Land Court at Bungoma delivered a damning judgment in ELC petition NO. E003 of 2025, (*James versus County Government of Bungoma and others*) on June 29th, 2026 finding the County Government culpable for the illegal and hazardous on-site burial of toxic asbestos waste during the construction of the Kanduyi Bus Park Market.

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DEEPLY CONCERNED that the County Government bypassed mandatory environmental safeguards by failing to conduct an environmental impact assessment, failing to engage and name a licensed hazardous waste handler and violating the Constitutional rights of citizens to a clean and healthy environment under Article 42 of the Constitution.

FURTHER NOTING that the Court issued mandatory orders compelling the County Government to unearth and properly relocate the hazardous asbestos within 30 days under NEMA's direct oversight at the County expense.

I rise to seek a response from the respective County Executive Committee Members to provide immediate answers to the following concise questions.

1. What urgent steps has the County government taken to comply with the Court's mandatory orders regarding the safe exhumation and relocation of the toxic asbestos waste from the Kanduyi Bus Park site?
2. What administrative or disciplinary measures are being taken against County officials and procuring entities that floated the Environmental Management and Coordination Act and Public Procurement Waste Management regulations during the infrastructure project?
3. Have joint actions been coordinated with Public Health authorities to deploy officers to Kanduyi for soil testing, environmental restoration and health screening to protect residents and traders from respiratory hazards such as asbestos and lung cancer?

I submit.

Mr. Speaker: Chair of the Committee of Environment, yes Hon. Sudi Busolo.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, on behalf of my chair, I seek for 14 days.

Mr. Speaker: It is okay, I will give you 14 days. Equally the Chair of Lands, 14 days.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honourable Speaker, the question is about life and when we talk about life, it requires urgency either to save the condition from getting worse or let the condition get worse.

For this case, the matter was before court and it directed and I believe that the government already had started taking some measures. For lands, because I believe that there are actions that have already been taken by the Executive, we only require 7 days for us to get feedback and I request if the CECM could appear before this House to give a direct response instead of wasting time.

Mr. Speaker: If you want to start saying that the CECM should come here first, we will want you people to go and agree through consultations, if you want both of them to come here, we will do it. Hon. Sudi, you are looking at me seriously, you need to consult with Hon. Ipara, so consult because we will require one of you to move so that you agree. Hon. Sudi, you want to say something

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Hon. Isaiah Sudi: We can start by giving them 14 days. Let us get a response first, because there is no way we can just divide them.

Mr. Speaker: We agree that jointly you have feedback to us within 14 days. If it's insufficient then in the following sitting, we can have them appear here. As we are doing so, honorable members, be aware that the normal committee sittings are going to go on. So, allow me to say that you are given 14 days for us to have feedback. You can do the consultations; I don't know why you are feeling shy with consulting each other.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Honourable Speaker, with your guidance, I will comply.

Mr. Speaker: So if the responses are not satisfactory, we will be able to ask that they all appear before us here. Yes, Honorable Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Stephen Wamalwa: Thank you, Honorable Speaker. I want to believe that every honorable member here seated agrees with me that these issues being raised are of great concern and dear to the people of this County. I want to beseech the Chairs to those committees, that you fast-track and just harness so that those responsible officers can come here. We bring them here so that all these honorable members can have a chance to partake in the proceedings, so that we get to understand and the world to know that we are really taking care of these issues that are being raised.

Mr. Speaker: Members, I think we don't invite them directly. Let us have the feedback from the chairs. If it is insufficient, then we will be able to... Then what is the purpose of us having committees if we take away their work? Let them appear there. If the response is insufficient, we won't give them more time, we will ask them to appear before us, dear members. That is my observation and my guidance to the House.

Next item,

ENCOURAGEMENT MESSAGES TO THE VISITING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ST. TERESA KABULA BOYS SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr. Speaker: As I made the communication, we do have a visiting delegation in our public gallery, students from St. Teresa Kabula Boys Senior School from Kabula Ward. I will start by inviting the area honorable member, Hon. Vitalis Wangila to welcome the school and also allow other members to make brief remarks about the delegation.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me to welcome teachers and students of St. Teresa's Boys Senior School to this particular honorable House. Let me appreciate the teachers headed by Madam Josephine for seeing it good to come for an academic tour in the Assembly because since 2017, this is the first time this school is coming for educational tour in this particular premises.

Mr. Speaker, before I proceed, allow me to tell the students and teachers from Kabula my position in this particular House....

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Mr. Speaker: Hon. Vitalis Wangila, you don't drum up your trumpet, it will be done by somebody else. Kindly Honourable Members it cannot be that way.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Honorable Speaker, I just wanted to let them know that I'm the Minority Leader and this side I'm standing is the Minority side, and the other side is the Majority side, and you can see by your own eyes that this is the minority side, which is almost outnumbering the majority side. So, I just wanted them to learn that.

The head of the delegation of teachers, who is Madam Josephine, is a wife to one time a Member of this House as a nominated Councillor, who is none other than Chrisantus Waswa, aka Romano. I know that name is very familiar to most of you, and that is the political advisor of our Hon. Jack Wanami.

Mr. Speaker, allow me also inform them that you were once my schoolmate in Bokoli in Form one and in Form two I transferred to Kabula.

Mr. Speaker: But you are not saying that you were very mischievous.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: That means I was also a student of Kabula Secondary School, thus I want to tell this particular House that today I'm an alumni. I want to tell this House that today I'm very proud and very happy for having my school visiting this particular House. This is a unique school, the former MCA, who is now the late Frederick Wanyonyi, was the Principal of Kabula Secondary School, and I think he took it from scratch, and at the end of his tenure, that particular school had a name in this Bungoma County. It's a key, unknown school in Bungoma. Kabula Secondary School is from my Ward Kabula, in Bumula Sub- County..

And this school is unique in its own way because even the former Member of Parliament Hon. Mwambu Mabonga was my classmate in Kabula Secondary School, Alex Odanga, who is the Director of Procurement, was also my classmate and so more prominent people from that school were my classmates.

Hon. Edwin Sifuna was not from Kabula Secondary School, but the father had another home in Kabula. So that's why I'm saying, this is a unique school, it's my school, and it's one of the oldest schools in my Ward. These students are not only from Kabula, but many of them are from Bumula Sub-County and other places from this Bungoma County and even our neighbouring Counties.

I want to request my fellow Honourable members to join me to warmly welcome this school, so that they feel like we have their own leader in this particular House. This school at one time was very well known because of football. You know we have one teacher who is there by the name of Daniel Mang'oli. He's one of the coaches of football. I'm not saying this so that you go and tell your Principal to poach him from Kabula to your school, because he's a

very good football coach of Kabula Secondary School. And that's why it has been shining all over, every year the name of Kabula Secondary School is featured in most cases.

I don't have much to say... I'm lacking words but I want to advise my children who are the last cohort. I think these are Form 3s, and you know our system of education has changed, and they are preparing for end-term exam. I think they will be the last candidates of Form 4s in this system next year. So, mine is just to wish them well and tell them to work hard, and one time, come here to be the Majority Leader in this particular House, not a minority leader like me. I wish you well in your end-term exam. I beg to rest.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, I think Hon. Florence is now having a problem in understanding, if you keep on pressing your requests here, it comes last, so request once and leave it then above all the Chair has his discretion. Benjamin Otsiula what is the point of information?

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: *(On a point of Information)* Honourable Speaker, the Honourable Member for Kabula who is a Minority Leader. He is on HANSARD saying that you become the Majority Leader, not a Minority Leader like him. Is he confirming today that he is no longer comfortable to be the Minority Leader of the Minority Coalition?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Benjamin Otsiula, it's properly done. Honourable Members, what he is saying, that if the students are going to become politicians, then they must better become leaders of majority, not like him; there is nothing wrong in that.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Honourable Speaker, is he now confirming that he wants to join Two- term team, then let him come and join Two- term. Let him cross the floor.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, Hon. Otsiula, you are a Speaker's Panel member. Hon. Eric Wekesa,

Hon. Erick Wekesa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I rise to follow suit to Minority Leader, welcoming the teachers accompanying the students who are the future leaders of this Country, not just in politics but in Medicine, Law, Engineering and other good disciplines. When I was a student, I didn't have time to visit any parliament, but when I finished, I could meet Hon. Museveni who was the Chair of the County Council. He gave me a lift in his vehicle for two seconds, and then he tells you to alight and work hard.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Eric, that is wrong. How can you be in a vehicle for two seconds? It's not practical. You can't allege that you were given a ride for two seconds.

Hon. Erick Wekesa: I meant for a short time,

Hon. Speaker: Now that is a proper term but saying for a few seconds, I am disputing.

Hon. Erick Wekesa: Honourable Speaker, I was just going back to show who mentored me to come into this House or to admire politics. Though I cannot encourage students to be politicians, I'm really praying for them that God gives them another desire that can help them pursue their lives without entering into this field. It looks good from outside, but it's very funny from inside, so I want to encourage them as they pursue their education to stick to the values taught by their teachers and church and to avoid the pressure of internet.

We agree that the time of studying is completely changed from our times, we didn't have the temptations of smartphones, we could study without knowing what is going on the other side, now days our children we just have to pray for them. When you lack focus, you might be messed up before you really reach where you are going. Avoid things that do not pertain your age because everything is good but not beneficial. Everything is available on your table but it doesn't mean that you chew and use it. You have to do your timing and know when you can do it.

I once stayed close to Kabula High School, I was teaching at Mwiruti Girls and I was staying at a house owned by a businessman called Muchembukho. That house touches a transformer, so every time the electricity goes off, you will be woken up by a generator and I really struggled with life all through because of my background. I don't regret because of coming from such background. I am now here and I am also a professional. I am a BCOM guy. Away from this Assembly, I can be useful elsewhere.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome these students and also ask my Minority Leader not to regret to be on Minority side. We are so proud to be on the minority side; we are not regretting and we are going to form the next Parliament God willing.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Florence,

Hon. Florence Juma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First and foremost, to the school, I would really like to appreciate you because I have been part of that school. My son Alfred Juma was a student at St. Teresa's Kabula Boys and my sister Madam Phylis Wafula has been at that particular school. I know you teachers know her for a very long time. It is a school I have been part of, in terms of performance and football just like the Minority Leader said.

I wish you all the best. Say hello to your parents and to those who come from Kabula Ward, Minority Leader Hon. Vitalis, you voted for him, he is a very good leader and I know he is working extremely well for the people of Kabula. So come next year 2027, teachers and our students who will be voters, please vote for him to continue developing that Ward. Students also tell your parents to vote for him again. Thank your Mr. Speaker for the opportunity.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon Florence Juma. Hon Sudi Busolo,

Hon: Sudi Busolo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate the teachers and students of St. Teresa's Kabula Boys Senior School. Kabula Senior School neighbors my ward and when Kabula Boys was started, the village elders were moving around all the villages in Bumula, getting something small to establish Kabula High School, so it is one of the key schools that we have in Bumula and Bungoma at large.

For those students and teachers from Kabula Ward, I would like to request them that as they go back, they tell their parents that the Minority Leader, Hon. Vitalis is doing very well. They have seen themselves; they have tested him so that we have our new slogan with Vitalis that is 'three term'. Kindly give him a third term so that as we come back, we continue supporting the education of our region and you should not be told that being a politician is bad because politicians are the ones that decide how government systems work. Look at how we have changed the education system in Kenya, it is the work of politicians, so we don't regret to be politicians. Don't borrow the idea of Erick. You know Hon. Erick who thought that when you are an MCA, it is so much and now he has realized that it is purely servant leadership.

(Laughter)

I encourage those students that you should come here and serve your people with capacity but don't expect much. If you are a business person don't come here because there is nothing that you will do; there is no business in the assembly. You only make laws; we do oversight and represent you. For example, we have a bursary next year. Those who are in form three you are lucky your Member of County Assembly Vitalis will provide bursary for you. Now we have fertilizer and many things you will gain as a politician here. When you come to serve your people, serve in an honest capacity. You must also be honest because most politicians we ... Let me not mention that.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Sudi, what are you trying to put across about my politicians?

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to go that direction.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed then.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: I want to wish the students and the teachers journey mercies as they go back to their school and read hard because we now have AI, it has answers. Don't rely on AI because you will not pass and you know we have the second last class of 8.4.4 Education System. You are the second last in that system, we only have Form Threes, if you are in Form Four, if you don't get a good grade, you can imagine what will happen because there will be no other exam for you. So, work hard and get a grade that will make you progress and move forward as a Kenyan and don't be cheated that there are no jobs. You can see now village elders are being paid some stipends and in the future, you will need a diploma to be a village elder, because it will be actualized as we move forward. Politicians will actualize it and be like a normal job like Assistant Chief and Chief, so you will need a certain level of education.

Kindly work hard, avoid cheating because when you cheat and you are given a grade that you don't deserve when you go to college, you will again suffer because you will not be able to defend your grade.

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Otherwise, I wish them well as they go back to school. I come from South Bukusu ward and it neighbours Kabula Senior School, after School, just go like three to four kilometres then you will be in my ward.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Sudi. Hon. Metrine,

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for catching my eye, so that I can also say a word to our students and to our teachers from Kabula Senior School. First I want to applaud the teachers led by Madam Jennifer.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Metrine that is out of order. You are not allowed to make communication with outsiders in this House. Out of Order.

(Laughter)

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for that correction. I withdraw that statement. First, I would like to applaud the school being led by the Head teacher and the students to have come to this Honorable House for this academic tour. To our teachers, teaching is a calling and I know you give it all because as parents, most of the time we have limited time with our children but we have given you an opportunity to be with our children for a longer period and I think God has given you a mandate to either destroy or make this students to be better. So do it to the best of your ability and I know God will reward you abundantly. As you do that, I want to ask you not to forget about yourselves. Also develop yourselves because when you are out of this service, you need to live your own life. So please keep something for yourself because after the service, you will be back there at home taking care of yourself.

To students; I want to urge you to work hard like other Honourable members have said. Work hard because after school, you will be alone. Whatever you are being given by your parents will not be available after school. You will be on your own and whatever certificate you would have gotten from school will take you to another level. So work hard and don't forget to be prayerful, be disciplined and respect your teachers, so that they can help you to move to another level as a better person. I also want to concur with Hon. Sudi that Hon. Erick was misleading these students because...

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Erick is not the discussion here. Stick to the line of arguments.

(Applause)

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. But it was mentioned here and I didn't hear you....

Mr. Speaker: That is his line of observation of the politics.

Hon. Metrine Wilson: But I didn't hear you stopping Hon. Sudi when he spoke about it.

Mr. Speaker: Proceed Hon. Jack.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you. Hon. Speaker. I arise to welcome and applause the students of Kabula Senior School. I happen to be a senior member of Bumula community and Kabula is one of the senior schools in Bumula Constituency.

As you come to this House, before you is the House of leaders from both the Majority and Minority. Where I am seated is the Majority side and the other side is the Minority. We have the Speaker who is seated ahead of you then the Clerks at the Table in front to read out the business of the day and also guide the Speaker on some matters.

To students, be humble, God fearing and respect your teachers. Every time you have challenges, please reach out to your teachers and don't assume you know everything. We want to see you shine in your schools. As you have heard, Kabula is a major school with several stakeholders.

I want to urge my brother Hon. Vitalis now that you are the Alumni of Kabula Senior School, why can't you coordinate all big names that you have been telling us, so that they can come in and support Kabula to improve standard wise. If he can reach out to these stakeholders that he has mentioned here and then they come and fundraise for Kabula then the face of this school will change. We want to see Kabula shining.

My dear brothers and sisters who are sited here as members, these children are here to emulate us. I therefore want to urge you that for you to be a future larder of this Assembly, for you to come here and be able to represent the people of wherever areas you come from because I am aware we have Kimaeti and it is there, we have those who come from Bumula, Khasoko, South Bukusu neighboring sub counties like Kabuchai and Tongaren, I want to urge you that these members have bursaries this year; go home knowing that you are supposed to apply in December, so that you are given these bursaries to make you stay at school.

Otherwise, I want to wish you success as you go to do your exams to join form four. I want you to come out with flying colors.

(Applause)

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba.

Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba: Asante bwana Spika kwa kunipa fursa hii. Naona kila mnenaji amezungumza lugha ya kingereza nami nimeona nizungumze lugha ambayo karibu kila mwanafunzi na wengine wanaelewa.

Yangu ni kuwakaribisha katika Jumba hili, mjiskie mko huru na baada ya kikao wa sasa hata msiende mkae hapa. Najua mumeputa tofauti iliyopo na maandhari ya nje. Cha mbele ni kuwaomba wanafunzi wenye mko hapa wawe na nidhamu. Siasa haijaanza huku nje katika uwakilishi wa Wadi lakini huanzia shuleni.

Hawa viongozi wa kesho wamekuja kusoma yale watakuja kufanya miaka ijayo, lakini siku hizi hata shuleni huwa wanapiga kura kuchagua viranja wao. Kwa hiyo demokrasia nzuri huanzia shuleni.

Lakini zaidi ya yote lazima muwe wanafunzi ambao munazingatia masomo na nidhamu liwe jambo la mbele kwa sababu unaweza faulu katika masomo na ukose nidhamu na bila nidhamu huwezi kufaulu maishani. Kwa hivyo mkitoka hapa pia mpeleke salamu zetu kwa wale ambao mliwacha shuleni na wape pia salamu wazazi wenu, na sisi kama viongozi wenu tunawatakia matokeo mema katika mtihamu ambao inanza hivi karibuni. Asante Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hiyo fursa.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba. Allow me on behalf of the entire County Assembly. House leadership, Honourable members present here to make the following remarks.

To the students, I will urge you to be disciplined, respect your parents and teachers. Even if you have good grades in your form four without having discipline for your teachers and parents, it may not take you far if you are not disciplined. I will ask you that work extremely hard.

Life here is not as easy as people imagine. Even with the degree, you won't be employed on your first day looking for employment, so work hard and choose your courses wisely through the guidance of your good teachers here, and when you go home after closing schools, stay at home, assist your parents on the farms and household chores. Don't be domestic visitors of every relative of yours. Stay at home and assist your parents with work.

For teachers, we wish you well for the work you are doing because not all of us had the calling of being teachers; yours is a calling. We appreciate the work you are doing compared to us who are not teachers.

I wish you journey mercies back to Kabula as well said by Hon. Vitalis Wangila, I can confirm he was my classmate in form 1 and 2 in Bokoli High School before he changed to join Kabula where he schooled with Hon. Mabonga and others. Wish you well and best of luck in your examination.

(Applause)

ADJOURNMENT

Honourable members that was the last item on our Order Paper, we will adjourn and resume at 2:30 p.m. session.

The House rose at 10:40 a.m.

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