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Afternoon Sitting

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The house met at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER

PAPERS

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

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Chair or any member of the Youth Affairs and sports? Do we have any members? Okay, one can move forward to handle that document

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. I rise to table a report by sectoral committee on Youth Affairs and sports on the status of Maeni Youth Empowerment centre and Chemoge High Altitude centre.

(Hon. Cornelius Makhanu laid the paper on the table)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, report by sectoral committee on Youth Affairs and sports on the status of Maeni Youth Empowerment centre and Chemoge High Altitude centre having been laid is now part of this house.

Next item,

NOTICES OF MOTION

REPORTS BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS ON THE STATUS OF MAENIYOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTRE AND CHEMOGE HIGH ALTITUDE CENTRE

Hon. Cornelius Makhanu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to issue a notice of motion that this House adopt the report by sectoral committee on Youth Affairs and sports on the status of Maeni Youth Empowerment centre and Chemoge High Altitude centre.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, the Honourable Cornelius Makhanu you are getting used to it and that is nice. Honourable members, a Notice of Motion having been issued I therefore direct that it be circulated to all Honourable members for their consumption and will form part of business that will be considered by the Assembly after ratification by the House Business Committee.

We proceed,

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY 28TH TO THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2023

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Johnston Okasida Ipara member for Tongaren/Kiminini ward. Proceed.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I have the privilege to present the Honourable House weekly programme of the business of the County Assembly for the week commencing Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th November 2023.

Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Papers

1. Report by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on Auditor's General report on the financial statement of the Bungoma County Trade and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2021,
2. Report by the Sectoral committee on Land, Urban, Fiscal Planning and Housing on the protest letter against the transfer of the Manager Bungoma Municipality.

Notices of motion

1. Report by the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the Auditor General's report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2021,
2. Report by the Sectoral committee on Land, Urban, Fiscal Planning and Housing on the protest letter against the transfer of the manager Bungoma Municipality.

Questions and statements Question number 65 of 2023

Member for Misikhu Ward Hon. Milliah Masungu MCA to seek a response from the CECM roads transport infrastructure and public works.

Motion

1. Report by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditors' General report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County Bursary Fund for the period ended 30th June 2021.
2. Report by the Sectoral committee on finance and economic planning on the Bungoma County Revenue Fund statement for the financial year 2022/ 2023 for the period ended June 30th 2023.

Wednesday 29th of November 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Papers

Report by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditor's General report on the financial statement of the Bungoma County Trade and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2022

Notices of motion

Report by the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on the Auditor General's report on the financial statement of Bungoma county Trade and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2022

Motion

1. Report by the Sectoral committee on Roads, Transport Infrastructure and Public Works on the implementation status of ward based projects for the financial year 2021/ 2022 as at October 2023
2. Report by the Sectoral committee on Youth Affairs and Sports on the status of Maeni Youth Empowerment, Gender, and Chemoge High Altitude Training Centre.

Wednesday 29th November 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Motion

1. Report by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditor General's report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County Trade and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2021.
2. Report by the Sectoral committee on Land, Urban Fiscal Planning and Housing on the protest letter against the transfer of the manager

Thursday 30th November 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Question and Statements

1. Statement number 70 of 2023. Member of the House Business Committee pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47 2(a) Will read the weekly programme for next week, it is noted that pursuant to Standing Order 47 the following chairpersons who will respond to questions on Thursday afternoon 30th November 2023.
2. Chairperson sectoral committee on Tourism, Water, Environment and Natural Resources will respond to question number 69 of 2023 sought by Hon. Ipara Okasida MCA Tongaren ward.
3. Chairperson sectoral committee on Agriculture, Livestock Irrigation, Fisheries and Cooperative Development respond to question number 68 of 2023 sought by a member for Milima ward Hon. Jerusa Aleu.

Motion

Report by the Public Accounts and Investment Committee on Auditor General's report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County Trade and Development Fund for the period ended 30th June 2023

I submit,

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Ipara Johnstone Okasida for the presentation of the tentative weekly programme that will run from the 28th to the 30th of November 2023. Honourable Members, this is a tentative programme that is subject to any amendment as by the House business if there is need. So therefore, I urge that we acquaint ourselves with this programme that will form business of next week.

Next item,

MOTION

REPORTS BY THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE ON THE AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY BURSARY FUND FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, the chair, PAC committee, the Hon. Everton Nganga to move the report.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me a chance to move the motion of the report by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditor General report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County Bursary Fund for the period ended 30th June 2019.

Hon. Speaker, with your guidance Chapter one, these are the preliminaries. We have the mandate of the committee which is derived from the Standing Order 209. I request that you allow me to begin from page eight, where we have the committee members.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nganga what you do you give reference especially the issue of the mandate of the committee. You have to make a reference if making reference to the Standing Order so that the HANSARD can capture that as you proceed.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. In fact I have done it is only that your mind was concentrating on something else but I can still repeat. Chapter one are the mandates of the committee which are found in our Standing Order No. 209. If you can allow me with your guidance I can begin with the committee membership.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: And as you do that, for the purpose of the HANSARD, you mentioned why you are going to that page like just touch on the powers guiding principles like that as you proceed not reading them for purpose of Hansard. 1.3 is powers

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Chapter one 1.1 is preface 1.2 is mandates of the committee from the standing order 209. 1.3 is powers, 1.4 guiding principles, 1.42 obligation of accounting officer, 1.43 direct personal liability, 1.44 form confidentiality undertaking by the committee.

Now page eight the membership of the committee Honourable speaker by then this was the membership recently we had a change in the membership where the selection committee changed two members but when you are doing this report these were the members let me read

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| 1. Hon Everton Nganga | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Timothy Chikati | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Bernard Kikechi | Member |
| 4. Hon. Everlyne Mutiembu | Member |
| 5. Hon. Metrine Nangalama | Member |
| 6. Hon. Stephen Kaiser | Member |

7. Hon. Jerusa Aleu	Member
8. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka	Member
9. Hon. Violet Makhanu	Member
10. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya	Member
11. Hon. John Wanyama	Member

Acknowledgment

The Committee wishes to express its gratitude to your office for allowing us sit outside the precincts of the County Assembly to prepare this report, further our great thanks goes to the office of the Clerk for facilitating the committee to execute its mandate. The committee also extends its gratitude to the County Executive teams that appeared before it for interrogations and lastly the secretariat of the committee and the officers from the office of Auditor General for exemplary technical and logistical support that led to the production of this report.

On behalf of the Public Accounts and Investments Committee, I now wish to table this report and urge the Honorable House to adopt it with the recommendations therein.

Report is signed By Hon. Everton Nganga Chairperson Public Accounts and Investment Committee

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR- GENERAL ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUNGOMA COUNTY BURSARY FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2019

1. Irregular Bursary to Vocational College Students

Qualified Opinion

The scholarships and other educational benefits expenditure of Kshs.178,112,129 reflected in the statement of financial performance includes bursaries totalling Kshs.9,296,000. However, the bursary application forms were not supported with evidences of approval of the County Education Support Scheme Committee. This was contrary to Section 17 of the Public Finance Management (Bungoma County Education Support Scheme) Regulations, 2019 that require the Committee to Vet and recommend eligible scholarship applicants.

As a result, the validity of the bursary of Kshs.9, 296,000 awarded during the year under review could not be confirmed.

Management response

The accounting officer in his written response submitted that;

The bursary disbursement of Ksh 9,296,000 to Vocational College Students was done after receipt and verification of the bursary application forms by the County Education Support Scheme Committee. The county Education Support Committee ascertained student names in the Vocational Training Centers (VTC) and vetted the forms. Minutes of vetting were kept by the department. By the time of audit those minutes had been taken by the Ethics and

Anticorruption Commission (EACC) hence could not be availed. The department commits to forward the said minutes once it receives them from EACC.

Oral submission by the accounting officer

At the time of interrogation, the accounting officer was unable to provide the application forms for verification as it had been highlighted by the auditor General, however the CEC Member stated that the forms had been taken by the EACC for investigations and promised to follow-up by writing to the agencies so that the documents are availed for audit purposes.

Committee observations

1. The committee notes that Section 17 of the Public Finance Management (Bungoma County Education Support Scheme) Regulations, 2019 was not adhered to by the accounting officer while implementing the scheme. The scholarships were awarded to the students minus the approval of the County Education support scheme committee since no minutes of the committee were availed for verification by the Public Accounts and Investment committee.
2. The accounting officer submitted that the said documents were taken away by EACC and efforts to get the same have not been achieved. This committee however observes that despite the documents request by EACC, no inventory of the submitted documents acknowledged by EACC was presented for confirmation.

Recommendation

The accounting officer having failed to submit the requested documents to confirm the scholarship awards by the Bungoma County Education Support Scheme of Kshs.9, 296,000, contrary to regulation 17 of the Bungoma County Education support scheme regulations 2019, The propriety of these amount cannot be confirmed and therefore its recommend that the Ethics and Anti-corruption commission being in custody of the bursary minutes, takes up the matter for investigation on the award procedures for all the beneficiaries of the Kshs. 9,296,000. (Nine Million two hundred and ninety six thousands)

Conclusion

The committee recommends the department to review the Bungoma County education support scheme fund 2019 to clearly and distinctly provide for the beneficiaries for scholarship and/or bursary.

As I said earlier, this report had only one query and that is the end of the report. The next page is the Adoption schedule then annexure is the audit certificate or the audit report from the Office of the Auditor General. I therefore request Honourable CPA Kenneth Wanyama to second report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Nganga, for presentation and moving of the report. Therefore let's give chance to the Hon. Ken Wanyama to second.

Hon. Ken Wanyama: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to second a motion on Bungoma County bursary fund for the year ended 30th June 2019. First and foremost, I want to thank my chairman, for reading the report very eloquently. It was a short report, but he moved it very well. The issue of scholarships and bursary is very close to our hearts. But unfortunately, this programme has been used by some people for other purposes other than what it was intended to do. It's been clearly noted in the report; there is a figure of 9.2 million, which was meant for bursaries that was totally not supported by any application forms. There are no minutes showing that there were the students that were vetted and as such these monies were used to pay their school fees.

I want to take this opportunity, as I second this motion to challenge my elected colleagues to say that there are many ways of killing a cat. Most of the things we've noted with this scholarship is that there is totally no accountability and the biggest monster is this thing called 3%. So I'm glad that my elected colleagues are pushing for increase in CEF. If CEF is increased and these issues of scholarships and bursaries are in the hands of elected MCAs, then it will be easier to manage because no one knows your wards better than you.

(Applause)

So let's continue pushing for safe to be increased so that then the executive, so that then the devolved unit can actually focus on their core mandate as far as scheduled four of our Constitution, which is ECDEs and VTC.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. John Wanyama. Honourable Members a motion having been moved and duly seconded by the members I now propose the same for debate that this House adopts reports by the Public Accounts and Investments Committee on the Auditor General report on the financial statements of the Bungoma County Bursary Fund for the period ended 30th June 2019 laid on the table of the House on the 8th day November 2023

(Question proposed)

Well the Hon. Opwora

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on Standing Order 109 limitation of debate and I propose that we limit the time given the business ahead of the Assembly so that we can be able to finish the business of the day.

Mr. Speaker: And you call your seconder now. Order members proceed Hon. Members

Hon. Edwin Opwora: I call upon Hon. Mukhongo to second

Hon. James Mukhongo: Mr. Speaker we are here to work I decline to second

(Laughter)

(Applause)

because as I do so, yesterday we sat here as late as up to 6.30p.m so today we are starting the business and you can see the reports are very brief and they are very direct. If you can grant me even time I can start contributing but I know the procedure

(Laughter)

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members we have to dispense that first and just a moment Hon. Makari, Honourable members the moment debate is declined by a seconder and it dies.

(Applause)

and in essences when you listen the Hon. Mukhongo Speaking he is trying to urge that we should be prepared even staying here up to 7. we are strong enough isn't it. Very well now Hon. Makari has something. What is it?

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, even if it dies I want to refer members to Standing Order No. 109(3) a motion under paragraph two shall not be made in the course of a debate which it refers unless its moved after the adjournment of such a debate and before the debate is resumed. So ...

Hon. Opwora is out of order

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members at this level I think the Hon. Makari is the one who is not in order because the debate had not started. so the Hon. Opwora was trying to make it clear that when the debate starts then we should limit ourselves within sometime so that many members may contribute. So I have ruled on that we proceed on line I can see the Hon. Hentry Nyongesa, we start with the Leader of Majority because of the precedence of the House leadership. So we grant him a chance to start us of.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, let me appreciate the chair for being brief and on the point. I am left in junction because what I am saying and what I know as per our practice is quite different because I am not aware that the County Headquarter has got the minutes that were in the custody of the EACC.

In our history the vetting committee are in our wards and through them they normally recommend list to the executive for them to pay. There is no day the executive has done the vetting although through Ward Admins who are the secretary in the ward, so if at all maybe the committee needed some minutes then they could have searched within our wards.

I am happy because the chair of this committee is senior member of this House, so I don't know if at all we can also pass this report and say that the vetting committee was at the county level and the minutes were at the EACC then we shall also be mixing ourselves because in my ward, I have never seen the committee from the executive to do the vetting and then may be payments but what is normally done is the vetting and recommendation is done at the ward level.

So we need your guidance on this or if some elected members will have different opinions then we can buy the idea. Otherwise, I don't know whether to say to support or not to support but that's my observation.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Makari. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, before I congratulate the chairman, I want to say that Hon. Opwora was very fast to anticipate the debate that we are going to take longer but some of us remain within the parameters of the report. This was a very noble idea in this assembly where we did the Bill and the Policies and the Regulation and the purpose for this scheme was actually to target the vulnerable group in our areas.

I remember in the inception of devolution, where I was in this House and Hon. Mukhongo was part of this House the bursary scheme that ran between 2013 to 2017, you can look into the history and the archives of this government you will never see the misappropriation of that money. What was happening was very simple, everything was being handled by the committee at the ward level and we went further the money set aside for every ward was channelled to the accounts at the ward level and that is why I say if you go to the archives of this county under 2013-2017 you can't raise any irregularities met during that time.

I think the rain started in this county in the middle of 2018 and 2019 onwards up to where we are because the report was highlighting on something 2019. I want to say that some people came in the office and I am sure they are still there because the office is still there but they had very sinister motives and were using this money in the name of the vulnerable groups and I think they were paying themselves to children to who are not vulnerable and that is why the chair here is giving us a report and he is leaving us in dilemma that 9 million cannot be accounted for.

The money was given out without supporting documents and now you start wondering, is this thing a serious thing that was handled at that time. The officers who were there at that time should come up and answer those questions. If the documents are with EACC, we as well say

that those officers who were there, at that time, must actually refund that amount so that it given to children of Bungoma County.

Even the Leader of Majority has said we don't know if we support or we reject the report, but from where I sit money was lost that is where I will end by saying that everything must be followed to latter.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Henry. Hon. Isaiah Sudi.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker for allowing me also to add my voice on a report that was read well by my friend MCA Everton Nganga .This bursary issue is a very weighty matter because you even you speaker in your Mitua /Soysambu Ward there are students who are on a scholarship and were sent home, some have even gone to the local day schools around and here we can see that 9 million cannot be accounted for. Then when we try to follow they say that the records were taken by EACC and if you see the query is very clear that there were no records because if those records were there, then query would have not been there.

I wonder what the EACC took because even their offices are not in heaven. The department would have gone there and withdrew the documents for perusal, I am very sure they will not be denied. So how do we lose 9 million? And yet, like in my ward, students have dropped from schools local schools. People just sit and share the money. I would have wished that the committee would have done it thorough by even inviting us MCAs so that we know this money they are claiming that there are no documentation because we have fought five wards and if the 9 million are within our wards, we could have still generated information for the auditor general not to have come up with the audit query.

I want to request the Chair of the Committee of PAC to be thorough because you know very well that committees do vetting is in our wards. I don't know the committee that you are waiting to get information for vetting and to make it worse this is VTC and VTC are our mandate and you know even if we go around because of the way they are neglected. There are no students in most of our VTCs. So the department is not able to justify the 9 million because there are no students. That is why the query is very clear that there is no documentation to support the expenditure because in our VTCs, you'll find some have 10 or 20 trainees, 20 and here is 9 million lost. How do you account for 9 million and yet you have less than 100 students.

So I will support the recommendation of the committee because the EACC has the documentation and the recommendations were picked for investigation. Let the EACC do the investigation and the culprit must be held responsible so that this money is recovered to come and assist the poor people of Bungoma.

I will leave my case there But this is a very weighty matter 9 million is not small money, that one person sits in the office and embezzles it, when our poor voters cannot manage to take their children to school. We cannot leave it like that.

I want to request this house that we adopt the report and the implementation Committee does the following so that we know where this money who are the real beneficiaries. People may be using the same money to take the children in abroad and when poor people of Bungoma continue suffering and in the near future, their families grow and the poor villagers in Bungoma remain poor. My colleagues let us support. The recommendation is very clear. They have requested the investigating agencies to take charge and let us know the truth. I rest my case.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, The Hon. Busolo for your passionate contribution. Hon. James Mukhongo.

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you, Speaker for the opportunity. On the onset, let me also allow the chair of the committee CPA Ganga for the good report that you have presented to this Honourable house and it is an eye opener to all of us Honourable Members. VTCs are not getting funds from the county government of bungoma and yet we have people pocketing the same. I totally agree with my brother Honourable Sudi what he has suggested.

This world is digital we don't rely on hard copies. Ward administrators have the computers in their offices. If you want information of even from 2013 you just go there to press a button you will get that information and you print. You know this issue of people hiding before EACC has taken documents. It is just an excuse and this culture should stop and that is why Honourable speaker you were here in the last regime. Some of us, some of the Honourable members when we were speaking people were saying you are making noise. You can now see these are the results and even the Chair who was presenting the report by then he was supporting the government of the day

(Applause)

For the members who were in the House that is what happened. You can now see. Even today we are not going to sit and wait

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mukhongo, Order members, Hon. Mukhongo, Hon. Sifuna, resume your seat. I want to guide the Hon. Sifuna was not part of the government.

(Loud consultations)

You are Shouting, this House is not for shouting Hon. Sifuna. I just want to guide that you are a member of this House. Maybe you are so much leaning towards the government but you are not a member of the executive. You are a member of this house.
Yes, proceed Hon. Mukhongo

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you, Honourable speaker for that correction. Otherwise, I was not implying that my brother was one of the members or he was part of the deep state,

part of the team that swindled the money. I only said when we were raising our voices, he was standing to defend the same people whom we are now crying over and members, and this is a house of rules and procedures. Our work here is to oversight the executive, let me give an example; even the executive of today, I belong to the government and if they don't do good things, we will raise our voices.

Any anomaly being done by the executive will not support it. So as the report indicates, we should put the executive on notice. I know some of the members are still there. Who did this anomalies are still there. The chief officers are still there. So if we want the information we can still get it, even the Ward administrators are still there. Even the committees still exist. So it was not a big issue when the query was raised by the auditor, only that people were hiding under the table but that is the truth and as a house we call upon even the implementation committee will not do much. That is what I know and when I say so, you know what it means. I can't open it again because the chair of the Implementation Committee is also... Otherwise, I rest my case.

(Laughter)

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mukhongo, we don't know when you say we know

Hon. James Mukhongo: You know Mr. Speaker, I have not mention the Chair for Implementation here, I have just given...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Order members! Hon. Mukhongo, while you allude that the committee will not do much. How do you know? Are you a member of that committee?

(Loud consultations)

(Laughter)

So Hon. Mukhongo you have to correct that statement is on HANSARD and that committee is an Honourable committee of this house

(Laughter)

No let Hon. Mukhongo finish

Hon. James Mukhongo: what I meant, you know the chair of the implementation Committee was part of the members of this House, but when you look at his movements by then the steps by then we were looking alike with the executive. So I don't know how he will handle the document now. Hon. Speaker, if he will be the one now making follow ups that is what I meant.

(Loud consultations)

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Hon. Mukhongo, don't walk out. Hon. Jack, just a moment. Members know that all these committees belong to this House; they reflect a picture of this House. So when we make an assertion, tomorrow you can be a member of that committee, so therefore, we have to be careful, and show that we have a lot of confidence in every committee of this House.

This House is not for shouting matches, so we have to be orderly. Now we have to bear that in mind when we're talking about our committees because they all belong to this Honourable house and every committee is Honourable. We trust that it can do its work very well. If it does not perform well, we return the same to them so that they can do it better. Now we proceed on the Hon. Jackson, you have something to say?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. All I wanted to say is that what Hon. Mukhongo was trying to say. Is that as a house, we need to be independent. You see, history has repeated itself and he was only trying to confirm that being old members of the previous House. The two members were those who are opposed to this House trying to persuade the executive on the matters to do that accountability and I can confirm that the chair implementation went for my neck in my Ward, just because I was against the previous regime and I therefore doubt whether they will give...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Hon. Wambulwa when you make those allegations, you have to substantiate so Hon. Wambulwa that is very harsh of you.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: It is not Hon. Speaker protect me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wambulwa that's the very harsh. Withdraw that if....

(Loud Consultation)

Order Hon. Nganga!

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: You cannot be order by Hon. (inaudible) Hon. Speaker

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Resume your seat; resume your seat Honourable Members. Hon. Jack it was harsh of you, can you just withdraw that from our HANSARD

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: I would only withdraw I was not a Christian I can confirm it was on sixth of June on a Father day when Hon. Mulongo and one Engineer Marango come for my neck in my Ward just because I had mentioned.

(Applause)

(Loud Consultations)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Order members! Hon. Mulongo, you can be given time to speak but not when you are shouting. Let us be orderly. This is generating a lot of heat and do you know we are degenerating away from the point that you were to debate here. We have to be orderly members. I don't want to give any further a point of information we have to move Hon. Ipara

Hon. Johnston Ipara: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You can see how this particular issue generates a lot of heat and the purpose of that is our money has been misused. I want to agree with the majority leader, it is not a good excuse to say that the documents that we were supposed to use to support this particular issue in question had been given to EACC and we had no any other viable avenue to resolve this particular matter. Because I want to believe with that original documents that we were supposed and I am using intentionally the word original documents knowing that in this House, we have the CPA, Honourable members and the respected the vice chair for trade and the chair for PAC.

Original documents are held by respective wards across the county. Did we miss those original documents? Because what I believe that was taken to the county headquarters particularly the Department of Education was duplicate copies. Why didn't we go to the wards and get those details? We are talking here a matter of evidence and when we talk about evidence, the real evidence was being held by the respective vocational training centres across the county. Were they not available? Had they been taken to exile? The answer is no.

Instead of us involve in shouting and revenge missions. I think we need to be responsible and address the issues in question and this particular issue bursary is a very thorny and why because we should understand the purpose of bursary which are; One it exists to help those who are unable to realise their full potential due to lack of funds. The second one is to allow those vulnerable to complete their study. The third one is to enable our students to attend school, college or university because they facing a burden of lack of funds. It also helps students who face barriers to assess training. if you can realise that, you can also understand the seriousness of this particular matter and this brings me now with your permission to read a quote from an anonymous philosopher who said "you will face many defeats in life but never let yourself be defeated" And this house should stand firm and ensure that we don't accept to be defeated because of the ignorance of some people across this county.

You know in the law, ignorance is not an excuse. You will always be charged whether you say EACC has taken the documents or documents are not available, but the issue is misappropriation, defraud , theft of the public money. We want to say it did take place and when we talk about 9.2 million is not the three shillings is not eggs, it is money, that we must hold people accountable for what they were supposed to do and the right thing is number one

this matter if I were them, the chair and his committee, Number one, I could have recommended that the police through the DCI should they be invited to investigate the matter in question.

Then when that evidence is produced across the county, it will reveal who are these that are purported to be the beneficiaries of the scholarship that took place during that time. But when we are now becoming the agents, the people who assist us abet or even avoid to be committed to answer to the law, history will judge this house harshly And I want to say that let's not accept to be judged harshly by the history. If I were the Honourable Members, we could have directed this committee to go and review their report and included harsh recommendations, which include DCI coming in, these people be charged in a court of law, as we wait, the report from the EACC .

Maybe I want just to challenge this. Where does the Kenyan law, particularly in the penal code, say that when one institution has taken the documents that are required for investigation, other institution should not investigate that matter? Where is it said so? They are just mere excuses and Honourable members let's walk away from excuses.

Yesterday I did to say this. Yesterday, we did receive one off among the finest reports in this house that was presented by the Committee of Finance, which was presented here by Hon. Kituyi that was the finest report because it gave us the way where we are and where we intend to go. Let's not use this house to rubber stamp crimes that are committed, because actually people are just emulating, people are copying what has happened previously and we must set precedence that must be followed and those precedents are precedents that we don't sympathise with those who commit crimes. We don't sympathise with those who devoured money from the County of Bungoma. We don't sympathise with those who want to take advantage of the vulnerable of our people. I submit.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That was very passionate of the Hon. Okasida. Hon. Makari,

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues Hon. Mukhongo, Hon. Ipara and those that spoke Hon. Sudi. If it was possible, we would have postponed this and done an amendment so that this this committee can go further and even recommend very harsh penalties for these people that actually misappropriated this money.

(Applause)

It defeats logic if you tell us that the EACC took documents. As Hon. Mukhongo said, we are in a digital age. You cannot tell me that documents were carried by EACC and you don't

have backup and you are a member of this House. Since when did the VTC's began vetting recipients of bursary and having....? In my ward I have a VTC and There is no day they have ever told me that we are giving your students in the VTC bursary and they are going to feel bursary forms.

I have never seen that and even EACC comes to pick documents. They will leave an inventory of which document they picked. Is the inventory an annexure of this report of the EACC. That actually they picked these number of documents, can the Chair confirm that there is an annexure by the EACC on the report that they picked this document from the Department of Education. If it is there the chair can confirm and I want to add this and it is very unpalatable that the same...

(Laughter)

Mr. Speaker this thing we are looking at is a thing of the past regime. When we were seated here, the same members passed a motion here by use of a *bakora* you remember, and they are the same members who are investigating themselves. Are you sure we can get a clear report from these members? It won't be possible so honourable Speaker this is an issue as Hon. Mukhongo said is an issues that falls squarely... you cannot eat Kshs.100, 000 then a commission of inquiry is formed for yourself to investigate yourself. This is a half-baked report and this report we throw it back they do some serious work, some good recommendations so that this report can have some basis. I can tell you...

(Loud consultations)

So with this recommendation, I suggest and propose that this is a half-baked report that it goes back to the committee, they do some more serious research and then come out with a very serious recommendation I want to ask Hon. Jack Wambulwa to second that.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Which Standing Order Hon. Makari

Hon. George Makari: I have forgotten Speaker...should be108 Honourable Speaker, I can read it even now.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Mr. Speaker you are becoming partisan.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Makari resume your sit, Hon. Mulongo I want you to withdraw that statement.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: I will not withdraw Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If you don't withdraw I will throw you outside this Assembly, what shows that I am partisan here? What shows that I am partisan? You have to respect this sit, I am administering the House in a very professional manner so I order you to withdraw and apologize. You withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: Mr. Speaker, what am I withdrawing?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Mulongo I will throw you out with consequences.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: What am I supposed to withdraw, you need to tell me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If you provoke me invoke the rules of Standing Orders it will not be so good for you, I want to ask you to withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: On what now, I just can't....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, I want to say this, we are running this House in a very professional manner, without any bias, if members on the majority side make a mistake we admonish them accordingly, if members of the minority side make a mistake we admonish them accordingly and if a member becomes unruly and the Speaker orders the same member to observe the rules and orders of this House and declines then the member becomes grossly misconduct and if you become a member who is grossly misconduct then the Speaker has no otherwise but to throw you out, and when that happens you are going to lose very many privileges, so I want to say this...

(Loud Consultations)

Order members!

I have given the said member time to do that he has been adamant so I want to order the orderlies of this House under Standing Order 120, this would serve as an example to very many other members, so Honourable member you are to be out of this House and you will not be allowed to the nearest part of the precincts of the House until otherwise as per the Standing Order. Lead him out.

Hon. Aggrey Mulongo: They will not kick me out but I will walk out.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We proceed members.

Hon. George Makari: My good friend Hon. Mulongo has brought it upon himself I will not sympathize with him, Standing Order 108 says a member who wishes to postpone to some future occasion the further discussion of a question which has been proposed from the chair may claim to move that the debate be now adjourned or in a committee of Whole House that the chairperson do now reports.

I therefore propose that we move this debate to another time, that the committee goes further and digs deeper and does more appropriate recommendations on the report, I therefor call upon Hon. Jack Wambulwa to second this motion.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I rise to second the motion I want to appeal to our colleagues that for any report that will come to this House, and we don't get the real end of the report there will be no otherwise but we will have to refer it back.

Looking at the recommendations they have given us, indeed somebody relying on EACC to say we did not get the documents that is unwarranted because these documents are found in

our Wards. The ward administrators are having these documents both in soft and hard copy so when did they go to EACC; this is something that we have to take serious. We know this is our government but at the end of the day the residents of Bungoma want to know the truth. I therefore want to second that they go further, dig further and give us a proper report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, as we proceed I want to make this announcement that the member who has been ejected from the House will be out of this Assembly for 3 sitting weeks and he will miss all the privileges accorded to any member of this Assembly for the said weeks.

(Motion of adjournment proposed)

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I support the adjournment on this debate, I want also to request members of PAIC to take it positively because what we are looking after is the value of our money.

We have the research team in this Assembly earning and purposely working for this Assembly so let us make use of them. Kshs.9Million is not little money and maybe when we say we want clear information it means we are doing our job. As Hon. George said, when EACC picks on a document, there is an inventory so they should make a follow up.

Secondly, we have the records since devolution in our Wards; let the committee use that information. Again we have VTCs within us, they should be having the records on how they were receiving money so let's do it in a thorough way to ensure that atlas our people realize the value of money, I support.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Everton Nganga.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am not for the motion that we adjourn, let me speak my mind and I better be on HANSARD. The motion has been moved and seconded but I know the majority will have it at the end but this is what I would like to say.

Our PAIC reports are objective, empirical and not subjective. There is a tendency because this is now the third time, this is the third time. There is a tendency that every PAIC report when presented and moved on this floor there should be an amendment, it has to be withdrawn, but Honourable Speaker remember, this committee consists of Honourable members from both sides, remember this report was tabled in this House January 2022 and it was received by the then Clerk who was Mosongo then it was committed to this committee, the executive officers that we have been interviewing are the current CECMs. It is a report for the period ending 2019 June, remember in 2019, 2020, 2021 we had the issue of Corona, audits were not made, books of accounts were not investigated. Let us think objectively, let us not have malice on some reports.

Remember recently when our Leader of Majority requested for the expenditure of the three per cent monies, up to now no proper response has been given after summoning the CECM three times and again he is the one who gave us the information that when the Kenya Kwanza

government took over, there was this motion around scholarship monies not being awarded. Those were the issues, the hot air that prompted EACC to come in and pick the documents.

With the current government somebody mentioned adversely my name as a chairperson, the name of Hon. Mulongo was mentioned here adversely, my name has been mentioned pervasively, it is the work of the committee, let us not cross or overstep the work of committee members, all the time we bring these reports and there must be some corrections, now if that will be the trend, is it possible to change now the membership of PAIC and make sure that the whole House should be doing the work if that is the trend. What is wrong Honourable Speaker? What is wrong? EACC is an investigative body, we as the members including Kikechi, Kennedy, Violet just to mention a few, these are the members of Kenya Kwanza; they were there and we really worked, we interrogated the executive to make sure that they give us the documents, the current CECM, we interrogated because we wanted them to give us the documents but they did not and I am not also going to change, we as the committee are always guided by the principles. We always have the Auditor; he is also there when we are writing. When we shall be interrogating our Clerk on the County Assembly report, we shall be having an officer from the office of the Auditor General guiding us.

A professional will have to remain a professional, I am a professional, the observations we came up with are also a professional, I wish you were also on that committee. We have a professional from the office of the Auditor General, I am also a professional, Hon. Kikechi and Ken Wanyama are professionals, Hon. Mukhanya is a banker, the decision made even if it gets someone from America or Britain when he also comes to look at these documents, he will come up with the same decision. If there will be any deviation it will be a very small standard error. Remember...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Honourable members, let him make his submissions

Hon. Everton Nganga: Hon. Speaker, let me ask members but I don't require an answer, now currently as monies for VTCs are being channeled, are you having a list? I said I don't need an answer. Monies are just channeled; no application forms and this is being done by the current government. Somebody mentioned that I was for the previous government, remember, tomorrow because by 2024 we shall be handling the 2023 reports from the current government, and we have to get to check through and be empirical enough. What is wrong with this report?

If we interrogated, we wanted the documents but they said that because of the hot air EACC came and took. The recommendation we did now that they failed to provide the documents and the documents are with EACC let EACC take up the matter, that is what we did Please members, I am almost exhausting my submission.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, I urge you to let him finish because he is about... Hon. Nganga, you can sit a little because of precedence of the House, let's start with Chief Whip of Majority side Hon. Meshack.

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Ahsante mheshimiwa Spika. Ninataka niombe kwa heshima kuu yale mheshimiwa Nganga anaongea anaweza ongea hadi kesho. Lakini nataka nikuombe kwa heshima mheshimiwa Spika kama iko kasoro hata ulete safari ishirini lakini iko kasoro. Pesa ilipotea na hizi pesa mahali penya wanakuambia ilienda kwa EACC wacha tuombe ya kwamba Nganga hiyo sio shida yako lakini nakuomba kwa heshima kuu ya kwamba pesa ilipotea milioni 9 na wewe mwenyewe ndiye ulisoma na hata kama ni shilingi moja hiyo ni pesa ya wananchi na ninakuomba kwa heshima nimalizie ya kwamba wacha tuambie mheshimiwa Nganga na kamati yake ya kwamba irudi waseme ya kwamba hawajaridhika na hii ili wakueleze ukweli wa mambo. Mambo ya kiingereza mingi haifai mheshimiwa Spika

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nganga, you will finish, I will give you enough time to finish. We had a point of order from some members,

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: My colleague, chairperson PAIC, you see this House does not have any preference to a report of any committee, we only look at the quality because like for this Kshs.9Million is lost and the committee has not recommended on how the Kshs.9 million can be recovered then if we pass it as it is then the Kshs.9 Million is just lost like that. They should have given a deadline that within this period and this should have been done and even if DCI takes over we need a specific timeline. So I want to inform my colleague chairperson PAIC that this House doesn't give any preference to any report of any committee, it is just unfortunate that PAIC committee we have referred two of their reports, they need to sit down and see we look at the quality because these are public documents.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Nganga proceed

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I don't want to say anything on what Hon. Sudi has submitted but remember that he supported the report, I don't think if he is genuine enough, he is now brain washed it is not proper.

Let the House understand this; that once the Auditor General comes up with this report it is normally tabled here with our Leader of Majority. I am just giving a small explanation. After being tabled it is committed to the committee then after that the Clerk of the committee and our CEO in this House normally writes to request for responses which we did and the responses are submitted back to the office of the auditor general both in soft copy and hard copy. After submitting those responses, the auditor general will now call the department; the CECM and the officers in charge to verify if this is the true picture, then we also call for responses and hard copy then we interrogate them.

Our powers cannot go beyond to go and request from the EACC, that is why it is very hard, we only requested the CECM to provide, written letters, we even requested how many correspondences they have done and he said they are doing ...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is a point of Order here

Hon. Everton Nganga: I don't want to come up again because...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is going to guide you maybe, kindly.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: *(On a Point of Order)* Thank you, Mr. Speaker at least the chairperson should understand that they were not tied to the CEC to give them information, Article 226 says this; whether a person is in office or not in office you are mandated to call him to give information so you should not tell us that you were so tied that the only person to give you information was the current CEC. Did you invite the members who were in these offices? So let the committees go back, invite these people who were in the offices because this Assembly has got the powers of the high court. Let's not Labour so much on this.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We have to finish this Hon. Mukhongo a quick one so that Hon. Nganga can finish

Hon. James Barasa: You know I am a product of CAP 265, by then there were issues on CESS funds, and when the new constitution came in we came here. Hon. Meshack who is a member now by then he wasn't a member but there were issues on misuse of some funds, we called him to come and shade light before the committee on Finance and Economic Planning because by then he was the chairman of Bungoma County Council and he came and clarified and then we were satisfied. It doesn't cause any harm for the committee and we are not demeaning this committee, we only need some information so that we correct some anomalies. If my brother is telling us professionals in the committees, professionals, professionals and you are bringing a report of this kind honourable member surely.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Namaemba,

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to speak as the former member of this committee, I was there when this report was being done but I have been trying to think loudly, what is the meaning of bringing a report on the floor of the House, that you read the report and members dispense, we go through it and debate and come up with ideas. I don't see why the chairperson is feeling uncomfortable taking back the report to correct where necessary.

As the report is being read on this floor, members here go through it and consult and come up with ideas that can add flesh on that particular report and that is why we are requesting that the report goes back and something is done on the same. I listened to the chairperson very well and he said the current CECM and the current government, I think this is where we need to get the current government out of this mess. Can we the way Hon Mukhongo has put it, if it is something touching on the former regime can they be brought on board so that they come and shed light on these things once and for all.

I don't find any problem the chairperson PAIC getting back the report so that the right thing be done, there is nothing wrong with getting back the report thank you.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to refer the chairperson of PAIC back to a report tabled here on Tuesday or Wednesday by the committee on Public Administration, and you are a member of the committee, Leader of Majority is a member of that committee. I stood here and we sent back that report, if we are very vindictive we would not have sent back that report that has you as a member and Leader of Majority. We are just

saying go back, add some meat on that report, add some good recommendations then bring back the report we are here to see it through.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I want us to allow Hon. Nganga to complete his submission, we can derail him and he was finishing so that we call the mover to respond.

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I know and I am aware there are committees in this House when you handle them sometimes they can give you pressure. I am talking and putting my point through experience, the first time during the first regime I was the chairperson of budget, I came to this Assembly we had 3 gentlemen who used to sit this side and they used to rubbish my report.

Honourable Nganga is our chairman and he is equal to the task, I have been here for a few minutes and as a fast learner I have captured what is being discussed. I want to appeal to the committee that it is not being belittled; it is only that this is a debating chamber, your colleagues may use terms that may provoke your professionalism but how I wish we relax a bit.

When reports are brought in this House, there are members with different views and ideas that is why when you bring to the House you bring to members to approve it as it is or with amendments. Now that they cannot amend, this is a report that is being guided because if it is from PAIC there are so many other instruments that are also engaged to assist.

I will want to use wisdom by not saying let us send you back but to improve it so that we can get the grip and deeper side of this report. Even as the former commissioner stated, a day before yesterday, we also seriously pushed Public Administration not that those who are in that committee are not strong. I know it is difficult handling that report but it is also touching on the lives of people whom you meet daily.

I appeal to you Speaker that you request the committee to have time and get more information and assist us because we have a lot of trust in you that is why that composition is a composition that cannot be doubted.

Hon. Everton Nganga: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I was just to give my submissions but there have been a number of interjections. One, I have accepted what Honourable members have said, our clerk will do a letter because we have to do a letter one copy to the CECM Education another one copied to the EACC because they are the ones who are possessing those documents and make sure that we come up with correct information on how the monies Kshs.9.2Million were used.

Before I sit down, this is a House of rules and procedures, it is my request that when any member is mentioning something, maybe something bad that happened some previous years, this is a new House, Mr. Speaker please, I would like to urge Honourable members to desist from mentioning that this one was part of this House. It is not good, it is actually deviating us from the right channel because when somebody mentions you were in that it is not good, in fact if we allow that then this House will change to a *Karate* room which is not good.

Last, Honourable members I know and the reason why I have been or trying to be very tough is that in the beginning of this House let me just say it openly, the Kenya Kwanza members didn't want me to be a chairperson, I am trying to link, why is it that every report that I bring they are out to nail it down, even if it is objective, that is why I am trying to be very rigid. I am thinking that these people are not good on my side even if we managed to be the chairperson, it is like they are still having some stings to sting me honourable Speaker, I am not happy. Let us move. You know you have ruled.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Everton Nganga. The mover of the motion,

Hon. George Makari (The Mover): Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Hon. Nganga has now become a philosopher but we accept it is good to say you are defeated and then we carry on from there. Hon. Ali Machani has given his wisdom which has been taken very well and all the members that have supported the motion. We are not saying that the PAIC is bad; we are not saying the members constituting the committee are lesser members of this House, what we are trying to say is as Hon. Sudi Busolo put it, if we pass the report as it is and there is no mention of recovery of the Kshs.9million in the report, how will we recover tax payers' money? We just said you go back, Hon. Machani said I should not use that term, but we said go refine the report and include the recommendations as Hon. Ipara has said, let it have more flesh so that when it comes back I promise you I will be the first person to support it.

Just a point of reference and I said it here before, we do not send back the report because we are bad people as you have just finalized you have said the Kenya Kwanza people did not want you to be the chairperson, no, that is not the position, the position is when the report is bad is bad. I referred you to one thing a while back that there was a report by Public Administration Committee I think it was on Tuesday afternoon, the mover moved very well, it was debated well but we saw abnormalities with the report, not really abnormalities but inconsistencies in the report.

There were vehicles in garages and other vehicles were not mentioned anywhere in the report and we said no, you have not covered everything, go back include even others that we know you have not included. You see Hon. Nganga that PAIC comprises of senior most members of this House and they were seated here when I said we withdraw the report, they did not object, they sat calmly and waited as the House passed that the report should be amended and added more weight.

I want to thank every member that has supported the motion that we are not malicious and not vindictive; we just want a nice report.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Makari

(Question put and agreed to)

The debate is adjourned and the committee on Public Accounts and Investment is directed to reschedule themselves, go and refine the report and report back to this House for

consumption and directions so that actions can be taken correctly for the benefit of the people of Bungoma.

That was a motion within a motion so I think Hon. Nganga you are accordingly directed, organize yourself and the team, we are ready to support where necessary.

Next item,

**REPORT BY SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LABOUR RELATIONS, MEMBERS SERVICE AND
FACILITY ON THE VETTING OF A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE
BUNGOMA COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Chairperson, Hon. Hentry Nyongesa Khaemba

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa (Chairperson Labour Committee): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The mood of the House is a bit harsh but I am hoping it will not go that direction.

I rise to move the motion that this House adopts the report of the Labour Committee and I will go very fast because of time.

Executive Summary

Pursuant to Section 45(1)(a) of the County Governments' Act, 2012 and Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 33 of 2017, His Excellency the Governor nominated one Mr. Kikete Munga'hu Siambi of ID. NO. 0087659 for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board. The nomination was conveyed to the Speaker of the County Assembly through letter Ref. No. CG/BGM/GVN/CA/VOL.I/ (005) dated 12th October, 2023 (Annexure 1).

On Tuesday, 24th October, 2023 in the afternoon sitting, the Speaker of the County Assembly relayed the Message from His Excellency the Governor communicating the nomination of the nominee to the House pursuant to Standing Order 45 (1), the and Section 4 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The name of the nominee stood committed to the Committee on Labour Relations, Member Services and Facilities for vetting and reporting to the House within twenty-one (21) sitting days in accordance to Standing Order 217(5) (g).

Consequently, and in accordance with Section 7 (10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Monday, 30th October, 2023, inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee in accordance with the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday 3rd November, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. By close of the submission deadline, the Committee had not

received any memoranda touching on the suitability of the nominee for appointment (Annexure 2).

Similarly, in fulfillment of the provisions of Article 196 (1) of the Constitution, Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 56(3), the Clerk of the County Assembly on the same advert, dated Monday, 30th October, 2023, notified the public through the print media that the Committee on Labour Relations Members Service and Facilities would conduct the approval hearing on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

The nominee appeared before the Committee as scheduled on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 for approval hearings in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the County Assembly Standing Orders on their suitability or otherwise for appointment to the positions of Member of the County Public Service Board.

CHAPTER ONE

The first part is talking about the mandate and establishment of the committee which I think everyone is aware of so I will go to membership

Committee Membership

The committee as currently constituted comprises of the following members.

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| 1. Hon. Hentry Nyongesa | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. Catherine Kituyi | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Anthony Lusenaka | Member |
| 4. Hon. Joan Kirong' | Member |
| 5. Hon. Milliah Masungu | Member |
| 6. Hon. Everton Nganga | Member |
| 7. Hon. Charles Nangulu | Member |
| 8. Hon. Jerusa Aleu | Member |
| 9. Hon. Linda Kharakha | Member |
| 10. Hon. Polycarp Kimeta | Member |
| 11. Hon. Metrine Wilson | Member |
| 12. Hon. Everlyne Anyango | Member |
| 13. Hon. Alice Kibaba | Member |
| 14. Hon. Brigid Katasi | Member |
| 15. Hon. Caleb Wanjala | Member |

Acknowledgement

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge all the Members of the Committee of Labour Relations Members Service and Facilities for their input and valuable contributions during the approval hearings and deliberations during the compilation of this report. The Committee

also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and of the Clerk of the County Assembly for the logistical and technical support accorded to it during the exercise.

The Committee is indebted to the secretariat for their dedication throughout the exercise.

Finally, the Committee expresses its gratitude to the nominee for appearing for the approval hearing.

On behalf of the Committee of Labour Relations Member Services and Facilities pursuant to Section 9(1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the provisions of Standing Order 217 (g), it is now my pleasant duty and privilege to present to the House, the Report of the Committee on the approval hearing of the nominee for appointment to the position of Member to the County Public Service Board. The report is signed by me as the chairperson Labour Relations and Members Facilities.

Background Information

Establishment of the County Public Service Board

Section 57 of the County Governments Act, 2012 provides for the establishment of the County Public Service Board.

Section 58 (1) of the same Act provides for the composition of the Board which avers that:

The County Public Service Board shall comprise-

1. A chairperson nominated and appointed by the county Governor with the approval of the County Assembly;
2. Not less than three but not more than five other members nominated and appointed by the county governor, with the approval of the county assembly; and
3. A certified public secretary of good professional standing nominated and appointed by the governor, with the approval of the county assembly, who shall be the secretary to the board.

Nomination of the Member of the County Public Service Board

His Excellency the Governor, vide a communiqué to the Clerk of the County Assembly of Bungoma vide REF. CG/BGM/GVN/BCA/Vol. 1 (005) dated 12th October, 2023 indicated that in the exercise of the powers conferred to him under Section 58A of the County Governments Act, 2012 appointed a Selection Panel vide Gazette Notice No. 4402 dated 3rd April, 2023 for purposes of selecting a suitable person to be appointed as a Member of the Bungoma County Public Service Board. The Panel undertook its duty diligently and submitted its final report to the Governor on 6th October, 2023 pursuant to Section 58 A (6) of the same Act.

Notification to the House and Committal to the Committee of Labour Relations Members Service and Facilities

In compliance with Section 58 A (7) of the Act as read with Section 6 (1) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017, the Governor nominated and forwarded the name Kikete Mung'ahu Siambi to the County Assembly of Bungoma for vetting, approval and subsequent appointment as a member to the Bungoma County Public Service Board.

Notification to the Public

Article 196 of the Constitution provides that the County Assembly shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative business and other business of County Assembly and its Committees.

Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, No. 5 of 2017 and Standing Order 56 (3) of the County Assembly of Bungoma further provides that the Clerk shall notify the public of the time and place for holding approval hearings at least seven days prior to the hearings.

Further, Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 provides that;

“Any person may, prior to the approval hearings and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated.”

Pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution as read with section 7 (4), and (10) of Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) At, 2017, the Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on Monday, 30th October, 2023 (Annexure 2) inviting the public to submit memoranda by way of a written statement on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominees in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. The advertisement indicated that the submissions were to be received by Friday 3rd November, 2023 by 5:00 P.M.

Further, pursuant to Article 196 of the Constitution, Section 7 (5) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and Standing Order 56(3), the Clerk of the County Assembly notified the general public in the print media that the approval hearings of the nominees would be conducted on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023.

Notification to the Nominee

Through the advertisement of Monday, 30th October, 2023, the Clerk of the County Assembly invited the nominee, in writing and through print media, for the approval hearings in accordance with Section 7 (4) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017

Clearance and Compliance Requirements

On the notice of appearance for approval hearings, the Clerk of the County Assembly informed the Nominee to provide Clearance and Compliance requirements from Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)

On matters ethics and integrity, the nominee availed to the Committee certified clearance copies issued on diverse dates as follows;

NOMINEE	KRA	EACC	HELB	DCI	CRB
Kikete Mung'ahu Siambi	25/06/2023	21/11/2022	26/10/2023	22/11/2022	16/11/2022

Report of the CPSB on the nomination of the Member to the County Public Service Board

Following the advertisement by the Selection Panel for the position of a Member to the County Public Service Board, the position attracted 32 applicants out of which 12 candidates were shortlisted and interviewed. The nominee emerged the best candidate having scored 74.6%.

Suitability of the nominee with regard to the nominees' abilities, experience and qualities

The suitability of the nominee was assessed after scrutiny of the academic credentials, professional training and experience, personal integrity, background and qualities as well as his performance during the approval hearings conducted on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023.

Memoranda from Members of the Public in respect of the Nominee

Pursuant to Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017

“any person may, prior to the approval hearing, and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold office to which the candidates has been nominated”,

The Clerk of the County Assembly placed an advertisement in the print media on 30th October, 2023 inviting the Public to submit memoranda by way of written statements on oath (affidavit) on the suitability or otherwise of the nominee in conformity with Section 7(10) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017. In this regard, by Friday 3rd November, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. the Committee had not received any memoranda.

Pre- Approval Hearing Meeting

The Committee held a pre-approval hearing meeting on Monday 6th November, 2023 and noted the following: -

- I. THAT, the nominee had not notified the Clerk of the County Assembly of his withdrawal from the approval process as outlined under Section 7 (12) of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approvals) Act, 2017.
- II. THAT, the Committee would examine the nominee in accordance with the criteria set out in Section 8 of the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017.

APPROVAL HEARINGS OF THE NOMINEE

The Committee conducted the approval hearing on Tuesday, 7th November, 2023 and the nominee was vetted under oath pursuant to the Public Appointments (County Assemblies Approval) Act, 2017 and the Standing Orders of the County Assembly of Bungoma

MR. KIKETE MUNG'AHU SIAMBI - NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBER OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Kikete Mung'ahu Siambi of ID: No. 0087659 appeared before the committee on Tuesday 7th November, 2023 at 9:00 A.M and orally responded to the questions from the Committee as follows:

Date and Place of Birth

Mr. Kikete Mung'ahu Siambi was born on 27th of January, 1952 in Sango, Malakisi, Bumula Sub County of Bungoma County.

He is a Kenyan Citizen of ID 0087659 and does not hold any other citizenship.

Academic and Professional Qualification

The nominee is a holder of a Master's Degree of Education from University of Illinois, USA attained in 1990; a Bachelor's Degree in Education (Science) from University of New Brunswick, Canada attained in 1982 and holds a diploma in Education (Science) from the Kenyatta University College attained in 1977.

Employment Record

The nominee has a cumulative 28 years working experience in management in both public and private sector.

He has served as a Principal at Sang'alo Institute of Science and Technology between 1994-1995, Chief Principal at Sigalagala National Polytechnic from 1996- 2007 as well as a Lecturer at Friends University College in Kaimosi from 2009-2011. Until his nomination to this position, he had retired as Chief Principal at Sigalagala National Polytechnic in 2007.

Income and net worth

The nominee submitted that he had a net worth estimated at Kshs. 36.5 million from land assets, farming and consultancy.

Professional association and membership

He was registered with the Teachers Service Commission.

Published writings

The nominee has no published works.

Potential Conflict of Interest

The questionnaire filled by the nominee indicated that there were no areas that would create potential conflict of interest. During the approval hearing he stated that as a public officer if such cases arise then he would declare his interest and disqualify himself from participating in the process.

Pro-bono/Charity Work

The nominee was not involved in any.

Integrity

The nominee has neither been charged in a court of law nor mentioned in any investigatory report of Parliament or any Commission of Inquiry in the last three (3) years. He has also never been dismissed or otherwise removed from office for contravention of the provisions of Article 75 of the Constitution.

GENERAL AND SECTOR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

The Committee posed several questions to the nominee on his knowledge of the County Public Service Board. The nominee responded as follows: -

- On the Composition, powers and functions of the Board, the nominee stated that he was aware and highlighted a few in accordance with Sections 58 & 59 of the County Governments Act, 2012.
- On suitability to the appointed in the position, the nominee submitted that he has vast experience as a public servant having served as a Chief Principal equating it to the secretary to the Board of Management. Additionally, he would rely on Article 232 of the Constitution of Kenya in service provision.
- On being a team player and an effective one, the nominee submitted that he is a team player, a good listener, open to ideas from others and an effective communicator.

- On conflict of interest, having been a member of the Ford Kenya Party and a member of the County Education Support Scheme, the nominee admitted that he would resign from both and serve in the CPSB.
- On enhancing public satisfaction in service delivery, the nominee submitted that he would adhere to openness, transparency and ethics when discharging his duties.
- On ethical dilemmas, the nominee submitted that he would ensure that the Board complies with relevant laws and regulations as well as Articles 10 & 232 of the Constitution.

Committee's observations on the suitability of the nominee

The Committee having considered the nominee's filled questionnaire pursuant to Section 6(8) of the Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act, 2017, his curriculum vitae and having heard his oral submission during the approval hearing, made the following observations on his suitability for appointment as a Member to the County Public Service Board.

1. **THAT**, the nominee meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution on leadership and integrity; he had a police clearance Certificate and a duly filled self-declaration form.
2. **THAT**, the nominee has never been dismissed from office under Article 75 of the Constitution for Contravention of the Provisions of Article 75(1) (conflict of interest) and Article 76 (financial probity).
3. **THAT**, up to the time of his nomination, he had previously worked and risen to a position of a Chief Principal of Sigalagala National Polytechnic until his retirement.
4. **THAT**, from his submission during vetting he demonstrated knowledge, skills and experience in leadership and institutional management. He was also conversant with role of the County Public Service Board as well as laws and policies related to the position.
5. **THAT**, in accordance with Article 78 (1) and (2) of the Constitution, the nominee is eligible for appointment to State Office since he is a Kenyan citizen of ID number 0087659 born on 27th January, 1957 in Bungoma County and does not hold dual citizenship.
6. **THAT**, the nominee satisfied the Committee on his suitability and was awarded an average score of 78%.
7. **THAT**, the nominee possesses a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized university and has a working experience of more than five years (28).

8. **THAT**, he is a professional and demonstrates absence of breach of the relevant professional code of conduct.

COMMITTEE GENERAL RECOMMENDATION

Having Considered the suitability, capacity and integrity of the nominee and pursuant to **Section (9) (2) of The Public Appointments (County Assembly Approval) Act No. 5 of 2017**, The Committee recommends that the County Assembly **approves** the nomination and subsequent appointment of **Mr. Kikete Mung'ahu Siambi of ID. No. 0087659** as a Member of the County Public Service Board in the County Government of Bungoma

We have the adoption schedule where all members have signed adopting this report. Mr. Speaker Sir, I hereby request Hon. Metrine Wilson to second the report.

Hon. Metrine Wilson: Thank you, Hon. Speaker Sir. I rise to second the report and before that I would like applaud my chairperson for reading the report eloquently. I equally applaud the Labour Committee for having done a good job in regard to the report before the House. I second the report. Thank you.

(Applause)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to support the motion. First of all, I would like to thank the Committee on Labour led by the Chairperson Hon. Nyongesa for the work well done on the vetting of Kikete Mung'ahu. He is a senior member from Bumula community. He was a Senior Principal in Sigalagala, he has been one of the stakeholders who have been helping the community in matters development. I also want to take this opportunity before I forget to thank the Governor Hon. Ken Makelo Lusaka for seeing him as the popular candidate among those who applied from that area to represent us on the Public Service Board. As people from Bumula, we have been without a representative from Bumula for the last one and a half years and that has traumatized our people. You look at the recent recruitments; we have been having an outcry reason being lack of a representative who can look into issues affecting the applicants from Bumula.

It is therefore, my request to honourable members that we give this gentleman an opportunity to serve on board. Through his experience, I am sure there is a lot that he is going to bring on board. More so, he is one gentleman that is ready to listen, advised and those are the kind of members that we want on board. I appeal that we give him the support so that he can start his work like yesterday.

Otherwise, I thank you Hon. Speaker without wasting time that I support the report which has recommended Mr. Mung'ahu for appointment as a member of the County Public Service Board.

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I wish to appreciate the committee and the Chairperson for Labour for a job well done as far as the recommendation in the motion before the House is concerned.

Secondly, I wish to echo the sentiments of Hon. Jack Wambulwa that Hon. Kiketi in life is a humble man, well-travelled as indicated in the report he obtained his Master's Degree from Illinois in the United States of America. He is a diverse man, a knowledgeable individual and he comes from Bumula Constituency which one of the largest constituencies in Bungoma County. Therefore, he has diverse knowledge of the people of Bungoma County.

We have seen that he presented everything meaning this is an intelligent and competent candidate for this position. Serving on the County Public Service Board requires an individual who has knowledge, capacity and expertise. As far as this report presented before this House is concerned Hon. Kikete is perfect and ready for the challenge.

Finally, we the people of Bumula Sub-County and constituency at large appreciate the efforts of the Governor Ken Makelo Lusaka for hearing the cries and shrill of the people of Bumula by remembering to give us one of our own to serve the good people of Bungoma County. With those few remarks, I wish to support.

Hon. Ali Machani: Hon. Speaker, I stand to support the report to allow approval of Mr. Kikete to serve as a member of the County Public Service Board. I may differ slightly with the first two speakers; this is a person that I personally know as a good and humble man and professional. I request that some words should be struck from record 'that we are giving one of our own'. Secondly, 'that as a constituency we have been missing' is un-parliamentarily though the members meant well. If this is left to be on record, tomorrow one will be in this House claiming that we are not represented. Representation is all about the interests of the whole county and we allow it to go that way...I am supporting and we can't be on the floor two members...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Machani, let us listen to his information before you proceed. What is the point of information Hon. Jack?

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: *(On a point of information)* Hon. Speaker, I want to inform my colleague Hon. Machani a senior member in this House; I said Hon. Kikete Mung'ahu is being appointed as a member of the Public Service Board of which he comes from Bumula community and we are appreciating the Governor for appointing one of our own the board. Indeed, we must have a representative just like any other group and there is no harm in this Hon. Speaker. I was clear on this reason I went as far as thanking the Governor. I don't see why Hon. Ali Machani should say that we should strike out that. He comes from Bumula, we own him and if there are any mistakes you will accuse us.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Barasa Mukhongo, is it a point of information, point of order or what is it?

Hon. James Mukhongo: *(On a point of information)* I want to inform my brother here and the whole House. The nominee before this House on the report that we are debating is not all about Bumula. We should take it positively that he is coming to serve the people of Bungoma.

(Applause)

If we say Bumula, then Bumula are going to have two members on the board because the CEO of the Board the original home is Bumula. If you want us to go towards that direction then that will be wrong, that is what I wanted to inform the House. We thank the Governor for nominating this nominee from Bumula which we are okay with.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Kindly, let us allow Hon. Machani to proceed and finish his submission.

Hon. Johnston Ipara: *(On a point of information)* Hon. Speaker, we should not demean this issue. When H.E the Governor made a decision to appoint Siambi, he appointed him not because of the cries of the people of Bumula but because he qualifies and suitable for appointment.

(Applause)

We should not reduce such serious matters to a regional matter and in this case let us not reduce Siambi to be a Bumula issue but let us put him to be an issue of Bungoma County because he is going to serve the people of Bungoma.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ali Machani, you can now proceed.

Hon. Ali Machani: Hon. Sudi, you should know that stating issues off record can make you to be send out of this House by the Speaker, and you stand to be guided.

(Applause)

Business is not as usual and you need to be guided properly...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members. Yes it is not business as usual, we have to respect the rules of the game. We have to be Members of this House. Proceed Hon. Machani.

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I know my colleagues might have issues but I know Kikete more than anyone else in this House. He is a professional and it is not by mistake for him to be nominated to that position.

Secondly, it is not about party affiliation or his tribe or religion or from where he comes from. The County Government of Bungoma under the Public Appointment's Approval Act is clear that they wanted someone competent, someone who can serve the whole county. Someone who will balance between various interests, someone who will be able to know that

we have the upper side of Bungoma, the lower side and when sited on the board he will demonstrate portray the image of the county. Kikete that I know is not someone that can be pocketed, he is coming to add value to service board with his professionalism so that this county move forward.

(Applause)

What we need to understand as County Government that we have a competent Governor serving his last terms in regard to the laws of this country. He is coming up with people will assist him add value and leave a mark in terms of recruitment in the human resource. There are many anomalies that we have been pointing out as a legislative concerning the service board; I know those who managed to interview Kikete did not do any mistake or influenced to award him the marks that enabled him to be forwarded to this House for vetting. I know we had several candidates who also wanted to serve and may be some have better qualification than what Kiketi has but the interviewing panel picked on Kikete as the best to serve on the board.

We have had many people serving on this service board; they are professionals, some representing regions but at the end of the day these are the same people who will turn against these honourable members when they seek for re-election. I have seen this Hon. Speaker. I know Kikete I a man who is contended. I remember in early 2002 he contested as a Member of Parliament and he has managed to taste all these parties and understands the democracy in all these parties. He has served in different institutions both public and private. Therefore, he is someone that I can dare say that he has experience reason why the members of the Labour Committee and I thank the chairperson because you did not mention that you come from Bumula.

I remember in the last regime Bumula had many positions but those positions did not assist the members of the County Assembly to manoeuvre and agitate the agenda politically. Some of them complained and I am aware they were fighting them but I assure you Kikete is not a man that can be issued to intimidate, to threaten, to talk badly about elected leaders. He is a man who will respect the appointing authority; he understands that we have democracy in this country. That we have many parties in this County like me who belong to ODM but I will support him to deliver on his mandate.

Where we mess as a County Assembly is that once a name is pronounced on this floor we rash to say this is mine, this is ours, this is cousin. That is where we lose focus and if we go that way we may not take this county forward. I know as a person coming from Webuye East I have never been even privileged to get a Chief Officer or a Director from my ward but I have been in this House three times and three regimes but I have supported those brought to this House for approval and indicated to them to serve our people. And if we have that spirit this county can go far. People have been making allegations which we cannot run away; that during campaigns people will always share positions before elections are done. Even Governors have gone through narrow situations that people will make delegations indicating to the Governor on who to pick from them in terms of he is your uncle, he comes from my

area. When the same person when given an office he will not understand that he was sourced competitively and he was approved by the honourable members.

Hon. Speaker, you come to Tongaren and I want to thank you because I have never seen you agitating for a person to be given an office and that is why God gives you blessings, you are not moderating the House as the Deputy Speaker.

(Applause)

Sometimes whatever you release from your mouth can destroy the coming generation from your clan. I have seen one of the members who is the late his father said something "that until and when you bring your sponsors so that you can get a clever person" that issue haunted the whole family until and when that generation disappeared when a member from that clan was elected as a member of parliament. What I am saying is that everything we say in this house goes on record and 30 years later someone will come and pick it and use it as a tool either to your son, sister or your brother. I appeal that let us kindly support the nominee on the floor Mr. Kikete Mungáhu basing on his professionalism and experience so that he can assist us especially during the recruitment of ECDE teachers so that members can leave this assembly that they recruited people to serve Bungoma County during our time. Hon. Speaker, I stand to be protected, you are the only one who can advise me to sum up; but a member from Bumula is urging me to sum up. I don't know if he is my moderator? I think there is something this honourable member should come closer where you are and get wisdom. When sited there you don't agitate your issues as the Deputy Speaker but this member Hon. Jack is a chairperson a senior member having served in the defunct local authorities and the Chairperson for Busia County Council and he is telling me to sum up. Hon. Speaker, I am summing up with a question mark, that did someone promise him something that we should sum up and approval? I don't want to change my mind; I support one Mungáo Kikete to be approved in this House as a member of the County Public Service Board

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, as we contribute remember we have another motion ahead of us. At the beginning when a member proposed that we reduce and check on time we did not want to go that direction. When a member is contributing should be given time to finish the submission.

Hon. George Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this time. I want to unreservedly support the report and the nominee Kikete Siambi Mungáo and say that he comes from Bumula where I got my wife from and therefore they are my in-laws. I know on his way from Mateka coming to town he will pass through my ward.

Just a point to note; we have passed nominees in this House including CECM but the moment they land in palm positions, they refuse to pick our calls. Even I just want to greet Kikete Mung'áhu Siambi and just be because he is a member of the CPSB and he has grown horns he cannot pick a call from a honourable member who stood on the floor of the House to approve his nomination. I hope he is not going to go that direction because I can see the

people of Bumula are excited today. Don't come here another day that people at the CPSB are not picking our calls, therefore, be warned today.

As I support I want us to call a spade a spade; Siambi Mung'ahu is a well-travelled man with a Master Degree in Education from Illinois University in USA with a Bachelor Degree from Canada. The report also picks out that he is a member of the Education Support Scheme which we have just discussed in the report by the PAC. If you look at the report, he is a member of the Education Support Scheme. I am not saying that I will not support because of being a member of the aforementioned and he has indicated that when he gets the CPSB job he will resign as a member of the Education Support Scheme and equally as a member of Ford Kenya Party.

When Hon. Wambulwa rose up to speak he said that the nominee had been supporting charity work in Bumula Constituency. Reading the report at 3.1.1 there is nowhere he has support pro bono services.

(Applause)

He wants to say that has not even contributed Kshs. 5.00 to a church? Which kind of nominee is this who has not even supported a church only? Which nominee is this? As much as we support pro bono work is nil. The chairperson of the Committee who read the report is here and can confirm that pro bono work is indicated as nil. 28 years in Public Service and you cannot do any charity work? Even before I joined this House, I used to get invitation to support churches during fundraising and I had no income, I was just a business man. You mean the nominee did not demonstrate that he has not even given Kshs 10.00 to a church? The report is clear on this.

If you check the report, he was a Principal of Sangálo institute from 1994-1995 and at that particular time I had just finished high school and I was living at my uncle's home around Mwibale. That was the time Sangálo was terrible; could he have contributed to the poor performance of this institution?

(Applause)

That time it was terrible, it was not even an institute. I am just trying to help the House know because this is information that I did not have, I have read it in the report. I am telling the House that away from the normal eyes, you can go behind the curtains and read the nominee. This is not to mean that I don't support the approval of the nominee. We adopt the report and approve the nominee but look at pro bono which is nil and during his tenure at Sangálo it was a terrible institution.

Hon. Speaker, I am getting destructed here. A member of the Education Support Scheme that is infamous in this House and he is the person we are approving.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Makari, are you done?

Hon. George Makari: Hon. Speaker, I am done. I don't know whom he wants to inform because I am not raising again to speak.

(Applause)

Hon. Orize Kundu: Asante Ndugu Spika. Nashukuru kamati ambayo imeleta repoti hii ambayo imesomwa na Mwenyekiti Mheshimiwa Nyongesa. Nasimama hapa nikisema ya Kwamba Mheshimiwa Kikete Siambi Mung'ahu ingawa Mheshimiwa Machani amesema ya kwamba anamjua zaidi ya waheshimiwa wengine; nasema kwamba namjua kama jirani yangu nyumbani. Nasimama hapa leo kusema ya kwamba Siambi Mung'ahu ni mtu mwenye bidii, heshima na anapenda watu wote wakubwa kwa wadogo na hana ubinafsi. Nasema hivyo kama jirani kule ninakotoka.

Nachukua nafasi hii pia kumshukuru Gavana wetu Lusaka kwa sababu anajua kutafuta wenye tajiriba kiwango cha Siambi Mung'ahu. Amekuwa mwenyekiti wa walimu wakuu wa vyuo vya kiufundi Kenya nzima. Hili ni dhahirisho kwamba ana uwezo kufanyia wakenya kazi. Jinsi Mheshimiwa alisema; Siambi aliwania kiti cha Ubunge kule Bumula hata cha MCA. Amechangia makanisa na vitu vingi sana na hata tulisema naye kura kama mpinzani wangu huko Siboti.

Kwa hivyo naeleza ya kwamba Siambi akipewa hii kazi atafanyia wakenya na watu wa Bungoma kazi bila ubaguzi, mapendeleo, chama ana kule unatoka. Ni mtu aliye na msimamo licha ya kuwa na elimu ya kutoka.

Kwa hivyo nasimama hapa kuwaomba weheshimiwa wenzangu katika hii nyumba kwamba tupitishie hii repoti ili kumpa Mheshimiwa Siambi nafasi ya kuhundumia watu wa Bungoma.

(Applause)

Hon. Meshack Wekesa: Asante Ndugu Spika kwa kunipa nafasi pia nichangie. Namshukuru Mheshimiwa Nyongesa kwa ripoti hii. Mheshimiwa Spika kwa ufupi namuomba Mwenyekiti wangu wa Kamati ya Bajeti ya kwamba tumekuwa kwa hii nyumba kuanzia muhula uliopita na alisimama hapa na kusema ya kwamba tumepata Chief Officer mzuri sana kwa jina Marango.

(Laughter)

Ambaye akampaka mafuta sana lakini mwishowe unajua yale yalikuwa kwake. Akaja akaleta mwingine kwa bodi ya uajiri kwa Jina Wasikoyo akasema yeye ni mzuri, anajua kazi mwishowe alisimama kura kwake na kusema ya kwamba yeye ni mbaya sana.

(Applause)

Leo hii amesimama kwamba yeye ni mwenyekiti wa Bumula; ningeomba kabla mwenzangu Jack ambaye anatoka Bumula ni vizuri kusubiri wale ambao wanatoka nje kama watasema vibaya wewe ndiye utakuja nyuma kupaka mafuta.

(Applause)

Mheshimiwa Spika namjua Kikete na ya dunia huwezi kujua lakini huyu ndugu wakati alikuwa Sigalagala nilienda huko siku moja nilikuwa na ndugu zangu wawili na nikasema ya kwamba natoka Bungoma. Akaniuliza unatoka upande gani wa Bungoma na nikamjibu natoka Chwele na sikufanya kitu chochote, niliketi na akaniambia niketi na akawaita watu wafanyikazi wake na kuwaeleza jinsi watakavyofanya na mwishowe akaniambia niende nyumbani na nikawaacha watoto wakasoma hadi wakamaliza japo tulikuwa na shida ya karo lakini alitusaidia. Leo hii wameleta jina lake hata kama wamesema ya kwamba hasaidii kanisa...

(Applause)

Lakini mimi nasimama na kusema ya kwamba pengine ilikuwa bahati mbaya wakakosa kunakili kwenye ripoti. Lakini mimi kwa Wadi yangu ya Mukuyuni alikuja kwa Kanisa Katoliki kule Chebukaka na akatoa pesa zake kwa wakati huo shilingi elfu kumi.

Nikimalizia ninawaomba wenzangu watu ambao Gavana analeta ili kuwaidhisha kufanya kazi katika kaunti hii ya Bungoma isiwe ni mtu wa kutoka mahali fulani. Akija kazi atakayofanya si kwa watu wa Bumula pekee kwa sababu nitaangalia na kubaini iwapo awazingatia watu wa Mukuyuni au la. Niangalie amechukua Tongaren au hapana hadi kule Mt. Elgon. Lakini tukibaini kwamba amechukua kutoka upande mmoja pekee kwa sababu anatoka huko hiyo itakuwa shinda kwa hii nyumba.

(Applause)

Naunga mkono tupitishie Kikete Siambi ili atufanyie kazi kati serikali ya Kaunti ya Bungoma. Kwa hayo machache asante Spika kwa kunipa nafasi.

(Applause)

Hon. Joan Kirong’: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute on the nominee Mr. Kikete. First of all I want to thank my chairperson of Labour Committee for moving the report eloquently and to thank all members of the Labour Committee for coming up with a good report.

Members from Bumula are in order to appreciate H.E Governor for picking a nominee from their constituency. Even the members in the gallery they are seeing members from Bumula if they are appreciating nominee to the County Public Service Board. I dare say that the honourable members are in order.

I want to tell this House that I am in the Committee of Labour and we worked within our mandate and came up with a suitable member Mr. Kikete. The way our chairperson moved the motion and you have heard the process that was followed and that the nominee is suitable to serve in the said office. According to our report the nominee has experience, knowledge and even when we asked him questions he answered perfectly. The nominee was equally conversant with the roles of the office.

Therefore, I summarize that the nominee is knowledgeable and suitable to serve in the office and I urge this House to approve the nominee Mr. Kikete to serve in the Office County Public

Service. I urge the nominee not to let down members of these House and those from Bumula Constituency. I rest my case.

(Applause)

Hon. Evelyn Anyango: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I want to thank my chairperson for having read the report fluently on the floor of the House. I sat in this committee in this Chamber vetting one Hon. Mung'ahu and I stand here to support the members in this House from Bumula when they say that they are happy and that they thank the Governor and when they say he is one of their own. It is such pleasing moment when you hear one of your own being mentioned somewhere on a good noble cause. I remember on this floor of the House when we were approving the nominations of CECM's from different parts; firstly, I saw members of those areas standing up and saying that they are happy and proud but when it comes to Bumula right now everybody wants to be against.

(Applause)

Being a member of this committee it serves them right to be happy because Mr. Mung'ahu sat before and he portrayed a very humble man before this committee and he answered all the questions intelligently.

Let me not shower him with a lot of good things; my request is that when we approve this name and goes on board as he told this committee that he will be bringing in new ideas and incorporating with those that are already in use by committee to serve the people of Bungoma well.

On the issue of pro bono or charity work; this committee did its work as mandated because the nominee came and picked questionnaires and went and filled, therefore, when this committee gives its report the basis is on the filled questionnaire. I settle my submission Mr. Speaker by approving Mr. Mung'ahu to the CPSB as a member.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I would like to appreciate the Hon. Member for Bumula who read the report on the floor of the House. I support the report but my only concern is that when you look at the composition of the CPSB it is majorly made of retirees. How I wish that in future we try to blend the CPSB so that at least we can also have some youthful people to sit on that board to work hand in hand with our retirees. The composition to me...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is a point of information. Hon. Kikechi, resume your sit. Hon. Machani?

Hon. Ali Machani: *(On a point of information)* Hon. Speaker, I want to inform this House it does not mean that if individuals retire are tired. In any developed country those are leaders with wisdom to assist. The Service Board exists to assist and make sure that we source the youth competitively. Therefore, the member should be informed that retirees have wisdom to assist the service board.

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Hon. Speaker, I was in order to say that we should blend the CPSB. I am not against Mung'ahu but my suggestion was at least going forward we blend so that the youth can also support the elderly in discharging the functions of the CPSB. I rest my case Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to laud the chairperson of Labour Committee Hon. Nyongesa for moving the motion well. He is a man I respect and by virtue that he confidently moved the report it shows clearly that he also has confidence in the nominee.

Sometimes it is better when someone tells you the wrongs you doing to learn from them. I want to thank my neighbour here Hon. Makari for pointing out some of the issues purportedly done by the nominee. To me it shows that he has room to improve. It shows that if at all he will listen to what other members think of him, at times it said "it is better the devil you know than the angel you don't know".

I want to support this motion and the nominee that let him be given a chance and I believe from the mistakes that he might have done in the past, the much experience that he has acquired in various institutions and many attempts in politics will give him an opportunity to serve this county better.

(Applause)

Hon. Violet Makhanu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for giving me time to contribute on this motion. Hon. Speaker I know Mr. Kikete well and you realize that when I joined politics I began my journey in ODM where Hon. Ali Machani is also a member and Mr. Kikete was one of senior members of ODM Party in Bumula. We used to have our executive meetings with Mr. Kikete on matters of the party. I remember well this gentleman was so organized during that time, anytime we required advice and guidance we looked for him. I have known him who is still organized up to now because any time I met him he will want to advice you on what is supposed to be done as a political leader. Hon. Speaker, consultations are a bit high...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, consult in low tones.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: I also remember that Kikete could come to fundraise with some of us because he wanted to ensure that his party grows. He could come to Webuye to fundraise with us and move all over the county to stand with his people. The time he joined Ford Kenya Party he worked for the party equally well as expected of him. I am trying to imagine when the committee indicated that Kikete has never supported churches through fundraising and what have you. I think it was an oversight Mr. Speaker and I believe and Chairperson during his response should clarify on this.

I believe Kikete is coming to serve the county of Bungoma; he is not coming to serve the residents of Bumula only. I know we have his team from Bumula in this Assembly and those in the gallery should remember that he is coming to serve the County Government of Bungoma under the leadership of Hon. Governor Lusaka. I believe that he is coming to put things in order in CPSB because we have had issues that are not good to some of us and we believe he will put things straight. I know him as an organized man and a man of his word.

I want to urge Kikete that yes we are going to approval this report and as he comes to that office he should ensure that things are done the right way. The other day we had employment in the health department and there were many things that were done raised a lot of eyebrows. You come to Webuye East where I come from you find a name called Cheronono and I don't have a Cheronono in Webuye and it was done by the CPSB. I understand that they were supposed to be guided but they were not listening to anybody.

Therefore, as he comes to that office let him ensure that things are done the right. The fact that the Service Board is an independent entity...*Mheshimiwa* you are destructing me, allow me finish what I want to say. Let me finish Hon. Speaker. Despite the fact that the CPSB is an independent body, but let him know that....

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Makhanu, it might be an information that will assist your statement.

Hon. Ali Machani: *(On a point of information)* Hon. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me. I don't want it to be on record that we are against the said name but we were against the procedure that was followed during recruitment. They are part of this county; Cherop and others are in this county.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is a good observation. Hon. Namaemba in Bungoma, we accommodate everybody who is living in Kenya.

Hon. Violet Makhanu: You are right Hon. Speaker but if I may say something you find that there is somebody employed in Mihuu has been working on board from a different sub-county by that name and she or he goes ahead and gets employment in the name of a resident of Mihuu Ward. Hon. Speaker, you heard many of us crying; Hon. Sudi cried and I wanted to cry but I said I will not cry because my senior had cried for all of us, it is a matter that I don't want to revisit.

I was saying that despite the fact that the CPSB is an independent body; remember it is working under the leadership of the CEO of the County Government. Let them also learn to listen to him because it comes a time when the CEO of the county needs to give direction. They should learn to listen to him because he is our CEO and president of the County Government of Bungoma and he has the right to give direction even to the CPSB and all other institutions. As Kikete comes I am bleeding with him because he is my friend that he should come and put things in order in the CPSB. Thank you Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Members I had called that the mover to respond but there is one senior member of the House who comes from Bumula and may be it can appear awkward if among members from Bumula he does not contribute on this motion. Hon. Isaiah Sudi.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, in fact it's like you are reading my mind because I am very sure we have people in the Public gallery from all walks of life across our County. Some may go home saying Sudi was against because he did not say anything, so I want to beseech this Honourable House that we pass the name Kikete Mun'gau Syambi, let's give him an opportunity. My colleagues have given very serious advice. This House still has a knife, if he does not perform well then a House we can still recall him.

Let us not labour much Honourable colleagues. Let's pass this name. Mun'gau does not belong to Bumula he is a Bungoma person, he is going to work for all the 45 wards. I rest my case. I support

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you our Deputy Whip Hon. Isaiah Sudi. Let us have our Leader of Majority finishing it off then we call the mover to reply.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I also join my colleagues in support but I have only risen up on two issues. One, we should not run away with some facts which are being told in this House. As we appreciate the appointing authority we put in mind that you know when you are appointing, one thing is the issue of Gender, Disability, Regional balance so when members were dwelling on the issue of regional balance they were quite in order.

Secondly, the law is very clear that when appointing also we have the issue of 30-70% so when the board is considering the issue of 30% as leaders we should also appreciate that our sons and daughters are also in other counties working so let's not be seen as if we are so much tribal in Bungoma County but we support the name but putting in mind that what Hon. George said could make him improve more as he serves the people of Bungoma. We support.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you our Leader of Majority Hon. Joseph Nyongesa Juma for your contribution. Now it's time for the mover of the motion to reply. Hon. Hentry!

Hon. Hentry Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I want to appreciate all the members of the House that have contributed on this motion and even I was very keen on looking at every member and I realised that every member wanted to approve this name Kikete Mun'gau even before we had tabled the report that is why we had alot of clapping when most of the members were contributing.

I want to say that there is no road in this world that has no bend so some of the mistakes we shall appreciate as the Chair I should own some mistakes but remember sometimes you answer the questions as it has been asked.

I want to thank Hon. Makari for having been keen when I was going through the report and when he mentioned about Sang'alo it was something that was a case study when we raised on the member and the nominee was very clear that he went in Sang'alo Technical Training Institute to solve a problem that was there at that time so he went there as a saviour so I want to assure Hon. Makari that the nominee was appointed to go to Sang'alo Technical Training Institute when problems were already there and he was going there as a saviour and I am sure since he left Sang'alo and went to other institutions I am sure you have seen the institution has run smoothly from the time he left it so he went there as a saviour . I wanted to put that clear.

Members are concerned and it's clear that this is one member who has not stayed outside this County. As he was working you remember one of the senior institutions they have mentioned Sang'alo, Sigalagala and when he was in Sigalagala most of us were coming across this Honourable nominee in this County and as members have corrected it's true that Kikete Mun'gau is not coming to work for Bumula because unlike myself he is a polygamist and we cannot narrow him down that he will be doing only for Bumula because if you can ask Honourable Milliah here he will attest that Hon. Mun'gau has a very permanent home in Webuye. Just like myself I have a lot of homes.

(Laughter)

I will not be brought down that I will be working for Bumula but I will be working close with people who I come across.

You may realise that the nominee has met all the requirements almost every requirement but as I have said, you can miss one or two things and I want to thank the members for having put some of the issues that Kikete Mun'gau will come across on the Board and he needs actually to correct. As the Leader of Majority has said, the Service Board is constituted with around 9 members and you may realise that when the members were putting a congratulatory message towards the appointee that His Excellency the Governor you may realise that he is trying to balance the Service Board that at least though it cannot meet every Sub county but at least every member or Sub county has at least one member but they will not meet all the sub counties so appreciating the appointee is very important and I do not want to labour much.

As I said the mood of the House indicated that Kikete Mun'gau has not rubbed shoulders with members of this society and you may realise that he has even adversely worked with almost so many political parties and where he has been working he has no problems where he was moving from as Hon. Violet has indicated as I stood here and as the Chair of that committee, I want to urge the House and say that if you approve Mr. Kikete Mun'gau, you will learn that he is a man who can work 24/7, can be reached easily because he is available all the time in this County when he was working with the Government.

I want to request that the House adopts the report as it is and I am assuring Hon. Makari that this English is a growing world, I can read the pro-bono word and assume it does not have effect but you see that small word has brought in alot of attention but as members have said

this is a man who has travelled around the County working with some of us and we know what he has been doing so as I said, I could have even rushed to the dictionary to find out what pro-bono is but I want to appreciate the members that they approve the nominee as it is. I submit.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Hentry for your submission and reply. Honourable members, a motion having been moved, duly seconded and debate having ensued a reply made by the mover of the motion, I now put the question to the House for a vote that this House adopts the report by the sectorial committee on Labour Relations, Members Service and facilities on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as a member of the Bungoma County Public Service Board laid on the table of the House on 22nd day November 2023.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it

(Applause)

The House accepts the nominee to be given the position as it is and therefore our table clerks will disseminate the information to the relevant offices for action to be taken accordingly.

REPORT BY THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING ON THE HOUSING INVENTORY REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Waiti!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to read a report by the committee on Lands, Urban and Physical Planning on the House inventory report by the department of Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order members! Those are Bumula members going to meet their people outside but the rest lets remain so that we proceed kindly. If you are not from Bumula, you can try to sit.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Mr. Speaker, on page two there is a table of contents, page 3 allow me to skip that because it entirely talks on the mandate of the committee under Standing Order 217(v).

Membership of the committee

The committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing as currently constituted comprises the following members;

1. Hon. Francis	Chemion	Chairperson
2. Hon. Linda	Kharakha	Vice-chairperson
3. Hon. Ali	Machani	Member

4. Hon. James	Mukhongo	Member
5. Hon. Henry	Nyongesa	Member
6. Hon. Metrine	Nangalama	Member
7. Hon. Busolo	Sudi	Member
8. Hon. Eunice	Kirui	Member
9. Hon. Johnston	Ipara	Member
10. Hon. Wafula	Waiti	Member
11. Hon. Edwin	Opwora	Member
12. Hon. Everlyne	Anyango	Member
13. Hon. Cornelius	Makhanu	Member
14. Hon. Mildred	Barasa	Member
15. Hon. Jeremiah	Kuloba	Member

Acknowledgement

The Committee is grateful to the offices of the Speaker and the Clerk to the County Assembly for the logistical support accorded to it during the report writing as it executed its mandate.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Honorable Members of the Committee for dedicating their time to sit and examine the report on House Inventory from the department of lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing and for coming up with final report.

My sincere gratitude also goes to the members of the Secretariat for offering technical support and compiling this report.

It is therefore my pleasant duty and privilege, and on behalf of the Committee on Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing to table this report on the House Inventory in Bungoma County and its recommendations to this Assembly for deliberation and adoption.

Thank you.

Signed by Hon. Francis Chemion Chairperson Committee on Lands, Urban Physical Planning, Housing and Municipalities.

Background

The population of Bungoma County is growing, which is likely to increase demand for housing in the area. The housing market in Bungoma County is largely made up of low-cost and informal housing, with limited access to basic amenities such as water and electricity. The government of Kenya has launched several initiatives aimed at increasing access to affordable housing, including the Affordable Housing Pillar under the Big Four Agenda, which aims to deliver 500,000 affordable housing units by 2022.

Housing inventory refers to the number of homes available for rent in a particular county. It can provide insights into the supply and demand of housing in the area, as well as the affordability and availability of housing for potential buyers or renters.

A high housing inventory in a County can indicate that there are more homes available than there are renters, which can drive prices down and make it more affordable for people looking to purchase or rent a home. On the other hand, a low housing inventory can indicate a shortage of available homes, which can drive prices up and make it more challenging for potential renters to find suitable housing options.

Given the projected population growth and the government's initiatives to increase access to affordable housing, it will be interesting to see how the housing market in Bungoma County evolves in the coming years.

Purpose and objective of the report

Currently, there are four hundred and one (401) houses and the committee undertook to investigate the House inventory report with a view to:

- (a) Ascertain the number of houses available for occupancy in the county;
- (b) The distribution of County Houses across the county
- (c) The status report on the conditions of the houses in the county
- (d) Occupancy rate for government houses in the county.
- (e) Rate of rent payment against the revenue collection for the County Houses

Legal Framework

Since 2010, there has been a new dispensation in the governance structures in Kenya at the National and County levels following the promulgation of Constitution of Kenya, 2010 (CoK, 2010). Article 43 (1) (b) of the Constitution states that; every person has a right to accessible and adequate housing and to reasonable standards of sanitation.

Further, in Article 21 (2) “the State shall take legislative, policy and other measures, including the setting of standards, to achieve the progressive realization of the rights guaranteed under article 43.”

Article 53 of the same constitution furthers this particular right and ensures every child's right to shelter.

Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011-Develops an implementation framework to allow for the delivery of cross-city and cross-municipality services to overcome local infrastructure challenges.

Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2017 on National Land Use Policy- Implement in favor of the affordable housing sector. Kenya National Spatial Plan (2015 – 2045) -Promote the implementation of recommendations of the National Spatial Plan.

National Land Use Policy Implementation Monitoring and Oversight Tool- the NLC requires support in deploying the monitoring and oversight tool, with respect to urban development.

This key provision in the Constitution strengthens the formulation of legislative agenda and policies by the County Governments.

Finally, the committee also takes cognizant of the Bungoma County Housing policy, 2021 and the fourth schedule part 2 paragraphs 8(d) of the Constitution which elaborates on the mandate of the County Government which includes county planning and development, including housing.

Number, distribution and occupancy of county houses

Below is a breakdown on the number, distribution and occupancy of County Government houses across the county:

1. Kanduyi Sub-County

There are a total of 180 houses distributed across Kanduyi sub-county as shown in the table below;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	Near Law Courts	23
2	Kanduyi	7
3	Upper Milimani	33
4	Highrise Building	7
5	Bulondo	3
6	Hospital Quarters	31
7	MOW-HOS	3
8	Medical Quarters	1
9	MOW-Milimani	2
10	MOW-Town	27
11	Milimani	18
12	COOP Milimani	5
13	Town	2
14	Near Posta Grounds	1
15	FTC	12
16	Sikata	1
17	Mechimeru	3
TOTAL		180

The occupancy rate of the government houses in Kanduyi Sub-County

NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by county government employees	130
2.	Houses occupied by National government officers	27
2.	Nyota FM	1
3.	Deputy Governor	1

4.	Legal Office	1
5.	Offices of the County Government	2
6.	County Secretary	1
7.	Chief of Staff	1

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Waiti, just a moment, I can see Hon. Mukhongo has something kindly relax for a moment. Hon. Mukhongo proceed! What do you have?

Hon. James Mukhongo: Mr. Speaker, I rise on Standing Order 33 (3) (a)(b) where I am seeking that we extend our sitting time so that we can dispense the report that is being moved by Hon. Waiti. At this juncture, I do not give a specific time period because it might take even not more than our normal sitting 20 or 30 minutes. I now call upon Hon. Makari to second.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, Hon. Makari!

Hon. Joseph Makari: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I do not want to be like Hon. Mukhongo when he refused to second Hon. Opwora

(Laughter)

You see yesterday we actually did not finish our work and we kept on adjourning, so today I do not want us to adjourn so that we can finish the order of the day.. I second.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable members. You know that is a motion which we have to dispense with. Honourable members, a motion of extension of time having been moved that is Standing Order 33 (3) (a) and duly seconded, I propose the same for debate if there is any.

(Motion for extension of time proposed)

Honorable members, a debate having been moved and seconded and an agreement seems to be seen but I want to put a question.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it.

We have a little extension of time so that we complete the business before the House. Hon. Waiti proceed!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was on page 9, I proceed and repeat

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7.	Chief of Staff	1
8.	Clerk of the Assembly	1
9.	Bungoma Baptist church	1
10.	Reserved for doctor's on night shift	1
11.	Houses converted into offices	4
11.	Vacant due to poor conditions	9
	TOTAL	180

There are three houses under dispute in Kanduyi Sub-County. These houses include two houses near the Law-Courts and the Bungoma Baptist Church.

One house belonging to the county Government has been sold to an individual at upper Milimani estate and two houses have been proposed for demolition for construction of office block.

Bumula Sub-County Hospital

Bumula Sub-County has a total of 18 County houses distributed as below;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Bumula/Med quarters	9
2.	Kimaeti/Medquarters	5
3.	Kabula/Hospital Quarters	4
	TOTAL	18

The occupancy rate of the government houses in Bumula Sub-County

S/NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County Government employees	5
2.	Administration police	4
3.	Converted to offices in the ministry of health	9
	TOTAL	18

A total of 9 houses have been converted into administration offices. These are; BUMU/MED/1/4A-B, BUMU/MED/1/5 converted into male Ward, BUMU/MED/1/3A-B into main store and health records office, BUMU/MED/1/2A-B into nutrition and public health office and BUMU/MED/1/1A-B converted into children hospital clinic.

Kimilili Sub-County

In Kimilili Sub-County, there are 28 houses belonging to the County Government and are distributed as follows;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	W/Camp	1
2	SDH-KIMI	10
3	Agriculture estate	4
4	Cooperative estate	4
5	Kimilili/Housing	1
6	Police	1
7	Medical Quarters	1
8.	Municipal	6
TOTAL		28

The occupancy rate of the government houses in Kimilili Sub-county

NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County government officers	10
2.	National government officers	6
3.	Vacant but in good condition	3
4.	Converted to offices	3
5.	Demolished houses	6
	TOTAL	28

Three houses have been converted into offices by the Hospital management i.e.

House number KIMI/MED/MG1 has been converted into Occupational and physiotherapy center, KIMI/MED/LG 10A has been converted into Records/maintenance office, KIMI/MED/LG 10B has been converted to X-RAY ROOM.

Five houses belonging to Water Camp Housing Units are managed by Lake Victoria Authority (LVNA).

Mt. Elgon Sub-County

The Sub-County has 12 County government houses which are distributed as below;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	Cheptais/SDH Qtrs	6

2	Mt. Elgon/Med qtrs	6
TOTAL		12

The occupancy rate for the government houses in Mt. Elgon Sub-county

S/NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County Government employees	3
2.	Converted to offices	9
	TOTAL	12

Out of the fourteen houses in the sub-County, nine houses have been converted into offices, (3) three houses at the Cheptais Sub-District Hospital quarters (CHEP/MED/1/4, CHEP/MED/1/5, CHEP/MED/1/6) and (6) six houses at the Mt. Elgon Medical Quarters i.e ELGO/MED/HG 1, ELGO/MED/LG 1A, ELGO/MED/LG 1B, ELGO/MED/LG 2A, ELGO/MED/LG 2B, ELGO/MED/MG 1).

Kabuchai Sub-County

At Kabuchai Sub-County, there are 33 houses which are distributed as follows;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Kabuchai Hospital	14
2.	Kimalewa Med Services	9
3.	Chwele	10
	TOTAL	33

The occupancy rate of the government houses in Kabuchai Sub-County

S/NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County government employees	19
2.	Vacant but in good condition	1
3.	Vacant in poor condition	2
3.	Converted to offices at Chwele Hospital	10
4.	Occupied by student	1
	TOTAL	33

There are ten houses that have been converted into offices at Chwele sub-county hospital i.e. drug store, nutrition store, DMOH and DMHT office and two houses are vacant in Kabuchai sub-county hospital due to their poor conditions.

Tongaren Sub-County

There are a total of 52 houses owned by the county government in Tongaren Sub-County. The distribution of these houses is as follows:

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	Naitiri/Hos quarters	12
3	Tongaren town	7
4	Tongaren Agriculture	11
5	Tongaren Water	2
6	Tongaren Vet	4
7	Tongaren Hospital	4
8	Ndalu/Hospital Quarters	6
9	Ndalu Town	4
10	Makhonge HOS quarters	2
	TOTAL	52

The occupancy rate of the government houses in Tongaren Sub- County

NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County Government employees	19
2.	Houses converted to offices	18
4.	Vacant houses	4
5.	Vacant due to poor conditions	2
6.	Occupied by administration officers(AP)	6
7.	Demolished houses	2
8.	Condemned houses	1
	TOTAL	52

A total of 18 houses out of fifty-two houses have been converted into offices. Nine houses are vacant while 6 houses have been occupied by administrative Police officers

Webuye Sub-County

There are a total of 44 houses in Webuye Sub-County which are distributed as follows;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	Hospital Quarters	23
3	MOW	6
4	Milo	1
5.	Bokoli Hospital quarters	12

6.	Municipal	2
TOTAL		44

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Waiti, let's have a point of information. A moment, yes Hon. Machani!

Hon. Ali Machani: I think there is something that might be missing on Webuye East and West Sub County. It will be nice for you Chairman to assist us. Is it West or East?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, number 7 on page 14 Webuye Sub County just says Webuye Sub county, it's not specific whether its East or West but when you look at the hospital headquarters, ministry of water at Milo, Bokoli hospital but municipality is in East.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Mr. Speaker, as a committee...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, you know Hon. Machani comes from that point and I think where you sit you can now realize that...

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Mr. Speaker, as a committee we equally asked the same but the report that they captured as per the records, they said Webuye so we captured as per the old Webuye so the subdivisions below will guide us.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Proceed!

Hon. Wafula Waiti: I repeat

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4	Milo	1
5.	Bokoli Hospital quarters	12
6.	Municipal	2
TOTAL		44

The occupancy rate of the County houses in Webuye Sub-County

S/NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by county government employees	32
2.	Isolation center/Webuye	1
3.	Vacant but in good condition	1
4.	Vacant due poor condition	1

5.	Converted to offices	3
6.	Houses occupied by national government employees	4
7	Condemned houses/municipal	2
	TOTAL	44

Webuye Municipal houses

There are four (4) houses in Webuye Town that were constructed by the Webuye Town Council to benefit the employees of Webuye Municipal Council. They are located in Webuye Town, behind the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) and along the Railway Line extending southwards towards and beyond the Eldoret-Malaba Highway.

They are dilapidated and worn-out, the site is bushy, security threat to the neighborhood and they are inhabitable.

Further, there is unclear ownership and hand-over details of the plots from the defunct Webuye Municipal Council to the Transition Authority (TA) and subsequently to the County Government of Bungoma. The County Government does not own these houses.

2. Sirisia Sub-County

There are 41 County Government houses in Sirisia Sub-County which are distributed as follows;

NO.	LOCATION/ESTATE	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1	Sirisia Town	11
2	Malakisi HC Quarters	10
3	Malakisi Town	1
4	Malakisi Med Services	1
4	Sirisia Hospital	13
5	Tamulega Hospital	3
6	Korosiandet hospital qtrs	2
	TOTAL	41

The occupancy rate of the government employees in Sirisia Sub- County

NO	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSES
1.	Houses occupied by County government employees	32
2.	Vacant houses	4
3	Occupied by National government employees	3
4.	Vacant but in poor condition	2
	TOTAL	41

The rate of rent payment of revenue for the County houses

Out of the four hundred and eight houses owned by the county government, fifty one (51) houses are occupied by National Government employees who don't pay monthly house rent to the county Government totaling to around Ksh. 180,600. Kanduyi Sub-County, leads with a total of 27 houses occupied by National Government officers.

Kanduyi Sub-County as at September, 2023 had house rent arrears of Kshs. 2,665,000. There are three houses under dispute of ownership in Kanduyi Sub-County. These houses include two houses near the Law-Courts and the Bungoma Baptist Church; the tenants don't pay rent to the county government.

There are four (4) houses at Kabula i. e KAB/1/1, KAB/1/2, KAB/1/3, and KAB/1/4 which are occupied by Administration police officers who don't pay monthly house rent of Kshs. 2,000 for each house to the County Government.

We have a total of 57 houses converted into offices across the county. The ministry of health leads in the number of houses converted into offices with Tongaren having 18 houses followed by Chwele Hospital with all the 10 houses at the hospital converted into offices.

Furthermore, there are a total of 32 county government houses that are vacant either due to poor condition, officers retiring, or general vacation by occupants. Kanduyi Sub-County has 9 vacant houses.

In Kimilili Sub-County, the ministry of health has demolished at least six houses located at the defunct municipal estate while in Tongaren Sub-County; two (2) houses have been demolished. Webuye Sub-county has two (2) houses located at the municipal grounds condemned.

In general, occupants of 155 county government houses out of the 408 houses don't remit rent to the county government. Below is a summary report of the uncollected revenue and the total collected revenue in the FY 2022/2023.

UNCOLLECTED REVENUE

The monthly and quarterly report on revenue collected is shown on the table below.

YEAR	NAME	RENT COLLECTI ON	RENT COLLECTION IN A YEAR
2022/2023	CATHERINE WAMBILIANGA	12,000	144,000
	COUNTY ASSEMBLY	12,000	144,000
	ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER MABANGA	2,500	30,000
	ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER - TONGAREN	2,900	34,800
	ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER - MALAKISI HEALTH CENTER	2,500	30,000
	NYOTA FM LIMITED	12,000	144,000

	ACK DIOCESE	12,200	146,400
	BUNGOMA BAPTIST GIRLS	2,300	27,600
	PRISCILLAH BUSIENE	2,500	30,000
	JOHANNES M. ALPHONSUS	2,900	34,800
	TOTAL	46,300	555,600

The monthly uncollected rent from non-staff members is Kshs. 63,800 leading to a significant loss of revenue totaling to Kshs 765,600 a year.

REVENUE COLLECTED

Year	Month	From County Government	From County Assembly
2022/23	JULY	777,800	37,500
	AUGUST	736,600	37,500
	SEPTEMBER	668,100	37,500
	TOTAL	2,182,500	112,500
	OCTOBER	773,500	37,500
	NOVEMBER	776,000	37,500
	DECEMBER	772,000	37,500
	TOTAL	2,321,500	112,500
	JANUARY	754,200	37,500
	FEBRUARY	751,200	37,500
	MARCH	739,400	37,500
	TOTAL	2,244,800	112,500
	TOTAL HOUSE RENT	6,748,800	337,500

The total collected rent till the end of March, 2023 is Kshs. 7,091,300. In FY 2022/23, the county collected local revenue in house rent totaling to Ksh. 8, 740,100 down from Ksh. 10, 320,100 for FY 2021/22(variance of Ksh 1, 580,000).

COMMITTEE OBSERVATIONS

The committee observes as follows;

- 1) Out of 408 houses belonging to the county government, a total of 57 County government houses have been converted into offices, 51 are occupied by national government officers and 32 houses are vacant.
- 2) There is a shortage of county residential housing units and office space whereby 57 houses have been converted into offices especially by the ministry of health. This has affected the quality of living conditions for the tenants.

- 3) The high rate of conversion of houses to offices has drastically reduced the number of housing stock leading to low rent collection.
- 4) There is a conflict of interest between the county government and national government over the ownership of houses, especially from the defunct county councils. A total number of 51 houses are being occupied by National government officers who don't pay monthly house rent to the county government.
- 5) There is a great need for the committee to undertake a site visit to ascertain the actual conditions, occupancy, and ownership of these Houses.
- 6) There is need by the county government to develop a system for rent collection and enforcement to ensure that residents pay their rent necessary for revenue collection in order to maintain the housing units.
- 7) The County Government should plan to increase the number of houses/ housing units which will help address the housing pressure being experienced now.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee made the following recommendations:

- 1) The department should move with speed in implementing the housing policy to address the current challenges facing the housing sector in Bungoma County. This will help to guide and prioritize the government's efforts towards improving the housing situation in the county.
- 2) The county government should enhance public-private partnerships with the private sector to increase access to affordable housing in the county. This is where the private sector provides funding and expertise, while the government provides land and regulatory support.
- 3) There should be an increase of budget allocation towards housing to provide adequate funding for maintenance and development of housing infrastructure in the county.
- 4) The county government should prioritize the improvement of house conditions in order to increase house rent.
- 5) The county department of Housing should be allowed the access to A in A (Appropriate in Aid) to help in enforcing rent collection policies, to conduct regular assessments and repairs of housing conditions and ensure safe and healthy living environment.
- 6) The department of lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing should expedite in conducting monthly inspections and maintenance of housing units which can help ensure that they are safe and habitable for residents.
- 7) The department of lands should share with the committee the guiding policy the department is using in allowing the demolition and conversion of County Houses by other departments to use other than what they were constructed for.

There is adoption schedule where all members appended their signatures and at that point, I come to the conclusion of the report and I now call upon Hon. Ali Machani who is member of the committee to second.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, so much Honourable Waiti. Hon. Machani please!

Hon. Ali Machani: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Because of time, I second the report to be adopted by this House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, a report from the sectorial committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing on the House Inventory report by the department of Lands, Urban Physical planning and Housing having been moved and duly seconded, I now propose that this House adopts the report by the sectorial committee on Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing on the House Inventory Report by the department of Lands, Urban, Physical planning and Housing laid on the table of the House on the 22nd day November 2023.

(Question proposed)

Well, Hon. Kikechi, James Barasa Mukhongo!

Hon. Bernard Kikechi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for giving me this chance to contribute to the just tabled report. First of all, I would like to congratulate the Honourable member who has just read the report. I was worried that he would take time reading that report but he has read it in record time so I congratulate Hon. Wafula Waiti.

Secondly, having listened to the report especially on the observations of the committee, the committee observed that there is a conflict of interest between the County Government and National Government over ownership of Houses whereby it was noted that a total of 51 Houses are being occupied by the National Government officers who do not pay monthly House rent.

This could even be a source of revenue loss to the County Government because if you say that 51 Houses are being occupied and the County Government is not getting anything because of the conflict between the National Government and the County Government but surprising enough, I have not seen a recommendation over the same but I support the recommendation whereby the committee has urged the department to move with speed in implementing the Housing policy which will address the many challenges facing the Housing sector in Bungoma. Otherwise, I support the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kikechi Bernard. Hon. James Mukhongo,

Hon. James Mukhongo: Thank you Mr. Speaker for the opportunity. The report is explanatory to the members and I wish to say the following; As a Chair of Finance and Economic planning we have been yearning to have an inventory of Houses where we are getting some revenue and now that the report is tabled in the House, I want to commit myself that members we read a report yesterday here in this House which was presented by Hon.

Catherine Kituyi. I want also to say that we are going to put on task the relevant authorities so that we can harness more revenue from the Housing units now that we have known the figures and the numbers are given out per Sub County. Otherwise, I support the report.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. James Mukhongo, Leader of Majority,

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me also appreciate Hon. Wafula Waiti for quickly taking us through the report. Indeed as Hon. Mukhongo says it's self-explanatory and now that he has assured us that as the finance team they are going to take it up so that at least we realise revenue. I wish that even the implementation committee could also be around because the Vice Chair has to also ensure that these members who are not paying to pay.

What Hon. Kikechi is saying is that that issue of conflict of interest and these members who have occupied those houses from the National Government are also not paying, how I wish that this House makes a clear and hard stand on it so that at least they vacate it so that at least maybe we can manage it .Otherwise, we support.

On a light note, when my senior was requesting the chairman to clarify on the issues of Webuye East, how the houses have been arranged and unfortunately he is a member of this committee so I do not know ...

(Laughter)

(Applause)

I support

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Leader of Majority. Hon. Meshack Wekesa,

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Asante Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kunipa nafasi, pia nataka nishukuru Mheshimiwa Waiti vile amesoma lakini langu tu ni moja; yale yenye wamesoma ni ya ukweli lakini angalia hapa tuko na DCIO hapa kwa hospitali ya Bungoma. Tuko na mashini ya hospitali ingetakikana kuingia hapo mahali penye DCIO anakaa lakini kwa sababu ya mtu mmoja tu pekee yake mashini imekaa. Ningeomba kwa heshima kuu ya kwamba waende haraka ili tupate ukweli huyo DCI atoke mahali penye anakaa tuweke mashini ili watu wetu saa zingine watapona kupitia mahali penye iko. Naunga mkono.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Meshack. Mheshimiwa Everline Anyango.

Hon. Everline Anyango: Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika kwa kuweza kunipa nafasi hii. Nataka kushukuru aliyesoma repoti kwa sababu alisoma vizuri sana.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mheshimiwa Everline, nakuomba uende sehemu hiyo kwa sababu HANSARD imekushika kama Mheshimiwa Katasi na ukisema jambo baya itakuwa ni yeye!

Hon. Everline Anyango: Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Asante.

Hon. Everlyne Anyango: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have crossed the floor now I will use English.

(Laughter)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Proceed!

Hon. Everline Anyango: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to thank the mover of the motion because of the eloquent reading on the floor. I want to be brief and I was speaking in Kiswahili because I wanted just to echo the sentiments of my Majority Whip.

There is a problem in the Housing department and as the committee until recently I was in that committee. A member has recommended that the Housing Policy should be put in place with speed because I want just to cite an example yesterday in a committee that I belong to the committee of Labour there is this construction that was advertised and by the service Board .When we went on site just for fact finding to see when the contractor is kicking off the job, the whole National Government from the DC, AP, they came and said that the land belongs to them and if we want to do anything on that land or on the houses we have to write to the National Government, it was them that were giving us the demarcations saying that if anything maybe the house that belongs to you is this one and this one does not belong to you .

When we tried to bring in the Director of Survey of this County, he was just talking in a casual manner saying that the plot that you have is only 0.0004 and he was like this people the DC has told you what is happening, so we were stranded and wondered whether we are answerable to the County Commissioner or we are having an officer that is being paid by the tax payers money that should give us the real position of the assets that belong to the County Government. I support the report

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Anyango. Hon. Alfred Mukhanya,

Hon. Alfred Mukhanya: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I also want to add my voice that the mover the motion has done a good job because the way we are seeing things I thought Bungoma we are poor but we are rich. In fact Housing is one area that we are supposed to make a lot of revenue but we have learnt actually that our Houses are being occupied by people who are paid by the Government and they hardly pay rent.

If we moved in the way we are talking and acted very fast, we can be able to make a lot of revenue and this can also increase our budget in the wards like we are saying we need to be having 50,000,000 per ward in the next Financial Year, so actually the committee has done a good job. We urge them to move in as quickly as possible so that we start making our money from this housing. Imagine Bungoma as a whole the number of Houses which are being

occupied by other people who are not even paying rent, so we support that actually we move in very fast. Otherwise, I support.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Mukhanya. The mover of the motion to reply

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I applaud my colleagues Honourable members who have contributed towards this motion and considering their input I think the department will move forward. I just want to cite one point, looking at recommendation number 5 that if the department of Finance would allow the department of Lands access Appropriation in Aid (AiA), this will help the department to conduct regular assessments so that they can assist in this Housing unit for the welfare of this County. So I urge my colleagues to pass this report as it is so that we can move forward as a County.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable members, a motion having been moved, duly seconded, debate having ensued and a reply there in made. I now put the question that this House adopts the report by the sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing on the House inventory report by the department of Lands, Urban Physical Planning and Housing laid on the table of the House on the 22nd day November 2023.

(Question put and agreed to)

The ayes have it, the report is adopted.

(Applause)

Our table clerks will transmit the same to the relevant offices for action.

Honourable members, may I take this opportunity actually to sincerely thank you. Those of you who have remained here to the end, may God just bless you mightily.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no any other business, the House adjourns to next week on Tuesday.

(House Adjourns)