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TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2025

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

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

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honourable Members, I have some communications to make;

1. INTERNAL MEMO TO THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

This is in reference to election of Vice chairperson, Reference is made to memo CAB/CC/6/VOL.15.II dated 3rd October, 2025 regarding the adoption of the Selection Committee's report on the review of membership to County Assembly committees.

Following this, election for the position of Vice Chairperson for the Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT was held on the 6th October, 2025, in accordance with the notice issued by the Office of the Clerk. The results of the elections are as follows; Hon. Francis Chemion was elected Vice Chairperson of the said committee of Public Administration and ICT.

Members, congratulate the Hon. Francis Chemion for being elected Vice Chairperson, and we believe in his ability to discharge the duties and functions of the said committee. Congratulations, Hon. Masai.

2. VISITING DELEGATION FROM MILO FRIENDS BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Honourable Members, I have another communication to make. I am pleased to welcome History and Government students and teachers from Milo Friends Boys' High School, located in Sitikho Ward, Webuye West sub-county.

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The purpose of this important visit is to enable the learners gain practical insights into the workings and structures of the County government as part of their curriculum. The visiting delegation comprises of ninety three students. Kindly be upstanding students.

(Students stand)

Let's applaud them Honourable Members.

(Applause)

You can get sitted.

They are accompanied by three teachers, I will be calling their names as they stand;

1. Ms. Beatrice Matwanga,
2. Mr. Job Mukhebi, and
3. Ms. Onorin Epale

Let's clap for them Honourable Members.

(Applause)

Teachers, you can sit.

At the statement hour, I will allow two Members to make comments and encouragement to the learners. This is because of the bulky document coming before the House thereafter. We call upon the Members to be patient. Thank you.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. We shall have the area Member of the County Assembly, in the absence, the one delegated to stand in for the Member. I can see Hon. Milliah Nanyokia, Masungo Member for Misikhu.

Hon. Milliah Masungo: Thank you Honourable Speaker, to have given me this chance to welcome our able students from Milo Boys High School. First, let me applaud the teachers who thought it wise for students should have an extension in their learning to this great institution.

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Milo Boys is a school in Webuye West that is serving us very well. One of the best performing schools in Webuye West, and I am sure most of these students in Milo Boys cut across the County and even outside the County. It has been one of the best performing schools in Webuye West and we have had tremendous performance in this school.

I want to ably welcome them in this House as part of their benchmarking and part of their history lessons. On behalf of their area Member, Hon. Grace Sundukwa, who is out of this House on official duties, I want to once again welcome you and please learn because coming here is purely learning. Feel much welcome and learn from what these honourable Members are doing in this House. I am sure part of it has been explained to you that we do legislation as representatives of different Wards within this County.

I want to wish you well because I am sure most of you are history students and part of what you are practically seeing here is going to come in your exams. Be keen and see what normally happens here. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Nanyokia Millie Masungu, member for Misikhu. Next is the Hon. Vitalis Wangila Sifuna, our Leader of Minority.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, allow me to appreciate the teachers for having seen it fit to bring here the students for the purpose of learning. I just want to tell you that one of the teachers, by the name Job Mukhebi, was once a teacher of my daughters in Mwiruti Secondary School and I am congratulating him once more because through his hands my two daughters managed to go to the university. The first one had her graduation last month in Nairobi University, and the second one is in Laikipia University.

In one way or another, I am telling these students that you are lucky to be in the hands of Job Mukhebi. Expect to excel because he is a no-nonsense man. He is the best teacher I have ever come across so when you listen to him and respect him, be assured you are going to pass your exams. Otherwise, if they are Form Fours, I just want to wish them success in the forthcoming exams. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Vitalis Wangila Sifuna, our Leader of Minority and Member for Kabula Ward. We have online the Hon. Peter Caleb Wanjala, Member for Bukende East.

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Hon. Caleb Wanjala: Thank you Honourable Speaker for giving me an opportunity also to encourage the students from Milo, which is just a stone's throw from my Ward. Sitikho Ward and my Ward share many things in common because part of the Nzoia Sugar Factory nuclear is in Sitikho ward and Bukende East.

Milo, just like my colleagues have said is a school that is recognized for good performance in Webuye West and mine is just to appreciate the teachers and the students for supporting Hon. Grace Sundukwa, who is not here with us today.

To all the teachers, I want to appreciate you for the good work you are doing. Your hard work has made the school to be known not just in Webuye West but also in the entire county of Bungoma and countrywide.

To the students, I know you have been learning and the exam is just around the corner and I wish you all the best and success as you prepare to sit for your national exam. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Members. On behalf of the rest of the Honourable Members and on behalf of the County Assembly of Bungoma, we wish the History and Government students all the best as they now focus on the home stretch, sitting their exams in a few days. We want to believe that they have prepared enough.

This is part of your learning and we wish you all the best, plus the teachers and the entire family of Milo Friends School. God bless you.

Next item.

MOTIONS

REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON THE ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2026/2027

Deputy Speaker: Yes, the Hon. Mukhwana Godfrey Wanyama, Member for West Sang'alo and Vice Chair, Finance Committee, proceed.

Hon. Godfrey Mukwana: Thank you Honourable Speaker. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Economic Planning, I am on my feet to move the report on the Annual Development Plan, financial year 2026/2027. Honourable Speaker, allow me to start on Chapter 1.

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(Loud consultation)

The quorum is flowing. Speaker, you can confirm.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We can confirm the quorum as it is a norm if it is overflowing. Members of the Finance Committee, can you be upstanding?

(Members of the committee rise)

Hon. Godfrey Mukwana: We are overflowing.

Deputy Speaker: Be upstanding. Order Members. You can sit down Members.

(Loud consultations)

I will make a ruling. Can you get sitted? Take your seat Hon. Wanyama. Members, there is no reason to worry, we have rules and precedents set in this House that before a report is moved, we confirm the quorum of the committee. Therefore, I will call the names of the Members; Hon. Polycarp Wandabusi, Hon. Godfrey Mukhwana, Hon. Stephen Wafula...

(Loud consultations)

Order, now I am standing, order members. I am reading the list. Take your seat honourable Member. I am standing Honourable Member.

(Loud Consultations)

Let us be orderly. I am reading the names here but then I will make a ruling by what is here. Members...

(Loud Consultations)

Some members are so fast. Now number four, Hon. Kirong, Hon. Vitalis Wangila, Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, Hon. Anthony Lusenaka.

(Loud Consultations)

Hon. Millie Masungu, Hon. George Makari, Hon. Tony Barasa Khaoya, Hon. Jack Kawa, Hon. Violet Makhanu, Hon. Grace Sundukwa, Hon. Henry Nyongesa, Hon. Catherine Kitui. Now...

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(Loud Consultations)

Wait Honourable Members. A quorum should be more than half. Half plus one, isn't it?

(Loud Consultations)

How many Members are there? So seven we are lacking one Member.

(Loud Consultations)

(Applause)

Order members! You can get sitted Members.

(Loud Consultations)

Get back to your seats. Wait a moment Honourable Whip.

(Loud Consultations)

Honourable Members, I am making a ruling on this. In the morning we had a meeting and I warned the committee Members for Finance to be in this House. Some of the Members I warned are not in. They promised to be here.

(Applause)

I said clearly in the morning that we are going to have an important document and that I need the Members to be in this House.

(Loud Consultations)

Order Members! Members let us be responsible. Honourable members have to take their work seriously.

(Loud Consultations)

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(Applause)

The committee where I belong is lacking quorum. That is the case.

(Applause)

So this report is taken back to the House Business Committee for re-allocation.

(Applause)

(Loud consultations)

Next item. Members take back your seats. Next item.

(Loud Consultations)

Members we are going to the next item. I ruled on that. I am not going back. Hon. Tony, Hon. Makari, please. Hon. Makari I respect you. Hon. Makari...

(Loud Consultations)

You are not only a Member of the committee. Order Members! You can take your seats. I am standing. I am on my feet. I am on my feet.

(Loud Consultations)

Order Members! Hon. Makari has to be guided. He is asking a question. You can sit now. Yes I want to be on HANSARD. Members the moment I sit here. It means I am not going to transact business of the committee.

(Applause)

(Loud Consultations)

Members I made a ruling on that and you have to be contended. We proceed. Next?

(Applause)

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MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE ASSEMBLY CALENDAR

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Honourable Leader of Majority proceed.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa (Leader of Majority): Mr. Speaker, first allow me appreciate the visiting school that is following up the session in this House. I think they are learning. This is how politicians behave.

Before reading the alteration of the calendar, allow me humbly request our Members that it is our responsibility to attend the House. On today's ruling, I want to request that given that ADP has got timelines instead of returning it back to the House Business Committee, give them tomorrow morning so that at least we do away with it. That's my humble request.

(Applause)

And by so doing I hope the finance Members will be around.

On the alteration of the County Assembly calendar; aware that, the County Assembly of Bungoma is scheduled to participate in the forthcoming 6th edition of the County Assemblies Sports Association (CASA) Games to be held in Meru County from 25th October, 2025;

Further aware that the County Assembly of Bungoma emerged as the overall winner in the previous CASA Games hosted within Bungoma County, securing numerous trophies and accolades in various sporting disciplines;

Cognizant of the need to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and adequate preparation to enable Members and staff of the County Assembly to defend the trophies and uphold the Assembly's distinguished record of excellence;

Noting that the Assembly Calendar provides for afternoon sittings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m., now therefore, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(4), this Assembly resolves to;

I. Alter its Calendar by suspending all afternoon sittings scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 2:30 p.m., with effect from Wednesday, 8th October 2025, to the date the Assembly shall adjourn for the CASA Games Edition.

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II. Further resolves that during this period, the Assembly shall only hold Wednesday morning sittings from 9:30 a.m. to transact essential House Business.

Having reached there Mr. Speaker, allow me call upon the Leader of minority to second. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you the leader of Majority, let's now have the Leader of Minority the Hon. Vitalis Wangila Sifuna to second.

Hon. Vitalis Sifuna (Leader of Minority): Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm on my feet to second the motion that has been moved by the Leader of Majority. Indeed this motion has come at the right time because these Honourable Members actually need enough time to go for training. Just as the Majority Leader has said, we were overall winners during the last edition that we hosted last year and we are going to defend to show them that we still have that energy.

This means we need enough time for practice. I am urging that now that we are only going to have morning sessions, in the afternoon let us be punctual in our area of participation and make sure that we do enough practice because you know practice makes perfect. We want to be in Meru when we are perfect thus I second this motion that we alter the calendar. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Vitalis for seconding. Honourable Members allow me now propose the same motion for debate;

(Motion proposed)

The Hon. Miliyah Nanyokia Masungu, member for Misikhu?

Hon. Miliyah Nanyokia: Thank you Honourable Speaker for giving me this chance to say something on the motion before us. Work without play makes jack a dull boy. Equally this Honourable Members have different talents that can be shared or exercised outside there. Being leaders is a motivation to the community and even to the electorates we serve. I want to appreciate the mover of the motion. This is something that is also going to give Honourable Members time to share with colleagues from other counties and also discuss various developments in their different counties and wards. I want to support the motion and agree that we as Members, who serve electorates, have also time to move around and benchmark from other counties what they are doing there.

Lastly, as I sit down, I equally want to thank the Leader of Majority to have realized that in this House apart from matters quorum and Members attending which is paramount but we equally

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have to know that there are timeline documents that we do not need to waste a lot of time on. We just have to agree to pass them at the right time. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Nanyokia, the Hon. Kikechi Benard Wekesa Member for Mbakalo.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you Hon. Speaker. First of all I am also standing here to support the motion. The motion is key because of the tasks ahead of us. I also take this opportunity to inform my team, that is the swimming team, whereby I am the captain and Hon. Wafula Waiti is my assistant that we be serious because now you have given us enough time for practice so that while we will be in Meru, we will carry the flag high for Bungoma County Assembly Swimming team. Thank you

(Laughter)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Kikechi, the Hon. Benjamin Jeremiah Otsiula, Member for Khasoko...

Hon. Benjamin Otsiula: Thank you Honourable Speaker. In the same line with Hon. Benjamin Kikechi, I also wish to implore upon my members of the football team; we are the defending champions and we are the ones going to play the opening match on the very first day.

I know most of my members are demoralized because they did not go to Kampala despite winning but this time, I want to assure them that I am going to ensure that when we shall be lifting the trophy in Meru, I will ensure that they appear on the list. I am 100% sure Meru is really preparing for Bungoma because last year we had a very strong team. Therefore all disciplines and members of the football team come out let us train well because this time round all teams will be looking at Bungoma. Thank you. I support the motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Benjamin Otsiula for that. Hon. Francis Masaai Chemion member for Kaptama.

Hon. Francis Chemion: Thank you Speaker. On behalf of the great volleyball team men, being the captain of the team and having also represented this County in Kampala where Hon. Waiti entered the field and played, I also did the same and also Hon. Vitalis. I want to ask the members to join us in practice so that we lift the title again in Meru and proceed to EALASCA. We can still admit other Members who are ready to practice. We are ready to receive you and go through the training as a team. Thank you.

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Deputy Speaker: Thank you the Hon. Masaai Chemion, the Hon. Jackson Wambulwa Ouma Member for Kimaeti.

Hon. Jackson Wambulwa: Thank you Honourable Speaker on behalf of the Cultural dance, I want to call upon members who are in the cultural dance that they should flex their *kamabeka* and prepare to go and defend as the champions of East Africa. Go and defend it in Meru.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: So, I call upon members to be available for practices every morning and afternoon so that by the time we get there, we should be fully prepared including the patron Hon. Museveni who is supposed to prepare on time and make sure that you dance *kamabeka* to the tune that everybody will know Luhyas are dancing.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Christine Mukhongo Cunera, member for Kimilili!

Hon. Christine Mukhongo: Protect me Mr. Speaker. Thank you for this chance. I stand to support the motion on the floor and on behalf of a new team that has come up, tug of war for women speaking here...

(Applause)

Speaking here is the captain and on the team we have Hon. Eunice Kirui, Ndasaba, Catherine, myself and others. I want to assure you that actually...

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order Members! Proceed Hon. Cunera

Hon. Christine Mukhongo: Hon. Alice Kibaba with us. I want to assure you that having missed a trip in Uganda, I had to come up with something to ensure that I do not miss the next one and I am going to take this cup from now onwards.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Members. Allow me now call upon...sorry, sorry. I had not gotten the eye of Hon. Dorcas Nakhumicha Nandasaba the captain of Kenya volleyball queens and today the Honorable member of Bungoma County Assembly. Proceed!

Hon. Dorcas Ndasaba: Asante sana Bwana Spika kwa kunipa hii nafasi ili nikachangie mswada wa kuhairisha Bunge tukienda michezoni. Mimi nikiwa kiranja wa timu ya voliboli nashukuru sana kwa sababu nafasi hiyo itanipa fursa ya kufanya mzoezi na hawa wanaume wa voliboli, kina Mheshimwa Waiti niwasukume mazoezi sana pamoja na Mheshimiwa wangu Joan

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akiwa ndiye kigogo katika hili Bunge. Naenda kusukuma voliboli na nikiwa nimeshinda mara mbili nina hakikisha katika Bunge hili kwamba naenda kuchukua kikombe kwa mara ya tatu.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Ndasaba Dorcas Nakhumicha, the renowned international professional volleyball .Well, Leader of Majority, kindly reply!

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want also to appreciate Members for supporting the motion and I have seen my colleague Hon. Machani wants to mention the tug of war team .We are set and as usual we shall win.

(Applause)

My Deputy here has told me that he is also preparing a team of tug of war for ladies and has been giving me a list here led by Alice Kibaba and others and as usual I wish them the best. You know people think that we use a lot of energy, no, it's about tactics. Members welcome to tug of war. It's the game to watch.

Members, as we adjourn for our exercise, I urge every Member to be committed because winning is about commitment.

I also want to request our chairs to re-arrange their timetables to ensure that we recover that time that we shall be in Meru to ensure that nothing is lost. Kindly, chairs ensure that our welfare is well taken care of.

Lastly, I have received an urgent message here, if you allow I can communicate on behalf of His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If it's urgent, communicate please.

Hon. Joseph Nyongesa: Mr. Speaker, I have received an invite on behalf of the County Assembly of Bungoma and this is the invite;

We the family of Lusaka would like you to join us for a memorial service of our parents Nelson Lusaka Wesonga, Lay Canon Rhoda Namaemba Lusaka and son Noah Lusaka. The venue will be Mapera village Kamkuywa on 11th October, 2025 from 10.00 am. Kindly, do not miss.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Honorable Members, allow me then put the question concerning the motion before the House;

(Question put and agreed to)

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The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.

(Applause)

Next!

ADJOURNMENT

Honorable Members that was the last item on our Order Paper. Before, we adjourn allow me make addendum communication;

ADDENDUM COMMUNICATION

Honorable Members, the general principle is this; that under both the County Governments Act and the Assembly Standing Orders, the Speaker is not a member of any committee while presiding over the Assembly. The Speaker's role is to be neutral, impartial and to preside over proceedings not to participate in debate or committee deliberations.

(Applause)

While presiding, the Speaker must remain neutral. Order members, and therefore he cannot participate in debate, cannot vote except in limited cases like a tie breaker depending on Standing Orders.

(Applause)

(Loud Consultation)

Order Members. Therefore because of that, I make it clear that the committee on Finance this afternoon is disappointed because the Members knew well we have an important document and attendance of House sitting was a must. Therefore, Honorable Members, I will request that this motion is sent to be rescheduled tomorrow first thing in the morning as the first motion on the Order Paper. Therefore, I direct.

(Applause)

Having said that, we now adjourn and resume tomorrow morning at 9.30 a. m

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