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[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Nzilu Nzioka) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

(Hon. Mwandia stood in his place)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Mwandia, can you kindly take your seat? Kindly take your seat.

(Hon. Mwandia stated that he was comfortable standing following a doctor's recommendation)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So you are comfortable while standing?

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: I'm comfortable, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Very well. Which doctor recommended that? Is it a professional medical doctor or the traditional ones?

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: A medical doctor, Sir.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: All right, thank you and good luck.
Next order!

MOTION

MOTION ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON COUNTY BUDGET AND
APPROPRIATIONS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE KITUI COUNTY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Makumi, what is it?

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a concern. Why is Honourable Mwandia lying that a doctor has instructed him to stand throughout? While I know he has come with a car and I am very sure he was not standing in the car.

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: That is why I wanted to confirm whether it is a medical doctor or a traditional doctor. But let us leave it to him.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Can he provide the medical documents to prove the same?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I don't want us to open that debate. Yes, Honourable Boniface Maundu Katumbi, Member for Kyangwithya East (ward).

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I am aware that we have a very important business today for adopting this report of the Budget Estimates for the financial year 2025-2026. My concern Mr. Speaker is, we have not received this report, and we want to debate it. Mr. Speaker, can we be provided with that report?

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Which report are you talking about?

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: the report of the County Budget and Appropriations Committee, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Oh, thank you. You are ahead of time. I thought it were better if we crossed some bridges once we are there, but thank you for the concern.

Hon. Boniface Katumbi: Mr. Speaker, that report is the business which we are supposed to be handling right now. The paper was laid yesterday and we have not been supplied with copies of the same.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. From where I sit, I understand the executive wing was also consulting with the Budget Committee for some changes. And I'm sorry to say that I know those who are from the government side should be or rather ought to be aware of those changes from the executive. But we have heard you. Thank you very much. It is prudent and it is only reasonable.

(Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi sought for an opportunity to speak)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Just a minute, Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, Honourable Vuthi, Hon. Songo Kisavi and Hon. Kasinga had sought for airtime before you. You will have your time. Honourable Matthew Ngovi Vuthi, Member for Chuluni Ward.

Hon. Matthew Vuthi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My concern is; in our common practice in this House, when a report is laid, it's normally discussed after 24 hours. Yesterday, this report of the Budget Committee was laid during the afternoon session, why is it being brought today in the morning sitting? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you for that concern. Honourable Kisavi.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, point of correction. We don't have any Honourable Member in this August House by the name of Honourable Songo. Honourable Songo is a street name. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: We withdraw the name Honourable Songo from the chair and correct it to Honourable Kisavi Musyoka. Kindly proceed.

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I share the same sentiments with the Honourable Katumbi on the report itself. We have already commenced business and we don't have the report that we are supposed to discuss.

Honourable Speaker, I request that we be given the report first so that now we can discuss the report that we have at hand. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Kasinga, Member for Mumoni Ward, kindly proceed.

Hon. Titus Kasinga: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, I rise to raise my concern also. I'm rising to add my voice to the concerns that have been raised by my colleagues in essence about the issue of the speed at which we are being asked to adopt the report for the Budget Committee. We do not understand.

Actually, we are being ambushed this morning, Honourable Speaker, because it has never occurred like this. A budget is not something that people just go sleep over and come back. We need to scrutinize what the Budget Committee has done. We need to have humble time.

We are talking about money that is going to be spent in the Kitui County and particularly in our Wards, Honourable Speaker. We want to see the expenditure that is being proposed there. We are not being given an explanation as to what has necessitated us, within a period of 12 hours that we be asked to adopt a report that is of a great magnitude like the Budget Report Committee.

So, Honourable Speaker, I think without much ado, I will ask you and urge you to adjourn this House. Let members be given humble time to go and scrutinize the Budget Committee's report because we don't want to do things here for the sake of doing it. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Order Honourable Members! Honourable Sylvester order! let us finish the first lot first with Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi. Then we have the minority whip.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, though Honourable Katula has told me that he had to beg for my permission from you, and I can see you have granted me permission to talk.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are you insinuating that for you to be given permission to talk, somebody has to beg for you?

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Honourable Katula, Mr. Speaker, came here and told me he had to beg for my permission from you, and he came straight to you, so I'm grateful to him.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So, it is Honourable Katula who has begged me.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: According to him, that's what he has told me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Were you following the proceedings when I said after Honourable Kasinga it will be Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi? Was Katula the one guiding me? Oh, maybe I'm mistaken. Why don't you have respect to the other Honourable Members? You are a ranking member; you should be a role model to the majority of the first timers.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Honourable Speaker, you can confirm it from Honourable Katula. He came straight to me and told me in order for me to speak, he has to beg for my permission, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, why are you delving on non-issues? Yet, I had pronounced from the word go the order in which members will address their points of concern. Can't you respect the other Members?

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Okay, I withdraw, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the document we are talking about here, is a very crucial document, which touches on lives of our people. Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the notice of motion was given to this House, but Honourable Members were not given the document to peruse, to make the matter worse, right now as we are talking, the budget is being amended. Some changes are being amended right now. The Vice Chair of the Budget Committee is doing calculations of the same budget right here, while they had a lot of time in Mutomo, a whole one week.

Mr. Speaker, even the liaison committee, the chair...

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There is a point of order Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, from Honourable Kalenga, the Vice Chair of Budget.

But before the point of order, Honourable Kalenga, let me assist Honourable Hussein Mwandia, because he has been standing for the longest time since he came here, and he informed the chair that it is under the instructions of his personal medical doctor, for that matter.

Honourable Hussein Mwandia, I will draw you to Standing Order Number 100 of the County Assembly of Kitui, which provides that members to be seated, except when passing in and from his or her seat, or when speaking. Every member when in the chamber shall be seated. The word is shall be seated. If, for reasons of the instructions, prescriptions from your medical doctor you cannot be seated, we shall be apologetic to request you to leave the chambers, till you are being advised otherwise by your doctor that you can be seated in the chambers.

Hon. Hussein Mwandia: Much obliged, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What was your point of order Hon. Kalenga?

Hon. Jacqueline Kalenga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would request Honourable John Munyoki Mwinzi to apologize because he is saying that I am amending the budget report now. I am at liberty to write my own things because I am the one who is going to present here. I am amending nothing. I am not the committee Mr. Speaker Sir, but just the chair who presents what the committee members have agreed. So, I am amending nothing.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: So, what is the point of order?

Hon. Jacqueline Kalenga: He should stop accusing me of amending the report.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Were you amending the report?

Hon. Jacqueline Kalenga: No. I am writing my own things. That is a point of information. I was informing him that I am doing my own things, not amending the report. As he is trying to accuse me. I am writing my own things. You should protect me.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I will check that. Order, Honourable Kalenga. Order Honourable members. What is it, Honourable Cyrus?

Hon. Cyrus Kisavi: Honourable Speaker, the Vice-Chair for Budget is addressing an anonymous member by the name of John Munyoki Mwinzi. Honourable Speaker, we don't have any member in this Honourable House by that name.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Very well. We don't have a... Order, order, order, order. Order, Honourable Makumi.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo stood on a point of order)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: What is it, Honourable Sylvester?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, is it in order for Honourable Priscilla Makumi to do what we can see her doing to a fellow Honourable Member? Mr. Speaker, you have seen it and you have heard the language being used. Mr. Speaker, this is a House of Decorum. You need to make a ruling concerning that before I make my contribution.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Sylvester, I called the Honourable Member to order and she became orderly. That was on a point of order from the Chair.

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Much obliged, Your Honour. Mr. Speaker. I'm standing here as a ranking Member of this Assembly as well as a ranking Member of the Budget Committee. Mr. Speaker, I will request Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi to just give me this latitude as he continues with his contribution because he's also a ranking member in this Assembly. I may wish to draw to your attention that you adjourn for the members to be acquainted with the document.

Mr. Speaker, I request you give us that latitude of time, to go through the document, which has been laid before the floor of the Assembly, by giving the Members time to read and ventilate on the document. We can also do this tomorrow, Thursday, we can still be here on Friday, we can still be here on Saturday, if we are called for, because budget making is a negotiated document.

(Applause)

It's also good for Hon. Member, since, we have agreed with the Vice-Chair, when I was consulting with her over there, that, if members need to be given more time... because she's okay to read the document right now. And one important thing is, she can't amend any document which we have written, because already I have appended my signature to it. If she tries to do anything, it will be against the laws of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker. And I know, Mr. Speaker, look at what's happening.

(Laud consultations)

Mr. Speaker, this is not a joking house, Mr. Speaker. Although you have not seen what has happened, Mr. Speaker, we can still continue...

The Deputy Speaker: Just a minute, what is it, Honourable Mary Ndumbu?

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: ...this is a house of honor, it is not a club.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Mary Ndumbu, unless I'm told what is happening, I don't have eyes. What is happening?

(Laughter)

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: I don't know what, I don't... Mr. Speaker, I don't know what Hon. Kalenga is doing with Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi. And this is not...They should show a lot of respect to this house.

The Deputy Speaker: Is Hon. Kalenga seated?

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: She has just come back.

The Deputy Speaker: Alright.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: Yes, you should be seeing her. We need sanity in this house.

The Deputy Speaker: Let Honourable Sylvester finish. He was raising a very important point. And I want also, Honourable Sylvester, being a ranking member. I want you to clarify to the members, I would not want a situation whereby it looks like there is witch-hunt.

Whether the budget report can be amended by use of, by writing using a pen or you must type those digits. Kindly clarify. We want to also know how the budget Committee works from

you, a ranking member. Your vice-chairperson was accused of amending the document using a pen in the Chambers.

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a lot of trust in my Vice-Chair, Mr. Speaker, and now she is the chair as long as the chair is not there. Mr. Speaker, you cannot amend a document which has been signed by Honourable Members. And the Honourable Members who are Budget Committee members went through the document and they signed the document, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if there is addition or subtraction of any wording in that document and I find my signature there or any paper pulled out, Mr. Speaker, I'll be the first person to rise in this house and say, this is wrong, if it happened, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for now, what the members are requesting, Honourable Katula, I can see that you are consulting and he is also a member of the Budget Committee.

So, Mr. Speaker...

(Loud consultations)

Mr. Speaker, I'm just ignoring what's happening on that side. As I ignore what's happening in that side, Mr. Speaker, you need to make a ruling for members to be given timeline if they have requested, for them to go through the budget because they represent the people and the budget is going to be worked on in the 40 wards.

So, if you present this document here, and the members are claiming that they have not read the document, Mr. Speaker, it will be like when you bring the document to this floor of this assembly for debate, it will cause a lot of chaos like if there is a hidden thing in it.

Mr. Speaker, this document which we did as an Assembly Committee on Budget, it has been written with authority of somebody with a PhD, Mr. Speaker, somebody who wrote the chapter on public finance management, Mr. Speaker, somebody who wrote the devolution, all the devolution chapters. Mr. Speaker, somebody with holder of EGH (Elder of the Order of the Golden Heart) in this Country, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, we don't have an authenticity, Mr. Speaker, for Hon. Kalenga, Vice-Chair,

(Consultations)

I'm contributing because that's what I'm requesting. Honourable Vice-Chair, I'm making a request, that the Deputy Speaker asked me, the Honourable Vice-Chair cannot amend that document by use of a pen, if she's doing her own calculation, let her do her own calculation to familiarise herself whether the balances in that budget is balancing, Mr. Speaker, and I think that's what she's doing, Mr. Speaker.

So, members, all the members need this time to go through the document, Mr. Speaker. So, with those remarks, Mr. Speaker, I may request you to make a ruling whether we'll be added time, whether it'll be one hour, whether it'll be two hours, whether it'll be a day, or whether it will be two days. That all depends with your authority and the authority of that chair you are seated on, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Sylvester, Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi, kindly finish up.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Thank you, Honourable Yamu.

The Deputy Speaker: We don't have Yamu in the house.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Mr. Speaker, Honourable Kalenga called me John, and I didn't hear you correcting her. Anyway, I'm talking of Honourable Sylvester Munyalo.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: *(Spoke off-record)*

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: I'm not John. I'm Munyoki Mwinzi. I'm not John...

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: *(Spoke off-record)*

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Anyway, Mr. Speaker, my point was that...

The Deputy Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Mr. Speaker, part of my worries, I can see, have been handled so far. My concern, Mr. Speaker, was that, the motion was brought here yesterday. We were not given the document in order to have enough time to peruse...

The Deputy Speaker: You already said that when you were raising your concern.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: Yes. Now, Mr. Speaker, in the morning, I saw one fiscal analyst telling me that he was changing some pages, Mr. Speaker, and I was worried, Mr. Speaker. When we live in such an assembly where impunity is the order of the day, Mr. Speaker, where injustice is the order of the day, Mr. Speaker, you cannot trust anybody, Mr. Speaker.

Now, my worry, Mr. Speaker, we have just received the document. Will we be able to debate it right now and make a decision, Mr. Speaker? That is my concern.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. It is a similar concern with what Honourable Sylvester said. Honourable Jeremiah, just a minute. You are the Deputy minority leader, so we will allow you one minute.

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Within that one minute, I want to say this. Mr. Speaker, when I was elected by the people of Nguni Ward, and I believe that these Honourable Members who are on this floor of the House, Mr. Speaker, they didn't come here by luck. Mr. Speaker, we came here to work.

Yesterday, I was here, and a notice of motion was given on this very important document, a very important report, which is carrying the lives of people in this county. Mr. Speaker, this morning, and yesterday, Mr. Speaker, we requested to be given a document to read. The document was unavailable. This morning, Mr. Speaker, I've just come. The business is on the order paper, and the document is missing.

So, how will I know whether what we did during public participation is captured in the document?

(Applause)

How will I now then debate, as far as budget is concerned? Mr. Speaker, we are not going to proceed without this document. We are not going to proceed with the debates and any other thing which is supposed to be done here concerning this budget when we don't have this document.

This budget is our lives. This budget is our backbone. This budget is everything. And if there is maybe any plan, maybe, if I may say, to change anything, Mr. Speaker, that document is

going to be declined on this floor of the House, Mr. Speaker. We are not going to allow that document to be changed. We are not even privy on what is being changed, Mr. Speaker, because we haven't seen the document.

Mr. Speaker, as Honourable Ndumbu said, this assembly is an assembly of honour, is an assembly of respect, is an assembly that upholds the rule of law. Let us use this assembly the way it's supposed to be used, Mr. Speaker. The Committee on Budget and Appropriation, our eyes are on you.

And, Mr. Speaker, I'm speaking when my party, has members there, Mr. Speaker, and we believe them. Mr. Speaker, the Vice-Chair is here. When we are dealing with a very important and a critical document, the Chair is missing, Mr. Speaker. I'm very much concerned. What is really happening?

Mr. Speaker, I'm not saying that the Vice-Chair is not able to bring the document here, but, Mr. Speaker, we are now getting to a situation where we start thinking something else different. We cannot allow that one to happen. Let us have the document, we read it thoroughly, and we debate thoroughly, before we make our decision whether to support the document or we decline it, Mr. Speaker.

(Hon. Sylvester Munyalo stood in his place to give information)

The Deputy Speaker: Do you want the information (laughter) don't Robbie please?

Hon. Jeremiah Mutua: Mr. Speaker, Honourable Sylvester Munyalo is my very able whip in our party. A ranking member, an experienced member, a person who is supposed to be listened by everybody. Please let him inform me.

The Deputy Speaker: I can see he has lobbied successfully.

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Through, the Hon. Speaker, to my deputy in the NARC party, we had a letter from the Chair. He is out of the Country on personal duties, Mr. Speaker, he had an appointment in Canada, Mr. Speaker, and we have careers, Mr. Speaker, apart from this assembly.

So, we delegated that to our able Vice-Chair who is very much able and we know, and I can assure my deputy that any changes in this document which have been given, Mr. Speaker, of which you need to give us time to go through it. Mr. Speaker, if there is any change in this document, I'll be there to inform members, I'll be there to tell the members honestly what has changed in this document, because when we went through it, Mr. Speaker, we agreed anonymously, the nine of us, and we appended the signature, the nine of us, about the document.

So, Mr. Speaker, I can assure my deputy and the assembly that if there is any change in the document that has been given. It is the same document which is going to be presented in this assembly. I trust the Clerks, I trust my Vice-Chair, I trust all the members who were there, Mr. Speaker.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I requested, which I don't need to repeat, Mr. Speaker, you make a ruling concerning the time or you make a ruling that we continue, that all depends with you as the Chair. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Sylvester, for that information. Honourable Ngoima.

(The Deputy Speaker consults with the Clerk-At-the table)

Hon. Daniel Ngoima: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, mine will not be different from the others have said. I think this concern has been too much, and Mr. Speaker, I have not seen such practise in this House, being a ranking Member, that we discuss something, a motion, which is not before us.

Mr. Speaker, kindly use your intelligence, and please, don't put the cart before the horse. It is your prerogative, I beg you pardon, for you to adjourn the House for some minutes, for us to be supplied with the documents. I mean, we can't debate without having this paper before us.

Because we are adopting, we can't adopt something you are not seeing. Okay, notice, you can give notice, but to adopt something, you have to be reading from that document.

Mr. Speaker, use your Standing Order number one, to order for an adjournment for some time, so that we can be supplied with these documents. I can see some of the documents are being given now, but not everybody who has the document.

So, it's good for you to use your intelligence to adjourn the House immediately, and to avoid these kinds of, because you are not opposing the budget. We are not opposing the document. It is only the procedure. We can't continue without the document, thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Honourable Ngoima, Honourable Makumi.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, at least your eyes have caught me, because I've been asking for an opportunity to speak. Mr. Speaker, it amazes me in this assembly, how things go around! Last time, it was some of us who are being accused of not supporting the government.

Now we are supporting the document for it to pass immediately, the way it is, righty now. Now some people are asking for some time to read. Like, they don't know our Chair, who is an able Chair...

(Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi stood on a point of order)

The Deputy Speaker: There is a point of order.

Hon. Priscilla Makumi: I don't need a point of order from Munyoki Mwinzi.

(Laughter)

The Deputy Speaker: What is your point of order, Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi?

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: (Laughter) before my point of order, Mr. Speaker...

The Deputy Speaker: You are raising a point of order. It cannot be before the point of order.

Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi: There is a very serious concern, Mr. Speaker, that these members need a serious induction, Mr. Speaker, to understand the Standing Orders. Anyway, Is the Honourable Member in order, Mr. Speaker, to insinuate that there are members who are against the budget while the motion has not even started to be debated?

Mr. Speaker, we were only talking of the procedure and time to interrogate the budget. As simple as that, Mr. Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, we are yet to reach to the point of debating the motion. The motion is not even moved. So, Honourable Members, let there be peace. Hon. Mary Ndumbu.

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: Mr. Speaker, we are not doubting anybody, but Mr. Speaker, for the last ten years, I have never seen a budget being discussed when it is not given to the members. This is a very serious paper. It is a very serious issue, we need to be provided with the document first, because we have to follow what the member is reading about. So, that we can point out the mistakes. And leave alone budget, any other report should be given to the members before it is read.

The Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Mary Ndumbu...

Hon. Mary Ndumbu: Mr. Speaker, I have been a member of the Budget Committee for the last ten years, and I don't remember any one single day when we presented it here without the documents.

So, I can't understand what is happening. We need the paper here, like yesterday. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, considering the points of concern raised...

(The Deputy Speaker consulted with the Clerk-At-the Table)
(Hon. Pricilla Makumi stood in her place)

Order! Hon. Mather Makumi. What is it, Honourable Sylvester?

Hon. Sylvester Munyalo: Honourable Chair, we need to respect your chair. When you are talking, Honourable Makumi should not be standing Honourable Chair. We need to respect this House. Mr. Speaker, I'm losing my voice. And also, Mr. Speaker, we should respect that chair because of the authority, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Mr. Speaker, the respect and the decorum of this Assembly must be respected. But by all means, Mr. Speaker, assuming we have visitors at the gallery and they see this behaviour, Mr. Speaker. We will all be called like we are behaving the same, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, sometimes you need to call this Assembly to order, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker: Summarising the points of concerns raised, there are two points of concerns requiring my pronouncement. First one was by Honourable Vuthi about the time. I will draw this Assembly to Standing Order number five, which provides, and I will summarise, "unless the County Assembly resolves otherwise".

That is why it provides for the timelines for motions and so on and so forth. And I will also rev on the issue of how the County Assembly resolves. The County Assembly resolves through either the Speaker using Standing Order number one or consulting the majority and the minority leaders or through the House business.

So, when the Assembly resolves otherwise, the provisions provided for under Sanding Order number five are not strictly adhered to when the House has resolved otherwise.

As the Chair, the House can resolve otherwise through the House business when they include a particular business in the order paper. I will decipher when I find business in the order paper having been allocated by the House business committee, it will then go without saying that the House, the County Assembly has resolved that business to be debated at that particular time.

Having pronounced on that, I will proceed to the other issue which was a concern on whether the County Assembly members have the budget committee report. From the sentiments

of the honourable members, it is true that all members don't have the copies and for that reason and the other reasons raised by the members that you want to peruse the budget.

I will proceed to deliver a ruling on the same but before then, it is also important that honourable members note that in the order paper, we were also creating an additional sitting. So, that we can have, if the report was to pass, passed, if it fails then the other sitting had no importance to give also the executive time to publish the bill.

So, that we can proceed to first reading during that additional sitting but considering that the document is your document honourable members, nobody can bulldoze the speed, how motions will be passed and debated.

Reading the mood if members are desirous of having the report that is the good thing to do but considering the other overriding interest of timelines, of the budget to serve our people, of the process and the procedures involved of publishing the budget.

It is reasonable, prudent that as human beings some rules be relaxed. So, that we may deliver a common great objective not only for us as an assembly but also for the people of Kitui County not dragging the County Executive there.

Therefore, honourable members I am going to adjourn the house until 11am. So, that you can be furnished with the budget committee report, peruse, Then, once we come back, we will proceed with the order paper. At this juncture, let us be upstanding so that we are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Members, the House now stands adjourned for thirty-eight (38) minutes. We are going to resume at 11:00a.m. still in this morning.

County Assembly rose at 10:16 a.m.