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**OFFICIAL REPORT**  
***(THE HANSARD)***

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

*The House met at 2:40 p.m. in the County Assembly Chambers*  
*[The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya) in the Chair]*

**PRAYERS**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Hon. Members, allow me to issue a communication from the Chair, communication number 40 of 2025, communication as it relates to the election of Vice Chairperson to the Committee on Appointments.

Now members, pursuant to the provisions of the Kitui County Assembly Standing Orders No. 159, I wish to notify the House of the election of Hon. Judith Wanza as the Vice Chairperson to the Committee on Appointments.

Members, while the Kitui County Assembly Standing Order No. 184 (3) does not expressly provide for the position of a Vice Chairperson to the Committee on Appointments or the election thereto, I assessed the need for a Vice Chairperson in that committee to facilitate efficient transaction of committee business and found it necessary.

To this end, I invoked the provision of the Kitui County Assembly Standing Order number 1 to allow the said election.

Hon. Members, I wish Hon. Judith Wanza all the best in her new appointment. Thank you.

*(Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi rose on a point of concern)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Yes, what is your concern, Honourable Munyoki Mwinzi?

**Hon. Munyoki Mwinzi:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Honourable Speaker, during the morning session, I requested the Speaker who was chairing to pronounce himself on the issue of party leadership wrangles, Mr. Speaker, bearing in mind that there is a court order that has lifted the stay orders that enabled Honourable Harrison Maluki and his team to be in the office.

He (the presiding Chair) promised this House that he will consult and come up with a way forward. So, Mr. Speaker, I was expecting through your communication to set things straight. That's my concern, Honourable Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you for bringing it to my attention. I will address your concern. Next order!

#### STATEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF PLENARY BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDING ON 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025.

*(The designated member of the County Assembly Business Committee)*

*(The statement was read and subsequently laid before the table of the House by Hon. Priscilla Makumi)*

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you very much, Honourable Priscilla, the designated member of the House Business Committee. Members, may be I can elaborate on behalf of the Committee of House Business.

The joint retreat as proposed by the Governor will be from 31<sup>st</sup> of August until 7<sup>th</sup> of September when we go for the August recess, which we will communicate about next week. Next week when you come here, on 6<sup>th</sup>, we will adjourn for the August recess. We are supposed to come back on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. So, the Committee of House Business thought it's good that since we have this program by the Governor, this program for joint retreat on the same dates, we extend our calendar by one week so that we come back on 9<sup>th</sup>. However, a motion will come here and Members will choose either to support it or not support it. So, let us wait until that time comes and I'm sure that motion will be properly explained. So that is why that motion for alteration of the Calendar in the House Business we have shelved it so that now it runs next week. I hope that is clear. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Let's now proceed with the response to the statement requested by Honorable Cyrus Musyoka. We have deferred this for quite some time. Honorable Cyrus has whispered to me that he can't wait any longer and I agree with him. The people of Ikanga/Kyatune deserve to hear this response.

So, Chair, Committee on Labour, Hon. Kasungi Kavula, please take the floor and lay that response.

#### RESPONSE TO STATEMENT REQUEST BY HONOURABLE CYRUS MUSYOKA KISAVI ON THE RECENT LAYOFF OF SOME COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS IN IKANGA/KYATUNE WARD

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to lay the response to the statement requested by Honorable Cyrus Musyoka Kisavi on the recent lay-off of some Community Health Promoters in Ikanga/Kyatune Ward.

Mr. Speaker, during the afternoon sitting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Honorable Cyrus Musyoka Kisavi, MCA for Ikanga/Kyatune Ward requested for a statement from the Chairperson Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on recent lay-off of some Community Health Promoters in Ikanga/Kyatune Ward.

Pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 41(2C), the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare deliberated on the issues raised in the statement and prepared this report on its consideration of the same.

Mr. Speaker, this report was prepared some days before and I believe the members have the report with them so you allow me to go straight to the acknowledgement.

Honorable Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, I extend my gratitude to the Honorable Speaker, members of the Committee, Office of the Acting Clerk of the Assembly and the staff attached to the Committee for their continuous support, assistance and commitment in executing their duties. I wish to extend my gratitude to the CECM for health and sanitation for a response which enabled the Committee to compile this report.

On behalf of the Committee on Labour and Social Welfare and Pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 41(2C), it is my pleasant duty and pleasure to present this report of the Committee on the response to the Statement for Consideration and adoption.

Mr. Speaker, if you allow me, I will skip the background information and go straight to Committee observations.

Having noted and considered the issues raised in the Statement, the responses from the CECM for health and sanitation as well as the documentary evidences available, the Committee makes the following observations;

- i) The issues raised in the Statement request were sufficiently responded to.
- ii) The County Ministry of Health and Sanitation has kept her promise in paying stipends to the CHPs. However, the National Government's share has not been forthcoming and is faced with numerous challenges.

Below are the recommendations of the Committee, Mr. Speaker. However, in the above observations, the Committee recommends as follows;

- i) The County Government should set aside funds to provide medical coverage for the CHPs under the Share and Sheave as many of them cannot afford getting private medical coverage.
- ii) The County Government should initiate income-generating ventures for the CHPs so as to supplement what they get in form of stipends.
- iii) The County Government should seek partnership with development partners to provide enhanced mobility of the CHPs e.g. provision of bicycles and motorbikes.
- iv) The County Ministry of Health and Human Services should provide regular tailored capacity building trainings to the CHPs to enhance their effectiveness.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee appreciates Honorable Musyoka Kisavi for coming up with the statement request on the layoff of some CHPs in Ikanga/Kyatune Ward which enabled the Committee to get to the bottom of the subject matter. It is imperative to note that the success of any good health sector lies with the effectiveness of its ability to prevent diseases level where the Community Health Promoters belong. A weak disease prevention capacity for any health sector will leave its citizens prone to disease outbreaks which are ultimately very expensive to treat.

It is therefore imperative for the County Ministry for Health and Sanitation to have an effective, vibrant and highly motivated group of CHPs so as to ensure effective disease preventive measures as it is commonly and widely acceptable that prevention is better than cure.

The Committee shall remain steadfast in providing proper oversight in all matters and as provided under the County Assembly Standing Order No. 195 and the second schedule.

Mr. Speaker, annexed in the report is the adoption page where Members have appended their signatures, the response from County Public Service Board, the statement itself, a statement by the CHPs, and the response from the ministry of health.

So, thank you Mr. Speaker and I beg to give the statement.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you very much Chair, Committee on Labour, Joseph Kasungi for being brief. Allow me to say the following Hon. Joseph; I appreciate the response but I want to put across an advice that can cut across all other committees.

When a committee does a response and they put their recommendation, don't expect the Assembly to follow up on the implementation of those recommendations because it is not an Assembly resolution, it is a Committee resolution so it is upon you, the Committee, to follow up on this and for us to be useful to the Honorable Member who made this request, Honorable Chair, I expect you to follow up on this matter. Let it not end at this point where you have submitted the Committee response because I can see there was a response by the CECM Health.

I wish the Committee would have requested the Committee on Health to join them in working on this particular response because that is the docket of the Committee for Health Honorable Kasungi. I have not seen you having a discussion with the County Public Service Board. There is no correspondence to show that. In other words, I'm trying to say you can improve on this perhaps through a motion. If you bring a motion, it will cut across all the other wards and I advise you in a committee sitting, liaise with the Committee on Health to have a joint sitting, a joint program and bring a substantive motion here so that when we approve it, it cuts across all the other wards and then the Assembly makes a resolution. Once that is done, we can push for it because this is only a committee recommendation. So, it's upon you the Committee to follow up and remember you don't oversight the Ministry of Health but maybe you can say something before the requester of the statement contributes and any other member who wishes to say something.

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wanted to make some clarification concerning the County Public Service Board on this matter of CHPs. We called them but they said they do not engage CHPs. That CHPs are volunteers and not employees of the County Government. That is when we engaged the Ministry of Health which directly deals with the CHPs.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** So, you engaged the County Public Service Board on phone?

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** No, we wrote to them.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Where is the letter you wrote to them and where is their response? There is no any correspondence here.

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** We called them through a phone call and they excused themselves because they do not engage with the CHPs. That is why we didn't engage them further.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** I understand

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** Again Mr. Speaker, since the report was not adopted by the whole House, we still plan to have a joint engagement with the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Please do. In other words, Hon. Cyrus, don't stop at this point. This is a very sensitive matter because everywhere we go and especially those social functions, you meet a CHP and they will tell you the same thing. I was in Kwa-Mutonga the other day and they said you people mistreat us. So, I think this is a very sensitive matter, let not the county public service board wash their hands. Every employee of this county government, they have a responsibility because the ministry derives their mandate from the board. The board gives the ministry the mandate to handle the CHPs at that level. So, the board is in overall responsible, they should not wash their hands unless you say that the matter be referred to the committee on health. I can do that right away? Should I go ahead and make that ruling Hon. Kasungi?

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** No Mr. Speaker, but even if you rule it that way you'll meet me in the health committee because I'm a member there.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** I'm not targeting you as a person, it's about the committee. I hope you're getting the point.

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** Yes. Some of the committee observations were satisfactory to the committee Mr. Speaker Sir.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you. I want to appreciate the committee on labour for this good job and I advise the committee in subsequent committee sittings please have joint sessions with the committee on health and handle this matter across all the facilities in the county.

Honorable Cyrus, let me give you a chance to say something and if there's any other member, I'll give them a chance before we proceed. Honorable Cyrus, please take the floor.

**Hon. Cyrus Kisavi:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker for accommodating me this afternoon. I want to begin by appreciating the chair, committee on labour, Honorable Kasungi for the statement response but still, Honorable Speaker, I express my displeasure that the statement response by the committee on labour is not satisfactory. Most of the issues that I raised in my request haven't been addressed. The committee has expunged the County Public Service Board from the whole issue, while it is the same Board that has donated powers to the country ministry of health to handle the CHPs. The issue is cutting across the 40 wards and so moving forward, we need a firm resolve as a House and that resolve can only be achieved when the committee on labour and the committee on health brings a substantive motion on the floor of the House so that we can see way forward on matters welfare, remuneration and working conditions of the CHPs. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you, Hon. Member, for Ikanga/Kyatune Ward. Any other member who wants to contribute on this matter before I make a ruling? Yes Hon. Ndagara, Member for Tharaka and Deputy Majority Whip. I believe the same issue is affecting your Ward. The last time I was in your Ward I was stopped over this issue and you know you have invited me again in your Ward and I am afraid I may be stopped again. At Kwa-Mutonga someone told me, you know you people are disturbing us, so all over Kitui County, that problem is eminent. So, proceed Hon. Ndagara.

**Hon. Godfrey Ndagara:** Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. I would want to really thank Honorable Cyrus Kisavi, MCA for Ikanga/ Kyatune for requesting for these answers from the Ministry concerned and for sure, I would say that the answers that have been given by the Committee are not quite satisfactory. They have not been given satisfactorily Mr. Speaker. And therefore, there is so much into it that the Chairman and the Committee should make sure that they are able to look into. And I would want to say, this is just a, I don't know what to call, a tip in the iceberg, Mr. Speaker, because the issue of CHPs is an issue for the entire county.

To start with, the way these CHPs were employed or maybe the way the volunteers were absorbed, maybe to get some stipends from the Ministry, to some extent, the people who are doing that, they came out with that list in a scrupulous way. You realize that a CHP is supposed to come from a given village. That CHP knows exactly where the health centers are and the social aspects of the community is in charge. But you realize that there are some of the CHPs that were taken from some other villages and taken to another village. And out of the kind of engagement that were given to these volunteers, to some extent, there were some people who were interested in how they came out with those people who were taken, Mr. Speaker. And therefore, I would want to say that it is good that we also recommend that a serious scrutiny is done and a report is given to see whether the CHPs that are being given stipends are indeed people from this county or indeed people who are from the villages that they work from.

Again, Mr. Speaker, you realize that, yes, we are engaging them and these are our people and they need to be paid well, Mr. Speaker. We know that they are volunteers, but as much as our people volunteer, it is also good that they get good stipend so that they are able to keep pushing the lives for their families, Mr. Speaker. And therefore, that's something else that also

should be looked into to see whether as the Assembly that we are able to recommend a given sum of stipend that is supposed to be given that we think, to some extent, is equal to the tasks that are ahead of them.

The other thing, Mr. Speaker, is that you realize that it is good that we also make sure that once these CHPs have been mandated to undertake the responsibility under them, they need some training, Mr. Speaker. Because you realize that it is the CHP who is supposed to maybe encourage members of the community maybe to have toilets. They are the ones who are supposed even also to encourage members to register to SHA. They are also supposed to do a lot of issues around the primary health. And therefore, Mr. Speaker, you realize that many of them are not aware of what they do, and many of them, to some extent, they don't have the proper education that is supposed to make sure that they are able to offer the services that they are required of. And therefore, those are some of the other aspects that we need to make sure that we look into so that we are able to have CHPs who are going to help our people in issues around primary health, Mr. Speaker. And you realize that out of that, you see (that out of issues of health in the community, it is the CHP because they are the ones who are able to direct our mothers either to go to hospital or maybe they get to go to hospital in the nearest dispensary. They get to know whether there are medications or there are non-medication to give the community information on what is going on. But you realize that many of these CHPs, some of them are very much political. And in fact, they are the ones even tarnishing the image of the health ministry even more. And they are the people who are supposed to give the community information about what is happening. You realize that like in my area, you would realize one CHP talking about there is no medicine in this hospital. And when you go there, you find that there is medicine. And he is the one who is supposed to liaise with the doctors and to tell the community that a bunch of medicines have come and they are supposed to make sure that they are able to benefit out of it. So you realize to some extent there are some of the CHPs who are wayward and they don't really know their role. And therefore, they need some training so that they are able to be corrected. And I realized that these are some of the problems that you realize that many of them are being led off because maybe of overstepping on their mandates and even being part of the people of a kind of people that is tarnishing the image of the ministry. And when you look at it, you realize that it's not even the way they depict it, maybe the social media and all that.

And therefore, that's my input Mr. Speaker. We need to make sure that at the end of the day, proper measures and proper scrutiny is done to this CHP so that we are able to or that is wholesomely be able to address the issues. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you. Thank you very much Hon. Ndagara. I think let's stop at that point. Yes Hon. Mwamisi the microphone is on? Yes, please.

**Hon. Dominic Mwamisi:** Thank you, Honorable Speaker, for having me to add my voice to the report or the response that has been brought here by the Chair, Labuor. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Chair and the Committee for the good work done. However, I feel CHPs or Community Health Promoters are doing a great job down at our ward and at the county level, Honorable Speaker. And therefore, I think we need to involve ourselves mostly and discuss further on what CHPs are doing. Honorable Speaker, I've been able to get some reports and also I have engaged some of the CHPs in my ward, which is Mutha Ward, and they are doing a good job, especially on issues of delivery and assisting our mothers to do good delivery and managing them and monitoring them. They are doing a good job. And therefore, it is high time, Honorable Speaker, that we stood up and discussed this matter deeper and engaged further, Honorable Speaker, to make sure that we empower the CHPs so that they can do their work better. Honorable Speaker, I

support the issues of training. I support the issues of looking into their mobility logistics on how they do their work. Honorable Speaker, they are doing a good job and therefore, the committee, if it's going to have a sitting or discuss it further and try to expand the report, may they call all of us so that you can bring (our input into it. Thank you, Honorable Speaker.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you, Honorable Mwamisi. Members, allow me to guide as follows. That the Committee on Labour and Social Services, jointly with the Committee with on Health and Sanitation, should take up this matter, engage the CHPs. Engage the County of Public Service Board, engage the Ministry of Health, and bring here a substantive motion on this matter across all the 40 wards in Kitui County. Honorable Chair, Labour, how much time do you need? Two months? Yes, you want to say something? Yes, please.

**Hon. Joseph Kasungi:** Speaker, given, like, two weeks from today, we will sit down with the Co-Chair, Committee on Health and Sanitation, and we come up with a very good motion.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you. I hear you, sir. However, we have other Assembly programmes, and you know we are waiting for the August recess. I give the two committees two months, 60 days from today, two months, to bring here, on this Floor a substantive motion on this matter. So we can agree, you work over the recess, may be you come back on September, you bring a substantive motion. Am I clear? This is a very important issue. We can't just rely on a letter by the Minister. We need to meet these Community Health Promoters Hon Munira. Very important. Yes, so kindly, and when I give directions here and directives and guidance, you know, sometimes committees don't follow my directives. If I say 60 days, it's 60 days, unless you come before this House and ask for extension, and you know the procedure of asking for extension. Because if you don't follow the directives and you bring a resolution here, and you are supposed to enforce it, somebody from the Government Executive may challenge that resolution and say it was passed outside the time given by the Speaker. Am I clear Hon. Kasungi?

*(Hon. Joseph Kasungi spoke off record)*

Yes, so please, Members, within 60 days, let's have this matter sorted Hon. Cyrus. Is that fair enough, Honorable Cyrus? And of course, they have to come to your ward first, because you are the one who has initiated this, and go to other wards. You want to say something Cyrus?

**Hon. Cyrus Kisavi:** Honorable Speaker that would be fair enough. Sixty days would be enough at least to traverse across the eight sub-counties and come up with a sub-county motion.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you. In legal practice, there's something we call a mention date. I need a mention date for this matter. Honorable Kasungi, within 30 days, I need an update. So, Office of the Clerk, when you resume from recess, Is it on 9th of August? I need Chair Labour, jointly with t Chair, Health, to give us a status first on where we shall be at that point. That is the mention date. Honorable Kasungi. Then we shall give a date for hearing and a date for judgment. Nowadays, all of us think we are good lawyers in this Assembly. The cases has been so many until we are good lawyers, so you know what a mention date means. So, when you come back here, 9th of September, we need a status update on this matter. Thank you very much. Members, I think we can proceed. Clerk, next order!

## MOTIONS

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS ON STATE OF THE COUNTY

Thank you. Members, I think this motion has been here for the last four sitting days. So, we have to bring it to a close today. If there's any member who had not said anything, who had not contributed, that is the only member whom I will allow to speak because we must bring this to a close. So, if you spoke earlier, kindly, don't ask for a motion to speak because we can't fail to finish this particular agenda. So, is there any member who is yet to contribute so that I give them a chance to contribute before we bring this motion to a close? I can see all of us have participated and I appreciate you.

Let me make the following guidance. Members, having debated the Governor's Address where we have complied with the Standing Orders, four sitting days at most and I think every member is satisfied that they gave their input and as I advised you earlier, whatever you say here is very important.

*(Hon. Gabriel Munyao entered the Chamber)*

Honorable Gabriel, please take your seat. I know where you are. So, and I think the venue or the platform where you members, you exercise your representative role is on the floor of this House and in all Assembly programs. That is why you are supposed to come here and talk on behalf of your people.

The Governor's Address gives a progress by the government for the last one and a half years. You can critique, you can criticize, you can make suggestions to improve, you can applaud, you have a chance on behalf of your people; the people who elected you and the category of people you are nominated to represent and I believe it is that. So, I want to instruct the Office of the Clerk, prepare that report. Prepare that report. Of course the Hansard is very huge, prepare that report and I want to task the Committee of Liaison because the liaison normally have sittings every Tuesday. Cross-check the report, then we forward to the county executive. You know, it is not a resolution, it is our input. We are not giving a resolution on the Governor's Address. We are only passing our input. What the people of Kyome/Thaana have said through their representative, what the people of Kauwi have said, the people of Athi have said, we pass it to the... So the committee of Liaison let then link up with the Office of the Clerk within one week. So, Office of the Clerk work on that within one week by next week, before we adjourn on Wednesday, we submit that report to the County Executive through the County Secretary, so that the Cabinet can have a look at what Members have said.

And the reason why members have tasked the Committee of Liaison is that the Chairs can pick the issues in their respective committees. You understand? Pick up the issues, what *Mheshimiwa* Muange for Tseikuru said, pick up that issue, what *Mheshimiwa* Sylvester for Matinyani said. The Chairs should pick the issues and now follow up those issues with the respective ministries. Am I clear, members? It is our responsibility to follow up not just talking here, submitting a report to the County Executive and sleeping. No! So, that's why I want the committee on Liaison, all the chairs, please pick up the issues for your committee. *Mheshimiwa* Mulandi, matters, Culture, Youth..., please pick up the issues, so that now you can follow up with your respective ministry. Kindly, members.

So, that is my humble address and I want to add my voice by saying I want to appreciate all of you by actively participating in the Governor's Address. There's a lot we spoke when we went for the luncheon, I want to appreciate you members for making it a success and that is what has given rise to even to this joint retreat which we are planning with the Governor. Because we even agreed on those dates when you were here. Yeah, so we agreed on those dates and when you go for that joint retreat, let's continue with the discussion so that you can adequately represent your people and that is the best way we can be able to represent our people in the best way forward.

So, members, before we adjourn, allow me now because there's no other matter in the Order Paper to go back to the concern which had been raised by Honorable Munyoki Mwinzi, the issues of the Wiper leadership and I must appreciate you members for your calmness. This is how a parliament should behave. Honorable Peter, I can see you are very happy. This is how a parliament should behave. We are honorable members. We Honorable members. You can pass your point in a very respectful manner. You don't need to shout or be physical. We can pass your message in a very honorable manner. And one thing, members, I must remind you, when you elected me to be your Speaker, I took an oath to safeguard our own starting orders, the Constitution of Kenya 2010 and all other relevant laws. So it is my duty. These Standing Orders were passed by this House I have a duty to implement them. A very important duty. Members, we must, I don't know where my copies are. I don't know whether you have taken time to read these starting orders. Read them, members. I've read it and repeated it so many times. My honest analysis is that we don't comply with our own Standing Orders. We do not. When you go for the joint programme, our own programme and I think I have already approved a programme. Remember, we were to go to Mombasa, members, but because now budget delayed in being uploaded, now this programme, by the governor came up, our programme for Mombasa, we'll push it forward, but we shall still have a whole House Yeah, because we can't go to Mombasa two weeks, within one month, we cannot. We have to be politically realistic. So our own program will be on 25<sup>th</sup> to 29th August in Nairobi.

In that program, Members, Office of the Clerk make an arrangement. There are a few issues in the Standing Orders which we shall have to speak about because we are openly, every day, disobeying these starting orders. When I try to push or rather to enforce, I'm sure you don't feel happy. We are here, all of us. I respect how you find yourself here. Respect how I found myself here through your vote. Whether you voted for me or not, I'm your Speaker. Even in your ward, even if you were not elected by some people, you are still their MCA. So, kindly Members, let's respect these Standing Orders. There are rules on how Leadership changes are done. We shall follow those rules. Yes, I've seen a Court Order which has not been received at my office yet. I've seen it in my WhatsApp number. I think it has been served to the clerk. Of course, the clerk has a duty to do a legal opinion on the same and write to me. It is not an emergency, members. Of course, without any intimidation, we know the implication of a court order. We all know that, without any intimidation.

But one thing I must tell you, members, and I'm speaking as the Speaker of this County Assembly, is that the County Assembly of Kitui is an independent entity. We are independent from the judiciary. We are independent from any other arm of this government. Under the doctrine of separation of powers, we have our own powers. The County Executive have their own powers. The judiciary have their own powers. We exist independently. Of course we complement each other.

So, as we make our decisions here, our rules, our procedures, yes, we respect the judiciary. We respect the judiciary. I'm a lawyer myself. Of course, I respect the court a lot. I respect the

court a lot. But I kindly of want to urge you, because I've seen these matters being taken to the social media, where members here are being bullied politically. We have taken the Deputy Speaker and members of the Speaker's Panel to the public court.

I want to be very clear. The Deputy Speaker and members of the Speaker's Panel, operate under the directive of the Speaker. That must be very clear to all of us. And I will guide them accordingly. I will get them accordingly on what to do. So, there should be no cause for alarm, members of the Majority Party. There should be no cause for alarm. Let us not use these leadership issues to divide this House. Kindly, members, let us not divide this House. You may have the power now to fight, but that power you may have may be affecting somebody else negatively. I'm sure if you are the one on the receiving end, you'll expect the rule of law to take its course. So, kindly, members of the Wiper party, I want to beseech you. Be calm. Let us sit down. Let me get an opinion from the Office of the Clerk. Let me look at it. I'll issue, of course, a guidance. I'll issue a guidance. The necessary guidance as allowed by the law. And as we do so, I ask for calmness. (Let all the Assembly Parties here respect the rules of this House Without naming, let all Assembly parties respect the rules of this House Of course, the parties, the way they do their own affairs. We respect that. Wiper do will their own affairs now. NARC will do the same. Jubilee will do the same. UDA and all of us.

But kindly, members, we have a duty. We have a duty to serve our people. Remember, we are behind schedule because of the issues of the committees. And we believe it will not repeat again. So, kindly, members, the public are looking upon us. Look at the children who have come. And I've asked them to be at the Speaker's Gallery. They are my visitors. They are my visitors. (And I welcome them. Member for Kauwi mentioned to me that they are coming without our notice. (But I allowed them to even come and be at the Speaker's gallery. They are coming here to see what we do so that they emulate us. And they will take our feedback to our people at home. So, if we have a way of engaging...

*(Hon. Mary Ndumbu entered the Chamber)*

Mary Ndumbu, please take your seat before I proceed. So, members, if we need to engage, we engage respectfully. We follow the rule of law. We follow our own Standing Orders. We obey the constitution of Kenya 2010. And in respect to political parties, follow your party constitution. (Don't bring your party constitution to the Assembly. It is none of our business. Don't bring the issues at your party to the Assembly. It is none of our business. When you come here, this is our constitution; the Standing Orders. And that is the way to go. So, members, allow me to stop there and assure the Wiper party members that I will look into this matter. Of course, we are joining the next week. And I would love to offer guidance on it. I will offer detailed guidance on the same before we join the House next week. So, no cause for alarm. We are no cause for alarm, members. We have been in this fight for quite some time. Surely, waiting for one week is not too much to ask for. So that we abide by the law as it is.

So, let me stop at that point and because the students have come and I have welcomed them, I will request any member, starting with the member for Kauwi to join me in welcoming them once again, teachers and students. This is the County Assembly of Kitui. We love visitors, especially students. May God bless you. Let's clap for them. The way we clap, members. We have a style of clapping.

*(Applause)*

Yes. So, we thank you for coming and I'm sure the Office of the Clerk will organize for a tour for you so that you can take a short tour of the Assembly. Thank you very much. You may be seated. Member for Kauwi, please. One minute. And any other member can have a minute before we adjourn. Please, a member for Kauwi, take the floor. He's a very important member of this House He's the chair of a very powerful committee called the Public Investments and Accounts Committee; the Watchtower Committee. This is the committee which looks at the expenditure of the government. And he's a very able representative of the people of Kauwi ward. He comes here to represent you, and he's doing a good job. So Member for Kauwi please, take the floor.

**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** Indeed, thank you Hon. Speaker for giving us an opportunity, we as the people of Kauwi to come to the Assembly through my dear students and the Head teacher of Sangala Primary. This is Sangala Comprehensive School led by the Head teacher Mrs. Nzoka, the Deputy Head teacher, Mr. Musyoki and the other teachers. Among the delegation Hon. Speaker, I want to inform you that I have my relatives. Some of pupils here are my nieces.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Hon. Gabriel, you can request them to sit.

**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** You can now sit.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Feel Comfortable. Thank you.

**Hon. Gabriel Munyao:** Another teacher is my sister, my younger sister and so they have come to see what we do. They have been asking to come and see what happens at the assembly. And I'm happy to welcome them to the Kitui County Assembly.

I want them to feel at home. This is where I work from, and this is seat number three. It is the seat that the MCA for Kauwi sits. Actually, and I'm very happy because my colleagues love me. I also love my colleagues. I also love you as my pupils and our Speaker also loves you.

Honourable Speaker Sangala is just next to the place where you went Kisayani. Just next, two Kilometres away 2.7 Kilometres from Kisayani. Where you went for prayers, when you wanted to become the Speaker, what you have prayed for. I believe that you remember Kisayani AIC.

These are my very close voters. They are very close to me. And I just want to welcome them. Members, I want to ask that you welcome my dear students, my pupils. I love them. Actually, on a light note, Honourable Speaker, this polling station, I got about 80% of the votes in 2022. And I'm hoping that in 2027, I'll be getting 90% or 100%. Thank you, Honourable Speaker and much welcome to Sangala. Sangala is a good place. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you, member for Kauwi Ward. Sangala is indeed a beautiful place. And of course, I was at Kisayani, and you prayed for me. And you really blessed me, for me to become the Speaker.

So, I appreciate you, *Mheshimiwa* Gabriel and I also appreciate the students and teachers from Sangala. Member for Nguni, the Deputy Minority Leader. A very close friend of your area, MCA. They always sit together, always. So maybe he wants to say something. Do you want to go to Sangala? You remain at Nguni.

**Hon. Jeremiah Mutua:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. For the benefit of our learners and teachers, accompanying them from Sangala Comprehensive School, my name is Honourable Jeremiah Mutua. I'm the MCA for Nguni Ward, from Mwingi Central. I also serve as the Deputy Minority Leader in the Council Assembly of Kitui. And this minority side here at the Assembly, we put checks and balances to the government. And that means I was elected through a party called NARC, same party that sponsored your MCA to this County of Assembly of Kitui.

So, he belongs to our party, and we love him so much. Likewise, we love you so much, Sangala Comprehensive School, by extension since your MCA is my friend. What I can tell you is this, that through the Speaker, your MCA is very hardworking. And we want to see the same hard work getting into our minds and hearts as you continue working hard in your studies. If you look at most of the Honourable Members here, we come from different backgrounds. If every member here can speak to you and tell you what they were doing before they joined politics, you can get very encouraged.

Personally, I was a banker working with the various banks, KCB, equity, and others. I'm a mathematician and economist. Likewise, your MCA was a very good teacher.

I came to know him when he was teaching very well and getting very good grades for the pupils where he used to teach. I have a good friend, Honourable Ndagara, who is just sitting there and may be you can see that his microphone is on.

He's a journalist among many other people here, we have professions to take care of. Our Speaker here is a lawyer at the age of around thirty-one years.

You can become whatever you want to become at your life, regardless of your age, through your determination, through your hard work, and through the cooperation of our teachers.

To the learners, whatever the teachers are telling you becomes a foundation of our future. If a teacher is telling you to work very hard and then you go to the south, then you may not be able to become somebody in the future.

Listen to your teachers, work hard in what you are doing, be determined, and above all, respect your parents. If you feel respect to your parents, you can't even respect your pastor. And likewise, you can't respect God.

Parents, they are a source of our blessings. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, and we welcome once more Sangala Comprehensive School. I'm sure you'll be taken through so many issues concerning how the County Assembly works, and in by extension, the Parliament.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Thank you. Thank you. I can see several microphones. Please, we need to wind up, if I give you a chance. Not more than one minute, kindly. Let me start with the majority Whip, then the deputy-majority Whip, Hon. Judy, Hon. Mulandi, and then Hon. Mwamisi, in that order. Hon. Majority Whip, Please, take the floor.

**Hon. Boniface Mukwate:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, allow me to join my fellow MCAs, in welcoming the students and the teachers from Sangala. Is it primary or secondary? Here, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the leadership, kindly feel welcomed into this House, and we love you so much. Continue learning well.

Also, Mr. Speaker, allow me to give them just two words to consider in their life. That is, you invest much on discipline, and you cannot acquire character, but you can pray God so that he can give you a good character, that can give you a good discipline, that can lead you to be successful in this world. Thank you very much.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you, Majority Whip, Deputy Majority Whip, Hon. Ndagara.

**Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara:** *Wenzangu wamezungumza kwa lugha ya kimombo, naomba niongee kwa lugha ya Kiswahili ndiposa wanafunzi wasije wakadhani ya kwamba watu hapa huongea kwa lugha ya kimombo pekee.*

*Kwa hivyo, nataka kuungana na wenzangu kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wa Sangala pamoja na walimu. Pia nashukuru uongozi wa shule hiyo kwa vile ambavyo mmeweza kuweka mikakati mizuri ya uongozi; kwa sababu, mara nyingi watoto wanaweza kusoma mengi kwa kuona kwa*

*macho kuliko kuadidhiwa. kwa hivyo, tunaendelea kuupa uongonzi huo kongole kwa ajili ya hilo wazo nzuri*

*Vilevile, Bwana Spika, nataka kukushukuru kwa sababu wanasema njia ya mtu mzuri ama mapito ya kuelekea kwa nyumba ya mtu mzuri kila wakati huwa imepanuka. Hasa ukiona mtu anatembelewa na wageni wengi, ile njia ya kuelekea kwake... unajua wakati wa zamani zile njia ndogo ndogo zilikuwa za kuelekea katika zile nyumba ndogo.*

*Kwa hivyo, nashukuru sana kwa sababu wanafunzi wengi wamekuwa wakija hapa kutokana na sifa nzuri za Bunge hili kinyume na vile ilikuwa hapo awali.*

*Wanafunzi wa Sangala, kule kwenu Kauwi mlituletea mwalimu, awe mmoja wetu, wakilishi wa Wadi. Siri moja ya Mwakilishi wenu ni ya kwamba ameprevuka kiwango cha haja; kwa sababu aliwekwa katika kamati ile ya kuangalia jinsi pesa za Kaunti mzima zinatumiwa. Kwa hivyo si watu lele mama ambao wanawekwa pale. Ni watu ambao kidogo kidogo wamekula vitabu na wanaelewa vitabu vizuri.*

*Vilevile, nimaamini katika wakilishi wa Wadi, pale Kauwi, kwa mara hii ukiona mtu ambaye alibwanga yule mwanamke ambaye nilimuona wakati mmoja ijapokuwa sikumuona vizuri. Alikuwa mwakilishi wa Kauwi na alikuwa bongwe la mama lakini jamaa huyu alimbwanga chini. Nikumaanisha ya kwamba Munyao si mtu hivi hivi.*

*Vilevile, pia naamini ya kwamba amefanya kazi. Nilipitia kwake bwana Spika na nikaona vile amefanya kazi kule kwake. Ameshirikiana na serikali kuu na vilevile serikali yetu ya kaunti.*

*Vilevile, ni mtu ambaye ukitaka kufurahi, mtafute Mheshimiwa wa Kauwi bwana Munyao, ni mcheshi, japo nikisema Mcheshi wengine wanasema mshenzi, inamaanisha huchekesha-ni mtu anapenda utani. Ata mambo yakienda msegemnege kila wakati yeye ni mcheshi....*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** *Mheshimiwa Ndagara, kuna mahali umetukoronga kidogo, mtanashati itakaribianaje na kuwa mcheshi! Mimi najua Kiswahili vizuri, mtanashati!*

**Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara:** *Na mimi ni mwalimu wa Kiswahili, mtanashati ni mtu ambaye..*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** *Mtanashati haimanishi mcheshi. Unataka niulize mwalimu?*

**Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara:** *Mimi ndio mwalimu wa walimu, kwa hivyo bwana Spika usije ukatatofautiana na mimi kwa maana...*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** *Haya, wacha nikuwache kwa leo (kicheko)*

**Mhesh. Godfrey Ndagara:** *(Kicheko) Mambo ya ngoso, uwachie ngoso mwenyewe. Kwa hivyo nashukuru sana kwa vile wamefanya. Jambo la mwisho tu kwa kumalizia ni ya kwamba, tunaamini wanafunzi, tunaamini hawa ni vijana ambao wanaweza kuwa chochote. Waswahili wanatumia mfano wa jiwe la tubawe. Jiwe la tubawe linaweza kuchukuliwa na kutupwa mahali popote na likaweza kufikiwa pale.*

*Jiwe la tubawe ni jiwe ndogo, kuna yale mawe makubwa huwezi kuinua. Lakini hawa ni wototo ambao wanaweza kuwa chochote chenye wanataka. Kwa hivyo, nawausia kwamba, wakawati mnaenda pale darasani. Unaweza kuwa chochote kile unataka na uanze kuwa hicho kitu mara hiyo hiyo ukiwa pale darasani.*

*Naamini walimu wenu ni kuruzi ya kukumlikia mapito yako mahali utapitia. Kwa hivyo, waheshimu kwa maana hao ndio watakuelekeza kwa njia ambazo ni nzuri. Kwa hivyo, sitaki kuongea mengi zaidi, nawataki kila la heri na naamini ata mwaka huu wataweza kufanya mtihani vizuri wale ambao wako katika gredi ya tisa. Kwa hivyo tumeshukuru sana. Asanteni.*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Judith, tafadhari nakuomba uongee kwa ufupi na uambie Mheshimiwa Ndagara maana ya kuwa mtanashati, sitaki kusema mimi...

**Mhesh. Judith Kasyoka:** Asante bwana Spika, ahasema yeye. Kwa majina ni vile mmeskia, naitwa Mheshimiwa Judith Wanza. Nimechanguliwa kutoka katika Wadi ya Nuu na pia mimi nimesimama kama vile wenzangu wamesema, kukaribisha watoto wa shule ya msingi ya Sangala.

*Pia nashukuru mwenyezi Mungu kwa kuniwezesha kusimama katika Bunge hili. kwa sababu nadhani kutoka mwezi wa tatu tarehe ishirini na sita ndio nimesimama hapa leo.*

*Nilipata ajali kidogo hapa kwa Bunge nikavunjika mguu na nashukuru Mwenyezi Mungu. Hilo linaonyesha kila siku ukiamka ukiwa salama, jifunze kushukuru Mwenyezi Mungu kwani si kawaida.*

*Afyani ni muhimu katika kila jambo kwa hivyo nashukuru na kwa hawa Watoto. Nasema ya kwamba nimesimama kama kiongozi na pia kama mama. Niwaambie ya kwamba yote yawezekana, chochote unachotarajia kufanya katika maisha, ndoto zote zinawezekana hila tu ukitia maanani unachotaka.*

*Kwa hivyo, nasema ya kwamba karibuni katika Bunge la Kitui. Huku ndiko kwetu, vile mmeona ni safi na huku hawaji watu ambao hawajasoma sana. Lazima usome, lazima ujue unachotaka katika maisha.*

*Nashukuru na kusema ya kwamba chochote chawezekana ikiwa mtatia maanani. Kwa hivyo karibuni huku kwetu, Mheshimiwa wenu wa Kauwi ni rafiki yangu sana, huwa tunaitana "True brother, true sister" msiniulize ilitoka wapi, tunajuana.*

*Karibuni tena, tabia na masomo zinaambatana, msisumbue walimu wenu, jua unachokitaka na ukiendee. Asanteni.*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Asante sana Mheshimiwa Judith. Mheshimiwa Benjamin Ndambu Mulandi najua ni jirani wa Kauwi na pia ni kijana, yuko chini ya umri wa miaka thelathini na mitano.

*Hapa vijana tuko wengi sana ata mimi nipo hapo. Ndagara, usindanganyane, ushaapita miaka thelathini na mitano, Katula yuko hapo. Huyu ndiye mwenyekiti wetu. Sema jambo.*

**Hon. Benjamin Mulandi:** Thank you Speaker for giving a chance to join the others in welcoming our pupils from Sangala Primary School. My name is Benjamin Mulandi, alias "Mheshimiwa kiluma" I am the chairperson, Culture, Youths and Sports and also the member elected for Mutonguni ward, Mutonguni is neighbouring ward to Kauwi.

The MCA for Kauwi is a friend of mine, a good neighbour and we are happy to host you today, our pupils from Kitui West. Kitui West is a constituency that is too much pro-education. We love education so we ask you to come next time, be with us, continue learning from us as the assembly. So, that you can follow our footsteps as we are big brothers.

We are not so much ahead of you in terms of age. Kitui County went to records, for having the largest number of youngest MCAs countrywide. That's a good sign that you can achieve and also join us some years to come in this assembly to transact business on behalf of our people. Thank you, karibuni sana.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Asante sana, mwenye kiti wetu wa kamati ya wanarika na michezo. Kuna mwenyekiti mwingine wa kamati ya vijana wengine, yuko upande huu lakini atangoja kidogo atuambie yeye ni wa kamati gani ya vijana kama yeye.

*Yeye pia ni kijana, lakini angoje kidogo tumalizane na Mheshimiwa Mwamisi. Mheshimiwa Mwamisi, dakika moja, alafu mwenyekiti wa ile kamati nyingine ya vijana wale wengine tutampa nafasi.*

**Hon. Dominic Mwamisi:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker for giving me the opportunity to join Honourable Gabriel Munyao, the member of county assembly representing Kauwi Ward. Hon. Gabriel Munyao, I also want to welcome the pupils from Sangala comprehensive primary school. Led by their head of institution, the teacher who is leading them. I just want to confirm that the people of Kauwi voted for the best.

Hon. Speaker, Hon. Gabriel Munyao, today in the morning when you are not around, I was very deliberate and went and sat in that seat that he's seated and he was so disoriented, in fact he had to raise the issue with the Speaker, the session chair who was chairing.

But he's a good man. Later in the morning we went and visited the Kitui General Hospital and visited some, I want to inform the House that Honourable Kimuli Kyalo, has a brother who is unwell, and we went and visited him plus other people from our constituents and he led us with prayers. He's a good man, he's a man of God. Honourable Speaker, I wanted to confirm this to his people. Thank you for voting for him, we wish you well. Thank you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you very much, Honourable Mwamisi, and thank you for that information about Honourable Kimuli's brother. We wish the brother to our colleague a very quick recovery. Thank you.

Now, let hear from the chairman of the other committee of other young people in this assembly, he will explain which committee, but he's a very young man at heart. Please take the floor.

**Mhesh. Alphonse Mukwaiyu:** *Shukrani, Mheshimiwa Spika, pia mimi nitaongea kwa lugha ya taifa. Kwa sababu, pia mimi zamani nilikuwa ustadhi.*

*Jambo la kwanza nataka kukaribisha wanafunzi na walimu kutoka shule ya Sangala. Pia niwaambie ya kwamba mwakilishi wao ni rafiki yangu. Tumefanya mambo mengi na yeye pamoja na kujenga kanisa.*

*Nataka kuwaambia wanafunzi na walimu, ukitaka kuishi Maisha marefu soma vitabu, wale wasomi hawafi na wakifa hawanuki. Yes, Mimi Maisha yangu mengi nimekuwa kwa vitabu, na ni vizuri kuwaambia wanafunzi na walimu ya kwamba, ukiuliza wanafunzi wengi kwa lugha ya kimombo "what would you like to be" wengi watasema, "I would like to be a pilot".*

*Mheshimiwa Spika, ni vizuri niwaambie ya kwamba nilikuwa rubani, nimeendesha ndege, farasi na ata nimeendesha meli; kwa sababu ya vitabu nimepeta bahati kubwa, nikatembea duniani, nakaishi maisha mazuri. Nawahimiza walimu pia wasome sana.*

*Mimi sina mengi, nawakaribisha katika Bunge hili na niwaambie ya kwamba katika Bunge hili kwa maana naskia watu wengi wakiwaambia ati wao ni vijana "youth and young MCAs" ni vizuri kusema ya kwamba tuko na mheshimiwa mwingine hapa ambaye ni kijana kama mimi. Tunaitana "senior" Mheshimiwa Muanga.*

*Waswahili husema, penye wazee hapaharibiki neno, hawa vijana wangukuwa peke yao maneno yangeharibika, lakini kwa sababu ya sisi Bunge letu liko imara. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Spika.*

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** *Asante sana Mheshimiwa Mukwaiyu. Yeye ni mtaalamu, yeye ni rubani, anaweza kuendesha ndege kutoka hapa hadi Marekani na arudi. Si ndege za abiria ni ndege za kivita, yeye ni mwanajeshi pia. Si mnaona tuko na waheshimiwa wataalamu katika nyadhifa mbambali. Kwa hivyo, mheshimiwa Mukwaiyu tunakushukuru sana*

*kwa sababu pia wewe hutusaidia sana hapa...Ama unataka kuongezea jambo? Ongea na wanafunzi, uweze kuwapa motisha. Unajua wewe ni rubani, vilevile wewe ni mwanajeshi...*

**Mhesh. Alphonse Mukwaiyu:** *Mheshimiwa Spika, sio rubani wa ndege za kijeshi peke yake. Tunasema, “combat pilot” ndege za kivita. Kwa hivyo nimepigana nikiwa hewani kulinda nchi na singeweza kupigwa risasi, nilikuwa nahepa.* Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**The Speaker (Mhesh. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** *Mmepata habari hiyo? Wakati kutakuwa na sherehe za mashujaa hapa katika kaunti ya Kitui, mtakuja muone vile ndege hizo zinaendeshwa, ata wakirusha “misilles” wanahepa. Asante sana Mheshimiwa Mukwaiyu. Kuna mtaalamu mwingine hapa kwa mambo ya kidiplomasia. Amefanya kazi katika wizara ya kigeni kwa miaka mingi. Alitoka akiwa kwenye kiwango cha balozi na pia amesoma sana hadi katika nchi ya Uswizi. Na pia ndiye MCA wangu wa Tseikuru, nampenda sana. Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Muange sema jambo ndio tumalizie.*

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker for kind words on me. To the school of Sangala, pupils and your teachers. My name is Kimanzi Muange, I represent the great Ward of Tseikuru in Mwingi North. I am only standing here to welcome your students and your teachers. And also, that my senior and contemporary Honourable Mukwaiyu mentioned me.

It is true that we belong to the same category of demography. And of course, we are happy to blend very well with the young MCAs who are in this particular County assembly.

When Honourable Ndagara speaks in Swahili, I am always very happy. I sit at peace because I know he does it correctly. When Honourable Munyao prays, when he prays for us, he is a very good pastor. I always get blessed.

So, you have elected a very able MCA. He is young. He is growing. And I am sure him, plus the other MCAs from Kitui West, need to nurture them. They will grow into something bigger. They should be the MCAs, the MPs, and the Senators of this County.

So, students, you are here with your teachers. Ask any question that you want to ask. Go into any department the Speaker has allowed you to move around. Get the knowledge that you can use that will be impactful in your life.

When you are through with your first career, because I know some of you want to be lawyers and engineers. Others want to be doctors. Once you are at that level, you can also choose to be a politician. My background is diplomacy. I have been a diplomat before. And even right now, I behave like one. But I have entered this murky water of politics. And I am well grounded in it. So, welcome and feel at home. God bless you.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** The students are behind you.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** Who is here?

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** The students are there, yes.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** The students are at the Speaker's gallery. There is a team I can see over there...

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** There is another team.

**Hon. Daniel Muange:** I don't know who they are, they are on both sides. Public gallery and the Speaker's gallery. So, there are quite a number. Welcome and God bless you as you walk around to see what we do.

**The Speaker (Hon. Kevin Kinengo Katisya):** Thank you, members. I think we can stop at that point. Hon. Muthama Kieti, please take your seat so that we can adjourn together.

Members, I think we can stop at that point. And once again, I appreciate you for joining me and Honourable Gabriel in welcoming the students and teachers from Sangala Comprehensive School. Feel much welcome. We are honoured to have you here.

We would have adjourned a long time ago. But when *Mheshimwa* whispered to me that you are coming, I had to delay the House so that you arrive. That's how much we respect him. He is a dear colleague to all of us here, because of him, we said we will wait for you.

Then, *Mheshimiwa* after we adjourn the House , after I change, I will come there and take a group photo with him and have an informal discussion with them, despite our busy schedule. We have a very busy schedule but we can engage the members who will be available.

After that Mr. Kirigwi (Senior Seargent-at Arms) and your team, take them round again. Office of the Clerk, organise for them to be taken around. I'm sure they will learn a lot and this should not be your last time to visit us. Always visit us whenever you get a chance.

So, members, thank you very much. May God bless us as we continue serving our people. With those few remarks, let us now be upstanding so that we adjourn the House.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Honourable members, this House is adjourned today, the 30th day of July 2025. We shall resume on Tuesday, 5th August 2025 at 2:30p.m. Thank you.

**The County Assembly rose at 4:10 p.m.**