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[Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri) In the Chair]

PRAYERS.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COUNTY ASSEMBLIES FORUM (CAF) LEADERSHIP

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Honourable Members today we are having visitors in our House. We are hosting the County Assemblies Forum (CAF) Leadership, they came to visit us as one of the Stakeholders.

PAPER

**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NAKURU COUNTY MEDIUM TERM DEBTS STATEMENTS,
2022/2024 TO 2025/2026**

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Paper to be laid by the honorable Keziah Okumu on behalf of the leader of the Majority Party Honorable Alex Langat.

Hon. Keziah Okumu: Sorry honorable Speaker, the Leader of Majority Party is in the House.

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Honorable Speaker, with me here is the County Government of Nakuru County Medium Term Debts Statements. This is for the period 2022/2024 to 2025/2026. I wish to lay the same before the floor of the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Leader of the Majority Party, next order.

STATEMENT

NJORO SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): There is a Statement to be sought by honorable John Macharia Gachiri from Rhonda Ward.

Hon. John Gachiri: Thank you Honourable Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(2) (c) I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Energy, Water and Natural Resources concerning the management of NAWASCO Njoro. Sewerage Treatment

Plant. One of the Nakuru Water and Sewerage Company Plant which is Njoro Sewerage Treatment Plant is located in Rhonda Ward. In the past years there have been complains by the surrounding Community regarding the management of the Plant.

To be specific, the residents have complained of immergence of corrosive chemicals that have severely affected the roofing materials of almost all the households within the vicinity. Honourable Speaker, Sewerage Treatment and management is crucial to the surrounding community and the environment in general. As we may all be aware if not well taken care of the chemicals and other harmful substance produced can turn catastrophic to the community around the Plant. I therefore request the Chairperson for the Committee on Environment, Energy, Water and Natural Resources to respond to the following-

1. Whether the Department of Environment, Energy, Water and Natural Resources is aware of the adverse effects of the chemicals emanating from the Plant to the surrounding environment
2. Whether there has been any Study carried out to ascertain and the negative effect of the Sewerage Plant to the surrounding environment including health risks
3. Steps taken to reduce or minimize the effect of the Chemicals emanating from the sewerage Treatment to the surrounding environment.

Honourable Speaker, I am so grateful and thank for the time.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the honorable Member for Rhonda Ward. The request for the Statement is well received and it is committed to the Committee on Environment, Energy, Water and Natural Resources. The Chairperson to take note and report back to this House after 21 days. Next order.

MOTION.

COUNTY FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER (CFSP) 2023.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Before we proceed with to the Motion, the Paper that was laid by the Leader of Majority Party, the County Government of Nakuru County Medium Term Debts Statements. This is for the period 2022/2024 to 2025/2026 is committed to the Committee on Budget and Appropriations. We proceed with the Motion by Honorable Alex Mbugua, the Chairperson of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Honorable Speaker, I have a Motion on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper CFSP 2023. This Paper is prepared pursuant to Section 17 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 (PFM) and the County Government Regulations 2015. It is the 10th County Fiscal Strategy Paper to be prepared under Devolved System of Governance and the first to be prepared under the new County Administration. Honourable Speaker, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023 sets out the Fiscal Strategy and Policy initiatives of the current Government for the mid term period as espoused in its Development Agenda as contained in the soon to be finalised Third County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) 2023/2027. The

County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023 is prepared against a backdrop of global slow down characterized by the ongoing Russia /Ukraine Conflict, Global Inflation and effects of post Covid and Climate Change related to Supply Chain Distributions. In view of the above, the Administration is cognisant that the Fiscal outlook is faced by a number of things related to performance of the Global and Domestic Economy Budget Execution Risk, dwindling fiscal space due creation of new entities and potential impacts of the unfavorable weather that poses risk to Food Security.

In this regard, the County has identified appropriate mitigation measures to counter the Internal Institutional Risks among others that includes reforms that will ensure improvement in the Budget absorption by addressing the Budget Cycle implementation challenges in the Bill of Quantities preparations phase and Procurement. Resolutions of Pending Bills and Human Resources, institute revenue value chain and enhancement strategies, improving efficiency and expenditure control measures during the period.

Honorable Speaker, to address the Development objectives and deliver the expectations of the Nakuru residents, the administration has identified five Policy Initiatives for the next Mid Term Fiscal Strategy period which are also aligned to the Third County Integrated Development Plan 2023/2027. These includes

1. Leveraging on growth in Productive Sectors
2. Promotion of access to quality and affordable Healthcare Services
3. Operationalisation and expansion of County Fiscal and Social Structures
4. Creating an enabling environment for Socio-Economic recovery and Private Sector Growth
5. Enhancing Governance and Accountability through County Public Service Reforms

Honorable Speaker, the County Government purposes to maintain a balanced budget with expenditure equaling the Revenue Projections. The projected Expenditure will thus total Kshs 18.174 billion, the Expenditure will comprise of Kshs 12.91 billion which is 67.63% for the Recurrent Expenditure and Kshs 5.883 billion which is 32% for Development Expenditure. The Development Expenditure will include Kshs 1.65 billion which is 47% of the Ward Development Kitty as pursuant to Nakuru County Revenue Allocation Act 2028 and the legal compliance of 2023 County Fiscal Strategy Paper. County Fiscal Strategy Paper was submitted in accordance the Public Finance Management Act Section 117 on the 28th February, 2023 to adhere to the County Treasury guidelines. Further, the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023 was subjected to Public Participation from the 30th January to 3rd February 2023 at the Agriculture Training Centre ATC in Soilo as requirement by law that the County take into views among others in preparing the CFSP. You will notice that as we proceed recent economic development have been catered for from page 11 all the way to page 38 where I want to move with Members concerning Departmental Ceilings.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Muraya

Hon. Joseph Muraya: [On a Point of Order]. According to our Standing Order 209 (3), (4) and (5) which says that – upon being laid before the Assembly the County Fiscal Strategy Paper shall

be deemed to have been committed to each Departmental Committee or Sectorial without question put, for each such Committee to deliberate upon according to their respective mandate and make recommendations to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. In part 4 it reads, in considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper the Budget and Appropriations Committee....

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! The Honorable Chairperson you may resume your seat.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Part four reads in considering the County Fiscal Strategy Paper, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall consult each Departmental Committee and table a Report containing its recommendation on the Statements to the Assembly for consideration. In part 5 it reads, the Report prepared by the Budget and Appropriations Committee Pursuant to Paragraph 4, shall include a schedule of ceilings of resources recommended for the County Government Entities, Departments and Assembly. Now my question is to the Chairperson for the Committee on Budget and Appropriations or I will be guided by you honorable Speaker whether this County Fiscal Strategy Paper was committed to all the Departmental Committees for consideration and recommendation.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order Members! The Honourable Member for Viwandani Ward who is Honourable Mwangi, whenever the Fiscal Strategy Paper is tabled before this House, as you have read it is considered that it has been committed to all the Sectorial Committees. I remember that day I directed that all the Chairpersons of Sectorial Committees to take note, organise their Committees to meet with the Committee on Budget and Appropriations so that they can bring the Report to the House. It was the work of the Chairpersons from Various Sectorial Committees to engage with the Committee on Budget so that they can bring Reports to this House. On that I can confirm that we directed as such and the Chairperson on Budget can continue with the Report.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Honorable Speaker, I will not be bedeviled on that, I will go to the Sector Ceilings. Pursuant to Section 26 (6) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, County Government Regulations 2015 and Section 129 (2) (b) of the Public Finance Management Act 2012, I recommend that the following be the Budget Ceilings binding in their preparations of the Financial Year 2023/2024 Budget as shown in the next Annexure 1 of this Report.

I will start with the first Department which is Agriculture, Livestock Development, Fisheries and Veterinary Services, the Committee proposes a Sub-Sector Ceiling be of Kshs 964,287,910 comprising of Kshs 362,963, 105 for compensation to Employees and Kshs. 143,710,894 for use of Goods and Services and Kshs. 456.6 million for development. This allocation is 5.30% of the Total Budget. On the Department of Housing, Urban Development and Physical Planning the Committee proposes that the Sub-Sector Ceiling be Kshs. 577,769,374 comprising of Kshs. 96,560,546 for compensation to employees and Kshs. 77,379,898 for use of Good and Services and Kshs. 403.8 million for development. This allocation is 3.18% of the Total Budget. Included in these ceilings is money for operationalisation of Molo and Gilgil Municipalities. In Education Department, the Committee proposes a Sub-Sector Ceiling of Kshs. 1.13 billion comprising of Kshs. 512, 925,062 for compensation to Employees and Kshs. 441.1 million for use of good and services and Kshs. 182.0 for Development. These allocation...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): What is it Honorable Kajwang?

Hon. Peter Kajwang: The Chairman is addressing the House and his Hansard Microphone is off.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Sergeant at Arms to confirm whether Microphone is off or on.

Hon. Alex Mbugua: I am asking for the amplification of sound because I think too..... thank you, Honourable Speaker. We stated that in the Department of Education this was 6.2% of the total budget. In that Honourable Speaker...

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Hon. Alex Mbugua: ...is Kshs.165 million translating to Kshs. 3,000,000 per Ward. These Ward bursaries will go a long way in assisting our needy students. Kshs. 65 million for rolling out School Feeding Programme and Kshs. 122 million for Vocational Training Centres around the County.

YOUTH, CULTURE, GENDER, SPORTS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, the Committee proposes that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 374,097,097 comprising of Kshs.113, 740,713 for compensation to employees, Kshs. 161,533,277 for use of goods and services and 98,823,107 for development. This allocation is 2.06 percent of the total budget.

Included in these ceilings Honorable Speaker, is Kshs. 27.5 million disability fund and Kshs. 27.5 million for sports. Infrastructure

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 824.99 comprising of Kshs.126.9 for compensation to employees, Kshs. 229,937,964 for use of goods and services

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): is it in terms of millions?

Hon. Alex Mbugua: yes, it is in terms of millions. As I proceed, and 468,0for development. This allocation is 4.54 percent of the total budget.

WATER, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes that this sector ceiling be Kshs. 635.3comprising of Kshs. 230.2for compensation to employees, Kshs. 99,4 for use of goods and services and 305.6for development. This allocation is 3.50 percent of the total budget.

TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION, COOPERATIVES AND TOURISM

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sector ceiling be Kshs. 411,503,737 comprising of Kshs. 71.2 for compensation to employees, Kshs. 137.9for use of goods and services and 202.2 for development. This allocation is 2.26 percent of the total budget.

Included in these ceilings Honorable Speaker, is Kshs. 50 million for the County enterprise and cooperative revolving fund to support small and medium sized enterprises and the Kshs. 100 million for aggregated industrial parks programme to promote County development along value addition and innovation.

HEALTH SERVICES

Honourable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sector ceiling be Kshs. 6.8b comprising of Kshs. 4.07b for compensation to employees, Kshs. 1.7b for use of goods and services and 971m for development. This allocation is 37.63 percent of the total budget.

Included in compensation of employees Honorable Speaker is an amount of Kshs. 155,118,336 for phased confirmation of Health Workers on contract starting with the group engaged in 2016 (156 Health Workers) upon the expiry of their contracts.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY GOVERNOR

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub-sector ceiling be Kshs 472,098,010 which comprises of Kshs 94.9m for compensation of employees, Kshs 276.7m for use of goods and services and Kshs 100.4m for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 2.6 percent of the total budget.

COUNTY TREASURY

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub-sector ceiling be Kshs. 3,471,523,455 comprising of Kshs. 539.3m for compensation to employees, Kshs. 540.4m for use of goods and services and 2.3b for development. This allocation is 37.8 percent of the total budget.

Honorable Speaker, included in the County Treasury development is the Ward Resource envelope of Kshs. 1,650,000,000, Debt resolution of Kshs. 350 million and mortgage amounting to Kshs. 130 million among other sectors priorities.

PUBLIC SERVICE, TRAINING AND DEVOLUTION

Honourable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 893,283,608 which comprises of Kshs 531.0m for compensation of employees, Kshs 299.8m for use of goods and services and Kshs 65.3m for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 4.93 percent of the total budget

Honourable Speaker, included in these ceilings is the Medical and General Insurance provision of Kshs. 194 million

COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 82.4m which comprises of Kshs 30.3m for compensation of employees, Kshs 45.0 for use of goods and services and Kshs 7.0m for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 0.43 percent of the total budget

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Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs.109.5m which comprises of Kshs 13.5m for compensation of employees, Kshs 40.9 for use of goods and services and Kshs 55.0 for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 0.60 percent of the total budget.

NAIVASHA MUNICIPALITY

Honorable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 96,3m which comprises of Kshs 10.3m for compensation of employees, Kshs 35.9m for use of goods and services and Kshs 50.0 for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 0.53 percent of the total budget

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Honourable Speaker, the Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs. 77.6m which comprises of Kshs 18.3m for compensation of employees, Kshs 53.3m for use of goods and services and Kshs 6.0 for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 0.43 percent of the total budget.

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Honourable Speaker, the County Assembly have complied with the recurrent ceiling while waiting for the determination by the Senate.

The Committee proposes to that this sub sector ceiling be Kshs.1.2b which comprises of Kshs 437.9m for compensation of employees, Kshs 618.3m for use of goods and services and Kshs 120m for Development Expenditure. This allocation is 6.64 percent of the total budget.

Honourable Speaker, included in these ceilings is the staff mortgage amounting to Kshs. 80 million.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Honourable Speaker, the Committee makes the following further recommendations

- i. The County to fast-track reforms that will ensure improvement in the budget absorption by addressing the budget cycle implementation challenges in the BQs preparation phase, procurement, pending bills resolution and Human Resource.
- ii. The County to institute Revenue Value Chain enhancement strategies. Taking cognisance of the strained fiscal space.

iii. The County has one- Level Five facility, 15 Level Four facilities, 43 Level Three facilities, 141 Level Two facilities and 289 Level One facilities. The County Government does not plan to construct new Health Facilities as the data from the Health Department shows that the County has reached the target of having a 5-kilometre radius distance from one Healthcare facility to another except for Rongai and Kuresoi North that do not have Level Four facilities.

With that I will ask Members to move to annexure 4 budget ceilings Financial Year 2023/24 Ward Allocations and ask Members that is what will be submitted for public participation. Thank you Mr. Speaker. I wish to ask honorable Ngware the Deputy Speaker to second the Motion.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honorable Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Joseph Ngware): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I rise to second the Motion. And Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Members of that Committee, the Budget Committee for the good work that we have been doing for this County for their input and also the input of a very able Chairman. And on this note Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the Report.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Motion is that this House adopt the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023. The Motion is open for debate. The Honourable Member from Elburgon.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am privileged to be here in this House for the second time. And I am happy Mr. Speaker because we have had one of the progressed Fiscal Strategy Paper that has been brought to this House. Mr. Speaker, it has considered all the issues that were raised by different Departments. Mr. Speaker before you gave your ruling, I want to say that once the Paper was committee including the Executive Departments, they called the Committees to explain to them and to inform them what they want to do. Mr. Speaker, I am happy because I have seen that the Health Department has been given the lion's share of which Mr. Speaker, I can continue to plead and say it is not enough. Mr. Speaker, I however on the way because I know we are going to enhance our systems of collections of revenue, Mr. Speaker, and I do believe that whatever we have been given rather the Department has been given is going to give the best platform for making sure that in the future, there will be much to be collected in that Department Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker however, there are critical parts of this Fiscal Strategy Paper that need to be critically analysed because it negates from the principles of democracy, Mr. Speaker. And that is why Mr. Speaker, I go to an annexure four; whatever has been provided there for our Wards to me, I would say it is taking us back Mr. Speaker, some miles behind. Mr. Speaker, if you look at per capita what those people we represent are going to get vis a vis what we have been given Mr. Speaker, I would say there is an error somewhere. And Mr. Speaker, I wish to request that this House be considerate when we will be passing these ceilings so that this money that has been allocated to various Wards, including the highly populated Wards they can be given a proper hearing, so that Mr. Speaker we can progress.

Mr. Speaker, I want to move you to Order 56 (1) on amendment to Motion; unless otherwise provided in the Standing Orders any amendment to a Motion which a Member wishes to propose in accordance with these Standing Orders may be moved and if necessary, seconded at any time, after the question upon the Motion has been proposed. And before it has been put Mr. Speaker, I want to request you Mr. Speaker if you look for instance some Wards, especially where we come from, we are under the processes and principles that have been guiding the philosophies of democracy in the Country.

Mr. Speaker what we were saying is an issue of one man, one shilling. Other people came up with other philosophies of *Kazi ni kazi, pesa mfukoni*, but if we go as per what has been provided here that one will not be achieved. And therefore, Mr. Speaker, I want to request the House that rather than using these sensors that are being provided here, that to my assumption, it has some errors. Mr. Speaker, we still abide by the senses of towline. Mr. Speaker, that means the status quo should remain, we proceed because next year we are going to have boundary reviews, Mr. Speaker and the population is going to be matched according to their Wards. And because I know Mr. Speaker that actually the Wards are going to get the proportionate share that befits their Wards that is going to be healthy.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot continue by appropriating funds to go to the lands. Mr. Speaker, we are not looking at the size of the lands. Mr. Speaker, we look at the size of population. Decisions in this County Mr. Speaker, are made based on individuals. That is why it is not the size the square kilometres that goes to vote Mr. Speaker, it is individuals in this Country Mr. Speaker. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I request and I humbly request, and I beseech this House to be considerate; some of us who represent some Wards that have slums, women and men usually come to our office to look for bursaries and with what we have been given here today Mr. Speaker, I can assure you, the individuals and members of public from Elburgon will not be able to get budget enhancement with this kind of allocation. Mr. Speaker, I request and I humbly request the House to abide by the principles of democracy and to give those Wards that have highest number of individuals their proportionate share of the number. Mr. Speaker, I beg to submit to the House and to request the House to be considered. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Honourable Member from Elburgon you have raised a very significant matter. And you referred us to that annexure. And it is the law. Of course, in Nakuru County, we have an Act that governs how monies for development is divided amongst the Wards and so unless until that law is amended, we are not able to effect that through maybe an amendment or some sort of in this House. It is a law; it is an Act. So maybe what needs to be done is to look to the parameters because for the population, the law is 30% for areas square kilometrers; in area it is 10% that is considered

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The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): ... so unless now there is an amendment to that Act, then the allocation stands as indicated in that Fiscal Strategy Paper. That does not mean that at any one given time, any Hon. Member, including Honorable from Elburgon can pick an amendment to that

law so that in the subsequent Fiscal Strategy Paper, the ceilings are going to be done as the law then would have been changed. That was a view from what the Hon. Member

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of Information Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Yes.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Mr. Speaker sir, I am cognisant of the Bill and the Act on what it prescribes but the estimated population of some of the Wards are not what gazzeted was. The pointing case is one Ward that is called Kihingo Ward. The Ward is said to have 25,000 residents. Currently, what has been provided here is 16,000. If you are bound by that, then it means that the Bill, people of Kihingo will be affected to tremendously by such allocation.

Secondly, on the issue of square kilometre and that is why I said on the issue of lands. My Ward does not equate to what has been provided here and therefore, if you look at the Kenya Gazette and you look at the size of our area and the estimates of the square kilometers that has been provided, it also brings shortfalls and that is why I am informing the House that when we will be making this decision and also being considerate of our Act, I would wish that we be given a room as far as these ceilings per Ward are concerned so that at the end of the day, the per capita will be at least equivalent to the expectations of each and every citizen in the Republic and also in Nakuru County.

Therefore, it is just to inform the House and also you as the Chair to look at it in a nutshell and to see whether what was gazzeted by KNBS and what we have here is in tandem. If it will be in tandem, then it means in future, we will be requested to amend before they pass the budget. We also risk a chance of some of the Members here going to court to block this allocation which does not sound well. Because this is an Honorable House, we can deliberate it today and to quash that KNBS census results that were provided. Thank you for allowing me to inform the House.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. This is the way would be. The allocation for the Ward, that ceiling, would remain as it is for the purposes of this Report. However, the Chairman Budget and the Committee will be tasked to look at the issues that have been raised by the Honorable Member from Elburgon so that when the Budget estimates would be coming, you will be able to be in agreement from the various Wards so that no Ward would be disadvantaged. Hon. Chair for Budget, take note.

Hon. Member for Malewa West.

Hon. Francis Kuria: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Give credit where it is due. I would start by commending the good job that the Budget Committee has done. If you look at annex 4 on Ward Allocation, I was trying to figure out; some of the Wards have very large areas and when IEBC were doing the boundary, some locations are very far from one area to the other. For example, if you look at Eburu Mbaruk, the allocation there and the square kilometer, you will find that it has 621 square kilometers and practically, you know Eburu Mbaruk borders Elementaita on the other end and you find maybe to tarmac or to murram one road from the main road to one location is about 15 or 20 kilometers.

With this allocation, the Ward Fund, either IEBC to review boundaries again so that this allocation can change, basing that if the Honorable Member of that area is going to do a road work with this allocation, maybe he will do 2 or 3 kilometers because there are other developments that are needed to be delivered on that area. I therefore request that still, unless IEBC does the review of boundaries, they need to be considered in a special way noting that those Wards are in town, get other sources of funds maybe they are under Municipality. We have the World Bank, we have the City Board so those who are in rural areas have no one to consider them. I therefore request the next allocation we be considered, I personally being I am a victim. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member for Keringet.

Hon. William Mutai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I first of all want to congratulate the Committee for this integrated and very comprehensive Report that they have given. I want to appreciate a lot of good things that I have read. However, there are just a few issues that I feel like they should be pointed out.

Checking on the annexed Report on the Ward Allocation, I think though we are not going to change the Act, there are certain regulations that are supposed to be put into this Act, possibly if not now, in the near future. Look at this issue of area square kilometer. According to me, there are quite a lot of things that are supposed to be looked into. For instance, the terrain of the land. The area can be small but if the terrain of the land is rugged, coming to the construction of infrastructure and particularly things to do with the bridges, it can really be very expensive.

Looking at the ecological factors like the climate, it can also be a very great challenge because there are certain areas that receive abundant rainfall for about 8 to 10 months in a year whereas in some other areas, they might be receiving rains for very few months. This brings a lot of challenges when it comes to the construction of the infrastructure because rainy areas mean that the roads must be made in a more expertize manner than in areas that does not receive a lot of rainfall.

Notwithstanding to mention about the nature of the soil. In certain areas like the areas that are affected by volcanic activities, you find that these areas have sandy soils and making a road in a sandy soil area is very cheap as compared to areas that have sloppy soils. I am specifically quoting an area where I come from; Keringet region, which is in Mau Region. When you even put a lot murrum, within six months the soils will have swallowed the murrum. That is something miraculous but it happens.

I want to categorically put it straight that there has to be a lot of considerations when doing these allocations. More so, I want to mention about the population. Somebody has mentioned here that the data on population has a lot of errors. Where I come from, the registered number of voters stands at 22,000. I can see the total population here is 47,000. Simple science tells you that there is something wrong here because, less the number of children and those who have not attained 18 years is not included.

I beg that the Committee can review and update its data on this so that we can have a better allocation. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Mutai. Hon. Wathiai.

Hon. David Wathiai: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. Our proposal was to increase the Ward Fund from Kshs. 500,000 to Kshs. 1 million per Ward but according to the ceiling, I have seen that it has not been factored. This is not going to go down well with Members because it is going to hinder our ability to spread our wings and nurture more talents in our Wards. I beg to support the Motion but with an amendment. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri):Hon. Member from Olkaria.

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. From the onset, I wish to appreciate the presence of our guests who happen to be amongst them, my age sets in terms of time, Hon. Manyasa and Hon. Mwaura welcome to this Assembly. We are privileged to have you here.

I wish to give my input as follows. I will start by appreciating you for your experience and guiding this House accordingly. I just want to draw my concern on page 12, where the Chair and the Committee have noted some concerns in regards to our own source of revenue collection. It talks of the amount having been collected at Kshs. 1 billion against the annual revised budget of Kshs. 3.5 billion, representing 28% performance in terms of underperforming. Just on the same again, I am looking at page 41 where it is talking about the allocation of Kshs. 3.4 billion under the same Vote Head in terms of the Treasury. I am comparing the allocation of amount of money to the Department and the amount of revenues that are being collected. I think collectively, there is need that there must be some commensurate in terms of the amount of money allocated to such a Department and amount of money we are as well collecting from the same. Going forward, I think we need to beef up the own source revenue which may result into enhancing our allocations per Ward.

I wish now to mention and appreciate the Committee, especially on the issue of Climate Change and Environment. We are all aware that we formed these committees in our respective Wards on climate change mitigation. I am alive to the fact that indeed, we all need to collectively work on enhancing and making sure that we are environmental friendly. This amount of money will go a long way in ensuring that we operationalise those committees and we are alive to the fact of climate change effects.

Sometimes back, I heard one of the Leader mention that it is the rain that brings trees and there was an argument of whether the trees will result in bringing the rains. It is upon us to ponder in as to whether we need to have trees, we need to have environmental impact issues into consideration. I wish to appreciate that if this is going to be undertaken the way I have estimated, that would be good.

I wish to appreciate the issue of the bursary enhancement. This is an area that we need to be progressive. We have had so many students that are staying within our homesteads without going to school. However minimal it is, in my view, I wish to appreciate that the enhancement of Kshs. 1 million will at least assist and cater for some few students within our areas.

However, and through the Chair, this should not be the limit. We really need to focus on this because to me, I still believe that this is a very minimal figure to that effect. However, if we have been given that, I think it is good to appreciate.

The Feeding Program. I think it is good and this is in line in the Governor's manifesto. She has talked about this several times when we have had meetings. We will now narrow down and I wish to call upon the Chair for Education to get to understand where these schools are as we get into the criteria of the schools identification. This is a good program that will assist us.

As I conclude; on the issue of sports, back to the Chair of Sports again; we have had some challenges in terms of operationalising this kind of funds. Last year and the other year, we have been here struggling and trying to understand why is it that these figures are being reduced from time to time. I want to challenge the Chair as well to ensure that this money is operationalised and we have these games within our areas without any changes whatsoever.

I will not sit down without mentioning matters in regards to the Lands Department which I Chair. There has been allocation of Kshs. 20 million to operationalise the Municipalities of Molo and Gilgil. I said here and I want to reiterate that when we upgrade these Centers to Municipalities, it does not matter whether we come from those areas or not. This will definitely attract some funding from the World Bank which will again go a long way in doing some development. I wish to applaud you on this and I wish to support that Members look at this as a progressive County Fiscal Strategy Paper for us growing forward. Now that we are here for the first year, we will progress on this. I beg to support.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): I am going to give the order in which Members are going to contribute. We will start with the Member for Waseges and then Member for Dundori and lastly, the Member for Viwandani.

Hon. Elijah Murage: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I will support the Report with amendment but it is a sad day for Waseges because we have lost Kshs. 3 million. Our population was 33,904 and our current population is 30,758. With Kshs. 3 million per year, that I can do a borehole and with the 5 years, I would have done like 15 boreholes. We are going to review this and I will be one of the Members who will go to court because losing Kshs. 3 million ...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Member, are you threatening the House or what?

Hon. Elijah Murage: Mr. Speaker sir, I will be talking with my Lawyers and we are going to proceed to the court because losing Kshs. 3 million will affect me politically and it will affect my people of Waseges. I am their voice and I have to speak so I support this Report with amendments.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you Hon. Member for Waseges.

Hon. Member for Dundori.

Hon. Gathuita Mwangi: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I wish to welcome our visitors. I want to support the Motion but with some amendments or rectification ...

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Hon. James Gathuita: First I want to support the Motion based on the issue of education because the bursary has been allocated quite some good amount although it is not enough. Based on the last bursary we allocated, I tried to subdivide the amount of bursary that was given which was 2

million against the population that I had of around a thousand people. In real sense, every student was getting around Kshs 256. That was very disappointing but with this kind of improvement then we are moving ahead.

The second thing is about environment. As the Vice Chair of Environment and Water, we have gone with the Budget Committee for the review and there is a need for an increase in this amount of Kshs 635 million because it is not enough. We need to Mr. Speaker through the Chair of Budget and its Committee to have a review. Climate is an issue that affects a lot of people. Wangari Mathai said that if we destroy nature then nature will destroy us. It is time for us to reverse that thing and take care of nature.

As a Committee for Environment and Water, we want to have that budget reviewed. I tried to look at the issue on Ward Development Fund and there was a point of clarity because there is a County Treasury Development Ward Resource Environment and I want to say that I did not understand about that environment and envelope. Is the Kshs 1.6 billion coming to my Ward? I rest my case.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. I want to first of all congratulate my friend and my neighbor for presenting this County Fiscal Estimate in a good way. Thank you and congratulation. Secondly, the reason why I stood here and demanded to know whether this Report was committed is because of some lamentation from the Departmental Committee Chairs. Hon Palang'a, Hon Njuguna from Elburgon are all crying and if this Report was....

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The two Honorable Members are you crying? Order! Order! Hon. Muraya we need to confirm if they are crying or not. The two Members to resume their seats.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: I will clarify Mr. Speaker. I am not saying that they are crying per se. They are not crying physically but they are crying and lamenting emotionally. You Members are crying. The reason why I am saying they are crying is because of their complaints. Mr. Speaker have you given Hon Njuguna a chance to inform me. Maybe I do not want to be informed...

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: Point of information Mr. Speaker.

The speaker (Hon Joel Karuri): Order! Order! Have your seat Hon. Mwangi. Hon Njuguna, Hon Mwangi is asking if the information is to him or to the House.

Hon. Njuguna Mwaura: It is to the House Mr. Speaker. Hon Mwangi was addressing the House and not addressing me but since I have been mentioned I want to make it clear that the decisions of the Committee usually come back to this House for amendments and for further scrutiny. Members of the Committee can vote at the Committee level but they doing so on behalf of the House and that is why we have come to appeal to the House. It does not mean that we are crying. We are moving the appeal to the House because it is the biggest House and the supreme part of this County. The Member's train is not in his rail and Hon. Palang'a will confirm this. What we are moving is amendments because of the people. If it were for my case I would not have a problem

with that but because the Committee passed whatever it passed, the House still has the power to overturn everything.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Palang'a do you have any more information apart from what the Hon. from Elburgon has said.

Hon. Peter Palanga: Of course yes Mr. Speaker if I am allowed. Just to inform Members as well, the reason why this House is called a House of rules is because we follow the rules and procedures laid down. When I was coming to this Assembly I met one Honorable from Viwandani Muraya trying to indicate that he is going to overturn everything here and the conversation was..

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Palang'a is that information helpful to this House? Order! Hon Muraya and Hon. Palanga order! We are not able to prove whatever discussion that went on in your side meeting. So maybe Hon Palang'a the information that you need to give to this House is what is happening now, not what happened elsewhere.

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Mr. Speaker I want to rest my case by saying , when the Hon. Member and we appreciate that we are in different levels of understanding and different schools of thought for example and that is why I started by saying that you will guide this Assembly. The County Fiscal Strategy Paper was committed to the Assembly and the Hon. Member we want to give you a leaf for not understanding this. You even did not know that that particular Paper was touching on that the insinuation that we are crying, we were complaining because some of us are very informed and well experienced and we knew very well that we are going to meet here to discuss this. The Paper we are discussing about was well committed to the relevant Committees and if you fail as the Chair by then then you will have to wait for the next CSFP.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I am here to be guided and informed by my senior but also as the Chair of one of the Departmental Committees he ought to have called his Members and commit the Paper to them so I still stand and remain that the Paper was not committed to the Committee and there is no Paper...

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Order! Hon Muraya I gave you some time and airtime so that you are able to debate not whether it was committed or not.

Hon. Joseph Muraya: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I want to appreciate the Committee because if you remember last time the Committee on Health had come to Naivasha when we had an issue of maternal death. When I look at the allocation in the Health sector, I am happy that now the facility will be equipped and it will no longer be a structure as it is now. Again when I look at the Sports and Culture and I hope the Chair Sports is ready to give us a Report after the day elapses. I think we are going to improve in nurturing talent and having our youths enjoy the allocations we are giving. I beg to sit down and support the Motion.

(Laughter)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. I know this matter is a CFSP and it only happens once. It has a lot of interest but we also are cognisant of the fact we have other businesses of this

day so Members this is the order that we are going to take. The Hon. Kamau from Kihingo, Hon Robert and then Hon. Mercy Kilel. In that order.

Hon. Simon Karanja: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. First of all I want to take this opportunity to thank the Committee Budget and Appropriations for the good work they have done under the very able leadership of Hon. Alex. From the onset I am here to support but with amendments to what has been presented by the Chair Budget and Appropriations. My amendment comes in because as Hon. Njuguna said Kihingo is one of those Wards that have been affected. Looking at the figure that we have here as per the census 2009, the total population in Kihingo was 26,000 plus. The same body that carried out the census in 2009 was the same body that carried out the census in 2019 and having a variance of 10,000 people in 10 years then I wonder as a Representative of those people in Kihingo where these 10,000 people are. Where have they gone because even if we are putting together those people who have died and those who have migrated from Kihingo in 10 years then it means in every year the people moving out of Kihingo either through various factors is 1000 and that cannot be.

Therefore I am saying and humbly requesting the Committee for Budget that when they are revising this kindly consider this because the population is one of the parameters that is being used to share these resources. If we are talking about negative variance of 10, 000, then I do not know what even the people of Kihingo will say. They are saying here that we have a total population of 16,000 that is not true because the number of registered voters in Kihingo are 60,000 then it means that nobody else is in Kihingo apart from the registered voters only. Sorry that is not the case. The number of candidates in standard six and eight are over 2,000 without mentioning from nursery all the way to the other classes.

Therefore this figure as per the Kenya Bureau of Statistics is not right and the reason as to why I am appealing to the Budget Committee because they are using population as one of the parameters, I humbly request that Budget Committee should consider Kihingo because this is the actual population and I am saying so because we do not have any Departmental Committee in this House that has the mandate to go do the statistics here. Even if it means I go help the Kenya Bureau of Statistics to go carry out their mandate then I am ready to do it. We are losing over Kshs 4 million every year which translates to over Kshs 16 million. As the Hon. Member from Waseges said that Kshs 16 million is not a small amount of money. I am humbly requesting Budget and Appropriations Committee to consider this. Thank you Mr. Speaker sir.

The speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Robert.

Hon. Robert Rutto: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend the Chair Budget and the Committee at large for the good work they have done. Despite the fact that this Report might have some errors but they have really tried to give us a good Report. In the Department of Education there is a Kshs 1 million bursary in each Ward that in itself will in turn give good results in our Wards.

Nakuru City on page 41, has been allocated Kshs 09, 508,504 million and for development they have given Kshs 55 million as I had said earlier, I come from Kapkures Ward and it is within the Nakuru City and ironically it is the underdeveloped Ward in the County Government. I therefore

congratulate them for giving the Nakuru City the Kshs 55 million so that Kapkures can definitely benefit from the amount and be developed as well as the other Wards. I rest my case, thank you and I support the Motion.

Hon. Mercy Kilel: Thank you Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the Motion and to congratulate the Chair for Budget. First of all, I wish that we adopt the ladies first phrase in this House so that we can sought of have the ladies contribute before the men because they tend to overshadow us in this House. If it is about the race of standing up some of us cannot outshine some of the Members in this House.

Anyway, as Members speak about issues of development on roads and agriculture it is good but I want to specifically touch on the issue of gender based violence centres. This is a very good thing and I congratulate you Mr. Chair for that because the statistics show that many women and young girls are suffering. I come from a village where the school dropout rate is high, gender based violence is high and many girls are dropping out of school and women are suffering in the villages. If we continue to adopt this then I know that women are going to be protected because this is a social matter that should be looked into. I am a Member of the Implementation Committee so I will make sure that I look into it and that it is implemented. Congratulations to the Budget Committee and this is a very good Motion. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Deputy Majority Leader and then the Hon. Member from Kiptagich

Hon. Rose Gathoni: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir. *Langu ni kushukuru Kamati iliyo fanya hii kazi kwa juhudi na ni kazi bora ambao tumeiona. Ikizingatiwa kwamba nilikuwa muhula uliopita katika hii bunge kama nominated MCA na sasa niko kama elected MCA ninashukuru. Kwa wageni mimi naitwa Rose Gathoni Njoroge MCA kutoka Gilgil. Kwa sababu ya mda na kwa sababu ya wenzangu ningependa kuongelea hii Sekta ya Youth Culture Sports and Social Services. Hii Sekta huwa ni kama inahujumiwa kiasi kwa sababu iko na taasisi tano ndani yake. Tuko na Youth, Culture, Gender, Sports and Social Services. Hizi ambazo tunapewa katika hii Sekta ni kidogo sana kulingana na ile kazi inastahili kufanya. Pia hapa ndio tunawahusika wengi sana ambao wanasaidika katika hii Kaunti yetu. Tuna vijana wengi sana na miradi yao ni mingi. Culture vile vile imebaki nyuma. Gender vile vile imebaki nyuma na Michezo sana sana michezo ya walemavu. Hapa ningepomba tu wakati mwingine ujao hii Sekta ikuwe ndio inafuata Health maana nimeona Health wameangaliwa na macho ya huruma. Kwa hivyo langu tu ni kulisistiza ya kwambv hii Department iangaliwe vyema na tutaweza kupeleka Kaunti yetu mbele. Asante sana.*

Hon. Rose Chepkoech: Mr. Speaker sir, let me commend the Department of Budget for the good work they have done although we have some issues about climate that requires 2% of Development Fund so that our Partners can...

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Hon. Rose Chepkoech: ...kindly give us support. Another thing is about ceiling in Environment Energy and Water. It is too low yet we had to employ more casuals in our Wards. Another thing is about the water springs, boreholes in our Wards. They need to be equipped and more funds are needed. About Agriculture there is National and Rural Inclusive Projects (NARIP). We are requesting that they extend to other Wards because we have some Wards that have been supported. Another thing is about Agriculture Sector Development and Support Projects (ASDSP) and the last one is Kenya Livestock Commercial Project that is (KELCOP) that has a lot of funds. So, we are requesting the Partners to move to other Wards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Hon. Rose from Kiptagich. We are going to go through this order so now before we finish this Business the Hon. Doreen Totona, the Hon. Kamau then we hear from the Hon. Chairperson to reply.

Hon. Doreen Korir: Thank you so much Mr. Speaker. First of all I want to welcome our visitors led by the Chair CAF who is the Speaker of Elgeyo Marakwet, *karibuni sana*. Hon. Cate they did not inform us early we would have prepared a cup of tea being the Chair of the Welfare Committee so *karibuni sana*. Mr. Speaker sir I want also to commend the work of the Committee on Budget led by our able Chair Hon. Alex Mbugua. They did a very good job bearing in mind they work for long hours and also did a lot of sacrifice. Thank you so much. I want to commend on the issue of Health Services; being a Member of the Health Committee, I realise that even during the speech of the Governor, she mentioned so much on the issue of the confirmation of the Health Workers especially the workers who have been working on contract basis for so long. You realise that most of those workers since 2016 have been mostly working on contract basis and it is so much demoralising working and renewing contract each and every moment, after every 5 years you renew the contract.

Most of the Health Workers and also the nurses have been complaining so much about this issue and I realised that the Governor coming so well to confirm these workers; to put them on the budget and I also want to thank the Health Committee for that consideration. I think we are one County that has been training most Health Workers, giving them training and thereafter equip them with the skills and after that they are get confirmed in other Counties. So you realise it is important you confirm our Health Workers so that they can be motivated and work towards delivering their services well.

On the issue of recommendation made by the Committee on the bulletin no.3, Mr. Speaker, there is this issue of the Counties as one Level 5 and 15 level 5 and 15 level 4 but you realise that in Rongai Constituency and Kuresoi North Sub-County, they do not have Level 4 Facilities; so we really beg that during the next Financial Year, as the Committee on Budget we consider those two Constituencies because you realise that the *Wanjiku* or the people in those Constituencies walk long distances to get the services from Health Facilities. I therefore beg to support this Report and thank you so much.

Hon. Eliud Kamau: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I would also like to commend the Committee on Budget for the good work. I think this Fiscal Strategy Paper has touched on most areas and

when you look at Lands and Urban Development where I am the Vice Chair, we see we have a problem of land across our County. Mr. Speaker, I think also we have been given ceilings which I think is good but not enough. We have seen that we have two Municipalities, Gilgil and Molo would be operationalised so that they can give space for other upcoming Municipalities. I would also like to go to annexures 4 where we now have the equitable share for Ward Development. If you look at the formula that is used, sometimes we see Wards vary from each other and if you look at why and according to my projections, some Wards' population do vary. We have some Members from the urban areas and the population is enormous and change at any given time.

Also, if you look in terms of acreage, we must look if this formula must be included. We just talk about population; we want to know what that Ward contributes to our revenue because if we just talk about population, for instance I come from an area where in terms of acreage it is a big one. We want to look at how productive is that area because if you look at my budget, almost 80 percent of it goes to roads and most of them are used by lorries that come to collect sand, and even when you look at the revenue, it is being distributed equally in all Wards. So in future there are things that need to be considered and so I rest my case. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Hon. Chairperson Budget respond

Hon. Alex Mbugua: Thank you Mr. Speaker and the Hon. House; I must appreciate the current debate on the floor of this House and I think this is the way to go where democrats engage purely on ideas. On the formula Members have really gone on annexure 4 of this topic. On my table there is a formula that we are devising as a Committee on the Nakuru County Revenue Allocation Bill 2018. I know all these issues that have been raised by the Hon. Members here, will be addressed- be it on topography, the geographical area positioning, the poverty index, the area acreage, the population and all the other matters that this Member have talked about.

Mr. Speaker, a Member has talked about the low budget ceiling on the Youth and Sports; we must appreciate that World Bank has really partnered with us in the improvement of our facilities for instance we have the Afraha Stadium upgrade by the World Bank at the moment. We have other Entities that are also engaging and we must appreciate the fact that we are short of revenue within this County. So, we must all move together in proper generation of this revenue.

I must appreciate that various Committees are within this House appeared before us starting with County Treasury where some of the Members from the Finance Department have come in and presented their case very well to us and their issues were put under consideration. The Board within this Assembly also appeared before the Committee and the Committee on Health was one of the first to welcome us and they even took us for a treat whereby they explained very well the diverse things that are affecting this Committee. The Trade Committee was also present. In summary, all the Stakeholders explained to us on the matter of Sports. I think Policy Paper will be laid down on how the Sports Fund is managed so that we see that there is improvement also with increment of the revenue sources.

On the part of population as quoted by Majority of Members, the Committee was guided by special issue, the Gazelle Notice no.8024 Nairobi, the 9th August 2021 it was published in the entire Nation under population with this budgetary ceiling setting. I wish to thank your Office, the Office of the

Clerk, the County Treasury and also the Members of the Budget Committee because they took long hours, they deliberated and have given what Nakuru deserves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank the Hon. Chair I want to propose a question to the Motion

(Question proposed that this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2023)

(Question put and agreed to)

MOTION

HOUSE RESOLVES ADJOURNED DAY 15TH MARCH 2023 AND TO RESUME ITS NORMAL BUSINESS ON 4TH APRIL 2023.

There is a motion by the Leader of Majority Party

The Majority Leader (Hon. Alex Lang'at): Thank you Mr. Speaker sir, I arise to move this Motion that Pursuant to the provision of Standing Orders 31(4) this House resolves adjourned day 15th March 2023 and to resume its normal Business on 4th April 2023. Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to move and request Hon. Rose to second. Thank you, Mr. Speaker,

Hon. Rose Njoroge: Mr. Speaker sir, I do second

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you the Motion is open for debate; the Hon. Rose I have been told that maybe for this sitting the arrangement that ladies first.

Hon. Rose Chepkoech: Thank you Mr. Speaker sir for recognising the ladies in the House. We were wondering whether we are not visible but I can see things are in order. For the Motion, I support because we are Representatives of the people and we need to go back, check and supervise roads, water projects that are there and stay with the people. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir,

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you; the Hon. Palang'a

Hon. Peter Palang'a: Mr. Speaker my contribution is very simple, this is in line with our calendar that we resolved here. So, it would be awkward of us coming back to discuss what we resolved here. Therefore my urge and request, to save us time, put it to question we move forward.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon. John Maritim

Hon. John Maritim: I arise to support the Motion on the recess. I believe Mr. Speaker sir, this is a planting season and I know that most of us are farmers and we are grateful for according us this opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): The Hon Muraya and then the Hon Kuirui

Hon. Mwangi Muraya: I think Mr. Speaker even if I stand here, I would just ask you Hon. Members you are all here as we set our calendar. So, Hon. Speaker I would say put this Motion to question to save us time.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you. The Hon. Kirui

Hon. Bernard Kirui: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I just want to support this recess Motion that it is good for us because it is going to give us enough time to meet our electorates and tackle some issues from our Wards and therefore I support. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Hon. Members I want to put it to question to the Motion

(Question put and agreed to)

ADJOURNMENT

Before we adjourn, Hon. Members, I told you earlier that the CAF Leadership is visiting with us and we have our representatives to the Counties Assembly's Forum the Hon. Kajwang and the Hon. Catherine who form part of the Governing Council are in the House this evening. We are happy to have the hon. Chege Mwaura kindly if you could be upstanding, who is the Secretary General for CAF and also the Member Ngara Ward, County Assembly of Nairobi County. Thank you, the Hon. SG we are also glad to have the Hon. Okwiri who is the Organizing Secretary, she is a Member of County Assembly for Siaya then we have the Chairperson the Hon. Sabuley who is the Speaker Elgeyo-Marakwet. Welcome and thank you.

So immediately after the sitting Hon. Members, we request that the other Hon. Members will find place that we are going to have and I request Members that you remain seated; we are going to have an open forum and finally that all the matters that this House wanted to raise with CAF we can find opportunity to talk to them.

(Applause)

However, because the CAF Leadership is extended, maybe we could have their Leadership upstanding for the purposes that those that those I did not mention, it is good that I recognise you not only in the *Kamukunji* but also in the Plenary. If maybe the others that I mentioned, you could us the mic, mention your name and the position you hold.

Hon. Zakaya Manyasa: Thank you Hon Speaker, Hon Members of the House, I am from Vihiga County Assembly and a Member of CAF.

(Applause)

Hon. Edna Obara: Thank you Hon. Speaker I am from Nyamira County, Member of CAF

Hon. Dr Isaiya Mureithi Mbogo: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I am a Member of County Assembly in Kirinyaga County in a Ward called Kabare. I am MCA form Martha Karua's Ward and I am also the Chairperson Committee Health and a Member of GC in CAF.

Hon. Abdulhakim Shehe: Thank you Mr. Speaker, I represent Persons with Disabilities of Tana River County Assembly and I am glad to be here. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Joel Karuri): Thank you, Hon. Members who are visiting, with us. Hon Members this House stands adjourned from today 15th March 2023 to 4th April 2023 at 9.30 am.

The House rose at 5.35pm