



## NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

### OFFICIAL REPORT

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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

*[Hon. Deputy Speaker (Mr. John Kamangu) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYERS

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms we do not have a quorum please ring the bell for ten minutes.

*(Quorum bell rung)*

I think we have the quorum, proceed

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

##### GRANT OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE TABLING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. I have communication here. Grant of extension of the time for the tabling of Public Accounts Committee Reports.

Hon. Members, I have the following communication to convey. Hon. Members you will recall that on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 the Hon. Moses Ogeto MCA while holding belief for the Chairperson Select Committee on Public Accounts rose on a point of order pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 191. Seeking the indulgence of the House for the extension of time provided for under article 191 of the Constitution. For the conclusion of the consideration of the report of the Auditor General, specifically report on the Financial Statements for Nairobi City County for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and subsequently tabling of the said report.

Hon. Members, the Chair subsequently provided direction on the processing of such request and ordered that the committee comply accordingly. Hon. Members, the committee has since complied and is, therefore, granted until after the coming recess to complete its work and table its report.

For the record, the Assembly is to break for recess on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and resume on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Report should be tabled soon thereafter or roughly, after forty-six (46) days, it is so directed. Thank you and God bless you.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Museiya!

Hon. Silvia Museiya: Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following Motion: That aware that article 14 of the United Nations Declaration on the right of indigenous people provide for the rights of indigenous communities to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their languages and promoting their culture; Further aware, that the objective of the 2030 **agenda for sustainable development** is “*to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all*”. Which for indigenous communities means ensuring an education that guarantees the learning of their language and culture. Noting that the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 similarly, provides for promotion and protection of culture and indigenous languages and knowledge; observing that the language is the main form of interaction with our environment and that words preserve stories, traditions, culture, and identity; Cognizant of the fact that indigenous language represents the legacy of our forebearers and our obligation is to take care of them because when an indigenous language disappears, the indigenous traditional knowledge (stories, legends, songs, values, myths, prayers) also disappear. Appreciating that the treasure of indigenous language is a heritage that should not be lost; deeply concerned that unfortunately, indigenous cultural identity and languages are threatened by the constant growth are an assimilation of globalization within cosmopolitan cities such as Nairobi. This Assembly urges the County Executive to explore the mechanism for developing a framework under section 17 of the Nairobi City County Early Childhood Education Act, 2017 for encouraging learners in ECD centers to experience their native languages, knowledge, and culture to promote and all-inclusive early learning in the County. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Proceed Hon. Museiya you have two notices.

### PRINCIPLES OF DIVERSITY, GENDER EQUITY, EQUALITY AND COUNTRY'S POLITICS, AND GOVERNMENT

Hon. Silvia Museiya: Hon. Speaker, I wish to give notice of the following Motion: Aware that the Kenya Legal Framework lays a firm foundation for principles of diversity, gender equity, equality and **Country's politics, and government**.; Noting that these key principal are supported by the Constitution, upheld by legislation regulating elections and political parties, judicial **decisions' and complemented by a** body of international trade and conventions; Deeply concerned that unfortunately, this critical legal standard of diversity and gender equity and equality has not been completely met, not just at the National but also

even at the County level in terms of representation of diverse groups in critical county governance structure and entities; Observing that making diversity a reality in the County requires not only a conducive legal framework but also the collaborative efforts of relevant state and non-state actors; Recognizing that a customized policy framework that borrows from existing legal frameworks but provides for effective diversity and inclusion of all groups, whether minorities, gender sensitivity or other vulnerable groups in public service at the devolved level within the City-County would best serve this purpose. This Assembly urges the County Executive to explore the mechanism for developing a Diversity and Inclusivity Policy for the County and in the meantime enforce the provision of the existing National law to promote diversity and inclusion of all groups between the County Governance. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Museiya.

## STATEMENTS

### THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF ROADS IN THE COUNTY

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Njihia!

Hon. Mwangi Njihia: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Transport and Public Works regarding the deplorable state of roads in the County.

Hon. Speaker, infrastructure especially roads are an important aspect of the day-to-day operation of the County. However, when the roads are in a poor state, the movement of people, goods, and services is to a large extent affected, hence **affecting the economy and people's social** lives negatively.

For instance, Jamuhuri Court road and Langiri road in Woodley Ward is in a bad state and needs urgent intervention.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- (1) Measures that the County Executives has put in place to rehabilitate the said roads; and
- (2) Steps that the County Executive has put in place to rehabilitate the County roads in Woodley/ Kenyatta Golf Course that are in the deplorable state? Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Njihia. Chair of Public works Hon. Wambui.

Hon. James Wambui: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, two weeks.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Two weeks, Hon. Njihia are you comfortable.

Hon. Mwangi Njihia: Hon. Speaker, I think that I am comfortable with that.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Njihia. Hon. Ngesa!

### APPROVALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRUCTURES ON PLOT L.R.No.209/2439/9

Hon. Francis Ngesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 45 (2) (c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Planning and Housing regarding approvals for the development of structures on plot L.R.No.209/2439/9, Tausi lane along Koinange Street.

Hon. Speaker, the said lane has been providing a link between Koinange Street and other lanes to pedestrians and motorists.

However, the lane is currently not functioning since a developer undertaking construction next to the alley blocked it.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- (1) Steps being taken by the County Executive to restore the said lane for public use; and
- (2) Measures put in place to protect other public spaces from arbitrary encroachments by private developers.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker

Hon. Ruth Ndumi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, we need to be given one week.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ngesa are you comfortable with one week.

Hon. Francis Ngesa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, I am more than comfortable.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Chairperson Planning response to Hon. Kennedy Oyugi, and is he in the House? He is not. The matter is to be deferred for tomorrow. The same for Hon. Peter Karani, is he the same then defer the matter for tomorrow. Chair Health, Statement requested by Patrick, is Hon. Mbangula in the House, the matter is to be deferred for tomorrow.

## MOTION

### ADOPTION OF PAC REPORT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: PAC Chair!

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, my Motion will be a bit wide and I beg your protection. I beg to move that this Assembly adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Nairobi City County Executive for the year ended 30th June 2017, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday, 24th July 2019.

Hon. Speaker, the mandate of PAC is provided in Standing Order No. 197 (2). The role of the County Assembly in holding Accounting Officers accountable in the spending of public funds cannot be overemphasized. In matters of oversight of the County Government entities, the County Assembly is the first point of call. Any other institution that may play a similar role is only secondary. It is against this backdrop, that the Auditor General pursuant to Article 229 of the Constitution submits the annual reports to the County Assembly for it to take appropriate action.

Hon. Speaker this report was committed to the PAC on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 for consideration and reporting. I want to sincerely thank you on behalf of my committee for having considered our request for an extension to allow us to finalize consideration of the said report. It is the opinion of the committee that the three months provided in the Constitution are not sufficient.

Hon. Speaker, while considering the report the committee met and interrogative County Executive officials especially the then Acting CEC Member of Finance Allan Igambi and various witnesses including former officers. Moreover, the committee received written submissions from the witnesses. Allow me, Mr. Speaker, to thank all witnesses who appeared before the committee and in particular the Chief Officer for Roads, Transport and Public Works Eng. Fredrick Karanja and his team for their elaborate response and

consistency in attending the committee's hearings when invited including accompanying the members to various site visits. In a special way, I would like also to thank the entire membership of this committee for the work and commitment that made the taking evidence and production of this report a success.

Hon. Speaker, the committee upon careful examination of the evidence brought before it identified some various issues that continue to hinder prudent financial management leading to misappropriation of public funds hence poor services delivery. The issues include:

1. Designation of Accounting Officers and their obligations;
2. Irregularities in procurement processes;
3. Challenges in the implementation of development;
4. High legal fees;
5. Irregular allocation and encroachment of public properties; and
6. Further investigations, prosecutions, and disciplinary actions

*(a). Hon. Speaker, on the designation of Accounting Officers and their obligations:*

The committee found out that the Chief Officers had not duly designated as accounting officers, hence, they could not be fully accountable for the expenditures under their departments. The committee has recommended that the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning should have followed the law when designating the accounting officers for the County Executive entities. Accordingly, the CEC Member should immediately assign fully accounting functions to the Chief Officers for various sections and departments they administer and ensure that they have financial autonomy.

*(b). Irregularities in procurement processes*

The committee has recommended that the accounting officers and the head of Procurement should ensure that the procurement laws and procedures are strictly adhered to when initiating and conducting a procurement exercise to forestall the County audit queries and to safeguard public resources.

*©. Challenges in the implementation of development projects*

The committee has recommended the following recommendations; that, Ms. Elite be blacklisted and never be awarded service contracts by the County government due to their proven inefficiency. That, engaging service providers especially contractors for capital projects, the County Executive must at all times undertake due diligence and determine whether the service provider has the necessary requisite financial capacity. That, the CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning should establish project management teams in the sector whose mandate should include for various projects with definite completion timelines.

*(d). The legal fees and the shortcomings of the Legal Department*

The Committee recommends that the Chief Officer Public Service Management and the County Public Service Board should immediately establish a functional Legal Department with the capacity to address the misappropriation of the funds. In the event there is a need for outsourcing of legal services, a competitive procurement process should be instituted. The County Treasury should spend legal fees and the sum from individual sectors.

The Director of Legal department should institute charges against one Gregory Mwakanongo, Maurice Okere (Head of the Treasury), and Karisa Iha for the breach of Section 196 of the PFM Act 2012.

*(e). Irregular allocation and Encroachment of public properties*

The part of City Parkland has been grabbed and encroached by Bowling Green Safaris whose proprietor is one George Wainaina. High-ridge Health Centre has been grabbed and the property has been demolished.

The committee has recommended that the County government proceed to survey, demarcate, and possess proper ownership documents for the part of land L.R. No. 209 that is still owned by the said people. Meanwhile, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and the National Lands Commission immediately institute investigations on all the land transactions especially the transfer of private entities.

The committee has also recommended that the Chief Officer for Lands and the Chief Officer in charge of Parks immediately evict the people occupying bowling green and restore the park to its natural status. Hon. Speaker, protect me from Hon. Gari.

*(f). Further investigations, prosecutions, and disciplinary actions*

Hon. Speaker, to deter Accounting Officers from allocation of public funds in the future and also to recover public funds that must have been lost, the committee has recommended for further investigations and prosecution and disciplinary action against persons the committee considered most responsible. The persons include:

- i) Prosecution of County Officers and Directors of Jambpay for conspiring to defraud the County Government through illegal service charge on revenue collected through the Jambopay revenue collection system at the cash office.
- ii) Prosecution of all persons involved in the irregular acquisition of the KCB loan namely: the former Governor H.E. Evans Kidero, former County Treasury Officials (i.e. former CEC Member for Finance Mr. Gregory Mwakanongo and the former CFO Mr. Luke Gatimu) and Mr. John Oringo on behalf of KCB for contravening Article 212 of the Constitution and Section 142 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 when instituting the buy-out of the loan facility.
- iii) Further investigations be carried out by the DCI and the EACC regarding the supply and installation of the Integrated Urban Surveillance System for Nairobi Metropolitan Area (Nairobi Central Business District) with a view of determining whether there was a deliberate attempt to siphon public funds and institute criminal and civil proceeding against all officers and persons involved if found that there was loss of public funds.

Hon. Speaker, we believe that the recommendations of the said committee will be adopted and be fully implemented. Hon. Speaker, I call upon Hon. Museiya to second.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Who is Hon. Musia? Oh, Hon. Museiya. Thank you. Hon. Museiya, proceed. Hon. Karani please come forward.

Hon. Silvia Museiya: I would like to support the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: To second not to support.

Hon. Silvia Museiya: Sorry, I rise to second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, debate.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, I understand my name is Hon. Imwatok but by the grace of God Almighty, and the Rt. Hon. Raila Amollo Odinga added me another title; I am the Minority Whip of the Nairobi County Assembly.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Noted, proceed.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker with the notation, I appreciate that. Mr. Speaker, allow me as a leader of this side and more so as a member of the Public Accounts Committee to commend your office for allowing this committee to do their job expeditiously and more importantly to the staff who are dedicated to advise and to make sure that this committee runs its operations concurrently especially the Clerk of this Committee Shandrack Makokha and the Office of the Clerk.

Mr. Speaker as read by the Chair of this committee, I believe as currently constituted this Assembly, allow me Mr. Speaker to do that, it makes me think more, and remember my late father. This committee as constituted as the Chair says, they work hard. I just heard a member of the committee saying that this is a committee that works from Monday to Sunday, yes indeed. This committee is dedicated to making sure that public funds are used prudently. Not only for purposes of having a sitting in a committee but also to be so meticulous and to detail what happens in terms of management of finance for the public.

Mr. Speaker, on the recommendations that were read by the Chair, having sat in this committee and imploring upon the entire County Assembly that this is Nairobi.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy that the report of the last regime has ended from the recommendation read to us by the Chair. This committee has no fear of contradiction to convict people and recommend prosecution even though most members were in the previous regime like Hon. Warutere, Hon. Karanja, Hon. Ogeto and I included.

They saw anomalies committed by the previous regime and have recommended punitive measures against specific people. Mr. Speaker, as I contribute today, I wish to say that I am happy that this committee has never in any way shied away from punishing any wrongdoing. I also wish to ask the DPP to prosecute these people and most importantly investigate further. I believe that it is time as the Public Accounts Committee that we proceed to the DCI to hand over this report so that it is not shelved. This should set a precedence that procedures will not derail what the committee has recommended.

Chair and Honorable Members, there are more of such reports to come and those found to be culpable will be punished. If somebody stole public funds then they should be punished. Let this be warning shot to those people who do not attend committee invites and instead write letters postponing the same. We have extended the date of hearing to 30 days and let no one take this committee for a joke. Service must be accompanied by value for money and I wish to congratulate the Chair and members of the PAC as a leader of this Assembly and ask Members to support this document overwhelmingly as we await other reports. Let us set precedence for this Assembly. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Jateso. Hon. Millicent Jagero.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As the watchdog of this beautiful County. I rise to support this Motion and thank the Public Accounts Committee for burning the midnight oil in ensuring that reports brought before them have been responded to. We pray that the implementation of the same report will be done speedily. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, what is your point of order?

Hon. David Okello: It is not a point of order.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I can see you on the screen.

Hon. David Okello: I want to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: You should know how to use your device.

Hon. David Okello: Mr. Speaker, I have pressed the mic.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: It has appeared as a point of order. Proceed

Hon. David Okello: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support the report. We all know that a park is for the public and Nairobian but one person working in this County Government Mr. Maina had grabbed it. We, therefore, need to support this report so that we get back property belonging to the Assembly. It should not be given to any individual to do business with and with that I support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Anita Thumbi. But before that, I wish to note that somebody is using **Hon. Otieno's card and I cannot see him around. I will not give you a chance to contribute. Where is your card?**

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker-

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I have not given you a chance to speak Hon. Member. Proceed, Hon. Anita and Hon. Gari, please sit down.

Hon. Anita Thumbi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this Motion. It is said that doctors have scientific minds that keep evolving and that is why we have the doctor as our Chairman. I, therefore, want to take this chance to congratulate the whole committee and the Clerk, Shadrack Makhoha for a job well done. Mr. Speaker, this is the only committee that wears official attire even on Sundays. They are a serious lot and we are proud of them.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Themendu.

Hon. Jeremiah Themendu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for catching my eyes. I rise to support the Motion. I know that some men and women sat through the documents. I believe in them and know that they did a good job. We are in this Assembly to perform our roles on oversight, legislation, and representation and if we cannot perform these jobs and protect monies belonging to Nairobian then we have no business sitting as an Assembly and collecting salaries. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I support and hope that it will be implemented to the last page.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Esther Nyangweso, proceed.

Hon. Esther Nyangweso: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have noticed that I am too tiny to be noticed.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you for the height. Proceed.

Hon. Esther Nyangweso: Mr. Speaker, I rise to support this Motion noting that if the recommendations are implemented then Nairobi will be able to recover most of the properties that had been grabbed. This will allow accounting officers to put measures that help the County improve its financial reporting. I support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Esther. Hon. Nyangaresi.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Thank you, Hon. Speaker for this opportunity although you harassed me. People are going to be prosecuted as per the recommendations of the committee. We want the DCI and the DPP to move with speed and ensure that these culprits have been prosecuted. I hope that this report has given warning to some scrupulous companies who work with the County halfway and are paid. With your indulgence, I ask that you call upon the Chairman of PAC to reply. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Let me allow one more Member to contribute before we proceed. Hon. Emily Wanjiru.

Hon. Emily Waithaka: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I congratulate the Chairman and Committee of Public Accounts for a job well done. I support this motion. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Emily. The mover to reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I thank all the Members for supporting the Motion and we are looking forward to the implementation of the said report. Thank you.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

## MOTION

### ADOPTION OF PAC REPORT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: PAC Chair?

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be a bit brief. I beg that this Assembly adopts the report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts on the consideration of the Report of the Auditor General on the financial statement on Nairobi City County Assembly for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 laid on the Table of the Assembly on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Hon. Speaker, the committee recommended as follows:

1. That the accounting officer should institute measures to ensure that, the Assembly adheres to the international public account standards consistent with the Public Finance Management act 2012. This should include assigning officers with express responsibility of preparing a financial report;
2. The accounting officer, who is the Assembly Clerk, should institute measures that the Assembly always act in time when dealing with the Auditor General to ascertain the audit queries; and
3. The county treasury should ensure the timely release of our funds to the County Assembly to enable the Assembly to fully discharge its mandate.

I call upon Hon. Millicent Jagero to second the Motion.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Jagero.

Hon. Millicent Jagero: I rise to second the Motion.

*(Question proposed)*

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members. Hon. Anyule.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Mr. Speaker, without much ado, allow me to say that the recommendation by the PAC on our management of our county Assembly is very important. Number one, we have separate entities as per Constitution i.e. the Executive and the County Assembly. Lucky enough, we are one of the assemblies in Kenya where we do not expect the Executive to give us money. However, the bottlenecks introduced by the Controller of Budget and Central Bank is affecting the operation of assemblies.

There must be respect between the Assembly and PAC. When PAC requests support, it must be unanimously agreed upon. For example, when PAC requests that they are given an extension to operationalize and to make sure we get proper evidence in our witnesses, it becomes a debate. That includes the Clerk's Office. There must be respect across. We cannot disobey the law on this side and the other side, we obey the law. The law is the law. In our community, the Teso, if you have stolen an egg, you are still a thief compared to the one who stole an animal.

Therefore, the fairness of justice is that the law must be applied equally. That is why the Auditor General brings two reports; the County Assembly report and the Executive report. We must also put our **house in order**. **Looking at the report's recommendation**, we are performing in a way we are not sure.

Therefore, I believe the Clerk's Office and the administration of the County Assembly and I am saying this without fear of contradiction. Some people may say that I should not speak. I will speak. PAC is going to make sure prudent finance management across, from the County Assembly to the executive. The **white man says "that you should not throw a stone if you live in a glasshouse"**. Therefore, we must clean our house. I am happy that we have tried this time around. However, we want us to do our best.

Having said that, Hon. Speaker, allow me to reiterate that respect must be there. From the leadership of the Assembly, from the administration of the Assembly to the Assembly. Some of them will talk in a *Kamukunji* that our committees have issues. I am saying this as a leader of this County Assembly. Saffron OT Morpho has appeared in this County Assembly. We will discuss that. Hon. Speaker, I beg to ask the mover to reply without wasting a lot of time.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Kabiro.

Hon. Mbugua Kabiro: Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker for me this chance. Hon. Speaker, the report is good. I do not see any errors therein. The only person that I think should be prayed for is the person who copy-pasted the second recommendation is every recommendation saying that the accounting officer should institute measures... it is repeating itself everywhere.

So, that person should be prayed for. Otherwise, I think the report is very good and financial accountability is something that we should all be aware of. PAC as a committee is showing us a good way of overseeing the Executive and providing oversight on the monies that are given to us. Hon. Speaker, this is something that I have seen in this big and small report. I support this report and ask we just pass it.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Nyangaresi.

Hon. Moses Ogeto: Hon. Speaker, I want to be very brief so that it is captured. As you are aware, you are also a legislator in this Assembly. We want to avoid such reports coming to this Assembly because as my senior said that we cannot throw stones if we live in a glasshouse. When we have the submissions before the auditors, it will be prudent that before we oversight the Executive, let us oversight ourselves first so that when we bash the Executive over the report that we have tabled before this Assembly, it becomes easier for us, so that when we pass it, no one will come after you in the next 20 or 30 years when you leave here. So, as I support this report, we also want to warn the management. It is an embarrassment to the Assembly that we are auditing ourselves instead of doing the right thing as oversighting of the county Executive. I beg to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Museiya.

Hon. Silvy Museiya: I had requested during the previous report, but I will speak very briefly on this one too. It has taken long to put this report together. As a member of the committee, I would like to pass gratitude to the Chairperson Hon. Odalo and all the Members and the Clerk. The report is an opener to Members and to the Accounting Officer, who is the Clerk. I am happy that the Assembly does not have recurring audit queries, unlike the Executive wing. Therefore, we seem to be learning from our mistakes. I rise to support.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. The mover to reply.

Hon. Wilfred Odalo: Thank you, Members, for supporting the Motion. However, for *HANSARD* purposes, I would request the Office of the Clerk to have respect to the Public Accounts Committee. Extension of time is a constitutional right. It is not something to be debated on. We expect your ruling, but it should not be something that we need a favor from anybody. Even the Clerk is a client before the Public

Accounts Committee (PAC). Therefore, we should not get favors from the same client of the said committee. Having said that, I thank the Members for supporting the Motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: **Hon. Members, having transacted today's business, the House** stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. Thank you and God bless you all.

*(The House rose at 3.28 p.m.)*