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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Okode) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

HON. DR. GIDEON OCHANDA'S EVENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I will defer my communications to the last Order but in the meantime be informed that the Member of Parliament for Bondo, Dr. Gideon Ochanda will be having a communication to you tomorrow over an event he is holding in his Constituency on the 22nd and the Assembly appreciates him for partnering with us in most of his activities.

PAPERS

Hon. Madialo: Hon. Speaker, allow me to lay on the Table of the House the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Siaya County Supplementary Estimates for FY2018/2019, the Siaya County Supplementary Appropriations Bill 2018 (Bill No. 27 of 2018), Report of the Auditor General of the Financial Statements of the Siaya County Executive for the year ended 30th June, 2017, the Report of the Auditor General of the financial statements of the County Assembly of Siaya car and mortgages for the year ended 30th June, Report of the Auditor General of the Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Siaya for the year ended 30th June, 2017.

Hon. Speaker: I direct that the Auditor General's Report be committed to Committee on Public Investments and Accounts for action and make sure you submit the Report within the stipulated time.

NOTICE OF MOTION

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2018/19

Hon. Madialo: I stand to give Notice with the intention to move a Motion:

THAT this House adopts the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Siaya Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2018/2019, laid on the Table of this House today Tuesday, 18th December, 2018. I further stand to give Notice of Motion that this House debates and approves the Siaya County Supplementary Appropriations Bill (Bill no. 27 of 2018).

MOTION

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2018/19

Hon. Madialo: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Siaya County Supplementary Budget 2018/19 is with all Members. This House had the wisdom to look into earlier intended adoptions and recommendations for purposes of adoption by the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, Sir; an attempt has been earlier introduced as supplementary budget before this House and our memories will serve us that the supplementary was returned to the Executive on grounds that included but not limited to the fact that the equitable distribution of resources that translates to Kshs.30million per Ward had been interfered with.

There was an attempt to introduce the tarmacking of three major roads in the County; the tarmacking of which had not been part of the programmes that were captured in the CIDP, the ADP and the Siaya County Fiscal Strategy Paper.

There was an attempt to do away with allocations that would go towards settling the dues of the people who maintain our markets in the name of cleaners and other waste management exercises. There was an attempt to make a reduction on the provisions on the purchase of medicine and non-pharmaceuticals in our hospitals, clinics and dispensaries.

On the grounds that section 135 of the Public Finance Management Act read together with regulation 39 as regulation 9 of the Public Finance management regulations had not been complied with, the House then deemed it wise to return the then proposed Supplementary Budget and instructed the Executive to comply with those sections of the law.

Mr. Speaker, Sir; I wish to confirm today that the tarmacking of the roads as had been earlier proposed have since been dropped on the instruction of the Assembly. The reductions on the provisions for purchase of medicals; that is medicine and non- pharmaceuticals in our hospitals has been returned to where it was. The abolition blocks also known as Modern toilets in various Wards which were also introductions midway in the implementation of the current budget have been dropped.

Mr. Speaker, Sir; having looked at the Supplementary Budget as submitted to this House; the Committee had the following recommendations. The Committee recommends and

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directs and seeks that this House does adopt the following; that the treasury should provide evidence of requisition balances for the conditional grants of the year 2017/18.

In other words the House should be able to be given in form of evidence confirmation of balances from the office of controller budget and this way the House will be able to ascertain where the balances are stated in the proposed Supplementary Budget are correct.

This Committee has recommended that the allocations in the Wards were reinstated back to Kshs. 30million in projects to each elective Ward making a total of Kshs. 900million as was passed by this Assembly on 28th June, 2018. The Kshs. 29million for waste management under enterprise and industrial development though the Executive say they have returned it couldn't be clearly identified because the monies had been distributed into various items.

This Committee directs and seeks that the Assembly adopts that direction that the Kshs. 29million meant for waste management and specifically for wages of those who keep our markets clean be reinstated and be captured on its own in the budget.

It is very difficult to decide the particulars and the specifics of the rollovers as presented in the Supplementary Budget because there have been non-conformity in the forms as prescribed under the laws for purposes of presenting a supplementary budget.

The Executive while returning the presented Supplementary Budget clearly captures the originally approved estimates as were approved and captures the deviations, amendments and adjustments and each column should be so clear that anybody looking at the document is able to discern what it is talking about.

On the 28th June, 2018; this House was unanimous that it is not possible to pass a Budget which doesn't take care of people living with disability, women and youth. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is in conformity with Article 56 of the Constitution of Kenya which essentially provides for affirmative action in favor of the three disadvantaged interest groups.

This Committee asks the Assembly to adopt this action that the money meant for women empowerment, Kshs. 7.5Million be reinstated. The Youth empowerment Kshs. 7.5Million be reinstated and be captured specifically that the money will be used to fund the following activities; the training of 200 youth on agribusiness management and entrepreneurship at 1Million, annual youth summit and expo at Kshs.1.5Million, Youth talent search programme Kshs. 0.8Million, establishment and management for 30youth groups at Kshs. 3Million and provision of arts instrument for 6 theater groups at Kshs.1.2Million.

There was an attempt to tinker with the provisions under the County Assembly votes and specifically under the development of the County Assembly and more particularly the construction of the Assembly complex. This tinkering was in the extent of Kshs. 15.8Million in reduction.

Mr. Speaker, Sir; the Committee recommends that the House is requested to agree with us that Kshs. 15.8Million be returned to the Assembly vote so that the development allocation project goes back to Kshs. 100Million as approved by the County Assembly.

The projects that are to be captured under the Wards in the value of Kshs.30Million; this Committee recommends that this be done in consultation with County Assembly Members

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representing those various County Assembly Wards providing also that the Members shall not deviate from what was captured during public participation and that each representatives of the Wards are provided with copies of the same project for their respective Wards.

The Committee urges the County Assembly Members and more so the elected Members to submit the projects which according to them should constitute rollovers for purposes of comparison and confirmation with the list submitted with the County Treasury. The Budget is the heart beat of the operations of the County Government. The County Government is not the County Executive. The County Government is the County Executive and the County Assembly. The Budget provides for funds that go towards providing services to the people of this County as by the Constitution prescribed and any other statutes that enables this House to sit in this great County.

The reason the previous Supplementary Budget was thrown back at its inception was that there was deliberate non-compliance with provisions that were so basic including adherence to that which is in the CIDP, that which has been planned for under the ADP for development and that which has been approved by the Assembly under the CFSP. This was in the name of roads to the extent that we should have notice of which roads they are. Those roads were amounting to around Kshs. 600million; those roads are no longer part of the supplementary budget.

There was an attempt to introduce new projects mid-way in the name of modern toilets or echo ablutions, it was christened so. I wish to report that the Supplementary Budget does not have those echo ablutions as part of the new programs.

Once the affirmative provisions are complied with then one of the main reasons why the other attempted Supplementary could not go through is then cured. The mischief informing introduction of new projects midway unplanned without public participation is cured by the fact that this Assembly had to stamp its feet down, had the courage to do so and return the document for purposes of compliance with the mandate and ---.

For purposes of clarity, it was falsely suggested that that other Supplementary Budget in quotes was intended to address the problem of rollovers and that is not so. The rollovers are just appendages to the current Budget. They are introduced into the current Budget by way of supplementary for purposes of addressing that which was not executed in the previous Financial Year. The problem of rollovers as much as we spoke about it for a week or two , the rollovers problems will not be cured today, I am certain that come June there will be a problem of rollovers.

My reason is, as we spoke about rollovers earlier, we were told it was Kshs. 1.7Billion, when we asked that now we be given in writing, I remember what came was Kshs. 1.08Billion but that went back. When the new one came back the report was that the rollovers were Kshs. 1.46B and today we are dealing with Kshs. 1.25Billion.

The reason I underrate this is so that we may appreciate that even from where the figures are originating, the persons responsible are not very sure as to how much constitutes the rollovers we are talking about. The rollovers are captured very major projects including our stadium. I do

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not supervise constructions but I do know because I am a resident of this County that the stadium has yet to take off.

That goes to tell us that in due course the money for the stadium will have to be rolled over the next Financial Year if we are not careful so that we construct the stadium in the next Financial Year because it is there but not being spent now, but that is for another day. I wish to urge my colleagues, my brothers and sisters that the cancer that we thought was delivered to us was the Supplementary Budget that we returned has since been catered. I urge you to adopt the report of this Committee on the Siaya County Supplementary Budget 2018/2019, let us move the County forward. May I ask Hon. Nick Ochola to second.

(Hon. Ochola stands to second)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: Member for Central Alego!

Hon. Oriaro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. On behalf of Central Alego Ward electorates and public, I want to say that the adoption of this report which I stand for is a matter pursued on grounds expedient rather than principle. If we were to go on grounds purely based on principles we would have ---many matters of this one.

I am in support as moved by the Hon. Chair of Budget; the matter leads us to adopting this supplementary budget with amendments. Those few amendments are really echoed on their integral calculus moved by the Chair touches many things. We allow them to talk of the Kshs.30m as per the earlier consensus but that one is integral as I had put it.

We talk about many things, huge projects, monumental, ablution blocks, roads and toilets and what interests me is the Governor said the Prime Minister wrote a letter to him only for two weeks later he was given a road by Hon. Uhuru which he had known in advance that those were National Government functions and the National Government had already initiated the course.

I am in possession of experts from that budget supplementary/budget document 2018/2019 programme based, one of the areas that captured more attention and really want to tell, in fact I would say it's like even the Prime Minister is being misadvised on matters of devolution.

That one I must say because I am a key figure, an element in the realization by virtue of my election as an MCA, we are the people who are the prime movers in this. It is like somebody is misadvising the Prime Minister as to see MCAs as people who are less educated and of lesser gods to be pushed through a big bag rather thrust us to do what is right. I want to tell those who are misadvising the Prime Minister and I believe he is listening to me to prove that we are right.

One of the executive projects in my Ward is gravelling and culver ting Lake Kanyaboli ring road. Apart from that, they are also talking about, this is the document presented to us by Hon. Cornel Rasanga himself doing works on Boro and Harambee market and when we talk about ring road almost 2/3 of it is already addressed by that Kshs. 4.9m for that gravelling.

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If you see the amount allocated for Lake Kanyaboli, Boro Kanyaboli road Kshs. 2.6million, a bit of that road again duplication and we blindly adopt it so that they go and share the loot with outsiders, Oriaro is saying no. Lake Kanyaboli ring road which is also 2/3 is still addressed by the roads I have mentioned.

He is talking about Kshs. 6 million but interestingly just a month ago, not less than a month ago it was done by KERA, so if the likes of Oriaro were blind on this road alone the public would have lost over Kshs. 10m. Were we ought to oversight the executive? One of our functions is to oversight! By the way, they talk of us approving the budget but if you go back to the Constitution, Public Finance Chapter 12, if you read it from 201 up to 207 where it is us to appropriate, the budget making is us not an executive thing. So it us to do what is right and to do what is wrong but we hope for doing the right thing.

I have just mentioned a few areas only in my Ward where National Government functions already executed and are being sneaked into the County Government so that we approve money for them to eat. One thing which has to be very clear is that we adopting it by amendments.

In my Ward, the Kshs. 30 million was eaten by projects that had fallen into previous budgetary allocations. My intention is, we approve it with amendment but these budgetary allocations that were finding their way into 2018/2019 by eating them, those amounts the Executive should take them back to where they fell.

In conclusion, in 2017/2018 we had an allocation of over Kshs. 16 million for piped water. If you read what the Executive has brought to us like one of them is pipeline extension and distribution along Bar Olengo- Pap Lany- Ratuoro- Gendo School Road. In the document they have brought to us the balance brought forward is only Kshs. 4,000 and the amount legible for supplementary activities is Kshs. 4 million.

The question is, where is that money?... because that project is yet to be undertaken. It means that somebody has already eaten, wanting us to buy into his way by appreciating that he has eaten and we approve it that easily. We do it with amendment that Kshs. 16 million plus others for 2017/2018 projects yet to be undertaken. We will one day want to know who used that money to the extent that a balance of only Kshs. 4,004, 000 is remaining. I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Otiato.

Hon. Otiato: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. As much as we are called names we stick to the rule of law and we ensure that what is right is done for the good of our people. Like my colleague has just said, we are supporting this particular document with amendment.

Our role is not only to approve, in fact if you go to the inner details the simple definitions of our role in terms of appropriation they say the Assembly is having the last signatory to the cheque that the County Government is using especially the Executive in spending and therefore we will not sign a document that we have not read.

We are requesting that these amendments be made as soon as possible so that the problems that we are having like when we have been talking today we look at the whole

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document and say that we are having bursary issues that have not been paid and it rolls over anyway then you have an issue

In Yimbo East, we have roads from 2016/2017 which has never seen the light of day not yet done but the money is not there. Similarly, 2017/2018 the money is not there but the war has been out there on even social media asking how the Assembly passed a Budget without pending bills. Now we just rejected a Supplementary Budget the other day. We are having a supplementary coming without some pending bills.

I have a staff houses on going in Usigu Sub District Hospital of about Kshs. 4.5 million. Work is done halfway so no money in terms of roll over so what are we going to do with that contractor? How is he going to complete his job because we want Siaya to move forward. We will not labour much on some few elements but we will request that the Executive especially the Finance Department moves with speed.

We are ready to be here and burn the midnight oil to ensure that we don't reach Christmas. We have got people who are really suffering, especially some contractors. Somebody went there, took a loan and now they cannot repay them because somebody somewhere is sitting on their money.

I am happy today to have seen an advertisement from the Controller of Budget; he is doing a pending bill to all counties and has made it clear to everybody else that the county owes money to present their issues. We had discussed here previously that we actually need to do a task force to get it.

Like Hon. Madialo, the Chairman of Budget has said, even now as we talk we are not sure how much Siaya County Government owes anybody. Whether it is Kshs. 1.7 million or Kshs. 1.5 million it is not clear anywhere so it means they are making steps but they still have some other things to handle

I am happy that this particular report the Controller of Budget is given 30 days to report to the county. As we are moving towards the next Budget cycle, we will be ensuring and I beg my fellow members that as we are moving forward we should first of all put that into consideration and we have task force report. Let's ensure that our men and women who are suffering here to do the contracts get their payments.

We request that the finance department whether they will do a tent here so that we will ensure that changes are made. Changes that we propose are not going to be made or they don't do them so how sure are we that now that we are going to give them a leeway and these amendments that we are going to make are going to be keyed in into this Budget.

We are requesting the good side of the Executive who actually mean good for our people not those who are looking for the loopholes to steal to ensure that a desk is formed so that immediately we pass this thing we come and supervise and even see that our main concerns are factored when they are doing their keying. I beg to support. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Audi.

Hon. Audi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support this document. For one, the document has earthed corruption intention by the Executive. Like in South Gem I had Kshs. 24,

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884,000 on the roll overs for the projects on 17/18 FY but on their early document they had only put Kshs. 9.5 million as roll overs of 17/18

Another problem that was there and I feel very happy in fact I will leave this place a very comfortable man since there are several projects of FY 17/18 that they had put as new projects of 18/19.

Hon. Members, I kindly request that we support this document. It is a document that will make Siaya look like a hopeful and productive environment.

Another problem which is a constant to me is the implementation of the recommendation concern because of the kind of gesture and the way the kind of document that the Executive gave earlier and their reactions towards such kind of reports.

I was seated somewhere and two of the Executives were saying, I heard this from horse's mouth, that even if we pass this document they can as well try and delay the implementation of the project. Hon. Members, let us look for the best tools that we will use so that the implementations are done on time. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Willis.

Hon. Ochieng: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Having looked at this document I want to join my fellow colleagues to support this document as a representative of Yimbo East people. I want to say that all the projects that were prioritized by Yimbo West has been considered in this document as much as some were missing and as per communication of the CECM in charge of the Finance, to make sure that all the submissions that we shall have submitted are implemented to the latter

I want to support this Supplementary so that these projects that our people proposed be implemented in good time and as the Chairperson of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries I will also support this allocation of Kshs. 7.5 million for the empowerment of the youth which part of it will go to the management of the agribusiness management entrepreneurship. In this financial year I want to believe that our youth will be empowered to make sure that this will be producing with the little resources in their respective localities

As we are aware that our environment is being destroyed and in the same Supplementary Budget we can see some Kshs. 3 million that has been put aside for each and every Ward to be coming up with a tree nursery which will also add value and improve our environment.

After I looked at this document and considered the ploughing as we all know that we are approaching the long rainy season and I have looked at this document and seen the money for ploughing and the purchase of the seeds it is high time we passed the document and wait for the Executive to kindly implement this Budget with immediate effect so that our electorate will get the intended service. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Odawa.

Hon. E. Odawa: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Today I want to stand in this House as a proud Member of the Siaya County Assembly. This is proof that the Siaya County Assembly is worth its salt.

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First and foremost the issue of roll overs must be addressed by the Executive. This shows absolute incompetence on the side of the Executive, lack of record keeping because of a whole Executive is not able to tell us that they don't know how much roll overs they have, they talk about Ksh.1.7 million, they shift to Ksh.1.4 million then they also say it is Ksh.1.2 million, which is which? I think this must be addressed at the soonest opportunity possible.

The Executive launched the stadium just the other day and up to now nothing has been done and in the same breath I think we should insist that most of these contracts should be given to local contractors because there is no way you can tell us that there is no Kenyan contractor or even Siaya contractor or in Luo Nyanza who cannot perform a contract worth Ksh.300 million yet we know very able contractors who do even up to Kshs. 3 to 4 billion Nationally.

So this is a matter of concerned because there is no need of us taking money and giving it to the Chinese outside there who we basically know are good in giving out kickbacks, and this I must say categorically that I smell a rat in this stadium contract.

I want to congratulate this House for being keen and today they have shown that we didn't have malice or forethought when we rejected the Supplementary Budget. That was not a Supplementary Budget but it was an alternative Budget! And from today henceforth, the Executive must know that we will not be taken for granted and they should never ever again try to bring an alternative Budget instead of Supplementary Budget by altering it with more than 10%.

The County Executive has done two oversights and in the same breath there are touching issues of the bursary of Kshs. 37.5 million which has not been addressed and even the roll overs are nowhere to be seen there and this one we are not going to let go as Siaya County Assembly we are going to follow it to the latter. The Executive must tell us where Kshs. 37.5 million is because our children are waiting for this money to be paid to the schools so that they can go on with their education.

There is issue of misinformation from our Members of Parliament and I think today we have to tell the MPs of Siaya County to stop meddling with the issues of Siaya County Assembly they have National Assembly, let them stick to that. We in Siaya Assembly have Siaya Assembly Board that is able and dedicated Members who are here to serve the interest of the people of Siaya.

I believe that, had we not been that keen the monies which were to be put on roads belonging to KERA would have been squandered and again had we not been that keen the monies that were put for travel expenses for the Executive would have been basically squandered in holyday trips. That is not the core engagement of Siaya County Executive! We should stick to the things we are supposed to do to better the lives our people.

At the same time I would like to request the people from Executive to hasten procurements of these projects because from today henceforth, we do not want to hear about low absorption rates and return of monies to the exchequer. They must, and this time round we want to make sure that the Executive should reduce the issue of monies going back to the exchequer because of low absorption rate.

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They should put their House in order and make sure that contracts are procured in time and implemented not forgetting that quality should never ever be compromised. I want at the same time to take the opportunity to request the Assembly to adopt the report with the necessary amendments. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mboha.

Hon. Mboha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also rise to support this report on Budget and I just have a brief comment in regards to the implementation. As we pass the report we also want to urge the Executive to start the implementation of this Budget in good time. We don't want a situation whereby when we are coming towards the end of June we are having so many rollovers which is really our undoing right now.

So my only urge is that as they implement this particular Budget, let them initiate the Budget of 2019/2020 in good time so that at this time, next year we are discussing a different issue. Therefore, I also want to thank the Budget Committee for work well done and going by the mood of the House we request that you give the Mover to Reply.

Hon. Speaker: I will ask the Mover to reply after the three of you have contributed.

Hon. Ambrose!

Hon. Auma: Mr. Speaker, Sir. My concern is that I just wonder why we are in a hurry to adopt the report. If you can see the report there are a lot of rollovers and I have an example from my Ward, Rambugu dispensary which has rollovers up to Ksh.6 million and it has just now disappeared. I also support Member for Budget Hon. Oriaro, in saying funds for the stadium is there and if it is so, why can't they start the construction? Or is it that there is no contractor? I am also a contractor, I can do the stadium!

(Loud consultations)

Yesterday, I was in one of these local chang'aa dens with some of my colleagues and a herdsman just told me.....

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Felix. What is it? Take your seat Hon. Ambrose.

Hon. Okumu: My question to Hon. Ambrose is that where is his stand? At first he was supporting the Budget and now he is opposing it.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Order! Hon. Ambrose, will you proceed.

Hon. Auma: Mr. Speaker, Sir, as I was saying; the man told me that "we believe that your fellow Hon. Members are going to pass the report because they are compromised." So today I don't know how I am going to face the man and tell him that we have passed the report. Here we are we want to adopt the report yet there is a big mess of rollovers all over. Therefore, I reject this report in the strongest term possible.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Shirley.

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Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to support the report basically based on three things;

Based on the analysis that was made by the Committee on Budget and Appropriations that they felt that money that was allocated for the women is reinstated in the Budget, I support that point.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in terms of moving forward as County we should find a way of addressing the rollovers, it is a problem. We agree that we are supporting the report, we are passing the Supplementary with amendments but we should also find a way of addressing the rollovers. In our formal meetings we raised some concerns that there was a task force which was formed by the County Executive Officer who is the Governor and we really needed this report tabled on the Floor of the House to see how they went through the rollovers and how they addressed the issue of rollovers.

It is just this afternoon that we have seen the Cabinet Secretary directing the Treasury to form an Ad hoc Committee to look into the entire County's pending Bills. Now it is going to force the same Governor to form another Ad hoc Committee to look into these pending Bills. How I wish they brought the reports or the recommendations that the Committee on task force came up with then we could be somewhere.

On Health department in the report there were some Kshs. 20 million that the Executive felt that the money should be used for nurses' uniform allowances. On my recommendation if the Committee would agree to add it or to be part of the recommendation that the money should go to our Referral Hospital to buy incubators because we have fewer incubators and if you go to the Hospital we only have 5 incubators.

If you check on the analysis of babies being born prematurely you get that in a month we can have more than ten babies yet we have only 5 incubators which forces the doctors to put two babies in one incubator which is not proper.

So I would request the Committee on Budget to make this to be part of their recommendation that the Kshs. 20 million be taken to the Hospital to buy incubators, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Felix Okumu.

Hon. Okumu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My worry is that I need to support what is there considering the time lines given and therefore, let Hon. Members understand that it is better to have a half a loaf than nothing at all.

Let me give a story about Ali Mazrui who used to hang himself with a rope on the roof and swing food up the roof so as to get the food to the needy but ended up dying because the rope was tied on his neck, therefore, this budget might give us something. I rest my case.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Adalah! Please Members let's not take a lot of time.

Hon. Adalah: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to read the mood of the House by saying that I support the report as tabled by the Budget Committee and while at it I want to

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mention one thing that I am happy that the Committee in its wisdom has seen it important that Youths are factored in this Budget and for the first time I think we are having a youth Budget in the County in as much as it is little but we know that as time moves it is likely to go high.

I also want to acknowledge the fact that if you leave this money as a block then it gives room for somebody to mess with it and to search for the Kshs. 7.5 million that has been set aside for the youth. This in itself shows lots of respect to the youths that took their time and sat and shared their views with the Budget Committee.

I want to appeal that it is just good we get things right. Some of this back and forth really waste the time of Siaya County. We are just speaking of about four months left in this Financial Year. My worry is we are going to pass this Budget but do we have time to really implement these things?

Something must be fixed somewhere for the sake of the people of Siaya. This thing that must be fixed still lies in the Executive and the person that will bear the biggest responsibility is none other than the CECM of Finance because again if we leave it at that and they do a wrong thing, they will come here, we have a standoff we take time again. We will face the same thing when it gets to June and it would be a very bad thing for Siaya.

When we come back from recess we definitely must revisit this issue of CECM for Finance even if we are going to support this.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Linda

Hon. Juma: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, having read the mood of this House; I have seen that most of the Members are in support of the document. I will also support not because they are supporting but first I am supporting this document because for one the women that I am representing in this House have been given an allocation even though it is in block figures but at least we have been considered as women.

The last of Budget that we locked in this House the last time really touched on issues that were touching on hospital and pharmaceutical and when I see this Supplementary Budget for today I can see the money that belongs to the hospital pharmacy and the non-pharmaceuticals have been restored and that is why I really support this document

People were agonizing over the issue of Ward based projects and the allocation of Wards, for today we can see that the mood is sober. The Hon. Members are so happy because each and every one of them apart from few have gotten the exact amount of money that we really need for development of our Wards and therefore as Hon. Linda, I also support.

Let us support this document for us to see Siaya move forward; in Luo they normally say ‘tumeongea sana’ I am in full support considering the time let us give ourselves into this Report and see Siaya move forward. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Opanga

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I support this document but the key areas that I am certain, as I was going through this document you find that there are some areas that money was not spent it was returned whereas we have key areas like the fuel levy. It touches our roads and it is a key component in terms of road development of our areas.

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I kindly request the departments that now that the document is going to be part of the absorption, this money should also be fastened so that our people should feel and be able to see the usefulness of the resources that we are allocating to them.

In the last Supplementary Budget that was returned there was a key issue of bursary that they had reported was a roll over, it was not paid simply because at that time the money was not spent and it was returned. Therefore it was coming as a roll over but in the document that they returned to us it is not part of the roll over. I don't know where our students will get the Kshs. 37.5 million as we go forward but I would kindly request the department of Education to fast track the issue of that money because initially we were told in one week they would pay the money but now we have closed the Assembly and the money is not there. I support the document, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: We only have one minute. Yes, Hon. Olasi

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support but I want to send a very strong warning! We need not lie to ourselves. We agreed that the Executive is an enemy of itself then they take the blame to the Assembly to be portrayed to be the bad people that are not having Siaya at heart. We cannot allow this to happen!

On 28th of June, 2018 we passed a Budget here. On 7th of November, a Supplementary Budget was again brought to this House with totally different items from what was in the same paper. We had formed a joint committee headed by Chairperson Committee on Budget, Hon. Madialo and the able Chairperson for Justice, Legal Affairs Hon. Otiato and we came up with 12 strict conditions.

The fact that they ought to have known and truly they knew and they stopped thinking that they should do what they know coming to blame the Assembly even in funerals. Now everybody else actually including the contractors are on our neck as if we don't value them. They are our people.

The Executive knows exactly what should be done and we had to go all this long up to today. We had to postpone closing the Assembly to make sure that we do everything today and they take this thing lightly thinking that we have very little reasoning to pass this thing

This is a strong warning! Next time no matter what it will cost, we vetted all these CECMs and we agreed that they pass that is why they had to take those positions. We have all the tools but we have been very much economical in using these tools. This time round we are not going to spare any! May God bless this Assembly. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: I call upon the mover to reply. Sorry for some of you who didn't contribute. Yes, Hon. Madialo.

Hon. Madialo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am awake to the fact of pressure of time. Thank you, Hon. Members for supporting the document.

May I disabuse the Hon. Ambrose of this fear that you are compromised, that will be said until the end of your term. Do not bother with it developing at this stage. You would have been compromised if you allowed the tarmacked roads, the eco-toilets, deduction of medical

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provisions, sweepers to go without salaries but you have refused; where is the compromise? Thank you for your time, thank you Members and I beg that you support.

(Question put and agreed to)

BILL

Second Reading

THE SIAYA COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS BILL 2018
(COUNTY ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 27 OF 2018)

Hon. Madialo: I wish to move that the Siaya County Appropriations Bill be read a second time. I wish to request the following; we have debated the contents of that Bill in the Report. We have debated and passed that the same be passed with amendment.

The amendments are geared towards the Siaya County Supplementary Budget Appropriations Bill 2018. In the spirit of the adoption of the Report that this Bill be deemed read a second time. This House being also full house the Committee of the Whole House that it be deemed to have been read a third time.

I request Hon. Oriaro to second.

Hon. Oriaro: As I support taking cognizant of the fact that already we have approved estimates, what is now remaining of us is to allow the Governor to plunge his hands into the county coffers. This will be the end by way of approving and giving a nod to supplementary appropriations. I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third time and passed)

An act of the County Assembly of Siaya to authorize the issue of a sum of money out of the County Revenue Fund and its application towards the service of the year ending on 30th June 2019 to appropriate that sum understand of the account by the County Assembly for certain public service and purposes

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Oor: Pursuant to Standing Order 25(3), this House adjourns until Tuesday, 12th February, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I am supposed to make some communication largely on the word which the Speaker of this House received. There is also communication on signing of Bills, closure and court cases of CECMs. I will take them to the next Sitting.

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There being no other Business this House adjourns until Tuesday, 12th February, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 3.35 p.m.