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

*[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Jana Atieno) in the Chair]*

#### PRAYER

#### MOTION

THE SIAYA COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2019

(BILL No. 9 OF 2019)

*Second Reading*

*Continuation of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 20th November, 2019 morning Sitting*

**Hon. Atieno:** Hon. Members, so we continue with the debate we started this morning and now the floor is open for debate.

**Hon. Oriaro:** Asante sana Mwenyekiti katika mswada huu ambao ndio utakuwa mwangaza katika juhudi zote za Kaunti yetu kupata hela kwa njia ya kutoza ushuru. Mwenyekiti nimeshangazwa sana.

Asubuhi tulipokuwa katika kikao chetu rasmi, mswada uliletwa kuihairisha ili sisi twende tuichambue kwa undani ndiposa tuweze kuchangia katika hali ya uwazi. Nashangaa kuwa wale ambao walileta mswada wa kuihairisha kikao cha asubui, wao pia ni kama wamepigwa tu na butwaa, hawaelewi ni nini kinachoendelea.

Hata hivyo, Spika, jambo moja limechipuka, ya kwamba mswada jinsi ilivyoletwa kutoka kwenye jikoni ikaletwa bungeni, ilibeba uchafu mwingi. Uchafu ambao ulichafua pia juhudi za Wananchi ambao tunawawakilisha, katika biashara.

Tuliona ripoti imetambua baadhi ya uchafu hizo. Tunapopiga hesabu kwa mfano tulenge siku moja, Yule ambaye ana Kituo cha petroli wanatozwa karibu shilling thelathini. Mama mboga pia anatozwa shilling thelathini.

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Ili tu ende mbele, tutakapokuwa tunasafisha huu mswada, tuweze kupunguzia wanjiku makali ya bei ya ushuru, ili kwa mfano kwa mama mboga iweze kutoka kwenye shilling thelathini irudi chini hadi shilling kumi, ili wale ambao wanamisuli ya kufanya biashara waweze kufanya hivyo vyema.

Naweza kukumbuka katika mswada wenyewe hatukuangalia jinsi ambavyo kaunti yetu itanufaika kutokana na wafanyi biashara wakubwa, kama zile za muwa. Wadi yangu ina nafasi ya kipekee katika ukuzaji wa miwa, na hapo mbeleni tuweze kuweka kampuni ya kusaga muwa, ili nasi pia tuweze kunufaika. Kwa ufupi, wafanyi biashara wetu ndogo kama vile mama mboga, ushuru iweze kuwekwa chini hadi shilling kumi.

Tunapofanya hivi, miswada ambazo zitakuja siku za usoni, ziwe wazi ya kwamba iwapo kutakuwa tena na shughuli nyingine ya kuongeza kodi, wenzetu katika kitengo kile kingine cha uongozi almaarufu kama Executive, wawe katika hesabu yao, hali ilikuwaje leo walipopendekeza kwamba kitengo Fulani ya kutoza ushuru, kwa kimombo tunaita Stream.

Walitenda vipi kitengo hicho cha kutoza ushuru, ndiposa tuweze kuona iwapo twafaa kuongeza amakurudi chini? Bi Spika, naiunga mkono.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Atieno): Yes, Hon. Wandera.

**Hon. Wandera:** Madam Speaker, I support this Bill, with some areas which require amendment. We had it yesterday and we have gone through it. On page 28, there is a Section which says ‘transfer of Industrial Land will be charged at Kshs 10,000 and then in the next column it says 4% of the whole value of the land.

I am getting perturbed because in some circumstances, for example, when the value of land is 1 million, then 4% is Kshs 40,000, and according to me that is a lot of money. So I think that money should just have been left that the value of transfer of Industrial land is Kshs 10,000 as had been indicated, then that would have been okay. Otherwise the 4% is too high.

There is also an aspect of the taxation of firewood, where it was said that a bundle of firewood would cost Kshs 40, but how do you measure a bundle of firewood? Because if the firewood is Kshs 40 and again the tax fee is Kshs 40, now which business is that? That is not fair. Now I don’t know which quantity they will be charging Kshs 40.

I think some of these things should be tremendously amended, then I think the charge and tax for a bundle of firewood and others will reduce. A Member was referring to a tin of charcoal to be *a debe*, but we know that from time immemorial it has been that a tin of charcoal is always a debe which contains 8 gorogoros, so a tin doesn’t necessarily mean a gorogoro. A tin of charcoal for Kshs. 20 is okay because that means a debe.

I am still perturbed about firewood issue. Like what are you using to measure a bundle of firewood? So it should have been specific. Otherwise if not for those few amendments, I support this Bill.

**Hon. Booker:** Thank you, madam Speaker. I belong to this Committee of Finance and before I continue, allow me to commend myself for the job well done, because to me I think we worked tirelessly to make this good report. Siaya County belongs to all of us and in my thinking we all would have wished that we have a County that is self-sufficient in everything.

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As we are arguing about this Finance Bill we should also be fair to the County Government of Siaya. When you hear the media talking about how Siaya is always number last in terms of development, this is because we are very poor in our revenue collection.

I had an opportunity to go to Kiambu County last month. You find that their own revenue resource is Kshs. 500 million and this FY they are projecting to get about Kshs. 700 million but why do they project to get the money? Because of the revenue streams they have put across the county.

We continue arguing about how we are going to tax our people. People have to be taxed so that our county can move forward. If I take for example a Hon. Member was trying to argue here yesterday that going to court to give out evidence should in fact be free if not Kshs. 1000.

I would like to advise or tell my fellow Hon. Members that a private surveyor would charge you Kshs. 6,000 for any survey done. If I react to a sentiment given out by my fellow MCA Hon. Wandera that transfer of ratable property should not be pegged at 4%. Some of these things we should not even start arguing about. If you go to the Lands Act it's pegged to the Survey Act. If you go to the Lands Act it is always 4% of the value of the property.

For example, an industrial land being bought by an investor from America. Let us just not think that it is Hon. Booker or *Mama Mboga* who is going to buy that industrial land, let's take for example it is going to be bought by an investor from America and you don't want to peg this payment to a percentage governed by the law. You want this American to give the county Kshs. 10,000. You are not being fair to the county.

Whereas we want the county to get a lot of money from their own revenue resource and because it is in law that if you get such amount of money in your own revenue resource is when the national government will give you the amount of money they have pegged.

I urge my Hon. Members that if you want Siaya to grow let us allow the county government free hand to charge our people. Don't see tax collection as a form of punishment but we have to charge our people. They must pay tax and even if you go to counties like Kisumu those who have rental houses they are being charged heavily so that the county could get money for development.

If we argue so much about tax collection, then our county will always be last and if you are not developing it will always be the Governor and the MCAs not the MP! so let us not argue about tax so much but it is also right that we can see to it that we do it amicably, but let us not argue so much about it. I support and I commend the Committee on Finance for doing a good job.

**The Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Wandera, what is your problem. You have already talked.

**Hon. Wandera:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, Siaya has never had a foreign developer unless maybe for a miracle. When you talk about being fair we have local developers in mind maybe for the first time we will have foreign developers.

Yesterday somebody was citing that Siaya should not be compared with Kakamega. In Kakamega people work until midnight...

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**The Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Wandera, can you sit down. Can you go out and dress properly.

*(Hon. Wandera walked out)*

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Odhiambo:** Thank you, Madam Speaker for the opportunity. I start by commending the Committee on Finance for doing a very good job and that is why I think there is an exchange between the two Hon. Members. Somebody is defending the county government and somebody is defending the public. It means the public did what they can.

We have a very big problem with the implementers of Finance Bill and that is why they will ever have a problem whenever they bring such a document into this House. I think that one had been mentioned by the committee that the county government of Siaya should have a database so that they should be knowing when there is need for an increment.

Actually the reason we need to pass this Bill is that we need to develop our County depending on our own revenue collection and if we cannot collect enough revenue it means even the support for the national government may not be sufficient or may not trickle down so that we can add to our own revenue for the development of this county.

Therefore, as much as the committee recommended that we pass this document with the amendments, I know there are some areas people were not keen on. They thought that if such a business person has been given a high amount he may not develop. Majorly the committee was touching on the *boda boda* sector who were not even paying anything yet they use our roads.

If you can also check on page 29, on the local brew license and I think this is *busaa*, I would recommend that instead of these people paying Kshs. 1000 per year they should pay Kshs. 5000 per year because *busaa* has a lot of money. It's only that these people don't know but I know that *busaa* has a lot of money and according to me like somebody who wants this county to move, *busaa* should be charged Kshs. 5,000 per year. Even if you calculate, it is very minimal per day.

I heard someone talk about foreign visitors. This is the entry charges to tourism sites. I don't think we are only making this Bill for those who are not residents of this county. I have not seen where it is amended but in the committee report I can see (foreigners), it means the Bill for the entry charges is made for only foreigners and that is Kshs. 1,000.

I think we should put amounts which include even the locals. As much as we have Kshs. 1000 for the foreigners we should also have a good amount if not that amount it should be even less and it should be indicated in the document.

In the committee report I would also wish to suggest that when you go to page 30 where they have indicated that 'reduce to the previous rate' that is the hire of county government tractors.

I know most of our members didn't budget for them for the last FY of which only four Wards budgeted for the tractor hire services and what we were charging recently was not Kshs.

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1850 but Kshs. 1200 per acre but if the committee says reduced to the previous rate and they place Kshs. 1850 it means they have increased it.

On the same page, single business permit for private tractors. I don't think we should raise to this level of Kshs. 5000 for the private tractors because as much as we really need the subsidy from the county government they are not even efficient and they are not even enough so when you put high charges for the private contractors services it means our people may not be able to plough in good time.

Therefore I also see a concern that this one should be reduced because even right now for the county government to plough within a ward is not easy. It will take a number of months to plough even 30 acres.

I want to support but I would encourage that few areas that I have touched should be looked into and amendments made so that we don't just put charges for the sake but we put charges which can be implemented and we collect revenue for this county. Otherwise I support the document as it has been indicated by the committee on Finance.

**Hon. Audi:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, some circumstances might force me to support this Motion though I have a few reservations that put me in such an awkward position. You are aware by the time we were with the Finance Minister here he said that there were a lot of pilferages.

My question is, with the little that we are collecting now we haven't even reached 50%, why are we increasing these rates? why don't we look for the best way of sealing these pilferages before increasing? that is my biggest challenge.

Like cases whereby one receipt is used as a return for two market centres, we have evidence. Why don't we look for best ways of sealing these pilferages before increasing the rates, otherwise circumstances are forcing me to...

**Hon. Adala:** I support the report by the Committee on Finance and while at it I only want to highlight on a few areas. The county government is looking into how they can tax people or visitors who come to visit our attraction sites and they had in their proposal that visitors be charged at a cost of Kshs. 200 and the committee in its wisdom has deemed it right to charge that at Kshs. 1000.

One would ask the question, currently as they are nothing much has been done on the attraction site. If you take an example of Lake Kanyaboli which is the second largest ox-bow lake in Africa and has got bird watching and other things but when you go to these attraction sites there is no view point and therefore somebody would want to ask if you want to tax these people what are you going to tax.

My thinking was that we should first invest in attraction sites then when we tax it is valid. I know and support that we should raise revenue but now if you go to a place like Got Ramogi for those of us who have been there you understand it is rich in terms of history but there is nobody assigned there who will take you round and tell visitors where we really came from as Luos

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You realize that as much as we want to charge our visitors who want to come and see our sites, what are we charging them for. My thought would have been that we have invested in our attraction sites then when we want to charge Kshs. 1000 then it makes sense.

The committee has highlighted that there is a vital sector; the *boda boda* riders. Last year I remember we did pass here that they will be taxed and in its findings the committee is saying that the Executive has not commenced this.

When we tax *mama mbogas* who have got little stock over Kshs. 1000 or even less every day when they go to the market the question that I expected this report to highlight is that what is it that has made them not tax this vital sector.

Is it that political that we fear that if we tax them they will riot and all those things? Because the numbers that we have in Siaya are quite many and we seated here are taxed and again when you leave here and to our Wards the same riders will tax you. There is no justification whatsoever that Seven years since inception of the County Government *boda boda* are not being taxed in Siaya.

I would recommend to the Chair of Finance Committee and his team that when they will be receiving this report that they have said in one month's time after adoption of this report, kindly share with us what is it that is making the Executive to find it difficult in taxing that Sector.

As I conclude, when we pay taxes as citizens of Siaya County, then we can only expect also to see quality of services being improved. I come from a place called Segla and the kind of revenue raised at night is a lot. It is a stopover for those who have long trucks. Unfortunately the parking has not been done but they are taxed every night and this is a lot of money. We also expect that when we want to charge these citizens then let that revenue also be used to make their lives better.

Finally I don't know what the Executive wants to raise this time in terms of revenue. I have looked at the report, our projection this year, I have struggled to look at it but sometimes I always feel that we set unrealistic targets and when we do not realize them the following year again we go higher.

When we raise it every year higher and higher, what is happening is that we are not doing justice to our people. I looked at a place where the Committee in its wisdom suggested that hiring of tractors should be raised to Kshs. 5000, I don't have an issue with that but the justification is abit surprising for me.

You basically want to raise it to Kshs. 5000 so that we increase use of our services in Siaya. The fact that we have our own does not stop an individual who wants to invest. With those, I rise to support.

**Hon. Kinyani:** Asante sana Bi Spika. Nashukuru vile tunazugumza kwa mjadala ya leo. Vile naona, mwasema kuna marekebisho. Kuna mengi naona hapa na ningeomba kwa heshima hii marekebisho ifanywe, tuelewe hii marekebisho ni wapi.

Naona kama Yala inawekwa kiwango moja na Siaya, naona si sawa. Ni vizuri pia mukifanya marekebisho tujue ni wapi na wapi kuna marekebisho. Nitaiunga mkono kama mmoja wenu lakini yale naona hapa hijaniridhisha. Asante.

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**Hon. Aringo:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in appreciating the work that has been done by this Committee. They did a good job, it took them time outside Siaya and every time they went for the meeting they would always come out with their pockets bulging out.

When I look at this report I sympathize with my mother, she is an old woman approaching 80 years, she is a small scale poultry farmer. I can remember there is a time she went to Bondo market, she wanted to sell a hen and every time she went to the market the tax man was there. And because she wanted to sell the hen at a good price she could not find a buyer every time she went there and the tax man always took money from her.

What has been happening with the livestock is that you just pay when you sell your animal, however, it is very difficult to ensure that only that hen that has been sold is paid for in terms of taxes.

I don't know how the tax collectors will know that a hen moving out has been sold or is being returned home unsold, otherwise the small scale farmers will continue suffering or they may be forced to sell their livestock at throw away prices. I support the report and request that that should be looked into. Thank you.

**Hon. Omoro:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I also rise to support the report but with some amendments. Taxation is not a way of impoverishing the people. The Siaya residents' lives should be improved after the County Government gets its taxation through revenue.

When I went through the report, I was dismayed to find that mama mboga at Konyango market or any other market is being charged at a rate of Kshs. 30.00 per day which is above a petrol station that is being charged Kshs. 27.00 per day. Comparing the two, mama mboga and a very busy petrol station that makes money, a very good profit margin, it's a way of pushing much higher the poverty index in our numerous localities.

The local market consists of small scale traders who are self-reliant, you find that they are nature loans, paying school fees for their children, catering for the health services without much agitating for the County Government to provide the services. I would not find it fit that a local woman/mama mboga is charged at such a high rate.

I would propose that as we pass the document we pass it with amendments that the mama mboga be charged at a rate of Kshs. 10.00 per day and the large petrol stations are charged a little bit higher. It can be accelerated a little bit higher since they are our people, their rate should be Kshs. 60.00 per day.

The other thing that I noticed in the report to be captured and passed with amendments is the rate at which the 10 x 10 kiosks businessmen were being charged. It is clearly indicated that a 10 x 10 kiosk would be charged at a rate of Kshs. 10,000.00 per year. This is far much above average, their capital is about Kshs. 5,000.00 and how would you expect such a person to work hard throughout the year and make sure that they comply to pay a hovering Kshs. 10,000.00 as revenue?

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It's a retrogressive way of making sure that our economies die a natural death so that when it comes to leadership the local man just follows us. As we pass the report, the 10 x10 kiosks should be charged Kshs. 2,000.00.

The other issue that I want to be passed here with amendments is about the tractor hire. The County Government tractor hire should be charged at Kshs. 1,500.00. I don't see the need of hiking this because this is a subsidy, a tractor subsidy. There is no need of charging it higher because it is meant to subsidize the rates at which the farmers in Siaya County would make sure that their farming activities are enhanced by ploughing big acreages of land that would eventually result into food security.

I therefore support that as much as we pass the report we do the amendments that the tractor service be pegged at Kshs. 1,500.00. The other issue that has not been captured here and we have really looked for the reasonable costs, various departments have been giving lame excuses that there has been no policy in place.

The boda boda sector is another money minting sector because with little calculation I can for sure say authoritatively before this House that each and every boda boda goes home with approximately Kshs. 1,000.00 per day. And if they are making returns to the owner of those motorbikes, you will find that this person will remain with a profit net of around Kshs. 400.00 per day.

If you translate it in 30 days, it's a lot of money. I don't see harm when these people are engaged and put into a revenue stream. We are losing a lot through the boda boda sector. These are the people who are roving and damaging our roads because we make roads for them and the moment you don't make roads they are with you.

They intimidate the elected leaders so that you shy off from this but I should say with authority that revenue is revenue whichever the background you come from. I therefore propose that the issue of boda boda should be encompassed in what we are trying to put forward as a revenue stream collection.

Another issue is the way revenue is collected in Siaya, it is really awkward and in some cases you find that it is locally done. In some local rural markets, you find that a revenue collector comes with an exercise book and writes the names of the traders claiming that they have not been furnished with receipts. Is this not corruption?

At the end of the day we shall have not known how much is collected and how much is receipted and submitted to the County Government. There is an issue of double receipt, one receipt is for the County Government and is for the local arrangement.

There was a case that was evident in Akala market. In such scenario you will find that this tax collector will first of all make sure that they work on their receipts. Later on some small amount will be scribbled on the County Government receipt and eventually be submitted to the office. This is where we are losing monies! As I speak and support the report let us get ways of shunning such ways in revenue collection.

The other issue is, there are also cases where you find a receipt meant for Luanda Kotieno is used to collect revenue in East Ugenya Ward, where is the accountability? How will you penalize such a person that the receipt used, is it really viable that such a person should use

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a receipt that is meant for Akala market to collect revenues maybe somewhere in a market in Alego Usonga?

These are the areas where we are losing monies and it is clear that the much we decline in our own source revenue collection is the much the National Government is giving us because the County Government will also be giving us smaller amounts in terms of budget resource envelope.

With those few remarks I support this report with amendments therein and urge fellow Members also to kindly support because this forms the basis for Siaya County Government and without collecting revenues then I think Siaya can never make any milestone.

**Hon. Okwiry:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Let me also add a feminine voice to this Bill. I support the Bill but with amendments. How only I wish that the implementers would obey the 30 days upon the adoption of this report. It is only in Siaya County that recurrent expenditure is higher than the development.

However much the Bill may be good and we support it, I would wish we look at other options not only the options that will hike the revenue but also options that will reduce the wages.

I base my argument on recommendation No. 2 and allow me to read; *the Committee recommends that the CECM Finance prepares and submits to the House a comprehensive Siaya County business database containing all registered business and revenue streams, this will help us.*

If you look at the matatu sector, we have about two or three based at Karapul Station. How I wish we did all these and have a database for this, we shall obviously know how many SACCOs we have and at what time should they remit their taxes rather than putting people there, they get the money while others even pocket it hence the County gets nothing. If we have that systematic way, I think we will reduce the wages and add us more revenue to develop the Siaya we want.

**Hon. V. Odawa:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I normally use few words, which I do not know if is a weakness or a strength, but that is who I am. I had concerns in two areas with one being about the mama mboga, which I have realized that we share that with almost every Member.

The second concern which is about the single business permit for private sector services has been raised here to Kshs. 5000 and the justification given is very ridiculous; that they are trying to encourage farmers to use county tractors when you and I know that we do not have them.

So the Committee recommendation is too ridiculous that I do not know what they mean. Therefore, I think they were targeting the private tractors from neighbouring Counties like Nandi.

What measures have they put in place that ensures that these people will charge only Kshs. 5000 and not more? Therefore, I do not agree with that recommendation to charge Kshs.5000 because in targeting them we may end up discouraging our own who were planning to

invest in the tractors. However, I support the document but with amendments more especially on the small trader so called mama mboga.

Before I sit, I want to be told the measures in place to ensure that the tractors will be available because the people we are expecting can decide not to bring their tractors to our County hence make our farmers to suffer.

**Hon. Oor:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a few points to raise, but first allow me to thank and support the Committee who have made this report. Secondly, I want to ask the Committee to go and compare the report before the coming of Devolution. They used to collect over Kshs. 300,000 during that time so you need to find out how they could collect that much.

Concerning mama mboga, most of them are women whose husbands have passed on and therefore, cannot be compared to supermarkets who are just out to make profit and in abundance. Therefore, my proposal just as the other speakers have said that mama mboga should be reduced to Kshs. 10 only.

Again, I have not seen private hospitals and I do not know if I am the one who has not read the report well and if it is there please let me know. The private hospitals are not here yet they access NHIF and make a lot of money. So I believe they should be charged that is if they are in the document. I support the report but with amendments, thank you.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, I am requesting Members not to leave because we will not have a quorum to pass this Bill. So could we stay until it is over? Chairman Finance, could you respond please.

**Hon. Oduor:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very happy this afternoon because what we are discussing is a very important document. It is a document that will determine what this County is going to raise so that we can have our revenue collection target reached. Before I continue, I would like to react to some of the concerns of Members.

1. I will start with sugarcane cess; Madam Speaker, I would like to say that sugarcane cess has already been introduced and is in the amendments.
2. Another one was the issue of land transfer that was expressly answered by Hon. Booker. It was that it is normally charged at 4 percent of the land value and this is what has been used by the National land Act.
3. On local brew, a Member also suggested that it should be charged more but I would like to inform the House that when we went to the ground what was charged was too high and the ground was too hostile for some of us.

We are very much aware that some of us have grown up with these local brews and we are also aware that those who indulge in the business are normally not well to do people in the community. So if it is possible and if we agree Members should maintain it at where it is currently.

4. On bundle of firewood, we have just maintained the charges, otherwise it is not a new stream but something that the County has been collecting from the previous years' Budget.
5. On tractor hiring; in the previous Act 2017/2018, it was being charged at Kshs. 2,000 and then in 2018/2019 it was reduced to Kshs. 1,850 which we have suggested that it be maintained and is already in the amendment.

6. On mama mboga, here is where there is a lot of heat. As much as I would have liked for mama mboga to just bring the mboga to the market without paying anything it is prudent that they be charged something.

We know very well that mama mboga is being charged the lowest. We are aware that Kshs. 20 is very little taking to account that these are charges levied to only those who come to the market not like the way we charge petrol station because petrol stations pay a large sum of money at once, which is throughout the year, while mama mboga comes may be once a while to the market not every day. Nevertheless, I have still registered the concerns of our people.

7. In tourism sector, a Member suggested that as we are charging Kshs. 1000 to foreigners he could not see locals. The locals are being charged Kshs. 100 and it is in the Bill so Hon. Member read your Bill properly.

There was a very good concern from a Hon. Member about the sites being improved, which I am very much in agreement with that all tourist attractions site be improved, and we are going to talk to the concerned Committee to approach the Executive so that they can see what can be done to the sites.

8. On Boda Boda, we also took the Executive to task so that they could explain to us what happened and why they did not collect anything from the sector. However, they told us that they were still negotiating with the Boda Boda riders on the best way to collect the revenue.

They were talking of collecting per stage, they were also talking of collecting per person but they had not yet reached an agreement. However, I would like to promise the House that from here we are going to talk to them and insist that they put their House in Order and start collecting this revenue henceforth.

9. A Member of Yala came up with the clustering of towns where we are collecting revenues and he was suggesting that Yala should not be put together with Bondo, Siaya and Ugunja. This clustering was done so many years back and this is what they have been using. I am aware that when they cluster the towns they cluster them according the revenue they collect.
10. On Tractors, I think there should be away and my Committee together with the Committee on Finance will sit down with the Executive to look into ways of making sure this money is being collected with our preferences.
11. Private Hospital; these are there in the Bill the one before us it contains amendments but if you go to the original Bill you will see that charges on private hospitals is there.

Now, let me take this opportunity to thank all the Hon. Members who have contributed to this Finance Bill 2019. It has been a long journey for the bill to reach this House. I know it has taken a long time and I know it has not been easy for Members of Finance Committee to have gone to the people, to have gone to Kisumu to look at the Bill and at last have brought the Bill to this House today. Thank you and I beg that the Siaya County Finance Bill 2019 be passed.

*(Bill read a second time, question proposed)*

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**Hon. Oriaro:** --- procedurally it is time for debate and that is why you have put a question. Therefore, I want to move on that that Madam chair I am of the view and in deed I want to propose a motion of adjournment.

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Can you hold on, Hon. Oriaro.

*(Bill read a second time, question put)*

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Oriaro can you sit down please.

**MOTION**  
ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Temporary Speaker:** Hon. Members, would we be upstanding for adjournment. Hon. Members, there being no other business this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019 at 2.30 p.m. in the chamber.

The House rose at 3.56 p.m.