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

[Temporary Speaker (Hon. Abigael Awino) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMPLAINTS ON ROADS COMMITTEE

The Temporary Speaker: There is communication from the Hon. Speaker, the Chair. The Hon. Speaker has received numerous complaints about the committee on Roads, Public Works, Transport and Communication bordering on integrity, conflict of interest bribery and a Motion of impeachment on its leadership.

He has further received communication on the utterances of one Hon. Ambrose Akuno, MCA West Asembo Ward on allegations on bribery of the entire Assembly regarding the ongoing investigations on the bursary fund.

He will make a comprehensive Statement on the stated issues tomorrow Thursday, 19th March, 2020 at 2.30p.m.

PAPERS

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS PLANNING AND VISION 2030

Hon. Madialo: Madam Speaker, I rise to lay on the Table of the House the Report on the Committee on Budget Appropriations, Planning and Vision 2030, a report on the Siaya County Supplementary Budget 2019/2020. Madam Speaker, permit me to point out that attached thereto is a letter, the contents of which are responses to the issues that were raised by the Membership of this Hon. House directed to the County Executive who are represented in this House by three CECMs led by the CECM in-charge of Finance and Planning.

STATEMENTS**PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SOLID WASTE FROM VARIOUS MARKETS**

Hon. Otiato: Madam Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order no. 41 (2) c; I seek a Statement from the CECM in-charge of Enterprise, Industrial Development on contract no. CGSDID/RT/2018/2019/01; proposed removal of solid waste from various markets including Akala market, Aram market, Bondo market, Ndori market, Siaya town, Ugunja market, Sega market and Usenge market.

In the response the CECM should address the following:

1. Explain how the project was procured including its advertisement. 2. Provide a copy of the requisition for procurement letter. 3. Provide copies of letters of appointment of all opening and evaluation Committees. 4. Provide a copy of professional opinion from the Director of procurement. 5. Provide copies of local service orders. 6. Provide PMC minutes and completion certificates. 7. Provide a copy of the payment voucher if any, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker: The Paper stands committed to the Committee on Trade.

Hon. Otiato: Timelines?

The Temporary Speaker: Any Member of the Committee?

Hon. Booker: He can give us two weeks to respond to the Statement but on the other hand I wanted to know since you are the Speaker if Hon. Otiato is exempted from putting on a tie.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato you need to dress well in the House, kindly step out. Hon. Charlton kindly step out and I haven't said you go for good, just go and dress properly and come back.

MOTION**REPORT ON THE MEMORANDUM OF THE GOVERNOR ON THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS BILL, 2018**

Hon. V. Odawa: I wish to Move a Motion:

THAT this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Governance and Administration on the Memorandum from the Governor on the village administrative units Bill, 2018 laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 17th March, 2020 at 2.30p.m. I believe the Reports were given to Members and each Member has a copy. I don't need to go into details because I believe every Member has the history of the Report.

I don't need to dwell so much on the background of it. Maybe just to refresh Members' memory that on 13th November, 2019 this House passed the Siaya County Village Administrative Bill 2018 and of course it was supposed to delineate villages in the County and Members can remember that after we passed the first Bill, the Governor declined to assent to it.

He sent it back as a way of memorandum in this House. In his memorandum the Governor gave three reasons; 1. Operationalization of 188 villages as envisaged in section three

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of the Bill; there shall be need to employ the 10 village administrators. 2. If the Bill is operationalized as it is the percentage on the wage bill will rise to 46% of the total County Revenue which is way above the 35% in which the County has already exceeded.

The Governor is of the opinion that setting the minimum age limit of 18years for a person to be appointed as village elder makes it possible for a person who is 18years old to be appointed to this position which in his opinion is not feasible since a person below the age of 35years still lacks requisite experience and authority to be a village elder.

In the Report; we have the Committee mandate which I don't need to go through and we have Membership of the Committee.

In the Committee findings and observations; the Committee having deliberated on the matters raised by the Governor in the memorandum, made the following observations and findings. With regard to Section 818 when the Governor comments that the age limit of a person to be employed as a village elder should be set at 35years.

The Committee finds that by adopting that recommendation the clause shall discriminate against the youth who constitutes the majority of the unemployed persons in the County. Furthermore, CAP 35 and Article 260 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 provides that a person in Kenya of the age of 18years is considered an adult and legally allowed to be employed and therefore should be free from discrimination in accessing the employment opportunities.

Setting the minimum age of 18years cannot in anyway limit the Governor from legally engaging a person who maybe 35years and above as long as legal procedure is followed in recruitment. The Governor in his memorandum proposed that the County Assembly to reconsider revising the number of villages to about half the proposed number.

The Committee during its deliberations on the current wage bill as a percentage total budget for the FY- 2019/2020 turned at 43% which is above the 35% recommended in section 107 (2) in the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and section 25 of the Public Finance Management 2015.

The Committee cannot confirm whether the employment of the 188 village administrators increased the percentage to 46% as has been alluded to by the Governor. However, it is a fact that going by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission Circular Ref; SRC/TS/CG/3/16 which proposed that the minimum pay for village administrators is Kshs. 61,910 and the maximum pay is Kshs. 71,880.

The arrangement will be of substantial impact to the County wage bill. Attached is the SRC Circular; the Committee therefore finds a need to increase the number of villages being proposed that's around half of what we have.

Taking into consideration the provision of section 43 of the County Governments Act 2012, the Public Finance Management Act 2012, based on the current percentage of the wage bill; the total revenue as indicated by the Governor; the Committee raises concern on the issue of illegal recruitment which it had earlier pronounced itself through a Report to the House and the current process of cleaning the payroll.

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In our recommendation, based on the above stated observation, the Committee recommends as follows that with regard to section 81, the minimum age to be retained at 18 years and hence the proposal by the Governor should not be approved by the Committee of the Whole House in regards to section 3 on the number of Village Administrators. The committee to consider a revision on the number of villages from 188 to 98.

In regards to percentage of VAT, as indicated by the Governor which is above the recommended percentage of 35%.

The County Secretary and the CECM Governance to provide a report on the status of the implementation of the report on illegal recruitments of officers in the county public service and a status report on the on-going printing of the county payroll indicated in the preliminary results. The process and the projected ceiling to be approved and disciplinary action taken against officers suspected to be culpable.

I call upon Hon. Aringo to second.

Hon. Aringo: I Second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Temporary Speaker: Yes Hon. Madialo.

Hon. Madialo: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I said from the onset that the Village Administration Units are requirements of the County Government Act. It supports the exercise that we establish those villages. I therefore rise to support.

I wish to seek forgiveness from the onset forewarning on the following. It is beautiful to establish the villages. A requirement that is mandatory is that each Village Unit shall have an Administrator and at least 3 persons constituting a Village Council and a maximum of 5 constituting the same Village Council.

In reality, it is not possible to have 3 people because there is the requirement of gender balancing that dictates that there must be a male and female and also there is the constitutional requirement of people living with disability so that at the end of it they must be 5.

My reservations on numbers is that as much as we cite those who were “illegally” recruited and take care of the persons who will fill these offices certain considerations have not been brought to play.

A Village Administrator is by law a permanent and pensionable personnel. That person's salary and allowances are at around Kshs. 74,500 per month. The village elders will have to be paid. The 5 of them. We are talking about 5*98 which comes to 495 people to be paid.

People that are permanent and pensionable do not just receive salaries. There are certain benefits that you will attach intentionally or unintentionally like transport allowance and per diem including providing them with space in which to operate.

The Village Administrator is an office under the Ward Administrator which is under the Sub County Administrator who reports to the CECM on Governance in the Office of the

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Governor. In other words, they are employees of the Executive. They are not employees of a devolved unit. There is the Executive and the Assembly and each has its own budget line.

Looking at the ceilings that are given to the Executive on their O&M and their personal emoluments even if the Wage Bill collectively in our fiscal instruments will balance the requirement is that Village Administrator plus the village councils must be paid from the ceilings of the Executive. They will not be absorbed by Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Water or Lands.

Even as we pass this Motion in the wisdom of parliamentarians of passing the law, for the units to be created is not for me to question but I stand wondering are we going to question when we will be able to fill in the vacancies that we have created?

My brother Hon. Odawa has done a wonderful job in fact even convincing people to take the numbers downwards. I felt sorry for him the last time there was a meeting over this. He has reached 98 which is still very high. If you just check the remuneration of the officers going there you multiply by 30 then 12. If we will be able to absorb them, that will be a question for another day.

There is another catch, when that office is created by the County Government Act but who is the user of the office? The one doing the interviews and that person would be the officer under whom these personnel will fall and that officer will request the Public Service Board but I do not see in-built any provision that states that the role of that officer is so that we are able to force them to require the Public Service Board to employ them.

Today the 18th March 2020 as we pass this I urge my colleagues to be prepared that there is a possibility that we might have to haggle over this with the Executive. Somebody might say there is no necessity for those offices. As you are aware even doctors it is the department that tells the board that there is a necessity to have the following officers.

For purposes of Debate today allow me to say that for the work done, for the beauty of the offices created, for the efforts that our colleagues have put in, I support the Motion.

The Temporary Speaker: Yes Hon. Opanga.

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I support the Motion. I thank the Committee on Governance for the good job that they have done. On the same breath I also want to echo what my senior brother Hon. Madialo has expressed.

The committee has really done a good job. Initially, we had 188 but through the persuasion and convincing the committee was able to talk to my fellow Hon. Members to agree to 98. That is a good job.

Secondly, on the issue of those who will be employed be considered in the Memorandum of the Governor that had been shared with this House. They had put a caveat that it should be from 35 years and above but I am happy that the committee reconsidered because legally anybody who has attained the age of 18 and has an ID is allowed to work anywhere in this country. Through their wisdom they were able to give an appropriate recommendation that will be able to consider our fellow youths.

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My humble plea to the Board and Committee on Governance and the Executive in appointing these people, I would kindly appeal to them to consider the youth for these positions to enable them get knowledge at the grass root and develop themselves in matters of building their CVs for future usage in other government or private sectors that they might have interest in.

I believe if they are given this opportunity to work as Village Administrators it will give them knowledge on how the government operates and how things are done within the government. It will also help them in future when they will be wanting or they will be required to go another step or level of employment to be able to use that as an experience.

In Busia County next to my Ward I border a Ward that has a Village Administrator. It is called Marachi East where we share a border. Also Nangina Ward Border where we share a road on the Odiado side.

From the experience and one on one conversation that I have also been able to share with the Ward administrator on that area, I believe that as an Assembly, even though it is late at least it is better than nothing. It is the best legacy that will have created to our people in terms of giving them employment.

As we look into our wage bill. I know from the report the Committee was able to do, as per the wage bill as per the recommended which is supposed to be 35% ours is way above almost 43% but unverified.

I believe that even if we are able to consider these village administrators and give them 2% or 3% of the wage bill after reviewing other sectors that this House has already pronounced itself on, I believe we will be moving somewhere. Otherwise I support the Committee for the good job, thank you.

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, madam Temporary Speaker. I want to support the report though it is a one page report. The Committee did a good work by maintaining the first recommendation that the age limit or the minimum age of the Village Administrators should be 18 years and above. The Committee should continue with the same spirit of having youths in their mind and God bless you. I support.

Hon. Otiato: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to support this report although my name was accidentally omitted yet I am a Member of this Committee. Observation here has been made and this is a very tough decision especially when it came to reducing this number of villages.

We would actually wish for the purposes and the key function to why we have devolution is that we take leadership down to the village. I have heard my senior, Hon. Madialo mention that somebody somewhere maybe having an option to decide on whether to recruit or not. We want to say this, if at all there is any other cadre that should not be recruited maybe the CECMs because they serve no purpose because if we have the Chief Officers.

This particular position is just as important as any other position because it is a legal position created. You cannot be talking of having a devolution structure while missing the roots. This is the beginning of devolution; the structure of devolution is complete when it reaches the villages.

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This thing is key that we must have these villages and there were options that we had and therefore the argument about wage bill should not rise. We have pronounced ourselves very well in terms of illegal recruitments that have been going on in this County. As today we are talking about this, the Committee that is recommending 98 actually made a recommendation of some removal of people from the service more than almost that number.

What we are saying, replace those you illegally recruited and are earning salaries by now bringing the people who are usefully going to work for us. The salary of the people that we want to employ is about Kshs. 70,000.

Among the 98 we want sacked that are illegally recruited, some are earning at the tune of Kshs. 200,000/300,000 per month. So it means if the decision of the House is adhered to, a decision that was taken to High Court and the High Court ruled in favour of this House, then we are not going to have a problem of the wage bill.

While creating these positions, there are ways and which we do recruitment. We can have internal memos to give opportunity to some of our guys who are already in the service who would want to be attached or would want to go back because we have got so many people here who are earning Kshs. 20,000 like the law enforcement officer.

If they are given this opportunity to earn Kshs. 70,000 and they have the qualifications, let them apply and be given the first priority. In Busia, we have got a total number of 116 village administrators, we have more numbers in Kakamega and Bungoma, why can't we do it, and the wage bill should not be an issue for us.

The other thing, like Hon. Irene Shirley has just noted, our Governor has a problem with the youth. I need this to be taken a bit seriously with other stakeholders especially those who are concerned and even the representatives that we have here.

Madam Temporary Speaker, you realize this is the only opportunity where we can bridge up the gap of unemployment of the youth in this County. From the Governor and his lieutenants there is no youth, from CECMs, CEOs, not even a single Director, in the BOARD there is no youth and even the slots that were left for the Youths have been taken away.

This is the only opportunity and it is so bad that we are getting a memorandum from the Governor that we raise the bar to at least 35 years. Meaning that no youth should be employed as a Village Administrator.

The Temporary Speaker: What is the point of Order Hon. Felix?

Hon. Okumu: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Allow me to interject Hon. Member that when you go to CEO Lands, I think there is a youth. So let us confirm these things before we speak. Motions like this have died because we dance here and there with our words, Thank you.

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker: Continue, Hon. Otiato.

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Hon. Otiato: Thank you. I think he wanted me to clarify and he is walking out! Maybe he thinks youth is an image of somebody but the youth goes by someone's age as per the definition of the law. Therefore, we are talking of youth as per the confines of the law between 18 years to 35 years of age.

I know the person he is referring to, he is above 35 years of age and an elder like me. If anything, by the standards of this House, there is no youth that has been presented here for approval, and we said that acting capacity is illegal.

So, if he wants to recognize an illegal person in an acting capacity to come and make his case here then he does not know where he comes from, but we understand why he will defend that position.

I want to conclude by saying that the Committee has tried its bit so we have a starting point and as a House, we do not need to belabor much about it. We had better support this so that in case of any other amendment to come we can do progressively as we go on.

As for me, I think the other way these youths and the old men we are going to employ here are going to help us in ensuring that going by the definitions of their roles, that at least in one way or another our participations in terms of even the revenue and the rest will improve. This is because we see that the core of public participation is here.

As I conclude, there is something going round among the MCAs that some of this jobs that have been described on us are not within our mandate.

If you look at it, technically you will be surprised that some of our Members do not understand what our roles or mandate actually dictates us to do.

The Temporary Speaker: What is the point of Order, Hon. Opanga?

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Is the Hon. Member in Order to say that his fellow Hon. Members do not understand their roles? Are we here by mistake or is he referring to other people because as far as am concerned and given that I know the reason why I vied, I know my roles unless he doesn't know his.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato, so that you do not appear to be demeaning your colleagues, I direct that you withdraw because MCAs know their roles as well as mandate.

Hon. Otiato: Thank you. Allow me to speak in my mother tongue where they say "*Jakwodho oyie dhau.*"

(Loud consultations)

The Temporary Speaker: Yes, Hon. Opanga?

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, the Hon. Member is still out of Order because it is not about quarreling it is about clarity of our roles, which we all know. We do not need Hon. Otiato to tell us our roles and if we would want to emphasize on our roles we have the Constitution of this Country guided by the SO and the County Government Act to help us understand better but we didn't ask him to help us in that area. He needs to withdraw and apologize.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato, are you willing to withdraw before I give you chance to continue with your contribution?

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Hon. Otiato: Thank you, you know English is a foreign language and when I say some...

Hon. Booker: Point of Order!

The Temporary Speaker: Yes, Hon. Booker?

Hon. Booker: Thank you, Hon. Otiato should tell us who is the “Jakwodho?” he is referring to.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Booker you are out of Order! Withdraw that unparliamentarily phrase.

Hon. Otiato: I am withdrawing but I did ask for your permission before saying the words and given that I was granted...

The Temporary Speaker: It was not granted but you went ahead to say it.

Hon. Otiato: okay, I have withdrawn.

Hon. Ousa: Point of Order!

The Temporary Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ousa?

Hon. Ousa: Thank you. Before you order Hon. Otiato to withdraw, can the Member be honest enough to tell the House the meaning of the word.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Ousa, you know very well that we all come from the same and that is unparliamentarily word and Members let us don't take this as a joke please. Let us debate and not dwell so much on things that have been withdrawn.

Hon. Nyaji, take your seat! Hon. Shirley.

Hon. Oyuago: I was wondering why you are allowing cartels who do not want this Motion to go through, you know the cartels ...

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Omoro.

Hon. Omoro: I think the issue should be under the bridge because it's getting out of hand and I do not know whether it is in Order for Hon. Shirley to refer to fellow Hon. Members as cartels. Who are these cartels anyway? Would she clarify that please?

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Oyuago, can you clarify what you mean by that so that we can proceed and let us stop joking and deliberate on this.

Hon. Oyuago: this is a very serious report where we are going to create jobs for our people yet you find people seated in one place just to delay the process. That is what I meant by cartels.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato, can you proceed.

Hon. Otiato: My comment was on a very serious note but it is just that possibly some of the Members did not understand that when I make a comment, then if you allow me to finish then you would get the context of what I was saying.

I even withdrew the statement that some of us don't know their roles, but the reason I was saying this is some of us including I believe that when we walk around or in the funerals you hear someone asking us “Hon. Member why haven't you done for us this?”

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As Hon. Members, we sometimes own up and promise that we are going to do so. While we are doing that, we divulge to them actions or debates which are within our role. So this is what I meant when I said some of us do not understand their roles.

You will realize that even today within some session you heard a Member say so and so is representing a certain area and that area has no roads, is it our role to provide roads? With this Village administration, their core role will be Public Participation.

Managing Public Participation at village levels will bring out the aspects of these projects very well and as MCAs, we will be playing our roles more like the senators. That is why with the Senator, no one will ask them about the road or the pond. Being that we are on our roles and the senate are the same on oversight and allocation.

Why does an MCA fall in the trap of being asked about the road and ponds and we respond to that? I think it's because there is a distorted to the public that this particular group that is going to be recruited will come in handy to explain to the people the management process and how structure operates.

I want to conclude by saying and I want this to go on record, that in Yimbo East I want to appreciate that when we were talking of delineation, we talked about factors that we could use to delineate not sub location or something else, may be the size, the number, the uniqueness of the culture of the people of that particular area and so on.

Yimbo East with a total size of about 149 km square and I want to thank the Committee for looking into the size and for even availing means of transport to give us the villages. But we do request that if things change and they do get more monies that we can delineate more then we need to create more and more because even in Yimbo we have a special group that cannot interact with anybody else.

The Nubians around Usigu area that cannot be merged with the natives, the Luo. They therefore, have their unique identification unique to themselves. Going by the definitions of this particular Act, those are factors to be considered when delineating, but we will accept it as it is because of many issues that have been proposed.

The memorandum will be part of our attachment being taken to the Governor in support of our decision but we will accept it as it is because of many issues that have been proposed. I do support.

Hon. Ochieng: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. First, let me thank the Committee on Governance for coming up with the report because it was not easy to produce and I believe that it started in our first Assembly even as we tackle it today. By then the chair was Hon. K'awuor and now it is Hon. Odawa whom I want to thank for bringing up this child to the point at which it is where it just about to be delivered.

As you can see, they used a lot of wisdom in reaching out to Members in agreeing and supporting what is written here. I would wish for other Committees to copy the same.

I also want to thank the Committee for considering the age to be from 18 years and above as much as some of us were saying that those at 18 years are still young to be given those

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opportunities. However, as a Christian, I want to believe that Jesus Christ started his ministry while He was 12 years old of age yet here we are talking of 18 years.

Therefore, I think it is something good that the youth should be considered and that does not mean that all the Village Administrators will be youths. It will be upon the appointing authority to make the call, and again the memorandum that we will be sending together with this report should indicate that the youth should be considered for appointments.

I am also happy that we are creating employment opportunities to almost 98 people who are jobless right now. I think when this is done the economy of those respective Villages will improve because these people will be paid salaries and they will be doing one or two things within their areas of operations, which will be a plus to Siaya Community.

Again, I want to concur with the other Hon. Members who have just contributed that we all know that sometimes it becomes so difficult more so during Public Participation to get information from our villagers but I believe that with Village Administrators in place, Public Participation will be much easier because they will be conducted by the Village Administrators. As it is in the report, we will be starting public participation from the Sub location level where this Village Administrators come from.

Therefore, I want to believe that in our next public participation or years to come that the public will be getting right hand information from the Government as well as the Government will be getting right hand information from the public in return.

I support and pray that the Governor moves with speed to implement the report and I want to believe that our brothers in the Budget Committee have considered this because we don't want a situation where by we fail to implement this due to lack of finance. Thank you and God bless you.

The Temporary Speaker: Majority Leader.

Hon. Oor: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. First, I want to thank the Committee for good job done headed by the chairperson. I would suggest that after employment of the Village administrators they should be taken for proper training on how to handle people in the community. I support the Motion with all my heart and I thank all Members who have contributed to the Motion. Be blessed.

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Whip.

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. As I support I want to bring to the attention of the House that we are discussing a memorandum for the Governor inform of a report that needs to be passed with at least 2/3 of the Membership. In fact, I am saying we can discuss this and Madam Speaker I know you know you cannot put the Question today.

Allow me to say that this report has been long overdue and as Assemblers, we rely so much on it, I can say from where I come Hon. Linda can bear me witness that we tend to use

local administration too much and some of them have been manipulating the process to suit their needs.

So when village Administrators are employed, someone should not tell us about wage bill because the report has come at the right time when we are discussing CFSP, which means as a House we will ensure that the Village Administrators get the salary captured in the Budget.

I cannot say which formula was used because this is a report whereby you find Hon. Otiato supporting immediately the chair read it. Look at this thing keenly, you will find that a Ward of less than 28,000 people has managed to get 5 slots while Wards like Township the Ward we currently are in which has over 50,000 people only managed 2 or 3 slots while a Ward with 23,000 people has 3 slots and it is here. So even though we want to pass it, there are some areas that need to be amended. I know in terms of coverage ...

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato, what is your point of Order?

Hon. Otiato: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Just for the avoidance of doubt and for the purpose of Hansard and being that Otiato's name has been mentioned in support, is it in Order for a Member and he has made it clear that there are several parameters that were used.

Is it in Order for us to concentrate only on the population as means in total disregard of the size of the areas? Because if he is considering both the population and the size to determine then it should be understandable. Why is he crying about a particular Ward with maybe 150 Km square area?

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. If maybe he didn't get me I started by saying that I don't know because there are so many parameters and formulae that could have been used and I think Hon. Mboha would be handy here; those who can work the formula properly. The average per kilometer, the population and even the originality of the people occupying that Ward are all factors to consider you know.

They can be so many but I want to end by saying that at times, we are not sensitive and the memorandum from the Governor is not sensitive because the Governor behaved as if the Youth did not vote for him yet we have the Youths representatives here.

Unfortunately they will defend anything from the Governor and not the areas that captured them to this House in the name of age. They will defend anything to the latter, but I thank the Committee for seeing sense that this is a job like any other that anybody over 18 years and above can do.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Shirley, what is your point of Order?

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I do not know if it is a point of Order but you will guide. I wanted to make known to our able senior Member that these are not political boundaries but administrative ones where by the first key thing to be considered is the area coverage. Thank you.

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I will not waste my energy answering some of these questions, no, no, not Olasi!

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Olasi!

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Hon. Olasi: Madam Temporary Speaker, when I say that we have a youth representative in this House and a memorandum came to this House stating clearly that we need people to serve at 35 years and above as if those who went to school and are in Siaya are to be employed by any SACCO. I was disgusted!

How I wish this report is passed and how I wish we had the numbers. We should be taking some of these Reports and Motions very seriously, like this one. Let me appreciate you madam Temporary Speaker before I sit down because you started by sending away people one by one in the name of dress code, I applaud you for that.

Members, we need to be serious because you cannot convince us that you are serious in this House and yet you want to convince us that you are serious with the Ward. No way, No way! The Ward is gone, I am telling you.

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Whip, are you done with your contribution? At this juncture, I am not able to put the question, as there is Membership threshold of 2/3 required when we are debating the Governor's memorandum. I therefore, defer this Motion to tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 p.m. 19th March, 2020.

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 in the afternoon Wednesday, 18th March, 2020 at 2.30 a.m. in the chamber.

The House rose at 3.54 p.m.