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The Assembly met at the Mini-Chamber,

Main Assembly Buildings at 9.00 a.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai) in the Chair]

PRAYER

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Welcome to the Wednesday 18 May 2022 plenary session. For me, it's like a term is coming to a close. We are remaining a few months before we come to the close of this Assembly. We are adjourning for the last time in the afternoon session. Welcome, we need to have our spirited contributions to the issues that we cherish in Bomet. Thank you so much welcome everyone.

PAPERS

Hon. J. Chepkwony (D. Majority Leader): Thank you so much hon. Speaker. I beg to lay the following Paper today Wednesday 18th May 2022. The County Government of Bomet Consolidated report on financial statement for the quarter ended 31st March 2022.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Thank you Hon. Chepkwony. I commit the Paper on the County Government of Bomet Consolidated report to the Committee on Budget and Appropriation and they should come up with a report within 30 days.

Hon Ambrose Koech rises on a point of order

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Ambrose.

Hon. A. Koech: Hon Speaker as much as I respect your ruling, I tend to think the financial report is supposed to go to finance, I am not actually challenging your ruling but I want to say we consult and see whether this is supposed to go to Finance and ICT Committee.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Serbai.

Hon. R. Serbai: Mr. Speaker I am sorry if I have just forgotten the Standing Orders and the powers given to your Chair. I have always believed that your ruling is always final and can't be challenged. Two, it could have been really that the documents should be dealt with by the

committee and I also tend to think that the Budget and Appropriations Committee members are the ones to oversight implementation of the approved budget estimates. If the financial statement or the report which is actually given before this House is about expenditure then the two committees can be combined because if you can read also the county government's Public Finance Management Act 2012, it's the duty of the Budget and Appropriation Committee to oversight the implementation of the approved budget. So hon. Speaker, before I sit, I am also happy though while in this House there are so many reports that are supposed to be dispensed with but the problem and challenges we are facing at the county Assembly are actually the facilitation of the committees to undertake the required duty. For example, in PAC/PIC we have several reports but we don't have the finances to really deal with those reports. In as much as we are talking of we need a report on such and such a day, no one actually is facilitating the committees to undertake their required duty. Also in as much as we are receiving the same report, I just want to request once more, that we are just going for recess and there is a lot of work that needs to be done.

There are no finances in this County Assembly. Mr. Speaker, it's upon your Chair now to look at it critically versus the amount of work that is before this County Assembly so that you can be able to have either a *Kamukunji* in the afternoon or anything you may decide to come up with. At times we are so discouraged because when you want to move or to settle on anything that you are required to do and when you receive a report that there is no money, then we are just wondering and we approved the Supplementary Budget recently. That Supplementary Budget has not been implemented, what was it about Mr. Speaker? There are so many challenges that we have to sit as a House and iron out. May be you are saying there is money and on the other side there is no money or maybe the other side is saying there is money yet there is no money. We are actually on the dark side of everything. Article 35 of the constitution of this country allows access to information which I think we have all the right s to access information as far as the expenditure of the County Assembly is concerned and the expenditure of the County Executive. Thankyou.

Hon. N. Mutai (Hon. Speaker): Thank you hon. Serbai. I will give a ruling in the afternoon. I want to put it right that it is actually supposed to be with the Finance and ICT Committee and I know all these committees have not been able to give us reports as required. I really wanted us to have a different approach this time. Regarding issues on finances and dealing with these reports I am not aware of any application for approval that has come to my table regarding a time to go

out and deal with these reports. Nobody has given me a draft report or even an application to go and deal with the report.

Hon. Members we need to deal with these issues during the remaining time and let's see whatever we can do in the pending businesses but if possible let's see whatever we can make out of what we have. Let's discuss further and see the way forward. Thank you.

Adjournment

Hon. Speaker (Hon. N. Mutai): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this House stands adjourned to Wednesday 18th May, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 9.50 a. m.