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County Assembly Mini Chamber at County Assembly Buildings)*

[Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

SPEAKER'S 'KAMUKUNJI'

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, I have a communication to make. After this morning session, Hon. Members, we will have a Speaker's 'kamukunji'. Thank you.

MOTION

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon. Speaker (Hon. C. Korir): Hon. Members, as you are aware, this is a Motion that we resumed yesterday and this is the last day we will be debating on the Governor's address. I now open the flow for debate on the Governor's address.

Hon. Members, note that the following had contributed before:

1. Hon. Stephen Changmorik
2. Hon. Rosaline Cheptoo
3. Hon. Richard Ruttoh
4. Hon. Peter Ronoh

5. Hon. Wesley Kiprotich
6. Hon. Charles Langat
7. Hon. Victor Rop
8. Hon. Philip Korir
9. Hon. Eric Kirui
10. Hon. Benard Langat

Those of you, who have not contributed to this Motion, can now contribute. The Floor is yours.

Hon. D. Kirui (Ndaraweta Ward, MCA): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me this chance. On the Governor's speech, I was excited on what the Governor talked about. There is only one thing that captured my attention. The issue of *bodaboda* sacco. The Governor illustrated that he had set aside a seal capital of 10 million for *boda boda* riders.

What I would like to tell this Honourable Assembly is that, that sacco is a good investment to the youth. As one of the youth elected in this county, I add that seal capital from 10 million to even 30 million so that it can benefit most of our *boda boda* riders. This is because as at now, if a *boda boda* rider goes to a shop and buys a motorcycle, it costs almost 250 thousand shillings but with this investment on the Savings and Credit society, I know these riders will buy their motorcycles at a price of Kshs 100 to Kshs. 120.

The Governor failed to mention a lot about the youth. That was what I realized. Out of the speech, most of the issues discussed by the Governor have always been discussed in may debates. The best thing is to implement everything that is being said. I think it is high time we stopped talking without doing. I know many people are looking upon us, the elected leaders and the nominated leaders of this Third Assembly. It is high time we acted upon everything that we tell the people.

I was impressed but I think we should encourage the implementation from the Executive side. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. V. Mutai (Nominated MCA): Hon. Speaker, thank you. I rise to laud the speech made by the Governor during the first address to this Assembly and appreciate the fact that his Excellency the Governor addressed many issues touching on the way forward for the County Government of Bomet in the next five years. I also appreciate the speech of the Governor since he talked of the manifesto that he gave to the people during his campaign time. He said that his address was tailor

made from the contribution and the submission that was made by the residents of Bomet during his campaign.

Firstly, the Governor talked of water. The rationing and connectivity percentage in Bomet County are way too low. I, having come from Chepalungu, encourage this Assembly to consider during budgeting so that a higher percentage is allocated to Chepalungu given that it is one of the sub-dry areas.

Hon. Speaker, I also appreciate the Governor for what he said about health. A few days ago I saw the Governor launching one of the biggest programs in the facility. I also appreciate the Mother and Child Wellness Centre that is ongoing in Longisa Hospital. That will minimize the mortality rate that is high and encourage the post-natal and pre-natal care of our mothers. I encourage the Executive to fast track the construction of the centre to help our mothers.

In matters agriculture, I appreciate Lelaitich Factory which is one of the big projects undertaken by the county government in collaboration with World Vision. I also encourage the Executive to do more on cooperate responsibility by working in good relations with other bodies like the World Vision, the Action Aid and the Red Cross Society that has helped many of the projects both in Chepalungu and outside Chepalungu.

In matters education, I appreciate that both the partial and the full scholarship have been rolled out and has helped in terms of the education of our kids in the society. I encourage this Hon. Assembly to give the checks and balances required and execute their duties diligently in checking the Executive and ensure that service delivery is accorded to *wananchi*.

Hon. Speaker, thank you.

Hon. A. Chepkemai (Silibwet Township Ward, Independent): Hon. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Let me first congratulate you for your election as the Speaker of this Third Assembly. I thank the Office of the Clerk, Legal department and the staff who helped us in the induction. I am also grateful my husband, the clergy, relatives and the many friends and colleagues who encouraged me spiritually and gave me moral support throughout my campaign time.

I thank the great people of Silibwet Township ward who elected me and gave me the mandate to represent them in this Third Assembly of Bomet. I thank the Members for giving me a chance at the County Assembly Service Board.

Hon. Speaker, I congratulate H.E the Governor for his leadership and the highlights of development in every sector and department. In agriculture, let us think of milk processing in our county, empowering farmers through cooperatives and extension officers, and installation of AI services at low prices to enable us to improve in food production and animal feeds.

In health, distribution of health facilities and ensure availability of maternity wards in our wards and availability of drugs and radiology (x-ray and ultrasound). For example, I have two health centres in my ward, Bomet and Silibwet. In Bomet, as a result of urbanization, the population growth will enable those people to get treatment in those health centres. Hon speaker let us ensure that water dams are protected. We have scarcity of water in this county. In my ward ECD centres are not enough. Some should be built because learning institutions are far. In Keliot primary the learners are studying in a wooden classroom. The Governor should check on that.

Hon. M. Manyei (Nominated MCA, UDA): Hon Speaker let me give my maiden speech before I support the motion. I thank god for bringing me this far. I also thank His Excellency Hon Hillary Barchok and Hon. Wakili Hillary for nominating me. I congratulate you Hon. Speaker on your election. I represent women in this assembly and I noted CSGPV Bill that was not passed on the second d assembly. I hope in this assembly we will pass it.

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA): Mr. Speaker, let me give my maiden speech before I comment on the Governor's Speech. I thank my almighty God for this far. I thank my fellow members for electing you as the Speaker. I also thank my party leader His Excellency Dr. William Samoei for nominating me. Many people wished to be here but it is god that enabled us. The Governor touched on the basic needs the residence requires like infrastructure and education. I urge the Members that we support the Governor to fulfill the agenda.

Hon. B. Rotich (Kembu Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to comment on the Governor 's speech. He talked about commissioning of the milk plant, Chebunyo market and the bridge that connects sigor ward and Chebunyo.

Hon. P. Langat (Ndanai/Abosi Ward, UDA): Hon speaker I would like to make comments on the Governor 's speech. There are two bridge in my ward that needs repair that is Kiplagich Bridge and Chepkostonik Bridge. Last week there is a *boda boda* rider who slide into water in the bridge. When the Governor touched about the bridge I was moved. I urge that implementation be done. We expect from the Governor.

Hon. E. Rotich (Mogogosiek Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker I rise to comment on the Governor 's speech. I come from tea growing zone and the Governor mentioned tea auction. We are happy that the Governor is sourcing market for our farmers. Tea prices has been dropping but with the support of the County Government our tea will get good market. Extension offer will also be increased who will visit our farms to help farmers increase production. We encourage the county government to put efforts in the polytechnics so that it will help build skills in our children. Still on education I loud the Governor on feeding program that has helped a lot. We support what the Governor is doing. Mr. Speaker, even the employment of the ECD assistants, we still encourage that they employ more, and built more ECDE centres.

On health, I wish to say that from the Governor 's speech, I would want to encourage him to continue especially in building the dispensaries to the sub-location level.

In my ward, we have about three sub-locations which do not have a dispensary. As we sit down to plan for the coming five years, the CIDP, I would encourage that we consider it so that we built these facilities and help in access to medication.

Finally, on water, I am really happy to have heard the Governor talk about automating bill. Every time we are in our villages, people are complaining about bills they receive on water. Others have not been accessing water for a long time but they still get bills. I would enrich the Governor 's speech and say that he should go ahead and waive the bills that the people have in ground because there are some very ridiculous bills that people do have, and once we sit down properly and have these committees, we will be so interested to look at this issue of automating the billing, and even later waving the bills so that once we have the automated system, we should not also be able to carry forward these bills that have become a package to our people.

So, we will look at that and then we support him to achieve what he has in his speech as builds his legacy.

Thank you.

Hon. N. Chemutai (Nominated MCA, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you for this opportunity. Before I contribute to Governor 's speech, allow me to give my maiden speech. Let me congratulate you for being elected as our Speaker.

I also congratulate our Governor for being re-elected.

Much appreciation goes to UDA party for nominating me to this Third Assembly. I promise that I will not let down the party and its leadership. I shall particularly be representing matters dealing with women.

Concerning our Governor 's speech, he touched something on gender and social service. He talked of his commitment to empowering the vulnerable groups by creating a conducive environment for them to start an income generating activities and enabling them to access our county government opportunities, such as tenders, bursaries and scholarships.

Thank you.

(Hon. E. Cheruiyot rose on a point of order)

Hon. E. Cheruiyot (Nominated MCA, CCM): Mr. Speaker, thank you. Before I support the Governor 's speech, let me give my maiden speech. First and foremost, let me thank God for this opportunity He has given me. Let me also congratulate you for your election as the fifth Speaker of this Assembly. I think I am among the luckiest leaders who got a slim chance. Let me congratulate all the elected and nominated Members of this Assembly.

Let me also thank my family for the support it gave me. Same thanks go to my party leader for Honourable Isaac Ruto for identifying leadership skills in me. On the same note, I thank honourable N. Kibet for being elected, and thus giving me a chance to be nominated. I have been in the leadership for over thirty years and I have seen God's hand. I also thank fellow honourable Members for honoring women. I think what the Governor has addressed, I have great hopes that he will fulfill.

Thank you.

Hon. J. Cheruiyot (Embomos Ward, UDA): Mr. Speaker, thank you. I wish to touch on the Governor's speech. It was very good. For the Governor to achieve his objectives, he needs us as the honourable Members because unity is power. We need to unite with the Governor so that our people can get their services.

On agriculture, the Governor touched on tea. The area I am coming from has the main cash as tea. Recently, Embomos Tea Farms had some problems where the workers wanted to strike due to delayed payments. This time around, we want to urge our Governor that he makes some changes on management in these Tea Farms so that the workers and the community benefits from that Tea

farm. I also want to thank the Governor in education sector, he started the feeding programme last year and I believe it has commenced for this term. It's only that the county bursary has been a bit low. I want to urge the Governor that the county bursary be increased to 1.5 million so that our children benefits from this funds. I want to say that I am ready being the area MCA of Embomos to give my full support to our Governor for him to achieve his agenda. Thank you.

Hon. N. Kibet (Kapletundo Ward, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker, I want to loud the Governor on his speech. He mentioned that he will observe more And this will give them more motivation and assist people in the society. He also mentioned something that each sub county will acquire additional ambulances this will be key because we have been challenges before especially when transporting patients from different places. This will help a lot. He also mentioned something on youths and sports and that the programme which has been there on paid internship will continue.

I want to request the Assembly to allocate more money to this programme. This helps our youth to gain experience. He also mentioned something on revenue which falls under my committee. I want to thank him for being focus on revenue automation to enhance collection. I however would have expected him to mention the status of the implementation of the current system in use since

Hon. Speaker, I know the county spends over Kshs. 50 million previously in revenue automation. I also want to loud him for mentioning evaluation roles on health as to improve management on related functions. He also mentions the employment of more extension officers, most of the farmers don't have knowledge on control of pests and diseases and this will help ignite them with more knowledge. He also mentions about the ongoing bridges and the ones to be established, However, I expected him to mention a bridge connecting Chebirbelek and Chebilat in Kapletundo ward. We need to support him to achieve this. Implementation will be the key on this. Thank you.

Hon. C. Chepngetich (Nominated MCA, UDA): Thank you hon. speaker, before I comment on the Governor 's speech, let me give my maiden speech. I want to thank God for giving me this chance to be part of this hon. member. It's indeed a privilege that cannot be taken for granted. Congratulation hon. speaker on you serve in this Assembly. Secondly, I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the popular party UDA, many thanks to the party leader, Hon. William Samoei Ruto. I want to appreciate also and thank those who stood with me in prayers especially my family, my husband, mum, friends and family members. Lastly hon. speaker, I want to assure the people that we are going to deliver and serve with a lot of determination, dignity and distinction that will be widely admired. Thank you. I support the speech of the Governor.

Hon. D. Ngeno (Kongasis Ward, CCM): Thank you Mr. Speaker, First I want to congratulate the Governor for his speech. I wish also to touch on some issues I was touched on especially on agriculture, infrastructure and education. First, on agriculture I was impressed but I felt that there are some projects which I think the Governor should complete especially in ward, Mengwet and Ndamichonik cooler plan. Those are the two projects which want the Governor to come up clear to finish this projects.

On feeder roads, the Governor should maximize on the expenditure of the roads and come up with policies that can assist to push the contactors to finish those roads, on education, there are several ECDs especially in wards and this should be completed and the lands should be paid. There is also another project on Makimeny Library which is crucial especially on learners and this should be completed and functional. The Saramek professional training institution should also be completed so that the residents benefit on it. I also feel the ambulances should be distributed on the ward level. The Governor 's speech was impressive and should be enriched by our members and enforced. I was a bit disappointed when the Governor did not mention anything about the pending Bills. The Governor should have told us the challenges the executive is facing for us to know and maybe offer solutions. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Cosmas. Korir): Members, I think we have come to the end of this motion on the Governor 's address. From this address it's also possible for members to develop motion for deliberation in future on matters affecting the great people of Bomet. As of now, as I had told you, we have speakers Kamukunji just after this. Now we are adjourning to afternoon 2.30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker (Hon. Cosmas. Korir): Hon. Members, there being no other business, this County Assembly stands adjourned to Wednesday 19th October, 2022 at 2. 30 p.m.

The Assembly rose at 11. 00 a.m.