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**UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY**  
**THE HANSARD**

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*[Mr. Speaker (Hon. David Kiplagat) in the Chair]*

PRAYERS

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

STUDENTS AND LECTURER OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EAST AFRICA ELDORET CAMPUS  
VISIT THE UASIN GISHU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, welcome to this session of Thursday the afternoon session of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018. I have only one announcement to make. In our gallery today we are privileged to be joined by students and lecturers from Catholic University of East Africa Eldoret campus. It should be in Racecourse Ward. Let us give them healthy parliamentary clap. Welcome.

*(Applause)*

**PAPERS LAID**

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Keitany, chair trade.

**Hon. Keitany:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for this opportunity and, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion that. Sorry. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I table the report.

*(Hon David Keitany, Chairperson of Trade and Industrialisation Committee laid the report on the Table)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Keitany.

honourable Chemalan, chair for Finance.

**Hon. Leting:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I beg to table the report on the committee on Finance and Economic planning - first report on government of Uasin Gishu Finance Bill 2017/ 2018 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much the paper is fully tabled in the House.

*(Hon Stephen Leting, Chair of Finance and Economic Planning laid the report on the Table)*

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

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FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRIALIZATION UASIN GISHU  
COUNTY INUA BIASHARA FUND BILL, BILL NUMBER 4 2018

*(Hon. Keitany- Chairperson Trade and Industrialisation Committee)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Keitany, Chair Trade.

**Hon. Keitany:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

That this County Assembly do adopt the First report of the committee on Trade and Industrialization Uasin Gishu County Inua Biashara Fund Bill (Bill number 4), 2018 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 and tabled in the House on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with or without amendments.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

FIRST REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC PLANNING ON UASIN GISHU  
COUNTY FINANCE BILL 2017/ 2018

*(Hon. Stephen Letting – Chairperson Finance and Economic Planning Committee)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Keitany. The Motion and the report is now tabled for consideration by the House.

Honourable Chemalan.

**Hon. Leting:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

**That** this County Assembly do adopt the First report on committee on Finance and Economic Planning on Uasin Gishu County finance Bill 2017/ 2018 dated 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 tabled in the House on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with or without amendments.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Chemalan. The report is now... and the Motion is now fully in the House and it will be scheduled for next week sessions. You will be communicated on the same. Thank you very much.

## STATEMENTS

### INFORMATION ON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME IN THE COUNTY

*(Hon Gilbert Tenai, Deputy Chief Whip)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Tenai, the Deputy Chief Whip.

**Hon. Tenai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for allowing me this time to go through my statement. Before I do so, I have to congratulate the students from Catholic University with their lecturers who are in the public gallery for purposes of getting to learn how we transact business in this honourable House.

I sincerely appreciate and congratulate our County government for its noble and innovative venture of identifying newly qualified graduates to serve as interns in various public institutions in our County.

This initiative will go a long way in addressing some of the challenges encountered by the new graduates for the tertiary and other higher learning institutions because it will enable

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them to get necessary exposure, practice and much needed experience that will enable them apply and get gainful employment. However, honourable Speaker Sir, in spite of the above the programme has some issues which need to be clarified. Therefore, I am requesting the Leader of Government Business to issue a statement to this honourable House clarifying the following:

1. How is the distribution of the 650 interns engaged in the 30 County wards?
2. Is there a policy that was developed by the County relevant department and approved by the County Assembly that guided the identification and eventual engagement of the said interns?
3. The County is not extensively covered by internet services yet applications were done online. How did those who could not access the internet, submit their application?

Mr. Speaker Sir, I request that the Leader of Government Business please give us answers to these very important questions which have been running online. Especially in my ward people wanted to know, majority of the graduands want to know how much. A half of Cheptiret/ Kipchamo Ward and that is why I am talking about the distribution of the 650 interns.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Tenai. The matters you are raising are weighty. The Leader Of Government Business represented by the able Deputy Majority Leader Jenny Too.

**Hon. Jebet:** Thank you very much Mr. Speaker Sir, we shall give a reply a week from today if that is okay.

**Mr. Speaker:** The statement being requested by honourable Tenai is a bit weighty and to give you room so that you can give us a report that will encompass all the issues that have been raised, we are giving you 14 days from today to table the report to this House. Honourable Tenai, what is?

**Hon. Tenai:** Most obliged, Mr. Speaker Sir, but I wanted to say you know there is a habit and a culture which has been developed in this House - we do ask for statements to be furnished to this Honourable House but we are normally requested to give a one-week research on the same, same said statements whereas after one week we don't receive the same statement.

I want you, Mr. Speaker Sir, to give firm orders to the Leader Of Government Business to ensure that within that one week we will receive that statement.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, honourable Pius?

**Hon. Kigen:** Honourable Speaker, it is not the decorum of this House that once the Chair has made the ruling somebody is coming to contrary. That is out of order, honourable Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Tenai, you have been advised and you are out of order. We have ruled that let us give the Leader Of Government Business time because what you have raised is so weighty and I think the Leader Of Government Business was generous enough to have given seven days but, by looking at the statement alone, that was chewing more than you can swallow. That is why we have allowed for 14 days so that we can get a very concrete report on the same because I think it is the concern of every member that, that exercise be done above the board and everyone is satisfied and, as the House, we are the representative of the people and once such a statement has been requested, it is important that it is tabled in the House and it covers all the areas that has been asked. So that one has been ruled and we go forward with the other business of the House.

**Mr. Speaker:** We still have a statement or a question from honourable Sarah Malel.

LACK OF WATCHMAN AT KIMUMU DISPENSARY

*(Hon Sarah Malel, Nominated MCA)*

**Hon. Malel:** Thank you, honourable Speaker, and also let me take this opportunity to join my colleagues to also welcome our visitors who are present at the gallery today and feel tell them to feel at home.

Honourable Speaker, I beg to ask the following questions:

Why Kimumu dispensary doesn't have a watchman yet there are valuable hospital equipment stored there and hospital has stayed for a very long time without a watchman. I beg the Leader Of Government Business to issue a statement on this.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Leader of Government Business!

**Hon. Jebet:** Mr. Speaker Sir, we would require some time to do research on the said matter so we could we kindly issue a statement. I think in this particular matter we can issue a statement in a weeks' time. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** This time you will be able to...

**Hon. Jebet:** To issue the statement, yes, Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Okay so we order that the statement on the same be tabled in this House within seven days from now. At this juncture I can give to the Floor if any member has any interjections on what has been raised. We can still discuss so that at least the Leader Of Government Business makes serious notes because other members might have more details that will enhance your report.

Honourable Maraswa!

**Hon. Korir, E. K:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I rise to fertilize on the statement issued by honourable Tenai. You know in this House we are the representatives of the people and I am personally representing Simat/ Kapseret Ward residents. this issue of interns, we have come a long way with. During the process of recruitment the interns or these people were asked to apply through an online system.

As I stand here also I am an expert in the same because that is my area of specialization, apart from politics. And if you are told to apply through an online system, you fill an online form and if your application is not successful later in the day during short listing, you will not receive any message telling you again that you are not shortlisted and yet your application was not successful. So this system and we have reliable information...

We have various examples of these people that we do represent who came to us saying they received a message saying their applications were not successful but later they were not shortlisted. We need ... you know, Mr. Speaker, some other times during an election some people were actually demanding the server be opened. So it is the same as this one also. We need this online system to be opened so that we see if it is the right system or not.

*(Applause)*

On the same, the advert actually was that graduates between 2016, 2017 - and maybe this year 2018 - but the system also could allow somebody who graduated more than 10 years to apply. That could be a ... the system actually needs to be made to be restrictive. If it is specific years, if you put that I graduated more than 10 years it will not accept. During also the training - because we heard from Education chair to this honourable House that there was a training after successful candidates in Chebororwa and we tried asking through this department that we need to be supplied with the list of these successful candidates, the 650 - we have several hearsays going around that indeed even they are not 650; they are more than that. If you go there, from the few individuals who were there, from a reliable source they recruited to up to 800, which we don't know if they are equally distributed within this Uasin Gishu County.

People were actually indicating their villages and what we are demanding through the statement issued by Tenai is that we need to be furnished with this list of successful candidates, their villages and since I represent people I have 74 villages in my area. If today I will be given a list of 20 students who were successful being told that they come from these 74 villages, I know the village elders; I can even make a call and actually know if these students, these successful candidates come from my village because also there are hearsays that some even from Nandi County were recruited and yet we have jobless people from Uasin Gishu hanging along the streets. But if you go to these successful candidates you find others coming from different counties.

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, chief whip?

**Hon. Singoei:** Mr. Speaker, I find the honourable member out of order just to stand here and say we have hearsay. You know this is a House of rules and we don't deal with rumours; we deal with facts. I want him to withdraw that statement and apologize.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Chief Whip. Honourable Maraswa, kindly if you cannot substantiate you kindly withdraw and maybe, as an advice from the chair, is that every Kenyan has a right to apply for any job anywhere for consideration. Therefore, the issues of whether you are coming from Nandi county or Nyanza County might not hold any water constitutionally. So kindly if you can't substantiate you can withdraw.

**Hon. Korir, E. K:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know listening is key and from the questions, if I can remember very well, one question was saying we need to see if this is properly distributed. That question, Mr. Speaker, is like hearsay because there is no... until we get clear confirmation from this relevant department telling us the exact figures, then now we are going to confirm and when I mentioned a different County, we know constitutionally they are given around 30% but 70% should come from Uasin Gishu. How are we going to know that, that rule has been followed to the letter? maybe 80% comes from other Counties and 20% maybe comes from here. This statement will shed light on this issue of interns.

I want to urge leader of Government Business that what we are discussing today we are giving different questions, we are brainstorming such that - and I wish the report of Hansard for this time will be retrieved and given to Leader Of Government Business such that when he is actually interrogating and looking for this right information, he will be considering the questions that we have actually brainstormed in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I stand actually to urge that this statement/ the report to come to this House so that we get the right facts. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Maraswa. Honourable Chief Whip!

**Hon. Singoei:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to make some contributions towards the statement that was read by honourable Tenai Member representing Cheptiret/ Kipchamo ward. I think there is no cause for alarm and he should be no jittery because the facts are there. We have ... the County Government has actually done the exercise and, so that we do not mix what is malice and what is the truth, I want to request the Honourable Members to be patient.

I wanted that the chair for Public Service actually to get a report because even in our committee we were dealing with that matter. Our chair had actually requested the chairman for County Public Service Board to give us a report all these issues which have been raised by the members so that we also make a report to be presented to this House in regard to all these matters like distribution; whether there was equitable distribution in terms of did it really represent the name of Uasin Gishu? did they actually go by what they said 20 people or 20 applicants per ward actually would succeed? was it actually even fairly distributed in that ward because where I represent Ngenyilel they could be 20 but coming from just a location

and we were asking them to actually do fairness so that when I am at home, my people could be telling me, 'we have three in Murugusi, five in Chebaiwo, five in Chepsaita, Chepkemel - just like that.

I think, honourable Speaker, these are purely speculative statements and reactions. We will give you a report. Even if the Leader Of Government Business gives you a report, we, as a committee, will give you a full report or even how the exercise was actually done so that because we believe in fairness, we wanted our children to receive fairness so that those actually who did not succeed will know that this exercise was fair in that the County was only taking around 600.

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Boroswa:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, honourable Gorette?

**Hon. Boroswa:** Mr. Speaker Sir, is the member on the Floor in order to tell us that he is going to give us the report yet all through he has been there and he has not furnished the honourable members with the same report? Thank you

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Gorette. Honourable Singoei!

**Hon. Singoei:** Honourable Speaker, I think there are other interests these members have because this exercise was just concluded the other day and in fact these students or applicants have not even been placed anywhere. How could we have brought a report in the middle of the exercise really? I think if there is anything else the Honourable Members want about this issue maybe that should be raised also in terms of the statement because this exercise is not even complete.

The normal practice is that the exercise has to be completed for us to ask for the report to be...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, honourable Tenai?

**Hon. Tenai:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to ask whether the member who was here is in order to reply on behalf of the substantive chairman for that department.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Sin'goei Whip.

**Hon. Singoei:** Honourable Speaker, I have every right as a member of that committee. Even when my chair is not there I can still answer as the chair and I am saying this because this is what we have discussed in our committee and we are actually on the verge... as soon as the exercise is complete we are actually going to write a letter to the chair to furnish us with the report of the same and so I don't have to be the chair to stand here because I am just making contributions.

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Deputy Speaker?

**Hon. Hosea:** Thank you, honourable Speaker. I find a senior Honourable Member to this House, who is also the Chief Whip, to be out of order. Honourable Speaker, you had already given direction over this issue and it is like the Honourable Member and, in cahoots with the committee, wants to also usurp the powers of the Leader of Government Business in answering and trying to answer the substantive statement, honourable Speaker. Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, honourable Lamai. In terms of making a clarification from the chair, what we have ruled is that within 14 days the Leader of Government Business will give us a full report, to be tabled in this House that is answering that statement. Whether the Leader of Government Business will Liaise with the PSM committee so that they can give a joint report through the leader of government business then it is in order, but all the same what we were saying the current discussion, the reactions from the members, whether there are any other issues on the same so that the Leader Of Government Business can pick as many points as possible so that it can answer the concerns from the members. That is what we are discussing right now.

Chief whip!

**Hon. Singoei:** Thank you, honourable Speaker. As a committee, we must present a report. Whether the Leader Of Government Business will read part of that report is none of our business. We will table a report on the same and the Leader Of Government Business is at liberty to answer because he has been asked and we will not stop him from doing that, but I was only making my contributions and asking members to be patient with this issue because the exercise is not even complete. I think that is only what I was really saying and at that time, honourable Speaker, the members will interrogate the same report and - because even then it will be a report that can be discussed - what the Leader Of Government Business will do is just read the statement that is not subject to debate. So ours will even get time and give opportunity to members to interrogate and I think that will be actually the right way to go but still the Leader Of Government Business has been requested and is at liberty to come and give his statement over the same.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Chief Whip. Honourable Chair for PSM honourable Pius!

**Hon. Kigen:** Thank you, honourable Speaker. I think it was fair for you to give me this opportunity as the Chair Of Public Service. Indeed first of all I want to appreciate the statement by honourable Tenai in regard to the on-going exercise of internship which, honourable Speaker, is almost in its final stages.

I don't stand to answer the statement but I want to say we appreciate the concern of members as representatives of the respective constituents because it is their right. As the chair honourable Whip has stated clearly, indeed he is aware that there are efforts towards that concern from members and I want to assure members that we have invited the CEC Public Service and he will be in this Assembly on Tuesday. We invited him jointly with the committee of Education and the committee of Public Service Management. You all know that internship entails the aspect of education but the aspect of identification and recruitment was tasked to Public Service Management.

I want to appreciate - and we know that separation of powers is in our constitution - too that as members of Assembly we have a responsibility and we have a mandate as honourable members to the extent that we partake in the aspect of oversight which, in its nature, is not proactive so that the actual operation of activities in the executive is an executive function and the legislative arm does not interfere with the process. However, it is our responsibility to do oversight and you will not do it in anticipation; you will always oversee activities and processes that have already taken place. So I want to appreciate that concern and we want to assure members that the executive, through that initiative of internship which is a national component, had also their part to play and that responsibility was tasked to Public Service Board.

Public Service board is an independent entity and it is a going concern so it is independent in a way but we know on the levels of inter-governmental we could relate and work together. I want to assure members that it is your right to know the truth; it is your right to ask but also, members, it is also your responsibility.

In our standing orders 83, honourable Speaker, every member is responsible for statements of facts. Please we don't anticipate. This is a House of facts. Please as you debate, you debate on facts because we cannot work on assumptions. So I want to assure members that, yes, this was the first time that we were doing it; we may have had challenges but it is you who will always help this County and perhaps also the department that was concerned so that next time that we undertake this, we do it in the right way. However, we need also, as the statement said, I want to appreciate that we need to have a framework and a structure of doing this so that even if we have a Bill enhancing or reinforcing this, we will still have regulations and guidelines that will guide the process of recruitment, the process of identification and also the aspect of representation as per wards. However, we may lie to each other if we say we want equality. Nothing will be equal. Even in our houses nothing can be equal but we rely on equity. It is equity that we will use. Equity has a criterion that is used. Even the revenues that are allocated to Counties, equity level is used in - nothing is equal.

I want to assure you because Tembelio, for instance, the ward that I come from we have a population of 50, 000 covering 196 km<sup>2</sup>. But if you take Huruma today, Huruma has a population of almost 200,000 and the area is 2, 5000 square kilometres. So there is a way which the board will use to identify these students, but I want to appreciate your concern. There is nothing that will lie under the table; in fact we will bring everything to light and I

want to thank members who come with such statement so that the truth is known because there maybe a 1,000 others who are quiet but they share the same feeling. So, honourable members, I want to tell you please, the process has not even been finished but we want to assure you that we will get to know the way it was done process. Still we need to go a notch higher that we need even to come up with a regulation in future.

I know the Leader of Majority, the Leader of Government Business, through the collaborations of the respective department and the committees, we will work together so that we make such processes transparent, open and foolproof.

So with those, I say thank you, honourable Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Chair PSM (Public Service Management). Honourable Keitany!

**Hon. Keitany:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. First, I want to thank Honourable Members who have just raised the statements. I want to say that what has been raised by Honourable Tenai is something good. Because as Members of County Assembly who represent our Wards, it is very important to know exactly how many students or those interns were given per Ward, at the same time per village. Because it is good at least we know they are from which village.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am saying that because when the names of those who were successful or those who succeeded, there are some rumours that there are some - let me use that it is true or let me withdraw that; let me say what I heard from my people - there are around three interns who are from one village, and that is true. I even confirmed from another person and it is true, which is not good. I can say to me there is no problem but to people, it is not good because it should be distributed fairly to all villages.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to say that the statement raised by Honourable Malel about the issue of security in Kimumu Hospital, I want to say; now that she has already raised and I was about even to raise almost the same thing about the security persons in our County Hospitals and I am referring to the one in my Ward which is Chepkanga County Hospital. I want to say that, if it is possible when Leader of Government Business will be coming with the report, I am requesting that let him also include the amount that these people are being paid. I am saying that, Mr. Speaker Sir, because I met the security person who is in that facility and the information he gave me is that he has worked for more than 10 years and what he has been getting is not more than sh8, 000.

At the same time, Mr. Speaker Sir, I was surprised to hear that he is the only person manning that facility 24 hours and yet he is not even getting any off or leave days. So, it is something that it is good. At least we get the information - if it is true or not.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Keitany. Before I give to the next Member, it is important that when we are making statements or allegations, we always have to have

proof of those allegations. Otherwise we should not convert the House into a rumour mill. So, it is very important that that when you are making any allegation, ensure that you can substantiate that allegation. Honourable Sarah!

**Hon. Malel:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker, forgiving me this opportunity to air my views. I want to congratulate the Member, Honourable Tenai, for intending to get to the root of the matter of this issue of internship. Last Friday when I sat in my office attending to my constituents, people came and they could give you illustrations that we have, we believe that when the CEC will come, now that the Chair PSM has confirmed that the CEC will come here, so that we can get answers from him. I also shelved my concerns at that point in time because also when we sat as Education committee, we were also very much concerned about the issue of the interns.

The Chair also through the Clerk also wrote a letter to the CEC for all those clarifications. We hope we will get to the root that this matter.

The chair PSM has just touched on the issue of the policies that regulate all these, and this is an issue that is being neglected in this County. Honourable Speaker, I remember when we were also discussing issues on matters cooperative, We asked the CEC cooperative to give us the money to reallocate to other departments because the policy of disbursing those funds was not in place and she promised that she was going to give us that document to pass it in this House before she does anything. Today, Honourable Speaker, the department of cooperatives is being given money left, right centre and we have not even known today what they are operating from. So...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Chair for Cooperatives and Enterprise Development?

**Hon. Korir, E. K:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think in this Honourable House this afternoon, we had two statements; one from Honourable Tenai on interns and one from Honourable Malel for security for Kimumu Dispensary. Now, the Honourable Member on the Floor is alluding that the Cooperatives and Enterprise Development department does not have policies, Mr. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** To guide on that, Honourable Sarah Malel was just enhancing and fertilizing the need for serious policy and she was just giving an illustration on the issue of the cooperatives.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** So, Honourable Sarah!

**Hon. Malel:** Thank you, Honourable Chair, for giving guidance on that. It was just only reference so that... this one also was a question that was put across to also the CEC of this department. At that time when we were dealing with the issues of budget during the time of

budget making process, they all promised that they would furnish us with how they are going to do this.

Honourable Speaker, we want to appreciate the way Honourable Member, Chair PSM, has just alluded about the issue of equity, but sometimes we go an extra mile in this House to even give in some other things for the sake of harmony of this House because all the time, if we insist that we are going to use equity - we have seen it many times - because if the use of equity will be really exercised in this House, it will be my happiest moment because Kimumu, as it has been said and the urban Wards, has a very big population that cannot be compared. But we also want this little resource envelop that comes tour County Government to reach the entire Uasin Gishu County. Sometimes we shelve our interests for the sake of the people of Uasin Gishu County.

Honourable Speaker, we want to say this matter should be put straight so that in future the CECs can put things in line, so that they can run the way we expect so that we do not put the cart before the horse, doing the things that are right, that are needed to be done first so that allocation of the resources can follow. We believe that this statement that has been asked by Honourable Tenai will give us a comprehensive and lasting solution to the problems in the near future of each and every other department.

Honourable Speaker, I beg to rest my case there and hope that we shall get justice this time round.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Sarah.

Honourable Hillary Rono!

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for this opportunity. I rise also to thank the Honourable Member for Cheptiret/Kipchamo for the statement which he has brought in this Assembly today.

Honourable Members have spoken and I have been listening keenly and I have understood that this Government of Uasin Gishu County is under siege. The reason I am saying this is that there are no policies or laws that are supporting what is happening in this County Government of Uasin Gishu. For example, the Chair Public Service and Chief Whip said clearly that we are saying or we are discussing issues having heard as rumours. How can you not use those rumours and yet what is happening there happens without any policy? If we had a policy that regulates the County Public Service Board, then we should have been in the right position. So, we have to sort out these issues this time round, and as Members of this County Assembly, we are not the County Executive where when a question arises, you tend or you come and argue as if you are defending the CECs and yet there are many messes.

The issue of human resource and infrastructure; those are two different things; there is no equity in that one. You can say equity in the infrastructure because the roads in Cheptiret cannot be compared with the roads in Kipkenyo or the street lights in the other side. But the issue of human resource, that one; you can say it should be equal. We cannot say it must be equal because when the Electoral Boundaries and Commission - what do we call? IEBC?

This one for Chebukati, what do we call this Chebukati? (*Laughter*), yes! There were parameters to make sure that this one is a Ward; this one is Kipkenyo Ward, this one...and so, the issue of human resource; that one is equality, not equity. You cannot tell me a place like Huruma, you want now to bring and say because it is too small, and you cannot give the same number with a place like Karuna/Meibeki! Who said so? The number of people who are here are more, they need also to be catered for.

Allow me to say, as you are directing the Leader of Majority to bring this statement, or to bring the report on this statement ... Last week you still remember I rose in this House on the statement on the budget of ELDOWAS ( Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company Limited), Honourable Members, and you said, Mr. Speaker, or you tasked the Honourable Leader of Majority that by Tuesday, he should have brought the replies and up to now nothing has happened. We are not complaining. This is what is happening in this County Government of Uasin Gishu and I know even if the Leader of Majority goes there, I do not know, it is only God who knows what will happen Mr. Speaker.

*(Laughter)*

Mr. Speaker, let us call a spade a spade that this Government is under siege and very soon we shall rise up and if we find you in a mess, you are in a total mess...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the...what is the point of order?

**Hon. Rono:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and I stand in support...

**Hon. Kigen:** Honourable...order Member! Honourable Speaker, I think the Member is out of order to say 'this Government is under siege.' He needs to substantiate. Two, nobody is allowed to anticipate, and he should not anticipate what will happen. He is against Standing orders.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Hillary Rono!

**Hon. Rono:** Mr. Speaker, you know I was elected by the good residents of Kipkenyo Ward and if those people who elected me, or I was elected for a certain purpose and that purpose is not happening, the same Government is not doing the right things. What do we call that one? What do we call that one, Mr. Speaker? What do we call that one? So, let us be candid enough and face these issues straight and tackle them. Thank you very much.

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point...?

**Hon. Kigen:** Point of order!

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the Member has finished. I think the Member has finished deliberating on the same, so we do not allow more points of order on the same. What has just come up is Leader of Government Business, there was a time you were given to table a report from ELDOWAS by Tuesday this week. Today is Thursday, so kindly take the schedules very

seriously and make sure that you communicate whenever you are supposed to communicate. If it is not possible, you can have the courtesy to ask for more time if at that time you are not able to deliver so that at least the House is well guided.

Honourable Goretta!

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to rise to congratulate the Member of Cheptiret/Kipchamo for bringing this issue to the House, because even us in Education committee, we were really contemplating over the same and we want to call the CEC Education to come and explain to us how the tax-payers' money is going to be utilized with that equitable distribution in the entire County.

Why are we saying equitable distribution? Because when we say equitable distribution, as much as you would say that in some Wards we have more people, but let us also, as Honourable Members, realize that those who are in urban areas like Huruma, Kimumu, most of those are working within institutions in town. We have our students who are at home who have no jobs and those are the people we are really targeting.

Mr. Speaker Sir...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Chomba?

**Hon. Chomba:** Mr. Speaker, it is very unfortunate for the Member on the Floor to say that somebody in Huruma or in Kimumu, since they are in town, they do not qualify to be given the internship. What I need to tell you in the whole County, most of the youths are unemployed. So, you should not zero in into my Ward. Anything concerning Huruma, let me talk about Huruma; that is why I am in this House.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Chomba. Honourable Goretta, you can withdraw and continue!

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. When I say equitable distribution, I think I am also touching his Ward. Listening is key. At times it is good to listen. Why do I say so? It is because when we see Raiply, we have quite a number of people who are working in that Company of Raiply and they reside in Huruma, and, Mr. Speaker Sir...

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Chomba:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker!

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Chomba?

**Hon. Chomba:** Honourable Goretta, I do not need help to talk about my Ward. Please talk about something else. I am here, I will talk about Huruma, and not everybody from Huruma is employed in Raiply.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Goretti, as we had said earlier, any statement you make, make sure you can substantiate and if you cannot substantiate, you kindly withdraw. Continue!

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. The point I wanted to bring across - maybe we can do an audit over the same - the point I wanted to bring across is that, as a County, we need to do the audit of those students who were shortlisted. When they were shortlisted during the application, we had requested to be given the list of those who had already given the short listing. But nobody furnished this House with the same list.

Right now, Mr. Speaker Sir, we are aware that they are undergoing training in preparation for them to be deployed where they are supposed to go and work. I want to believe that immediately that training is over, most of them will be sent to where they are supposed to go and work.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this is a tax-payers' money of Uasin Gishu County, and why Members are raising these concerns is because this is a budgetary allocation made by this Honourable House. Therefore, the same amount of money that was allocated for internship must be utilized for the people of Uasin Gishu County because this is our tax-payers' money and we want to empower our own youth. That was the target that we were aiming at. This is not a national employment; this is a County giving an internship for its members. Therefore, the Leader of Government Business should be aware that these are resources of Uasin Gishu County and therefore they should be utilized on students from Uasin Gishu County.

Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Maraswa, no, Honourable Goretti, sorry. Honourable Chomba!

**Hon. Chomba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I would like to thank Honourable Tenai for bringing this statement. It touches on all of us. At the same time, I would like to thank the Member of Assembly for Kipkenyo, Hillary, for contributing on the issue of Huruma Ward being taken equally like any other Ward in this County of Uasin Gishu. The size of Huruma is small but in the County of Uasin Gishu, Huruma has the highest population. When it comes to the number of voters, Huruma has the highest number of voters in the Rift Valley. Thank you, Honourable Hillary.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I was one of those who are highly affected on the number of people that were given internships in my Ward, Huruma Ward. They forgot that we also existed.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is my humble request as our leader in this House, to call a meeting for the Members of this House. We are no longer Honourable Members. We are now being taken as horrible members; it is something each of you knows. We have become a rubber stamp; most of us, the issue of internship; we were not for it because we foresaw what was going to happen at the end of the day. But the Chair for Public Service and the CEC promised us they were going to be fair.

This is not the first time Members of this Assembly have been cheated or have been lied to. We are being used as Members of this House because anything that has to be implemented has to be passed in this House; we are being used as rubber stamps for the Executive. That is what is happening right now. Later, we tend to cry that we were not involved. We were involved because we agreed to pass whatever they wanted to be passed but the issue now is, as Members of this House, you still have powers. You can still stop that internship programme. It is you who approved it; you can still stop it. I know we have a number of sycophants in this House...

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Boroswa:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker Sir, point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Maraswa?

**Hon. Korir, E. K:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I find the Honourable Member from Huruma, Honourable Chomba, has started calling us names, Mr. Speaker. I find him calling us rubberstamps, now we are sycophants. I do not know the next name that we are going to be given. I think he is out of order, Mr. Speaker, and he should apologize and withdraw the statement.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Chomba, you are a senior Member of this House and you know the rules of Parliamentary procedures. Some words are not parliamentary. Kindly, withdraw and continue.

**Hon. Chomba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I was building my case. In fact the next word was some of the Members in this House are followers; they do not think for themselves. They allow somebody else to think for them. It is just...

*(Speaker interjected)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Chomba...

**Hon. Chomba:** I withdraw and apologize on your orders, Mr. Speaker Sir.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Okay, good.

**Hon. Chomba:** Mr. Speaker Sir, the issue of the internship, it is something that needs to be rechecked. We need to call the Chair of Public Service and the CEC for Public of Public Service so that we get to be explained what is taking place, because most of the things that are being done now, to most of the people, me included...

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Boroswa:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Goretta?

**Hon. Boroswa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Does the Honourable Member of Huruma Ward, *Mheshimiwa* Chomba to have a right to say that, 'I withdraw on your order' because you are the Speaker? He should withdraw because of the Members who have actually disagreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Goretti. I think the Honourable Member has apologized and withdrawn. Continue!

**Hon. Chomba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. You are the boss in this House. I cannot jump you to get to the Member. Honourable Goretti, It is a high time you also came to know I am a Member of this House. Even in the committee meetings, you still want to attack me; when we come to this House, you want to attack me...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Tenai?

**Hon. Tenai:** I think, Mr. Speaker Sir, we are out of order for Members to exchange directly Honourable Chomba should actually address this Honourable House through the Speaker.

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Chomba, so that you can continue and finalize your statement, kindly concentrate and do the needful not to warrant the many points of order.

**Hon. Chomba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have already made my point. On the issue of internships and not only the internship; we need a meeting outside the Assembly with you, for you to guide us on the issues that are taking place because people are getting confused. Who is supposed to approve what? Do they have the powers to refuse or they do not!?

So, Mr. Speaker Sir, with your experience, we need that. Find time, find a place, we can go and sit and talk about this issue.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Chomba. Honourable...MCA from Kamagut; Cheptuget!

**Hon. Lelei:** Asante, asante sana, *Mheshimiwa* Spika. Jambo la kwanza nataka kushukuru mwenzangu, *Mheshimiwa* kutoka Kipchamo/Cheptiret kwa kuleta hoja hii katika Jumba hili, kwa sababu, mimi nimejaribu kutamani sana kujua ni watu wangapi ambao walifanikiwa kupata *internship*.

Lakini mpaka niliko, nilijaribu kuongeana Mwenyekiti (*Chair*) wa *Public Service Board*, nikajaribu kuuliza kwamba nahitaji ile orodha ya wale ambao walifaulu kupata *internship*. Lakini jambo niliambiwa ni kuwa haikubaliki kuchukua ile orodha ya wale ambao walifaulu.

Nataka niseme nini? Heshima si utumwa, kwa sababu ninaona hili Jumba linaelekea kuisha. Kwa sababu gani? Yale mambo ambayo yanatendeka, *Mheshimiwa* Spika...

*(Point of Order)*

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Korir?

**Hon. Korir, E. K:** Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Mheshimiwa Spika, naona Mheshimiwa Lelei hayuko kwa njia salama akisema sisi tunaelekea kuisha na hili Jumba.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Lelei, maybe you can expound further or you withdraw that statement there.

**Hon. Lelei:** Asante sana, Mheshimiwa Spika. Nataka niseme kwamba yale mambo ambayo yanatendeka, yanatendeka pasipo sisi kuhusishwa. Kwa sababu zile nafasi ambazo zilitolewa karibu 650, ama 600, ingekuwa ni vyema, kwa sababu wananchi wote kutoka Wadi zetu, wote ni wapiga kura, wote ni Wakristu, ni binadamu wenzetu. Na kwa hivyo wanastahili kupata haki yao. Kwa hivyo, asanté sana, Mheshimiwa Spika.

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Hillary!

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Rono:** Mheshimiwa Spika, nilikuwa nataka nitoe hoja ya nidhamu kwa Mheshimiwa mwenzangu kwamba hayuko sahihi kusema kwamba sisi kama wana Uasin Gishu tu Wakristu kwa jumla. Tuko na Wahindu, Waislamu, wasio kwenda kanisa ni ambao wanaitwa... woteni wa Uasin Gishu. Asante sana.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you very much, Honourable Hillary. Honourable Lelei, you are advised on the demographic in terms of religion of the Uasin Gishu County.

**Hon. Lelei:** Asante sana, Mheshimiwa mwenzangu, Hillary kwa kunirekebisha. Kumbé tuko na dini tofauti tofauti. Kwa hivyo wacha niseme kwamba ni vyema kila Wadi itambuliwe kwa sababu sisi tulichaguliwa ili tuwe macho ya wananchi. Na kwa hivyo, yale mambo ambayo yanakuja katika Uasin Gishu Kaunti yetu yanapitishwa. Tunawezapitisha lakini yale mengine hayatiliwi maanani.

Kwa hivyo, Mheshimiwa Spika, naomba kwamba, yale upande mwingine walegeze kamba na watuheshimu.

*(Point of Order)*

**Hon. Boroswa:** Point of order, Mr. Speaker!

**Mr. Speaker:** What is the point of order, Honourable Goretta?

**Hon. Boroswa:** Mr. Speaker Sir, is the Member on the Floor in order to come back after he had rested his case? Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is okay. From the concerns of the Members, it is clear that the tray for the Leader of Government Business is full. You need to make sure that the decisions that are made in this House are complied with and, whenever there is non-compliance, it is very important that they are noted and they are rectified so that at least we follow the laws and the

procedures and the policies that have been set in this House. You have heard what the Members have said; they are very concerned about the subject matter especially the statement from the deputy Chief Whip, that is, Honourable Tenai.

Kindly, I hope you have taken all the notes so that when you bring the statement, you bring a statement that covers the concerns of all the Members and make sure that those concerns have been addressed, so that we can move forward as the Members of this House. Also liaise with PSM and also the Education so that you get all the information because at end of the day as the Leader of the Government Business, you represent this House. You are the link between this House and the Executive, and also the link of all the Chairmen of the various committees. So, make sure that you liaise; you get as much information. You have two weeks so that...a fortnight from now; Thursday, you can give us a very comprehensive report that the Members will be able to look at and deliberate and see whether their concerns have been taken care of.

There is also another issue Honourable Sarah had raised. I do not know whether you have any...you will handle it or the Chair for Health will handle it. Maybe you can clarify on that.

**Hon. Jebet:** Mr. Speaker Sir, maybe I stand guided but on the question that was raised by the Honourable Member for Kimumu, I believe the Chair Health and the Chair PSM as well, will be in a better place to deal with that particular issue.

**Mr. Speaker:** So, we stand guided. The Chair for Health, take up the issue and give a report to this House in the next seven days, that is, next Thursday. You will give us a comprehensive report on that.

Clerk!

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** As you are aware from our order papers; from our order schedule for the week, we have set Thursday; every Thursday as the day for statements and also the day of questions and answers, we have reserved that by the House Business Committee. So, we hereby adjourn having no any other business to next week on Tuesday in the afternoon.

The House Rose at 4:36PM