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(The House met at 2.50 p.m.)

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

PRAYER

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Good afternoon Honourable Members and welcome to our afternoon sitting today being Wednesday, 12th March, 2025. Clerk, Order of Business!

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Honourable Cheruiyot Bett, I thought that there was a statement that you were supposed to raise. Proceed!

Hon. Cheruiyot Bett (Member for Ainamoi Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker. The statement is being fine-tuned. So probably I will present it in the next sitting if you allow me. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Thank you the Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. But I thought that the statement had been scheduled by the House Business Committee. Or is it being retuned? Alright then, let us proceed!

Clerk, next Order!

BILLS

First Reading

THE KERICHO COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Honourable Chairman for Budget and Appropriation Committee!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you so much Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I wish to request the Honourable Members to allow this Bill to be read for the first time and I will request Hon. Majority Leader to second. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Order Hon. Members, we can proceed! The Honourable Chairman, who is your seconder? The Leader of Majority, proceed!

Hon. Philip Rono (Leader of Majority and Member for Kamasian Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I second that the Kericho County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025 be read for the first time.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clerk, Next Order!

BILLS

Second Reading

THE KERICHO COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Hon. Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee, Hon. Albert Kipkoech!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I also request that Hon. Members agree with me to allow that the Kericho County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025 be read for the second time.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill will authorize the issue of certain sums of money out of the County Revue Fund and the application towards the service of the year ending 30th June 2025 and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes and I will request Honourable Vincent to second.

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Hon. Vincent Korir, Member for Londiani Ward and Leader of Majority Emeritus!

Hon. Vincent Korir (Member for Londiani Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I do second that the Kericho County Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2025 be read a second time.

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Thank you Hon. Vincent Korir!

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clerk, Next Order!

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai) left the chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett) in the chair]

THE KERICHO COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2025

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Thank you Honourable Members. Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to the Committee of the Whole. I want to request the Clerk to proceed.

(Clause 2)

That, Clause 2 be amended by deleting the words “Kenya Shillings Nine Billion, Seven Hundred and Forty Six Million, Four Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Six ” and substituting them with the words “Kenya Shilling Nine Billion, Seven Hundred and Fifty Six Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty Nine Thousand ,Two Hundred and Thirty Six”

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Chairman, Budget and Appropriations!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Chairman. Those changes were as a result of balancing and this affected the County Assembly of Kericho especially development vote and that is the reason you can see an increment of about 10 million. Thank you!

(Question, that Clause 2 be part of the Bill, proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Clerk!

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

That code number 'R4711' be amended by deleting the figures '880,331,329' and substituting them with the figures '880, 334, 303'

That code number 'R4722' be amended by deleting the figures '73, 626, 262' and substituting them with the figures '73,731,262'

That the class subtotal (Recurrent Expenditure) be amended by deleting the figures '6,185,485,704' and substituting them with the figures '6,185,593,678'.

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Chair!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Chairman. R4711 is the County Assembly of Kericho and as you can see there is an increment of 3,000 shillings which was as a result of last year's disbursement to the County Assembly. What was supposed to be reimbursed to the Assembly was supposed to be 35, 757, 000 shillings but unfortunately what came was 5, 754, 000 Shillings and that is why it was increased by 3,000 Shillings.

The other one Chair is code number R4722 recurrent under ICT. This was as a result of realignment especially in the line of sports that affected the line by about 500,000 shillings.

The last one is class sub-total which of course after the realignments, the subtotal should add up to the figures in the recurrent expenditure.

Thank you, Chair!

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Thank you, Chairman.

(Question, that the schedule on recurrent expenditure as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Clerk, Next!

DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

That code number 'D4711' be amended by deleting the figures '90,170,894' and substituting them with the figures '106,733,214'.

That code number 'D4713' be amended by deleting the figures '485,042,427' and substituting them with the figures '505,674,709'.

That code number 'D4714' be amended by deleting the figures '242,657,498' and substituting them with the figures '240,472,326'.

That code number 'D4715' be amended by deleting the figures '247,639,775' and substituting them with the figures '248,049,775'.

That code number 'D4716' be amended by deleting the figures '367,856,453' and substituting them with the figures '356,719,049'.

That code number 'D4717' be amended by deleting the figures '970,155,412' and substituting them with the figures '969,265,412'.

That code number 'D4718' be amended by deleting the figures '602,482,722' and substituting them with the figures '594,482,722'.

That code number 'D4719' be amended by deleting the figures '218,013,999' and substituting them with the figures '217,013,999'.

That code number 'D4720' be amended by deleting the figures '272,984,012' and substituting them with the figures '270,984,012'.

That code number 'D4722' be amended by deleting the figures '43,000,000' and substituting them with the figures '41,000,000'.

That the class subtotal be amended by deleting the figures '3,560,953,532' and substituting them with the figures '3,571,345,558'.

That the grand total be amended by deleting the figures ‘9,746,439,236’ and substituting them with the figures ‘9,756,939,236’.

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Chairman!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Chairman. Chairman, D4711 that is, the County Assembly of Kericho, and as I had explained earlier, there was an increment of about 16 million shillings which affected the development part.

On D4713 is the Department of Agriculture and of course there were those realignments on seedlings, chicks and that is the reason why the figure has gone up.

Chairman, D4714 which is the Department of Education is as a result of empowerment programs by most of the members and of course construction of ECDE classes and that is why that figure has gone up by about one million shillings.

The other one is the Department of Health which is D4715 and also there were realignments that brought the figure down.

The other one is D4716 which is the Department of Trade; this one also was affected as a result of the realignments. Chairman in short, all these changes are as a result of realignments at least to make the Schedule work and also for members to get something to take back to their wards and that is the reason why the Development vote was affected that much. Thank you!

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Thank you Chair.

*(Question, that the schedule on development expenditure as amended be part of the Bill,
proposed)*

(Question put and agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Clerk!

CITATION /SHORT TITLE CLAUSE

That the short title be amended by deleting the figures ‘9,746,439,236’ and substituting them with the figures ‘9,756,939,236’

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The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Chairman!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Chairman. You will realise that that figure has gone up by about 10 million which is as a result of the development vote at the County Assembly. Thank you!

(Question, that the Citation/ Short Title as amended be part of the Bill, proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(Hon. Philip Rono put up his hand)

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Majority Leader, I saw your hand but it had been overtaken by events. Next time, be very fast. I now call upon the mover of the Motion!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Chairman. I beg to move that the Report of the Committee of the Whole House be reported to the County Assembly. Thank you and I will request that Hon. Eric Bii to second.

(Hon. Eric Bii stood in his place to second the Motion)

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Hon. Eric Bii I can see you have forfeited your right to contribute now for a later time.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

REPORT, CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE KERICHO COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Honourable Members, we can continue. The Chairperson!

The Chairperson (Hon. Cheruiyot Bett): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity. I wish to report that the Committee of the Whole House has considered the Kericho County Supplementary Appropriations Bill, 2025 and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): All right, thank you the Hon. Cheruiyot Bett. Now, I give a chance to the mover to agree with the Report.

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said Report, and to confirm the deliberations, allow me to request Honourable Hezron to second. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Honourable Hezron Ngetich, for you to second or not to second!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Member for Chilchila Ward): Thank you Mr. Speaker for giving me this opportunity to second the Motion by the Chairman Budget. I confirm that it is true that we have approved the Bill with amendments so that we can realign the vote heads. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Alright, Thank you. Honourable Members, I wish now to propose the adoption of the report.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Clerk!

BILLS

Third Reading

THE KERICHO COUNTY SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL, 2025

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Hon. Albert Kipkoech, the mover!

Hon. Albert Kipkoech (Member for Soliat Ward and Chairperson Budget and Appropriations Committee): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Mr. Speaker, I do request the House to allow that the Kericho County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025 to be read for the Third time. Mr. Speaker, I am saying so because this Bill will provide for the issue of Kenya shillings 9, 756, 939, 236 out of the County Revenue Fund and I will request Hon. Philip Mutai to second.

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): The Honourable Philip Mutai!

(Hon. Philip Mutai seconded the Motion)

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Alright, thank you Hon. Philip Mutai!

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

Now Clerk, you can now proceed to read the Long Title of the Bill.

Long Title

The Kericho County Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025, a Bill for an Act of the County Assembly of Kericho, to authorise the issue of certain sums of money out of the County Revenue Fund and their application towards the service of the year ending on 30th June, 2025 and to appropriate those sums for certain public services and purposes.

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Okay, thank you so much. Honourable Members, we have come to the conclusion of our Order of Business this afternoon session. Just to remind you that next week we are proceeding to the Legislative Summit.

(Loud consultations)

I've said from next week and so you will be travelling on Sunday and you will be coming back on Sunday or Saturday; you just have to count from Sunday up to where the seventh day ends. But if you want to start from today, you can count seven days and then you can...so I don't know but the information that I have is that it is seven days. So we will liaise with the Office Clerk to find out which is which. I know that the advance team is already in Nairobi and so please be guided that there was an advance team and then we will be proceeding from then.

(Loud consultations)

We shall re-look about that after this.

The other thing that I want to remind you is that tomorrow being 13th of March 2025, yours truly here, together with my Deputy Speaker, Hon. Paul Bii the Commissioner, as well as the National Vice Chief Whip Hon. Haroun Rotich shall be attending on a very important or serious matter in the morning and therefore this House is adjourned...I don't want to say that the House is on trial but as you all know, that is the case. Therefore, this House is adjourned until 22nd April 2025. Please, be advised! That is as per your Assembly Calendar.

Leader of Majority, I saw your hand and using Standing Order number one, I will give you a chance before we adjourn and I hope that you will limit your contribution to the matter coming up tomorrow.

Hon. Philip Rono (Leader of Majority and Member for Kamasian Ward): Thank you very much Mr. Speaker. I will use less than one minute. I am seeing Honourable Members surprised on the date that we shall resume. Based on our House Calendar we are proceeding on recess from today up to 22nd April 2025. Secondly is to kindly request on behalf of the Citees, that is: Hon. Cheruiyot Bett, the Majority Whip, Hon. Paul Bii, I don't want to mention the name of the Hon. Speaker because you are on the Chair Mr. Speaker. I kindly request Hon. Members, and this was a resolution of the party, that we will accompany the citees to the Court and I will be checking on the members who will stand with the citees. Thank you Mr. Speaker and God bless you until we meet probably on 22nd April 2025. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Thank you so much the Leader of Majority. I hope that you will also extend the same kind gesture to the complainant and we hope also that he will be escorted by the Hon. Members.

Hon. Members, there being no other Order of Business...

(Hon. Hezron Ngetich stood in his place)

Order! The Hon. Majority Leader Emeritus!

Hon. Hezron Ngetich (Member for Chilchila Ward): Thank you Hon. Speaker. About tomorrow Mr. Speaker, I rise to confirm that we are in solidarity Mr. Speaker. You and the other three citees are on trial because of our resolution or agreement which we made. I want to assure you and all the citees that for iron to be stronger, it must pass through the fire and that is the fire that you will be going through tomorrow and in politics Mr. Speaker, when you are taken to court you will always triumph and your star will shine brighter and brighter.

Before I sit down I want to quote a Bible verse from the book of Romans Chapter 8 and verse 18 and it says Mr. Speaker that, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us". So what you are going through now is not worth the success that you will get after tomorrow. So take heart and we will be there tomorrow, we will dress officially and all of us will be there.

(Hon. Cheruiyot Bett consulted loudly)

Honourable Speaker, I request the Hon. Cheruiyot Bett, because I am his trusted lieutenant, to surrender to me all the money and ATM cards so that in case of anything, the family will continue as usual...

(Laughter)

Anyway, nothing will happen. Thank you Mr. Speaker and we wish you all the best, you and the four citees and we are praying for you and for all of us and we are there together. Thank you!

The Speaker (Hon. (Dr.) Patrick Mutai): Thank you so much. I hope the Hon. Deputy Speaker you will not surrender everything the way the Leader of Majority Emeritus is campaigning that you must surrender everything as you go to...in case. I hope he will draw the boundaries. Anyway!

ADJOURNMENT

Thank you so much Hon. Members and that was on a light note and we shall be resuming, as I said earlier, on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 at 9.30 a.m. Otherwise have a good afternoon and enjoy

your recess. I will still encourage you that during this period attend to your duties; stay with your families as well as serving your constituents. Thank and have a good afternoon.

[The House rose at 3.23 p.m.]