

SIAYA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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The House met at the County Assembly Chambers, at 2.30 p.m.

[The Deputy Speaker (Hon. Adera) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM CALL AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Are we on time or we have come so early? Are we within time? What's the time?

Hon. Ndonji: We are within time, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir!

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, as I see it, it appears that either we have quorum or we don't have. We can give Members sometime to see whether they can be here in the next few minutes. Clerk, can you confirm whether we have quorum?

(The -Clerk at -the -Table confirmed the lack of quorum)

The Deputy Speaker: Serjeant-at-Arms, can you ring the Quorum Bell for about 10 minutes.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

(The Quorum Bell was rung for the second time)

(The -Clerk at -the -Table confirmed the lack of quorum for the second time)

(Hon. Muhulah stood up in his place)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muhulah

Hon. Muhulah: Mr. Deputy Speaker, I know my suggestion could be in contradiction with the Standing Orders of the hon. House. The function that was in Rarieda Sub-County seems to be over and quite a number of Members were there. I would ask for your indulgence if we could give them some few minutes Mr. Deputy Speaker. There are a lot of things that we are supposed to have discussed today that require some urgency.

That will be my request, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

(Hon. Okuku and hon. Ndonji stood up in their places)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Elisha.

Hon. Okuku: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I respect the suggestion by hon. Muhulah, but this is a House of rules and we are being guided by the Standing Orders which clearly stipulate that 15 minutes after the beginning of this Assembly, if there's lack of quorum people should not transact any business.

Mr. Deputy Speaker this precedence was even set in the morning when hon. Muhulah was presiding over as the Speaker and he could not wait any longer. I think we should abide by the Standing Orders. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Ndonji, you were on your feet at some point

Hon. Ndonji: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Yes, I was on my feet but what I wanted to say is what hon. Elisha has said. I concur with him Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, that this is a House of rules and we have got to follow what is in the Standing Orders and we are not supposed to bend it even a bit.

(Hon. Muhulah stood up in his place)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Muhulah.

Hon. Muhulah: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Standing Orders, I agree are supposed to govern the Assembly, but at times the discretion lies with the Chair of the House. Mr. Deputy Speaker, referring to the allegation that when I was presiding in the morning I did not allow enough time; I did give enough time Mr. Deputy Speaker and even the Movers of the Motions that were to be discussed; including the Member for Ugenya East was not in! So, there was actually nobody to move those Motions Mr. Deputy Speaker.

But in this case, this afternoon, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I am the Chair of Finance; I am here and very ready to move my Motion. So, there's a lot of difference Mr. Deputy Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, the Mover of that Motion acknowledged that the Standing Orders suggest that we have limited time at which if there is no quorum, then the House should adjourn. He went further to suggest that we can bend the rules; there was opposition to that request by two hon. Members. They indicated that once the rules have been set, then there's no need to bend them, and being a House of rules, we are not ready to bend them today to fit---

(Applause)

Therefore, because there's no quorum, we have no other option but to adjourn. This House stands adjourned until Thursday, 19th March, at 2.30 p.m.in the afternoon.

The House rose at 2.51 p.m.