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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 9.30 a.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Omoro) in the Chair]

PRAYER

NOTICE OF MOTION

ECOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE

Hon. Oor: I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

AWARE that trees have Ecological and Environment Value, Trees contribute to their environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife.

FURTHER AWARE that Urbanization, pollution and other related activities have activities contributing to environmental hazards, global warming and depletion of the planet's resources. Trees are the largest of all land plants, and act as a kind of environmental "buffer" for the ecosystem they dominate.

NOTING THAT Siaya County as a whole has a low percentage of 0.42% tree coverage compared to the Country's coverage which is at 7%.

CONCERNED that there have been minimal efforts to plant trees in Siaya County despite the fact that studies have indicated that as a County we are really doing badly when it comes to forest coverage.

NOTING that there is need to provide for the environmental management policy with a bias on tree planting which should be made mandatory, this house resolves that the citizens be encouraged to plant trees and further that the County Executive endeavor to budget for tree planting in the Financial Year 2018/2019 Budget Estimates.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato.

Hon. Otiato: I beg to give Notice of the following Motion:

AWARE That section 3(h) (i) and (j) of the public procurement and Disposal Act, 2015, provides that public procurement and asset disposal by State organ and public entities shall be guided by the following values and principles of - (h) maximization of value for money;

(i) promotion of local industry, sustainable development and protection of the environment and (j) promotion of local contractors, while section 33(3) states that the County Treasury may prescribe an institutional framework to provide for the procurement, administration and management of common user items for the County Government.

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FURTHER AWARE That there is a centralized procurement system in the Executive arm of the County Government with the County Secretary currently acting as the accounting officer to all departments in the procurement processes;

NOTING THAT Section 44(3) of the County Government Act, 2012 clearly delineates duties of a County Secretary and exonerates him from any role in the procurement process; while Section 45(4) of the same Act places a Chief Officer as the authorized officer of a department, meaning the accounting officer with procurement roles and responsibilities outlined in Section 44(2) of the public procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015,

CONCERNED THAT centralizing the County procurement system and embedding the County Secretary as a key player in the process is out of consonance with standard government procurement practices;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT this has resulted in continuous large pending bills, high amounts of budgeted funds rollovers, and frustrations of both suppliers and contractors, which has caused poor and delayed service delivery to citizens of Siaya County; This House **resolves** that the County Executive decentralizes procurement to county departments and discharge the County Secretary of any procurement responsibilities.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, the Motions tabled are scheduled for discussion today in the afternoon.

Hon. Oriaro: I thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir. I am under instruction of Hon. Felix Okumu, MCA, Alego Ward pursuant to Standing Order number 40(2) I rise to seek a Statement response from the Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the proposed Gangu rice Irrigation project with acreage of about 100 acres situated in West Alego Ward which was initiated by 42 farmers from the Ward.

On 23rd April, 2018 the team from Siaya County Government, department of Agriculture and officers from National environment management authority visited the proposed sites for feasibility study. In the statement the chairman should respond to the following concerns;

1. The outcome of the feasibility study.
2. The need for carrying out an environmental impact assessment.
3. The involvement of all relevant stake holders to ensure that the project is all inclusive.
4. The need to prioritize the projects in Siaya County Government budget estimates.

Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Otiato.

Hon. Otiato: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir; I equally rise to seek a Statement response from the Chairperson, Committee on Governance and Administration regarding the bureaucratic process in procurement of goods and services by the County Executive.

In the Statement the Chairman should respond to the following;

1. Which offices and persons the County Government performs procurement.
2. Whether the County Secretary has a procurement function and if yes, under which Law does he performs such functions.

Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Oyuago.

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir; I rise to seek a Statement response from the Chairperson, Committee on Governance and Administration regarding the Disaster Management in the County Executive.

In the Statement the Chairman should respond to the following;

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1. Did the County Executive allocate monies for emergency fund to address disaster in the current budget estimates?
2. If so, how much was allocated and for what purpose?
3. What is the balance of the allocated amount?
4. What responses have been made to address the current disaster experienced in the County?

Thank you.

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Okay, Hon. Members, the Statements now stands committed to the relevant Committees

MOTION
ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no any other business can we be upstanding for adjournment? Hon. Members the House stands adjourned until today May 16th, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. in the chamber.

The House rose at 10.08 p.m.