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

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

PRAYERS

MOTION

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 13th October, 2021 morning)

ADDRESS BY MAYOR ANDREW PROKOP OF TABER CANADA

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, this is a continuation of our debate in the morning that will continue until tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. I believe that Members have read and have really gone through the Motion that was tabled yesterday and was moved today.

Hon. Adala: I rise to make my voice heard on the speech that was shared to this Hon. House by the Mayor of Canada. Indeed, the world has become a Global village and the setup of the Canadian government is just a replica of us from the speech paragraph six. Talking about the setup and what was outstanding is that the numbers in that Embassy is just six plus the Mayor and the kind of work they are doing is marvelous.

In Kenya we have Assemblies that have got so many representatives which then would beg that are we having more people in the Assemblies both at the Senate and National Assembly as well as the County Assemblies?

I was also moved and really excited because when you look at the setup as shared by the Mayor; this is a Country that is only having one river compared to Siaya County which is blessed to have several rivers which entirely means that we are yet to appreciate the gift of resources at our disposal.

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When I look at what they are doing in terms of irrigation, reminds me that as a County we are yet to setup funds towards irrigation. If you take a look at East Ugenya, it is a hub that can support rice capable of serving Western region but what has happened is that we have not harnessed it by a way of doing good irrigation.

This is an eye opener to us so that we are able to look at matters Agriculture very keenly for us to be self-reliant. I have a passion in Agriculture and for those who know me I do a lot of it. The kind of Agriculture we have focused on is subsistence. From the address we realize that we need to move and talk to our people and by way invest a lot of resources to support Agricultural sector.

I do not have much to say and most of my submissions had been shared earlier by other colleagues but I want to thank our Hon. Speaker and his Excellency for this meeting though virtual making it a success and an eye opener.

I also want to add where they are saying that the first meeting was done in 2018 and they are hopeful that the second one be done sooner. I should be among the team that will visit them again because I am passionate about Agriculture, thank you.

Hon. Ousa: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir; I am of the opinion that the Mayor's address is a very important document that some of the Members of the House were there when this address was being done while some of us were not in. Can we defer this discussion for tomorrow being that some Members have not gone through the same?

Hon. Booker: Point of Order!

The Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Booker, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. Booker: I want to disagree with the Hon. Member of South Uyoma requesting you to defer the argument until tomorrow. I don't think whether he was asleep when we were moving the Motion and this is just a continuation of the argument. I will just urge him either to keep quiet or contribute where he can according to this Motion but we cannot defer what we had started.

Hon. Ousa: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir; since it's a continuation it can also be continued tomorrow---

The Deputy Speaker: Order Member, proceed or resume your seat.

Hon. Audi: Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity; Agriculture hasn't been exploited well in our Counties and such a kind of project has come late and the agreement between Siaya County and the Canadian government has come a bit late to me because in Siaya we haven't exploited Agriculture well.

We have food security issues; if you look at the tractor hire and water have not been exploited. In South Gem we have streams all through which are under-utilized.

I expect that we move with speed to make the dream come true. The issue of waste management hasn't been handled well, we don't even have the site. These things can be recycled but that has not been put in place. If exploited well it would enhance programmes like fertilizers if recycled and maybe a few minerals or so. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker and I know Members will agree with me that it is a noble project.

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Hon. Booker: In contributing to the address of the Mayor; I would like to remind you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir; that Water and Agriculture are components that are essential for life. If I remind you further what Dublin's principle says about water; water is a social good. If you see the vast of Siaya County almost three quarters of Siaya County and even the entire World---

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Booker, are you contributing or replying?

Hon. Booker: I am contributing to the Motion.

The Deputy Speaker: Kindly resume your seat. What is your Point of Order?

Hon. Ousa: when I stood up I requested the Motion to be deferred to be continued tomorrow for discussions, it seems as if some of the Members had not gone through the document. A Member cannot contribute to the same Motion twice! have the Standing Orders of this House changed?

The Deputy Speaker: I think I ruled on that and I requested him to take his seat since he is the Mover of the Motion. He will respond later tomorrow when we finalize the discussion. Hon. Members, I direct that the Motion be discussed tomorrow again in the afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

The Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, may you be upstanding for adjournment.

Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow Thursday at 2.30 p.m. in the Chambers.

The House rose at 3.35 p.m.