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

[The Speaker (Hon. George Okode) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I know there was supposed to be Public Participation yesterday in Bondo and Rarieda and yesterday was a holiday, I am told the attendance was not very good. So I am in talks with the Committee of Finance, if they could consider doing further public participation on Thursday morning in the two Sub counties. That will be communicated. It will also be shared with Members from those two Sub counties

MOTION

Hon. Speaker: The motion had been moved, seconded, and proposed. It is debating time. Members can debate. I told you, you have a maximum of 4 sittings to discuss this Speech, so time is on your side. You can debate; you can postpone...Yes, Hon. Olasi?

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know it is of a common knowledge that we ought to have discussed this particular Report given that it was tabled in this House, but I have a very humble request. Let me start with myself.

I have just come from Public participation in Ugunja, and I was with Hon. Booker. I have not gone through this document to be sincere, and as I can read the mood of this House, I don't see anybody much prepared to debate this particular Report. So I would request that you push this Report to be debated in the next sitting. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Is there any objection? Yes, Hon. Omoro!

Hon. Omoro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we were here in the earlier part of the day, we agreed that we would go through the speech, and then in the Afternoon we would deliberate on it. The mere fact that the Hon. Member Olasi was in Ugunja doing other duties does not deter us from going on with our strategic procedure to discuss the speech.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Olasi!

Hon. Olasi: Mr. Speaker, it's not mentioned, but it's a common knowledge that there is no quorum for discussion. This document is not like any other that you just pass by the House, no.

This is a Governor's speech which should be discussed by at least 1/3 of the Members, and given the number that we have here right now...I never wanted to go that direction, but if you can call all the serjeant- at- Arms to tell us how many we are in this House, then the Honorable Member cannot insist that we discuss the Report, when we are not meeting the threshold. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: May I pick other views? Yes, Hon. Audi!

Hon. Audi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I stand to support Hon. Olasi's request to postpone the debate and other Sittings. Mr. Speaker, I am saying that because Hon. Olasi has stated clearly that he is not alone in that but we have other Hon. Members who are doing very important duties somewhere else.

So, Hon. Olasi was not speaking on his behalf but also for other Members too.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, is there an intrusion?

Yes, Hon. Odero

Hon. Odero: Mr. Speaker, I also support what Hon. Olasi has suggested that the Motion be postponed to a later date or sitting. I also would like to be informed about the Standing Orders on the quorum.

May I know from the Chair what number makes a quorum in this House? I stand with what Hon. Olasi has proposed. Because, we need our Members to get this thing amended and in good number. This is a very important Motion that needs to be discussed that came from the Governor of this County. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, may I answer that the quorum for the Assembly is a third of the membership of the Assembly. And regarding whether or not to postpone or adjourn this debate; I want to pick if there is any dissenting opinion. If there isn't I'll assume that majority of you want this postponed.

However, we also need to mention that Hon. Omolo is in order to propose that we debate because we had said this before. Only that in parliament, if there is no law being violated; then the majority will always have their way.

So then I'll put a question, I want to take that to be a proposal and seconded. Hon. Olasi did you say it should be postponed to Tuesday next week or to tomorrow?

Hon. Olasi: Next week, Mr. Speaker!

(Laughter)

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, there is not much we have lost even if we don't debate, just make sure you have your committees work tomorrow. The House has spoken.

Next Order!

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we stand for adjournment. There being no other business, this House stands adjourned until Tuesday next week, the 5th of December, 2017 at 2.30 pm in the Chambers.

The House rose at 2.56 p.m.