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

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

PRAYER

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

MCA ELECT, CHARLTON ODHIAMBO ANDIEGO

Hon. Olasi: Mr. Speaker, Sir; with us here is Mr. Charlton Odhiambo Andiego, Member representing Central Sakwa.

(The oath of allegiance was administered to Hon. Charlton Andiego, Member representing Central Sakwa)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

GUESTS AT THE SPEAKER'S GALLERY

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, allow me to recognize the presence of the following people: we have the Andiegos here; Mrs. Milka Andiego, wherever you are. Linet Andiego, Mark Odongo, Kevin Andiego and the one and only Simon Chiambe. I am told his other name is *Otoyo* and he is the Chairperson of ODM Bondo and also the Chairman of Siaya County contractors but he tells me he is not one of the super contractors.

We also have the ODM treasurer, Bondo constituency, Peter Aduwa and one of the Andiegos that I forgot is an aunty called Jacinta Achieng. We have the Director of Political Affairs, Leaky Abuor; he is not there, he has left.

This is important to know: a business man from Bondo that is well professed in the business area who has also accompanied the family, Steve Amollo.

(Applause)

Then we have the Central Sakwa voters, wherever you are.

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(The guests mentioned rose and waved and were applauded by the Members)

Mine is to thank the people of Central Sakwa for conducting mature campaigns and peaceful elections. I will urge you to walk hand in hand with your leadership as I urge your leadership to walk hand in hand with you.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is important that you get to know that we converge here today for swearing in because of a special issue of a Gazette Notice that was issued on the 15th October, 2018 by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission and it was declaring persons elected as the Senator Migori County and Member of Central Sakwa Ward, Siaya County Assembly in the By-election held on the 8th October, 2018.

In the exercise of powers conferred in the article 88 (4) 98 (1) 194 (1) of the Constitution of Kenya section 4 of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act 2011 section 16, 19, 38 and 39 and the regulations there in; the commission declares that the persons listed in columns 1 and 2 of the first and second schedule here under were elected as Members of the Senate Migori County and County Assembly Member for Central Sakwa Ward in Siaya County Assembly respectively.

Having received the majority of the votes cast in the by election held on the 8th October, 2018 and complied with the provision of the Constitution, the elections Act 2011, elections general regulations 2012.

I will not read the one for Migori; I will go straight to the one for Siaya that the person elected as Member of Central Sakwa Ward, Siaya County is Andiego Charlton Odhiambo, County code 41 and County name Siaya Constituency code 236, Constituency name Bondo and the County Assembly Ward name is Central Sakwa, the County Assembly Ward code is 1176, the party name is Orange Democratic Movement abbreviated as ODM, the symbol is orange and votes garnered in figures is 3,816, signed by W.W. Chebukati, Chairperson.

PAPER

AMENDMENT OF THE STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Omwende: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir; I wish to lay on the Table of the House the Report on the Amendments of the Standing Orders.

Hon. Speaker: Secretariat, ensure that the Report is circulated sufficiently for Members to debate today afternoon or tomorrow.

STATEMENT

CONGRATULATING HON. CHARLTON ODHIAMBO ANDIEGO

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I had a request from leadership of ODM and they want to make some Statements. Yes, Hon. Majority Whip.

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Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir; I stand here to congratulate and welcome a new member of our party who has just been sworn in. I want to take this opportunity to thank our ODM party having done a very peaceful election and smooth process that gave us Hon. Andiego as the party ticket bearer during the nominations.

Allow me to take this time to thank the people of Central Sakwa and more importantly the 3,816 members who voted for Hon. Andiego Charlton under the umbrella ticket of ODM.

Mr. Speaker, Sir; I have to take this important time to thank the Hon. Members of this House for having stood by Hon. Odhiambo Andiego; I need not to name names.

These people took their time and did what they could under the umbrella of the ODM party to make sure that the party retained the seat. Allow me to name two people; Hon. Fredrick Opanga, the youngest Member took upon himself to make sure that he accompanied Hon. Charlton Andiego for his campaign trails. Hon. Mboha saw it wise that we needed money at some level but the way he went ahead, I need not put the figures. Hon. Charlton Andiego, you owe Hon. Mboha a lot, I will tell you why.

You mentioned the Member of Central Sakwa and again the ODM Chairperson in Central Sakwa; allow me to also mention the Treasurer of Bondo Sub County. At any moment, these gentlemen would call me no matter what time to know how we as an Assembly are prepared to give progress of the activities on the ground.

On the material day, I will not fail to mention Hon. Lorna Adida. The Hon. Member waited for us past midnight, it was around 1.00 a.m., after the votes were counted and Hon. Andiego was declared the winner. May God bless you, Hon. Lorna.

Last but not least, we fail not to recognize your office. Even if you were not public, we recognize your office, more importantly you as an individual, you made sure Hon. Andiego made it to this Assembly. I call upon the Hon. House, if possible to go an extra mile to accommodate Hon. Andiego.

Hon. Andiego, I will stop by saying that there are so many challenges but thank God we have these Hon. Members in this House. Consult where necessary, we have our father in the name of our Speaker who will help you. What I have to tell you is, it is not easy because the challenges are there. God bless you and thank you very much.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Majority Leader!

Hon. Oor: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, let me take this opportunity to welcome Hon. Charlton Andiego in this House as one of us. Kindly clap for him!

(Applause)

Two, let me take this opportunity to welcome voters from Central Sakwa and to thank you for electing Charlton Andiego.

(Applause)

Three, I want to thank Hon. Members and officials for doing a good work in electing Hon. Charlton Andiego. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Hon. Speaker for the humble heart you have, you have maintained Members to have peace all the time. Lastly, let me thank all the Members who supported Hon. Charlton Andiego during his campaigns. With those few remarks, God bless you all.

Hon. Speaker: One person from Bondo!

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the one and only Hon. Charlton Andiego. I also welcome the people of Central Sakwa, the Andiego's family and ODM officials who are here. Hon. Charlton, this is a very humble House. If you listen to the radio stations, Siaya Assembly is one of the most humble Assemblies compared to the other ones.

(Applause)

You hear Assemblies fight, I hope and believe that we shall never fight. I wish that you be part of this team. It will reach a time that you will even lack a shilling to put fuel in your car but these Hon. Members will help you. So, from today onwards, take these Hon. Members as your sisters and brothers, as your dad and mothers. That is my humble plea and advice to you as a Member of this House.

Last but not least, I request that Hon. Charlton Andiego cross the Floor in the afternoon and sit on this other side. Come and join this team, look at our faces, very young and able.

(Laughter)

Don't associate yourself with the other side

(Laughter)

Hon. Audi: Point of order!

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order?

Hon. Audi: Hon. Shirley, I don't know the Standing Order of the Assembly you are using to undermine others because they are seated on the other side.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Audi, just relax, you are very young

(Laughter)

and very handsome

(Laughter)

Hon. Shirley, proceed!

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for protecting me. I didn't mention names and I don't know why you are guilty and you can never run away from your age.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Shirley, proceed!

Hon. Oyuago: That is my humble plea concerning the swearing in of Hon. Charlton Andiego. Welcome and thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Awita!

Hon. Awita: My able Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I stand here with my head high up as the Chair of ODM Siaya County. The Central Sakwa people made me and the ODM people proud. I thank all the Hon. Members and the ODM executives of Bondo, I thank you so much and may God bless you. I welcome Charlton Andiego to this House.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mboha!

Hon. Mboha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think I will also be very brief. Let me also take this opportunity to welcome our Hon. Member to this House. We also thank the Chief Whip, I think he could not thank himself. He did a lot of work during the elections. I also thank the entire House.

I wish to tell our younger brother, because he takes over as the youngest MCA in Siaya County Assembly that our work needs team work. We are there to help you grow and help you improve the lives of people from Central Sakwa. We are there for you and we will continue to be there for you.

What I know and will tell you this morning is, we have a very good Hon. Speaker who listens and cares for us and that is why you have never seen these funny things that are happening around. In him, we are very confident that you are going to make Central Sakwa a better place for all of us. Otherwise may God bless you and bless the people of Central Sakwa. May the people of Central Sakwa support you so that you deliver to them!

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Opanga!

Hon. Opanga: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me also to take this opportunity to welcome my younger brother, Hon. Charlton Andiego in the House. I know it has not been that easy but I want to thank the people of Central Sakwa who believed in us when we requested them to support us in this journey.

This journey is not easy, for the four years that you will be serving the people of Central Sakwa Hon. Charlton, you will have your lowest moments that at times you will not even afford even a single cent and at that time you have several activities to attend to.

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I will encourage you to talk out at your lowest moment because when you keep things to yourself you might fall down for no apparent reason and it will be said that it's because you have not eaten and as I can see you have a very huge body.

Secondly, I want to thank you, Hon. Members sincerely wherever Hon. Joannes Andiego is he is a happy man. We committed our words and we have achieved what we wanted and may his soul rest in peace we have done our part. Now it is the turn of his son to deliver to the people of Central Sakwa.

As I conclude, Hon. Speaker, as the youngest that was then, I have graduated and I now welcome a young brother. Among these people I am the eldest now Charlton and my pieces of advice are very important. You see some of these people don't know what we young generation go through so with the help of the Speaker we will help you and guide you so that you serve your people well and you will be able to go far in politics. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Olasi, what is it?

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have already spoken but some of these statements must not go unchanged. Hon. Opanga cannot be the youngest then now he is the eldest and the one to advise Hon. Charlton, Hon. Charlton is old enough and

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Olasi, he said that he will advise him on what young people go through.

(Laughter)

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. He said that these old people, I included. Opanga cannot be older than me.....

Hon. Speaker: But we do have order of siting.

(Laud consultations)

Hon. Olasi: No! No, Mr. Speaker. The order in this House! There is no such thing here therefore, some of these pieces of advice might be misplaced.

Hon. Oyuago: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker Sir!

Hon. Speaker: What is the point of Order before I give Felix time to talk?

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I just want to clarify a point because I don't know why those people got themselves to the other side, we have Hon. Abudi next to you Charlton, he will be coming tomorrow in the afternoon, and we have Hon. Kinyanyi, just on the other side of the House. So I don't know how he got himself on the other side.

(Laud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Shirley, do you know how he got himself there?

Hon. Oyuago: Yes!

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Hon. Awita: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Can I just tutor my fellow Honorable? We are not ‘people’ we are *Weheshimiwas* in this House; so please take note and know how to address us. Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Filly.

Hon. Akoth: Thank you so much, our accommodating Speaker, you are so good. You have brought this House to the level it is in, and we are going to be very careless about how others are talking that is according to their age.

(Laughter)

Since I am the host, I cannot talk too much because after this we are going to Central Sakwa to eat fish and everything else. Otherwise, old is gold; let them talk that way.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, that thing is on a light note, don’t be tensed about it. It is so much on a light note.

Yes, Hon. Omoro, what is it? I want to conclude this session.

Hon. Omoro: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I also just want to take this opportunity to congratulate the young Hon. Andiego. First of all I want to take the opportunity to thank the people of Central Sakwa for having stood high with the young boy and the entire family, the Chiambes and the rest who saw to it that the young Andiego ascended to this.

It is not by default but it is Godly so I therefore congratulate you for that because you have reinstated the power to your home and may the almighty lord give you the power and strength to work for the people of Central Sakwa just as your late dad did.

It’s a legacy you are putting in place and you might even do it better than him and let them not cheat you that there are problems in politics, where we say never say die. So project higher and I know you can do it because it has been done and they say what a man can do a young man can do better, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Edwin please, then I give chance to Hon. Ambrose.

Hon. Odhiambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I would also wish to welcome Charlton to this Honorable House and I think I have very little to advise Hon. Charlton on. Here we are Honorable Members and I know you were elected by the people of Central Sakwa and therefore would just request you to serve them diligently and I know that if you really cooperate with these Honorable Members taking into account their pieces of advice knowing that the final decision remains with you. Where people gather there is a lot of gossip. Kindly just hear them but the decision will be yours.

I wish to thank all Hon. Members. I know all of you participated in Hon. Charlton’s campaign, even if you never saw them physically. There are people who used other efforts for you to succeed apart from the voters who voted you in.

Otherwise I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Central Sakwa voters and that they should give Hon. Charlton ample time for him to deliver the promises he was preaching during his campaign. Thank you.

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Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ambrose Akuno, MCA for West Asembo.

Hon. Akuno: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I would like to welcome Hon. Charlton. I am surprised for the first time the ODM party has done this; I didn't expect to see him here.

I have a simple advice. You have already been elected by the party but you wish to be who you are. Be loyal to your people and don't be a sycophant to the party. Sometimes we have Motions here, I know they will call you in the night and tell you Hon. Charlton...

Hon. Olasi: Point of Order!

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Olasi

Hon. Olasi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Orange Democratic Party is not a sycophant party! The fact that a Member came here through other means like 'independent' doesn't show you cannot demean or derail the Orange Democratic Party! This is the party of majority of Members in this House!

(Applause)

This is the party with majority of Members in the National Assembly. Who are you to challenge the party?

(Applause)

I wish before a Hon. Member can demean our party, let him categorically state his position. We are not sycophants in any way in this House. If we had been then we could be in the place of Kisumu or Migori Counties. We are not that class of people! Thank you.

Hon. Akuno: I was still talking...

Hon. Speaker: Order! I know you come to the Assembly every day. How come you forget these rules?

Hon. Akuno: It was just a simple advice because sometimes we have very pertinent issues to discuss here, rather than discussing the issue, these Hon. Members think that we are hitting the party. So Hon. Andiego just think reasonably and independently as Hon. Andiego. Please don't follow this party issue, okay?

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Akuno, if the Member does not follow ODM he will be independent. When he is independent, he will be disqualified. Hon. Charlton, you will follow your conscience. Hon. Mboha I hope that addresses your concerns.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT

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Hon. Speaker: There being no other Business, this House adjourns till today
Wednesday, 17th October, 2018 at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 10.02 a.m.