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

[The Temporary Speaker (Fredrick Opanga) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MDHIERO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga): Hon. Members, I wish to recognize the presence of teachers and form 3 students from Mdhiero Secondary School in Sidindi Ward, seated in the public gallery.

Their teachers who have accompanied them are Mr. Thomas Agunda and Mrs. Mercy Masiga, could you please stand up?

On behalf of the Members and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to them and wish them a fruit full visit. Hon. Members, would you welcome them in our own way?

(Applause)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga): Thank you. Hon. Adala.

Hon. Adala: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This being a Wednesday and especially on a day like this, you might have forgotten how we normally introduce our guests, to welcome them officially. So I just rise on behalf of the Member of Sidindi Ward who was here this Morning, and in whose Ward the Secondary school is found.

He is away on official work, working on the PIC and PAC report, and on such he requested Hon. Shirley, Charlton Andiego and I that when the session starts we officially welcome the students, we officially also welcome you to our sessions and acknowledge that this is one of the schools in Ugunja that is doing very well in terms of exams and also sports.

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Your coming here this day is a reflection that you really take seriously matters that are happening in the County because other than the learning experience that you will get to have and like see what happens in this Chamber, it is also notable that matters of oversight which is our key role is also not only left to us sitting in this House, but also the citizenry have to walk around and see what exactly is happening in various Wards and the entire County.

It is also my hope that your coming here will inspire some of you who will aspire to rise to the standards where we are in the Houses where laws are made, be it at the Senate or at the National Assembly, or here where we are.

As a representative of the Youth in the County Assembly of Siaya, mine is also to wish you the best in your studies and remind you that your success is not in the hands of your teachers but what you want to get at the end of the four years and in life rests in your hands. So make the most of the time that you are having in school.

It is also important that I share with the rest of the Members that we have not had bad incidents in this school in terms of unrests and strike, so I want to urge you to maintain that for success is in your hands. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga): Thank you, Hon. Member. Yes, Hon. Shirley.

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't have much to tell the students but to extend a warm welcome to them. As Chair welfare, I hope their welfare was well taken care of and I believe they had something before they came here. I would like to tell the students that; one day my daughter made a very serious joke to me.

She asked me, 'Mama, what is your profession?' Then I asked her, 'You mean you don't know my profession? I am a politician.' Then she said, 'You mean you went to the University or College to learn to become an MCA?' well to me that was a very serious joke.

What I would like to tell the students is that just work hard. You can aspire to become an MCA or a Speaker. It is also a good thing to aspire to be a politician. We have politicians who did Political Science in the Universities and other Institutions. It is a good profession. So I am encouraging you to work hard to become Irene Shirley. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga): Thank you. Students and Teachers from Mdhiero Secondary School, feel most welcome at Siaya County Assembly. Yes, Hon. Omwende.

Hon. Omwende: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also take the same opportunity to welcome the students of Mdhiero Secondary School. I am a constituent of that area, so I also thought it wise to extend my warm wishes and tell them to feel welcome. What I want to urge them is that they should never give up in life, life is so harsh, and they should be ambitious every now and then. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Opanga): Thank you. Next Order.

STATEMENT

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STALLED CONSTRUCTION OF ECDE PROJECTS IN NORTH UGENYA

Hon. Odhiambo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I read the Statement, I would also like to welcome the students from Ugunja Sub County, Midhiero Secondary School. Feel most welcome to this Honorable House, and be free to ask any questions after we are finished here. Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41 2(c), I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Education, Youth Gender and Social Services on stalled construction of ECDE projects in North Ugenya Ward, for Financial Year 2015/2016.

In the Statement, the CECM should;

1. Explain why the ECDE projects in the following schools are stalled and are exposed to harsh weather conditions risking possible destruction: Mahula, Nyamsenda and Got Nanga Primary Schools.
2. Explain why the Contractor abandoned the project
3. Explain the Plans the County Government has in ensuring the completion of the said projects as per the specifications of the BQs and within what time line. Thank you.

Hon. Audi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There is a Statement that I placed before this Honorable House, nearly 3 months ago, concerning the Status of a Dispensary in my Ward that is Lither Dispensary. That is the Health Department. Kindly ask if any Member of the Health Department can commit as to when I may get the response. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker: Since the Member was out of order; actually when he stood I wanted to interject concerning the Statements because I had not communicated on the same but never the less the Statement that has just been read stands committed to the Committee on Education and as the norm has always been we will give you the two weeks that we had agreed for the response so that we get a response on the same.

Hon. Odhiambo: Hon. Temporary Speaker, Sir; I am wondering why you are on the Chair and you answer yourself. We couldn't leave the Committee Members or the Chair to respond?

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Member, you are out of order, when I'm on this seat I communicate as the Chair; the Statement stands committed to the said Committee. That is the directive. I'm guided that Hon. Omwende is a Member of that Committee.

Hon. Omwende: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir; already you have committed it to the Committee on Education but this is a very powerful Committee well known in this Assembly. I believe and trust that the Report will be dealt with in less than two weeks.

The Temporary Speaker: The two weeks was on the maximum.

Hon. Audi: Hon. Omwende; would you kindly tell us the system that you use in gauging the strengths of Committees?

Hon. Omwende: We already know each other and we interact even in this Assembly. It's obvious and common sense that I need not to react on...

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Member you are out of order and you know the term you have used is not parliamentary. I would give you the leverage you finish but you have to withdraw the term that you have used that is not parliamentary as a second timer.

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Hon. Omwende: Mr. Speaker for the sake of Hon. Members I withdraw, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker: He had used the term common sense, everybody here uses his senses and he has withdrawn the entire Statement.

Hon. Oyuago: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, sir; I have made a serious observation today in the Assembly starting from the top to the lowest that we really need a serious induction when we shall be going for recess. That's my humble plea and it should go into records, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker: Thank you but you out of order, yes Hon. Audi.

Hon. Audi: Mine was just a concern on a Statement that I Tabled this Hon. House 3months ago on status of Lidha dispensary. I would kindly request if the Chair or a Member of the Health Committee would inform us when we can get the response, thank you.

The Temporary Speaker: we are lucky we have Hon. Adala who is the Vice Chair for Health Committee, I think he can respond on that.

Hon. Adala: As rightly said by Hon. Shirley that some reviews need to be done in a response to the Statement that has been...

The Temporary Speaker: What is it, Hon. Audi?

Hon. Audi: May the Member tell me when we should be inquiring or is it un-parliamentary to inquire?

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Member, you are out of order; he was responding; Hon. Adala continue.

Hon. Adalla: Thank you, I meant in terms of induction and I didn't mean when to ask for a Statement which has overstayed. I basically meant on how to operate our systems so that when a request is made, the Speaker is able respond. The ICT department should rectify it so that we don't subject our Speaker to a lot of stress.

The ICT department needs to check on this so that they are able to serve us efficiently cognizant of the fact that our Speaker is technology savvy and is so much in the know. Back to the Statement by Hon. Audi; indeed, I think it has been a while and let me give an undertaking on behalf of the Committee on health; it is our wish that we are able to give a satisfactory response in this regard in the next 14days.

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Member; this Statement as he alludes that it's almost a month and from my Chair and now that you are the Vice Chair and the Chair is not in you also hold the same responsibility, I direct that you communicate within 7working days on the same to the Member from today that is before we go for recess.

Hon. Adalla: The Temporary Speaker has already ruled and directed; the rules of the House don't allow me to contravene, however, I think that would be ambitious but we will try to do it according to your instructions.

Hon. C. Andiego: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir; on the same note I would like to rise to know the status of my Statement I made to the Health Committee on the issue of Corona virus. As the norm...

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The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Member, take your seat; I am very much aware of the Statement and it has not even taken two weeks. Yes, I am aware of the Statement that was moved by Hon. Wandera on the Corona status and the two weeks allocated has not yet elapsed. You will get your response on the 17th March, 2020, it's well documented.

Hon. Oyuago: I just wanted to clarify to our Members that in Health department we have a crisis; we know that the chief officer is currently on leave and we are unable to engage the minister because it's the same House that sent the minister home. We are just humbly requesting Hon. Members to be patient as we wait for the chief officer or anybody else who will take the Health department.

The Temporary Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Member and on the same where we have an issue like that in Health; we have the County Secretary because he seats in the Cabinet and they are able to respond on the preparedness to some extent but all the same let's wait up to 17th March and if not response comes in then the department will communicate back.

Hon. Adalla: I only wanted to remind Hon. Shirley that the substantive Speaker who was elected by our votes while seated on that Chair was aware that this House had resolved the CEC for Health and that matters being discussed before the Court remain so and his ruling was that the Mover of the Statement redrafts it and it be directed to the chief officer who can now act on behalf of the department.

Hon. Omwende: Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir; I wonder if it is right for the Member to continue discussing the same after you have given directions?

The Temporary Speaker: My ruling still stands on the one week that I had given on Hon. Audi's case on the Corona virus preparedness which is on 17th but the reason why we have said where the House had resolved on how to Move on our issues the Statement was redrafted and it's with the Committee. It's for the Committee to move with speed.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker: Hon. Members there being no any other business this House adjourns until tomorrow Thursday, 12th March, 2020 at 2.30 p.m. in the Chamber.

The House rose at 3.51p.m.