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

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

PRAYER

STATEMENTS

GOLD MINING IN EAST ASEMBO

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, we have some statements that appear on our Order Paper by the Committee on Finance, Trade, Labour and Industry and there is also a response and it seems the Chair is not around. The second statement is from the Hon. Oyugi.

Hon. Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Omwende: Point of order, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I believe that the statement which was raised was from a well-organized Committee headed by the Chair and there are Members of the said Committee here. Is it in order to postpone this because the Chair is not around? I am requesting if there are other Committee Members that can give us a response because this is very important.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, your point of order is in order and I believe the Committee Members are in the House and they can organize themselves. Hon. Judy, proceed!

Hon. Oyugi: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I rise to seek a Statement from the CECM Water pursuant to Standing Order 41(2C) on mining activities in East Asembo Ward. In the Statement CECM should give detailed evidence of authorization and or licensing of mining activities in East Asembo. Attach copies of the licenses and environmental impact assessment report.

Give details of economic justification of the mining activities in East Asembo Ward to the County Government and to the local Community. Explain the measures put in place by the miners and the County Government to address the human environmental impact and health hazard of the mining activities in East Asembo Ward. Thank you.

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Hon. Deputy Speaker: I think this will stand committed to the Committee on Water, I believe the Chair Committee is around.

Hon. Booker: Thank you so much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. Let the Member allow us maybe two weeks but we have to tread very carefully because the Member is a gold digger and we also have other Members who are gold diggers.

(Laughter)

Hon. Oyugi: Point of order! Can the Hon. Member substantiate at which point I became a gold digger?

Hon. Booker: Mr. Deputy Speaker, this is business and I don't think it is wrong for any Member to be a gold digger. What I know is that the Hon. Member is a gold digger and she knows that. So let her give us two weeks. Thank you.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, you know that this is a House of rules and order. The Hon. Member has asked you to substantiate but it seems you are bringing jokes to the House.

Hon. Booker: Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is not a joke. I visited the site and the area members told me that the Hon. Member is also doing the gold digging but if they cheated me then I withdraw and apologize.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: There was a response from the statement which was supposed to be read by the Chair Finance but the Member who raised the statement request, Hon. Otiato, is not in the House.

Hon. Member: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. We were ready with the response but we consulted with Hon. Otiato and agreed with the response. I am requesting the House to wait a little bit may be two minutes then I will read it or we defer it to Wednesday.

Hon. Deputy Speaker: I had already deferred the matter to tomorrow since the author of the statement is not in.

MOTION
ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, let us be upstanding for adjournment

(Hon. Members on their feet)

Hon. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Members, there being no other Business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow Wednesday at 9.30a.m. in the Chambers.

The House rose at 2.56 p.m.