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The Assembly met at 9.00 a.m. in the International Conference Centre

(The Deputy Chairman, Prof Mwaka in the Chair)

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Delegates, by the rules, I have to be blind but I would not like to be blind and walk blindly and lose my teeth. We are starting on a new chapter and we are just a handful. So I adjourn for 15 minutes. Let them ring the bell, if there is nobody, that will be the end of it. Thank you.

(The Assembly adjourned for 15 minutes)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Delegates, let the clerk take some count and see how many we are. Hon. Delegates, they have rung the bell and I do not see many people flocking in. We are just a quarter of what we should be. We are 74.

MR. KITARIKO: Thank you Madam Chairperson. I believe we should not adjourn without taking roll-call so that those who are not present should be mentioned on Radio Uganda.

AN HON. DELEGATE: Thank you Madam Chairperson. It is a cause of concern for those of us who try to be here on time and everyday. We cannot just come here and wait for those who are not willing to do work. So I am going to second hon. Kitariko. We close up the door, we take a roll-call and the names of those who are not here should be published. I thank you.

MR. NASASIRA: Thank you Madam Chairperson. I think it is high time that we seriously - although we have no quorum - but we can seriously discuss this disease that is becoming almost terminal, how we can solve it. We cannot continue earning money day after day without providing work. People had argued that we are being treated - if we think we should take roll-call four times a day, then we will be seen as school children. Personally, I do not think so. I have a suggestion Madam Chairperson. I know the Business Committee is meeting, that a book is brought for one hour in the morning, people sign it

is there just before we leave for lunch and people sign. It is brought back for one hour and people sign in the afternoon and it is brought as we go at 6.30 p.m. so that we are paid according to how many times we sign in that book. Until attendance is tied to money, we can go on like this, we will never finish the constitution but finish the money budgeted for it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anyway, just hang on. I have information. Yesterday in the morning, the Business Committee sat and it was decided that the Chairman is going to start implementing the decisions that were taken earlier on in the Business Committee and I would not like to feel as if I am taking the law in my hands. So let us follow the rules. No quorum, we adjourn. But on Monday, the Chairman will be here, we shall be together and then we shall make a decision. I cannot take a decision alone. So we stand adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon.

(The Assembly adjourned and resumed at 2.30 p.m.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Delegates, we are only 56. I suspend the Assembly for 15 minutes, then I will come back and if within 15 minutes we are in reasonable numbers, we will transact business. The Assembly is suspended for 15 minutes. Thank you.

(The Assembly adjourned for 15 minutes)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Delegates, we are 107 and we are starting a very important chapter. We cannot afford to start when we do not have the required quorum on an important chapter on the Executive. So we stand adjourned until Monday at 2.30 p.m.

(The Assembly rose and adjourned until Monday, the 13th of March 1995 at 2.30 p.m.)