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The Assembly met at 9.30 a.m. in the International Conference Centre, Kampala.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRAYERS

(The Chairman, Hon. James Wapakhabulo, in the Chair)

(The Assembly was called to order.)

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR

THE CHAIRMAN: Hon. Delegates, this plenary session was called at short notice essentially so that we may meet together and pay tribute to our Colleague, hon Ssemaala Kiwanuka, C.A Delegate for Kyamuswa, who, as you may have read through the media, met an unfortunate death on his way to his Constituency on Friday night. He was travelling by boat and there was a problem on the way leading to his drowning together with a number of other Ugandans who were on that boat. I have received communication from the widow - Florence Ssemaala - communicating officially to that fact as indeed I have also received a communication from a body set up in Kalangala District to assist the people of that district with respect to social matters, but more particularly in the field of AIDS; it is sent by Mr. Talutambudde who is working with that body. I have also got a copy of the Police report sent to the Police Headquarters also from the DPC Kalangala confirming that hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka and four others did drown in Lake Victoria between Kasaanyi and Bukasa in Kalangala District. So, we meet here today to mourn the loss of a young Ugandan, a very promising young Ugandan, who had returned home to take part in the development of the future of his country at the age of 37 - indeed a very young man. He was 37 years old, married with five children, a social worker essentially, although by training he held a bachelor of Arts Degree in Aviation Management and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. So, as a traditional mark of respect, I wish to suggest that before we go to the next item, we take a minute of silence in honour of not only our Colleague, the late Ssemaala Kiwanuka, but also the other Ugandans who were travelling with him and also lost their lives. Luckily his wife was saved and a number of other people. As of this morning, unless any news has just arrived, the bodies have yet to be

found and people are still searching the area. Fishermen with their boats with whom he was working and other governmental organisations. Any further development will be communicated, including funeral arrangements. Could we now stand for the moment of silence of the dead.

(Assembly observed one minute silence.)

THE CHAIRMAN: May God rest their souls in peace, Amen.

MOTION

MR. SSEBAANA KIZITO (Makindye Division East): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that this Constituent Assembly of Uganda, meeting at the Uganda International Conference Centre, on Tuesday the 18th of October, 1994 expresses its profound shock at the sudden and untimely death of hon. Ssemaala Kirundu Kiwanuka Kimize, C.A. Delegate for Kyamuswa, Kalangala District, which occurred over the weekend in Lake Victoria. The Constituent Assembly Delegates do hereby send their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

I move this Motion with a very heavy heart. The heart is heavy because hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was a very young man; he is a man who went to America, studied there, worked there, lived there and while there he had a good job, he had a good education and later a good job and was living very comfortably. We know that there are many Ugandans who want to go and live abroad. Even those who have no jobs, they still go and do what we call *ekyeyo*. But Ssemaala Kiwanuka had a very good job, but despite all these he chose to come back to Uganda. He came back to Uganda to serve his people, and when he came back he did not stay in Kampala where the houses are good, where you have electricity, where you have running water - things which had become part of his life while he was in the USA. He went down to his village in Kalangala and there he stood for and won this CA seat. He came here to start his political career in life, in Uganda. He could have started a career in a better place than the making of a Constitution for Uganda. While here he had distinguished himself as a very brilliant speaker, as a person who knew what he wanted and who could say it in very clear words. Hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka will be remembered by all of us as a jolly man, a man

you could joke with at any time. We who have been in politics for some time were looking forward to a man, an upcoming star in life of politics. The political life of hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was ahead of him; he had not started living it yet. His social services to his constituency will be greatly missed. He had devoted his time, he devoted his money, he devoted his energy to serving the people, and he has done so for a very, very short time. This is the kind of thing we want to happen to Uganda. We would like to say that the tragedy which has hit the family of hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka is unbearable. First of all, he was going for the last funeral rights of his late father, his elder brother having died earlier, then he himself died together with his two sisters - what a tragedy! At this juncture, it is very difficult for us to find words which can comfort the remaining members of his family. We can only say that the work which Ssemaala Kiwanuka started should go ahead; it should go ahead because Uganda needs the work he had started. His work in aiding AIDS patients which is a disease that is devastating the population of Uganda, and these people who are suffering from it need assistance whether in Kalangala or anywhere else in Uganda, that work must go ahead. The work of helping people in the islands of Ssesse, of Buvuma or any other island should go ahead. Therefore, we are grateful that God gave us a man of Ssemaala Kiwanuka's stature. We are only sorry that he has been with us for such a short time. We pray to God that his soul may rest in eternal peace and, Mr. Chairman, I beg to move. Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: A Motion has been moved and I presume it has been seconded and Members are now free to make their comments or to contribute.

MRS. NSANGIKAKEMBO (Women Delegate - Kalangala): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to express my deep hearted condolences to the widow, the children, relatives, friends and all the people of Kyamuswa County and Kalangala District at large, for having lost a man of Ssemaala's calibre. The short period I have known Ssemaala, that is from the beginning of CA campaigns, I have noted with admiration his courage, determination and resourcefulness. He has been social, charitable, and understanding. This is exemplified by the great energy and resources invested in the formation of a Non-Government-Organisation called Samsec, which has spearheaded and uplifted the health, the economic status and social standards of the people of Ssesse islands. He has been particu-

larly involved in educating the masses about the killer disease AIDS. He had the people of the district at heart, towards whose welfare he has devoted his mind and resources.

Politically, the late Ssemaala has been a clear headed delegate with an independent mind; he has been known for openly expressing his views without reservations. The accident has robbed the country and the people of Kalangala District in particular of a dependable and energetic statesman. On this note, Mr. Chairman, allow me to reflect on the circumstances surrounding the death of not only the late Ssemaala, but many useful people of this nation who have perished and who are yet to perish due to the transport hazards in the islands. Mr. Chairman, it is not an overstatement to point out that the Ministry of Transport and Communication has virtually ignored the district and it has consequently been isolated from the rest of the country. The people of the islands desperately utilise the poor facilities available to them and end up with such a fate. Mr. Chairman, it is ironical that the islands get to be important when disasters have struck; these are some of the problems that late Ssemaala with his meagre personal resources has all along strived to solve for the islands, but unfortunately he has lost the battle on a very sad note. It is my wish and prayer that his efforts will not perish with him and that the struggle will be perpetuated with Government blessings. May the All-Mighty rest his soul in eternal peace.

MRS. ZZIWA (Women Delegate - Kampala): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I wish to add my voice and to extend my deepest condolence to the widow and the family of the late hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka. This House has lost a very, very committed Member. Normally, hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka seated in his corner, has been always known to liaise across, in fact, this is the furthest corner I can comment on from where he has always been seated. I am known always to liaise with him when times go hard, though in most cases we have not been striking the balance.

I wish to comment on him also, Mr. Chairman, as a known democrat; he has been used to this name and I have been using it quite often with him. Hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka and a few others have been known to sit in this plenary hall in one corner to join heads, and wherever I have found him I have always asked him and he has always said 'I am a democrat' whatsoever that means, I think all Ugandans know.

Let me add one thing I have known hon. Ssemaala for. Hon. Ssemaala comes from Ssesse - Kyamuswa, and we have known him as Kyamuswa more than anything, and in this regard he has been known to be one of those people of Buganda who have been fighting for *federo*, and his reason as he stated has been that he is looking for a fall-back position. Supposing the Central Government or authority relinquished all its available resources, where else can Ssesse as a district go if it does not have a fall-back position? And I have seen him elaborate on this point very, very strongly. So, I think we have really lost a son of this nation, a son who will always be remembered for his positions; he has not changed positions, he has never gone with the wind and he has always insisted that he thinks that Buganda should maintain its old name and he has always felt that the islands should be called Ssesse and not Kalangala. I think whoever comes back in his position should, I think, look at that as a very, very important point which he should always put forward.

I have looked at hon. Ssemaala also as a very, very young devoted man. He was business-like and business oriented, and I think that is what others looked into him. He helped many, I know some of the girls whom he has been paying school fees for and he was always talking about how best can we help our people. I think we have lost a very generous heart and we shall always miss him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

MRABU MAYANJA (Busujju County): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, what I am going to say is not at all controversial, but I think in supporting this Motion that we should include some recognition of our Colleague's very promising contribution to the work of this Assembly which has been so tragically cut short; and, therefore, I wish to suggest that hon. Ssebaana Kizito would not object if at the end of his Motion we added words: "*and do place on record their deep appreciation and recognition of the valuable and promising contribution to the work of this Assembly in its efforts to formulate and promulgate the new Constitution for Uganda.*" Mr. Chairman, hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka the very young man who lived most of his time in the United States, he came back for his country as you have just informed the House. Very few people could do so; he has provided really popular services to the country and to his people during the very short time that he has been here. Now, yesterday in committee 4 we did have opportunity to hear of his

very varied and devoted, committed contribution to the work of the Assembly in the Drafting Committee in various areas, and as we are remembering him as a delegate to the Assembly, I hope, Mr. Chairman, that the House would agree that words similar to those which I have formulated here may be added to the Motion so that this House in which his heart was so involved, for which he cared so much and where he had been destined to make so valuable a contribution would be recognised.

I really do not want to take up the time of the House, I wish to suggest to the House that we do include this, and also as the last thing I wish to add that our condolences also do go to the families of the people who died in this great tragedy. Yesterday in committee 4, there was a suggestion that the Government do something about improving safety on transportation on water, and I hope that this is on our legs. So, I hope that this is a matter that the Government should take up, especially, now that it has cost us so much. Mr. Chairman, I do beg to support.

PROF. SSENTEZA KAJUBI (Kyaddondo North): Mr. Chairman, in supporting the Motion, I would like to raise my voice to pay tribute to the late hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka Kirundu Kimize, C.A. Delegate for Kyamuswa county, Kalangala District, whom I would like to describe as a socially conscious, public spirited, concerned and active representative of his people and of our nation. Hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka, like Prophet Isaiah heard a voice coming from the people of Kyamuswa, one of the most neglected and marginalised parts of our country. The voice saying '*Whom shall we send and who will go for us*' and he said: '*here I am, send me*'. He answered his people's voice long before there were any prospects of being elected as a CA Delegate; he left a good job with Boeing Company, producers of aircrafts and ground transportation equipment in Seattle Washington State, USA, to come and set up an NGO to promote social awareness about HIV and AIDS in Ssesse Islands. Despite the physical and transportation problems connected with the 84 islands, he chose to stay with and among his people rather than to be attracted by the glamour of Tank Hill and new lights of Kampala road.

In his contribution to the general debate on the Draft Constitution, he stressed a number of things, he pleaded for a reduced size of the Army, hence reduced expenditure to be spent on education; to provide free primary education not only for his

people on Ssesse Islands but for the rest of the country; to provide free medical treatment. He expressed concern that local officials should be either appointed or elected locally so as to increase public participation, local participation in public affairs. As hon. Margaret Zziwa has pointed out, Ssemaala Kiwanuka stood for a strong local government and a federal system of government. He did not match his words when he supported strong local government which only federal system could provide.

In his contribution to the general debate, he pointed out the problems of transport on the islands, he stated that many of the officials posted to the islands never leave their houses because they fear to travel on water. Now, it is water which has taken his life. Mr. Chairman, in paying tribute to him, I would also like to add my voice to those who have pleaded with the government to improve the transport facilities on these Ssesse islands. In fact, I would say not only Ssesse islands lack proper transport, but indeed throughout our country the Ministry of Transport has not done as much as it should. In Kampala, for example, there is not a single public transport system; we depend mainly on the small taxis which are very hazardous to travel in. Everyday you hear people from Kampala going to Bugolobi, 14 people have died in a taxi which should have been taking eight people but they were 14 of them; you hear in Iganga, everywhere, taxis are killing people! This is because we do not have buses, and I would like to appeal, Sir, and to add my voice to those who have pleaded that we should have a public transport system which is less hazardous than we have at the moment. Mr. Chairman, there is no armour against fate, death raises its high hands on Kings. We have lost a brilliant, a dynamic and committed Ugandan; it behooves us to continue where he has left. It is an appeal to us to make a Constitution which will unite all Ugandans, bearing in mind that we need to trust one another, we need to respect each others' cultures so that we can live in everlasting peace. It is only the actions of the just that will smell sweet and blossom in their dust. May his soul and souls of all those who perished with him rest in everlasting peace.

MR. OMARA ATUBO (Otuke County) Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Motion moved by hon. Ssebaana Kizito and also to support the Amendment as proposed by hon. Abu Mayanja. Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the people of Otuke whom I represent here, I do express our profound

condolence on this tragic death of our brother Sam. Mr. Chairman, to me and I believe to many others, Sam represented a new generation of Ugandans.

Like me, Mr. Chairman, Sam was born in a neglected, marginalised and backward area of this country, Ssesse island and Otuke do share this background, Mr. Chairman, and because of this background which I am sure affected his outlook in terms of development, in terms of modernity, Mr. Chairman, Sam did not spare time after his education and exposure to come back to his people. Sam is a new generation as I said, born around independence time; he did not fight for independence like Abu Mayanja and others, and he did grow up, most of his time I believe, after independence, but also saw the tragedy that befell this country soon after independence, and I am sure that this did not go to him unnoticed, and I believe that a person who is born soon before independence, bred after independence and matured in the tragedy of this country, but also brought up with a sufficient exposure in the international arena and other systems like in the US, was sufficiently endowed with a new approach to the future of this country; and therefore, the few months that I interacted with Sam - I did not know him before - I met him here, but he impressed me greatly as somebody who was easy to talk to, somebody who was approachable, somebody who was very friendly, somebody who was above parochialism and, therefore, I could be right, Mr. Chairman, to describe him as a nationalist.

Sam was also a democrat and many people have already concurred on this point, but also looking at democracy in the form of decentralisation, in the form of federalism I also want to say that Sam looked at democracy in the form of pluralism. I am sure that a man who has lived and worked in the States, I would be very surprised if he did not have this concept of democracy, and he was very active with people like and others in fora which tended to look at Uganda's democracy in a pluralistic sense. Mr. Chairman, a man like Sam who was easy with people; who was tolerant with the views of the others and can also be seen in the terms of a humanist; therefore, if he came back with all the human and physical resources which he had and he formed an NGO to look after his people, there is no better word, Mr. Chairman, to describe Sam as a humanist.

Like speakers before me and like the expressions which have been made in the various committees, I

also call upon the Government to address this problem of water transport, especially, for the people of Ssesse Island and Kalangala. Mr. Chairman, quoting hon. Ssendawula yesterday in committee 2 on the money that may be needed for improvement of water transport, I believe that that money is not too much for this country. I think we can afford it and all that we need now is determination on the part of the Government and its implementation. Mr. Chairman, with these remarks I support the Motion and may the soul of Sam rest in eternal peace, and may all the principles and good things that he stood for be ever guiding for us here in this House and for others outside. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. KWERONDA RUHEMBA (Kajara County): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I would like to express my condolences to the widow of the late Ssemaala Kiwanuka, the children, the family and to you, Mr. Chairman, and fellow delegates.

I think I met Mr. Ssemaala Kiwanuka earlier than most Members here. In 1990 I was given a responsibility to try and convince Ugandan professionals to return to this country and assist in the reconstruction of this country. I travelled to Dallas for my first assignment where over one thousand Ugandans were meeting. I travelled with hon. Katenta Apuuli who is in this hall. After a lengthy discussion and meeting in Dallas, among other things which we discussed is AIDS. Hon. Ssemaala sought me out in my hotel room and he wanted to talk to me more about AIDS. He asked me to what extent the AIDS scourge was in Uganda, and I told him where it was serious and where it was not serious, and among the serious districts that time was Masaka District. Ssemaala said that he was going to look around for some funding and once he got the funding he would leave the comforts of United States and come to help his people of Ssesse Islands before the scourge reached that area. True to his dedication, he mobilised some funding from the United States and he came and started that NGO of which I think he was the Chairman. When I arrived here, I got a number of letters from Ssemaala and I wrote back and in one or another we assisted Ssemaala to come back to this country. Ssemaala started on his journey to cause social awareness to the people of Ssesse Islands, and when I arrived in this Assembly, the first man who tapped on my shoulder was Ssemaala Kiwanuka. I thought he was visiting this hall but only to learn that his people had sent him to represent them to this

Constituent Assembly. As already expressed by some delegates, Ssemaala was living very comfortably in United States; he had a good job but when duty called him to serve his country and serve his people of Ssesse Islands he ran very fast. He is one of the first people who responded to my call and to the national call and to the country's call on these people who are living in Dallas to come and assist their country.

We have been interacting in this hall, we have been interacting in the committee to which we were assigned - committee 2 - and every other day he was asking whether Government cannot do anything to assist with transportation on Lake Victoria. He had great ideas about how he could improve transport on Lake Victoria. He was very concerned about overcrowding on very small boats, and he had great fears for the people who were travelling on those boats.

Hon. Ssemaala had won the hearts of his people and his heart was indeed with his people. He was a very independent minded fellow who did not fear to express what he felt, and as long as what he felt was in line of improving the circumstances of his people. Hon. Ssemaala will be remembered in this hall for his attempt to move a Motion that was to ensure free medical services for the people of Uganda. This goes to prove further that he was all the time thinking about the poor circumstances under which the people of Uganda are living. In summary, Mr. Chairman, I would like to say that Mr. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was a patriot in his own class - he was a patriot. Whatever he was doing was pro-people and he saw man at the centre of problems and he was perpetually thinking of how to make man solve this host of problems that surrounds him. It is very unfortunate that Ssemaala Kiwanuka has died at the age of 37 before he accomplishes what he had in mind; not only for the people of Ssesse Islands but for the people of Uganda. I was planning to travel with Ssemaala Kiwanuka in November this year to the United States of America. There is yet another conference which is going to take place in California I think, where we have been invited, and I thought that Ssemaala had something to say to these people who are living in the United States in respect of their coming and helping this country out of its problems. In fact, this reminds of one other fellow whom we met at the meeting, I do not want to mention his name, but if I did hon. Katenta Apuuli would know him. When I asked this gentleman why he cannot come back and implement his skills here, because his skills are very

highly demanded, he told me that God made a mistake to have produced him here in Uganda, that United States is where he should have been born. You can see the comparison between two people who have lived in the United States, one saying God made a mistake and the other being Ssemaala Kiwanuka who said, "no, having acquired these skills let me take them home and try and solve some of the problems that my people face". The people of Ssemaala Kiwanuka's thinking, his patriotism are very rare and I am sure we shall miss him and his family will miss him and this is not only a tragedy to the family but I think a tragedy to the people of Uganda.

I wish to join the rest of those who have said that transport is poor on Lake Victoria and I want also to join them to appeal to the government to look into some safety measures in respect of the people who travel from Ssesse Islands to the main islands and back every day. Ssesse Islands contribute a lot to this country; so much fish is off-loaded on the mainland everyday; so much timber is off-loaded on the mainland. The islands have got potential to develop into a lucrative tourist attraction. I visited one of the farms on Koombe Islands and it was a promising area; even the road system in the islands is very poor; medical services in the islands are very poor. I started visiting the islands in 1967 and I have visited the islands about ten times. So, when I say I know what I am talking about in respect of poor circumstances under which the islanders live, I know what I am talking. The Government should not continue to marginalise the islanders; it should look into their problems, and one of the major problems they should look into is transport; at least, some commuters, in respect of ferries, to move across to the islands to ferry merchandise, to ferry produce, to ferry timber, to ferry fish. We cannot continue to get taxes from these people and we do not pay back anything.

Mr. Chairman, I do not want to waste a lot of your time, many people want to talk about this subject. I support the Motion as moved by hon. Ssebaana Kizito, and I wind up by expressing once again my heartfelt condolences to the family, the wife and to you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of this august House. Thank you very much.

MR. MWAKA (Nwoya County): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, and hon. Delegates. It is a pity, a great pity indeed that we should assemble here this morning not to listen to the

hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka's very brilliant contribution to this Assembly, but to express our condolences to his family, relatives, friends and all the people of Kyamuswa, Kalangala District, at large; because our Colleague hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka has suddenly and tragically left us. This is indeed a very sad moment to all of us Members of this august Assembly who have had the honour of knowing and working together with the late hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka. Hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was a very brilliant young man who highly impressed us all by his well thought-out contributions in this House. I can recall very vividly his contribution in the general debate that immediately captured my attention, and after making his statement, I remember I walked to him and asked him if I could have a copy of his statement and he promised to bring me one the following morning and he did just that. Today his seat in the House which is just behind me here is empty; his name will always live amongst us. On behalf of my family and on my own behalf and all the people of Nwoya County I wish to express our deepest condolences to the bereaved family of the late Ssemaala Kiwanuka, the people of Kyamuswa, Kalangala District at large. We pray that God almighty may give these people courage to bear the pain of losing a dear one. May God rest his soul in eternal peace.

MR. SSEKWEYAMA (Mawokota South): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On my own behalf and on behalf of my family and the people of Mawokota South, allow me to join you, Mr. Chairman, and the entire Members of this Assembly to mourn the untimely death of a Colleague and a friend. Mr. Chairman, if you look to my right you see that empty chair which I believe is going to remain empty as long as this assembly is in existence. Mr. Chairman, I in particular and the hon. Members sitting in this corner have lost not only a Colleague, but a dear friend to whom we all became endeared to because of his friendliness, because of humour and because of his vision that we shared for this country.

Hon. Sam Kimize Ssemaala Kiwanuka was the first hon. Delegate to visit my Constituency; so, in a way he has been an ally of mine. The people of South Mawokota remember his visit with a lot of admiration, and Mr. Chairman, him and his fellow Delegate from Ssesse, Mr. John Muyisa and myself had become so intimate that we came to have our families know each other and visit each other; and, Mr. Chairman, if it were not for the fact that our welfare

committee is finding difficulties we would have probably have been with him on that boat. So, you can see how dearly we are missing him.

I think for those of us who are still useful politicians he has been an exemplary character. As previous speakers have said here is a man who had been in the comfort of the United States and once he realised there was a need to come back and serve his people, he did so and once back he did not look for a place which could be very close to the comfort which he used to enjoy in the States, that is Kampala, but he went deep into the islands of Ssesse. Mr. Chairman, we have been sharing his experiences there. He came back when he had no political ambitions. He told us, but it was after the people realised the good he had in himself, the good things he had done for them, and when the CA came they approached him and asked him to come and represent them in this august Assembly. Mr. Chairman, hon. Ssessemaala having lived in the States and that what some people call the great democracy of the world, he came back with such committed democratic values, that it did not surprise anybody the stands he would take on different democratic issues we have been debating in this Assembly, whether this was in regard to recognition of importance of pluralism, whether it regarded the checks and balances, whether it regarded decentralisation in the most functional form and more especially the value that the right to govern emanates from the ordinary people; all these were reflected in his contribution. But what came out most was his real feeling about the ordinary people. I remember when he was going around looking for people to second his Amendment for free basic education, some of us first shunned him saying this was not a constitutional matter, but he persisted and he convinced us and eventually his Amendment carried the day.

Hon. Kiwanuka had a belief that only if Ugandans were allowed to participate in the prioritisation of the needs of our people, the lot of things we believe cannot be done, like free education, free medical treatment could be done, and he thought that with the coming into being of this democratic Constitution, a lot of those things can be implemented. Mr. Chairman, I want to end by saying that I think hon. Kiwanuka can be regarded as a martyr of certain things we take not seriously. We have been sharing with him about the difficulties of travel to Ssesse, I think that is where his point of prioritisation may come best, because I do not think it needs much. He

used to tell us that for his work in Ssesse, if an NGO he was leading could do much and yet there was no much presence of government, that if the authorities were awakened to the real plight of the people, a lot could be achieved at least cost. I think with that message he has left to us we should all live to see that what he lived is achieved in this Assembly and eventually throughout the country. My condolences, Mr. Chairman, go to his wife that I have had the honour to know, and his entire family and I in this corner, my family and the people of South Mawokota are going to miss him greatly. Thank you very much.

PROF. NABUDERE (Budadiri West): Thank you very, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to say a few words of tribute to the late Ssessemaala. Mr. Chairman, Ssessemaala Kiwanuka was a good example of a new crop of Ugandans. He was a new Ugandan who believed in action rather than words, by committing himself to the people of Ssesse-Islands, in the struggle against Aids. He proved his dedication to them in a new way, in a new form of leadership based on dialogue and action.

Mr. Ssessemaala was dedicated to the idea of democracy, Ssessemaala was a committed Member of our caucus - the National caucus for Democracy, in whose objectives he believed very firmly. Ssessemaala struck me, right from the first week of our work here, as someone who could be a leader of this country; he never missed attendance at our caucus whenever he was invited. His contribution to the caucus which seeks to find a consensus for a new constitutional dispensation for this country will come into the final results of the work of this Assembly. His abrupt death should strengthen all of us in this Assembly, to re-dedicate ourselves to the principles for which he died, for a democratic constitution for this country.

Mr. Ssessemaala Kiwanuka showed his commitment to the ordinary people in his struggle in the Assembly, and his loss should go down to focus on that issue, that Ssessemaala was dedicated to the ordinary people of Uganda. His various attempts on this Floor to move certain motions that have been alluded to by other hon. Members proves clearly that he was dedicated only to the ordinary people of Uganda. His Motion on the need to have basic medical services for this country, which was received with some caution, was adopted, because he spoke with deep conviction, and this enabled the Assembly to adopt his amendment. I would like also to joint other Members of the Assembly on behalf of myself and my family, and the

people of Budadiri West, to convey our deepfelt condolences to the family of the Late Ssemaala Kiwanuka; particularly his wife who bravely stuck to the grass on the lake and survived the accident; may his soul and souls of those who died along with him rest in eternal peace. Mr. Chairman, I wish to support the Motion Moved by Ssebaana Kizito, and as amended by hon. Abu Mayanja.

MR. NASASIRA:(Kazo County): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to join my Colleagues in mourning hon. Ssemaala Kirundu Kiwanuka Kimize, the CA Delegate for Kyamuswa. For the few months that I had known him, I had found hon. Ssemaala to be an independent minded person and total committed to work for his people in Ssesse Islands, through his NGO, and his own personal representation.

A few months back, hon. Ssemaala had approached me, in my other capacity, to see when we could have time to visit Ssesse Islands. Twice, he had arranged to go, but for some other reasons beyond our control, he had postponed this trip. Recently, I had finally suggested that we go on 15th, which was the fateful Saturday. And hon. Ssemaala had told me "no, I am going to have the funeral rights of my father", and we eventually agreed that we would go on 22nd which is the coming Saturday. It was therefore, a shock to me when I arrived in Kampala yesterday from Kazo, my constituency - I had somehow missed the news on the radio - only to see a headline in the *New Vision* and read that the very person and the very boat that we were going to use this Saturday to travel, that that person had perished. I do not want to describe the feeling that went through me, but for the months I had interacted with Ssemaala and finding that he was committed to work for his people, I had decided that, we would go and spend a holiday in all the islands and spend a night there and then come back through Bukakata. I know, Mr. Chairman, that this is a difficult time of grief, and therefore, when there is grief, there is a lot of emotion, and I do appreciate the emotions that people have expressed about the inadequate transport facilities on the lake. While that point is noted, I feel Colleagues, we should also note that, these inadequacies are not only in water transport, but in many areas of our country, including our own democratic procedures, and indeed that is why we are here, to see that we put our country in order. So that these inadequacies should be problems of the past. I do not want to spend a lot of time on this, but definitely there have been efforts in trying to improve water transport.

If I might mention it in my other capacity. In 1987, 1 billion shillings was spent under to find out how we can provide for adequate water transportation. As we may recall from the past, this was the work of the East African Railways and harbours and later it was taken on by individual states. But I would like to take this opportunity as we express and mourn our Colleague that as we talk about Government's efforts, I might as well appear to our private sector to look at investing in water transportation since now the move is to liberalise transport in the country.

Mr. Chairman, let me use this opportunity on behalf of myself and my family, the people of Kazo I represent to express my heart felt condolences to the family of the late Ssemaala, the people of Kyamuswa and Kalangala. May God rest his soul in peace.

MR. MWONDHA(Bukooli County North): Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman. Speaking after hon. Nasasira reminds me of a passing remark he made in 1983, at a landing port in Lugala - Bukooli County. I had gone to visit a youth camp, and I was with hon. Masiga, then Member of Parliament for that part of Uganda. I made a passing remark to say, how lucky hon. Masiga was, that half of his constituency was water, giving him therefore, water-ways and passages that did not need graders, that did not need heavy plants to maintain. Soon after I had made that remark, hon. Masiga reminded me that it is not lucky at all. There are very many hazards on the water, the turbulence of the lake itself, the conditions of the boats, the inadequacies of the boats, and what have you. It is these hazards, that have robbed us of our colleague hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka.

Hon. Sam Ssemaala Kiwanuka's concern for humanity was indeed very far reaching. One of his immediate concerns in this House was to question the sensibility of a large military budget, when the children of the country were going naked, were ill fated, were lacking education. When the people of Uganda were dying at the mercy of untreated disease. Let me say only this: That the demise of Kiwanuka, should remind us in this House that, indeed the constitution we are making should be used to remove any personal attachments, any personal emotions, while we are working out the final document on which posterity will stand. Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman.

MR. KITARIKO:(Democratic Party): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me take this opportunity to join others who have spoken in this Assembly in

paying tribute to the Late Kirundu Kiwanuka Ssemaala. It is said, Mr. Chairman, that life is a walking shadow. That reminds us that, we should take the opportunity when we are still living to do the best for others. They can only remember us through those actions. It is also said Mr. Chairman, that history repeats itself, and there is nothing we can do about it. What you can do to it is to influence the direction to which it turns. The late Ssemaala Kiwanuka had done his best influence - the turn of events, changing the life style of his people; and through political commitment, I believe, the future of this country.

The courage of Ssemaala Kiwanuka, has deprived Uganda of a politically committed person and a responsible person in our democratization of the political and development processes in this land. There is Mr. Chairman, evidence, if evidence is required to prove that the short span of time, of his stay in Uganda for the cause he was committed, in improving the welfare of his people. His death therefore, Mr. Chairman, to me is a challenge as well as an opportunity. A challenge for us to finish the work which he started with us, but which he has left unfinished, the task of putting a legacy of a democratic, unexportative, enduring constitution for Uganda. Not for ourselves, but for the future generation to come.

It is an opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to re-think, in my view, our various strategy regarding contentious issues in this draft constitution, so that we can assume the role in our deliberations which hopefully, will expeditiously, lead to the conclusion of the debate and leading to promulgation of the new constitution for Uganda, in which people of the age of the deceased would play a leading role.

The proposed Uganda planning Commission in my view, if established should address the lopsided development aspects of our country; insert of equitable development like water transport. Mr. Chairman, we shall live to cherish the happy memories of his short stay with us on this mother earth. At this dark hour of sadness and grief, we can do no more, but ask the Almighty God, to rest his Spirit in eternal peace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MRS. EGUNYU::(Women Kumi): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I raise to support the Motion, and join the Assembly in mourning and to pay tribute to hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka. I have interacted with

hon. Ssemaala in this Assembly. We have discussed amendments, democracy, pluralism, federalism and various issues in the draft constitution. Hon. Ssemaala also talked about his people, their welfare and the development of Ssesse Islands and Kalangala. I found hon. Ssemaala to be a brilliant, principled and selfless man, committed to the welfare and development of his people and the nation. He will be remembered for his industrious and selfless service to this nation. Let me join those hon. Delegates who have expressed concern about water transport, and hope that something will be done in that regard. The death of hon. Ssemaala is a big loss to this nation, and I would like on my own behalf and that of the people of Kumi whom I represent, to express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family, hon. Delegates and the nation. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

DR. ODUR:(Dokolo County): Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman. I raise to join my fellow delegates in paying tribute to the late hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka. Before coming to this Assembly, I had not known the late hon. Kiwanuka. However, when I listened to his contributions in the general debates of this Assembly, I was at once struck by the similarity between the problems of the people of Kyamuswa of Kalangala District whom he represented, and the people of Dokolo county in Lira District whom I have the honour to represent. It was for this reason, Mr. Chairman, that I found it very easy and satisfying to interact with the late in the caucuses and in the corridors of this Assembly. The late hon. Kiwanuka to me was a nationalist and a believer in Uganda, which enjoys this throughout its breath and length.

While mourning the late hon. Kiwanuka, together with those persons who perished with him, we must at the same time remind those authorities of Government that they have completely neglected water transport in this country. I do remember very well that before the collapse of the East African Community, Uganda had a reasonable water transport system. But now things have gone from bad to worse. Mr. Chairman, these authorities must wake up. We must do something, before we witness more calamities on our waters. God has given us many lakes in this country. But I do not believe God will teach us how to use those lakes. Mr. Chairman, modern transport as far as water transport is concerned is a system that exists abundantly in many countries of the world. It is something that we should be able to

acquire easily. It is a shame that we cannot utilise it. Mr. Chairman, may the soul of the Late hon. Kiwanuka rest in eternal peace. I thank you.

MR. OKENY TIBERIO ATWOMA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, to give me this opportunity to add my voice to my fellow hon. Delegates who have already expressed theirs, and those whom I am sure though they have not yet said, are all very sorry for the loss we have suffered in this House.

Mr. Chairman, much has been said about the late Hon. Kiwanuka; we have all known him since the day we assembled here. We never knew him before. But he has impressed so many of us because of his approaches. As was said by the hon. from Budadiri west, Nabudere, he has been very useful in the National caucus for Democracy. He was really a committed democrat. And as Dr. Odur has just ended now saying that, he is really a nationalist. Those are the type of people, Ugandans need today. Mr. Chairman, the loss of this young energetic man, has a left deep and large hole to fill. But with the type of commitment that he has shown and if we follow it, we shall make up.

What are the commitments this young man has left, as a challenge to Ugandans? Young as he was, a young man of 37 years. Having undertaken to fight this horrible disease, the most dangerous one - the AIDS. He raised up an NGO to fight it. This is a very serious commitment on the cause of humanity, which is a challenge to this House. Here we are seated, all committed in the cause of humanity by the way of making a workable, transparent constitution which will really last a test of time. This is the lesson, which I would like this house to take from this young man, whom we grieve for so much today.

Secondly, the second lesson this young man has left us with, is his frankness. He has made speeches here in this House, you can see a speech which is frank and a speech which is covered with hidden agendas which can also be heard from the very tongue as somebody pulls it from his mind. But he has always impressed me when he raises to speak. Puts up his cases very clearly, and very comfortably. This was really a very young man in the Uganda of today. But, Mr. Chairman, why do people always lament, always cry at the graves of the dead? Not really crying for the mortal body that has been lost, but really for the benefit that had always been derived from the dead. So, now if we are all here assembled lamenting

the loss Uganda has experienced by the death of this young man and certainly this House has been deprived of such a brilliant contribution which we shall never have again; and certainly to his villagers for whom he has given up his life, to come all the way from America and serve his people at the Island This kind of commitment, Mr. Chairman, I would urge this House to imitate, to emulate so that we should go out when we have done our best, we go back with a working constitution. He has shown himself a real fighter for rights and here, one ball is lost for us the *federo* fighters, because he was a *federo* fighter. And with that, he will be remembered. I pray, may God rest his soul in peace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BABU: (Kampala Central): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, thank you, very much for giving me this opportunity to join others who have paid tribute to this great son of this country, and I would like to support the Motion moved by hon. Ssebaana Kizito, and the amendment moved by hon. Abu Mayanja. Mr. Chairman, as I pay tribute to this rising star, indeed a raising star, Mr. Chairman, a democrat, death has robbed us of a great patriot. A man with a sportsmanship spirit. A quality, Mr. Chairman, that most of us would do with. A quality that we need in this Assembly more than anything else.

Hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was a spirited contributor and a good leader. And some of us are going to miss him greatly. Because the relationship that some of us had developed with him, went beyond this country. And we discussed things that were totally on a different plane. Mr. Chairman, at one time we talked about the islands, and the love he had for them. And I thought that, may be if one had the opportunity to be alive again, Ssemaala would have said that, he loved the poor people of Ssesse island and he showed it by going there. He loved the lake, the lake which robbed him of us, he loved the forests on those islands, and he indeed loved the people there.

One time when we were talking about the elections he explained why he won. He won because of his true love for the people of Ssesse. But like fate would do it, one thing that he loved most is the one which took his life. The lake.

Mr. Chairman, just barely a week ago, we asked the Minister for Works, Transport and Communication about the transportation on our water-ways, and the regulatory body to enforce the transportation on

those water-ways. We were given a reasonable answer, and we do hope after this day, with all the contribution of all the hon. Members about water-ways in this country, that the government and indeed and the Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication, will be able to strengthen their participation on water-ways, in this country. And we hope that, this will be done as soon as government has got necessary funds. Mr. Chairman, I would like to end, by extending my condolences to you, Mr. Chairman, all the hon. Members of this House, to the family of Ssemaala Kiwanuka and all his relatives and friends. And tell them that we and many others, miss him greatly. Thank you very much.

MR. BAGENA: (Bufumbira County East): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the people of Bufumbira East, and Kisoro people as a whole, I join my Colleagues here in expressing our heartfelt condolences and paying tribute on the sudden and untimely death of hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka - CA Delegate for Kyamuswa Kalangala District. Mr. Chairman, I come from a district Kisoro, that is, in many ways similar to Kalangala District whose cause the late colleague Sam Ssemaala Kiwanuka was championing. His death has robbed the people of Kisoro of a friend, an ally, a comrade in the struggle against marginalisation. We mourn his sudden and untimely death; we extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and the people of Kyamuswa. Mr. Chairman, the late Ssemaala Kiwanuka dying as he did in the prime of life, has left us with many very important lessons. I will mention just a few. He was a devoted son of this nation. Indeed he proved it in so many ways. He put service to others, above self. As a dutiful son, he was on his way, for the final funeral rights of his father. In this he was a symbol of a well brought up child, who despite exposure to alien cultures, still treasured his. East or West, home was best for our deceased Colleague, Sam Ssemaala Kiwanuka. He died in the cause of going to execute a noble funeral duty for the father whom he loved. Here he proved himself an example of someone who lays down one's life for the loved ones. For his people he lived and sacrificed so much, and for the love of his people, he had died. May God who is love receive his soul in peace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wish to support hon. Ssebaana Kizito's Motion, as amended by hon. Abu Mayanja.

MR. BAGEYA: (Kigulu County North): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity

to join my colleagues in mourning the great son, not of only Kalangala, great son of Uganda. Mr. Chairman, the tragic news of the sudden death of hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka found me in my constituency. I was going to address all the R.Cs their. But early in the morning I switched on the radio, and I got this news. I was totally disorganised. Because I had met hon. Ssemaala in this august House for the first time, and he is one of the colleagues, I admired for his principles. I need to say that, his selflessness was exercised here, and just before he died. Because instead of jumping off the boat, and trying to look out for his life, he tried to save his colleagues. His determination has been exemplary; his commitment was above average; his dedication was total. Most important of all, he had love for his people. For any politician, you cannot succeed in life, unless you love the people you lead. He was an example to our country. I therefore raise to support the motion and the amendment moved by hon. Ssebaana Kizito and by hon. Abu Mayanja respectively. And on behalf of my people of Kigulu North, we wish to express our deep condolences to the family, friends and colleagues. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MALINGA: (Usuk County): Thank Mr. Chairman, for giving me this opportunity to join other hon. Delegates who have expressed their condolences to the widow and the family of the late Ssemaala Kiwanuka CA Delegate for Kyamuswa. Every delegate here, knew the late Kiwanuka by face, and by voice. Whenever he took the microphone to speak, everybody knew exactly which way to look. There was no looking elsewhere; we knew exactly where to look. I met him here for the very first time, but the time I have interacted with him, I found he was somebody who had great ideas, who had great energy, and who had great determination to serve the people of Ssesse. He has brought to this Assembly, all the problems of Ssesse and made sure that, he has educated each and everyone of us, of what the problems of Ssesse are, and how easily they could be solved if only we could devote a few more resources to solving those problems.

As you heard the hon. delegates who have spoken before me saying, he was an active Member of the National Caucus for Democracy of which I am a Member. We have greatly appreciated his work in this Assembly, and we shall dearly miss him. But I hope that what he started in Ssesse will be continued by those who are left behind. But the loss of the late

Kiwanuka is a double tragedy in that, not only has he died, but he died along with two of his sisters. It makes it a very big burden too. One of his sisters who died in this accident, used to work with my wife, so I feel great grief because my wife has lost a work-mate. So, this is a great loss. I would like to join those who say, this should bring home, the need to us indeed to improve water transport, not only for the islanders, not just for Ssesse and Buvuma, but also to other crossing places across the lake Albert, Lake Kwana, Lake Kioga, Lake Bisina. Half of my constituents have to cross from Usuk to Kumi through Lake Bisina on dug out canoes. The only ferry which was there, used to be operated by the Teso District Administration, but it was left lying idle for many years, and in recent years, it was given to Uganda Railways Corporation, who rehabilitated it to work for just only a little while, and were back to square one. This ferry is again lying on land.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I took the Floor to say this to you, I think we owe to the people of Ssesse that the late Kiwanuka should be replaced as soon as possible, so that their views can continue to be heard. I do not like to be misunderstood. Somebody was saying, I might be acting, and hon. Karuhanga will know where my expression came from, that I might be acting with indecent haste in doing so. But no, I am not acting with indecent haste. The law which brought us here - the Constituent Assembly Statute - says in section 28, *'in the event of the death of a Delegate, the Chairman shall immediately upon the occurrence of that event, inform the minister'*. So, Mr. Chairman, I would like to add to this resolution that you should speedily write to the Minister, informing the Minister that we have lost a colleague - hon. Kiwanuka who was representing Kyamuswa. And the Minister by Sub Section of section 28, is required, *'on receipt of information referred to in subsection i, the minister shall issue a note to the Commissioner for the Constituent Assembly, requiring the Commissioner to take steps within 14 days of the issue of the note, for the replacement of Delegate.'* So, I hope, Mr. Chairman, when this resolution is passed and when you have got official confirmation, you will surely write to the Minister informing him accordingly.

There is a second issue that I would like to take this opportunity to take up. It says, do we have in this country machinery for the burial of former Members of parliament, former ministers and this kind of thing. Because I can understand your position now

Mr. Chairman, you have been frantically running around to get information, I think government should find somebody who should be doing this on a continuous basis, and I would suggest the Clerk to the National Assembly should be given amongst other duties, the duty of attending to this particular function of making sure that, former Members of parliament and former ministers are given a decent burial at the expense of the state. Because now, many of us would wish to follow up the arrangements, but it may not be easy for you, Mr. Chairman, to assist us to pay- to go and physically express our grief to the bereaved family. But I just want to say, I think in future, may be something should be done, so that the Clerk to the National Assembly, will be facilitated to assist the families of former Members of parliament and former ministers when they die.

Now, the other is that this family has lost greatly as I said. They have lost three people at ago. We also know that, they were going for the last funeral rights of their late father. And before that, the late Kiwanuka had lost his elder brother. If it were not for the difficulties that the welfare committee had encountered of late, I think we should have done something ourselves, on a magnitude, that will be able to assist this family which has suffered a triple tragedy of loosing three people at the same time. And this loss is made even worst in that the bodies have not been found, and they cannot complete the necessary traditional rights because most of these rights revolve around the burial. I do not even know, what is going to happen and when it is going to happen.

I support the motion as moved by hon. Ssebaana Kizito, and as amended by hon. Abu Mayanja. Thank you, very much.

MR. KARUHANGA:(Nyabushozi County): Thank you. Mr. Chairman, the late hon. Ssemaala Kirundu Kiwanuka Kimize, returned from the States in order to come and serve his country. He had just joined his family, and he had just started to do that. And he has been robbed from both the State that he loved so much, and from the family. And the tragedy that has been following the family is really of untold proportions, as has been said, by colleagues who have spoken earlier. The fact that, at his young age, he could decide to leave the modern lifestyle in America, and come to Uganda, decide to forfeit the video, television screens, go to a place where there is no electricity, where transportation is so difficult, and work for his people; it is good testimony of his mind.

During his contribution here in the CA, a number of times, I personally did not agree with him on a number of issues. But I was always very impressed by the fact that, he could use his portable computer in the evening after our debate and write his objection or his liking or his support of the views that I had expressed in the Assembly. And twice, I did receive communication from him in the morning before we started the debates, comments about what I had made contributions on. I used to find his style a little strange, like in the committee room 2, where he would refer to his colleagues as 'you guys'. And he would keep the committee happy and in good mood using his unique like style. One thing that I must say, although you may not have agreed with him about his views, there was one thing, from what I have seen. He was a keen follower of the debate, and was totally involved; he listened to everybody's contribution, and that is why he would be able to make comments in the evening, about what people had said. And I am sure that probably these type of notes that he would type out in his computer were not only coming to me.

I have agreed with hon. Abu Mayanja to add on to his amendment of motion words the effect that we are grateful to God for making his wife survive that accident, to be able to look after the five orphans. I think it would not be too much, if we added at the end of the Motion proposed by hon. Ssebaana Kizito, where the words, the last sentence if you look at the Motion, condolences to the bereaved family. If we could say, condolences to the widow, Mrs. Laila Ssemaala for whom we thank God for making her survive the accident and the bereaved family. And then the amendment of hon. Mayanja would continue. So, I was suggesting that, a little amendment, including our thanks to God, for making his wife survive the accident, should also be added in this motion. With those few words, Mr. Chairman, I wish on behalf of the people I represent, the people of Nyabushozi to pass on our heart felt condolences to the people, the family and widow, and the country for the death of our young and up coming and hard working brother - hon. Ssemaala Kirundu Kiwanuka. Thank you.

MR. MAZIMA: NUDIPU: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of NUDIPU, and also on behalf of another NGO known as DENIVA, of which I am one of the Directors, which is concerned with the networking of all local NGOs, and on my own behalf, I would like to join the rest of the hon. Delegates to express my profound sorrow at the

sudden death of the late hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka and condolences go to his family, people of Kalangala District, his colleagues here, and the office.

For the short period we have been together, I found him a visional man, a committed person, because of other people, and the person with the ability to translate ideas into actions. It is sad we are missing him.

Last night, I gave myself homework, and I picked on one of the *Hansards*, my aim was that, the first contribution I land on, may be I could get a message to, and from him that could be left behind for us to consider. And I landed on the *Hansard* of Wednesday 3rd of August, 1994; the late was giving a piece of information to one of the hon. Delegates, and I put down the four points which we must consider. One, that we are here because we want to make a good constitution, and Mr. Chairman, if we do not make a constitution, we shall be betraying the Late.

Two, that we are here to make other people understand the views of our people, and three; that we are here not to seek special positions for ourselves, but to represent our constituencies; and lastly that if the whole of Uganda does not want *federo*, at least it should be given to Buganda. That is the message I got from that *Hansard*, and it is my prayer that, hon. Delegates consider the message he left behind. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

DR. MIYINGO KEZIMBIRA: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I wish to add my voice to the voices of other delegates who have expressed shock and sorrow at the death of hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka. I would personally describe hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka as an articulate, determined, well focused person who stood by his opinion. But despite all these, hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka respected other people's opinions even if the view that one did express was contrary to his - I quite interacted with hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka many times in the meetings that we held together with Legal and Drafting Committee when we had to present amendments. He was persistent in his views, and he sat in for long hours, even when sometimes, he did not have an amendment himself to move, but wanted to hear what other people thought about the constitution making. To me hon. Ssemaala Kiwanuka was really a fulltime, CA Delegate. He took this work, that we are on and took it very seriously, and wanted to represent his people very effectively. One time, Mr. Chairman, Sir, I was

involved with him, in an amendment where the Legal Committee put us together, although our ideas were a little bit different from each other; this was on article 61, clause 4, which was dealing with cultures and traditions, and hon. Ssemaala had wanted to preserve culture, because he argued that culture was different in different areas of Uganda, and what appeared to be good, in one area, could be bad in another, and yet culture was dynamic. No laws, or regulations could really be put aside for culture. Although we had a little disagreement over this, because I had thought to delete the whole clause, he wanted it preserved. And when I told him, I will disagree even if we were just the two of us, he said, "please go ahead and express your opinion, I intend to argue mine out". And indeed he did argue it out until the end. I think this is really determination, and we shall miss this in this kind of debate when we need people to stand by their opinion and be able to convince others about them. I wish to express my sincere condolence to the widow, to the entire family, to the people of Kyamuswa and the people of Kalangala.

I also at the same time, join the rest of the Members of this Constituent Assembly to express this grief and also regret, that the entire country has lost a brilliant and on-coming politician who could have shaped the destiny of this nation. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

(Question on motion put and agreed to)

(Resolution adopted)

THE CHAIRMAN: I now adjourn the Assembly to enable Committee work to continue.

(The Assembly was adjourned to Tuesday, 29th November 1994, at 8.30 a.m)