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TUESDAY: **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, and
07/11/2017 Statements**

A. **THE URBAN AREAS AND CITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE
BILLS NO. 4 OF 2017)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(First Reading)

B. **THE IRRIGATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2017)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(First Reading)

C. MOTION – (Sen. Susan Kihika)

(Ministry of Environment & Natural Resources)

THAT, aware that cities, towns and urban areas in Kenya are increasingly getting overpopulated leading to overstretching of services and amenities; concerned that improper management of waste has become a major cause of pollution of neighborhoods, water sources and other natural resources leading to rise of environment-related diseases which cause many deaths; further concerned that in most urban areas, waste is dumped in an uncontrolled manner posing a great challenge to the wellbeing of urban dwellers, particularly those living near dumpsites; acknowledging that the problem continues to rise despite the efforts made to mitigate the problem through various statutory bodies, private entities and communities; the Senate calls upon the National Government to take immediate steps to develop effective waste management regulations and put in place proper disposal facilities, including for harmful waste and that this be done in consultation with all key stakeholders.

D. MOTION – (Sen. Getrude Musuruve)

(Ministry of Education, Science and Technology)

AWARE THAT Article 27 (4) of the Constitution of Kenya provides for equality and freedom from discrimination and in particular freedom from direct and indirect discrimination on the basis of disability;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Article 43 (1) (f) provides for economic and social rights for every person and in particular the right to education;

ACKNOWLEDGING that Article 54 of the Constitution provides for the rights of persons with disabilities and in particular the right to access education institutions and facilities for persons with disabilities that are integrated into society to the extent compatible with the interests of the person and the right to access materials and devices to overcome constraints arising from the person's disability;

AWARE THAT all but one subject in schools in Kenya are taught and examined in English language;

COGNIZANT of the fact that persons with disabilities and especially persons with hearing impairment have linguistic challenges and especially in mastering essentials of the English language;

NOTING THAT schools for persons with hearing impairment require Sign Language Instructional Materials that would facilitate the learners to master essentials of the English language;

CONCERNED THAT the Government does not provide the said Sign Language Instructional Materials to schools for use by learners with hearing impairment thereby affecting the performance of the said learners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Government to urgently make available the Sign Language Instructional Materials to schools for learners with hearing impairment.

E. MOTION - (Sen. Fatuma Dullo)

(Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government)

AWARE that the right to adequate food is affirmed under Article 25 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and Article 11 of the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as part of the right to an adequate standard of living;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Article 43 (1) (c) and (d) of the Constitution of Kenya provides for economic and social rights for every person and in particular the right to be free from hunger, to have adequate food of acceptable quality, and to have clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

CONCERNED that this fundamental right is under threat as various Counties battle severe drought occasioned by successive failure in rainfall;

CONCERNED that over 3.4 million people including over 370,000 children are acutely malnourished and in urgent need of emergency assistance while millions of livestock have perished and the remaining are in extremely poor body condition as a result of the drought;

FURTHER CONCERNED that the situation in drought ravaged parts of the country poses a serious threat to Human dignity, peace, security and stability following loss of livelihoods leading to scramble for scarce resources by the affected communities;

NOTING that Parliament enacted the National Drought Management Bill which was assented to on 1st April, 2016 and which seeks to comprehensively address the matter of persistent droughts in the country;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and relevant state agencies responsible including the National Drought Management Authority to-

1. Expeditiously implement the National Drought Management Authority Act, 2016 and set up the necessary infrastructure to mitigate against persistent droughts; and
2. Come up with efficient drought response strategies aimed at saving lives of both people and livestock.

F. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY: **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills**
08/11/2017

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