



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2018 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 226 (1) (b) and 230 (2) (a) the Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo) presented to the Senate a Petition on behalf of residents of Isiolo County, regarding the Agreement between the County Government of Isiolo and Living Goods Limited for provision of community health services in Isiolo County.

Pursuant to Standing Order 231, the Speaker invited Senators to comment on the Petition and, subsequently, committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Health for its consideration, pursuant to Standing Order 232 (1).

4. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate: -

- i) The Annual report of the Public Service Commission for the financial year 2017/18.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

- ii) Statement of the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 9th October, 2018.

(The Senate Deputy Majority Leader)

5. **STATEMENTS****a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1)**

The Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Irungu Kang'ata, MP) made a statement on a county matter, regarding the management wrangles in the water sector in Murang'a County.

In the statement, the Senator noted that while more than 84% of the water consumed in Nairobi City County was drawn from Ndakaini Dam in Murang'a County, only 30% of the residents of Murang'a County had access to piped water. Differences had also emerged arising from a proposal by the Murang'a County Government to impose a 25% levy on the revenue generated from the supply of water drawn from the County to Nairobi City County.

Sen. Kang'ata further informed the House of management wrangles that had emerged in respect of Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company, which had led to water being disconnected from residents of the County.

In concluding, the Senator urged the County Government of Murang'a to establish a durable and sustainable system of water management in the County, and advocated for the use of proper and lawful channels in resolving water-related conflicts.

b) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 48

The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. George Khaniri, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the implementation status of the government set minimum wage guidelines in the country.

c) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

The Deputy Senate Majority Leader issued a statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 9th October, 2018.

6. **MOTION – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL DISASTER RISK FINANCING STRATEGY**

Motion made and Question proposed:

THAT, WHEREAS Kenya's disaster profile is dominated by droughts, fire, floods, terrorism, diseases and epidemics that disrupt livelihoods, destroy infrastructure, divert planned use of resources, interrupt economic activities and retard development;

FURTHER WHEREAS the government, through its various agencies, is ultimately responsible for disaster reduction, preparedness and management;

COGNIZANT of the fact that government agencies involved in disaster management are usually overwhelmed when called upon to provide response services during disasters and emergencies;

AWARE that the Kenya Red Cross Society Act, Cap 256 of the Laws of Kenya establishes the Kenya Red Cross Society, a sole national Red Cross Society in Kenya, as a voluntary aid society;

RECOGNIZING, the efforts of the Kenya Red Cross Society to provide first-line disaster response services in incidences of disasters and other emergencies across the country;

OBSERVING, the huge financial resources required to finance disaster reduction, preparedness and other emergency services;

NOTING that one of the sources of the Kenya Red Cross Society in financing its operations is through accepting unrestricted contributions and assistance, in any form, from individuals, public authorities and private bodies;

APPRECIATING, the efforts made by the prudent management of funds by the Kenya Red Cross Society;

FURTHER AWARE that emergency fund is a substantial proportionate Vote Head in both the national and county government budgets;

CONCERNED, that the Kenya Red Cross Society has not been allocated a budget from the national and county governments despite the huge contribution in disaster and emergency response across the country;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the national and county governments to explore collaborative mechanisms for the Kenya Red Cross Society to support and implement a paradigm shift from post disaster response to risk reduction by developing and implementing a national disaster risk financing strategy across all sectors and incorporate it into the national and county development planning and financing processes.

(Sen. George Khaniri, MP – 3.10.2018)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd October, 2018 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 79 (1), the Speaker informed the Senate that the Motion did not affect counties;

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY-

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7. **THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF OLDER MEMBERS OF SOCIETY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2018)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

That, the Care and Protection of Older Members of Society Bill (Senate Bill No. 17 of 2018) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, MP)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Judith Pareno) adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, October 09, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.*

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