



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the First Chairperson
4. **PETITIONS**

The following Petitions were presented: –

- (i) By Hon. Robert Mbui, MP on funding of co-curricular activities in public primary schools; and
- (ii) By Hon. George Murugara, MP regarding displacement of residents, loss of property and closure of schools in Tharaka Constituency following politically instigated land clashes.

Petitions referred to the relevant Departmental Committees pursuant to Standing Order 227(2).

5. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices were given –

- (i) **THAT**, concerned that available reports indicate that on average, road traffic accidents in the Country cause an estimated 3,000 deaths with many other victims injured and maimed as a result, placing Kenya among the Countries with the highest road carnage globally; further concerned that it is estimated that the cost to the economy from road traffic accidents is in excess of Kshs. 300 billion annually according to the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) Road Safety Status Report 2015; aware that legislation and policies in place to a large extent addresses the key road safety risk factors, and the challenge is in implementation and enforcement; cognizant that road safety awareness would help in combating road accidents in the Country; acknowledging that section 4(2) of the National Transport and Safety Act

mandates the NTSA to develop and implement road safety strategies; and facilitate the education of Members of the public on road safety; recognizing that schools provide the largest and most concentrated group of Members of the public who can benefit from road safety education; this **House resolves** that the National Government urgently develops and implements a mandatory and examinable curriculum for training of students and pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools on road safety.

(Hon. Silvanus Osoro)

- (ii) **THAT**, aware that Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that every child has the right to free and compulsory basic education; further aware in addition to providing free compulsory education, the Government is also implementing free tuition secondary education; appreciating the Government's policy of achieving 100 per cent transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools; concerned that this policy has resulted in a stretch and strain of schools' infrastructure and facilities as a result of the large number of students admitted to secondary schools; cognizant that there is strong evidence that adequate, high-quality infrastructure facilitates better instruction, improves student outcomes, and reduces dropout rates, among other benefits; further cognizant that day secondary schools could be the key to ensuring widest access to secondary education, especially for students from humble backgrounds, due to their reduced cost in comparison with boarding schools; this House **urges** the Government to ensure that at least seventy (70) percent of total funds allocated under secondary schools' infrastructure improvement programme is allocated to public day secondary schools to cater for improved infrastructure, and further that these funds be allocated as capitation grant.

(Hon. Omboko Milemba)

6. QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked –

- (i) Question by Private Notice No.009/2019 by the Member for Wundanyi (Hon. Danson Mwashako) regarding the arrest of one Charles Salim Mwadime, Passport No. A1247191 by French authorities in Remiremonte Town, in France; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations;
- (ii) Question No.099/2019 by the Member for Kuresoi South (Hon. Joseph Tonui) regarding alleged exploitation to potato farmers by middlemen; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.
- (iii) Question No.100/2019 by the Member for Taita Taveta County (Hon. Haika Mizigi) regarding the status of the construction of the Ikanga Airstrip in Voi; Question deferred;

- (iv) Question No.101/2019 by the Member for Embakasi East (Hon. Babu Owino) regarding water shortage in Embakasi East constituency; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources;
- (v) Question No.102/2019 by the Member for Magarini (Hon. Michel Kingi) regarding increased human-wildlife conflicts in Bombi, Chakama and Garashi areas of Magarini Sub-County; Question referred to the Departmental Environment and Natural Resources;
- (vi) Question No.103/2019 by the Member for Sigowet/Soin (Hon. Kipsengeret Koros) regarding alleged dumping of hazardous waste by Prime Steel Milling company to the environment; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources;
- (vii) Question No.104/2019 by the Member for Alego Usonga (Hon. Samuel Atandi) regarding installation of transformers meant for Alego Usonga constituency; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Energy;
- (viii) Question No.106/2019 by the Member for Mwatate (Hon. Andrew Mwadime) regarding construction of dams and pans in Mwatate constituency; Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

7. **MOTION - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF FARES CHARGED BY PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES**

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, aware that road transport is the most widely used means of transportation in Kenya; further aware that *matatus*, motor omnibuses and buses provide service to millions of people a day and are the backbone of Kenya's public road transport services; cognizant that the National Transport and Safety Authority Act is mandated by law to among other things, come up with conditions as it may consider fit for the purposes of ensuring that the fares imposed for the carrying of passengers are reasonable and ensure fair competition within the transport industry; concerned that companies, associations or Savings and Credit Co-operatives (SACCOs) under whose umbrella the said public service vehicles (PSVs) operate, and which are required to prescribe fares for its Members, tend to take advantage of non-existence of regulatory policies in the sector thus prescribing exorbitant fares which puts a lot of strain on customers; further concerned that for a long time, commuters have suffered at the hands of merciless PSVs crews who charge exorbitant fares where on many routes, fares are hiked on reasons as flimsy as change of weather, forcing commuters to spend more than what they intended to; **this House resolves** that the Government develops and implements regulations on amount of fare to be charged by PSVs for their services to protect customers from exploitation.

(Hon. Didmus Barasa – 06.03.2019)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Wednesday, March 06, 2019 (Morning Sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

8. **MOTION - DIAGNOSTIC TESTING, SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES IN WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS**

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, aware that the prevalence of diabetes in the country has been on the increase with approximately 458,900 cases reported in Kenya according to the International Diabetes Federation Report of 2017, representing two per cent of the total adult population; deeply concerned that many people with diabetes continue to lose their lives each year due to lack of awareness of the disease, inability to afford management of the condition and the expensive medication; noting that people living with diabetes can live longer and lead comfortable life if they receive the right medical care and support to help them manage the disease; further noting that there remains inadequate funding for the implementation of the effective strategy for the prevention, detection and management of diabetes thus hindering Kenya's achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 3 and Vision 2030; recognizing the importance of early diagnosis of diabetes, aiding treatment, monitoring treatment progress, monitoring recovery and preventing life threatening and expensive complication, **this House urges** the Government to institutionalize diagnostic testing for diabetes in work places and community settings, provide for education, prevention and subsidized routine diabetes screening and treatment and put in place measures to ensure an effective diabetes care system at all levels of health care.

(Hon. Ruweida Obo – 06.03.2019)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the First to the Second Chairperson)

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day pursuant to Standing Order 53(3).

And the time being two minutes past One o'clock, the Second Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. **HOUSE ROSE** - at two minutes past One o'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.