



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker
4. **MOTION – WAIVER OF CHARGES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EMPLOYMENT DATABASE**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that the average youth population in Kenya is thirty five (35) percent of the total population of the country; further aware that majority of this population is in the job market entry level; noting that Article 55 of the Constitution obligates the State to take measures to ensure that the youth access employment; concerned that this access is hindered by the requirement to produce numerous documentation including a *tax compliance certificate (KRA)*, *certificate of good conduct (DCI)*, *higher education loan clearance certificate (HELB)*, *EACC clearance*, *Credit Reference Certificate (CRB)*; further concerned that these documents cost not less than four thousand five hundred shillings (Ksh.4,500) to acquire; deeply concerned that most of the jobseekers in the youth bracket cannot raise this prohibitive amount for purpose of job application; this House urges the Government through the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs to waive the payment of these fees by job-seeking youth in the country, and further urges the Ministry to immediately fast-track implementation of the National Employment Authority Act which requires the establishment and maintenance of integrated and up-to-date database of all persons seeking employment.

(Hon. Faith Wairimu Gitau – 29.03.2018)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Wednesday, April 11, 2018;

Question put and agreed to.

5. **MOTION – DECLARATION OF CANCER AS A NATIONAL DISASTER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CANCER FUND**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that cancer causes more deaths than HIV, TB and Malaria combined; further aware that 30% of cancers are curable if detected early; 30% of cancers are treatable with prolonged survival if detected early; 30% of cancer patients can be provided with adequate symptom management and care; deeply concerned that cancer is the third highest cause of morbidity in Kenya after infectious diseases and cardiovascular diseases in the country; noting that effective treatments require availability of specialists, chemotherapy services, essential drugs for pain management and adequate infrastructure in treatment and avoidance of distant referral and delays in treatment administration; further, there is need for clear policies concerning terminal pain management, financial and human resources support and palliative care for cancer patients; this House **urges** that Government to declare cancer as national disaster and establishment of cancer fund to cater for cancer treatments and care.

(Hon. Catherine Waruguru – 11.04.2018)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Wednesday, April 11, 2018;

Question put and agreed to.

6. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMMES AND INTERVENTIONS TO ENCOURAGE UPTAKE OF COUNSELING SERVICES**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that there are over 200 classified types of mental disorders, the most common ones being clinical depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); concerned that Kenya's mental health policy estimates that about twenty five(25) percent of out-patients and about forty (40) percent of in-patients suffer from mental health conditions with the most frequent diagnosis of mental illnesses made in general hospital settings being depression, substance abuse, stress and anxiety disorders; deeply concerned that the current worrying trend of increased domestic violence among Kenyan families has resulted in suicides, deaths, injuries, psychological trauma, orphaned and unstable children; noting that the prevalence of mental disorders may also be attributed to the noted cases of suicide, homicides and violence at household level; further noting that despite the strategies and guidelines that the Government has put in place towards achieving the highest standard of mental health, prevalence of mental disorders remains high, this House **urges** the Government to urgently establish programmes and interventions to encourage uptake of counseling services among individuals, families and communities to mitigate effects of mental disorders.

(Hon. Rose Museo)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson)

Question deferred to another day.

7. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL REGISTRATION CENTERS IN EVERY CONSTITUENCY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that every birth in Kenya must be registered by the Department of Civil Registration and documented through a birth certificate; further aware that subsequent registration of citizens and acquisition of documentation such as identity cards and passports, school admissions, registration of exams, and access to opportunities such as employment depends and relies on birth certificates; deeply concerned that the Department of Civil Registration Services has over time experienced backlogs in the issuance of birth certificates as a result of among other factors, inadequate personnel, unwillingness to embrace information communication and technology, inadequate funding, and inadequate materials used in registration of persons; further deeply concerned that registration services are not easily accessible to majority of Kenyans owing to the few registration centers in place, this House **urges** the Government to consider establishing Civil Registration Centres in every constituency and ensure full implementation of the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act, 2011.

(Hon. Martha Wangari)

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

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