



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2019 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 Deputy Speaker.
3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair: -

(i) Consultative Meeting between the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Budget and the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Planning.

“Honourable Senators,

As you are aware during the Senate Sitting on 16th July, 2019, Nominated Senator (Sen. Victor Prengei, MP) requested for a statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the state of preparedness for the 2019 National Population and Housing Census.

Following comments by Senators pursuant to Standing Order 48 (3)(a), the Committee was directed to invite the Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury and Planning to the Senate, to address the matter.

The Chairperson of the Committee has informed me that the Committee shall hold a meeting with the said Cabinet Secretary, tomorrow Wednesday, 7th August, 2019 at 12:00 noon in the Mini Chambers, First Floor, County Hall, Parliament Buildings. It is expected that the Cabinet Secretary will appraise the Senators on the matter and provide a comprehensive response to the issues raised including related issues as requested by Sen. Falhada Dekow on 31st July 2019.

I thank you.”

(ii) Visiting Students and Teachers from St. Anne’s Academy, Trans Nzoia County.

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting students and teachers from St. Anne’s Academy, Trans Nzoia County.

On behalf of the Senate, and on my own behalf, I welcome them to the Senate and wish them well for the remainder of their stay.

I thank you.”

(iii) Visiting Students and Teachers from Kamelei Primary School, West Pokot County.

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(iv) Visiting Students and Teachers from St. Triza Kipyego Primary School, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

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I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting students and teachers from St. Triza Kipyego Primary School, Elgeyo Marakwet County.

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4. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 230, the Deputy Speaker reported to the Senate a Petition by Mr. Jeremiah Lemako, Chairperson of POKA Group Ranch concerning the alleged unlawful acquisition and disposition of the POKA Group Ranch Land in Kajiado County.

Pursuant to Standing Order 231, the Deputy Speaker invited Senators to comment on the Petition and, subsequently, committed the Petition to the

Standing Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Standing Order 232.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – (*Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP*)

THAT, AWARE that Cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, Autism and other permanent motor and neurological disorders are birth defects characterised by, among others, disturbances of sensation, perception, cognition, hearing loss, congenital heart defects, lower than average IQ, impairment in social interaction, and rigid, repetitive behaviors;

COGNIZANT that persons born with these and other permanent motor and neurological disorders face considerable difficulties in the social and behavioral aspects of their lives, including discrimination, physical challenges, mental and emotional health issues, and problems with inclusion and social isolation;

ACKNOWLEDGING the critical role that parents and caregivers of persons with permanent motor and neurological disorders play in ensuring that they realize their potential to the fullest extent possible and that they have long, healthy, and satisfying lives;

RECOGNIZING that, in taking care of these persons, caregivers make considerable sacrifices in the pursuit of education, employment, investment, and other opportunities for their own advancement and, in some cases, spend the most productive years of their lives taking care of persons with these disorders;

NOTING that most caregivers lack the training, tools and psychosocial support required in taking care of persons with these permanent disorders, are often subjected to the same stigma as the persons they take care of, and are exposed to stresses and pressure that have an adverse impact on their mental and physical wellbeing;

CONCERNED that, while a lot of progress has been made in taking care of other vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the society, equivalent efforts have not been made to recognize the important role that caregivers play, to create, through policy and legislation, a conducive environment for the provision of adequate, safe and informed care to persons with these disorders;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services, together with the County Governments, formulate a policy framework for the recognition, training, empowerment and protection for caregivers of persons with permanent motor and neurological disorders, including: -

- a) provision of financial assistance and incentives to caregivers, including inclusion in the list of beneficiaries under the *Inua Jamii* Cash Transfer Programmes;
- b) provision of appropriate tax reliefs and exemptions to caregivers, equivalent to those advanced to other Persons with Disabilities (PWDs);

- c) exemption from taxes on goods and services required for the care and protection of persons with the disorders; and
- d) provision of the specialized training, psychosocial and other support necessary to engage in income-generating activities for caregivers of persons with permanent motor and neurological disorders, including accessing the quota set aside in law for vulnerable groups for the supply of goods and services to government entities.

6. **STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 48(1)**

- a) Nominated Senator (Sen. Abshiro Halake, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on the poor state of Kenyan embassies abroad;
- b) The Senator for Uasin Gishu County (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health on the health facilities situation in Uasin Gishu County;
- c) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa aliomba taarifa kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Barabara na Uchukuzi kuhusu utoaji wa vibali vya usafirishaji wa shehena kutoka Bandari ya Mombasa na utoaji wa vibali vinayohusiana na shehena hizo.

7. **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2019)**

(Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

8. **THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2018)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the County Hall of Fame Bill (Senate Bills No. 39 of 2018) be now read a Second Time.

(The Deputy Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

9. **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 105(1)**

Raising a point of order, and pursuant to Standing Order 105(1) Nominated Senator (Sen. Isaac Mwaura, MP) claimed to move - "That, the debate be now

adjourned”, and the Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) acceded to the request.

Question put and agreed to.

10. **THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2019)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

11. **THE CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2019)**

(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

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

12. **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
Wednesday, August 07, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.*

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