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(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)

(Second Reading)

16. MOTION - CREATION OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Sen. George Khaniri, MP)

THAT, APPRECIATING the commitment and sacrifice by members of the disciplined forces in protecting our country from both internal and external aggression;

AWARE of the risky and stressful environment that the officers are exposed to daily in the line of duty, combined with the increased terrorism threats at home, and abroad;

NOTING that members of the disciplined forces, and by extension, their families are exposed to traumatic incidents both at home and abroad that manifest as living in constant fear, debilitating depression, nightmares, crippling anxiety and thoughts of suicide commonly referred to as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) leaving them exposed to the stigma of society and unable to care for themselves and their families the way they could before;

RECOGNIZING that there is no structured national comprehensive program for posttraumatic stress counseling either for active or returning soldiers and their families;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government, in partnership with the Ministry of Defence, to establish counseling and support centers in all premises housing disciplined forces, and provide mandatory counseling to all service personnel and the families of those currently serving, and those who may have been killed in the line of duty.

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17. MOTION - PLANTING OF TREES ALONG MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN KENYA

(Sen. Charles Kibiru, MP)

THAT, AWARE of the numerous benefits that trees play in environmental conservation, combating climate change, air and water purification, carbon sequestration, flood control, prevention of soil erosion, human and wildlife sustenance, urban planning, as well as other social and economic benefits;

NOTING THAT Kenya has and continues to implement various infrastructure projects across the country, among them railways, roads and highways, airports, sea and inland ports, pipelines, dams, among others;

CONCERNED by the extent of environmental degradation that takes place when undertaking such infrastructure projects, entailing clearance of trees, foliage, soils, rocks, excavation of quarries, interference with forests, wetlands, rivers, drainage systems and other embankments, as well as human and wildlife displacement along the paths of the infrastructure projects;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the Environmental Management and Coordination Act (No. 8 of 1999) and the Guidelines issued thereon require an environmental audit to be undertaken before any infrastructure projects are undertaken, with a view to identifying potential environmental impacts of the proposed projects, assessing the significance of those impacts, and proposing mitigation measures to address the negative impacts of the said projects on the environment;

CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT the implementation of these provisions has failed to comprehensively address the continued large-scale environmental degradation that takes place during construction of these infrastructure projects, and that the mitigation measures undertaken thereon have failed to compensate for the damage done to the environment as well as the negative effects to human and wildlife populations along the infrastructure project paths;

AWARE THAT the National Government has launched an ambitious plan to plant 1.8 billion trees by the year 2022, with a view to enhancing the country's tree cover from 6.2% to the globally accepted minimum of 10%, and that this entails, among others, planting at least 1 million trees annually in each of the forty-seven Counties;

UNDERSCORING the need to balance between development and sustainable environmental management, for the benefit of present and future generations, as enshrined in the preamble to the Constitution of Kenya;

NOTING that planting of tree buffers alongside and around major infrastructure projects in the country would help offset the carbon footprint of these projects, enhance the beauty and aesthetics of the projects, create safe spaces for human recreation and for wildlife to thrive, and help in meeting the target of 10% national tree cover by the year 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Government, together with the County Governments, formulate a policy mandating the planting of trees alongside and around all major infrastructure projects across the country, setting out the roles of various actors at both the national and county levels, and outlining incentives and penalties to ensure that the policy is complied with, in ensuring a balance is attained between development and environmental conservation.

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18. <u>MOTION – RETIREMENT AGE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN PUBLIC</u> <u>SERVICE AND IN ACADEMIA</u>

(Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and their families are among the world's poorest and are disadvantaged in terms of their late entry into the labour-force;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the reality of employing disabled people does not match the presumptions held by employers, the influence of how they think about disability remains a potent issue for disabled people seeking to work;

COGNIZANT THAT Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) affirms the equal right of all persons with disabilities to live in a community with choices equal to others, and with equal access to services and facilities that are responsive to their needs;

NOTING THAT, unlike current trends around the world, employers in Kenya are not incentivized to employ Persons with Disabilities and therefore most public organizations and parastatals have not yet achieved the threshold of Article 54(2) of the Kenyan Constitution that obligates 5% appointment of PWDs in elective and appointive positions;

CONCERNED THAT, Article 27(e) of the UNCRPD advocates for party states, of which Kenya is one, to promote employment opportunities and career advancements of PWDs in the labour market as well as assistance in finding, obtaining, maintaining and returning to employment;

NOW THEREFORE; the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and county governments to develop a policy to ensure that:

- 1. PWDs in gainful employment in public service retire at the age of 65 years instead of 60 years; and,
- 2. PWDs in academia, such as Universities and colleges retire at the age of 75 years, instead of 70 years.

19. MOTION - LEGAL AND POLICY INTERVENTIONS FOR CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH PERMANENT MOTOR AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS

(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

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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.

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NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 13th February, 2019 as follows:-

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner:-

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

<u>KEY</u>

- ******_** Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill
- ******* Denotes a National Assembly Bill
- ****_** Denotes a Committee Bill

*****- Denotes any other Bill

...../Notice of Amendments

A. *<u>THE NATURAL RESOURCES (BENEFIT SHARING) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 31</u> <u>OF 2018)</u>

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

NOTICE is given that Sen. Paul Mwangi Githiomi, the Chairperson to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources, intends to move the following amendments to the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill, 2018, at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 6

THAT clause 6 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by inserting the words "in consultation with the Council of County Governors and relevant national government entities" immediately after the words "The Commission shall"; and
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the word "overall" appearing immediately after the word "the" in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the word "total".

CLAUSE 9

THAT clause 9 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the words "with the relevant county government" immediately after the words "benefit sharing agreement".

CLAUSE 10

THAT clause 10 of the Bill be amended —

(a) in subclause (2) by —

- (i) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)
 - (ba) two technical officers of the relevant county departments, appointed by the county executive committee member in consultation with the county executive committee member responsible for the respective natural resources; and
- (ii) deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph
 - (c) five persons, two of whom shall be of the opposite gender, elected by the local communities where the natural resource is found and representing the areas with the main natural resources within the county";
- (b) in subclause (5) by inserting the words "in consultation with Council of County Governors" immediately after the words "Cabinet Secretary shall".

CLAUSE 13

THAT clause 13 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (4) —

(4A) A local community benefit sharing forum shall not hold more than eight meetings in one year.

CLAUSE 14

THAT clause 14 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (4).

CLAUSE 16

THAT clause 16 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by deleting the word "principal" appearing immediately after the words "this Act every".

CLAUSE 17

THAT clause 17 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the word "one" appearing immediately after the words "Commission shall within" and substituting therefor the word "two";
- (b) by inserting the following new subclauses immediately after subclause (3)

(4) An affected entity that, immediately before the commencement of this Act, was lawfully authorised to exploit a natural resource under this Act shall be considered to be authorised to conduct such exploitation under this Act.

(5) Despite subsection (4), an affected entity shall comply with the provisions this Act within two years of its commencement.

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

 (a) in the definition of the term "Cabinet Secretary" by deleting the word "mining" appearing immediately after the words "matters related to" and substituting therefor the words "finance";

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(b) by deleting the definition of the term "local community" and substituting therefor the following new definition—

"local community" means

- (a) people living in a ward within which a natural resource is situated; and
- (b) people displaced to make way for the exploitation of a natural resource;
- (c) by deleting the definition of the term "natural fund" and substituting therefor the following new definition—

"natural resources" means the natural resources provided under section 3 of this Act;

(d) by inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

"county executive committee member" means the county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to finance in the respective county;

No. 17 of "officer" has the meaning assigned to it under section 3 of the Companies Act;

LONG TITLE

THAT the Long Title to the Bill be amended by inserting the word "natural" immediately after the words "benefit sharing in".

B. *<u>THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS</u> <u>NO. 3 OF 2019)</u>

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

NOTICE is given that Sen. Mohamed M. Mahamud, Chairperson, Committee on Finance and Budget, intends to move the following amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, Senate Bills No. 3 of 2019, at the Committee Stage-

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended-

(a) in the proposed new section 160A by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsections-

(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the Council of County Governors, the Commission on Revenue Allocation, the Kenya Revenue Authority, develop a uniform county revenue collection system.

(1A) Every County Treasury shall adopt and implement the county revenue collection system developed under subsection (1) having regard to the particular needs of the respective county.

- (b) in the proposed new section 160B by inserting the words "the Controller of Budget, the Auditor-General" immediately after the words "National Treasury" appearing in subsection (2).
- (c) in the proposed new section 160C by-
 - (i) deleting the words "two years" appearing after the words "within a period of" and substituting therefor the words "one year" appearing in subsection (1); and
 - (ii) inserting the words "on the recommendation of the Senate and" immediately after the words "National Treasury may" appearing in the introductory phrase of subsection (2).

C. *<u>THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND DESIGNATED STATE</u> OFFICERS) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2018)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

(i) **NOTICE** is given that Sen. Johnson Sakaja, the Chairperson to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, intends to move the following amendments to the Retirement Benefits (Deputy President and Designated State Officers) Bill, 2018, at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 2

Amendme **THAT** the Bill be amended by deleting clause 2 and substituting nt of the following new clause—

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of Act No. 8 of 2015 Section 2 of the Retirement Benefits (Deputy President and Designated State Officers) Act, 2015, hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act", is amended by—

(a) inserting the following new definition immediately after the definition of the term "entitled person"—

"pensionable emoluments" means basic salary excluding housing, transport and any other allowances or fluctuating emoluments;

(b) deleting the definition of the term "retired vice president" and substituting therefor the following new definition—

"retired Vice-President" means a person who, having held the office of the Vice President at any time after 1st January, 1993, has ceased to hold office as such in the manner specified in the Constitution;

CLAUSE 7

THAT clause7 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the proposed new section 10 as subsection (1); and
- (b) inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1)—

(2) Where an entitled person has no surviving spouse or an eligible child the benefits payable shall form part of the estate of the deceased for administration.

CLAUSE 8

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 8.

CLAUSE 9

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 9.

CLAUSE 10

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 10.

NEW CLAUSE

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 7—

Amendment of **7A**. The First Schedule of the principal Act is amended in First Schedule paragraph (h) by deleting the word "two" appearing at the of Act No. 8 of beginning of the paragraph. 2015

(ii) NOTICE is given that Sen. Farhiya Ali Haji, intends to move the following amendments to the Retirement Benefits (Deputy President and Designated State Officers) (Amendment) Act, Senate Bills No. 2 of 2018, at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 5

THAT clause 5 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraphs after paragraph (a)-

(aa) in subsection (1) by deleting the word"four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word "five".

(ab) in subsection (1) by deleting the word"four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the word "five"

THAT the Bill be amended by introducing the following new clauses after clause 5

CLAUSE 5A

THAT section 5A of the Act be amended by-

- (a) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word "five".
- (b) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the word "five"

CLAUSE 5B

THAT section 5B of the Act be amended by-

- (a) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word "five".
- (b) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the word "five"

CLAUSE 5C

THAT section 6 of the Act be amended by-

- (a) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word "five".
- (b) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the word "five"

CLAUSE 5D

THAT section 7 of the Act be amended by-

- (a) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word "five".
- (b) deleting the word "four" appearing immediately after the words "once every" in paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the word "five"

D. *<u>THE KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE</u> <u>BILLS NO. 38 OF 2018)</u>

(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health, Senator Michael Mbito intends to move the following amendments to the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 38 of 2018) at the Committee Stage –

CLAUSE 4

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 4 of the Bill and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment **4.** Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting of section 4 subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following new of No. 20 of subsection—2013.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary may assist the Authority to determine the requirement of drugs and medical supplies in National Referral hospitals.

(2A) The County Government may assist the Authority to determine the requirement of drugs and medical supplies in the respective county health facilities.

NEW CLAUSE

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after clause 5 –

	5A. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 6—								
	Headquarters 6A . The headquarters of the Authority shall be in the capital city, but the Authority may establish such branches as it may consider necessary.								
Amendment of section 8 of No. 20 of 2013	 5B. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended— (a) in subsection (2) by deleting the words "or medicine" appearing at the end of paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the words "medicine, business management, finance, supply chain management, or any other related field from a recognized university"; 								

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- (b) in subsection (3) by deleting paragraph (b);
- (c) in subsection (4) by inserting the words "upon satisfactory performance" immediately after the words "four years and"

Insertion	of	5C.	The	principal	Act	is	amended	by	inserting	the
section	9A	following new section immediately after section 9-								

in No. 20 of 2013

Corporation Secretary

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9A. (1) There shall be a corporation secretary of the Authority who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Board.

(2) The terms and conditions of service of the corporation secretary shall be determined in the instrument of appointment by the Board upon the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

(3) A person is qualified for appointment under subsection (1) if the person—

- (a) holds a degree from a recognised university;
- (b) is registered as a Certified Public Secretary under the Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya Act;
- (c) is a member of good standing of the Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya;
- (d) has at least seven years' experience in a senior management administration; and
- (e) satisfies the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution.

(4) The Corporation Secretary shall be the secretary to the Board and shall

- (a) provide guidance to the Board on their duties and responsibilities and on matters of governance;
- (b) be the custodian of the seal of the organisation and account to the Board for its use;
- (c) ensure timely preparation and circulation of Board and Committee papers and minutes;
- (d) maintain and update the register of conflicts of interest;
- (e) facilitate effective communication between the organisation and the shareholders; and
- (f) ensure that the annual returns and statutory documents required to be filed under any other law are promptly filed with the relevant authorities.

Amendment **5D.** Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by of section 13 deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the of No. 20 of following new subsection—2013

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the Authority shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson and the chief executive officer and any document not required by law to be made under seal and all decisions of the Board may be authenticated by the signatures of both the chief executive officer and the corporation secretary.

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APPENDIX

1. PETITIONS

a) Report of Standing Committee on Health on the Petition by residents of West Pokot County concerning deteriorating healthcare services in West Pokot County.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

b) Petition by Residents of Kajiado County concerning siltation of Lake Magadi.

c) Petition to the Senate concerning the compensation to land owners affected by construction of the Kibwezi – Kitui- Kabati – Migwani (B7) road.

(The Deputy Speaker)

2. PAPERS

a) Report of the Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation on the visit to Machakos and Kajiado Counties.

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation)

b) Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the fact-finding tour of Kitui, Machakos and Kajiado Counties.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

3. NOTICE OF MOTION - FORMATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCATIONS TO AID IN MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES WITHIN COUNTIES

(Sen. (Arch.) Sylvia Kasanga, MP)

AWARE THAT, natural and forest resources prevent floods, droughts, erosion and sedimentation, and increase water supply needed to generate more power, expand farm productivity, and meet the ever-increasing demand for domestic consumption of our exploding population;

NOTING THAT, Article 69 of the Constitution and Section (5), (6) and (21) of the Forests Conservation and Management Act (FCMA) 2016 mandates National & County Governments with the responsibility of protecting, collaborating, maintaining, utilizing and attaining a tree cover of at least 10% of the land area in Kenya;

APPRECIATING THAT, there is need to achieve a holistic ecosystem approach to forest resource management, so as to prevent irreversible consequences of human activities on the environment, it is time to make an urgent call upon our citizenry to actively participate in the protection of forests and plant trees;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate urges:

- 1. THAT, all Citizens as per Article 69(2) of the Constitution, and Sections 48 52 of the Forest Conservations Management Act be encouraged through the relevant National Government ministries and County departments to contribute in formation of Community Forest Associations to expedite Community Participation in Forest Resources Management;
- 2. THAT, the National Government and all the 47 County Governments operationalize Tax & Fiscal Incentives (as per FCMA Section 53 55) to promote forest conservation and management, and prevent degradation of tree cover in Public, Private and Community Lands (as measures of ensuring sustainability);
- 3. THAT the National Government communicates progress towards establishment of a National Tree Planting Week, so that State Agencies, Corporations and Kenyans can adequately prepare for the event;
- 4. THAT all County Assemblies initiate processes of enacting legislation on Forestry Functions for County Governments (As per FCMA Section 21).
