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TUESDAY: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of
10/09/2019 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

- A. ***THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILD PARENTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 11 OF 2019)**
(Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)
(First Reading)
- B. *****THE STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (NO. 2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 13 OF 2018)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)
(Second Reading)
- C. ******THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2019)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)
(Second Reading)
- D. ***THE CONTROL OF STRAY DOGS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2019)**
(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)
(Second Reading)
- E. ***THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2019)**
(Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, MP)
(Second Reading)
- F. **MOTION - CREATION OF SUPPORT SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISCIPLINED FORCES & 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 post-traumatic 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.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 7th August, 2019)
(Balance of Time – 2 hours 29 minutes)*

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

(Sen. Charles Kiburu, 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.

H. 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 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.

I. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY: **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills and Business that is not concluded on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019.**
11/09/2019

A. *THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2019)

(Sen. Dr. Isaac Mwaura, MP)

(First Reading)

B. *THE KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2019)

(Sen. (Dr.) Gertrude Musuruve, MP and Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP)

(First Reading)

C. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE NATURAL RESOURCES (BENEFIT SHARING) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 31 OF 2018)**

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019)
(Division)

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2019)**

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 31st July, 2019)
(Division)

E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND DESIGNATED STATE OFFICERS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2018)**

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

F. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2018)**

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

G. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 38 OF 2018)**

(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)

H. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2019)**

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

I. Any Other Business

THURSDAY: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of
12/09/2019 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills and Business that is not concluded
 on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019 and Wednesday, 11th September, 2019.

A. MOTION –REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE 50TH SESSION OF AFRICAN CARIBBEAN PARLIAMENTARY (ACP) ASSEMBLY AND THE 35TH SESSION OF THE ACP – EU JOINT PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP)

THAT, this House notes the Report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the 50th Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and the 35th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Brussels, Belgium, from 13th to 20th June, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 20th February, 2019; and the Reports of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to

the 51st Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and the Inter-Sessional Meetings of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Brussels, Belgium, from 9th to 11th October, 2018 and the 52nd Session of the ACP Parliamentary Assembly and the 36th Session of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly held in Cotonou, Benin, from 25th November to 5th December, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 8th August, 2019.

B. MOTION –REPORTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE GLOBAL SUMMIT ON OPEN GOVERNANCE PARTNERSHIP

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, this House notes the Reports of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation on the Global Open Governance Partnership Summits held in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 17th to 19th July, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 20th February, 2019, and in Ottawa, Canada, from 29th to 30th May, 2019, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 11th July, 2019.

C. MOTION - REPORTS OF THE SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE FOURTH PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT AND THE FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

THAT, this House notes the Reports of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Fourth Pan- African Parliament held in Midrand, South Africa, from 7th to 18th May, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 24th July, 2018; and, the First Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Pan African Parliament held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 18th October to 3rd November, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 12th March, 2019.

D. MOTION - REPORT ON THE THIRD STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION (FP-ICGLR)

(Sen. Samuel Poghisio, MP)

THAT, this House notes the Report on the 3rd Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Regional Integration and Natural Resources of the Forum of Parliaments of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) held in Bujumbura, Burundi, from 13th to 14th March, 2019, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019.

E. MOTION- REPORTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND RELATED MEETINGS.

(Sen. Susan Kihika, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the reports of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 14th to 18th October, 2018, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 6th December, 2018, and the 140th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related

meetings held in Doha, State of Qatar from 6th to 10th April, 2019, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 23rd July, 2019.

F. MOTION – REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP 24).

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 24) held in Katowice, Poland, from 3rd to 14th December, 2018, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 25th July, 2019.

KEY

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