



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 01, 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 Speaker.
3. **STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 48(1)**
 - (i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Farhiya Ali, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding flights arriving into Kenya from Mogadishu, Somalia.
 - (ii) The Senator for Lamu County (Sen. Anwar Loitiptip, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation regarding the economic benefits of the LAPPSET project to residents of Lamu County.
 - (iii) The Senator for Lamu County (Sen. Anwar Loitiptip, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding remuneration of police reservists.
4. **MOTION - THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20**
(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, pursuant to Section 17 of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 183 of the Senate, this House approves the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2019/2020, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Establishment of Children's Homes Bill (Senate Bills No. 12 of 2019). be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani - 25.09.2019)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 25th September 2019 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Raising a point of order Nominated Senator (Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, MP) requested that the putting of the question be deferred to a later date pursuant to Standing Order 61(3).

And the Deputy Speaker, acceding to the request, nominated Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 as the date when the Question shall be put.

6. **THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2019)**

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization)

Order deferred.

7. **THE STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (NO. 2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 13 OF 2018)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP – 19.09.2019)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 24th September 2019 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 79, the Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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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;

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9. **MOTION - ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP)

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT county health facilities, and the promotion of primary health care are devolved functions, and each county government is striving to offer the best healthcare to the people of Kenya;

COGNIZANT THAT, the provision of healthcare services is continuously riddled with numerous challenges ranging from understaffing of personnel to inadequate facilities and equipment resulting in congestion in hospitals further restricting effective service delivery;

NOTING THAT every Kenyan has a right to affordable and accessible healthcare, and the President has launched a pilot universal health care program called “Afya Care” that will see many Kenyans access improved healthcare;

CONCERNED THAT, the diverse nature of counties and wanting infrastructural development is compromising the quality and accessibility of health centres especially during emergency situations, resulting in the loss of many lives occasioned by the failure by patients to reach health facilities in time;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in each county there are numerous unemployed community health workers who are adept at working with communities in emergency situations, and have the requisite experience to support the medical practitioners in our country where, according to the World Health Organization 2014 report, there are two (2) doctors for every ten thousand (10,000) people;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Council of Governors in partnership with the Ministry of Health –

1. Develop a policy for the training, certification and employment of community health workers to enhance the emergency health service delivery in the Counties, and
2. Facilitate the said community health workers with the necessary basic equipment for use during emergency cases.

Order deferred.

10. **MOTION - FORMATION OF COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATIONS TO AID IN MANAGEMENT OF FOREST RESOURCES WITHIN COUNTIES**

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

Order read;

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;

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).

Order deferred.

And there being no other Business, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate at Forty-Seven minutes past Four O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at Forty-Seven Minutes past Four O'clock

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair,
on Wednesday, October 02, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.*