



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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. **STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 48(1)**

The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on the delay by the Kenya Meat Commission (KMC) in payment of livestock suppliers.

4. **THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILD PARENTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 11 OF 2019)**
(Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

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 –

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

(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP – 17.10.2019)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 17th October, 2019 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 79(1), the Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY:

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6. **MOTION - ADOPTION OF REPORT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS ON ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments on the Inquiry into the Financial Operations of Baringo, Busia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Embu, Kajiado, Kericho, Kilifi, Kirinyaga, Kisii, Kwale, Lamu, Makueni, Marsabit, Meru, Nakuru, Narok, Nyamira, Uasin Gishu, Vihiga and West Pokot Counties for Financial year 2014/2015 (1st July, 2014 to 30th June, 2015), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 9th October, 2019.

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. **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, October 23, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.*