



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker
4. **QUESTIONS**

The following Questions were asked –

- (i) **Question No.486/2019** by the Member for Baringo County (Hon. Gladwell Cheuiyot) regarding what measure the Ministry has put in place to reinforce the walls of the Mpechot Water Pan;

(To be replied by the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation before the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resource)

- (ii) **Question No.487/2019** by the Member for Teso South (Hon. Geoffrey Omuse) regarding steps being taken to ensure that the open quarries and excavations dug out during the construction for Busia-Malaba road are filled;

(To be replied by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development before the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing)

- (iii) **Question No.488/2019** by the Member for Kajido Central (Hon. Elija Memusi) regarding the status of compensation of persons affected by the ongoing construction of Isinya-Namanga transmission line;

(To be replied by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy before the Departmental Committee on Energy)

5. **MOTION - REGISTRATION OF FARMERS AND FORMATION OF AGRI-BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR IMPROVED BENEFITS AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that farmers in Kenya are least organized into Associations, following the collapse of the Agricultural Cooperatives; further aware that, the Crops Act, 2013 provides for registration of farmers so as to establish who they are and what they produce; noting that Government's efforts to establish farmers' organizations have ended up delivering short-lived and unsustainable initiative-based groups which fizzle out soon after their formation; further noting that the best way to organize farmers is through their organizations; appreciating that the best suited organization to undertake farmers' registration is the Kenya National Farmers' Federation which has both experience and capacity; further noting that through organized farmers, farming will be more beneficial in terms of volumes, lowered cost of production and improving organized raw material supply to industry; realizing that organizing farmers into Agri-business entities is a costly undertaking which calls for Government support, and acknowledging that through organized production systems, the country will achieve the Big 4 faster and also create more and better jobs in the Agricultural Value Chains; this House urges the Government to facilitate and support the Kenya National Farmers' Federation to mobilize and organize the registration of farmers into preferred entities and manage national farmers' database for use in engagements and sustainable management of the various Agricultural Product Value Chains.

(Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga- 30.10.2019)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the 2nd Chairperson)

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day.

6. **THE EQUALISATION FUND BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.43 OF 2019)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the Equalisation Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No.43 of 2019) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Kassait Kamket)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson)

(Change of Chair from the Fourth Chairperson to the Second Chairperson)

And the time being One o'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One o'clock—

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.