



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS (MORNING SITTING)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 AT 10:00 AM**

1. The Senate assembled at Ten O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof) Margaret Kamar, MP).
3. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PASSAGE OF THE EQUALIZATION FUND BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 43 OF 2019)**

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof) Margaret Kamar, MP) conveyed the following message from the National Assembly:-

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (3) and (4), I have received the following message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage of the Equalization Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 43 of 2019).

Pursuant to the said Standing Orders, I now report the Message-

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Orders 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly –*

*WHEREAS the Equalization Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 43 of 2019) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 87 of 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 as a Bill concerning county governments in terms of Article 110 (1) of the Constitution seeking to operationalize the Equalization Fund as established under Article 204 of the Constitution and create a framework for provision of services to marginalized areas;*

*AND WHEREAS the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill on Wednesday, May 06, 2020 with amendments in the form attached hereto;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Order 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the said Bill to the Senate for consideration.”*

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 157 which requires that a Bill originating in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order 139, I direct that the Bill be listed for First Reading on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020.

I thank you.”

4. **PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate-

- (i) The Railway City Development Authority Order, Legal Notice No. 88 of 2020; and

*(The Senate Deputy Majority Leader)*

- (ii) Report of the Ad-Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Situation in Kenya on the Pandemic Response and Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 6 of 2020)

*(Chairperson, Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 Situation in Kenya)*

5. **STATEMENTS**

**a) Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)**

The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. George Khaniri, MP) made a statement on food security in the country and government support to farmers.

The Senator drew the attention of the Senate to the fact that Kenya, like most African countries was blessed with land and a favorable climatic condition for agriculture. However, food was very expensive in the country and most families go hungry. This situation has been due to the fact that over the years, the government had neglected the sector and failed to provide the right policies and offer initiatives to both large and small scale farmers.

The Senator noted that the current COVID - 19 pandemic had greatly affected the supply chain worldwide and acknowledged that the bread-basket regions of the Rift Valley, cattle herders and fishermen had the potential and will to produce the required food but lacked government support.

In conclusion, the Senator echoed the need for the government to support Kenyans by having the right policy and actual interventions to ensure that they have basic needs now and in the future. He added that this could be achieved by ensuring that tomorrow food is planted today.

**b) Pursuant to Standing Order 48(1)**

- i. The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the directive by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries that it will no longer purchase maize from local farmers.
- ii. The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Education concerning the welfare and emoluments of 103 teachers deployed in Kitui County to serve as Deputy Principals in various schools.

The Temporary Speaker, (Sen. (Prof) Margaret Kamar, MP) subsequently redirected the statement to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

6. **THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 6 OF 2020)**

(Chairperson, Ad-hoc Committee on COVID-19 Situation in Kenya)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020)***  
***(Division)***

Order deferred.

7. **THE SACCO SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 1 OF 2018)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020)***  
***(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019)***  
***(Division)***

Order deferred.

9. **THE NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 26 OF 2019)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

10. **THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2019)**

Order for Second Reading Read;

Motion made;

THAT, the Reproductive Healthcare Bill (Senate Bills No. 23 of 2019) be now Read a Second Time.

*(Sen. Susan Kihika, MP)*

And the time being thirty Minutes past Twelve O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof) Margaret Kamar, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty Minutes past Twelve O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.*

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