



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION
THE SENATE
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRAYERS

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. **PETITIONS**

- i) Pursuant to Standing Order 230(2)(a), the Senator for Trans-Nzoia County (Sen. (Dr.) Michael Mbiti, MP), presented to the Senate, on behalf of Mr. Joseph Mikolela and others, a Petition concerning the plight of seed farmers in Trans-Nzoia County.

Pursuant to Standing Order 231, the Speaker invited Senators to comment on the Petition and, subsequently, committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, pursuant to Standing Order 232.

- ii) Pursuant to Standing Order 232(2), the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources presented to the Senate the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Ms. Carol Karuga, Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), regarding the state of affairs at land registries, and the frequent closures of the Central and Nairobi Land Registries.

4. **ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 34 TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE RELATING TO THE ADVICE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO H.E THE PRESIDENT TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT UNDER ARTICLE 261 (7)**

Raising a point of order, the Senator for Narok County (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP) sought leave to move a Motion for the adjournment of the Senate to discuss a definite matter of urgent national importance, namely the advice by the Chief Justice to H.E the President to dissolve Parliament under Article 261 (7) of the Constitution, as read with Articles 27 (3) & (8), 81(b) and 100, based on the failure by Parliament to enact the legislation required to implement the two-thirds gender rule.

And there being the requisite number of Senators rising in support of the claim;

Thereupon, the Speaker directed that the Motion be moved at Thirty Minutes past Four O'clock on the same day.

5. **SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS TO ENABLE SENATORS TO BE BRIEFED ON THE ADVICE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO H.E THE PRESIDENT TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT UNDER ARTICLE 261(7) OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Raising a Point of Order, the Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) requested the Speaker to suspend the proceedings to allow Senators to consult on the advice by the Chief Justice to H.E the President to dissolve Parliament under Article 261(7) of the Constitution based on the failure by Parliament to enact the legislation required to implement the two-thirds gender rule.

And the Speaker, acceding to the request suspended the proceedings at Ten Minutes past Three O'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 1.

6. **SENATE RESUMED** - at twenty-five minutes past Four O'clock.

7. **STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 48 (1)**

Nominated Senator (Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the state of affairs at the Pumwani Maternity Hospital in Nairobi County.

8. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 34 ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE RELATING TO THE ADVICE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO H.E THE PRESIDENT TO DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT UNDER ARTICLE 261 (7) AS READ WITH ARTICLES 27 (3) & (8), 81(B) AND 100 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Senate do now adjourn to discuss a definite matter of urgent national importance, namely the advise by the Chief Justice to have the President dissolve Parliament pursuant to Article 261 (7) of the Constitution.

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Dr.) Isaac Mwaura, MP) adjourned the Senate at ten minutes past Six O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. **SENATE ROSE** – at Six Minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.*