



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 03, 2020 AT 2.30 P.M.

PRAYERS

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions (as listed in the Appendix)
5. Papers (as listed in the Appendix)
6. Notices of Motion (as listed in the Appendix)
7. Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
8. **MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE NINTH PROGRESS REPORT OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON THE COVID-19 SITUATION IN KENYA**
(Chairperson, Ad-hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Situation in Kenya)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Ninth Progress Report of the Ad-hoc Committee on the COVID-19 Situation in Kenya, laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 29th September, 2020.

9. **MOTION - RECOGNIZING AND APPRECIATING THE ELDERLY BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**
(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP)

THAT, AWARE that in 2006, the National Government initiated the Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT) Programme, popularly known as *Pesa ya Wazee*, which is an unconditional cash transfer programme to destitute elderly persons above the age of 65 years to cater for their subsistence needs;

NOTING THAT the beneficiaries receive a monthly stipend of Kshs. 2,000, delivered every two months through appointed payment agents, and also entitled to medical insurance through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF);

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CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT the programme’s credibility is marred by issues of delayed payments to beneficiaries, difficulties in processing of payments through the stipulated agents and payments to unregistered persons;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate recommends that the County Governments complement the efforts of the National Government and assist in resolving these challenges by:-

1. Developing legislation and policies to protect the elderly including ensuring all elderly persons in their counties are registered in the OPCT programme; and
2. Organise value addition mechanisms such as financial training to help the beneficiaries of the programme to efficiently utilise this allowance.

10. **MOTION – OPERATIONALIZATION OF SECTION 46 OF THE BASIC EDUCATION ACT, 2013**

(Sen. (Dr.) Gertrude Musuruve, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Section 46 of the Basic Education Act, 2013 mandates the county education boards to provide for Education Assessment and Research Centres (EARCs), including a special needs service in identified clinics in the respective counties.

FURTHER AWARE, THAT the functions of the EARCs as provided by the Act include; the study of children with special education needs within the county; the giving of advice to parents and teachers as to appropriate methods of education for such children; in suitable cases, provision for the special education needs of such children in the identified clinics; and, the giving of advice to county education boards regarding the assessment of the needs of any child under special needs education for purposes of any of the provisions of the Basic Education Act, 2013.

NOTING THAT, given the critical role EARCs play in assessment, placement and early intervention of children with special needs, EARCs countrywide are currently in a dilapidated and dysfunctional state.

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate calls upon the county governments to operationalize Section 46 of the Basic Education Act, 2013 by:

1. Ensuring that EARCs in the respective counties are fully furnished and adequately staffed; and
2. Working in tandem with the National Government to develop a national policy on EARCs that will define the expected service delivery in accordance with internationally set standards and regulate the terms of employment for the staff.

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11. MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (DEFECTS LIABILITY) REGULATIONS, 2020.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation)

THAT, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation on its inquiry into the operationalization of National Construction Authority (Defects Liability) Regulations, 2020, laid on the table of the Senate, on Thursday, 24th September, 2020.

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NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 18th February, 2020 as follows:-

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner:-

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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APPENDIX

1. PETITION

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Simon L. Kilonga and Mr. Olonana D. Oletulet concerning alleged corruption and embezzlement of funds in the Narok County Government, in respect of award of tenders.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

2. PAPERS

- i) The Annual County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the FY 2019/2020;
- ii) The 2020 Budget Review and Outlook Paper for the FY 2021/2022 and Medium Term Budget;
- iii) Sessional Paper No. 2 of 2020 on the proposed Veterinary Policy; and
- iv) Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2020 on the proposed Livestock Policy.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

3. NOTICE OF MOTION – PARKING CHARGES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OFFERING ESSENTIAL SERVICES

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

AWARE THAT, many urban areas and towns in Kenya lack designated car parking areas as a result of imbalance between parking supply and demand mainly due to ineffective land use planning and miscalculations of space requirements, thereby leading to exorbitant parking fees;

NOTING that, most essential services offered in hospitals, educational institutions and other public utilities are offered in urban centers, shopping malls and other designated areas that charge parking fees to access;

ACKNOWLEDGING, that whether they are delivered by public or private providers, essential services such as health, banking, education and other utilities are considered to be public services because they are public goods that sustain the well-being of every citizen and help in the development of the society as a whole;

CONCERNED, that access to hospitals, educational institutions and other places offering essential services might be hindered due to exorbitant parking fees levied on motorists accessing these services;

FURTHER CONCERNED, that charging entry fees amount to double taxation as the motorists who would have paid the parking fees will still pay for the services they seek;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning together with the Council of Governors to come up with a policy framework to create an enabling environment for protection of motorists accessing essential services from paying exorbitant fees for parking.

4. STATEMENTS

a) Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator, (Sen. Petronilla Were, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation on the procurement irregularities, and governance malpractices at the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA).
- ii) Nominated Senator, (Sen. (Dr.) Gertrude Musuruve, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the state of affairs in schools in Lugari Constituency, Kakamega County.

b) Pursuant to Standing Order 51 (1) (b)

- i) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
- ii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
- iii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
