



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 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
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.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 3rd November 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 *PesayaWazee*, 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, 24thSeptember, 2020.

12. **MOTION- REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE 141ST ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND RELATED MEETINGS, HELD IN BELGRADE, SERBIA FROM 13TH TO 17TH OCTOBER, 2019**

(Sen. Susan Kihika, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the 141st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, held in Belgrade, Serbia, from 13th to 17th October, 2019 laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 4th March, 2020.

13. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE 5TH PARLIAMENT OF THE PAN – AFRICAN PARLIAMENT HELD FROM 7TH TO 18TH OCTOBER, 2019, IN MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA.**

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

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Third Ordinary Session of the 5th Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament held from 7th to 18th October, 2019 in Midrand, South Africa.

14. **MOTION – ALLOCATION BY COUNTIES OF AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF THEIR BUDGET ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (ECDE) TOWARDS VULNERABLE GROUPS IN THE COUNTIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY TO INCORPORATE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE LESS THAN THREE YEARS OF AGE**

(Sen. (Dr.) Alice Milgo, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, Constitution of Kenya (Article 53) affirms that children have basic rights, including the right to education, nutrition, shelter, health care and parental care, provisions that are aligned with those cited in both the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Africa Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, to which Kenya is a signatory;

CONCERNED THAT, the current status of day care facilities in the Country are not child friendly or habitable and there is need to bridge this gap to capture the play group class in the new 2-6-3-3-3 curriculum that is replacing the 32-year-old 8-4-4 system;

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ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, most parents lack access to quality daycare facilities, which would provide a safe and stimulating environment to take care of their children while they are at work;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges that County Governors in conjunction with the Ministry of Education to ensure that:

1. Counties allocate at least 10 percent of their budget on Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) towards this vulnerable group; and,
2. Policy is developed to incorporate the needs of children who are less than three years of age.

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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.

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. PAPER

The Salaries and Remuneration Commission Annual Report for the Financial Year 2018/2019

(The Senate Majority Leader)

3. STATEMENTS

a) Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1)

- i) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. George Khaniri, MP), to make a statement on the preservation of national and cultural heritage and revenue generation from the same.
- ii) The Senator for Trans Nzoia County (Sen. Michael Mbito, MP) to make a statement concerning enforcement of rules and regulations to remove toxic paints from Kenya.

b) 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) The Senator for Kericho County (Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding alleged non-payment of COVID-19 claims by the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) and private medical insurance companies.
- iii) The Senator for Wajir County (Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding security checks conducted at the Wilson Airport on passengers arriving from the Wajir Airport.

- iv) The Senator for Lamu County (Sen. Anuar Loiptip, MP), to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation regarding the lack of exploitation of maritime job opportunities by the youth residing in the coastal region of the country.
- v) Nominated Senator (Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the resumption of sporting activities in the country.
- vi) Nominated Senator (Sen. (CPA.) Farhiya Haji, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the drought situation of counties in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL).
- vii) The Senator for Wajir County (Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ibrahim Ali, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation regarding the tarmacking of Wajir ring road (Four Mile Road).
- viii) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP), kuomba taarifa kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu la Leba na Ustawi wa Jamii kuhusu kuteuliwa kwa Mkurugenzi Mkuu wa Mamlaka ya Kitaifa ya Bahari.
- ix) Nominated Senator (Sen. Petronilla Were, MP), to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization concerning alleged monopolistic tendencies by the East Africa Breweries Limited (EABL) in beer packaging.

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

- i) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
- ii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
- iii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation to make a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
