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16/02/2021 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

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*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021)  
(Division)*

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(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments)

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**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;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT,** most working parents lack quality Day care facilities, as the playgroup is a safe place for them to take their children while they are at work;

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18/02/2021

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## **B. MOTION – FAST TRACKING CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNTIES**

(Sen. (Arch.) Sylvia Kasanga, MP)

**WHEREAS** Kenya is a multi-ethnic and multi-racial country with rich and diverse cultural resources such as traditional medicine and foods, arts, craft, music, dances, dress among others;

**AWARE THAT**, the Constitution, in its preamble acknowledges the cultural diversity of the Kenyan people who are determined to live in peace and unity as one indivisible sovereign nation whilst, Article 11 of the Kenyan Constitution recognizes culture as the foundation of the nation;

**NOTING** that, while the Department of Culture under the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage has been playing some of the key roles in promotion of cultural integration, formulation of policies and standards that will guide the development of culture, little information has been available to the Kenyan public;

**ACKNOWLEDGING**, that culture performs a significant role in the life of a child, the cultural background in which a child is brought up affects the totality of his or her life's activities;

**CONCERNED**, that our children are losing their sense of identity due to the negative influences due to inadequate cultural identity catalyzed by globalization which has led to catastrophic consequences to the next generation as experienced in our country where a majority of young people are showing symptoms of feeling suicidal, anxious, feeling of hopelessness, anger, violence, feeling isolated, and paranoia;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate urges the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage to –

- a) Formulate cultural development policies and initiatives to inculcate stronger community values, safeguard Kenya's heritage, recognize local heroes and promote socio-cultural opportunities in the counties; and
- b) Formulate strategies to create an enabling environment for protection and promotion of diversity of cultural expressions in all counties.

## **C. 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.

#### D. Any Other Business

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#### KEY

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