



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

1. The House assembled at Ten O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker

4. **QUESTIONS**

a) The following Questions were asked -

- (i) Question No.214/2020 by the Member for Nyeri County (Hon. Rahab Mukami) regarding benefits realized by the government and Kenya Airways;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works before the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public Works)

- (ii) Question No.259/2020 by the Member for Kesses (Hon. Swarup Mishra) regarding lifting the ban on logging the forests by the prequalified saw millers;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Environment and Natural Resources before the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources)

- (iii) Question No.340/2020 by the Member for Sirisia (Hon. John Waluke) regarding demarcating the administrative boundary for Changara location in Western region;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government before the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security)

- (iv) Question No.344/2020 by the Member for Nyando (Hon. Jared Okelo) regarding rehabilitation of roads in Nyando constituency;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works before the Departmental Committee on Transport and Public Works)

- (v) Question No.346/2020 by the Member for Butula (Hon. Joseph Oyula) regarding ownership of L.R. No. Marach/Elukhari/752;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Lands before the Departmental Committee on Lands)

- (vi) Question No.347/2020 by the Member for Kasipul (Hon. Charles Were) regarding emission of toxic dust in Akech and Katanga villages by M/s China City Construction Company;

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Environment and Natural Resources before the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources)

- b) The following Question was deferred-

- Question No.354/2020 by the Member for Starehe (Hon. Charles Njagua) regarding sufficient food and relief items which are kept in stock for emergencies.

5. **STATEMENTS**

- (i) The Member for Konoin (Hon. Leonard Brighton Yegon), requested a Statement from the Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding redundancy of employees in the Tea Industry, particularly *Finlays Tea Company*.
- (ii) The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security issued a statement regarding dropping of questions under consideration by the Committee pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42C(5).

6. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE CENTRES IN ALL CIVIL REGISTRATION CENTRES IN THE COUNTRY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that the Constitution and the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, 2011 provide that every citizen is entitled to any document of registration or identification issued by the State to citizens including a birth certificate; further aware that, Article 53(2) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that a child's best interests are of paramount importance in every matter concerning the child; cognizant of the fact that, issuance of birth certificates during civil registration associated with children is a challenge across the country due to among other issues, missing information for the parents and children as a result missing and improper documentations, damaged manual documents, and lack of registration of children born outside hospital environments; deeply concerned over the delays and long queues at civil registration centres and the challenges affecting registration of children by the Ministry of Education using the National Education Management Information System (NEMIS) in the Country; **this House urges** the Government to establish database centres in all Civil Registration Centres for purposes of storing all the necessary information required for issuance of birth certificates to all children and puts in place administrative mechanisms to ensure that every child is automatically issued with a birth certificate before the child attains the age of three years.

(Hon. Mary Wamaua (Maragua Constituency))

Debate interrupted on Thursday, November 5, 2020 resumed;

Move replied;

Question deferred to another day.

7. **MOTION – PROVISION OF ASSISTIVE DEVICES AND REQUIRED MEDICAL ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that according to the World Health Organization, an estimated 15 percent of the world's population live with some form of disability or different ability, with 80 percent of them living in developing countries; further aware that in Kenya, approximately 6.5 million people live with some form of disability out of whom, nearly 3.8 million are women and girls, while approximately 85 percent of the total number live in abject poverty; concerned that a majority of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) face numerous challenges including being denied their fundamental rights and freedoms including the right to education and opportunities to work, virtually guaranteeing that they will live their lives in poverty which often exacerbates their vulnerability and dependency on other people, assistive devices and critical medical items and requirements; deeply concerned that lack of these devices, medical items and requirements makes it impossible for PWDs to live normal and dignified lives; this House **urges** the National Government to provide assistive devices and required medical items and requirements free of charge to Persons with Disabilities at the Constituency level through government hospitals or any other government body and to put in place mechanisms for replacement of worn-out devices to enable them live a dignified life, be more productive and to coexist with other people in the society.

(Hon. Dennitah Ghati)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Third Chairperson)

Amendment proposed--

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the Motion be amended by

- a) deletion of the word “urges” appearing immediately after the phrase “this House” appearing in line 14 and replace it with the words “resolves that”;
- b) deletion of the word “to” appearing immediately before the phrase “provides assistive devices” appearing in line 14 and replace it with the words “through a planned progressive programme” and
- c) deletion of the word “provide” appearing immediately before the phrase “assistive devices” appearing in line 14 and replace it with the word “provides”

(Hon. James Nyikal, (Member for Seme))

Debate on the amendment arising;

And the time being one minute past One O'clock, the Third Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. **HOUSE ROSE** - at one minute past One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.