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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2021 AT 2.30 P.M.

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

3. STATEMENTS

a) <u>Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)</u>

(i) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua Nderitu, MP) made a statement on an issue of general topical concern concerning the incessant insecurity caused by banditry in Laikipia County.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that bandits have taken over in Ol-Moran area of Laikipia County and that they are visiting terror on innocent residents with impunity. The Senator informed the House that in the last one month, several people have been killed, over 40 families have been displaced and an unknown number of cattle had been stolen due to insecurity in the region. Further, the Senator stated that tension in Ol-Moran was high with villagers fleeing their homes following weekend attacks that saw armed bandits torch more than 50 houses in Kisii Ndogo village.

The Senator stated that government response needed to be beefed up in Laikipa County as residents continued to bear the brunt of the bandit attacks. The Senator observed that since the withdrawal of the home-based National Police Reserve (NPR), the security situation had deteriorated in the affected parts of the County.

In conclusion, he called upon the government to make more strategic and tangible interventions including provision of relief services such as food, shelter and clothing, to the thousands of displaced residents, who were seeking refuge at Ol-Moran Catholic and Deliverance Churches. Following concerns raised by Senators, the Deputy Speaker referred the statement to the Standing Committee on National Security, Defense and Foreign Relations for consideration.

(ii) The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) issued a statement of general topical importance, concerning the drought situation in the country.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that in July, 2021, the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) declared drought a national disaster. The Authority highlighted 12 drought-affected counties which are Turkana, Mandera, Garissa, Wajir, Baringo, Kilifi, Tana River, Kwale, Marsabit, Kitui, Kajiado and Isiolo Counties. As a result, the Senator noted that more than 2 million people were facing starvation, with cases of inter-communal, resource-based conflicts reported owing to dwindling pasture and water.

The Senator highlighted that the drought situation in Kitui County was dire and was taking a big toll on the people, especially school going children, women, the elderly, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and livestock. The Senator expressed concern that it was time for both the national and county governments, particularly the Kitui County Government, to put in place measures to provide food assistance and cash transfers targeting food-insecure households.

In conclusion he urged the National Assembly to prioritize the passage of the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2020) to ensure a legal framework for continued cultivation of the drought resistant crop.

(b) Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Judith Pareno, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the incessant human-elephant conflict in Najile area of Ewuaso Kidong, Olokiringi'a and Sairashie in Kajiado County.
- ii) The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the state of healthcare in public hospitals in Kitui County.

(c) Pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

The Senate Majority Whip issued a Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday 14th September, 2021.

4. **PAPER**

The following paper was laid on the Table of the Senate -

Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday 14th September, 2021.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

5. MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial year 2021/2022, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th September, 2021, and that pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 183 (3), the Senate approves the County Governments Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2021/2022.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget – 07.09.2021)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 resumed on a Division;

The Deputy Speaker, directed that roll call division be taken pursuant to Standing Order 83 (1), and in line with the further Guidelines issued by the Speaker for Senate plenary and Committee sittings during the Covid-19 pandemic situation dated 17th April, 2020, and that the Divison bell be rung for three minutes;

After the expiry of three minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the doors be locked and the bars be drawn;

The names of the Tellers were annouced as follows;

- 1. Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP AYES
- 2. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP NOES

The Deputy Speaker put the Question and directed the Clerk to call out the names of Senators in alphabetical order;

The results of the Division were as follows:-

AYES - 29

NOES - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

AYES

- 1. Sen. Boy Issa Juma- voted virtually
- 2. Sen. Cherakey Samson Kiprotich
- 3. Sen. Haji Abdul Mohammed- voted virtually
- 4. Sen. Hargura Godana
- 5. Sen. Kamar Margaret Jepkoech
- 6. Sen. Khaniri George
- 7. Sen. Kibiru Charles Reubenson
- 8. Sen. Kihika Susan Wakarura
- 9. Sen. Kimani Wamatangi Paul
- 10. Sen. Langat Christopher Andrew
- 11. Sen. Lelegwe Ltumbesi- voted virtually
- 12. Sen. Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru
- 13. Sen. Mahamud Mohamed Maalim
- 14. Sen. Mbito Michael Maling'a- voted virtually
- 15. Sen. Mbogo George Ochilo Ayacko
- 16. Sen. Seneta Mary Yiane- on behalf of the Kajiado County delegation
- 17. Sen. Murkomen Onesimus Kipchumba
- 18. Sen. Muthama Agnes Kavindu
- 19. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Junior- voted virtually
- 20. Sen. Mwaruma Johnes Mwashushe
- 21. Sen. Mwinyihaji Mohamed Faki- voted virtually
- 22. Sen. Nderitu John Kinyua
- 23. Sen. Ndwiga Peter Njeru
- 24. Sen. Olekina Ledama- voted virtually
- 25. Sen. Ongeri Samson Kegengo voted virtually
- 26. Sen. Outa Fredrick Otieno voted virtually
- 27. Sen. Poghisio Samuel Lesuron- voted virtually
- 28. Sen. Omanga Millicent- on behalf of the Nairobi County delegation
- 29. Sen. Wambua Enoch Kiio

Question <u>agreed to</u>.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial year 2021/2022, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th September, 2021, and that pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 183 (3), the Senate approves the County Governments Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2021/2022.

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6. <u>THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS GRANTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 35 OF</u> 2021)

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2021) be now read a Second Time.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget – 08.09.2021)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 resumed on a Division;

The Deputy Speaker, directed that roll call division be taken pursuant to Standing Order 83 (1), and in line with the further Guidelines issued by the Speaker for Senate plenary and Committee sittings during the Covid-19 pandemic situation dated 17th April, 2020, and that the Divison bell be rung for three minutes;

After the expiry of three minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the doors be locked and the bars be drawn;

The names of the Tellers were annouced as follows;

- 1. Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP AYES
- 2. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP NOES

The Deputy Speaker put the Question and directed the Clerk to call out the names of Senators in alphabetical order;

The results of the Division were as follows:-

AYES - 33

NOES - O

ABSTENTION - 0

AYES -

- 1. Sen. Halake Abshiro Soka voted virtually on behalf of the Isiolo County delegation
- 2. Sen. Boy Issa Juma- voted virtually
- 3. Sen. Cherakey Samson Kiprotich
- 4. Sen. Haji Abdul Mohammed- voted virtually
- 5. Sen. Hargura Godana
- 6. Sen. Kajwang' Moses Otieno- voted virtually
- 7. Sen. Kamar Margaret Jepkoech
- 8. Sen. Khaniri George
- 9. Sen. Kibiru Charles Reubenson
- 10. Sen. Kihika Susan Wakarura
- 11. Sen. Kimani Wamatangi Paul

- 12. Sen. Kirinyaga Ephraim Mwangi Maina voted virtually
- 13. Sen. Langat Christopher Andrew
- 14. Sen. Lelegwe Ltumbesi- voted virtually
- 15. Sen. Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru
- 16. Sen. Mahamud Mohamed Maalim
- 17. Sen. Mbito Michael Maling'a- voted virtually
- 18. Sen. Mbogo George Ochilo Ayacko
- 19. Sen. Moi Gideon Kipsielei Towett- voted virtually
- 20. Sen. Seneta Mary Yiane- on behalf of the Kajiado County delegation
- 21. Sen. Murkomen Onesimus Kipchumba
- 22. Sen. Muthama Agnes Kavindu
- 23. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Junior- voted virtually
- 24. Sen. Mwaruma Johnes Mwashushe
- 25. Sen. Mwinyihaji Mohamed Faki- voted virtually
- 26. Sen. Nderitu John Kinyua
- 27. Sen. Ndwiga Peter Njeru
- 28. Sen. Olekina Ledama
- 29. Sen. Ongeri Samson Kegengo voted virtually
- 30. Sen. Outa Fredrick Otieno
- 31. Sen. Poghisio Samuel Lesuron- voted virtually
- 32. Sen. Omanga Millicent- on behalf of the Nairobi County delegation
- 33. Sen. Wambua Enoch Kiio

Question agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

7. THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2021)

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bills No. 5 of 2021) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP and Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP – 08.09.2021)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021 resumed on a Division;

The Deputy Speaker, directed that roll call division be taken pursuant to Standing Order 83 (1), and in line with the further Guidelines issued by the Speaker for Senate plenary and Committee sittings during the Covid-19 pandemic situation dated 17th April, 2020, and that the Divison bell be rung for three minutes;

After the expiry of three minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the doors be locked and the bars be drawn;

The names of the Tellers were annouced as follows;

- 1. Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP AYES
- 2. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP NOES

The Deputy Speaker put the Question and directed the Clerk to call out the names of Senators in alphabetical order;

The results of the Division were as follows:-

AYES - 31

NOES - 0

ABSTENTION – 0

AYES

- 1. Sen. Halake Abshiro Soka voted virtually on behalf of the Isiolo County delegation
- 2. Sen. Boy Issa Juma- voted virtually
- 3. Sen. Cherakey Samson Kiprotich
- 4. Sen. Haji Abdul Mohammed- voted virtually
- 5. Sen. Hargura Godana
- 6. Sen. Kajwang' Moses Otieno- voted virtually
- 7. Sen. Kamar Margaret Jepkoech
- 8. Sen. Khaniri George
- 9. Sen. Kibiru Charles Reubenson
- 10. Sen. Kihika Susan Wakarura
- 11. Sen. Kimani Wamatangi Paul
- 12. Sen. Kirinyaga Ephraim Mwangi Maina voted virtually
- 13. Sen. Langat Christopher Andrew
- 14. Sen. Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru
- 15. Sen. Mahamud Mohamed Maalim
- 16. Sen. Mbogo George Ochilo Ayacko
- 17. Sen. Moi Gideon Kipsielei Towett- voted virtually
- 18. Sen. Seneta Mary Yiane- on behalf of the Kajiado County delegation
- 19. Sen. Murkomen Onesimus Kipchumba
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- 21. Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Junior- voted virtually
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- 25. Sen. Olekina Ledama
- 26. Sen. Ongeri Samson Kegengo voted virtually
- 27. Sen. Outa Fredrick Otieno
- 28. Sen. Poghisio Samuel Lesuron- voted virtually
- 29. Sen. Omanga Millicent- on behalf of the Nairobi County delegation
- 30. Sen. Wambua Enoch Kiio

31. Sen. Wetang'ula Moses Masika

Question <u>agreed to</u>.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole tomorrow.

8. <u>MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE</u> <u>ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION, ON THE PUBLIC FINANCE</u> <u>MANAGEMENT (SINKING FUND) GUIDELINES, 2021</u>

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation)

Order read;

THAT, the Senate <u>adopts</u> the Report of the Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation on the Consideration of the Public Finance Management (Sinking Fund) Guidelines, 2021 laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021, and that pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, Section 205 of the Public Finance Management Act, and Standing Order 221(4)(b), <u>annuls</u> in its entirety, the Public Finance Management (Sinking Fund) Guidelines, 2021.

Order deferred.

9. THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2021)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

10. <u>THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2021)</u> (Son Vinchumba Murkeman MD)

(Sen. Kipchumba Murkomen, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

11. THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2021)

(Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jr, MP and Sen. Sakaja Johnson, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

12. <u>THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 26 OF 2020)</u> (Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

(NO. 050)

13. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> <u>THE MENTAL HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 28 OF</u> <u>2020)</u>

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

Order deferred.

14. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> <u>THE BASIC EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2021)</u> (Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)

Order deferred.

15. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> <u>THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURES) BILL (SENATE</u> <u>BILLS NO. 32 OF 2020)</u> (Sen. Mercy Chebeni, MP)

Order deferred.

16. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> <u>THE SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL</u> (SENATE BILLS NO. 31 OF 2020)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

Order deferred.

17. <u>MOTION - PROVISION OF COLOSTOMY BAGS TO COLON CANCER</u> <u>PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS IN COUNTY HOSPITALS</u>

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT the colon is part of the digestive system with a major role in the absorption of water, minerals and elimination of waste;

FURTHER AWARE THAT colon cancer can cause serious blockage of the colon that may necessitate removal of parts of the colon, the entire colon or the entire colon and the rectum;

COGNIZANT THAT persons who have gone through ileostomy, colostomy and urostomy need to use a bag to empty their wastes for the rest of their lives post-surgery;

CONCERNED THAT urine bags, adult diapers, artificial breasts, colostomy or ileostomy bags are not listed as goods exempt from tax or zero rated in the

First and Second Schedules of the VAT Act 2013, and therefore attract 16 per cent value added tax and customs duty;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT Article 43(1a) of Constitution of Kenya states that everyone has a right to the highest attainable standards of health, and health is a devolved function and therefore under the mandate of the county governments;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Health and) in partnership with the Council of Governors to:

- 1. create and maintain a register of all the colon cancer patients and survivors in county hospitals, including the biodata of the histology of the patients;
- 2. provision of colostomy bags for those who are permanent users;
- 3. include the purchase of palliative care products in the health budgets of all county governments;
- 4. ensure all county hospitals stock these palliative care products to enable increased access and lower commercial prices; and
- 5. engage the Treasury and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) to waive taxes on long-term health consumables such as colostomy bags, prosthesis and others in the upcoming budgetary cycle to ease the burden on Kenyans.

(Sen. (Dr.) Gertrude Musuruve Inimah, MP – 08.09.2021)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 8th September, 2021, resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Judith Pareno, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

18. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.

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