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PROGRAMME OF SENATE BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK
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TUESDAY Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions,
27/06/2023 Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, and Bills.

- A. *****THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (REVENUE RAISING PROCESS) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 22 OF 2023)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

(First Reading)

- B. ***THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2022)**
(Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 20th June, 2023)
(Division)

- C. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE COTTON INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Beth Syengo, MP)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 21st June, 2023 –
Afternoon Sitting)*
(Division)

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 11 OF 2022)**

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 21st June, 2023 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)*

E. *THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2022)

(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 22nd June, 2023)

F. *THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURE) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2022)

(Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP)

(Second Reading)

G. *THE START-UP BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2022)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

(Second Reading)

H. *THE TEA (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2023)

(Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP)

(Second Reading)

I. *THE KONZA TECHNOPOLIS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2023)

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

(Second Reading)

J. *THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 6 OF 2023)

(Sen. Moses Kajwang' MP)

(Second Reading)

K. MOTION - INCORPORATION OF INTELLIGENT WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN BUILDING PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT water is an essential yet scarce resource whose demand is increasing rapidly due to population growth, urbanization, and industrialization, and whose wastage has become an issue that needs to be addressed urgently owing to Kenya's vulnerability to climate change;

NOTING THAT there is a growth in the number of buildings coming up to accommodate the rapidly growing population thereby posing a challenge to water management;

APPRECIATING THAT the incorporation of water management systems in building plans include a variety of techniques and technologies such as rainwater harvesting, waste water recycling, low-flow plumbing, and sensor systems that detect leaks and (de)activate water flow when necessary thereby optimizing the use of water by eliminating water overexploitation, waste water management, and pollution;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development in coordination with the Council of Governors and the National Environment Management Authority to:

- i. incorporate into the building code and standards a requirement for intelligent water management systems in all building plans; and
- ii. undertake a systematic nation-wide renovation to government-owned buildings to incorporate water management systems.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 – morning sitting)

(Balance of time 1hr 23mins)

L. MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE COMPENSATION TO THE KENYAN VICTIMS OF THE 1998 BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EMBASSY IN NAIROBI

(Sen. Agnes Kavindu Muthama, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, disaster is defined as an overwhelming event and circumstance that tests the adaptation of responses of a community or individuals beyond their capability and leads momentarily to massive disruption of function for a community or individual that often exceeds their capacity to

cope using existing resources;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, such was the case with the 1998 US Embassy Bomb disaster in Nairobi in which many of the Kenyan casualties resulted from the collapse of adjacent buildings located within a two to three block radius, and with reverberations being felt in most parts of Nairobi that resulted in 213 Kenyans and 12 Americans killed and over 5000 citizens of both countries being seriously injured;

NOTING THAT, US Allies, including Kenya, have endured the great burden of death, and long-term and in many instances permanent, physical and psychological injury;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, the United States Government has since compensated some of the victims and families of US citizens, leaving the families of Kenyan citizens and certain other victims uncompensated;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to establish an Ad Hoc committee to –

- (i) engage the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to advance friendship and co-operation between the United States of America and Kenya by supporting the eligibility of Kenyan and American victims and their personal representatives, surviving spouses and next of kin in the Victim Compensation Fund pursuant to the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act;
- (ii) coordinate with the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs in the engagement of victims, their personal representatives, the United States of America government and other stakeholders at home and abroad to pursue and accomplish the compensation of victims and families of the victims of Kenyan nationals; and,
- (iii) coordinate with the Ministry of Health to explore subsidized medical treatment for the surviving victims of the bomb blast.

and submit a report to the House within 90 days with effect from 3rd July, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT, the following Senators be appointed to serve in the Ad Hoc committee –

1. Sen. Agnes Kavindu Muthama, MP;
2. Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP;
3. Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP;

4. Sen. Beatrice Ogolla, MP;
5. Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP;
6. Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, MP;
7. Sen. Jackson Mandago, MP;
8. Sen. William Cheptumo, MP; and,
9. Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP.

M. MOTION - REPOSSESSION OF MOVABLE ASSETS BY LENDING INSTITUTIONS DUE TO NON-PERFORMING LOANS

(Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT the high unemployment rate in Kenya has pushed many Kenyans to seek loans from Saccos, Microfinance Institutions and Banks to start Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to sustain their livelihoods;

NOTING THAT the youth in particular have invested in movable assets, including vehicles and motorcycles, to start business in the transport industry and most of them have signed up to the ride hailing apps including but not limited to Uber, Taxify, Bolt and Little cab;

COGNIZANT THAT the Banking Act 2015 CAP 488 does not provide for renegotiation on the loan repayment agreement whenever the business environment becomes unfavorable as a result of the high cost of living, lowered earnings from the App providers and high interest rates;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the National Treasury and Economic Planning to come up with a policy framework to review the Banking Act in order to renegotiate the repayment terms of the loans and provide cushion for Kenyans with non-performing loans and prevent the loss of their movable assets.

N. MOTION - ARBITRARY ARRESTS OF KENYAN FISHERMEN BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES

(Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT the communities around the lake rely on fishing as their main economic activity, their source of food and employment;

CONCERNED THAT the fishermen have reported harassment from the Ugandan security personnel including arbitrary arrests and imposition of unreasonable fines;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT in November, 2021 the Kenya International Boundaries office formed a Joint Committee with the Ugandan authorities that did

not effectively delineate the boundaries that would have helped avoid conflict between the two Countries;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that-

- a) the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), the ASALs and Regional Development engages the counterpart ministries in the Republic of Uganda to;
 - i) Fast-track the delineation of the Kenya-Uganda boundary;
 - ii) Develop measures to curb the arrests of Kenyan fishermen by Ugandan authorities;
 - iii) Institute a protocol for sustainable development of the Lake Victoria Basin on the sharing of resources between partner states; and
- b) The Ministry of Interior and National Administration to deploy the Kenya Coast Guard in the territorial waters of Lake Victoria to enforce maritime security and safety.

O. MOTION - REVIEW OF THE MINIMUM WAGE NECESSITATED BY HIGH COST OF LIVING

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT minimum wages in Kenya are specified as part of a national wage policy and guided by the Regulation of Wages and Conditions of Employment Act (CAP 229) aimed at reducing poverty as well as protecting and promoting the living standards of workers;

CONCERNED THAT, despite the increase in Kenya's minimum wage in May 2022 by 12% to help workers cope with the surge in consumer prices, the current inflation rates have had a knock-on effect on the cost of living and doing business in the country with the prices of goods, household energy bills, and transport remaining stubbornly high;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection engages all stakeholders including the General Wages Advisory Board (GWAB) and the Agricultural Wages Advisory Board (AWAB) with a view of raising the minimum wage by at least 50% as from 1st May, 2023.

P. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY

28/06/2023

(Morning Sitting)

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Questions, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Tuesday, 27th June, 2023.

A. QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO.	SENATOR	SUBJECT	MINISTRY
021	Sen. George Mbugua, MP	Delay in review of the Basic Education Act to address PWDs education needs and the non-implementation of the Sector Policy for Learners and Trainees with Disabilities (2018)	Education
027	Sen. Joyce Korir, MP	Status of completion of the stalled project at Bomet University	Education
034	Sen. Peris P. Tobiko, CBS, MP	Implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) and purpose of the Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA)	Education
035	Sen. Mariam Omar Sheikh, MP	Alleged discrimination against Muslim students, with regard to the wearing of <i>Hijab</i> and trousers, in some public	Education

			schools
037	Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP	Capitation and the disbursement process of funds to all public schools	Education
038	Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP	Status of the delocalization programme	Education
039	Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP	Lifestyle audit on senior officers at TSC	Education
040	Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP	Non remittance of Union and SACCO dues by TSC	Education

B. MOTION – ACCELERATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

AWARE THAT, the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015 provides a shared global blueprint aimed at ending poverty, protecting the earth’s environment and climate and ensuring that people everywhere enjoy peace and prosperity;

APPRECIATING THAT, the implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development in Kenya started by the official launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Kenya in 2016 followed by the development of the Country SDGs roadmap to guide the transition from Millennium Development Goals to SDGs and the mainstreaming of the SDGs at both the National and County Governments;

CONCERNED THAT, the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable Development in Kenya has been affected negatively by shocks such as continued drought since 2019 in Kenya and around the world, serious invasion by desert locusts, the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health calamities and the current strained state of the Kenyan economy;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the State Department for Economic Planning in consultation with the Council of Governors comes up with reviewed implementation roadmaps for the two levels of Government taking into account the shocks that have impeded or any other that are likely to impede the implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development.

C. MOTION - INTEGRATION OF ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN KENYA

(Sen. William Cheptumo, MP)

AWARE THAT, Kenya is a multi-ethnic country with a rich diversity of cultures, languages and traditions;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, ethnic minorities and marginalized communities face significant social, economic and political challenges including discrimination, marginalization and exclusion;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT Articles 10 (2)b, 21(3), 27, 56, 91(1)(e), 100, 174(e), 177(1) (c),204(3)(b),216(4) and the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya obligate the state to promote and protect the welfare of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities;

APPRECIATING THAT, the Government has put in place policies, legal and institutional frameworks including affirmative action programs to address the needs of other special interest groups namely children, persons with disabilities (PWDS), youth, women and the elderly;

CONCERNED THAT, ethnic minorities and marginalized communities remain largely unaddressed through similar interventions due to lack of an existing national policy and legislative framework;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action, the National Gender and Equality Commission and any other relevant state departments in collaboration with the Council of Governors:-

- i.) Initiate measures to identify and address the specific needs and challenges faced by ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in Kenya; and
- ii.) Develop and implement national policy and legislative framework for the integration of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in Kenya as envisaged in the Constitution of Kenya.

D. MOTION - DECLARATION OF CATTLE RUSTLING AS A NATIONAL DISASTER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR VICTIMS

(Sen. William Cheptumo, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, cattle rustling is a major menace and security threat in the South and North Rift regions and some other regions of the country;

CONCERNED THAT, the menace has since left irreparable and negative socio-economic impact which include but are not limited to increased number of widows, widowers, orphaned children, poverty, displacement of people leading to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS), disruption of educational programs and other economic activities owing to the destruction and/or closure of educational, health and other institutions;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT; the people living in the affected regions have been denied the enjoyment of their social, economic and political rights as guaranteed to them under the Bill of Rights as enshrined in Chapter Four of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Government through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration and in collaboration with the Council of Governors:

1. Declares cattle rustling a National Disaster;
2. Establish a National Task force on cattle rustling to:
 - (i) Investigate the causes of the rampant cattle rustling in the said region and the Country at large;
 - (ii) Establishes extent of loss and damage the cattle rustling has occasioned to the communities in all the affected Counties;
3. Create a special fund for mitigating the losses suffered by and in compensating all victims of cattle rustling and settle all internally displaced persons occasioned by the menace.

E. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY
29/06/2023
(Afternoon Sitting)

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers,
Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other
Business not concluded on Tuesday, 27th June, 2023.

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2023)**

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP and Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

B. *THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2023)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

(Second Reading)

C. *THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

(Second Reading)

D. *THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2023)

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP and Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

(Second Reading)

E. **THE COFFEE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2023)

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

(Second Reading)

F. *THE PREVENTION OF LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE THEFT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.12 OF 2023)

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

(Second Reading)

G. MOTION - DESIGNATION OF A MONTHLY CAR FREE DAY AND COUNTY CAR FREE ZONES

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Kenyans have a right to a clean and healthy environment pursuant to Article 42 of the Constitution;

NOTING THAT the National Climate Change Action Plan identifies transportation as the fourth largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which if uncontrolled, will result to negative impact of climate change that will adversely affect millions of Kenyans;

CONCERNED THAT the number of private vehicles has significantly grown leading to increased road accidents, carbon emission and vehicle congestion costs which are in excess of Kshs. 100 billion in GDP per year;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the Ministry of Roads and Transport, in collaboration with the Council of Governors, and the National Climate Change Council to;

- i.) identify, publicize and execute suitable monthly car-free days and County car-free zones in urban areas;
- ii.) provide affordable, safe and efficient public transport including but not limited to development of Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) in the urban areas;
- iii.) encourage the use of electric hybrid buses and provide appropriate incentives for their use; and
- iv.) design an infrastructure that can support non – motorized transport facilities such as pedestrian and bicycle access within urban centers; and
- v.) ensure inter-modal connectivity among the various transport modes.

H. MOTION - DEVELOPMENT OF A POLICY AND LAW FOR SOCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN KENYA

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

AWARE THAT the Constitution has entrenched a strong Bill of Rights in Chapter 4, which recognizes human rights including socio-economic rights and the principle of equality and non-discrimination;

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya lacks a policy for guiding the management of these Social Risks in the design and implementation of infrastructure projects;

CONCERNED THAT inadequate attention to social risks in the planning and implementation of development projects at both national and county levels makes them unacceptable and end up costing the taxpayer colossal sums of money in suits filed before the courts and tribunals by local communities and affected interest groups seeking protection from such social risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that:

1. The National and County Governments develop a Social Risk Management Policy that outlines the standards, guidelines and procedures for guiding infrastructure and other development projects both at the national and county governments; and
2. The national executive establishes an independent multi-sectoral agency under the authority of the Cabinet secretary in charge of Social Security and Protection to design a mechanism that can factor in the inclusion of Social Impact Assessments standards and monitor their implementation in infrastructure and other development projects in Kenya.

I. Any Other Business

THURSDAY

29/06/2023

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Wednesday, 28th June, 2023.

A. *THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2023)

(Sen. James Murango, MP)

(Second Reading)

B. **THE EQUALIZATION FUND (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2023)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

(Second Reading)

C. REPORT OF THE 146TH ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER – PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND RELATED MEETINGS HELD IN MANAMA, KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN FROM 11TH TO 15TH MARCH, 2023.

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the 146th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Related Meetings, held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, from 11th to 15th March, 2023, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday 2nd May, 2023.

D. MOTION – REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN KENYA

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Section 68 (1) (b) of the Health Act, 2017 provides for interventions by the national government to reduce the use of tobacco and other addictive substances and to counter exposure of children and others to tobacco smoke, and Section 32 of the Tobacco Control Act, 2007 provides for the right of every person to a smoke free environment including the protection from exposure to second-hand smoke;

CONCERNED THAT, while the Tobacco Control Act, defines key terms and covers topics including, but not limited to, restrictions on public smoking, tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and packaging and labelling of tobacco products, Section 2 of the Act does not contemplate non tobacco products and therefore lacks restrictions on the use, advertising, promotion and sponsorship, or packaging and labelling of synthetic nicotine in the form of e-cigarettes resulting in the increase in popularity and consumption of e-cigarettes among the youth including minor children;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Health should urgently convene an all-inclusive stakeholder forum to:

1. Develop a national policy regulating e-cigarettes and all related elements, including vape pens, e-liquids, flavors and their marketing and advertising in mainstream media as well as social media; and
2. Establish rules to govern the production, sale, advertising and consumption of synthetic nicotine, and control the illicit trade of counterfeit products.

E. MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE DEATH OF THE LATE EDWARD OTIENO ONYANGO DUE TO ALLEGED MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on inquiry into the death of Late Edward Otiemo Onyango, due to alleged medical negligence, laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 31st May, 2023.

F. MOTION- ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE DEATH OF THE LATE MAUREEN ANYANGO AT MAMA LUCY KIBAKI HOSPITAL DUE TO ALLEGED MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on inquiry into the death of the late Maureen Anyango at Mama Lucy Kibaki Hospital due to alleged medical negligence, laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 31st May, 2023.

G. MOTION- ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE DEATH OF THE LATE MASTER TRAVIS MAINA AT KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on inquiry into the circumstances that led to the death of the late Master Travis Maina at Kenyatta National Hospital, laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 31st May, 2023.

H. MOTION – ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 31 (3), the Senate do adjourn until Tuesday, 11th July, 2023.

I. Any Other Business

TUESDAY

11/07/2023

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Thursday, 29th June, 2023.

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE NATURAL RESOURCES (BENEFIT SHARING) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 6 OF 2022)**

(Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

B. *THE PROMPT PAYMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2022)

(Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023)

(Division)

C. MOTION - DROUGHT MITIGATION PROGRAMME IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

AWARE THAT, Kenya is experiencing the most intense, severe and alarming drought in forty (40) years, as a result of the failure of four consecutive rainy seasons, affecting more than twenty (20) counties in arid and semi-arid lands (ASAL);

FURTHER AWARE THAT, more than 4.2 million people representing 24% of the ASAL population are facing high levels of acute food insecurity, with about 2.7 million in crisis phase and 785,000 people in emergency state;

NOTING THAT, the national and county governments, both local and international development partners and philanthropists have made attempts to respond to the dire situation occasioned by the severe drought;

CONCERNED THAT, thousands of children did not attend school during the third term of the academic year 2022 and beginning of 2023 as a result of the ongoing drought;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges: -

1. the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), the ASALs and Regional Development to develop immediate and long-term interventions to alleviate the ravaging effects of drought and hunger periodically affecting the country and more severely the ASAL areas;
2. the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Council of Governors, to establish modalities to ensure no learners are sent away from schools due to lack of school fees to ensure that children from vulnerable families have access to education; and
3. the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Council of Governors to implement effective school feeding programmes to ensure that children from vulnerable families in drought-hit region have

access to at least one hot meal per day and that no child misses' class due to lack of food.

D. MOTION - URBAN PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Sen. Mohamed Faki Mwinyihaji, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT rapid urbanization, as experienced in most Kenyan towns, contributes to a significant portion of greenhouse gas emissions leading to environmental degradation;

FURTHER AWARE THAT factors associated with urbanization, including changes to a more sedentary lifestyle, diet, and environment, have resulted in an increase in the prevalence of non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer;

APPRECIATING THAT prioritizing sustainability and environmental responsibility creates livable, healthy, and resilient communities for present and future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the:

- i.) Ministry of Roads and Transport to review the standards for construction of public roads to require the incorporation of dedicated lanes and tracks for exclusive use by non-motorized forms of transport to encourage their use for reduced air and noise pollution and improved overall public health;
- ii.) Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the Ministry of Roads and Transport, in collaboration with the Council of Governors to develop a policy framework to mitigate the impact of climate change by guiding the:-
 - a. dedication of sections of the respective CBDs on specified days as car- free zones to encourage more walking and a healthier lifestyle;
 - b. designation and maintenance of green spaces such as parks and community gardens within urban centres; and,
 - c. sensitization of the public on sustainable living and environmental responsibility.

E. Any Other Business

KEY

****** - Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill**

***** - Denotes a National Assembly Bill**

**** - Denotes a Committee Bill**

*** - Denotes any other Bill**