



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – The First Chairperson of Committees

4. Quorum at Commencement of the House

There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the First Chairperson of Committees ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes; and, the Quorum having been attained within the ten minutes, business commenced.

5. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were laid on the Table:

- (i) Annual Report and Financial Statements of Chemelil Sugar Company for the year ended 30th June, 2022 from Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development;
- (ii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 30th June 2022 and the certificates therein: -
 - a) Thika Technical Training Institute;
 - b) Nairobi Technical Training Institute;
 - c) Kisiwa Technical Training Institute;
 - d) Keroka Technical Training Institute;
 - e) Shamberere Technical Training Institute;
 - f) Bushiangala Technical Training Institute;
 - g) Karen Technical Training Institute for the Deaf;
 - h) Nyabera Vocational Training Centre;
 - i) Nyang'oma Vocational Training Centre;
 - j) Obange Vocational Training Centre;
 - k) Chwa Vocational Training Centre;
 - l) Sianda Vocational Training Centre;
 - m) Akado Vocational Training Centre;
 - n) Lung'a Vocational Training Centre;
 - o) Mariwa Technical and Vocational Centre;
 - p) Withur Vocational Training Centre;

- q) Karateng' Vocational Training Centre;
- r) Belgut Technical and Vocational College;
- s) Nachu Technical and Vocational College;
- t) Taveta Technical and Vocational College;
- u) Okame Technical and Vocational College;
- v) Webuye West Technical and Vocational College;
- w) Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology;
- x) Kiambu Institute of Science and Technology; and
- y) Sunset Hotel Limited.

(Majority Party Whip)

6. QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked-

- (i) Question 350/2023 by the Member for Emuhaya Constituency (Hon. Omboko Milemba, MP) regarding non-remittance of funeral money to teachers or their dependents under the AON Minet medical scheme. Question referred to the Teachers Service Commission for written response.

7. PROCEDURAL MOTION – LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON MOTIONS SPONSORED BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1) and notwithstanding the resolution of the House of Wednesday, 15th February 2023, this House orders that, each speech in a debate on any Motion introduced by an Individual Member be limited in the following manner:- A maximum of **one and a half hours** with not more than ten (10) minutes for the Mover in moving and five (5) minutes in replying, and a maximum of five (5) minutes for any other Member speaking, including the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

8. MOTION – INTRODUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AS A CORE SUBJECT IN SCHOOLS

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, aware that, improving public health is a fundamental responsibility of the Government and it is imperative to address pressing health problems faced by young people, including poor sexual and reproductive health, inadequate knowledge and information regarding sexual health and protection against sexually transmitted infections; concerned that, the current state of adolescent health training programmes is inadequate and fragmented resulting in limited access to health care information and services by the youth in the country; further concerned that, as a result of this, young people face significant barriers in accessing comprehensive health care; cognizant that, comprehensive sexual education through school-based programmes, community-based programmes and health care facilities can promote healthy sexual practices amongst young people and reduce the

spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, lower the incidences of teenage pregnancies thus increasing school attendance and retention; now therefore, this House **resolves** that the National Government through the State Department of Basic Education introduces comprehensive health, wellness and sex education in the curriculum as a core subject in schools.

(The Hon. Jane Maina, M.P.-27-07.2023)

Debate having been concluded on Wednesday, August 2, 2023;

Question put and agreed to.

9. THE KENYA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 52 OF 2022)

(The Hon. Elisha Odhiambo, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

10. THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2023)

(The Hon. Joyce Kamene, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

11. THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 19 OF 2023)

(The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

12. MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL FUND

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, aware that Article 42(1)(a) of the Constitution provides for the right of every person to access the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services; further aware that cancer is among the leading causes of death in the country; noting that although the budgetary allocation for health care services is progressive, it is inadequate to cater for cancer prevention and care across the country; further noting that, cancer control in the country is hampered by inadequate cancer care infrastructure and limited specialized human resource capacity; recognizing that, a significant number of cancer patients do not complete the prescribed treatment due to the high cost of cancer management; further recognizing that, the Cancer Prevention and Control Act, 2012 seeks to

promote access to quality and affordable diagnostic and treatment services for persons with cancer; and to ensure sustainable capacity for the prevention and control of cancer; this House **resolves** that the Government through the National Treasury, establishes a national cancer prevention and control fund to promote prevention, control, and treatment of cancer in the country.

(The Hon. Timothy Toroitich, M.P. -02.08.2023)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Question deferred.

13. MOTION – DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHILDCARE PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE IN LAWFUL CUSTODY

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, aware that, Article 53 of the Constitution provides for the rights of children, including the right to free and compulsory basic education; further aware that, section 22 of the Persons Deprived of Liberty Act and the Childcare Policy provides for the care of a child whose parent is deprived of liberty, until the child still require parental support; further recognizing that, majority of these children often suffer from emotional distress, social stigma and economic hardships; cognizant of the fact that, all children should be accorded a means of maintaining their relationship with their incarcerated parents; noting that, children have restricted economic resources available for their support which in turn negatively impacts their lives; this House therefore **urges** the Government, through the State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs, to develop and implement a programme for the care of children above the age of four years whose parents are under lawful custody.

(The Hon. Brighton Yegon, M.P.)

Debate arising;

[Change of Chair from the First Chairperson of Committees (Hon. Martha Wangari, MP) to the Second Chairperson of Committees (Hon. David Ochieng, MP)]

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Question deferred.

14. MOTION – NATIONAL POLICY ON DEWORMING OF SCHOOL-GOING CHILDREN

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, aware that, Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health including the right to health care services; further aware that, the relationship between health and education plays a significant role in school attendance rates; concerned that, the negative effects of poor sanitation, such as parasite infestations, particularly among school children lead to anaemia, stunted-growth and other salient problems which in turn lead to low school

attendance and impact education standards; recognizing that, according to research, school-based deworming is one of the most cost-effective interventions that provides a huge range of holistic and social benefits, such as increased school attendance and healthier kids who do better in school, while utilizing already-existing school structures in administering deworming treatments to school pupils; recalling that, previous programmes conducted by the Ministry of Health in partnership with a non-governmental organization called *Evidence Action* have only been piloted in a few selected counties and that the deworming efforts have been uncoordinated and dependent on external support with no clear policy or budgetary framework; now therefore, this House **urges** that the National Government, through the Ministry of Health, develops a national policy on deworming school-going children as a crucial part of mainstreaming of healthcare access in the Country.

(The Hon. Machua Waithaka, M.P.)

Debate arising;

The Member for Kajiado North Constituency (Hon. Onesmus Ngogoyo, MP) drew the attention of the Chair that the Member for Mogotio Constituency (Hon. Reuben Kiborek, MP) was not properly dressed;

The Chair agreed with the Member for Kajiado North Constituency, and having drawn the Member for Mogotio Constituency to the provisions of the Speaker's Rules, directed that the Member withdraws from the Chamber to address the matter raised;

The Member for Mogotio Constituency accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate concluded;

Mover to reply.

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

15. HOUSE ROSE - at two minutes past One O'clock,

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair today
Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

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