



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The Senate assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Hon. Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- a) **Question No. 030** by Sen. Mariam Sheikh, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on Completion of the Mandera Water and Sanitation project that was funded by the Africa Development Bank (AFDB) was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- b) **Question No. 033** by Sen. Abbas Mohamed, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on Water projects in Wajir County budgeted for by the National Government in the Financial Year 2023/2024 was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- c) **Question No. 029** by Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on Status of gold mining activities at Kerebe Gold Mine in Nandi County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

- d) **Question No. 046** by Sen. Miraj Abdulrahman, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on Development of Policy and legal framework for the Blue Economy in Kenya was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- e) **Question No. 019** by Sen. Joyce Korir, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development on Monitoring of the meat supply chain was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- f) **Question No. 042** by Sen. Danson Mungatana, MGH, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development Compensation of both crop and livestock farmers for the losses suffered after the recent heavy rainfall experienced in Tana River County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- g) **Question No. 047** by Sen. James Murango, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development on Status of implementation of the European Union Deforestation Regulations (EUDR) by coffee farmers in Kenya was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **MOTION – DECLARATION OF CATTLE RUSTLING AND BANDITRY AS A NATIONAL DISASTER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR VICTIMS**

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT, cattle rustling/banditry 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 health 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/banditry to:

- (i) Investigate the causes of the rampant cattle rustling and banditry in the said region and the Country at large;
 - (ii) Establishes the extent of suffering, loss and damage the cattle rustling/banditry 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/banditry and settle all internally displaced persons occasioned by the menace.

(Sen. William Cheptumo, MP – 06.03.2024)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 6th March, 2024 – Morning Sitting)

Order deferred.

6. **MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE COMPENSATION TO THE KENYAN VICTIMS OF THE 1998 BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EMBASSY IN NAIROBI**

Order read;

Motion made;

THAT, the Senate adopts the progress report of the *Ad-Hoc* Committee on the compensation to the Kenyan victims of the 1998 bombing of the United States of America Embassy in Nairobi, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 2nd May, 2024.

(The Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee)

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), for the convenience of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 34(2A), adjourned the Senate at fifteen minutes past One O'clock without Question put.

7. **SENATE ROSE** - at fifteen minutes past One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.*

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