



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE SENATE

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015 AT 2.30 P.M

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.

3. **STATEMENTS**

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (b) – Requests

- i) The Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Chris Obure) sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education regarding the cancellation and withholding of school examination results in Kenya;
- ii) The Senator for West Pokot County (Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo) sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Labor and Social Welfare regarding the increase of membership fees for membership to the *Maendeleo ya Wanawake* Organizaion;
- iii) The Senator for West Pokot County (Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo) sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Sessional Committee on Devolved Government regarding the failure by officials of various county governments to observe regulations on the use of government vehicles.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (b) – Responses

- i) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health issued a Statement sought by the Senator for Migori County regarding cholera outbreak in Migori County.

Thereupon, the Senate was informed that:-

- a) Cholera outbreak has been recorded in Migori, Nairobi, Kisii and Homa Bay Counties.

- b) To date, the number of persons affected are 56 in Nairobi, 651 in Migori, 296 in Homa Bay and 8 in Kisii County out of which there were fatalities including 2 in Nairobi, 8 in Migori and 4 in Homa Bay.
 - c) The government had deployed 20 technical officers to the affected counties to assist in controlling the outbreak and also provided medical supplies such as drugs, non-pharmaceuticals, water, sanitation and hygiene kits.
 - d) The government was implementing the Cholera Prevention and Control Plan 2011-2016 with a focus on multi-sectoral approach which will ensure that adequate resources are mobilized to implement it in the affected and other high risk areas.
- ii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Energy issued a Statement sought by the Senator for Makueni County regarding rural electrification programme in Makueni County.

The Senate was informed that:-

- a) The budget allocation for rural electrification for Makueni County for financial year 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 was Kshs. 139.5 million and Kshs. 154.0 million respectively.
 - b) The number of primary schools connected in 2012/2013 was 13 while in 2013/2014, 125 secondary and 119 primary schools were electrified.
 - c) The reasons occasioning the delay during the two financial years included challenges in way-leave acquisition from property owners, failure by some contractors and surveyors to deliver on schedule and delays in the supply of transformers by some suppliers.
 - d) Within the two financial years, a total of 131 contractors were awarded projects.
 - e) The Rural Electrification Authority has held 53 *barazas* throughout the county to sensitize schools on the plans to connect them to electricity and the benefits of electrification of schools.
- iii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education issued a Statement sought by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Martha Wangari) regarding the enrolment of pupils to Form One and the release of Free Primary Education funds.

The Senate was informed that:-

- a) The criteria used by the Ministry of Education to enroll students to Form One included the placement of candidates in the schools of their choice by merit, equity in school placement through quotas and affirmative action, proportionate sharing of national schools places between public and private schools and harmonization of the selection process throughout the country at the two government levels.

- b) There were 888,258 KCPE candidates in 2014 and that in 2015, there were 695,684 places in public secondary schools, leaving a shortfall of 192,574 places.
- c) The Ministry of Education has undertaken a number of steps to ensure that children have access to basic education as enshrined in the Constitution including; engaging the private sector to establish public-private partnerships, involvement of public youth polytechnics, expansion of available vacancies in public secondary schools through CDF and improvement of school infrastructure through budgetary allocations in financial year 2015/2016.
- d) The Ministry of Education was in the process of implementing the Dr. Kilemi Mwiria Taskforce on secondary school fees.

4. THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 28 OF 2014)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Public Fundraising Bill (Senate Bill No. 28 of 2014) be now read a Second Time.

(Chairperson of the Ad hoc Committee on Legislation on Harambee - 5.3.2015)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, March 5, 2015 resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, a Temporary Speaker, (Sen. (Dr.) Machage) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

5. SENATE ROSE - at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 2.30 p.m.*

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