



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE SENATE

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - IPU EXPERT MISSION TO KENYA ON WOMEN PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT

The Speaker issued the following communication from the Chair-

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon of some visitors who are part of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Expert Mission to Kenya on women's Participation and Representation in Parliament.

The Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), as you all know, is the world organization of Parliaments and is a global forum for parliamentary dialogue, cooperation and action. The IPU advances democracy and assists Parliaments and parliamentarians throughout the world to fulfill their mandates. The IPU facilitates parliamentary debate, dialogue and cooperation and also promotes and defends democracy and the rule of law while assisting Parliaments in coping with an ever growing international agenda that is relevant to their duties.

Honourable Senators,

Seated in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon are members of the IPU Expert Mission to Kenya on women participation and representation in Parliament. I request each member of the Mission to stand when called out so that you may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition.

The members of the Expert Mission are:

- 1) Ms. Betty Amongi, MP, -Member of Parliament from Uganda, and a Member of the IPU's Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians;
- 2) Prof. Drudre Dahlerup, from the Stockholm University, who is an IPU Consultant;
- 3) Ms. Zeina Hilal, Gender Partnership Programme – IPU Secretariat; and
- 4) Ms. Mariana Duarte, Gender Partnership Programme – IPU Secretariat.

Honourable Senators,

The Expert Mission is in Nairobi to assess and identify means and strategies to achieve a balanced gender representation in Parliament and to explore tools to enhance youth participation.

I hope that you have had fruitful deliberations during your visit to Kenya and on behalf of the Senate I wish you well for the remainder of your visit.

I thank you."

4. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate-

- i) The Annual Public Debt report for the year ending 30th June, 2014.
(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget)
- ii) Statement by the Senate Majority Leader regarding the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 14th July, 2015.
(the Senate Majority Whip on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION- (Sen. Elachi on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 30(3)(b), the Senate resolves to meet on Wednesday, 22nd July, and Wednesday 29th July, 2015 from 9.00 a.m to 12.30 p.m.

6. STATEMENTS

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (b)

- i) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. (Dr.)Wilfred Machage) sought a Statement from the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health regarding alleged administration of wrong or expired drugs on children at a Busia Hospital leading to paralysis of the children.
- ii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health issued a Statement regarding outbreak of Malaria in the Country and Specifically in Vihiga and Kakamega Counties.

The Chairperson informed the House that the Government was aware of the outbreak in the two Counties and further the Government had carried out a number of measures to contain the outbreak including distribution of emergency anti-malaria drugs and surveillance to monitor new cases as well as community advocacy. The chairperson also stated that the Government had offered necessary assistance to Vihiga and Kakamega Counties to combat the outbreak.

The Senate was further informed that the Ministry of Health had carried out thorough investigations following the outbreak of Malaria and found out that the two counties fall under the endemic region of malaria transmission, the upsurge of malaria cases was also found to be as a result of the recent rainy season and most mortality cases were due to late referrals for medical attention.

The Speaker directed that the Cabinet Secretary for health be summoned to appear before the Standing Committee on Health on Thursday, 23rd July 2015 to comprehensively respond to the statement and all Senators be invited to the meeting.

b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 45(2) (c)

The Senate Majority Whip issued a Statement on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 21st July, 2015.

7. MOTION - SITTING OF THE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY, 2015 AND WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 2015

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Motion made and Question Proposed;

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(The Senate Majority Whip on behalf of The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

There being no Senator willing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 72, the Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect Counties.

Question put and **negatived.**

8. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY INTO THE NEEDS OF EACH OF THE FORTY – SEVEN COUNTIES**

Motion made and Question Proposed-

THAT, noting that County governments were allocated offices and premises formerly occupied by the defunct local authorities and, to some extent, by former provincial administration;

OBSERVING that these arrangements were satisfactory in most counties;

AWARE that some counties had little or no such offices or premises to inherit resulting in serious operational challenges of such county governments;

APPRECIATING that there are many counties with inadequate physical facilities whether they inherited the envisaged facilities or not;

CONCERNED that the situation, continues to impact negatively on the performance of the said counties;

ACKNOWLEDGING that it is the mandate of the Senate to protect the interests of the counties and to ensure that their governments are fully operational;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to form the basis for possible assistance to counties for headquarter facilities, the Senate resolves to establish a Select Committee to conduct an inquiry into the needs of each of the forty – seven counties and report to the Senate within three months, and further that the select committee shall comprise the following Senators-

1. Sen. (Eng.) Muriuki Karue Muriuki;
2. Sen. George Khaniri;
3. Sen. Abu Chiaba;
4. Sen. Abdirahman Hassan;
5. Sen. Stephen Sang;
6. Sen. Fatuma Dullo; and
7. Sen. Judith Sijeny.

(Sen. Muriuki Karue - 09.07.2015)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 9th July 2015 resumed;

Amendment Proposed.

Motion made and Question Proposed;

THAT the Motion be amended by inserting the following two names after the name "Sen. Judith Sijeny" -

- 1) Sen. Christopher Obure; and
- 2) Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo
(*Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo*)

Debate arising;

There being no Senator willing to contribute;

Before the Question on the amendment was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 72, the Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect Counties.

Question on the amendment put and agreed to.

Debate Arising;

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

9. SENATE ROSE - at thirty minutes past six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 2.30 p.m.*

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