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**PROGRAMME OF SENATE BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING TUESDAY,  
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**TUESDAY:** Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of  
22/10/2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

**A. MOTION** – (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare)

**THAT**, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare on the visits to levels 4 and 5 hospitals in Uasin Gishu, Elgeyo Marakwet and Nandi counties laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013)*

**B. MOTION** - (Sen. Beatrice Elachi)  
(Department of Devolution and Planning)

**THAT**, aware that Section 7(2) of the Transition to Devolved Government Act requires the Transition Authority to carry out an audit of the existing human resource of the Government and local authorities and advise on deployment to either level of Government; further aware that Section 57 of the Urban Areas and Cities Act provides that every person who, immediately before the commencement of the Act was an officer, agent or member of staff appointed, seconded or otherwise employed by a local authority shall, on the commencement of the Act be seconded or otherwise deployed as may be provided by law; concerned that failure to absorb *bona fide* employees of the defunct local authorities will deprive them of their rightful means of livelihood contrary to the spirit of the Bill of Rights as contained in Chapter Four of the Constitution of Kenya and the principles of devolution; the Senate urges the Transition Authority to urgently finalize the audit of employees of the defunct local authorities and put in place the necessary framework for their absorption as employees of the respective counties.

**C. Any Other Business.**

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**WEDNESDAY:**      **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.**  
23/10/2013  
**(Morning sitting)**

**A. MOTION** - (Sen. Beatrice Elachi)  
(Department of Devolution and Planning)

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***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013)***

**B. MOTION** - (Sen. Johnson Muthama)  
(Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

**THAT**, aware that Kenyan coffee and tea are the major agricultural export earners; further aware that Kenya is rated as the fourth largest tea producer and the second biggest exporter in the world and that Kenyan coffee is regarded as one of the best coffees in the World; concerned that in the recent past the tea and coffee production has tremendously deteriorated due to lack of commitment by the Government in supporting the tea and coffee farmers in the cultivation of these two crops; further concerned that the government has not been keen in coming up with marketing strategy of these two crops; concerned that Kenyan farmers are suffering a great deal due to lack of mechanization of agriculture; the Senate urges the National Government to support tea and coffee farmers by providing subsidized fertilizer to boost production as is the case of wheat and maize and actively get involved in the marketing strategy of these two crops and further that the National Government makes budgetary provisions to buy and store coffee and tea when the international market prices are down in order to sell when the prices improve.

**C. MOTION** – (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology)

**THAT**, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology on the visits to Nyeri, Laikipia and Kirinyaga counties laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

## D. Any Other Business

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**WEDNESDAY:** Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of  
23/10/2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.  
(Afternoon sitting)

A. **MOTION** - (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

**THAT**, the Senate adopts the report of the Sessional Committee on Devolved Government and Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the joint county visits to Mombasa and Kilifi counties laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 – Afternoon sitting)*  
*(Division)*

B. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT TRANSITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013**

(Second Reading)

C. **MOTION** – (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology)

**THAT**, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology on the visits to Nyeri, Laikipia and Kirinyaga counties laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013 – Morning sitting)*

## D. Any Other Business

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**THURSDAY:** Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of  
24/10 /2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills

A. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT TRANSITION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013**

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2013 – Afternoon sitting)*

**B. MOTION -** (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology)

**THAT**, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Education, Information and Technology on the visits to Kisii, Nyamira, Kisumu, Kakamega and Vihiga counties laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013.

**C. MOTION -** (Sen. Johnson Muthama)  
(Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

**THAT**, aware that Kenya benefits immensely from the global and local fruit market; cognizant that fruits are an important component for better health; noting that fruit production is seasonal in nature and that fruits are highly perishable leading to wastage and losses during the high seasons; concerned that the government has not come up with adequate measures of curbing the losses as a means of protecting fruit growers; further concerned that Kenya imports fruits during low seasons; the Senate urges the National Government to develop a policy on fruit preservation and storage through modern refrigeration and to provide incentives to investors to set up fruit processing plants in order to ensure ready demand for fruits which would cushion farmers against losses.

**D. MOTION -** (Sen. (Dr.) Zipporah Kittony)  
(Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources)

**THAT**, aware that water is a basic need and that the country cannot exclusively depend on primary sources of water to satisfy all its water needs; deeply concerned that the sole dependence on derivative water sources leads to interruption of water related-activities due to insufficiency; recognizing that water harvesting is a crucial secondary source of water; noting that a lot of water has dissipated due to ineffective programmes and initiatives for harnessing water; cognizant of the fact that rain water that is not harvested causes environmental degradation and damage to infrastructural facilities; recognizing that Article 69 (2) of the Constitution confers to every person a duty to cooperate with state organs and other persons to protect and conserve the environment and ensure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources; the Senate urges the National Government to initiate and formulate water harvesting policies to guide water harvesting programmes in all the 47 counties to reduce over dependence on primary water sources.

**E. Any Other Business**

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