



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **PRESIDING** – the Deputy Speaker
4. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – (Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo)
(Departmental Committee on Environment & Natural Resources)

THAT, aware that Article 42 of our Constitution accords every person the right to a clean and healthy environment and that Article 69(1)(d) mandates the State to encourage public participation in the management, protection and conservation of the environment; deeply concerned that our homes, roads, public and private premises, work places, recreational areas and general environment are littered with plastics, solid and liquid wastes as well as lacking good general environmental aesthetics, this House resolves that the Government declares one Saturday of each month be dedicated by every Kenyan household, organized groups, public and private institutions and corporate organizations to cleaning and beautifying their immediate environment and public places and also initiates a proactive programme in all our schools to inculcate the culture of keeping our environment clean and healthy.

5. **MOTION – DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING OF ALCOHOLIC CONTAINERS**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that there has been an increase of alcohol use and abuse in Kenya especially in urban areas; further aware that over 2.2 million Kenyans are addicted to alcohol; noting that improper disposal of alcoholic containers has been on the rise leading to unintended exposure and use of containers for vending illicit brew especially by school going children; deeply concerned that this is both an environmental and a health risk; this House urges the government in conjunction with all relevant authorities particularly NACADA, to launch targeted campaigns in all constituencies towards safe disposal of these containers as well as recycling measures and enforce all existing laws relating to safe disposal of the said containers.

(Hon. Kigo Njenga – 18.03.2015)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 resumed;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

6. **MOTION - TRANSLATION OF THE LAWS OF KENYA INTO KISWAHILI**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that Kiswahili is the national as well as official language of the Republic as enshrined in the Constitution; further aware that equality and freedom from discrimination and access to information are fundamental rights; cognizant of the fact that democracy and public participation of the people is a national value and principle of governance as per Article 10 of the Constitution; deeply concerned that a section of Kenyans have a low level of knowledge of their legal rights and laws passed by this House as a result of the existing language barriers; convinced that unless we, as a nation, lay down mechanisms for translating laws passed by Parliament and county assemblies into Kiswahili, most Kenyans will continue being partially aware of the law, this House **urges** the National Council for Law Reporting to progressively translate the laws of Kenya

(Hon. Joyce Wanjalah Lay)

Debate arising;

Amendment proposed

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the motion be amended by inserting the words **“the Constitution,”** immediately after the word **“translating”** appearing in the seventh sentence.

(Hon. John Mbadi)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to

Resolved accordingly

Motion as amended made and Question proposed –

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Debate arising;

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

7. HOUSE ROSE - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

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