

# **ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)**

#### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015

- 1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock
- 2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
- 3. **PRESIDING** the Speaker

### 4. PETITION – RESETTLEMENT OF SQUATTERS IN MERU COUNTY

The Speaker conveyed the following Petition -

"Honourable Members, Standing Order 225(2)(b) requires that the Speaker reports to the House any Petition other than those presented through a Member. I therefore wish to convey to the House that my office is in receipt of a petition, jointly signed by Mr. Joseph Mugambi and Ms. Ruth Nchurubu on behalf of two hundred and fifteen (215) members of the Ntirimiti-Subuiga squatters in Meru County. The Petitioners claim that they were evicted from their land, Parcel Nos. 2806/3 Subuiga Bosnia Meru and 2822/3 Ntimiri Settlement Scheme on which they had been settled by the Government in 1991.

The Petitioners are therefore praying that the National Assembly, through the Departmental Committee on Lands:

- (a) inquires into the circumstances under which the squatters were unjustifiably evicted from the land, which they had been allocated by the Government in 1991; and
- (b) intervenes in the matter of Ntirimiti Subuiga Squatters with a view of having the two hundred and fifteen (215) homeless families, currently living in deplorable and inhuman conditions, settled on part of Land Parcel No. 2806/3 initially allocated to them.

Honourable Members,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 227(1), this Petition stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Lands for consideration. The Committee is encouraged to engage the National Land Commission and the Ministry of Lands and Urban Settlement with a view to exploring a solution to the delicate issues contained in the petition.

Thank you".

### 5. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table -

- (i) The Performance Report of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority for the period of January 2015 to June 2015, *prepared pursuant to Section 30 of the IPOA Act, 2011*.
- (ii) The Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Chama Cha Uzalendo Party for the year ended 30th June, 2014 and the certificate therein.
- (iii) The Reports of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of the Constituencies Development Fund for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 and the certificates therein, in respect of the following Constituencies:-
  - (a) Kuria West Constituency;
  - (b) Suna West Constituency;
  - (c) Kigumo Constituency;
  - (d) Ndaragwa Constituency;
  - (e) Othaya Constituency;
  - (f) Kieni Constituency;
  - (g) Githunguri Constituency;
  - (h) Gatundu North Constituency;
  - (i) Kinangop Constituency;
  - (j) Gichugu Constituency;
  - (k) Nyeri Town Constituency;
  - (l) Olkalou Constituency; and
  - (m) Mwea Constituency.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

# 6. NOTICE OF MOTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY TO GUARANTEE MINIMUM RETURNS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

(Hon. Kigo Njenga)

**THAT**, aware that agriculture is the backbone of the Kenyan economy across the country; further aware that the agricultural sector is required to provide employment to more than thirty per cent of the citizens; cognizant of the fact that most of our neighbouring countries are also agriculture-driven economies and that free trade has become more pronounced especially in the East African region; concerned that the cost of production in our neighboring countries is reported to be less as compared to the Kenyan cost of production; further concerned that this scenario will lead to loss of revenue due to importation of these cheaper products; alarmed that the long term impact is detrimental to the economic development of the state; further noting that there is no specific policy that cushions our farmers against losses caused by weather vagaries such as flood, drought, frost and hailstones which in turn affects produce returns; this House resolves that the Government immediately establishes a policy to ensure that minimum returns on local crop and animal products are safeguarded and to consider exemption of the Value Added Taxes(VAT) on the farm inputs and other materials used in production of animal feeds and fertilizers.

### 7. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 84

Pursuant to Standing Order 84, the Member for Gem (Hon. Jakoyo Midiwo) made a statement regarding unsubstantiated allegations by the *Star* newspaper on the award of tenders to him by the National Youth Service (NYS).

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The Member categorically denied the report published in the newspaper and informed the House that he had never done business with NYS at any time nor was he doing any business with the government. The Member stated he would be following up on the matter through his lawyers for a retraction of the same.

# 8. THE HIGH COURT (ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.47 OF 2015)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the High Court (Organization and Administration) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.47 of 2015) be now read a Second Time

(The Leader of the Majority Party – 07.10.2015)

Debate on the Second Reading having been concluded on Thursday, October 08, 2015;

Question put and agreed to:

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the whole House tomorrow;

## 9. THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.51 OF 2015)

Order for Second Reading read:

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Small Claims Court (National Assembly Bill No.51 of 2015) be now read a Second Time

(The Leader of the Majority Party – 01.10.2015)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson)

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **HOUSE ROSE** - at thirty minutes past Six O'clock

#### MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9.30 a.m.