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<u>TUESDAY</u>: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of 01/10/2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

A. **MOTION** - (Sen. Peter Mositet) (Department of Transport and Infrastructure)

THAT, aware that Schedule Four to the Constitution assigns the responsibility of construction and operation of national trunk roads to the National Government and that county transport including county roads are the responsibility of the County Governments; acknowledging that the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) is mandated, under the Kenya Roads Act, 2007, to administer funds for the development, rehabilitation and maintenance of roads in constituencies which are roads within counties and which fall under Class D category and below; cognizant of the fact that there are already established KeRRA structures in each of Kenya's 47 counties; the Senate urges the National Government to transfer all the functions of KeRRA to the County Governments in order to ensure faster and more efficient delivery of services.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 26th September, 2013) (Balance of Time – 2Hrs 15 mins)

B. <u>MOTION</u> - (Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo) (Department of Interior and Coordination of National Government)

THAT, aware that in the African context elders popularly referred to as 'wazee wa mtaa' have a special place and they are highly respected; appreciating their work in supplementing the work of Chiefs in matters of administration at the locational and village levels; concerned that no form of structured payment is given to them for the services they render; the Senate urges the National Government to establish a fund from which the elders will be compensated for their services.

C. Any Other Business.

WEDNESDAY: 02/10/2013

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

(Morning sitting)

A. **MOTION** - (Sen. Peter Mositet)

(Department of Transport and Infrastructure)

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(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 1st October, 2013)

B. **MOTION** - (Sen. (Prof.) John Lonyangapuo) (Department of Interior and Coordination of National Government)

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(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 1st October, 2013)

C. **MOTION** - (Sen. Harold Kipchumba) (Department of Devolution and Planning)

THAT, concerned that currently Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs) and members of the County Public Service Boards are not adequately remunerated resulting in demoralization and disillusionment amongst the MCAs and inability of County Public Service Boards to attract and retain qualified personnel; concerned further that consultation

with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission on the matter has failed to yield any concession; aware that all County Assemblies have, for a second time, adjourned indefinitely in order to press for improved terms; concerned that the trend will have adverse effect on devolution and service delivery in counties as envisaged in Article 174 of the Constitution; the Senate calls upon the Salaries and Remuneration Commission to speed up the process of job evaluation for MCAs and members of the County Public Service Boards and to ensure that adequate remuneration and other terms of Service are offered to them.

D. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of 2/10/2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

(Afternoon sitting)

A. **MOTION** – (Sen. Mutahi Kagwe)

(Department of Information, Communication and Technology)

THAT, considering the need for Implementation of an Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) as required by the law; noting that most counties are not linked to the National Optic Fibre Broadband Infrastructure (NOFBI); aware that the rolling out of e-government will be hindered by lack of such infrastructure; recognizing the principles of good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability set out in the Constitution and the need for public participation and access to information; further recognizing that investment in ICT creates opportunities for youth employment; the Senate calls on the National Government, to connect all county headquarters to the Fibre Optic National Network and to link all county headquarters to relevant national institutions such as the Senate and the Treasury through video conferencing capability to save unnecessary expenses, enhance efficiency and accountability and improve the performance of county governments.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 25th September, 2013 - Morning sitting) (Division)

B. <u>MOTION:</u> - (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs)
(The National Treasury)

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs on the County Government Cash Disbursement Schedule for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 26th September, 2013) (Division)

C. **MOTION** - (The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, noting that the Senate held its first sitting on 28th of March, 2013 at the Amphitheatre of the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC); aware that the Senate has been holding its sittings at Shimba Hills Room at the KICC; noting that the Shimba Hills room is not suitable for the deliberations of the Senate; aware that the Parliamentary Service Commission is mandated to provide services and facilities to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of Parliament; cognizant that the Rules and Business Committee visited the debating chamber at the County Hall on Wednesday 25th September, 2013 and found it ready for occupation; the Senate resolves to move its sittings to the County Hall Chamber with effect from Tuesday, 15th October, 2013.

D. **MOTION** - (Sen. Harold Kipchumba)

(Department of Devolution and Planning)

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(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2013 - Morning sitting)

E. **MOTION:** - (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs)
(The National Treasury)

THAT, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs on the investigations carried out by the Controller of Budget on the irregular alteration to the Budget Estimates for Turkana County for Fiscal Year 2013/14.

F. Any Other Business

<u>THURSDAY</u>: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of 3/10 /2013 Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills

A. <u>MOTION</u>: - (The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs) (The National Treasury)

THAT, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs on the investigations carried out by the Controller of Budget on the irregular alteration to the Budget Estimates for Turkana County for Fiscal Year 2013/14.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2013 - Afternoon sitting)

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