



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 01, 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 - PROMOTION OF BARRIER-FREE/DISABILITY FRIENDLY PUBLIC BUILDINGS**
(The Hon. Isaac Mwaura, MP)

THAT, aware that Article 54 (c) of the Constitution provides that a person with disability is entitled to reasonable access to all places, public transport and information; further aware that Section 21 of the Persons with Disability Act, 2003 provides that persons with disabilities are entitled to a barrier-free and disability-friendly environment to enable them have access to buildings, roads and other social amenities, assistive devices and other equipment to promote their mobility; concerned that over the years, persons with disabilities have not been given the right to enjoy all their fundamental freedoms; cognizant of the fact that accessibility is vital in increasing the mobility of these individuals and reducing the ratio of dependency on people; this House urges that the Government makes the necessary structural design adjustments to all public buildings, Government Ministries, departments and agencies to make them more user-friendly to persons with disabilities, and that the National Council for Persons with Disabilities approves all new public structures to ensure their designs are compliant to minimum accessibility standards.

(The Departmental Committee on Transport, Roads and Housing)

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION - INTRODUCTION OF KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE IN SCHOOLS**

(The Hon. Isaac Mwaura, MP)

THAT, aware that Article 7 (3) (b) of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote the development and use of indigenous language, Kenyan Sign language, braille and other communication formats and technologies accessible to persons with disabilities; further aware that Article 54 (d) provides that a person with disability is entitled to use sign language or other appropriate means of communication; noting that sign language for the deaf is the most important source of knowledge, access to national participation and of great importance to their school work; cognizant of the fact that Kenyan sign language is the medium of communication for the deaf with the community, this House urges that the Government introduces Kenyan sign language to be taught in schools as part of the primary school curriculum to enable Kenyans to acquire the basic skills to communicate with people that have a hearing impairment.

(Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology)

6. **PROCEDURAL MOTION - EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS**

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Motion made and question proposed

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 256(1), this House resolves to exempt the Business appearing as Order No. 9 from the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for Business not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party.

There being no Member willing to debate;

Question put and agreed to

7. **PROCEDURAL MOTION - PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - (2nd Allotted day)**

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Motion made and question proposed

THAT, the thanks of the House be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the **Address of the President delivered on Thursday, March 26, 2015.**

(The Leader of the Majority Party – 31.03.2015)

(Debate interrupted on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 resumed)

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

8. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One O'clock
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The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, April 01, 2015 at 2.30 p.m.

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