

Second Session (1124)

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018 AT 2.30 PM

- 1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
- 2. The Proceedings were opened with prayer said by the Speaker.

3. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate: -

i) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments' infrastructure projects comprising County Executive Headquarter offices, Assembly Chambers and offices and County State officers' residences.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

ii) Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 4th December, 2018.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – (Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments' infrastructure projects comprising County Executive Headquarter offices, Assembly Chambers and offices and County State officers' residences, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 29th November, 2018.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP)

THAT WHEREAS Article 43 (1)(f) of the Constitution of Kenya explicitly provides for the right to education for all;

AND WHEREAS Article 24 of the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) recognizes the right of persons with disabilities to education without discrimination and on the basis of equal opportunity and that State Parties shall ensure an inclusive education system at all levels and lifelong learning

directed to among others, the full development of the dignity and human potential of persons with disabilities;

NOTING THAT Dyslexia is a form of disability that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but does not affect general intelligence;

COGNIZANT THAT with the appropriate intervention, dyslexic children have talents that can be nurtured in an inclusive setting;

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT lack of appropriate curriculum for dyslexic learners in public schools disadvantages such learners resulting to failure to maximize their full potential;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate calls upon the national government through the Ministry of Education to:

- 1. ensure that educational needs of dyslexic learners are catered for in all public schools:
- 2. ensure a differentiated curriculum for dyslexic children is developed and accommodated within the regular curriculum;
- 3. allocate funds for purpose of developing Special Needs Education (SNE) support materials and resources for dyslexic children in regular public schools; and,
- 4. ensure that an inclusive mechanism is put in place to facilitate economic empowerment of dyslexic children as they transit from school to the work place.

6. **STATEMENTS**

a) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order No. 47 (1)

A Nominated Senator (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve) made a statement on an issue of general topical concern, regarding the Special Olympics World Summer Games.

In the Statement, the Senator informed the House that the Special Olympics World Summer Games are a multi-sport event for athletes with intellectual disabilities, aimed at creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability.

The Senator noted that Kenya had participated in previous editions of the Special Olympics and, on each occasion, the players had experienced challenges owing to lack of funding and support from the government. She therefore, while acknowledging that notable efforts had been made in Kenya to enhance the lives of persons living with disabilities, called for more to be done especially in the area of sports and physical activity for persons living with disabilities.

b) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order No. 48 (1)

The Senator for Wajir County (Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ibrahim, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation regarding the high parking charges in institutions that offer public services such as hospitals, schools and malls, among others.

c) Statements Pursuant to Standing Order No. 51 (1) (b)

- i) The Vice-Chairperson of the Ad-hoc Committee on Maize issued a statement relating to the activities of the Committee.
- ii) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration issued a statement relating to the activities of the Committee during the previous three months.
- iii) The Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee during the previous three months.
- iv) The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee during the previous three months.

d) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (1)

The Senate Majority Leader issued a statement regarding the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 4th December, 2018.

7. THE NATURAL RESOURCES (BENEFIT SHARING) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 31 OF 2018)

(Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and committed to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources.

8. THE COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 26 OF 2018)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the County Early Childhood Education Bill (Senate Bills No. 26 of 2018) be now read a Second Time.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education – 28.11.2018)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 28th November, 2018 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Raising a point of Order, the Chairperson Standing Committee on Education requested that the putting of the Question be deferred to a later date, pursuant to Standing Order 61 (3).

And the Deputy Speaker acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to Tuesday, 4th December, 2018.

9. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT SCHEME BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 10 OF 2018)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the County Government Retirement Scheme Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 10 of 2018) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

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

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.