



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communication –

“Honourable Members,

As you may be aware, the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2018) was published on 10th April, 2018 and is scheduled for First Reading on Wednesday 25th April, 2018. The Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, contains amendments to sixty one (61) different statutes among them the Kenya Revenue Authority Act of 1995. The Bill seeks to effect minor amendments to various acts that do not warrant the publication of a separate Bill.

Honourable Members, I wish to inform the House that I have received a letter from the Leader of the Majority Party, requesting to withdraw proposed amendments to the Kenya Revenue Authority No. 2 of 1995. This implies that the Bill will now proceed for its First Reading and other stages without making reference to the withdrawn statute. In this regard, Honourable Members, I direct that amendments relating to the said statute be withdrawn from the Bill forthwith. The House is accordingly informed.

Thanks”.

5. **PETITION**

The Member for Marakwet East (Hon. Kangogo Bowen) presented a Petition by Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) regarding failure by Teachers’ Service Commission to gazette and deduct agency fees from non-unionisable teachers;

Petition referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 227(1).

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice was given –

THAT, this House adopts the Second Report of the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities on improvement of services and facilities, laid on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, April 25, 2018

(Chairperson, Committee on Members' Services and Facilities)

7. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMMES AND INTERVENTIONS TO ENCOURAGE UPTAKE OF COUNSELING SERVICES**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that there are over 200 classified types of mental disorders, the most common ones being clinical depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD); concerned that Kenya's mental health policy estimates that about twenty five(25) percent of out-patients and about forty (40) percent of in-patients suffer from mental health conditions with the most frequent diagnosis of mental illnesses made in general hospital settings being depression, substance abuse, stress and anxiety disorders; deeply concerned that the current worrying trend of increased domestic violence among Kenyan families has resulted in suicides, deaths, injuries, psychological trauma, orphaned and unstable children; noting that the prevalence of mental disorders may also be attributed to the noted cases of suicide, homicides and violence at household level; further noting that despite the strategies and guidelines that the Government has put in place towards achieving the highest standard of mental health, prevalence of mental disorders remains high, this House **urges** the Government to urgently establish programmes and interventions to encourage uptake of counseling services among individuals, families and communities to mitigate effects of mental disorders.

(Hon. Rose Museo – 18.03.2018)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Wednesday, April 18, 2018;

Question put and agreed agreed to.

8. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL REGISTRATION CENTERS IN EVERY CONSTITUENCY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that every birth in Kenya must be registered by the Department of Civil Registration and documented through a birth certificate; further aware that subsequent registration of citizens and acquisition of documentation such as identity cards and passports, school admissions, registration of exams, and access to opportunities such as employment depends and relies on birth certificates; deeply concerned that the Department of Civil Registration Services has over time experienced backlogs in the issuance of birth certificates as a result of among other factors, inadequate personnel, unwillingness to embrace information communication and technology, inadequate funding, and inadequate materials used in registration of persons; further deeply concerned that registration services are not easily accessible to majority of Kenyans owing to the few registration centers in place, this House **urges** the Government to consider establishing Civil Registration Centres in every constituency and ensure full implementation of the Kenya Citizens and Foreign Nationals Management Service Act, 2011.

(Hon. Martha Wangari – 18.04.2018)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 resumed;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Second Chairperson)

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day.

9. **MOTION – CREATION OF WATER COLLECTION AND STORAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN THE CITIES AND MAJOR TOWNS IN KENYA**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution provides for the protection of the environment and natural resources and in particular water protection, securing sufficient residual water among others by the National Government; further aware that the existence of abundant water during rainy seasons goes to waste uncollected; deeply concerned about the destructive nature of the said excess water on roads, buildings and other infrastructure including loss of lives in the cities and major towns; cognizant of the fact that during dry periods, there is always rationing of water due to low water levels in the reservoirs that serve the cities and major towns; this House **urges** the Government to consider creating water collection and storage management systems in the cities and major towns in Kenya.

(Hon. George Kariuki GK)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day.

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

10. **HOUSE ROSE** - at two minutes past One O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.

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