



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2019**

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

4. **PETITIONS**

The Member for Nakuru Town East (Hon. David Gikaria) presented a Petition regarding delayed recovery of bodies of Mr. John Mapozi and Mr. Sam Gitau who perished in the Flex Air Charters Plane Crash in Lake Nakuru.

Petition referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 227(2).

5. **QUESTIONS**

The following Questions were asked –

- (i) Question No.275/2019 by the Member for Baringo Central (Hon. Joshua Kandie) regarding numerous police road blocks along Nairobi-Nakuru highway and measure being put in place to enhance traffic flow along the Nairobi-Nakuru Highway by the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government. Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security.
- (ii) Question No.276/2019 by the Member for Rongo (Hon. Paul Abuor) regarding contractors' funds retained at the District Treasury of the former Kisumu East District; when the National Treasury and Planning is going to settle these balances to the affected contractors. Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.
- (iii) Question No.277/2019 by the Member for Meru County (Hon. Bishop Kawira Mwangaza) regarding stalling of construction of Kiringwa Irrigation Project in Tigania, Meru County since 2006; and, measures being put in place by the Ministry to ensure the said project is completed in time. Question referred to the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock.

The following Question was deferred –

- (iv) Question No.274/2019 by the Member for Trans Nzoia County (Hon. Janet Nangabo) regarding alleged harassment of staff of Agricultural Development Corporation by management; Measure being put in place by the Ministry to ensure staffs' rights and welfare of the Corporation are safeguarded so as to improve productivity. Question was deferred.

6. **MOTION - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CURRICULUM FOR TRAINING STUDENTS AND PUPILS IN SCHOOLS ON ROAD SAFETY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, concerned that available reports indicate that on average, road traffic accidents in the country cause an estimated 3,000 deaths with many other victims injured and maimed as a result, placing Kenya among the Countries with the highest road carnage globally; further concerned that it is estimated that the cost to the economy from road traffic accidents is in excess of Kshs. 300 billion annually according to the National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA) Road Safety Status Report (2015); aware that legislation and policies in place to a large extent addresses the key road safety risk factors, and the challenge is in implementation and enforcement; cognizant that road safety awareness would help in combating road accidents in the country; acknowledging that section 4(2) of the National Transport and Safety Act mandates the NTSA to develop and implement road safety strategies; and facilitate the education of Members of the public on road safety; recognizing that schools provide the largest and most concentrated group of Members of the public who can benefit from road safety education; this House **resolves** that the National Government urgently develops and implements a mandatory and examinable curriculum for training of students and pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools on road safety.

*(Hon. Silvanus Osoro)*

Debate arising;

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

*(Change of Chair from the Second Chairperson to the Fourth Chairperson)*

Mover replied;

Question deferred pursuant to Standing Order 53(3).

7. **MOTION - MEASURES TO BRIDGE TRADE DEFICIT**

Motion made –

**THAT**, aware that Kenya's trade deficit has been on the increase in the past few years with the financial year 2016/2017 deficit being estimated at Kshs.1.1 trillion; noting that, the deficit is mainly attributable to the exports worth Kshs.594 billion against imports amounting to Kshs.1.7 trillion, driven mainly by the more than doubling of food and machinery imports amid slow-moving exports; concerned that, the widening deficit has continued to pile pressure on the shilling against other global currencies such as the dollar; alarmed that, the high demand for the dollar to fund imports has been forcing the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) to intervene, depleting foreign exchange reserves even as the Country continues to incur foreign debts; cognizant that, the rising imports amplified by flat exports portends a difficult operating environment for local enterprises and farmers thereby denying

Kenyans employment opportunities when locals lose out to foreign manufacturers and farmers; notwithstanding the effects of protectionism policies which contribute towards affecting local industries and farms abilities to compete in international markets; this House **resolves** that the Government urgently puts in place measures to bridge the huge trade deficit including by providing incentives to potential investors and farmers, supporting local production through promotion and protection of local industries and implementing competitive export promotion strategies.

*(Hon. Maj. (Rtd) John Waluke)*

And the time being One o'clock, the Fourth Chairperson 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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**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair today,  
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

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