



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.

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 Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Trans Nzoia County Elimu Bursary Fund for the Year ended 30th June 2018;
- (ii) Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Lamu County Fisheries Development Fund for the Year ended 30th June 2018;
- (iii) Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Lamu County Bursary and Scholarship Fund for the Year ended 30th June 2018;
- (iv) Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Bungoma County Assembly Staff Car Loan and Mortgage Fund for the Year ended 30th June 2018;
- (v) Annual County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the Financial Year 2018/19;
- (vi) The Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2018/2019; and

(The Deputy Senate Majority Leader)

- (vii) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 8th October, 2019.

(Senator Mutula Kilonzo Jnr. MP, on behalf of the Majority Leader)

4. **STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 52 (1)**

Sen. Mutula Kilonzo, Jr. MP, on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader issued a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 8th October, 2019.

5. **THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2019)**

Order read for Second reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No. 10 of 2019) be now read a Second time.

*(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization
– 02.10.19)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2019 resumed;

There being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Sen. Golich Juma, MP replied on behalf of the Mover;

Raising a point of order the Senator for Tana River County (Sen. Golich Juma, MP) requested that the putting of the question be deferred to a later date pursuant to Standing Order 61(3).

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP), acceding to the request, deferred putting of the Question to a later date.

6. **MOTION – APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20**

Order read;

THAT, pursuant to Section 17 of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 183 of the Senate, this House approves the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2019/2020, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019.

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget – 25.09.19)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 25th September, 2019)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

7. MOTION - REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TEA.

Order read;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Ad hoc Committee inquiring into the challenges facing the tea sector in Kenya, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 25th July, 2019.

(Chairperson, Ad hoc Committee)

Order deferred.

8. MOTION - FREE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SNAKE BITES ANTI-VENOM IN PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT, there is an abundance of snakes in various parts of the country namely; Kitui, Baringo, Wajir, Kajiado, Embu and Tana River Counties among others, which poses a high mortality rate of snake bites across these counties;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, all patients bitten by snakes should be assessed by medically-trained staff to determine the species responsible, the amount of venom injected and the variable time course for development of signs, requiring that patients be kept under observation for at least 24 hours;

CONCERNED THAT, these incidences of snake bites are a neglected emergency in Kenya owing to the low awareness of snake bites as a public health problem in the country resulting to victims being maimed and even losing lives;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, poor infrastructure and poverty contribute to delays in seeking and receiving treatment for snake bites including the high cost of acquiring and storing the anti-venom;

RECOGNIZING THAT, it is essential for snakebite victims to get supportive care followed by the administration of the anti-venom as soon as possible following a snake bite;

NOTING THAT, Article 43 (1) (a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the County governments to establish programs to sensitize people on the management of snake bites and to ensure timely supply and free administration of the anti-venom in public health facilities, concentrating on sub county health facilities in the affected counties, and further ensure that these facilities are equipped with the necessary infrastructure for the storage of the anti-venom.

(Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)

Order deferred.

9. **MOTION - ENGAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS BY COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT county health facilities, and the promotion of primary health care are devolved functions, and each county government is striving to offer the best healthcare to the people of Kenya;

COGNIZANT THAT, the provision of healthcare services is continuously riddled with numerous challenges ranging from understaffing of personnel to inadequate facilities and equipment resulting in congestion in hospitals further restricting effective service delivery;

NOTING THAT every Kenyan has a right to affordable and accessible healthcare, and the President has launched a pilot universal health care program called “Afya Care” that will see many Kenyans access improved healthcare;

CONCERNED THAT, the diverse nature of counties and wanting infrastructural development is compromising the quality and accessibility of health centres especially during emergency situations, resulting in the loss of many lives occasioned by the failure by patients to reach health facilities in time;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in each county there are numerous unemployed community health workers who are adept at working with communities in emergency situations, and have the requisite experience to support the medical practitioners in our country where, according to the World Health Organization 2014 report, there are two (2) doctors for every ten thousand (10,000) people;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Council of Governors in partnership with the Ministry of Health –

1. Develop a policy for the training, certification and employment of community health workers to enhance the emergency health service delivery in the Counties, and
2. Facilitate the said community health workers with the necessary basic equipment for use during emergency cases.

(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP)

Order deferred.

10. **MOTION - REPORT ON THE THIRD STATUTORY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION (FP-ICGLR)**

Order read;

THAT, this House notes the Report on the 3rd Statutory Meeting of the Committee on Economic Development, Regional Integration and Natural Resources of the Forum of Parliaments of the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region (FP-ICGLR) held

in Bujumbura, Burundi, from 13th to 14th March, 2019, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019.

(Sen. Samuel Poghisio, MP)

Order deferred.

And there being no other Business, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty-two minutes past four O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-two minutes past four O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, October 08, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.*

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