



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 (MORNING)

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

The following Question was asked –

- (i) **Question No. 500/2019** by the Member for Lamu County (Hon. Ruweida Obo, MP) regarding the measures the Ministry has put in place to develop an airstrip on *Pate Island* in Lamu County and to ensure that runway lights are installed at *Manda Airport* to make it operational at night.
(To be replied by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development before the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing)

The following Questions were deferred–

- (ii) **Question No. 501/2019** by the Member for Roysambu (Hon. Isaac WaihenyaNdirangu, MP) regarding the status of ownership of Land Reference No. 71/7 which was originally set aside by *Kamuthi Farmers Cooperative Society Ltd* in *Roysambu Constituency*.
- (iii) **Question No. 502/2019** by the Member for Maragua (Hon. Mary Wamaua, MP) regarding the measures the Ministry put in place to ensure that quality assurance systems in all food processing companies are continuously improved and monitored to safeguard the quality of food items being consumed in the country.

5. **MOTION - REGISTRATION OF FARMERS AND FORMATION OF AGRI-BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR IMPROVED BENEFITS AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND NUTRITIONAL SECURITY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that farmers in Kenya are least organized into Associations, following the collapse of the Agricultural Cooperatives; further aware that, the Crops Act, 2013 provides for registration of farmers so as to establish who they are and what they produce; noting that Government's efforts to establish farmers' organizations have ended up delivering short-lived and unsustainable initiative-based groups which fizzle out soon after their formation; further noting that the best way to organize farmers is through their organizations; appreciating that the best suited organization to undertake farmers' registration is the Kenya National Farmers' Federation which has both experience and capacity; further noting that through organized farmers, farming will be more beneficial in terms of volumes, lowered cost of production and improving organized raw material supply to industry; realizing that organizing farmers into Agri-business entities is a costly undertaking which calls for Government support, and acknowledging that through organized production systems, the country will achieve the Big 4 faster and also create more and better jobs in the Agricultural Value Chains; this House urges the Government to facilitate and support the Kenya National Farmers' Federation to mobilize and organize the registration of farmers into preferred entities and manage national farmers' database for use in engagements and sustainable management of the various Agricultural Product Value Chains.

(Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga - 30.10.2019)

Question deferred to another day.

6. **THE EQUALISATION FUND BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.43 OF 2019)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the Equalisation Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No.43 of 2019) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Kassait Kamket)

Debate arising;

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

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day.

7. **THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 33 OF 2019)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2019) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Joyce Emanikor)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question deferred to another day.

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

8. **HOUSE ROSE** - at six minutes to One o'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

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