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**<u>TUESDAY</u>**: Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.

#### A. \*<u>THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS</u> NO. 14 OF 2019)

(Sen. (Dr.) Isaac Mwaura, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) (Mover to Reply)

#### B. <u>MOTION – ADOPTION OF REPORT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON</u> <u>COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS ON ACCOUNTS OF</u> <u>COUNTY EXECUTIVES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/2015</u>

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments)

**THAT,** the Senate adopts the Report of the Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments on the Inquiry into the Financial Operations of Baringo, Busia, Elgeyo Marakwet, Embu, Kajiado, Kericho, Kilifi, Kirinyaga, Kisii, Kwale, Lamu, Makueni, Marsabit, Meru, Nakuru, Narok, Nyamira, Uasin Gishu, Vihiga and West Pokot County Executives for Financial year 2014/2015 (1<sup>st</sup> July, 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) (Division)

#### C. \*<u>THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILD PARENTS BILL (SENATE BILLS</u> <u>NO. 11 OF 2019)</u>

(Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)

(Second Reading) (Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) (Division)

## D. \*<u>THE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19</u> <u>OF 2019)</u>

(Sen. (Arch.) Sylvia Kasanga, MP)

(Second Reading) (Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) (Division)

#### E. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> \*<u>THE ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2018)</u> (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

#### F. \*THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2019)

(Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP and Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) (Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 20th November, 2019)

#### G. \*<u>THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURE) BILL (SENATE BILLS</u> <u>NO. 17 OF 2019)</u>

(Sen. Mercy Chebeni, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 21st November, 2019)

#### H.\*\*\*<u>THE STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (NO. 2) BILL</u> (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 13 OF 2018)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

#### I. \*\*\*THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 35 OF 2019) (The Secrete Meiorite Lorder)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

#### J. \*<u>THE ELECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2019)</u> (Sen. Ephraim Maina, MP)

(Second Reading)

#### K. <u>MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE</u> <u>ON COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL</u> <u>OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS COUNTY EXECUTIVES FOR THE FINANCIAL</u> <u>YEAR 2013/2014</u>

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments)

**THAT,** the Senate adopts the Report of the Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments on the inquiry into the Financial Operations of Kiambu, Busia, Kwale, Tana River, Trans Nzoia, Nyandarua, Migori, Kisumu, Samburu, Kericho, Bomet, Bungoma, Garissa,

Isiolo, Kitui, Lamu, Makueni, Mandera, Marsabit, Meru, Mombasa, Nyamira, Taita Taveta, Uasin Gishu, Vihiga and Wajir County Executives for the Financial Year 2013/2014 (1<sup>st</sup> July, 2013-30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014), laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2019.

#### L. <u>MOTION - EXERCISE BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY GOVERNORS OF THE</u> <u>POWERS AND FUNCTIONS VESTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY</u> <u>GOVERNOR IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE HOLDER OF THE</u> <u>OFFICE</u>

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

**THAT, COGNIZANT THAT**, Article 179(4) of the Constitution designates the County Governor and the Deputy County Governor as the chief executive and deputy chief executive of the County, respectively;

**FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT,** pursuant to Article 180(6) of the Constitution, a County Governor and Deputy County Governor are elected on a joint ticket, with Article 179(5) providing that, whenever the County Governor is absent, the Deputy County Governor shall act as the County Governor;

**AWARE THAT**, in several Counties, Deputy County Governors have had to serve as County Governors due to the absence of the substantive County Governors, arising from ill health, incapacity or orders emanating from the Courts barring the substantive Governor from accessing office;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT**, section 32(4) of the County Governments Act places limitations on the exercise, by the Deputy County Governor while acting as Governor, of the powers to nominate, appoint or dismiss that are assigned to the Governor under the Constitution or other written law;

**NOTING THAT**, other than the said limitations under section 32(4) of the County Governments Act, no other restraints are placed in law on the exercise, by the Deputy County Governor, of the powers and functions of the Governor whenever the Governor is absent;

**AWARE THAT**, in exercising the powers and functions of County Governor pursuant to Article 179(5) of the Constitution, Deputy County Governors face a myriad of legal, operational and administrative challenges, which hinder the effective functioning of county governments and the efficient delivery of services to the public;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Senate directs that the National Treasury, the Controller of Budget, the Auditor General, and the respective County Assemblies and County Executive Committee Members, to work directly with the Deputy County Governor, while exercising the functions of County Governor, in order to facilitate the effective functioning of county governments and the efficient delivery of services to the public.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019) (Question to be Put)

#### M. <u>MOTION - FREE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SNAKE BITES ANTI-VENOM IN</u> <u>PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES</u>

(Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP)

**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 medicallytrained 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 THERFORE,** 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.

#### N. <u>MOTION - CREATION OF COUNTY PARASPORTS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE 47</u> <u>COUNTIES</u>

(Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP)

**THAT, AWARE THAT** sport has the unique ability to transcend linguistic, cultural and social barriers, making it an excellent platform for inclusion and adaptation of different groups;

**FURTHER AWARE THAT** the universal popularity of sport and its physical, social and economic development benefits makes it an ideal tool for fostering the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities;

**COGNIZANT** of the fact that persons with disabilities often face societal barriers and disability evokes negative perceptions and discrimination in many societies and, as a result of the stigma associated with disability, persons with disabilities are generally excluded from education, employment and community life which deprives them of opportunities essential to their social development, health and well-being;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that sport can help reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with disability by transforming community attitudes towards persons with disabilities by highlighting their skills and reducing the tendency to see the disability instead of the person;

**FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING** that sport has become a career to many young people with talents, hence a source of income;

**CONCERNED** that there are many young talented youths with disabilities in the counties whose talent in sports has not been tapped, and that these young people are wallowing in poverty, which they have the potential to eliminate through sports and talent;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage in partnership with the Council of Governors to ensure that county governments:

- 1. Create a parasports association in each of the 47 counties, affiliated to the National Paralympic Committee, and responsible for the development and promotion of para-sports within the counties; and
- 2. Submit an annual report to the Senate on the activities of the parasports associations, including the amounts of money spent on disability sports, and the number of paralympic games, teams and players sponsored by the county during the year.

#### **O.** Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY:Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices27/11/2019of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills and Business that is not<br/>concluded on Tuesday, 26th November, 2019.

#### A. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

## \*<u>THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS (DEPUTY PRESIDENT AND DESIGNATED</u> <u>STATE OFFICERS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2018)</u>

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

## B. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

## \*<u>THE KENYA MEDICAL SUPPLIES AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL</u> (<u>SENATE BILLS NO. 38 OF 2018)</u>

(Sen. Mary Seneta, MP)

## C. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

## \*<u>THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL</u> (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2019)

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

## D. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> \*\*\*\*<u>THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2019)</u> (The Senate Majority Leader)

# E. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

## \*THE COUNTY TOURISM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2019)

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

## F. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u> \*\*<u>THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE</u> <u>BILLS NO. 10 OF 2019)</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization)

## G. <u>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</u>

## \*THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2019)

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

#### H. Any Other Business

THURSDAY:<br/>28/11/2019Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers,<br/>Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills and Business that is<br/>not concluded on Tuesday, 26th November, 2019 and Wednesday, 27th<br/>November, 2019.

#### A. <u>MOTION - REPORTS OF THE SIXTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE FOURTH</u> <u>PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT AND THE FIRST AND SECOND ORDINARY</u> <u>SESSIONS OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT OF THE PAN-AFRICAN</u> <u>PARLIAMENT</u>

(Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

**THAT,** this House notes the Reports of the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Fourth Pan-African Parliament held in Midrand, South Africa, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018; the First Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Pan African Parliament held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 18<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2019; and, the Second Ordinary Session of the Fifth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, held in Midrand, South Africa from 6<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

#### B. <u>MOTION – REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO</u> <u>THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (COP 24).</u> (Sen. (Dr.) Abdullahi Ali, MP)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 24) held in Katowice, Poland, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

#### C. MOTION - REPORT ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> WORLD WATER CONFERENCE

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on the 8<sup>th</sup> World Water Conference held in Brasilia, Brazil from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018.

#### D. <u>MOTION - REPORT ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF</u> <u>THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON MINING, MINERALS, METALS</u> <u>AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON MODERN MINING LAW AND</u> <u>POLICY</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development on Modern Mining Law and Policy held in Geneva, Switzerland from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

## E. <u>MOTION - REPORT ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE CONVENTION ON</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND</u> <u>FLORA (CITES) CONFERENCE OF PARTIES (COP 18)</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Conference of Parties (CoP 18) held in Geneva, Switzerland from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.

### F. <u>MOTION - REPORT ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF</u> <u>PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH</u> <u>DISABILITIES</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

G. Any Other Business

## <u>KEY</u>

\*\*\*\* - Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill

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- \*\*\* Denotes a National Assembly Bill
  - **\*\*** Denotes a Committee Bill
    - \* Denotes any other Bill