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# TUESDAY:Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices01/12/2020of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills

#### A. <u>MOTION - DEBATE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT –</u> (3<sup>RD</sup> AND FINAL DAY)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

**THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order 24 (6), the thanks of the Senate be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of His Excellency the President, delivered on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and further that the Senate notes the following Reports submitted by H.E. the President in fulfillment of Articles 132 (1) (c) and 240 (7) of the Constitution, kid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 –

- i) The Seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) State of the Nation Address by His Excellency the President delivered at a Special Sitting of Parliament on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020;
- ii) The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Measures Taken and Progress Achieved in the Realization of National Values and Principles of Governance;
- iii) The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Progress made in Fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya;
- iv) The Summary of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report on the Progress made in Fulfilling the International Obligations of the Republic of Kenya;

- v) The Annual Report to Parliament on the State of National Security;
- vi) The Report on the Ease of Doing Business: Reform Milestones 2014-2020; and
- vii) The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions Consolidated Annual Report for the financial years 2017/2018, 2018/2019 & 2019/2020.

#### (Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 24th November, 2020)

#### B. <u>MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE</u> <u>ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON THE</u> <u>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN THE REPORT OF THE</u> <u>STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUILDING</u> <u>BRIDGES TO A UNITED KENYA TASKFORCE</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

**THAT,** the Senate **adopts** the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the Constitutional amendments proposed in the Report of the Steering Committee on the Implementation of the Building Bridges to a United Kenya Taskforce Report, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

#### C. <u>MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE</u> <u>ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON THE CROPS (TEA INDUSTRY)</u> <u>REGULATIONS, 2020 - LEGAL NOTICE NO. 97 OF 2020</u>

(Chairperson, Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation)

**THAT,** the Senate <u>adopts</u> the Report of the Sessional Committee on Delegated Legislation on the Crops (Tea Industry) Regulations, 2020 – Legal Notice No. 97 of 2020, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, and that pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act and Standing Orders 221(4)(b) and 221(5)(b), <u>annuls</u> in its entirety, the Crops (Tea Industry) Regulations, 2020 - Legal Notice No. 97 of 2020.

#### D. <u>\*THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2020)</u> (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

(Second Reading)

## E. <u>MOTION - RECOGNIZING AND APPRECIATING THE ELDERLY BY COUNTY</u> <u>GOVERNMENTS</u>

(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP)

**THAT, AWARE** that in 2006, the National Government initiated the Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT) Programme, popularly known as *Pesa ya Wazee*, which is an unconditional cash transfer programme to destitute elderly persons above the age of 65 years to cater for their subsistence needs;

**NOTING THAT** the beneficiaries receive a monthly stipend of Kshs. 2,000, delivered every two months through appointed payment agents, and also entitled to medical insurance through the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF);

**CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT** the programme's credibility is marred by issues of delayed payments to beneficiaries, difficulties in processing of payments through the stipulated agents and payments to unregistered persons;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate recommends that the County Governments complement the efforts of the National Government and assist in resolving these challenges by:-

- 1. Developing legislation and policies to protect the elderly including ensuring all elderly persons in their counties are registered in the OPCT programme; and
- 2. Organise value addition mechanisms such as financial training to help the beneficiaries of the programme to efficiently utilise this allowance.

#### (Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 4th November, 2020)

#### F. <u>MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE</u> <u>ON ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE</u> <u>OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY</u> <u>(DEFECTS LIABILITY) REGULATIONS, 2020.</u>

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation)

**THAT,** the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation on its inquiry into the operationalization of National Construction Authority (Defects Liability) Regulations, 2020, laid on the table of the Senate, on Thursday, 24th September, 2020.

#### G. <u>MOTION-REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF KENYA DELEGATION TO THE</u> <u>141<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) AND</u> <u>RELATED MEETINGS, HELD IN BELGRADE, SERBIA FROM 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup></u> <u>OCTOBER, 2019</u>

(Sen. Susan Kihika, MP)

**THAT,** the Senate notes the report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings, held in Belgrade, Serbia, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 kid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

#### H. <u>MOTION – REPORT OF THE THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup></u> <u>PARLIAMENT OF THE PAN – AFRICAN PARLIAMENT HELD FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> TO</u> <u>18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019, IN MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA.</u>

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

**THAT,** the Senate notes the Report of the Third Ordinary Session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 in Midrand, South Africa.

#### I. <u>MOTION – ALLOCATION BY COUNTIES OF AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF THEIR</u> <u>BUDGET ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (ECDE)</u> <u>TOWARDS VULNERABLE GROUPS IN THE COUNTIES AND DEVELOPMENT</u> <u>OF A POLICY TO INCORPORATE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE LESS</u> <u>THAN THREE YEARS OF AGE</u>

(Sen. (Dr.) Alice Milgo, MP)

**THAT, AWARE THAT,** Constitution of Kenya (Article 53) affirms that children have basic rights, including the right to education, nutrition, shelter, health care and parental care, provisions that are aligned with those cited in both the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Africa Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, to which Kenya is a signatory;

**CONCERNED THAT,** the current status of day care facilities in the Country are not child friendly or habitable and there is need to bridge this gap to capture the play group class in the new 2-6-3-3 curriculum that is replacing the 32-year-old 8-4-4 system;

**ACKNOWLEDGING THAT,** most parents lack access to quality daycare facilities, which would provide a safe and stimulating environment to take care of their children while they are at work;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Senate urges that County Governors in conjunction with the Ministry of Education to ensure that:

- 1. Counties allocate at least 10 percent of their budget on Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) towards this vulnerable group; and
- 2. Policy is developed to incorporate the needs of children who are less than three years of age.

### J. <u>MOTION – PARKING CHARGES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OFFERING</u> <u>ESSENTIAL SERVICES</u>

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

**AWARE THAT,** many urban areas and towns in Kenya lack designated car parking areas as a result of imbalance between parking supply and demand mainly due to ineffective land use planning and miscalculations of space requirements, thereby leading to exorbitant parking fees;

**NOTING** that, most essential services offered in hospitals, educational institutions and other public utilities are offered in urban centers, shopping malls and other designated areas that charge parking fees to access;

ACKNOWLEDGING, that whether they are delivered by public or private

providers, essential services such as health, banking, education and other utilities are considered to be public services because they are public goods that sustain the well-being of every citizen and help in the development of the society as a whole;

**CONCERNED**, that access to hospitals, educational institutions and other places offering essential services might be hindered due to exorbitant parking fees levied on motorists accessing these services;

**FURTHER CONCERNED**, that charging entry fees amount to double taxation as the motorists who would have paid the parking fees will still pay for the services they seek;

**NOW THEREFORE,** the Senate urges the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Housing and Physical Planning together with the Council of Governors to come up with a policy framework to create an enabling environment for protection of motorists accessing essential services from paying exorbitant fees for parking.

## K. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION – FAST TRACKING CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN</u> <u>COUNTIES</u>

(Sen. Arch. Sylvia Kasanga, MP)

THAT, WHEREAS Kenya is a multi-ethnic and multi-racial country with rich and diverse cultural resources such as traditional medicine and foods, arts, craft, music, dances, dress among others;

**AWARE THAT,** the Constitution, in its preamble acknowledges the cultural diversity of the Kenyan people who are determined to live in peace and unity as one indivisible sovereign nation whilst, Article 11 of the Kenyan Constitution recognizes culture as the foundation of the nation and Part(2)(4) of the Fourth Schedule appoints cultural activities as a function of County Governments;

**NOTING** that while the Department of Culture under the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage has been playing some of the key roles in promotion of cultural integration, formulation of policies and standards that will guide the development of culture, little information on existing policies has been available to the Kenyan public;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that culture performs a significant role in the life of a child, the cultural background in which a child is brought up affects the totality of his or her life's activities;

**CONCERNED** that our children are losing their sense of identity due to the negative influences due to inadequate cultural identity catalyzed by globalization which has led to catastrophic consequences to the next generation as experienced in our country where a majority of young people are showing symptoms of feeling suicidal, anxious, feeling of hopelessness, anger, violence, feeling isolated, and paranoia;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Senate urges the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Sports, Culture and Heritage to-

- 1) Formulate cultural development policies and initiatives to inculcate stronger community values, safeguard Kenya's heritage, recognize local heroes and promote socio-cultural opportunities in the counties;
- 2) Formulate strategies to create an enabling environment for protection and promotion of diversity of cultural expressions in all counties; and,
- 3) Partner with the Council of Governors on the formulation and implementation of policy in accordance with Part (2)(4) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution.

## L. MOTION - (The Senate Majority Leader)

**THAT,** pursuant to Standing Orders 28 and 29, the Senate do adjourn until Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

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I. Any Other Business

## <u>KEY</u>

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

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