



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE SENATE

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 AT 10.00 A.M.

1. The Senate assembled at Ten O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. PAPERS

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate -

Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations, on the impasse on the budgetary estimates for financial year 2020/2021 for Kirinyaga County, between the County Executive and the County Assembly

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

4. STATEMENTS

i) Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1)

The Senator for Homa Bay County (Sen. Moses Kajwang', MP) made a statement concerning review of regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems (drones) in Kenya.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that unmanned aircraft systems refer to aircraft that are operated without humans on board and are commonly referred to as drones. He stated that drones range from hand-held consumer devices used for photography and leisure to sophisticated systems used in warfare and military operations. The Senator also informed the Senate that drones have found innovative

applications in the health sector, agriculture, disaster management and environmental conservation.

The Senator highlighted that the Government of Kenya published the Civil Aviation (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Regulations, 2020, in March, 2020, and the Civil Aviation (Regulatory Fees and Charges for Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Regulations in January, 2021, to guide the use of drones in Kenya to ensure safety and ethical standards. The Senator argued that the Regulations have introduced bureaucracies, licenses and levies which would stifle innovation in the Unmanned Aircraft Systems sub sector in Kenya.

The Senator further argued that a clear distinction needs to be made between drones for leisure and recreation, for commerce and security and military operations and that the Government must lower ref-flags and cut red-tape to encourage innovation and the fourth industrial revolution.

The Senator concluded by urging the Standing Committee on Roads and Transportation in conjunction with the Standing Committee on Information and Technology to engage the ministry concerned and relevant stakeholders to address a number of retrogressive provisions in the Regulations and to report to the Senate on the action taken.

ii) Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1)

- a) Nominated Senator, (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding challenges faced by teenage mothers and their children.
- b) Nominated Senator, (Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding cushioning Kenyans from the negative socio-economic impact of COVID-19 caused by the partial lockdown.
- c) Nominated Senator, (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning an alleged incident of a patient missing a kidney at Mbagathi hospital after a surgical operation; and
- d) Nominated Senator, (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Education concerning an alleged storming by boys from Arnestar Boys in Nakuru county of a neighbouring girls' school.
- e) Nominated Senator, (Sen. Falhada Dekow, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations regarding increased cases of domestic violence in the country due to the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 global pandemic.

- f) Nominate Senator, (Sen. Falhada Dekow, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the death of Mr. Morris Kimathi Kilunga who was allegedly shot by Mr. Michael Munyalo, Officer Commanding Station (OCS) Garissa Police Station.
- g) The Senator for Kericho County, (Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources concerning construction of Soin-Koru dam.
- h) The Senator for Kericho County, (Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget concerning the merger of government agencies to form the Kenya Transport and Logistics Network (KTNL).
- i) The Senator for Kericho County, (Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning alleged exportation of medical samples to laboratories outside the country.

iii) **Pursuant to Standing Order 51(1)(b)**

- a) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education made a statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, 9th February, 2021 to 19th March, 2021.
- b) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Integration made a statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, 9th February, 2021 to 19th March, 2021.

4. THE START-UP BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2021)

(Sen. Johnson Sakaja, MP)

Order for First Reading Read;

Bill read a First Time and Committed to the Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization.

5. MOTION - DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT BY HER EXCELLENCY SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA - (DAY 3)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 24 (6), the Thanks of the Senate be recorded for the Address to Parliament, by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu

Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, delivered on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 11.05.2021)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 18th May (Afternoon Sitting) 2021, resumed;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

The Mover replied.

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 79(1), the Deputy Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 24 (6), the Thanks of the Senate be recorded for the Address to Parliament, by Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, delivered on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021.

And the time being thirty minutes past twelve O'clock, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

6. SENATE ROSE - at thirty minutes past twelve O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.*

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