REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (FIFTH SESSION)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 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. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 230(2) (b), the Senator for Samburu County (Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP) presented to the Senate a Petition by residents concerning alleged historical injustices against members of the Samburu community living in Kirimun area of Laikipia North in Laikipia County.

Pursuant to Standing Order 231, the Speaker invited Senators to make comments, observations or seek clarification in relation to the Petition and, subsequently committed it to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources, pursuant to Standing Order 232(1).

4. PAPERS

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate: -

- (i) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Status of Kenya's Stock of Public Debt.
 - (Sen. (CPA) Farhiya Ali, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)
- (ii) Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 19th October, 2021.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

5. NOTICE OF MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE STATUS OF KENYA'S STOCK OF PUBLIC DEBT

(Sen. (CPA) Farhiya Ali, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Status of Kenya's Stock of Public Debt laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 14th October, 2021.

6. **STATEMENTS**

a) Pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. (Dr.) Getrude Musuruve Inimah, MP) made a statement concerning the International Day of the Girl Child.

Whereupon she informed the Senate that on December 19th 2011, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 66/170 to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child, which is now is observed annually and is internationally recognized as a day to celebrate and advocate for the empowerment of girls and amplification of their voices in the society, and the theme for this year is 'Digital Generation, our Generation', a rallying call for equal access to the internet for girls as well as digital devices.

The Senator observed that the COVID-19pandemic has highlighted many of the inequalities that weaken our societies, especially those between genders, one of the of the most destructive of which is the digital divide, which impacts girls from an early age. In-deed, over the past year, many countries have turned to remote learning to control the spread of COVID-19.

The Senator pointed out that, according to a recent study by UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank, 91% of the 138 countries surveyed used online learning platforms to tackle pandemic-related school closures. However, accessing these platforms depends on accessing the Internet - and boys and girls are unequal in this regard.

The Senator called upon parents to make efforts at ensuring that they empower both the boy- and girl-child on an equal scale in terms of education opportunities and family inheritance. Additionally, she called upon both the County and National government to come up with progressive and sustainable programmes that will enhance multi-sectoral opportunities of the girl child.

b) Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. (CPA) Farhiya Haji, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of pending bills at both the National and County Government levels.

c) Pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

The Senate Majority Leader issued a Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 19th October, 2021.

7. THE NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 21 OF 2021)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Health.

8. THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2021)

(Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jr., MP and Sen. Sakaja Johnson, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 29th September, 2021) (Division)

Order deferred.

9. THE KENYA CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2021)

(Sen. (Dr.) Irungu Kang'ata, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 30th September, 2021) (Division)

Order deferred.

10. THE LAW OF SUCCESSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2021)

(Sen. Abshiro Halake, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021) (Division)

Order deferred.

11. THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2021)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 5th October, 2021) (Division)

Order deferred.

12. THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 26 OF 2020)

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

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 12th October, 2021) (Division)

Order deferred.

13. THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2021) (Sen. Mutula Kilonzo Jr, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 13th October, 2021)
(Division)

Order deferred.

14. THE LIFESTYLE AUDIT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2021)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Lifestyle Audit Bill (Senate Bills No. 36 of 2021) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. (CPA) Farhiya Ali Haji, MP- 13.10.2021)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 resumed;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Raising a point of order and pursuant to the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date, pursuant to Standing Order 61 (3);

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP) acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the question to a later date.

15. THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 22 OF 2021)

Order read;

Motion made;

THAT, the Heritage and Museum Bill (Senate Bills No. 22 of 2021) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. (Dr.) Alice Milgo, MP- 12.10.2021)

And the time being thirty minutes past six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

16. **SENATE ROSE** – at Thirty Minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.