

### TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (SIXTH SESSION)

#### THE SENATE

### **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

### THURSDAY, MARCH, 03 2022 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 Deputy Speaker.

### 3. **PAPER**

Statement on the Business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 8th March, 2022.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

### 4. NOTICE OF MOTION - INTEGRATING CLIMATE EDUCATION INTO SCHOOL CURRICULUM AT ALL LEVELS

(Sen. Abshiro Halake, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT it is important that both the current and future generations are better equipped to address the problem of climate change and this can be accomplished by using appropriate instructional strategies such as integrating climate education into the syllabus to assist students in improving their understanding of climate change and acquiring the essential skills to reduce its effects;

ACKNOWLEDING THAT education is crucial to promote climate action as it helps individuals understand and address the impacts of the climate crisis, empowering them with the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes needed to act as agents of change, hence protect the environment and take action by crafting community level solutions;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT the Constitution of Kenya in Article 42 provides for the right to a clean and healthy environment for every Kenyan, which includes the right to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations;

FURTHER NOTING THAT climate change is a global nightmare with consequences that are already quite visible, and should be a priority for our education curriculum, in accordance to Article 12 of the Paris Agreement which espouses the enhancement of climate change education, training, public awareness, public participation and public access to information;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate calls upon the Council of Governors in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to:-

- 1. integrate climate education in the school curriculum in all counties to equip all school going children; and
- 2. equip teachers and administrators with the necessary information and training skills to teach climate education in schools.

### 5. STATEMENTS

### a) Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. Abshiro Halake) made a Statement regarding an issue of general topical concern, namely; the high prevalence of sexism and violence against women in parliaments in Africa.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that a new study launched by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the African Parliamentary Union (APU) launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021 revealed that sexism, harassment and violence are a norm across parliaments in Africa. Further, the study on African Parliaments revealed that 80% of women parliamentarians experience psychological violence in parliament, 67% are subjected to sexist behavior or remarks, 40% have been sexually harassed, 23% endured physical violence while 42% received threats of rape, beating or abduction online.

The Senator also informed the Senate that the study indicated that the majority of abuses targeting women parliamentarians was perpetrated by male parliamentarians, especially from rival parties and political leaning. Women parliamentarians with disabilities, women under 40, unmarried women and women from minority groups particularly face a higher incidence of violence.

The Senator stated that there was an urgent need for African parliaments, including Kenya, to institute mechanisms to protect women parliamentarians from sexism and other forms of sexual harassment and violence, which could be achieved through independent receipt and processing of gender sexual harassment and discrimination complaints that protect the victims from retribution by the perpetrators.

### (No.015)

### b) Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. Millicent Omanga, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on allegations of unremitted statutory deductions for the staff of Nairobi City County Government.

### 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, 8th March, 2022.

### 6. THE LANDLORD AND TENANT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2021)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

### (Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022- Morning Sitting)

(Division)

Order read and deferred.

### 7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Sen. Farhiya Haji, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 1st March, 2021) (Division)

Order read and deferred.

### 8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Sen. Abshiro Halake, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 -Morning Sitting) (Division)

Order read and deferred.

### 9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND ENFORCEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 21 OF 2021)

(Sen. Abshiro Halake, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 -Morning Sitting)

(Division)

Order read and deferred.

### 10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### THE SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 44 OF 2021)

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

### (Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 – Morning Sitting) (Division)

Order read and deferred.

#### 11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 48 OF 2021)

(Sen. (Eng.) Ephraim Maina, MP)

Order read and deferred.

### 12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### THE COUNTY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2021)

(Sen. Rose Nyamunga, MP)

Order read and deferred.

### 13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### THE IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2021)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read and deferred.

### 14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### THE COMMUNITY GROUPS REGISTRATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 20 OF 2021)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read and deferred.

### 15. THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2021)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order read and deferred.

### 16. THE ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN FINANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 51 OF 2021)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order read and deferred.

## 17. MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE SPECIAL AUDIT REPORT ON UTILIZATION OF COVID-19 FUNDS BY TWENTY EIGHT (28) COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

**THAT** the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the special audit report on utilization of COVID-19 funds by twenty eight (28) county governments, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 9th February, 2022.

Order read and deferred.

# 18. MOTION - ADOPTION OF REPORTS OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS ON CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF VARIOUS COUNTY EXECUTIVES FOR FINANCIAL YEARS 2018/2019

(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 consideration of the Reports by the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Executives for the Financial Year 2018/2019- Embu; Homa-Bay; Kericho; Kilifi; Kirinyaga; Kisii; Kwale; Machakos; Mombasa; Nandi; Baringo; Bomet; Garissa; Kajiado; and West Pokot as contained in Volume 1 of the Report and the following County Executives- Isiolo; Kakamega; Kisumu; Laikipia; Mandera; Marsabit; Nakuru; Narok; Nyandarua; Samburu; Taita Taveta; Trans-Nzoia; Uasin- Gishu; Vihiga; and Wajir, as contained in Volume 2 of the Report , Laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021.

Order read and deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Judith Pareno, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty minutes past three O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

19. **SENATE ROSE** - at fifty minutes past Three O'clock.

### MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.