

REPUBLIC OF KENYA <u>THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FIRST SESSION)</u> <u>THE SENATE</u>

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022 AT 2.30 PM

PRAYER

- 1. Administration of Oath
- 2. Communication from the Chair
- 3. Messages
- 4. Petitions
- 5. Papers
- 6. Notices of Motion
- 7. Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
- 8. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2022)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 17th November, 2022 - Afternoon Sitting)

(Division)

9. MOTION - INTEGRATING CLIMATE EDUCATION INTO NATIONAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

(Sen. Moses Kajwang', MP)

AWARE THAT climate change is a complex social and scientific issue which is characterized by uncertain and context specific knowledge, demanding that educators engage in inquiry and co-learning with students, while noting the lack of time and curriculum opportunities to address climate change in the classroom;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT that 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 the present and future generations;

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NOTING THAT Climate change is a global nightmare with consequences that are already quite visible and should be a priority for the national 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;

FURTHER NOTING THAT climate change education explores mitigation and adaptation at both local and global level, critical and creative thinking and capacity building that will enable youth to engage with the information, inquire, understand, ask critical questions and take what they determine are appropriate actions to respond to climate change;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the Climate Change Act 2016 addresses the integration of climate change into various disciplines and subjects of the national education curriculum at all levels, as well as requiring that the National Climate Council advises public agencies responsible for regulating universities and tertiary institutions curricula on integration of climate change into their curricula;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate calls upon the Ministry of Education in liaison with the Kenya Institute for Curriculum Development to:

- 1. Mainstream climate change education throughout formal education systems through integrating climate education in the school curriculum to creatively prepare children and young people for a rapidly changing, uncertain, risky and possibly dangerous future; and
- 2. Train and equip teachers and school administrators with the necessary information and skills to teach climate education and explore new approaches to learning that can contribute to the transformation of unsustainable climate systems, values and routines.

10. MOTION - STATE OF FOOD SECURITY IN KENYA

(Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, stipulates the rights of every person to be free from hunger, to have adequate food of acceptable quality, and to clean and safe water in adequate quantities;

FURTHER AWARE THAT there is a prevailing food shortage in Kenya which is as a result of among other factors, lack of and inadequate rainfall over the last two years, the consistent decline in the number of farmers and lands committed to farming, and the Russia-Ukraine war that has led to an increased cost of fertilizer and fuel products which are critical farm inputs, subjecting 4.1 million Kenyans in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) to an acute food insecure situation and about

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942,500 children under five years and 134,270 pregnant and lactating mothers to acute malnutrition according to the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG) report;

NOTING THAT about 1.5 million deaths of livestock have so far been reported in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) and that the situation is expected to be dire in light of expert projections that we may miss the normal cycle of rain expected in October, November, and December, 2022 and that this could be the worst drought we have experienced in 40 years;

CONCERNED THAT the country is recording incidences of conflict between crop farmers and pastoralists over the scarce resource of water and pasture which results in the destruction of crops and deaths of livestock further exacerbating the food crisis and that the challenge of food shortage is now spreading to areas previously presumed to be rainrich such as Mt. Kenya whose residents are now relying on government emergency food supplies;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development to develop targeted policy programs aimed at addressing the food insecurity in the country including the following:-

- 1. Coordinate with county governments to establish strategic grain reserves across the country, with drought-stricken areas receiving priority;
- 2. Develop livestock feeding programs in ASAL regions, providing water and feeds to the livestock farmers;
- 3. Coordinate with the National Drought Management Authority to do quarterly reports to the Senate on the drought situation in the country;
- 4. Subsidize agricultural production;
- 5. Establish abattoirs in ASAL Counties; and further recommends that the National Treasury and Economic Planning increases funding to the National drought disaster fund.

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The Senate resolved on 5th October, 2022 as follows:-

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner:-

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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- ****- Denotes a Majority / Minority Party Bill
- ***- Denotes a National Assembly Bill
- **- Denotes a Committee Bill
- *- Denotes any other Bill

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APPENDIX

1. NOTICE OF MOTION - DROUGHT AND HUNGER MITIGATION IN TURKANA COUNTY

(Sen. James Lomenen Ekomwa, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Turkana County continues to experience extremely dry weather conditions with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reporting that the aggregate rainfall for the six-month period ending September 2022 represented only 21 percent of the normal rainfall;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the prevailing weather conditions have resulted in the drying up of wells, boreholes, loss of pasture, and crops, therefore rendering any form of farming impracticable;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the residents of the County are predominantly pastoralists who keep cattle, donkeys, camels, and goats for food and income, and that the loss of these livestock is a loss of livelihood for them;

NOTING THAT the prevailing drought has resulted in the death of more than half of the livestock in the County thereby pushing eight hundred thousand residents to the brink of starvation and resulting in the highest ever rate of acute malnutrition in the County at 33%;

FURTHER NOTING THAT residents have been forced into migration with their livestock in search of pasture and water which has exposed them to raids by bandits and resulting in children dropping out of school;

CONCERNED THAT droughts have been recorded in the County since the 1960s and that the frequency of their occurrences has progressively increased with drought in the County becoming a yearly phenomenon;

COGNIZANT THAT Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, stipulates the rights of every person to be free from hunger, to have adequate food of acceptable quality, and to clean and safe water in adequate quantities, and obliges the State to provide social security to persons unable to support themselves and their dependants;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT Article 11 of the United Nation's International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) places further emphasis on the fundamental right to food and obliges the State to take progressive steps towards achieving full realization of the right to adequate food;

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NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the Ministries of Agriculture and Livestock Development; Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation; Education, and the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), the ASALs and Regional Development through the National Drought Management Authority, to come up with a policy framework to address the perennial drought in the County and to come up with policy programs addressing the current needs of the County to include: -

- i.) a roll out of a Rapid Response Initiative (RRI) programme of providing foodstuffs to the affected residents of the County to address immediate critical needs;
- ii.) an introduction of feeding programme in schools across the County;
- iii.) the drilling of water boreholes; and
- iv.) an institution of a livestock off-take programme to buy weak livestock.

2. STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 53 (1)

- i.) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the county boundary cutline between Taita Taveta county and neighbouring counties.
- ii.) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transport and Housing regarding the state of disrepair of sections Mombasa road following the construction of the Nairobi Expressway.
- iii.) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations concerning the state security in Migori County particularly in Awendo Constituency and Migori town.
- iv.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism concerning the rise in the number of road-side hardware suppliers in residential areas in Nairobi City County.

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v.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the rise in number of private schools operating in residential areas in Nairobi City County.

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Tentative Business for

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1)

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday, November 23, 2022 (afternoon).

MOTIONS

- i.) Plight of Kenyan Domestic Workers in the Middle East (Sen. Veronica Nduati, MP)
- ii.) <u>Drought and Hunger Mitigation in Turkana County</u> (Sen. James Lomenen Ekomwa, MP)
