



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**MORNING SITTING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 AT 9.30 A.M.**

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. **QUORUM IN THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of the nine minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:-

**i. Visiting teachers and students from Moi Girls' High School, in Nairobi County**

“Honourable Senators,

In the public gallery, we have ninety (90) students, accompanied by two (2) lecturers, from Moi Girls' High School, in Nairobi County, who are in the Senate on an education tour.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

**ii. Visiting teachers and students from St. Hannas Secondary School in Nairobi County**

“Honourable Senators,

In the public gallery, we have seventy-two (72) students, accompanied by six (6) teachers, from St. Hannas Secondary School in Nairobi County who are in the Senate on an education tour.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

**iii. Visiting teachers and students from Elgon View College, Kisii Campus in Kisii County**

“Honourable Senators,

In the public gallery, we have twenty (20) students, accompanied by two (2) lecturers, from Elgon View College – Kisii Campus in Kisii County who are in the Senate on an education tour.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS**

- i. Question 011** by the Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) on the state of security in Laikipia County and the wider North Rift region

to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

- ii. **Question 012**, by the Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) on the curbing of rampant abuse of Ketamine to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii. **Question 014**, by the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Said Chute, MP) on the state of tendering for relief food in the country to the Cabinet Secretary for East African Community (EAC), the ASALs and Regional Development was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- iv. **Question 015** by the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) on the prequalification of companies to import commodities by the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC) to the Cabinet Secretary for Investments, Trade and Industry, was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

6. **MOTION – STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH OF POLICE OFFICERS**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT, police officers are usually first responders and are often exposed to traumatic scenes and chronic stressors such as, dangerous situations, injuries and violence coupled with the need to report and testify about psychologically stressful scenes;

COGNIZANT OF, a survey done by the National Police Service Commission in 2022 which indicated that at least 12 to 13 percent of the 110,000 police officers have mental health challenges stemming from work related issues;

CONCERNED THAT, there has been a recent spike of incidents involving police officers, including murder and suicide which have been linked to the state of mental wellbeing;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the National Government and the National Police Service through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to –

1. declare the current mental health situation within the police service a national emergency;
2. urgently establish a specialized facility to cater for police officers with mental illness;
3. develop and implement policies to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues within law enforcement agencies and encourage officers to seek help when needed; and

4. prioritise mental health as a priority health and socio-economic agenda within the Police Service and that in cases of deployment and transfers the service considers the health of the affected officers.

*(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP – 04/05/2023)*

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, resumed;

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

In the absence of the Mover, the Deputy Speaker deferred the reply to another day.

7. **MOTION - COMPENSATION TO THE KENYAN VICTIMS OF THE 1998 BOMBING OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN NAIROBI**

(Sen. Agnes Kavindu Muthama, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, disaster is defined as an overwhelming event and circumstance that tests the adaptation of responses of a community or individuals beyond their capability and leads momentarily to massive disruption of function for a community or individual that often exceeds their capacity to cope using existing resources;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, such was the case with the 1998 US Embassy Bomb disaster in Nairobi in which many of the Kenyan casualties resulted from the collapse of adjacent buildings located within a two to three block radius, and with reverberations being felt in most parts of Nairobi that resulted in 213 Kenyans and 12 Americans killed and over 5000 citizens of both countries being seriously injured;

NOTING THAT, US Allies, including Kenya, have endured the great burden of death, and long-term and in many instances permanent, physical and psychological injury;

FURTHER NOTING THAT, the United States Government has since compensated some of the victims and families of US citizens, leaving the families of Kenyan citizens and certain other victims uncompensated;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- (i) Advances friendship and co-operation between the United States and Kenya by supporting the eligibility of Kenyan and American victims and their personal representatives, surviving spouses and next of kin in the Victim Compensation Fund pursuant to the Justice for United States Victims of State Sponsored Terrorism Act; and
- (ii) Partners with the Ministry of Health to explore subsidized medical treatment for the surviving victims of the bomb blast.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023 –  
Balance of time – 1hr 46mins)***

Order deferred.

8. **MOTION - INCORPORATION OF INTELLIGENT WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN BUILDING PLANS FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT water is an essential yet scarce resource whose demand is increasing rapidly due to population growth, urbanization, and industrialization, and whose wastage has become an issue that needs to be addressed urgently owing to Kenya’s vulnerability to climate change;

NOTING THAT there is a growth in the number of buildings coming up to accommodate the rapidly growing population thereby posing a challenge to water management;

APPRECIATING THAT the incorporation of water management systems in building plans include a variety of techniques and technologies such as rainwater harvesting, waste water recycling, low-flow plumbing, and sensor systems that detect leaks and (de)activate water flow when necessary thereby optimizing the use of water by eliminating water overexploitation, waste water management, and pollution;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges the Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development in coordination with the Council of Governors and the National Environment Management Authority to:

- i. incorporate into the building code and standards a requirement for intelligent water management systems in all building plans; and
- ii. undertake a systematic nation-wide renovation to government-owned buildings to incorporate water management systems.

*(Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP)*

Debate arising;

And the time being one O’clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji Mohammed, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O’clock.

**MEMORANDUM**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.*