



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024 AT 9.30 AM (MORNING SITTING)

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – The Deputy Speaker
4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**
There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the Deputy Speaker ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And, Quorum having been attained within ten minutes, the business commenced.

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The following Communication was issued: -

“Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you a delegation of Members of Parliament from the Parliament of Uganda who are seated in the Speaker’s Row. The delegation is drawn from the Opposition party and comprises of:

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| (i) | The Rt. Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi | Leader of the Opposition; |
| (ii) | The Hon. Lutamaguzi Ssemakula | Shadow Minister, Lands, Housing and Urban Development; |
| (iii) | The Hon. Naluyima Betty Ethel | Shadow Minister, Local Government; |
| (iv) | The Hon. Hellen Nakimuli | Shadow Minister, Information and Anti-Corruption; |
| (v) | The Hon. Nyeko Derrick | Shadow Minister, Tourism and Wildlife; and |
| (vi) | The Hon. Nyakato Asinansi | Shadow Minister, Agriculture. |

Honourable Members, the delegation, accompanied by one member of staff, is in the country to benchmark with their counterparts in the National Assembly, being the Minority Party, on best practices in executing their mandate as Members of the opposition with a view to enhancing their oversight role in government programs and projects.

On my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome them to the Parliament of Kenya and wish them fruitful engagements during their stay in the country. **I thank you!**"

6. PAPERS

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House –

- (i) Report on project proposals approvals, disbursement status and restrictions imposed on constituency account for the Second Quarter of 2023/24 financial year 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023 from the NG-CDF Board;
- (ii) The Annual Report of the Kenya Law Reform Commission;
- (iii) Report of the First Quarter of the National Government Budget Implementation Review for the financial year 2023/24 from the Office of the Controller of Budget;
- (iv) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a) Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists' Council;
 - b) Clinical Officers Council of Kenya;
 - c) National Syndemic Diseases Control Council;
 - d) Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC);
 - e) Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service;
 - f) Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service Mortgage Scheme;
 - g) Pest Control Products Board;
 - h) Mechanical and Transport Fund – State Department for Roads;
 - i) Land Settlement Fund; and
 - j) The National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was given –

Providing a Safety Net for Caregivers of Persons with Severe Disabilities

THAT, aware that, Article 21(3) of the Constitution provides that all State Organs have the duty to address the needs of vulnerable groups within the society; further aware that the persons with severe disabilities cash transfer programme (PWSD-CT) is one of the four cash transfer programmes implemented by the government as part of the overall social protection interventions; noting that caregivers undertaking the immense responsibility of providing daily care and assistance to persons with severe disabilities (PWSD) are oftentimes the immediate family members of the PWSD; concerned that, this causes a disproportionate burden on these families as persons who would otherwise be engaged in gainful employment or other activities to provide for the families are limited by these immense responsibilities; further concerned that, this loss of income opportunities and resources exacerbates the challenges faced by these families; cognizant that, the government ought to take action to recognize the invaluable contributions of caregivers and support them in caring for individuals with severe disabilities; now therefore, this House resolves that the government, through the Ministry of Labour & Social Protection, recognizes primary caregivers of persons with severe disabilities (PWSD) as a distinct category requiring social protection and support, and further, develops and implements a cash transfer programme for these primary caregivers.

(The Hon. Dorothy Ikiara, MP)

8. **THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.6 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading Read;

Motion having been made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Public Service Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2023) be read a Second Time.

(The Hon. Benjamin Gathiru, MP. – 21.02.2024)

Debate having been concluded on *Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (Morning Sitting)*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

9. **THE COTTON INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 5 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023) be read a Second Time.

(The Hon. Mary Emaase, MP – 28.02.2024)

Debate interrupted on *Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (Morning Sitting)* resumed;

(Change of Chair from Deputy Speaker to the Sixth Chairperson of Committees)

Debate Concluded;

Mover replied;

Question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3).

10. **MOTION: 027/2023 – DEVELOPMENT OF A SATELLITE-BASED CLIMATE CHANGE MONITORING POLICY**

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, aware that the Constitution recognizes the people's respect for the environment as the country's heritage and the commitment to sustaining the environment for future generations; further aware that the cyclic drought in the country has caused devastating effects and serious disruption to the economy; recognizing that climate change is a global problem with developing countries being the most affected as these regions are dependent on climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture and forestry; further recognizing that the severe effects of climate change are already being experienced in the form of frequent droughts, flooding and other extreme weather occurrences; concerned that the current climate change monitoring mechanisms in the country are based on traditional methods which rely on ground observations and climate models which have limitations in terms of accuracy, timeliness and spatial coverage; noting that the country recently launched its first operational satellite to collect and transmit high- quality data; further noting that this

technology can help in accurately monitoring and forecasting climatic and weather patterns; cognizant of the fact that other jurisdictions have made use of this technology to monitor climate change with marked positive impacts; appreciating that the use of technology especially satellite technology would allow enhanced monitoring that can have significant impact on sustainable environmental management; further appreciating that this technology would be useful in monitoring difficult-to-reach, expansive and unsafe areas; now therefore, this House **resolves** that the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry develops a policy on IT that deploys the use of satellites in the monitoring and forecasting of climatic conditions with the objective of ensuring timely and accurate data collection to enhance the country's capacity to respond to weather-related risks and vulnerabilities including climate change.

(The Hon. Abdul Haro, M.P.)

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Sixth Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

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