



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 03, 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 OF 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 ten minutes;

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

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- a) **Question 002** by the Senator for Tana River County (Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP) on marginalization of Tana River County in infrastructural development was answered by the Cabinet Secretary Roads and Transport.
- b) **Question 007** by Nominated Senator (Sen. Veronicah Maina, MP) on cancellation of voyages and change of cruise ship destination from Kenya was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage.

- c) **Question 008** by Nominated Senator (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) for the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on the suitability and capacity of Bandari College to train seafarers was deferred
- d) **Question 009** by the Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) on delay in land demarcation, adjudication and titling in Tharaka Nithi County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development.
- e) **Question 011** by the Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua Nderitu, MP) for the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the state of security in Laikipia County and the wider North Rift region was deferred.

5. **MOTION – THE DOPING MENACE THREATENING KENYA’S IMPECCABLE GLOBAL REPUTATION IN ATHLETICS**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT in 2018 Kenya was placed under Category A by the world Anti-Doping Agency and since then forty Kenyan athletes have been banned by either the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) or the Anti-Doping

Agency of Kenya (ADAK) and has led to a situation whereby the Kenyan athletes have to undergo intense testing before participating in major events and has immensely affected the reputation of the Kenyan athletes and the standing of Kenya in the international Sports arena where it currently ranks at number five;

CONCERNED THAT, despite the high number of alleged doping cases Kenya has only one World Anti- Doping Agency (WADA) approved blood testing laboratory forcing it to send urine tests to Qatar and South Africa for analysis and that the Anti- Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) is taking too long to address the doping menace which is likely to affect the state of preparedness for the athletes in the upcoming 2024 Olympic games in Paris;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Arts:-

- a) Come up with modalities that can help achieve increased testing, intelligence gathering on athletes and doping awareness programmes;

- b) In collaboration with Athletics Kenya (AK) and National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) to vet all training camps, coaches, trainers and other athlete handlers;
- c) Initiate investigations at Anti – Doping Agency Kenya (ADAK) to identify and sanction all responsible officers liable for the menace of doping;
- d) In collaboration with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the Ethics and Anti – Corruption Commission finalize pending investigations and recommend prosecution of individuals involved in giving this banned substance to athletes; and
- e) In collaboration with the Ministry of Health to identify and revoke licenses for medics, pharmacies, and hospitals responsible for the prescription of the commonly abused drugs by the athletes.

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

The Mover replied.

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3) the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to another day.

6. **MOTION – PROVISION OF FREE SANITARY TOWELS TO END PERIOD POVERTY**

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT period poverty refers to the common challenge plaguing women globally wherein they are unable to attend schools or work as a cause of a lack of funds for sanitary products that is both a health risk and a signal of gender inequity;

FURTHER AWARE THAT in rural Kenya, 2 out of 3 pad users receive pads from sexual partners and 65 percent of women and girls can't afford sanitary pads, forcing them to use alternative materials like grass, cotton wool and cloth which lack adequate absorbent qualities resulting in frequent leakage and hygiene issues;

CONCERNED THAT period poverty also referred to as the “shadow pandemic” contributes to global and regional gender inequity, as women are forced to solicit help from men in order to satisfy a basic health need with 10% of 15-year-old girls having sex to pay for sanitary products;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, data from the Ministry of Education indicates that a girl that is absent from school for four days a month loses 13 learning days, equivalent to two weeks of learning in every school term, translating to 39 learning days or six weeks of learning time in a term and up to 18 of 108 weeks in primary and 24 weeks of 144 weeks of learning in secondary school;

NOTING THAT, while the Government, through the State Department for Gender Affairs was charged with the responsibility of procuring and distributing sanitary towels for 3.7 million girls in public primary schools, special primary and secondary schools in the country at a cost of Kshs. 470 million during the 2017/2018 Financial year, which amount needs to be increased in order to fully address and mitigate the problem;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Council of Governors to: -

1. facilitate provision of feminine hygiene products in all public schools;
2. ensure that all schools that don't have bathrooms that facilitate privacy, cleanliness or proper disposal of hygiene products are properly equipped;
3. create awareness and take advocacy measures on reproductive health issues related to period poverty;
4. include in the curriculum a dedicated lesson per week to teach girls on menstrual hygiene; and
5. ensure that sanitary products will be obtainable timely, consistently, and in a way that respects the dignity of concerned persons.

Order dropped in the absence of the Mover pursuant to Standing Order 64 (3).

7. MOTION - ENHANCING HIGHWAY SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE

(Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP and Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP)

Order read;

THAT, AWARE THAT 67% of road crash fatalities and injuries in the country comprise of the economically productive age groups of 15 - 64 years, and that the importance of good post-crash care reduces deaths and disability and the suffering for road crash survivors creates the urgent need for effective emergency medical care system elements and processes on our highways;

FURTHER AWARE THAT lives and properties are lost or irreparably damaged daily on major highways in the country due to accidents and explosion of fuel tankers, and the lack of accessible roadside amenities such as medical clinics, rescue centers, fire engines and ambulances hamper efforts to mitigate the carnage caused by the accidents, rescue lives and put out fires;

COGNIZANT THAT setting up safe stopping points for road users at regular intervals with the necessary road-side amenities such as fuel stations, parking spaces, restaurants, telephone booths, minor repair shops, medical facilities, and toilets enhances total travel experience and the lack of these points make it impractical for drivers to stop as often as they would wish to resulting into driving-related fatigue, a significant contributor to accidents on the highways;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT provision of amenities such as ambulances, firetrucks and satellite medical clinics to provide emergency services to road accident victims would save lives lost daily on major roads;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT governments across the world have taken on the task of setting up such amenities through incorporation of the basic provisions in their road transport infrastructure through different models of Public Private Partnership (PPP), lease, or ownership;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that: -

- i) The Kenya National Highway Authority, in collaboration with the Council of Governors to come up with a policy framework on the incorporation of road reserves for road-side amenities in all highway designs;
- ii) The Ministries of Health, Roads, Transport and Public Works in conjunction with the Council of Governors to undertake a survey to ascertain the specific amenities required but not available on the existing highways such as satellite medical clinics, firetrucks and ambulances, and identify the most convenient locations to develop them; and
- iii) The Ministry of Roads and Transport in conjunction with the Council of Governors to develop Public Private Partnership guideline on leasing of the road reserves to developers, financing the construction of the amenities, and the packaging of incentives to attract investors.

Order dropped in the absence of the Mover pursuant to Standing Order 64 (3).

8. **MOTION - ARBITRARY ARRESTS OF KENYAN FISHERMEN BY UGANDAN AUTHORITIES**

(Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, MP)

Order read;

THAT AWARE THAT the communities around the lake rely on fishing as their main economic activity, their source of food and employment;

CONCERNED THAT the fishermen have reported harassment from the Ugandan security personnel including arbitrary arrests and imposition of unreasonable fines;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT in November, 2021 the Kenya International Boundaries office formed a Joint Committee with the Ugandan authorities that did not effectively delineate the boundaries that would have helped avoid conflict between the two Countries;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that-

- a) the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of East African Community (EAC), the ASALs and Regional Development engages the counterpart ministries in the Republic of Uganda to;
 - i) Fast-track the delineation of the Kenya-Uganda boundary;
 - ii) Develop measures to curb the arrests of Kenyan fishermen by Ugandan authorities;
 - iii) Institute a protocol for sustainable development of the Lake Victoria Basin on the sharing of resources between partner states; and
- b) The Ministry of Interior and National Administration to deploy the Kenya Coast Guard in the territorial waters of Lake Victoria to enforce maritime security and safety.

Order dropped in the absence of the Mover pursuant to Standing Order 64 (3).

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

9. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-four minutes past Twelve O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, May 03, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.*

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