



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST, 02, 2023 AT 9.30 AM

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 a Quorum, invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- a) **Question 031** by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on the status of construction of canals and drains in Kirinyaga County was answered.
- b) **Question 033** by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change, and Forestry on approval of land in Njukiini forest for wayleave and right-of-way for Ngariama-Njukiini Water projects was answered.
- c) **Question 042** by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on delayed implementation of the Gakuyuini Irrigation Water Project was answered.
- d) **Question 041** by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action on the categorization of Mwea Constituency as a hardship area was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **MOTION - INTEGRATION OF ETHNIC MINORITIES AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN KENYA**

Order read;

Motion moved in an amended form, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62, and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT Kenya is a multi-ethnic country with a rich diversity of cultures, languages and traditions;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, ethnic minorities and marginalized communities face significant social, economic and political challenges including discrimination, marginalization and exclusion;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT Articles 10 (2)b, 21(3), 27, 56, 91(1)(e), 100, 174(e), 177(1) (c),204(3)(b),216(4) and the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of Kenya obligate the state to promote and protect the welfare of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities;

APPRECIATING THAT, the Government has put in place policies, legal and institutional frameworks including affirmative action programs to address the needs of other special interest groups namely children, persons with disabilities (PWDS), youth, women and the elderly;

CONCERNED THAT, ethnic minorities and marginalized communities remain largely unaddressed through similar interventions due to lack of an existing national policy and legislative framework;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Affirmative Action, the National Gender and Equality Commission, National Cohesion and Integration Commission, the Directorate of National Cohesion and Values in the Office of the President and any other relevant state departments in collaboration with the Council of Governors:-

- i) Initiate measures to identify and address the specific needs and challenges faced by ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in Kenya; and
- ii) Develop and implement national policy and legislative framework for the integration of ethnic minorities and marginalized communities in Kenya as envisaged in the Constitution of Kenya.

(Sen. William Cheptumo, MP)

Debate arising;

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

6. SENATE ROSE - at One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, August 02, 2023 at 2.30 p.m.*

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