



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 28, 2024 (MORNING SITTING)**

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 Hon. Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell 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 out the Orders of the Day.

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS**

- a) **Question 001** by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on Inter-communal clashes that occurred in Sondu town during the demonstrations in June and July, 2023 was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- b) **Question 002** by Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on Non-operationalization of Chiakariga Sub-County in Tharaka-Nithi County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- c) **Question 003** by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development on Theft of cane at weighbridges while in transit to sugar factories was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- d) **Question 004** by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development on Appointment and dismissal of Directors and Managing Directors/Chief Executive Officers in state-owned sugar companies in Kenya was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

- e) **Question 005** by Sen. James Murango, MP), to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on Water projects budgeted for by the National Government in Kirinyaga County in the Financial Year 2023/2024 was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **QUORUM IN THE HOUSE**

Rising on a Point of Order, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the House;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes pursuant to Standing Order 40 (2);

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Senate resumed.

6. **MOTION-REPORT OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup> COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE HELD IN ACCRA, GHANA FROM 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2023**

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP)

Order read;

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the 66<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Accra, Ghana from 30<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

Order deferred.

7. **MOTION - DECLARATION OF CATTLE RUSTLING AND BANDITRY AS A NATIONAL DISASTER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR VICTIMS**

Order read;

Motion made;

THAT, AWARE THAT, cattle rustling/banditry is a major menace and security threat in the South and North Rift regions and some other regions of the country;

CONCERNED THAT, the menace has since left irreparable and negative socio-economic impact which include but are not limited to increased number of widows, widowers, orphaned children, poverty, displacement of people leading to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS), disruption of educational health programs and other economic activities owing to the destruction and/or closure of educational, health and other institutions;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, the people living in the affected regions have been denied the enjoyment of their social, economic and political rights as

guaranteed to them under the Bill of Rights as enshrined in Chapter Four of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Government through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration and in collaboration with the Council of Governors:

1. Declares cattle rustling a National Disaster;
2. Establish a National Task force on cattle rustling/banditry to:
  - (i) Investigate the causes of the rampant cattle rustling and banditry in the said region and the Country at large;
  - (ii) Establishes the extent of suffering, loss and damage the cattle rustling/banditry has occasioned to the communities in all the affected Counties;
3. Create a Special Fund for mitigating the losses suffered by and in compensating all victims of cattle rustling/banditry and settle all internally displaced persons occasioned by the menace.

*(Sen. William Cheptumo, MP)*

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

8. **SENATE ROSE** - One O'clock.

### **M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.*

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