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ORDER OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of motion
- 7*. Questions and **Statements**

1. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon, Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and irrigation services regarding the water crisis in Bula Rahma, Daley location in Saka Ward.

Hon.Speaker, the right to water and sanitation is well defined under Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya. Every person in Kenya has the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities and the right to reasonable standards of sanitation.

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Hon, Speaker, Water that is easily accessible and safe is essential for maintaining public health **and** better management of water resources, sanitation, and delivery can therefore significantly contribute to improved livelihoods and hence improved quality of life.

Hon.Speaker, currently, 32 percent of the Kenyan population still struggles to get their hands on dependable sources of safe drinking water. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) target addresses the achievement of universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030, on this note, the goal underscores the need for and importance of prioritizing efforts that aims at promoting universal access to safe drinking water to all.

Hon. Speaker, the community is currently facing a severe water shortage, which is forcing school going girls to fetch water from the river Tana, a journey of 12kilometers that exposes them to dangers from wild animals. This situation is not only a health risk but also impacts the education and safety of our children.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on:

- 1) Whether the department is aware of the water crisis affecting Bula Rahma, Daley location. If yes?
- 2) When will the department intend to restore water supply in Bula Rahma, Daley location?
- 3) Whether the County Government in conjunction with GARUWASCO has put in place proper water and sewage infrastructure?
- 4) What measures is the department taking to ensure safe and accessible water for the residents of Bula Rahma?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

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2. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PASTORAL ECONOMY)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Pastoral economy regarding the fencing of the existing horticultural containers in Saka Ward.

Hon. Speaker, agriculture is a fundamental aspect of development and governance in Kenya, explicitly outlined in both the Article 43 of the Constitution of Kenya and framework for County Government functions as stipulated in the fourth schedule of the constitution.

Hon. Speaker, Horticultural containers were introduced in Saka Ward to enhance local agricultural practices and promote food security among residents. These containers provide an ideal environment for cultivating various crops, enabling farmers to grow vegetables and fruits efficiently.

Hon. Speaker, over the years, the containers have become essential for supporting local farmers' livelihoods. However, due to inadequate protection measures, many containers have faced issues such as damage from animals and theft. This has led to a growing concern among farmers about the safety and sustainability of their horticultural efforts.

Hon. Speaker, to address these challenges, there is an urgent need for fencing around the existing horticultural containers to protect them from potential harm and ensure that the benefits of this initiative are fully realized by the community.

Hon. Speaker, in the statement the Chairperson should inquire into and report on:

1. When does the department plan to provide fencing for the existing horticultural containers in Saka Ward?
2. What are the steps being taken by the department to ensure timely implementation of this essential infrastructure for horticultural projects?
3. The measures the department is putting in place to assist farmers in maintaining and protecting the horticultural containers after the fencing is completed.
4. How the department plans to expand such agricultural support programs to other areas in the county to promote productivity and sustainability.

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ABDIWELI ADEN ABDULLAHI - MCA SAKA WARD)

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3. (STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON WATER AND IRRIGATION SERVICES)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) (c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Water and irrigation Services regarding lack of water in several schools in Dertu Ward.

Hon. Speaker, Article 191 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 outlines the functions and powers of the County Government, which include the provision of water services to our residents. It is essential that we uphold these devolved water functions while respecting constitutional rights.

Hon Speaker, Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution guarantees the right to clean and safe water for every individual. It emphasizes that access to accessible and adequate water services is a fundamental right, and the government has a duty to ensure the provision of these services.

Hon speaker, schools in Dertu are facing a critical shortage of clean and accessible water, a situation that severely impacts the health, hygiene, and overall well-being of students and staff. Water is a basic human right, essential for daily life, education, and the prevention of waterborne diseases. Without access to reliable water sources, students are unable to maintain proper hygiene, attend school regularly, or engage fully in their education.

Hon Speaker, without access to safe water, the vision of a better future for the children in Dertu cannot be realized. Therefore, urgent and sustained efforts are required to secure a reliable water supply for the schools, enabling all students to thrive and pursue their education with dignity and hope. The schools affected are Bahuri, Boransis, Uthole and Kamuthe Primary schools.

Hon Speaker, in the statement the chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. What are the main reasons for the water shortage in those schools?
2. Are there any projects aimed at improving water supply in these schools?
3. How does the county government plan to address the immediate need for clean water in these schools?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON ADEN HASSAN ODOWA-MCA DERTU WARD)

8*. Motions and Bills

MOTION: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISSUES REGARDING REFUGEES RESIDING OUTSIDE THE GAZETTED AREAS

That Aware That, there are growing concerns regarding refugees residing outside officially designated or gazetted areas, which may lead to challenges in managing resources and ensuring compliance with legal frameworks;

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Further Aware That, the presence of refugees outside these areas may impact local communities, strain public resources, and create potential legal and security concerns;

Now therefore, in exercise of its oversight function, this House resolves to establish an Ad Hoc committee to:

1. Investigate the extent and reasons for refugees residing outside the gazetted areas
2. Assess the impact of this on local communities, including pressure on housing, healthcare, education, employment and conflict between the two parties;
3. Review current laws and policies governing the settlement of refugees in gazetted areas and examine any gaps or challenges in enforcement;
4. Engage with relevant stakeholders, including government authorities, local communities, refugee organizations, and other affected parties, to gather information and insights;
5. Provide actionable recommendations to address the issues, ensuring both the protection of refugees' rights and the management of resources in host communities;
6. Submit a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations to the House within 90 days.

And Further That, this House resolve to consider and approve the appointment of the following Hon members into the Ad hoc Committee as shown below;

- 1.HON MOHAMED SHEIKH ABDISALAT-CHAIR
- 2.HON DEKOW MOHAMED DUALE
- 3.HON NOOR SHEIKH FARAH
- 4.HON MARIAN MOHAMED HASSAN
- 5.HON FATUMA ADEN ABDI
- 6.HON ZAMZAM MOHAMUD
- 7.HON OMAR ABDI HASSAN
- 8.HON ABUBAKAR HAJJI SUGOW
- 9.HON MUSTAF A.AHMED
- 10.HON HAMDIA AHMED
- 11.HON ADEN HASSAN ODOWA
- 12.HON KHADIJA IDRIS
- 13.HON ABDIRAHMAN MOHAMED

(HON MOHAMED SHEIKH ABDISALAT-MCA LABASIGALE WARD)
