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ORDER OF THE DAY

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2024 AT 2:30 P.M

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
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4. Petitions
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- 7*. Questions and **Statements**

(STATEMENT SOUGHT FROM THE CHAIR COMMITTEE ON GENDER AND CULTURE)

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1)(c), I wish to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Gender and Culture regarding the urgent need to address the state of homeless children in Garissa County.

Hon. Speaker, it is crucial to note that to highlight that the welfare and protection of children is a fundamental responsibility of the County Government, as enshrined in Article 53 of the constitution of Kenya 2010, Which guarantees every child the to a name, nationality, and protection from abuse and neglect.

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The children Act, 2001, further mandates the government to provide for the care and protection of children, particularly those in vulnerable situations.

Hon. Speaker, the issue of homeless children in Garissa County is alarming and requires immediate attention. These children often face numerous challenges, including lack of shelter, access to education, food insecurity, and exposure to abuse and exploitation. The prevalence of homelessness among children not only jeopardizes their immediate well-being but also hampers their future prospects, perpetuating a cycle of poverty and disadvantage.

Hon. Speaker, it is essential that Garissa County Government takes proactive measures to address the root cause of child homelessness. This includes enhancing social support systems, providing safe shelters, and ensuring access to essential services such as education and healthcare.

Hon. Speaker, I urge the County department of children's affairs to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the current situation of homeless children in Garissa County and develop actionable strategies to mitigate this crisis.

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

1. What is the current estimated number of homelessness children in Garissa County, and what specific factors contribute to this issue?
2. What measures is the County Government implementing to provide shelter and support services for homeless children?
3. How is the County Government collaborating with NGO's and other stakeholders to ensure the welfare and protection of homeless children?

(STATEMENT SOUGHT BY HON FATUMA M. SHIDE-NOMINATED MCA)

8. Motions and Bills
