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THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 18th June, 2019

*The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings, at 2.30 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. Lusaka) in the Chair]

PRAYER

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION FROM
KAKAMEGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY

STATEMENT

PROTECTION OF KENYAN CITIZENS
WORKING IN SAUDI ARABIA

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.48 (1) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on the protection of Kenyan citizens who work in Saudi Arabia.

In the Statement, the Committee should explain the following-

(1) Explain whether the bilateral agreement between Kenya and Saudi Arabia with improved terms of employment, rights and privileges of domestic workers and their employers has been implemented.

(2) Explain, whether the Government, having allowed Saudi Arabia to start recruiting Kenyan citizens mostly domestic workers, is equally protecting them as they carry out their employment.

(3) State whether the domestic workers in Saudi Arabia have access to their wages, free housing, health insurance, transport and food as the agreement has set out.

(4) State whether the recruitment agencies are licensed and held accountable for the wellbeing of the domestic workers.

(5) Explain whether there exists a legal framework that enhances co-operation between Kenya and Saudi Arabia to protect the rights of both employers and domestic workers and regulate their contractual relationships.

(6) State whether the Kenyan Embassy in Saudi Arabia can act as an agent to protect the Kenyan domestic workers who are victims of abuse and detention without reasonable cause.

(7) Explain whether the Government will intervene and compel the release of domestic workers, Kenyan citizens, who are currently detained and their travel documents withheld by their employers in Saudi Arabia.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

Sen. Olekina seconded.

Sen. Olekina seconded.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki): Next is The County Planning (Roads, Pavements and Parking Bays) Bill (Senate Bills No.18 of 2018).

THE COUNTY PLANNING (ROADS, PAVEMENTS AND
PARKING BAYS) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.18 OF 2018)

Sen. Nyamunga: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report progress, that the Committee of the Whole has considered The County Planning (Roads, Pavements and Parking Bays) Bill (Senate Bills No.18 of 2018) and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the said report.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof.) Kindiki): Who is seconding?

Sen. Olekina: I request Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud to second.

Sen. (Eng.) Mahamud seconded.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE COUNTY LAW COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.25 OF 2018)

Sen. Nyamunga: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report progress that the Committee of the Whole has considered The County Law Compliance and Enforcement Bill (Senate Bill No.25 of 2018) and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the said report. I request Sen. Sakaja to second it.

Sen. Sakaja: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I would like to second that the House do agree with the Committee in the said report. This Bill would bring a lot of sanity in county law enforcement and compliance.

Sen. Olekina seconded.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I arise on a point of order. I do not know whether you noticed that Sen. Kang'ata casually walked in front of the Senator who was speaking and in front of the Speaker. Seriously, this is a House governed by Standing Orders. You must declare him out of order.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. (Prof) Kindiki): Sen. Olekina, did he walk in between or did he stand in between?

Sen. Olekina: He walked and he was right in front of Sen. Sakaja. As a matter of fact, I was struggling to see Sen. Sakaja when he was talking.