THE SENATE
Thursday, 27th February, 2014
STATEMENTS
RESETTLEMENT OF IDPS IN NYANDARUA COUNTY

Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
Contribution she made on: she sought guidance from the speaker on whether it’s the role of the ministry of devolution or the Committee on that is supposed to deal with the issue of IDP resettlement.

Motion
Adoption of Report of the RBC on the Review of the Standing Orders

Sen. Zipporah Kittony:
• She supported the amendments to the standing orders noting that it will increase the efficiency of the senate.
• She supported the proposal by Sen. (Dr.) Machage to split Committees indicating that it will ease the load from existing Committees which had wide mandates.

Sen. Judith Achieng Sijeny:
She proposed an amendment that:
• the Motion be amended by deleting the full stop after the word “approved” and inserting the following:-
  (a) That paragraph (1) be deleted and substituted with the Following-
  16(1) there shall be a panel to be known as the Chairpersons Panel which shall comprise of three Senators to be known, respectively, as the First, Second and Third chairperson of Committees and who shall be entitled to exercise all the powers vested on the Chairperson of Committees.
  (b) In paragraph (2) by deleting the word two and substituting therefore with the word “three.”
    • She urged that increased number of committees would translate into increased responsibilities that demand more chairpersons.
    • She asked Sen. (Dr.) Machage to second.

Wednesday, 26th February, 2014. 9.00 a.m. session
NOTICES OF MOTIONS
PROVISION OF EDUCATION FOR DECEASED OFFICERS’ CHILDREN

Sen. Janet Ongera:
• She gave notice of the following motion on behalf of Sen. Muthama calling for the National Government to provide for the education of the deceased officers’ children up to university level to cater for the basic needs of their immediate families. on behalf of:
  THAT, aware that many officers serving in Kenya’s National

LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON BILLS/COMMITTEE REPORTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 98 (4)
Sen. Kanainza Nyongesa Daisy:
• She seconded the amendment by Sen. Boni Khalwale.
MOTION

APPROVAL OF SEN.WETANGULA TOMEMBERSHIP OF SENATE COMMITTEES

Sen. Elizabeth Ongoro Masha:
- She seconded the Motion since it touched on the leadership of the house. It was also important the house leaders participate in the affairs of the Committee on Finance, Commerce and Economic Affairs and the Committee on National Security and Foreign Relations.
- She congratulated Sen. Wetangula for his win in the by elections and hoped that his return would help the opposition in playing its oversight role.
- She thanked Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale and Sen. Kennedy Okong’o Mongare who had deputized for Sen. Wetangula in his absence.

Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
- She supported the motion and thanked Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale and Sen. Okong’o for standing in for Sen. Wetangula in his absence.
- She called on the house to house to respect the Political Parties Act and urged the members of the different Committees to take responsibility.

Sen. Catherine Mukite Nobwola:
- She supported the motion noting that the positions held temporarily by Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale and Sen. Okong’o Mongare was supposed to be held by the Senate Minority Leader.
- She welcomed Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale to the opposition who had been dewhipped by the majority party saying that they really looked into working with him.

Sen. Judith Achieng Sijeny:
- She supported the motion and congratulated Sen. Wetangula for his re-election.

Wednesday, 26th February, 2014. 2.30 p.m. session.
ADOPTION OF REPORT ON FAMILIARIZATION TOUR OF GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANTS IN BARINGO AND NAKURU COUNTIES

Sen. Godliver Omondi:
- She supported the motion noting that the living cost was rising due to the high cost of electricity.
- She called for the adoption of the report since it would enable a lot or rural households to be connected to the national grid.
- She noted that increased connection fee and logistics makes it difficult for Kenyans to access electricity. She pointed the increased deforestation as a result of lack of electricity in Kenyan household that makes individuals to turn to firewood.

Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
- She supported the motion and thanked the Standing Committee on Energy, Roads and Transportation for coming up with the motion.
- She called for more exploration and research into alternative sources of energy and requested the Geothermal Development Corporation (GDC) to mentor young Kenyan students.
- She called on the investors in the fields of energy to channel the profits back into the communities they are carrying their activities in.

Sen. Judith Achieng Sijeny:
- She supported the motion and thanked the Standing Committee on Energy, Roads and Transportation for coming up with the detailed report.
• She pointed out that the country was no longer an Agri-economy nation due to fluctuating world crop prices hence the need for diversification of means of revenue generation.
• She called for research on methods of cheap electricity generation to help build more industries in the rural areas.

MOTION
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE RULES AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Sen. Zipporah Kittony:
• She called on the speaker to guide the house on the official house attire.

Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
• She supported the proposed appointments to the Rules and Business Committee.
• She called on for the Committee to avail more bills to the house and to revise standing orders.
• She called for the formation of joint Committees that will come up with a consensus on issues from the county. She also called on members who are in more than three Committees not to ask to join others.

Friday, 14th February, 2014.Special Sitting
Notice of Motion
Impeachment of the Governor Of Embu County

Sen. Martha Wangari:
• She supported the motion noting that leaders have a duty to responsibility of safeguarding the sovereignty delegated to them by the people.
• She called on the senate to protect devolution.

Sen. Godliver Omondi:
• She supported the motion and thanked members of the Embu County assembly for protecting the interest of the people.
• She admonished the Embu Governor for his hands off kind of leadership and failure to take control of events at the county.

Sen. Halima Abdille Mohamud:
• She supported the motion and called on Governors to take responsibility.
• She called on the house to adopt the report since the Committee had substantiated three out of the five charges brought against the Embu Governor.

Sen. Kanainza Nyongesa Daisy:
• She supported the motion noting that the senate had a role of protecting devolution.
• She called on the Embu county Executive to be enjoined in the whole process since it was privy on the events that took place.
• She requested the Treasury to avail the funds to the County Governments in time so that they can absorb the funds within the set time limits.
• She also cautioned the Members of the County assemblies from using impeachment as a means of getting leverage against governors.
Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
- She supported the motion and chastised the Embu Governor for abrogating Article 73 of the constitution which calls for him to be consistent with the purpose and objects of the constitution.
- She thanked the Auditor General and the Committee for taking responsibility in showing that the Embu Governor violated the constitution.
- She hoped that the trial would be a warning to all public servants against abuse of funds placed in their control.

Tuesday, 4th February, 2014.Special Sitting
Notice of Motion
Establishment of Special Committee to Investigate the Proposed Removal from Office by Impeachment of the Governor and Deputy Governor of Embu County.

Sen. Beatrice Elachi:
- She supported the formation of the special Committee noting that the selected members were seasoned politicians who carry out the task at hand well.

Sen. Janet Ongera:
- She supported the motion and noted that the members of the special Committee were men of high integrity.
- She noted the gender balance in the Committee and hoped that it will add value to it.
- She called on the Committee to be fair and to uphold the integrity of the Senate.

Sen. Martha Wangari:
- She supported the motion and thanked the chief whips for coming up with a balanced special Committee.
- She called on the Committee to exercise their constitutional preserve and to give justice to the Embu County people.
- She also called for Embu governor and deputy governor to be dignified in their undertakings since they will have a chance to views their views to the Committee.