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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTH MEETING - FIRST SESSION - THIRD ASSEMBLY

ORDERS OF THE DAY

THURSDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 2013 AT 2.30 PM

PRAYER

1. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

2. PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILLS

(A) MOTION

THAT, This Assembly Pursuant to the provisions of Article 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, do grant leave to Hon. Patricia Hajabakiga to introduce a Private Member's Bill entitled: "***The East African Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Bill, 2013***".

(Hon. Patricial Hajabakiga)

(B) MOTION

THAT, This Assembly Pursuant to the provisions of Article 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, do grant leave to Hon. Abubakar Zein to introduce a Private Member's Bill entitled: "***The East African Community Public Holidays Bill, 2013***".

(Hon. Abubakar Zein)

3. RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY URGING THE EAC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO ADOPT A POLICY ON SOCIAL COHESION IN THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

MOTION

"THAT, This Assembly do resolve to urge the EAC Council of Ministers to adopt a Policy on Social Cohesion in the East African Community".

(Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro)

4. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

The Hon. Bernard Mulengani to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers;

(i) Ref:EALA/PQ/WA/3/01/2012

The East African region is blessed with suitable climate for agriculture production which gives leverage to a bigger population of East Africans to engage in agriculture to better their lives. Some of the produce is oriented towards survival needs of East Africans and those with greater commercial value are exported in their raw form to generate revenue. It is however observed that in its raw form, the produce fetches less than if semi or fully processed. Therefore:-

- (a) Can the Chairperson of the Council inform this August House what the Council is doing to create linkages between agriculture and industry so as to process our produce?
- (b) Could he further inform this August House whether the Council is considering the prohibition of exports of agricultural products and minerals in their raw form?
- (c) Could he also inform this August House of the steps being taken by the EAC to promote the processing of raw materials whether semi or fully processed, prior to being exported;
- (d) Could he also give stock of agro-based industries in the region and what they process.

(ii) EALA/PQ/WA/3/02/2012

Regular issuance of work permits is a prerequisite for creating a conducive work environment. As such, the EAC which is an international organization is expected to be facilitated by host governments to effectively operate in accordance with respective headquarters agreements in line with immunities and privileges accorded to it from time to time by respective Partner States. It however, noted with concern that, there is a variance on how staff are treated in the different Partner States on these matters.

Can the Chairperson of the Council therefore inform this August House:-

- (a) Whether the Council is aware of this problem and its overall impact on staff morale;

- (b) Whether work permits could be issued in harmony with the duration of an employee's contract;
- (c) Whether the Council is considering harmonizing all headquarters agreements and immunities and privileges for all EAC Organs and Institution whether at the headquarters in Arusha or in the Partner States;
- (d) Whether, in respect of other categories of work permits, the rates in the region could be standardized. Could he further give the various work permit rates per Partner State?

(iii) Ref: EALA/PQ/WA/3/03/202

The sharing of costs and benefits is crucial to the EAC integration process.

- (a) Could the Chairperson of the Council inform this August House whether there are well laid down procedures to ensure equitable distribution of costs and of the benefits of the Community as stipulated in Article 6 (e) of the Treaty;
- (b) What are criteria for sharing of the costs and benefits, if any;
- (c) Have there been circumstances under which costs have arisen and how they have been shared;
- (d) What is the current distribution of benefits by Sector, if already compiled?