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**EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY**

**EAST AFRICAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**FOURTH MEETING - FOURTH SESSION - THIRD ASSEMBLY**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2016 AT 2.30 PM**

**PRAYER**

1. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**
2. **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL PURPOSE ON THE PETITION TO ADVOCATE FOR KEY ISSUES CONCERNING THE YOUTH**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** The Report of the Committee on General Purpose on the Petition to advocate for key issues concerning the Youth be adopted”.

**(Chairperson, Committee on General Purpose)**

1. **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILL**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** This Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 64(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly do grant leave to Hon. Fred Mukasa Mbidde to introduce a Private Member’s Bill entitled: “***The East African Community Customs Management Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016***”.

 **(Hon. Fred Mukasa Mbidde)**

1. **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ BILL**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** This Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 59(1) of the Treaty and Rule 64(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly do grant leave to Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro to introduce a Private Members’ Bill entitled: “***The East African Sectional Properties Bill, 2016***”.

**(Hon. Dr. James Ndahiro)**

1. **MOTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONGRATULATING ITS MEMBERS AND STAFF FOR AN EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AT THE 6TH INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GAMES, 2015**

**Motion**

**“THAT,** ThisAssembly do resolve to congratulate its Members and Staff for an exemplary performance at the 6th Inter-Parliamentary Games, 2015.”

**(Hon. Bernard Mulengani)**

1. **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

***The Hon. Shy-Rose Bhanji to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;***

1. **QUESTION: RE: EALA/PQ/OA/3/53/2014**

Sensitization of East Africans is critical in the pursuit of the EAC integration agenda as it focuses on a people-centred approach. However, not much is being done in this area owing to the fact that the common Wanaichi and other stakeholders have continued to manifest their ignorance about the EAC integration agenda;

1. Can the Chair of the Council inform this August House of more innovative efforts to sensitize East Africans, particularly in the rural areas?
2. Considering that the EAC media Summit is a good strategy and yet the key deliverables do not fully achieve the desired outcomes since it covers less depth and details about EAC affairs. Is the Council ready to create a regional Editors’ Forum as well as National Editors Forum whose meetings could be graced by the Ministers and EAC Executives to discuss integration issues?
3. Is the Chair of Council ready to put in place a mechanism for the Chair and the Ministers, MPs, the SG and other Heads of Organs and Institutions to regularly visit media Houses to address East Africans?
4. What mechanisms are in place to ensure that the Ministers, the SG, Speaker, Judge President and the Heads of Institutions follow suit to be active on the social media just like our Heads of State?
5. Aware that live TV coverage of EALA plenary sessions will go a long way in popularizing the EAC, is the Chair of the Council, the SG and the Corporate Affairs and Communication Department ready to mobilise funds to enable the Secretariat undertake live TV coverage of EALA plenary sessions other than the Web streaming. If so, when can this start?
6. What efforts have been undertaken to find out how much it costs to air live coverage of EALA Bunge session and how much does one TV station charge to air live Bunge coverage in every Partner State?
7. What is the EAC Policy on print media information sharing in the airlines industry and could the Secretariat develop a policy for regional airlines to carry copies or
a range of the leading newspapers of all the EAC Partner States on the regional flights.

***The Hon. Nancy Abisai to ask the Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the EAC;***

1. **QUESTION: RE: EALA/PQ/OA/3/07/2015**

Pursuant to Article 14 of the Customs Union Protocol, matters regarding the EAC Rules of Origin fall under the EAC Trade Remedies Committee. In line with this, Rule 15 of the Rules of Origin gives the Council of Ministers the sole responsibility of giving directions on the better carrying out of provisions of these rules. Accordingly, the Council adopted the said Rules of origin which were eventually gazette in January 2015.

1. Therefore, can the Chairperson of Council of Ministers explain to this August house why the Committee of Customs decided to postpone implementation of the EAC Rules of Origin to January 2016.

2. Can the Chairperson of Council further clarify whether:-

1. The Committee of Customs can overrule a decision of the Council of Ministers on the immediate implementation of the EAC Rules of Origin?
2. The Committee of Customs needs a whole year to train its staff/ officers on the Rules of Origin?
3. The Council of Ministers issued a directive suspending the implementation of the Rules of Origin for one year pursuant to rule 15 of the Rules of Origin?

**Clerk’s Chambers**

**Third Floor, EALA Wing**

**EAC Headquarters**

**Arusha, TANZANIA January 28, 2016**