



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker
4. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table –

The Reports of the Auditor-General and the Financial Statements in respect of the following Constituencies for the year ended 30th June, 2018 and the certificates therein: -

- (i) North Horr;
- (ii) Bomet East;
- (iii) Nyaribari Chache;
- (iv) Kabuchai;
- (v) Igembe South;
- (vi) Ruiru;
- (vii) Kaloleni;
- (viii) Kasarani;
- (ix) Lari;
- (x) Kiambu;
- (xi) Nyaribari Masaba;
- (xii) South Mugirango;
- (xiii) North Mugirango;
- (xiv) Kitutu Chache South;
- (xv) Suna West;
- (xvi) Mwatate;
- (xvii) Langata;
- (xviii) Gatundu South;
- (xix) Kiambaa; and
- (xx) Likoni.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

5. **QUESTIONS**

The following Questions were asked –

- (i) Question No.330/2019 by the Member for Konoin (Hon. Brighton Leonard Yegon) regarding guarantee of security in densely populated suburbs in towns across the country; steps the Ministry is undertaking to guarantee security in densely populated suburbs in towns across the Country; the effectiveness of the emergency call number 999 for use by persons in need of emergency security response; and the measures and facilities the Ministry has put in place to guarantee security for all in the Country;

(To be answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government before the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security)

- (ii) Question No.332/2019 by the Member for Homa Bay Town (Hon. Peter Kaluma) regarding the status of compensation for the land compulsorily acquired for the construction of Kabunde Airstrip in Homabay County; the steps the Ministry is taking to ensure that the Airstrip is completed on time;

(To be answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works before the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing)

- (iii) Question No.337/2019 by the Member for Bomachoge (Hon. Ondieki Miruka) regarding the number of primary and secondary school head-teachers that have been interdicted by the Commission in the last three years in respect of schools in South Mugirango Constituency; whether the said teachers were interdicted following the laid down procedures, including according each of them a fair hearing; the steps the Commission is taking to ensure that the said teachers are reinstated to service within the stipulated timelines to mitigate against disruption of running of schools in the affected schools;

(To be answered by written reply from the Chairperson, Teachers' Service Commission)

The following Questions were deferred –

- (i) Question No.331/2019 by the Member for Kanduyi (Hon. Wafula Wamunyinyi) regarding provision of details of the challenges faced by the Pensions Department in processing retirement benefits; What are the requirements and administrative procedures for access to retirement benefits; measures has the Ministry put in place to simplify the procedures and reduce time taken for the pensioners to receive their dues;

(ii) Question No.338/2019 by the Member for Westlands (Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi) regarding number of institutions or companies that offer mobile phone based money lending platforms in the country; the rate of interest charged by the said mobile-phone-based money lending institutions or companies, including the rate charged by a firm operating under the brand name "*Branch*"; measures is the Ministry putting in place to regulate mobile-phone-based money lending platforms and ensure that they operate within the law and that they do not take advantage of innocent Kenyans;

(iii) Question No.339/2019 by the Nominated Member (Hon. Jacqueline Oduol) regarding identification and documentation of indigenous systems on food security, conflict resolution, good governance, courtship and marriage, child protection, gender equality and climate changed; the policies that have been put in place to enable children, youth and young adults receive systematic instructions and understanding of their cultural identity, values beliefs and practices from older generation while ensuring that retrogressive norms and aspects do not infringe on their human dignity and ability to be productive members of the society.

6. **THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Gladys B. Shollei, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1)

7. **THE LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Simon King' ara, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

8. **THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.55 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Jude Njomo, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

9. **THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Wangari Mwaniki, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

10. **THE PARLIAMENTARY PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO.3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 57 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Andrew Mwadime, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

11. **MOTION – MEASURES TO BRIDGE TRADE DEFICIT**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that Kenya’s trade deficit has been on the increase in the past few years with the financial year 2016/2017 deficit being estimated at Kshs.1.1 trillion; noting that, the deficit is mainly attributable to the exports worth Kshs.594 billion against imports amounting to Kshs.1.7 trillion, driven mainly by the more than doubling of food and machinery imports amid slow-moving exports; concerned that, the widening deficit has continued to pile pressure on the shilling against other global currencies such as the dollar; alarmed that, the high demand for the dollar to fund imports has been forcing the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) to intervene, depleting foreign exchange reserves even as the Country continues to incur foreign debts; cognizant that, the rising imports amplified by flat exports portends a difficult operating environment for local enterprises and farmers thereby denying Kenyans employment opportunities when locals lose out to foreign manufacturers and farmers; notwithstanding the effects of protectionism policies which contribute towards affecting local industries and farms abilities to compete in international markets; this House **resolves** that the Government urgently puts in place measures to bridge the huge trade deficit including by providing incentives to potential investors and farmers, supporting local production through promotion and protection of local industries and implementing competitive export promotion strategies.

(Hon. Maj. (Rtd) John Waluke – 19.6.2019)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 resumed;

Amendment proposed-

THAT, the Motion be amended by inserting the words “including livestock and fish farming” after the word “farmers” wherever it appears in the Motion.

(Hon. Millie Odhiambo-Mabona)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Third Chairperson)

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Debate on Motion as amended resumed;

(Change of Chair from the Third to the Fourth Chairperson)

Mover replied;

Question deferred pursuant to Standing Order 53(3).

12. **THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL INSURANCE FUND (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.5 OF 2019)**

(The Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, M.P.)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

13. **THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2019)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made –

THAT, the Anti- Corruption and Economic Crimes (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.6 of 2019) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Ndindi Nyoro)

And the time being One o'clock, the Fourth Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

14. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, July 24, at 2.30 p.m.

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