

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

- **1.** The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock
- **2.** The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
- 3. **Presiding –** the Speaker

4. <u>PETITIONS</u>

The Speaker conveyed the following Petition -

"Regarding Allocation of Funds to Compensate Ex-Kenya Air Force Officers who were dismissed in 1982

Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 225(2)(b), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Petition from Messrs. D.G. Njau and L.R. Ngure on behalf of several other Ex-Kenya Air Force officers who were dismissed in 1982.

Honourable Members, the Petitioners claim to have diligently served the nation through the Kenya Air Force until the 1st August 1982 attempted coup, following which they were arrested for allegedly participating in the attempted coup. They further claim to have been imprisoned for periods spanning six (6) months to several years and thereafter unlawfully and unconstitutionally dismissed from the Kenya Air Force without compensation, despite not having been involved in the attempted coup.

Honourable Members, the Petitioners state that they pursued justice through the High Court of Kenya and the courts granted them varying awards on different dates from 2012 onwards. The Petitioners aver that they obtained certificates of Decrees, taxation and orders against the Government to be paid and in 2017.

In spite of the fact that the Principal Secretary for Defence swore an affidavit on oath averring that the Ministry had factored the decretal amounts in the 2017/2018 budget to settle the compensation, the orders remain unheeded several years later. They are therefore worried that since most of their colleagues are senior citizens aged above sixty five years and with no capacity to fend for themselves, any further delay to be compensated will worsen their deteriorating conditions of life.

Honourable Members, the petitioners are therefore praying that the National Assembly allocates to the Ministry of Defence such funds necessary in the 2021/2022 FY for compensation and settlement of decretal debts and the interests accrued thereof to the Ex-Kenya Air Force officers who were dismissed in 1982.

Honourable Members, having determined that the matters raised by the petitioners are well within the authority of this House, I order that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order

227, this Petition be committed to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. The Committee is required to consider the Petition and report its findings to the House and the Petitioners in accordance with Standing Order 227(2). The Committee may also consider proposing necessary adjustments to the 2021/2022 Budget for the relevant Vote or Votes so as to accommodate the prayers of the petitioners.

I thank you!"

- Petition referred to the Budget & Appropriation Committee pursuant to Standing Order 227(1)

5. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were <u>laid</u> on the Table of the House -

- (a) The Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute for the year ended 30th June, 2015, 2017 and 2018 and the certificates therein;
- (b) The Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following institutions ended 30th June, 2020 and the certificates therein:-
 - (i) State Department for Youth Affairs;
 - (ii) The Public Service Commission;
 - (iii) State Department for Development of the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALS);
 - (iv) National Government Constituencies Development Fund Board;
 - (v) Development Revenue Statements from the National Treasury;
 - (vi) Revenue Statements of the Government Investments and Public Enterprises from the National Treasury;
 - (vii) East Africa Tourist Visa Fee Collection Account from the National Treasury;
 - (viii) Government Clearing Agency Fund;
 - (ix) National Exchequer Account from the National Treasury;
 - (x) Office of the Controller of Budget Mortgage Fund;
 - (xi) Stores and Services Fund from the State Department for Public Works;
 - (xii) Consolidated Fund Services-Pension and Gratuities from the National Treasury;
 - (xiii) Mechanical and Transport Fund from the National Youth Service; and
 - (xiv) State Department for Public Works.
- (c) County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the First Nine Months of the FY 2020/21.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

6. **QUESTIONS**

(a) The following Questions were <u>asked</u> –

(i) Ordinary Question No.176/2021 by the Member for Kajiado North (Hon. Joseph Manje) regarding status of implementation of the Kenya National Addressing System under the Communications Authority which involves physical and electronic naming and numbering of buildings and streets in the country.

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for ICT, Innovation & Youth Affairs before the Departmental Committee on Committee on Communication, Information & Innovation)

(ii) Ordinary Question No.182/2021 by the Member for Starehe (Hon. Charles Njagua) regarding the status on the investigations into an accident that occurred on 5th May, 2021 near Pangani Girls High School, along Juja Road involving an ambulance registration No. KCY 015S belonging to *Mediheal* Group of Hospitals which led to the death of Mr. Peter Oduor of National ID No. 21764388.

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior & Coordination of National Government before the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security) (iii) Ordinary Question No.183/2021 by the Member for Starehe (on behalf of the Member for Saboti – Hon. Caleb Amisi) regarding the steps the Ministry of Defence is taking to ensure the successful rescue of Mr. Gerishon W. Wasike, a Member of the Kenya Defence Forces, KDF No. 64809, who was taken hostage in 2016 by the Al-Shabaab terror group in Somalia.

(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Defence before the Departmental Committee on Defence & Foreign Relations)

7. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Leader of the Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the Business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, June 15, 2020.

8. <u>THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCIES DEVELOPMENT FUND (AMENDMENT)</u> BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4 OF 2021)

(The Chairperson, Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund) Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

9. <u>THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 13 OF 2021)</u> (*The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing*) Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works & Housing pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

10. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR REGARDING PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET</u> <u>HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</u> FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

The Speaker made the following Communication and thereupon invited the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, the Hon. Ukur Yatani, EGH, to make a public pronouncement of the budget highlights and revenue-raising measures for the National Government for the financial year 2021/2022.

"Honourable Members, As you are aware, this week the House has been considering the Report of the Budget & Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the National Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary for the Financial Year 2021/2022. This process will proceed to the Committee of Supply, which will allocate funds to various Votes and Programmes under the three arms of the National Government. Ultimately, the process comes to an end upon the passage and enactment of the annual Appropriations Act, which anchors the respective allocations in law and authorizes the attendant withdrawals from the Consolidated Fund.

Honourable Members, As part of this process, Section 40(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 as read together with Standing Order No.244C, requires the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to make a public pronouncement of the Budget Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures of the National Government.

For this reason, I will shortly be interrupting the business of the House to allow the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury & Planning to discharge this obligation.

Honourable Members, before I do so, allow me to recognize the following Cabinet Secretaries who are seated in the Speaker's Row for this occasion-

- 1. Mr. James Macharia, EGH Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development & Public Works;
- 2. Prof. Margaret Kobia, MGH Cabinet Secretary for Public Service & Gender; and
- **3.** Mrs. Sicily Kariuki, EGH Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation & Irrigation.

They are welcome to the National Assembly.

Honourable Members, I also wish to recognize the Governor of the Central Bank of Kenya, **Dr. Patrick Njoroge** as well as representatives from the Judiciary led by Commissioner Everlyne Olwade and the Chief Registrar, Ms. Anne Amadi, CBS, who are seated in the Diplomatic Boxes.

Honourable Members, Seated at the public servants' benches are other distinguished guests from the National Treasury accompanying the Cabinet Secretary this afternoon. They include the Chief Administrative Secretary (National Treasury), **Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie**, the Chief Administrative Secretary (Planning), **Mr. Eric Simiyu Wafukho** and the Principal Secretary at the National Treasury, **Dr. Julius Muia**. Finally, may I also recognise our very own, **Mrs. Phyllis Makau, OGW**, the Director of the Parliamentary Budget Office, who is also seated at the public servants' benches.

Please join me, **Honourable Members**, in welcoming them to the National Assembly this afternoon in our usual manner.

Honourable Members, paragraph (a) of Standing Order 25(A) provides that, and I quote –

"25(A). The Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber or at the Bar of the House for –

(a) the Cabinet Secretary responsible for finance to make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government as contemplated under the Public Finance Management Act."

In furtherance of this provision, I have designated a suitable place to the right of the Speaker's Seat and adjacent to the public servants' benches to enable the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury & Planning discharge his obligation under section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act 2012 and Standing Order No.244C of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

In this regard **Honourable Members**, It is now my pleasure, to invite the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Planning, **Hon. (Amb.) Ukur Yatani**, to make a public pronouncement of the Budget Highlights and the Revenue Raising Measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2021/2022 and the Medium Term. *Bwana* Cabinet Secretary, *Karibu*"

11. <u>PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES</u> FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

Thereupon, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury & Planning, the **Hon. Ukur Yatani, EGH,** made a public pronouncement of the budget highlights and revenue raising measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2021/2022.

At the conclusion of the pronouncement of the budget highlights and revenue raising measures, the Cabinet Secretary submitted the following documents to the Speaker of the National Assembly –

(i) The Budget Statement for FY 2021/2022;

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- (ii) The Budget Policy Statement for 2021;
- (iii) Estimates of Revenue, Grants and Loans for FY 2021/2022 Budget;
- (iv) Financial Statements for FY 2021/2022 Budget;
- (v) 2021 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy;

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- (vi) Budget Highlights the 'Mwananchi' Guide for the FY 2021/2022 Budget; and
- (vii) Statistical Annex to the Budget Statement for the FY 2021/2022.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker gave the following guidance and thereupon adjourned the House -

"Honourable Members, I wish to thank the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Planning for having made ably the Public Pronouncement of the Budget Highlights for the National Government for the Financial Year 2021/2022 and the Medium Term and the Revenue Raising Measures.

Honourable Members, as you are aware, today's Budget Speech will not to be accompanied by the usual parliamentary courtesies given the limitations occasioned by the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic and the attendant Ministry of Health's Guidelines regarding public meetings. In this regard, upon adjournment of the House and exit of the Speaker's procession from the Chamber, all guests are asked to depart the precincts of Parliament at their own pleasure. However, arrangements have been made for a modest press conference by the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury at Parliament Gardens. Hon. Members may also take the opportunity to address the media on matters pertaining to the Budget in the usual manner at the Parliamentary Gardens.

Honourable Members, the time being five minutes past five O'clock, the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 2:30p.m. I thank you!"

And the time being five minutes past Five O'clock, the Speaker adjourned the House <u>without</u> Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

13. HOUSE ROSE

at five minutes past Five O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 2.30 p.m.