

PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THE HANSARD

Thursday, 26th May 2022

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

[The Speaker (Hon. Justin Muturi) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Sergeant-at-Arms to ring the Quorum Bell.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, we now have the requisite quorum. I have a feeling that the incoming Parliament may have to consider whether it is necessary to have quorum at all times even if you are not voting. The practice in many jurisdictions of the world is that quorum is only necessary when you are making a decision. It is one of the things that may require to be tested through some judicial pronouncements to avoid a situation where the House sits, makes certain decisions, then somebody says it was insufficiently quorated. We may commence.

Member for Mwatate, *tafadhali*. Member for Tiaty, please, be in the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMITTEE EXIT REPORTS OF THE 12TH PARLIAMENT

Hon. Members, as you are aware, the term of the 12th Parliament ends on Monday, 8th August 2022 at midnight, pursuant to the provisions of Article 102 of the Constitution. Additionally, the Sixth and final Session of the 12th Parliament is at its homestretch, with the *sine die* recess due to commence on Friday, 10th June 2022, in accordance with the Calendar of the House.

In this regard, on behalf of the presidium, I take this early opportunity to commend you all for showing leadership, contributing immensely to the development of law in our country, besides deliberating on and resolving issues affecting the people, the economy, our relations with our neighbours, and putting Kenya in a better place within the community of nations in the last five years.

In view of the imminent recess and the requirements of Standing Order No.200A relating to exit reports, committees are obligated to table exit reports containing work they have done during the term, indicating any pending matters before them and detailing reasons for inability to complete the work. Therefore, in keeping with the requirements of the said provision in our Standing Orders, all committee chairpersons will be accorded an opportunity to table their

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respective exit reports during the sittings of the House of Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th June 2022.

This requirement also applies to the recognised parliamentary caucuses and friendship groups provided for in Standing Order No.259A. In addition, the Clerk of the National Assembly shall, in due course, issue formal notification to all Members on the usual transition arrangements and clearance processes by individual Members ahead of the end of the term of this Parliament.

The House is accordingly guided.

PAPER LAID

Hon. Speaker: Let us have the Deputy Speaker.

Hon. Moses Cheboi (Kuresoi North, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House:

The 5th Report of the Procedure and House Rules Committee on amendments to the Standing Orders.

Hon. Speaker: I hope Members take note of that. It is good to look at that Report. I have heard some of you quite confidently and proudly say that you are only waiting to be sworn in, on or before 9th September 2022. Those of you that have made that decision to be back here, please, look at that Report and see the proposals for amendments to the Standing Orders to be applied by the 13th Parliament, as is the tradition. It is the normal tradition. Next week, we will sit here to debate that Report as well as go through the proposals to amend certain aspects of the Standing Orders.

The Vice-Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy was supposed to table a Report on Public Petition No.002 of 2022 by Mwangaza Abunya Community Development Group. Who is the current Chairperson of that Committee? There have been so many changes such that you can hardly tell who is who. Is Hon. Kioni the Chairperson? He must have decided to exit. Inform him that he will be required to present an exit report, even as he exits from the Committee. He should have a Vice-Chairperson. Is that not it? Is there any other Member of the Committee who could act as an agent of necessity?

Very well. Let us move to the next Order.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADOPTION OF THE 5TH REPORT OF THE PROCEDURE AND HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Hon. Moses Cheboi (Kuresoi North, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT this House adopts the 5th Report of the Procedure and House Rules Committee on amendments to the Standing Orders, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 26th May 2022, and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order No.264, approves the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders as contained in the 5th Schedule to the Report, and further resolves that:

- (i) Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No.265, amendments made to the Standing Orders shall commence upon expiry of the term of the 12th Parliament; and,
- (ii) Despite paragraph (1), proposed Standing Order No.259F(5), which is on Members' biodata and role, shall take effect immediately.

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Hon. Speaker: Very well. Member for Mvita, are you through with the Afternoon Session?

Hon. Members, before we go to Questions and Statements, allow me to recognise the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery, of students from Ogande Girls High School from Homa Bay Town Constituency in Homa Bay County. They are welcome to observe the proceedings of the House this afternoon.

Hon. Members, I am only able to see what is on the screen. That means that people must have their cards with them. Has Hon. Wanga forgotten how to use her card? Hon. Gladys Wanga, because I know you have some other business, please proceed.

Hon. (Ms.) Gladys Wanga (Homa Bay CWR, ODM): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. I have been in the village quite a bit and I can be forgiven for missing my card. I take this opportunity to welcome girls from Ogande Girls in Homa Bay County. We are really proud of this school because it also produced Her Excellency Dr. Ida Odinga. She schooled here. So, we are really proud of them and I use this opportunity to encourage them to work hard and remain disciplined. They will move from sitting up there to sitting down here, one day. The sky is the lower limit.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. The Member for Nyando, what have you to say about the school?

Hon. Jared Okelo (Nyando, ODM): Hon. Speaker, in the same breath, allow me to join you in welcoming our beautiful girls from Ogande Girls, which is an infamous school known for its academic prowess and we...

Hon. Members: Infamous?

Hon. Jared Okelo (Nyando, ODM): Well, famous and infamous mean the same thing just like flammable and inflammable. I welcome them to the august House. As my sister Gladys Wanga has said, the incoming First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, Mama Ida Odinga schooled there. So, it is a testament that this is not a school of mean repute. We want to encourage them to focus on their studies, not necessarily to come to this august House, but to engage in other professions that will ultimately make them better and responsible citizens.

Hon. Speaker, if you allow me, I had put this intervention a little earlier before this. Just give me one minute to say that the National Police Service (NPS) has continued to do a splendid job protecting the citizens and their property. I read a response by the NPS about one Member of the Senate who made unsavoury remarks about them. This is utterly unacceptable. They have continued to protect our lives. Members of this House continue to have 24-hour protection by the NPS. For one to demean the participatory role of the police service is utterly unacceptable.

Therefore, on behalf of the Members of this House and Members of the Senate, let me express our apologies and say what that particular Senator said is not representative of...

Hon. Speaker: Sorry, Hon. Members, let me just caution you. I know many of you are beginning to forget our rules as you near the exit. Surely, to talk about a sitting Senator without a substantive motion, is not allowed. You should not...

(Hon. Charles Kilonzo spoke off-record)

Hon. Speaker: There is no debate on this. Sorry, Hon. Kilonzo no debate.
Next Order!

Hon. Kilonzo we will hear you, but not now. I have noticed a trend that we spend close to 15 minutes ringing the Quorum Bell. As soon as we attain quorum, within five minutes we again

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lose it. I will allow you to raise your point of order. Allow me to rearrange business so I can put the Question on some of the businesses. Please, before we go to Order No. 7 and the points of orders, we go to business appearing as Order Nos. 9 and 10, which I believe is the reason Hon. Wanga is around.

BILL

Second Reading

THE FINANCE BILL

(Hon. (Ms.) Gladys Wanga on 25.5.2022)

(Debate concluded on 25.5.2022)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kilonzo do not quarrel with me. I am able to see when we are likely to lose quorum. So, it is for good measure. Hon. Members, debate on this Motion was concluded yesterday and what remained was the Question to be put which could not be put because there was no quorum. Now, that we have quorum and before we lose it, let me put the Question.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House tomorrow)

Next Order!

SPECIAL MOTION

APPROVAL OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADORS, HIGH COMMISSIONERS AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations in its Report on the vetting of the nominees for approval as ambassadors, high commissioners and permanent representatives, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 24th May 2022 and pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, Section 20(2) of the Foreign Service Act, No.12 of 2021 and Sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, this House approves the appointment of the following persons as ambassadors, high commissioners and permanent representatives:

Ambassadors

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| 1. Mr. Clement Nzomo Kiteme | - | Angola |
| 2. Ms. Mary Mugwanja | - | Austria |
| 3. Prof. Bitange Ndemo | - | Belgium |
| 4. Ms. Muthoni Gichohi | - | China |

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| 5. Amb. Gathoga Chege | - | Cuba |
| 6. Amb. Salim Salim | - | Djibouti |
| 7. Maj. Gen. A. G. Matiri | - | Egypt |
| 8. Amb. Galma Boru | - | Indonesia |
| 9. Mr. Paul Ndung'u | - | Mozambique |

High Commissioners

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| 10. Mr. Michael Sialai | - | Namibia |
| 11. Maj. Gen. Andrew Ikenye | - | Nigeria |
| 12. Ms. Margaret Shava | - | Netherlands |
| 13. Ms. Amina Abdalla | - | Sultanate of Oman |
| 14. Amb. Nyambura Kamau | - | Pakistan |
| 15. Mr. Boniface N. Mwilu | - | Qatar |
| 16. Amb. Michael Oyugi | - | Spain |
| 17. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Thomas Chepkuto | - | Somalia |
| 18. Mr. Leonard Boiyo | - | Turkey |
| 19. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) George Owinow | - | Uganda |

Permanent Representatives

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| 20. Prof. Richard Bosire | - | Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). |
| 21. Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Charles Gituai | - | Ambassador/Permanent Representative to the Inter-Government Authority for Development (IGAD). |

(Hon. Richard Tong'i on 25.5.2022)

(Debate concluded on 25.5.2022)

Hon. Speaker: Please, take your seats. Hon. Gladwell Cheruiyot you can assume your role of the... Hon. Members, again, debate on this motion was concluded and what remained was the Question to be put which I hereby do.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, we can now go to the next Order.

(Several Members left the Chamber)

Order, Hon. Members. Before you leave, there is a request, which I think is fair on the Business appearing as Order No.12. Can the Clerk call it out?

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON IRREGULAR RENEWAL OF LAND LEASES BY DEL MONTE KENYA

(Hon. Richard ole Kenta on 19.5.2022)

(Resumption of Debate interrupted on 24.5.2022)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, this Question relates to an amendment proposed to this Report by the Leader of Majority Party.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, let me go ahead and put the Question.

(Loud consultations)

The Member for Roysambu – the royal suburbs - it may well be in your constituency, but remember at this stage you really have no role. I can read the Report as it is, as prepared by the Committee on Implementation, but it is that Report that the Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimunya, wishes to amend. The amendment was moved but the Question was not put on account that there was no quorum. Now that the House has quorum, and so that we can be able to progress this Motion, as amended or in its original form...

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members, let me just read a portion of the Motion for those of you who may not know. This Report is titled... It is assumed that Members are aware of the amendment moved by the Leader of the Majority.

(Loud Consultations)

It is never the business of the Chair to keep reading everything; it is assumed that Members are constantly updated. It is now the proposal by Hon. Kimunya, the Leader of the Majority Party, which I will be putting the Question on:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Implementation on its consideration of the implementation status of the Reports of the Departmental Committee on Lands, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, December 22, 2021*, on the following subjects-

- (i) Petition on Irregular Renewal of Leases of Land by Del Monte Kenya Limited;
and,

- (ii) Petition by Former Workers of the late Mayer Jacob Samuels regarding the Invasion and Eviction of the Workers from their Land in Roysambu Constituency by the Kenya Defence Forces.

*(Question, that the words to be added,
be added, put and agreed)*

(Several Members stood up in their places)

Are the Members standing rising to claim a Division?

(Loud consultations)

You are only six of you. In that case you do not have the numbers. So, the amendment by Hon. Kimunya is carried. Debate on the Motion, if at all it will proceed as amended.

(Loud consultations)

So, Hon. Members we go back to Order No.7, which is Questions and Statements. There are no Questions. We only have a Statement by the Member for Molo.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

VISA FEES CHARGED ON KENYANS

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations regarding Visa fees collected from unsuccessful Kenyans who apply to travel abroad.

It is of great concern that Kenyans intending to travel to destinations out of the country are subjected to a very expensive Visa application process. It costs a hardworking Kenyan an average of USD160 which is around Kshs20,000, for a USA Visa; USD128 for a UK Visa; USD96 for a Schengen Visa; and USD116 for a Canadian Visa just to mention but a few. Out of the numerous Kenyans who apply for these Visas, only a few are successful.

It is against this background, that I seek a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations on the following:

- (i) Could the Chairperson provide the statistics of Kenyans who applied for Visa to travel to the USA, UK, Canada and countries covered by a Schengen Visa *vis a vis* the number of those who were successful?
- (ii) Could the Chairperson clarify whether the Government has a long-term plan to reduce the double loss to struggling Kenyans, especially students who lose their hard-earned cash in the name of Visa fees and at the same time lose an opportunity to acquire a Visa?
- (iii) Could the Chairperson explain whether the relevant Ministry is considering introducing a policy where unsuccessful Visa applicants can get a percentage reimbursement of their Visa charges?

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Tong'i and the Chairman of the Defense and Foreign Relations Committee, how long do you think you will take?

Hon. Richard Tong'i (Nyaribari Chache, JP): We will look into it, Hon. Speaker. We should be able to get a response in two weeks.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Two weeks it is. Next is a Statement by the Leader of the Majority Party on behalf of the House Business Committee (HBC). The Majority Whip.

STATEMENT

BUSINESS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 31ST MAY TO 2ND JUNE 2022

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon Speaker. I am rising on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party.

Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 44 (2)(a), I rise to give a Statement on behalf of the House Business Committee (HBC), which met on Tuesday 23rd May, 2022 to prioritise business for consideration.

As Members may have noted, a significant portion of the House's time has been allocated to consideration of the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023. I am glad that several Members made significant contributions to this crucial business during the general debate on both the Annual Estimates and the Finance Bill 2022. Currently, we are at the Committee of Supply stage in accordance with the provisions of Section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order No. 239. I, therefore, urge Members to be patient today and support the House in finalising the critical part of the Budget approval process.

On Tuesday next week, the following business has been scheduled for consideration:

- (i) The Second Allotted Day for Committee of Supply should we not conclude it today.
- (ii) Second Reading of the following Bills:
 - (a) The National Rating Bill, 2022.
 - (b) The Supreme Court (Amendment) Bill, 2022.
 - (c) The Kenya Roads Board (Amendment) Bill, 2022.
 - (d) The Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022.
 - (e) The Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No.9 of 2020).
 - (f) The Prompt Payment Bill (Senate Bill No. 16 of 2021).
 - (g) The County Boundaries Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2021).
- (iii) Consideration of the following Committee Reports:
 - (a) Report of the Committee on Procedure and House Rules on the amendments to the Standing Orders.
 - (b) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the examination of Financial Statements for the national Government for the Financial Year 2018/2019.
 - (c) Report of the Committee on Member Services and Facilities on the study visit to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Canada.

I am reliably informed that at the moment, there are no Questions scheduled for response by Cabinet Secretaries. The HBC shall reconvene on Tuesday 31st May, 2022 to schedule the business for the rest of the week. I now wish to lay this Statement on the Table of the House.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Very well.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): On a Point of Order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: What is your point of order, Hon. Pukose?

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As you are aware, Wednesday next week will be Madaraka Day. Apparently, the letters for invitation that I have seen, seem to have been sent only to the *Kieleweke* and the Azimio side of the Members of Parliament. I do not know whether the Kenya Kwanza team are not supposed to attend the Madaraka Day celebrations. These letters of invitation are coming from the Office of the President. The Cabinet Secretary and the Permanent Secretary in that docket should not be partisan. They are earning from taxpayers' money by being in that Office. Everybody is supposed to celebrate that day. Considering that this will be the last ceremony for this Government, it is important that all sides of the political divide are invited to that celebration. I do not know whether Parliament has a way of inviting Members to the celebrations. That is my concern.

Hon. Speaker: You know Parliament was only able to invite Members for the National Prayer Breakfast and not for any function that is from the Executive. Hon. Abdullswamad.

Hon. Abdullswamad Nassir (Mvita, ODM): Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Member needs to clarify. He has accused the Office of the President for sidelining others. He has no authority to speak on behalf of the *Kieleweke* side as he has called them. He should just say that he has not been invited and he wishes to be invited. I am aware of other people who may have a different political view and school of thought who have been invited. He is asking for Parliament's indulgence so that he can be invited. It is true that some people are going to enjoy such privileges for the last time. Maybe he will be on this other side in the next Jamhuri Day. You need to rule whether he has the authority to speak on behalf of *Kieleweke*. Some of us do not get amused by these invitations; we have not been invited and we are not complaining because we intend to go to our constituencies to celebrate with our constituents.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kabinga Wachira.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We are in a very sensitive time in our country. It is important as leaders, to check what we publicly say. Otherwise, we will be adding to that sensitivity. As a conflict expert, I know some of the things that can cause us problems in this country. On these invitations, I have not been invited. However, I am aware that they are doing it in batches. My brother here is looking for airtime before time. He should just wait for the batch that he is included to be invited. I am yet to be invited too. Once we are invited, we will be with him. Let him not look for airtime in this House to bring up a very sensitive matter and talk about the Office of the President. He knows why he had done that.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, now that Hon. Kabinga says he has information ---

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): I have not been invited. I know they are doing it in batches. I am not complaining

Hon. Speaker: You Know? I do not know myself.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Well, I also do not know but since people have been receiving invitations on a daily basis, my brother could be having his at the reception. He should go and check.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): On a Point of Order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Pukose, what is your Point of Order?

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Is the Member in order to insinuate that I am looking for airtime? For your information, I am the Member of Parliament for Endebess Constituency. I raised that as a representative of the people to ask on

behalf of my coalition which has not received any invitation. He says it is a sensitive matter. Invitation to a Madaraka Day Celebration is not a sensitive matter. It only becomes a matter of concern when one side, the Azimio team, is invited and the other side, *Kenya Kwanza*, is not invited. He is claiming that he has information. Can he substantiate that information?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Passaris. Let us hear the voice of a lady.

Hon. (Ms.) Esther Passaris (Nairobi CWR, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Sometimes there are delays in invitations. As the Nairobi County Women Representative, I have not received my invitation for Madaraka day celebrations on 1st June. So, I am not looking at it like it will not come. We should just let things to flow as they are supposed to. I do not think there is any concern. I got my invitation for the National Prayer Breakfast yesterday. Sometimes they are just delays. It does not mean that anyone is being side-lined. As you saw today, we all went for the National Prayer Breakfast yet there were people who were saying that they will not be invited because the invitations were coming from the Speaker's office. I told them to just wait and we all got our invitations.

As we prayed for the nation today, we prayed for peace, understanding, forgiveness, and elections where we will all accept the winners. Let us maintain the same spirit as on the National Prayer Day, when we talked about forgiveness and moving our country forward. Let us not incite each other and our constituents.

We have to be people of integrity as leaders. We need to understand that whatever we say affects and impacts those at the grassroots, who suffer every time. As the Nairobi County Women Representative, I want every leader to be wary of what they say because when people die in this country, it is not our children. It is the children of those who come out to queue and vote for us. Let us conduct ourselves in a manner that does not make it look like we are up in arms against each other.

We had the National Prayer Day today. Let us keep the spirit of those prayers where we saw that we can actually rise as leaders and put God first. I ask Dr. Pukose to believe that his invitation will be there. I look forward to being there and sitting next to you on 1st June.

Thank you and God bless you.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Ndindi Nyoro.

Hon. Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. I share the same concerns with the Member for Endebess. We have seen a very bad trend of trivialising very important State affairs. It is foolhardy for us to try and trivialise such an important day in our country like Madaraka Day, especially for people in the interior. It is important to note that Kenyans follow some of those issues. It had previously been communicated that the celebrations this year would be held at Kirigiti Stadium in Kiambu. We can change the venue, but not the date. It would have been more accommodating to move the venue to a stadium within Kiambu County. We read a lot of politics in the entire process. Even the choice of venue is for political convenience for some people and leaders in our country. I know they will be shocked as they have been before in trying to choose venues they think are convenient for their politics. It is important for us to observe these days with the importance they deserve. The choice of venue should accommodate as many Kenyans as possible since it is the last Madaraka Day, especially for our outgoing President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. It would have been more convenient to choose a venue that can accommodate many Kenyans so that we bid goodbye to the outgoing President Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Makali Mulu.

Hon. Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM-K): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. When I listen to some of the things that we push forward to Kenyans when we are in this House, they degrade this House. On a serious note, I have been getting a card every year and I have never attended a single day. Here I am, 10 years down the line. I do not know why you want to make things which are not important seem so. You can attend the celebrations in your constituency. Those who want cards can come to me and I will give you mine so that you can attend.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Because the Office of the Speaker is not involved in the invitations or even the arrangements for national days, the matter can only rest there. There is nothing I can do. I have told Members who want to speak not to raise their hands. There is nothing to discuss. Hon. Pukose just raised the issue of whether invitations were being extended selectively. I have no answer for that. What view? Hon. Charles Kilonzo Mutavi, are you the one extending invitations?

Hon. Charles Kilonzo (Yatta, Independent): Hon. Speaker, my colleague, Hon. Passaris, put it very well, and so did Hon. Makali. Thirty thousand Kenyans have been invited over the radio. You do not have to be treated so specially. The problem is that you get elected and then start treating yourself in a very special way. My advice to those Members who complain frequently and constantly is to, please, see a therapist. He or she will help you know how to live a simple life.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Let us go to business. Let us go to the next Order. You want to prolong this and yet, you have a lot of business. Hon. Wangwe, proceed.
Next Order!

PROCEDURAL MOTION

EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders No.30(3)(a), this House orders that should the time appointed for adjournment of the House be reached before conclusion of business appearing under Order No.13, which is Committee of Supply, on today's Order Paper, the Sitting of the House shall stand extended until the conclusion of the said business.

The import of this Motion is that under normal circumstances, the House shall rise at 7.00 p.m. With the issues under Order No.13 on the Committee of Supply, the Budget and Appropriations Committee shall undertake to handle all the amounts.

Hon. Speaker: The Members who are exiting the Chamber, we are almost getting into the Committee of Supply. The normal practice is that this House should be full, particularly with all chairpersons and deputies of various departmental committees. The Committee of Supply is a function of the ministries which you oversee and so, we expect the chairpersons of all committees to be present, starting with the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security, the Departmental Committee on Energy and all the others.

I do not want to begin conducting literacy classes on issues at the tail-end of the 12th Parliament. This is the time that chairpersons of various departmental committees will show that

they understand and follow what is allocated to the ministries or departments that they oversee. I am surprised that I do not see many chairpersons.

Anyway, proceed Hon. Wangwe.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You have put it very clearly to my colleagues. In line with what we underwent this morning during the National Prayer Breakfast where forgiveness was the key towards transition, this House, especially the leadership where I sit, should seek an apology from the Members of the House. You should forgive us for giving you some chairpersons who do not appear. Most are in the House.

With those few remarks, I beg to move and ask the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to second.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Kanini Kega.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you so much, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second this very important Procedural Motion. To re-emphasise what you have said, we are going to a very critical stage of budget-making. As you have clearly said, I beseech Members to be here, especially the chairpersons, to make sure that, as we supply to the ministries, they know exactly what is going there, so that they can do proper oversight.

I beg to second.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Speaker: There is no contribution to this.

Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess, JP): On a point of order, Hon. Speaker. We do not have quorum.

Hon. Members: No.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, you know the issue of quorum can be raised at whatever stage. Any Member can rise in his place and claim there is no quorum. The requirement is that the Speaker shall ascertain and if there is no quorum, order that the Quorum Bell be rung. I confirm that the House does not have 50 Members. Ring the Quorum Bell.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Hon. Members, take your seats.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, again at the request of the Vice-Chair of the Departmental Committee on Energy, I permit her to table the documents she was supposed to. I just want to remind her to always be here at 2.30 p.m.

PAPER LAID

Hon. (Ms.) Gladwell Cheruiyot (Baringo CWR, KANU): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the House:

The Report of the Departmental Committee on Energy on its consideration of Public Petition No.002 of 2022 by Mwangaza Abunya Community Development Group regarding the

degradation of the environment along Sondu Miriu Dam due to failure by KenGen Company to fully comply with the Environment Impact Assessment of 1995.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. That was Order No.5, and we are through with it.
Next Order.

BILL

First Reading

THE STATUTE LAW MISCELLANEOUS (AMENDMENT) BILL

(Order for First Reading read - Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Departmental Committee)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, before we go to Order No.13, I have just looked at the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 26 of 2022) and I do not know whether the people responsible... Majority Whip, maybe, you could find out. It is very untidy to claim to amend 56 laws through one Bill.

This House has expressed itself severally – it is a very untidy way of going about it – and especially at the tail end of a Parliament. Even though the Bill stands committed to various committees, I even do not know which one, because there are so many laws being amended. It looks like a hotchpotch of everything. The Copy Right Law which was passed the other day is being proposed to be amended; and so is the Kenya Human Rights Commission; the Energy Act; and many others. Somebody must say where this Bill would be referred to, and who is going to undertake the requisite public participation because there are so many laws that are being amended. But that is just an observation.

I wanted to know from Hon. ole Kenta, with this Motion having been...

(The Speaker consulted with the Clerks-at-the Table)

The debate on this Motion can proceed with the Mover being called upon to reply. Clerk-at-the-Table, please, call out Order No.12.

MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON IRREGULAR RENEWAL OF LAND LEASES BY DELMONTE KENYA

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Implementation on its consideration of the implementation status of the reports of the Departmental Committee on Lands, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 22nd December 2021, on the following subjects—

- (i) Petition on Irregular Renewal of Leases of Land by Del Monte Kenya Limited; and,
- (ii) Petition by Former Workers of the late Mayer Jacob Samuels regarding the Invasion and Eviction of the Workers from their Land in Roysambu Constituency by the Kenya Defence Forces.

(Hon. Richard ole Kenta on 19.5.2022)

*(Resumption of Debate on Motion as amended
interrupted on 24.5.2022)*

Hon. Speaker: The Question had been put and the amendment had been carried and so, it is the Mover to reply. Hon. ole Kenta, Chair of the Committee of Implementation.

Hon. Richard ole Kenta (Narok North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Members for supporting this Motion. It will go a long way in addressing historical land injustices especially in a place like the Central Province. I would like to urge the Cabinet Secretary to do what he is supposed to do, and not to punish the ordinary Kenyans who are suffering.

The amendment has been carried, and I respect the decision of the House. It is also not fair for this House to let Cabinet Secretaries to go scot free when they are fighting this House so much so that it is now acting in vain. We will, however, respect what has happened, and urge the people of Kandara to follow up on their rights, and ensure that they get what they have lacked for the last 60 years. That is even before Independence.

I would like to thank the House, and the Members, and I beg to reply.

(An Hon. Member walked along the gangways)

Hon. Speaker: Are you able to take a seat please? Hon. Members, I am being forced to think that the 11th Parliament was a bit more active at this time of the year than this 12th Parliament. I now put the Question on this Motion as amended. Remember you carried the amendment.

(Question of the Motion as amended put and agreed to)

Resolved accordingly:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Committee on Implementation on its consideration of the implementation status of the Reports of the Departmental Committee on Lands, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, on the following subjects-

- (i) Petition on Irregular Renewal of Leases of Land by Del Monte Kenya Limited; and,
- (ii) Petition by Former Workers of the late Mayer Jacob Samuels regarding the Invasion and Eviction of the Workers from their Land in Roysambu Constituency by the Kenya Defence Forces, subject to deletion of Paragraph 71 appearing on Page 26 of the Report.

Hon. Speaker: Very well. Let us proceed.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Members let me just remind you that the Committee of Supply is not the same as the Committee of the Whole House. There is nobody who seems to be familiar with this. It is a Motion

which was to be done in supply but, alongside that Motion, was the inclusion that the Hon. Speaker, now leave the Chair. It is not literally leaving the Chair. I am sure this must be confusing to some of you.

Hon. Members, as I had indicated earlier, when we move to the Committee of Supply, I expect various chairpersons to, please, be available because you need to know what is being supplied to the various Ministries and Departments which you oversee.

*(Hon. Onyango Oyoo and Hon. Elisha Odhiambo
consulted loudly)*

The Members for Muhoroni and Gem, you need to know what is being supplied to the Ministries that you oversee and be able to follow when they do not do what they are supposed to. Very well. We go to the Committee on Supply.

(The Speaker consulted the Clerks-at-the Table)

Hon. Members, to again inform the House, remember that you have already passed the Procedural Motion on extension of time. You are now required to sit until the conclusion of the business appearing as Order No.13, so that this First Allotted Day could also serve as the Second and Third.

Very well.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(Order for Committee read being the First Allotted Day)

[The Speaker (Hon. Justin Muturi) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu) took the Chair]

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Order Members! Please the Members walking out of the Chamber do so in a quiet manner.

Hon. Members, we are now in the Committee of Supply to consider various votes on the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

VOTE 1011 - EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs23,066,996,379 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1011 (Executive Office of the President).

(Programs 070200, 070300, 070400, 0704000, 0734000 and 0745000 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let me have Hon. Makali Mulu, Member for Kitui Central. Use the next one.

Hon. Mulu Makali (Kitui Central, WDM-K): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, can I go to the next one? This one is too short.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Is it too short?

Hon. Mulu Makali (Kitui Central, WDM-K): Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I support the supply of resources to these departments. It would be important to note that the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) contract is coming to an end in the course of the year. I hope the resources provided are just to “kind of” consolidate their gains and then close that chapter.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Member for Kieni, you want to speak to this?

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): I think we were able to interrogate this properly with the departmental chairs. That is why there are no major changes. I support it the way it is.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Vote 1011 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next vote?

VOTE 1021 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERIOR AND CITIZEN SERVICES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs143,532,460,681 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1021 (State Department for Interior and Citizen Services).

(Programs 0601000, 0603000, 0605000, 0625000, 06256000, 0629000 and 063000 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea, you want to speak to this? I can see you have a request.

Hon. Joshat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): You support. I see no interest to this again.

(Vote 1021 agreed to)

VOTE 1023 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs32,218,651,550 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1023 (State Department for Correctional Services).

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(Programs 0623000, 0627000, and 0628000 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Kanini Kega.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I rise, of course, to support. I beseech the Committee to also make sure that if there are any historical pending bills, make sure they are paid. These are some of the issues that have been bedevilling us for a long time. Kindly, as they say, the first charge should always be the pending bills.

Make sure that those pending bills are paid. However, the pending bills must be verified to make sure that they are authentic.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Navakholo.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I just want to support. However, I want us to look at one of the programs; the Prisons Services. I urge the Chair to consider more money to allow probation, not just to put people in incarceration, but also provide funds for probation.

I am wishing the Chair well so that he can come back and, hopefully, proceed as the Chair.

(Vote 1023 agreed to)

VOTE 1032 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVOLUTION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs1,741,910,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1032 (State Department for Devolution).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): I see no interest to debate on this and, therefore, I move to put the Question.

(Programme 0712000 agreed to)

(Vote 1032 agreed to)

VOTE 1035 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASAL

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs10,419,423,700 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1035 (State Department for Development of the ASAL).

(Programme 0733000 agreed to)

(Vote 1035 agreed to)

VOTE 1041 - MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs131,683,300,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1041 (Ministry of Defence).

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The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): I see Hon. Members raising their hands. Let us have the Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations.

Hon. Richard Tong'i (Nyaribari Chache, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. We all support that move. However, I would like to say that the money allocated to the Ministry of Defence is not enough. We appreciate that there will never be enough money, but we urge that in the subsequent budget provisions, we should be able to give them a reasonable amount. This is because they are the only men and women who don their uniforms every morning to go and die on behalf of the country. We need to support them in every way we can to ensure that they are comfortable in whatever it is that they are doing. We need to ensure that they are equipped with the most modern machinery that they need, so that they can protect Kenya in the best way they know.

I beg to support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): With that, I will put the Question.

(Loud consultations)

Order, Hon. Members. Members consulting, I am putting the Question on the Vote.

(Programmes 0801000, 0802000, 0803000 and 0805000000 agreed to)

(Vote 1041 agreed to)

VOTE 1052 - MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs19,032,299,618 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1052 (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let us have the Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations.

Hon. Richard Tong'i (Nyaribari Chache, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, we once again appreciate that there will always be constraints of resources and that there will never be enough money. However, as a country, we have to make a deliberate decision to increase our footprint in the world because that is how we are measured, become visible to the rest of the world, and other countries get to appreciate Kenya as a force to reckon with. It is important to appreciate that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is the face of Kenya to the rest of the world. We need to ensure that our embassies are well-maintained and ambassadors are well-resourced, so that they are able to protect and serve Kenyans as they should. If we do not give them enough support in terms of resources and money to meet their budgetary obligations, we are shooting ourselves in the foot. We are not prepared to do that as a country because we have the responsibility of ensuring that their visibility is a positive one for the good of the country.

We just approved 21 nominees for ambassadorships yesterday who all require resources in their new work stations. I, therefore, urge the Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations

Committee, Hon. Kanini Kega, who is my good friend, that we get a way of supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with enough resources in the Supplementary Budget, so that they can ensure that the new ambassadors have work stations. This especially applies to the Ambassador to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), who needs resources so as to give Kenya value for money.

I support the proposal.

(Programmes 0714000, 0715000, 0741000 and 0742000 agreed to)

(Vote 1052 agreed to)

VOTE 1064 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs24,930,322,807 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1064 (State Department for Vocational and Technical Training).

(Programmes 0505000, 0507000, and 0508000 agreed to)

(Vote 1064 agreed to)

VOTE 1065 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs109,837,995,328 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1065 (State Department for University Education).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Mwikali Mutua, Member for Busia County and Chairlady of the Departmental Committee on Education.

Hon. (Ms.) Florence Mutua (Busia CWR, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the President for ensuring that the Departmental Committee on Education and Research got the highest budget.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Mutua, are you on *Hansard*? It is good to be on record. Use the next microphone! We need you to be on *Hansard*.

Hon. (Ms.) Florence Mutua (Busia (CWR), ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta for ensuring that the Ministry of Education is well supported. We got the highest budget of Kshs544 billion and it has been put into good use.

I also take this opportunity to thank the CS, the entire Ministry and all the stakeholders for ensuring that the Ministry is able to achieve most of what it had set out to. As you know, we are in a very difficult period of COVID, but the Ministry ensured our schools did not close for long and our children did exams and exceeded. I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency the President and the Ministry under CS Magoha for ensuring we achieved most of what we set out to do.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and my Committee Members for a job well done and ensuring we gave our best during these very difficult times. However, our Committee had a wish-list of two very key items. One, was the issue of Teacher Professional Development (TPD). We never managed to get this and yet, we had only requested for Kshs2 billion. However, the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee is aware. So, this is unfortunate and the teachers will have to continue with the training from their pockets.

Two, is the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for universities, which is very key this year. We request the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to continue pursuing this issue so that we are able to take care of CBA. The Committee had requested for Kshs4 billion and we did not manage to get it.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Programmes 0504000, 0506000 and 0508000 agreed to)

(Vote 1065 agreed to)

VOTE 1066 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR EARLY LEARNING AND BASIC EDUCATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs110,681,239,910 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1066 (State Department for Early Learning & Basic Education).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): I see the Chair. Do you want to speak to this? No.

(Programmes 0501000, 0502000, 0503000 and 0508000 agreed to)

(Vote 1066 agreed to)

VOTE 1068 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR POST TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs356,600,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1068 (State Department for Post Training and Skills Development).

(Programmes 0508000, 0512000 and 0513000 agreed to)

(Vote 1068 agreed to)

VOTE 1069 - STATE DEPARTMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM REFORMS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Ksh339,299,400 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure

(Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1069 (State Department for Implementation of Curriculum Reforms).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Member for Navakholo.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you very much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Whereas I support the supply of funds to this State Department, the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research could consider in the final report to the House about her Department, whether these two State Departments are completely worthy to exist and advise on that. One state department is getting about Kshs110 billion while another one is getting about Kshs100, billion. But this one is getting about Ksh339 million.

I request the Chair to consider in the submission of the House the performance of the two State Departments so that we can consider in future.

Thank you.

(Programme 0514000 agreed to)

(Vote 1069 agreed to)

VOTE 1071 – THE NATIONAL TREASURY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs174,396,917,238 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1071 (The National Treasury).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Hon. Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Kanini Kega.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I rise to support this because it is critical and very important.

However, the National Treasury apportions funds to the various ministries. But when we have the National Treasury again as an implementing agency, like for example, in the railway transport and marine transport, sometimes there is some conflict of interest. Going into the future, the railway and marine transport should be domiciled in the line ministries. It is an area of concern.

However, I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Roysambu.

Hon. Isaac Ndirangu (Roysambu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. While we support the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I wish to plead with them that they have captured very well that we should be very keen on paying pending bills. They have declined to pay a very important historical pending bill of Kshs452.6 million of a contract signed in 1997 between Spencon Kenya Limited and the Ministry of Local Government for the construction of Mombasa Sewerage Project. The Ministry has consequently been notified that unless the sum of Kshs452.6 million is paid to Spencon, the said company had negotiated that price. If the National Treasury does not pay the amount awarded by the arbitrator, they will again move to court. This

bill is very old. We appeal to the Budget and Appropriations Committee to ensure that it is provided for in the next Supplementary Estimates.

I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Point passed.

*(Programmes 0203000, 0204000, 0717000, 0718000,
07190000, 0720000 and 0740000 agreed to)*

(Vote 1071 agreed to)

VOTE 1072 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PLANNING

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs49,086,120,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1072 (State Department for Planning).

*(Programmes 0706000, 0707000,
0708000 and 0709000 agreed to)*

(Vote 1072 agreed to)

VOTE 1081 - MINISTRY OF HEALTH

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs122,519,254,652 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1081 (Ministry of Health).

(Programmes 0401000, 0402000, 0403000, 0404000 and 0405000 agreed to)

(Vote 1081 agreed to)

VOTE 1091 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs221,293,567,854 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1091 (State Department for Infrastructure).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Kabinga, what is your contribution?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I stand to support this allocation - supply to the Department of Infrastructure - and urge that, in future, we put more money into infrastructure so that we build the economy. Quite often than not, people ask whether doing a road would turn into *unga*. I always tell the young men and women out there that when a road from point A to point B is improved and there is a *boda boda* guy using

it, he saves on the frequent washing that they would do when the road is bad. They save on spares and the number of times that young man will ferry clients. That is what we can now refer to as putting money in the pockets.

I really thank the management of this department. In the past five years, my constituency has seen tremendous improvement on infrastructure. I came in when we had only four kilometres of road in Mwea that started in Mwea and ended in Mwea. Today, we have a number of them. I really thank the CS and the PS for the good job well done.

(Programme 0202000 agreed to)

(Vote 1091 agreed to)

VOTE 1092 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs10,972,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1092 (State Department for Transport).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): I see an interest from the Member of Navakholo.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Whereas I want to support this supply, I ask the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research to consider intervening on the issue of pricing, especially on aviation and flight costs. Our airlines are the most expensive in the region. Whereas we are giving them subsidy and each and every support the airlines need, it is important that they check the costing of their tickets and flights.

Meanwhile, I support.

(Programmes 0201000, 0204000, 0205000, 0206000 agreed to)

(Vote 1092 agreed to)

VOTE 1093 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SHIPPING AND MARITIME

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs3,360,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1093 (State Department for Shipping and Maritime).

(Programme 0220000 agreed to)

(Vote 1093 agreed to)

VOTE 1094 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs20,361,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1094 (State Department for Housing and Urban Development).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): I recognise the representative of the people of Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Yes, I am the servant of the people of Mwea. I support this supply to the Department for Housing and Urban Development. I also note that within the period of the 12th Parliament that is now ending, I have been pushing for the upgrading of my great home town of Ngurubani, which is home to great economy. It generates almost Kshs10 billion to the Kenyan economy. I had urged this Department to consider upgrading it to a municipality. When the President visited the town, he saw for himself the activities that go on there. And he gave a directive that the town's infrastructure be improved. Most of the roads are now improved.

We will continue working with the Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to ensure that funding flows. It is my wish that in the coming years, the Department will find it necessary to upgrade the town to a municipality. When construction of Thiba Dam is over, Ngurubani will be contributing Kshs20 billion to the economy of this country. Therefore, it is important that we upgrade it to a municipality so that the infrastructure is improved. The Department should move there and construct low-cost houses and improve standards of the town to bring in more investments that will generate even more money to the economy.

I support.

(Programmes 0102000, 0105000 and 0106000 agreed to)

(Vote 1094 agreed to)

VOTE 1095 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs4,693,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1095 (State Department for Public Works).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Seme, Hon. Nyikal Wambura.

Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I rise to support this allocation. This Department should take into consideration not only pedestrian access, but also access for persons with disabilities (PWDs). We have been debating the Persons with Disabilities Bill. Many public buildings are not disability compliant. Public transport through matatus, buses and trains is not fully disability compliant. Even bus stops are not disability compliant. This Department should comply with the law as it is now and provide proper access to PWDs to all infrastructure within the country.

Thank you.

(Programmes 0103000, 0104000, 0106000 and 0218000 agreed to)

(Vote 1095 agreed to)

VOTE 1108 – MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Ksh15,255,800,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1108 (Ministry of Environment and Forestry).

(Programmes 1002000, 1010000, 1012000 and 1018000 agreed to)

(Vote 1108 agreed to)

VOTE 1109 – MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs83,936,624,881 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1109 (Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): Member for Kieni.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I rise, of course, to support. But the Vice-Chairman had alluded to me that he wanted to propose some amendments. Unfortunately, he is not here. So I think we might consider the amendments in the Appropriations Bill.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you once again, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I support the supply to this Ministry. This is a very important Ministry in charge of not only water for domestic use, but also water for irrigation. My constituency is a major consumer of irrigation services. I urge the Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary in charge of this Ministry to ensure that Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA) does not exploit our people. They keep on increasing the rates of water for irrigation without any due consideration to the consumers. The last time WARMA had a meeting in Mombasa, I had to go without planning. We agreed with them that they are not going to increase rates for irrigation water. To my surprise, I came to realise that they actually gazetted figures that we had already said in Mombasa that they should not be increased. I really felt it because I left this town for Mombasa without any clothes to change to save my people just to find WARMA gazetting figures that were not agreed. I hope that the Principal Secretary will take this very seriously because we feel if it is not done, we will definitely be moving to court to prevent them from doing so. The other thing is on drinking water. We are doing well on irrigation, but the people of Mwea continue consuming canal water which is contaminated.

Thank you. I support.

*(Programmes 1001000, 1004000, 1017000,
1014000, 1015000 and 1022000 agreed to)
(Vote 1109 agreed to)*

VOTE 1112 - MINISTRY OF LANDS AND PHYSICAL PLANNING

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs5,928,250,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1112 (Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you once again, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I support the supply to this particular ministry but also note that in the past three years, we have been working with this ministry to ensure that the people of South Ngariama in my constituency are given their title deeds. This particular exercise was commenced by the national Government, but I want to say that I was really unhappy with the way it was handled by the county government. They are the people who have delayed the issuance of those title deeds. I hope that in the coming years, they will not interfere so that the people of South Ngariama in my constituency can get their title deeds.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

*(Programme 0101000 agreed to)
(Vote 1112 agreed to)*

VOTE 1122 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION
COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs19,254,100,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1122 (State Department for Information Communication Technology & Innovation).

(Programmes 0207000, 0210000 and 0217000)

(Vote 1122 agreed to)

VOTE 1123 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR BROADCASTING
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs7,507,600,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1123 (State Department for Broadcasting & Telecommunications).

(Programmes 0207000, 0208000, 0209000 and 0221000)

(Vote 1123 agreed to)

VOTE 1132 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SPORTS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs17,425,950,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 1132 (State Department for Sports).

(Programme 0901000 agreed to)

(Vote 1132 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next Vote.

VOTE 1134 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CULTURE AND HERITAGE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs3,171,914,367 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1134 (State Department for Culture and Heritage).

*(Programmes 0902000, 0903000, 0904000
and 0905000 agreed to)*

(Vote 1134 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next Vote.

VOTE 1152 - MINISTRY OF ENERGY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs95,667,855,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1152 (Ministry of Energy).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea, what is your comment?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Whereas I support the supply to this particular Ministry, it needs to pull up its socks. If this country has to achieve its Vision 2030 on electricity connectivity to our people, we need a total overhaul in that particular Ministry.

I am happy because the President initiated some changes there. I hope that things will be done in a better way in that Ministry. We are aware that there was a problem in procurement sometime in the past. They procured transformers that were not functional. For that reason, many of our people are still unconnected to electricity.

For example, when I became a Member of Parliament, the electricity connectivity in Mwea Constituency was at 53.3 per cent. I am now still struggling with about 75 per cent. It is my hope that changes in this Ministry will improve things. My people in Mwea Constituency will be fully connected in the coming year or two years. This is one area that we really did badly during my time as a Member of Parliament. I struggled but the problems in that Ministry did not allow me to achieve my goals, as far as connectivity is concerned.

I support the supply to this Vote with that particular rejoinder. Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Very well. Before I put the Question, let us have the Member for Mwingi North.

Hon. Paul Nzengu (Mwingi North, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I rise to support this Vote with certain comments just like my predecessor has just said. The question of electricity connectivity is really a big problem in Mwingi North Constituency. We have so many transformers that are faulty. It is as if I work for the Kenya Power because I receive calls every day. Going forward, this must stop. As much as I support this Vote, proper systems must be put in place, to ensure that all those faulty transformers that were reportedly installed at certain times are removed and replaced with the right ones.

I support the supply to this Vote.

*(Programmes 0211000, 0212000, 0213000
and 0214000 agreed to)*

(Vote 1152 agreed to)

VOTE 1162 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LIVESTOCK

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs7,207,300,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023, in respect of Vote 1162 (State Department for Livestock).

(Programme 0112000 agreed to)

(Vote 1162 agreed to)

VOTE 1166 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND THE BLUE ECONOMY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs10,497,400,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1166 (State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture and the Blue Economy).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Seme.

Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Our life support is supply to this State Department. The Programme of Fisheries Development and

Management needs more emphasis. We should allocate more money than this. The production of fish in this country, particularly in Lake Victoria, which is the second largest fresh water lake with the best fish, is not considered seriously. It is unacceptable that at this time, we are importing tilapia from China for sale in Kisumu, simply because we have not developed modern fishing techniques. We have the old technologies which hinder the production of fish in the lake.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, although fisheries is devolved, they should have a pilot programme complete with research so that we utilise the lake fully while taking into consideration the environmental impact of massive use, particularly for methods such as cage farming.

With that I support the Supply.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Very well.

VOTE 1166 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE &
THE BLUE ECONOMY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.10,497,400,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1166 (State Department for Fisheries, Aquaculture & the Blue Economy).

(Programmes 0111000, 0117000 and 0118000 agreed to)

(Vote 1166 agreed to)

VOTE 1169 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT &
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.41,506,027,321 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1169 (State Department for Crop Development & Agricultural Research).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Yes Hon. Member for Mwea?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I support the supply to this particular Department. This is one Department that in the past few years, has shown a tremendous improvement. As we all know, agriculture and livestock are at the heart of this country.

It is good to note that we have an able Cabinet Secretary (CS), Hon. Munya, who has touched the hearts of farmers out there. I was elated when a kilo of rice was costing Kshs45. Today my people in Mwea are selling the same at around Kshs90. That is putting money into the people's pockets. I thank this Ministry and hope that more money will be supplied to it so that they can continue improving agriculture in our various parts of this country. More so, ensure that there is enough support for farmers so that they do not become slaves of their own farms, where they work but get nothing at the end of the day.

I support and hope that the CS will continue doing the good job.

(Programmes 0107000, 0108000, 0109000 and 0120000 agreed to)

(Vote 1169 agreed to)

VOTE 1173 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR COOPERATIVES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.2,262,200,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1173 (State Department for Cooperatives).

(Programme 0304000 agreed to)

(Vote 1173 agreed to)

VOTE 1174 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TRADE AND ENTERPRISE
DEVELOPMENT

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.4,001,190,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1174 (State Department for Trade and Enterprise Development).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Yes Hon. Member for Mwea? Try to be brief.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. This supply to this particular Department, in my opinion, is not enough. There is more that this Department can do, working with other sectors to ensure that we improve on products, both quantity and quality, that makes us import some of the products that are brought into this country. I am aware that we have a lot of Pakistan rice that is imported into this country, while we can improve on rice production in Mwea, Bura and parts of Nyanza to ensure that this country is self-sufficient in as far as rice is concerned. Doing that will help us conserve our foreign exchange that we otherwise send abroad.

I thank you and support.

(Programmes 0309000, 0310000, 0311000 and 0312000 agreed to)

Vote 1174 agreed to)

VOTE 1175 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.7,126,540,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1175 (State Department for Industrialization).

(Programmes 0301000, 0302000 and 0303000 agreed to)

(Vote 1175 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Navakholo.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I have some interest in this allocation. Whereas I support the amount, it is important for purposes of record that the State Department for Industrialisation to live up to expectations. Industries need to be created. The existing ones are dying without resuscitation. I refer to Mumias Sugar, the only employer of over 2,000 employees in Western Region, which has since died, but nobody seems to address the issue. This is a wake-up call to the State Department for Industrialisation to rise to the occasion and make sure that Mumias Sugar works for our people.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Programmes 0301000, 0302000 and 0303000 agreed to)

(Vote 1175 agreed to)

VOTE 1184 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR LABOUR

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs3, 483,630,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1184 (Ministry of Labour).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Mwea, do you want to speak to this?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Yes. Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I am the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, and throughout the period I have been the Chair, we have been trying to get more resources for the Department. Kshs3.5 billion is not enough. The Department is responsible for our young men and women who have gone out of this country in search of employment. Some of them, especially in the Gulf, are suffering. We have desired to have the Department establish safe houses for our girls, boys and men who are in Saudi Arabia, for example, without any success. It is my hope that in the future, our country will find it necessary to prioritise this particular Department in view of the many young men and women who are suffering out there.

I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Yes, Member for Ikolomani?

Hon. Benard Shinali (Ikolomani, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I am sorry, my card has failed me. I want to comment on the Department of Labour.

We have had many Kenyans, especially women, suffering in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and in Saudi Arabia, but there has not been a proper structure on how to check on them as they go to look for their livelihoods there. We wish that this Department is allocated more money so that even out there, we have a follow up in terms of sending labour officers. This is so that they can keep track of how many Kenyans go there, establish where they are working, and if there is any problem, there is a proper way of repatriating them back to Kenya.

I have several people from my constituency who are suffering in Saudi Arabia. I feel so disturbed that Kenyans who have gone to look for a livelihood are out there suffering, but there is no way to help them; and there are no proper structures on how the Government can reach them. I hope the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare will take this seriously.

I support, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Programmes 0910000, 0906000 and 0907000 agreed to)

(Vote 1184 agreed to)

VOTE 1185 – THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION,
SENIOR CITIZEN AFFAIRS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs34, 676,240,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1185 (State Department for Social Protection, Senior Citizens Affairs & Special Programs).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I am Chair of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare that oversees this particular Department. There are many things I would have liked to raise in this supply, but I will only touch on three of them. One, that the money that goes to the elderly is not enough. In all the 290 constituencies, we have elderly people who get money and some who do not get it. Some are neighbours; one neighbour gets the money but another one does not. This is an anomaly that needs to be corrected, because it causes some sort of disfranchisement in our communities. They feel disenfranchised because some get while some do not.

People with disabilities are in this Department. This is an area that has been under resourced. We have many people with disabilities but they are not taken care of. Some even go without wheelchairs, and some require special treatment which they cannot get.

The last one is on children. I bring it to the attention of the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. We are moving to elections, a season when children suffer. The United Nation International Children Education Fund (UNICEF) has been quite handy in supporting activities to support children during this time. Before the Government comes in, UNICEF usually comes and puts in some resources. Government money usually comes late, and sometimes it is not very useful. I had discussed this with the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security to extend some resources to this particular Department for the purpose of children services before, during the time of elections and after elections. He had kindly accepted to give this Department, or rather extend, about Kshs200,000,000 to this Department. We agreed on the same with the Budget and Appropriations Committee. All was well before I realised this money was not allocated. I kindly urge the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee to consider making that resource available during appropriation. It is very important. We do not want our children to suffer during elections.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Okay. Member for Trans Nzoia, what is your comment on this?

Hon. (Ms.) Janet Nangabo (Trans Nzoia CWR, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I just want to agree with the Chairman on the issue of social protection. It is true that we have elderly people who are really suffering outside there. The way the Chair has said, even children need to be given more money so that these elderly persons and children can enjoy, especially during this time of elections. It is going to be a problem. At the same time, those working with social protection are not enough. We need to add more workers in social protection.

I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Ikolomani.

Hon. Benard Shinali (Ikolomani, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. As the Vice Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I agree with the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. We shall consult. As we move forward, we will see what we can adjust at that level.

However, I also want to support the disbursement to the elderly. We interact with the lowly where we come from. This money does wonders. Many of our elderly people die because they do not have what to eat and medical care. The programme provides for NHIF, Kshs500 pays for NHIF every month. This is a great achievement by the Government if we roll it out to all elderly people who are above 70 years. On the same, we want it streamlined because we have people who die and money continues coming to them, yet we have others who should be picked immediately once one is deceased. That is the only comment I wanted the Chair to note – that we want it streamlined so that resources do not go to waste, yet they can be used by other families

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The last one is by Member for Seme, just a comment.

Hon. (Dr.) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, for allowing me to comment on this.

This is an extremely important Department. It takes care of the most vulnerable people; elderly persons, orphans and vulnerable children, and people with disabilities. I also support that it should get more money. However, the Chair of the Committee is here, and the functioning of this Department is not up to date. The disbursement procedure is not correct. The exit procedure is not clear. Inclusion of new persons is not clear. Even when there are changes, it is just changes in the banks then people miss and do not get the money. Old persons queue for long hours and they are given money late. This is an important Department. Let them get more money, but they should streamline it. I am particularly concerned about this because I literally started this Department. It has achieved what it was intended to, except that its management is not up to scratch. People are suffering while they should be enjoying. More money and better management is my message for them.

(Programmes 0908000, 0909000 and 0914000 agreed to)

(Vote 1185 agreed to)

VOTE 1194 - MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND MINING

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.9,291,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development)

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during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1194 (Ministry of Petroleum and Mining).

(Programmes 0215000, 1007000, 1009000 and 1021000 agreed to)

(Vote 1194 agreed to)

VOTE 1202 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR TOURISM

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.9,028,675,760 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1202 (State Department for Tourism).

(Programmes 0313000, 0314000 and 0315000 agreed to)

(Vote 1202 agreed to)

VOTE 1203 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR WILDLIFE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.7,985,810,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1203 (State Department for Wildlife).

(Programme 1019000 agreed to)

(Vote 1203 agreed to)

VOTE 1212 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR GENDER

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs. 3,976,350,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1212 (State Department for Gender).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Again, this Department falls under the mandate of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Services. It is one Department that is under-resourced. This country keeps talking about empowering women to ensure that their participation in our economy is improved, but the amount of money we allocate to the Department is wanting. I hope that in the coming years, we will allocate more money. As we always say, to empower a woman is to empower a family. This country can never grow without the growth of women. I am a great supporter of women and women development. I was brought up by my mother when my father left us at Standard Four. I know the power of a woman. I hope we can allocate more money to this Department.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Programmes 0911000, 0912000 and 0913000 agreed to)

(Vote 1212 agreed to)

VOTE 1213 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.23,844,810,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1213 (State Department for Public Service).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, I support the supply to this Department. But I would like us to take note that the National Youth Service (NYS), which is under this Department, has not given this country what it deserves; it has not fully utilised its potential. I am well informed that some of the biggest companies from China in this country are owned by the Government. This is one sector that we can also venture into. The NYS has a lot of equipment and manpower. We do not see why it should not participate in the contracting for major projects in this country so as to generate Appropriations-in-Aid (A-in-A). I support the supply, but I hope that in the future, we will improve the sector.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

(Programmes 0710000, 0709000 and 0747000 agreed to)

(Vote 1213 agreed to)

VOTE 1214 – STATE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs3,457,120,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1214 (State Department for Youth Affairs).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Peace and development in this country highly depends on how well we prepare our youth for the future. The allocation of Kshs.3 billion to empower our youth to develop and grow and take over the management of this country is far below expectation. We hope that in the coming years, we will focus on this particular area. I have seen how support to the youth has changed this country. Youth now get money in groups. We also need to develop youth empowerment centres in our constituencies. I thank the Department for identifying my constituency as one of the areas to put up a youth centre. Very soon, we should move in to lay the foundation for the centre. It is my hope that we will escalate this programme to many more constituencies in the country so that our youth can find a place to seek advice, conduct their business online without paying and interact and exchange ideas. The elderly should also access the centres to advice the youth.

I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): The Member for Ikolomani.

Hon. Benard Shinali (Ikolomani, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I want to echo the sentiments of the Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. The amount allocated to the development of youth businesses is too little compared to the population of the youth in Kenya. Given that white collar jobs are scarce, it is important that we adjust upwards the allocation to support the youth.

I want to propose to the Government that this money should be distributed fairly. In some constituencies, especially rural ones, there is a lack of education to create awareness among the youth in order to benefit from these funds. I think maybe the Youth Enterprise Development Fund does not have enough staff to go down and educate our youth on the processes and positive nature of taking this money for their own use.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): The last comment is from the Member for Trans Nzoia County.

Hon. (Ms.) Janet Nangabo (Trans Nzoia CWR, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I also support the supply to this Youth Enterprise Development Fund. This Fund has really changed the lives of youth, especially in rural areas. This is because for the last two years, once people finish Form Four, they get into the *boda boda* business. However, nowadays we can see them being empowered, apart from the rules that they have put in place that if you want to get a loan or be given a certain amount, you must produce this and that. Otherwise, the Chair should also make sure that we get those centres that he has said he is putting one in his area. They should be across the board so that the youth can enjoy them.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Chair, do you want to say something?

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, there could be a notion that it is only Mwea that is having that centre. I want to let the Member know that Mwea could be one of the last ones in the past five years. More than 25 have been put across the country. So, it is not just in Mwea; they are all over. You can check. Probably we have some in Trans Nzoia.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Thank you, Chair, for that. I know Members are looking for them, including in Kibwezi East.

(Programmes 0711000, 0748000 and 0749000 agreed to)

(Vote 1214 agreed to)

VOTE 1221 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.767,060,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1221 (State Department for East African Community).

(Programme 0305000 agreed to)

(Vote 1221 agreed to)

VOTE 1222 - STATE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL
AND NORTHERN CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.5,108,534,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1222 (State Department for Regional & Northern Corridor Development).

(Programme 1013000 agreed to)

(Vote 1222 agreed to)

VOTE 1252 - STATE LAW OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.5,402,870,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1252 (State Law Office and Department of Justice).

(Programme 0606000, 0607000 and 0609000 agreed to)

(Vote 1252 agreed to)

VOTE 1271 - ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.3,578,530,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1271 (Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission).

(Programme 0611000 agreed to)

(Vote 1271 agreed to)

VOTE 1281 - NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.46,127,700,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1281 (National Intelligence Service).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let me have the Member for Mwea to comment.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. Let me take this opportunity to really thank the National Intelligence Service (NIS) in this country. Unknown to many Kenyans in this country, the NIS is responsible for information that leads to

peace that we enjoy. I commend and thank the young men and women who have sleepless nights in the cold at our borders gathering information that has seen this country and this year without much problems in as far as the outlawed gangs are concerned. This includes the Al-Shabaab, who invade this country any time they want. Because of the improved NIS that we have in this country, we have enjoyed relative peace. We need to keep giving them more money so that we can strengthen them as much as we can.

I thank them, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Very well.

(Programme 0804000 agreed to)

(Vote 1281 agreed to)

VOTE 1291 - OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.3,326,950,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1291 (Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions).

(Hon. Charles Kilonzo walked in the Chamber while Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady was putting the Question)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Order, Members! Attention, Hon. Members. I know that the Member for Yatta is walking to consult another Member.

(Programme 0612000 agreed to)

(Vote 1291 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next Vote.

VOTE 1311 - OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.2,126,850,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1311 (Office of the Registrar of Political Parties).

(Programme 0614000 agreed to)

(Vote 1311 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next Vote.

VOTE 1321 - WITNESS PROTECTION AGENCY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.649,070,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 1321 (Witness Protection Agency).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Navakholo, give a comment on this Vote. Thank you. Give him the microphone.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I just want to thank the Cabinet Secretary of the National Treasury for allocating Kshs649,070,000 to the Witness Protection Agency. However, I would like to indulge the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Hopefully, if he will come back and be in the same position or whoever will take it, he or she should consider pushing for the Victim Protection Board to be also given a vote in the Budget. These are two bodies that go hand in hand. We passed a Bill here that set up the Victim Protection Board within the Attorney-General's Chambers. So, it is important that the National Treasury also allocates resources to that Board.

Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Very well.

(Programme 0615000 agreed to)

(Vote 1321 agreed to)

VOTE 2011 - KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs.464,360,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023, in respect of Vote 2011 (Kenya National Commission on Human Rights).

(Programme 0616000 agreed to)

(Vote 2011 agreed to)

VOTE 2021 - NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs1,558,300,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2021 (National Land Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let us have a comment from the Member from Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, I support the supply to the National Lands Commission (NLC). However, I note they should have done much

more in the past two years especially on recovery of public land. In my constituency, we have a scheme referred to as South Ngariama, which was well planned with public amenities, much of which has been grabbed by individuals. This happened especially during the time when we wanted title deeds to be issued. During the verification exercise that was commissioned, many people moved in and grabbed land in that area. It is my hope that the NLC will intervene and recover any land that has been grabbed from that scheme.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): There is another request by the Member for Gichugu. Members, you are aware that we passed a Motion to the effect that we must complete Order No.11.

Hon. Gichimu Githinji (Gichugu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I also support the amount allocated to the NLC. I hope they will use some of that money to resolve and sort out the historical issues that touch on some counties such as Kirinyaga, especially on the Mwea side. These are issues that we have been following up. I hope in the next one year, they will completely solve the issues so that people can live in harmony and peace.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, as I was saying, we passed a Motion before these Members came in and we encouraged the chairs of the relevant committees to be present, so that we can complete Order No.11 today.

Let us have a comment from the Member for Ikolomani.

Hon. Benard Shinali (Ikolomani, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. As I support the money given to the NLC, we wish they could look at their records in terms of when they gazette certain projects for compensation. We have found that they tend to pay for projects which have come in later out of political influence yet other compensations that were gazetted earlier remain in their books for many years.

There is a road that was done in Kakamega about nine years ago. It was gazetted, but the affected people have never been compensated. We have had so many complaints from other parts of the country where people have stayed for so long without being compensated yet when they started constructing the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), people were compensated in advance. We want the NLC to be fair and ensure that they serve the people who come in first.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): With that debate, I will put the Question.

(Programme 0116000 agreed to)

(Vote 2021 agreed to)

VOTE 2031 - INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs21,686,840,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2031 (Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission).

(Programmes 0617000, 0618000)

(Vote 2031 agreed to)

VOTE 2061 - COMMISSION ON REVENUE ALLOCATION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs491,960,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2061 (The Commission on Revenue Allocation).

(Programme 0737000 agreed to)

(Vote 2061 agreed to)

VOTE 2071 - PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs2,582,140,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2071 (Public Service Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let us have a comment from the Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, I thank this Commission for coming up with the intern programme that has been running. Since its inception, we have seen our young men and women get more opportunities to secure jobs. I thank the late Hon. Paul Koinange, who discussed this programme with the Commission. It is my sincere hope that we can put in much more resources, so that more young men and women, especially university graduates, can find opportunities in our various sectors to get knowledge and experience that would enable them to secure jobs.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, I support the supply to the Commission.

(Programmes 0725000, 0726000, 0727000 and 0744000 agreed to)

(Vote 2071 agreed to)

VOTE 2081 – SALARIES AND REMUNERATION COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs612,500,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2081 (Salaries and Remuneration Commission).

(Programme 0728000 agreed to)

(Vote 2081 agreed to)

VOTE 2091 – TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs298,374,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2091 (Teachers Service Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Gichugu, Hon. Gichimu Githinji. The three Gs; Gichimu Githinji, Member for Gichugu Constituency.

Hon. Gichimu Githinji (Gichugu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. They are rhyming.

As I support, I would like to urge the TSC to utilise the money in an equitable manner in employing teachers to make sure that all corners of this country get teachers. The Commission should make sure that day schools are also given priority in allocation of teachers after employment. I also thank the TSC for having an annual internship programme to teachers. It is preparing teachers for the job and giving them opportunity to feel the market even before employment.

I support.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Yes, Member for Navakholo, Hon. Wangwe Emmanuel.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I support the supply of these funds to the TSC, but I just want to add a rider. You have been a teacher at the university level.

(Hon. Josphat Kabinga spoke off the record)

When you say a lecturer, it is just an improved teacher. The baseline is that she is a teacher. Without taking a lot of time, I just want to make this confirmation that the TSC has a rule.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let me hear. I think we are doing well. I can report that we are not badly off in as far as our programme is concerned. Let me hear because there is an intervention by the Member for Mwea to the Whip of the Majority Party.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, I just want to ask our Majority Party something. He has been doing very well. I commend him because we have seen the House struggling with quorum during his period, but getting it within time. He has done very well.

Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, you have been a very serious lecturer. It is only fair that the Member recognises that you were a lecturer. You taught. You graduated and became a lecturer; a very serious lecturer for that matter. Again, you know I might not get another chance. Let me also thank you. We have seen you sitting for long hours, especially when we have Committee of the whole House and now we have the Committee of Supply. I expected you to take a minute off. Since you have not taken it, I can only take it that you are a strong woman. May you live to continue serving this country.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Thank you. I am very strong and ready to serve. Yes, Hon. Whip of the Majority Party. It was a good break.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. That intervention was important. It is valid. It is a good one. It accords you where you belong. It is not easy to get a PhD. I have struggled pursuing a PhD and I am still struggling. Therefore, it is important to recognise you as a lecturer. I accept that.

Why I mentioned the issue of a teacher is that teachers are going to school and the TSC is not recognising those who attain undergraduate level certification. This is somebody who has struggled from being Primary Teacher 1 (P1), who is a certificate holder, to diploma teacher and eventually studying further to attain a university degree. However, the TSC does not recognise such achievement immediately. It is important that we speak to the TSC through this time of supply. Let them get enough resources so that teachers who go to school and back to class can be recognised and given what is due to them. Let it be a motivation. Let the SRC liaise with the TSC, both of them being independent commissions, and support the growth of teachers who go back to class to attain a certain level of study.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Thank you, Members.

(Programmes 0509000, 0510000 and 0511000 agreed to)

(Vote 2091 agreed to)

VOTE 2101 – NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Ksh1,029,250,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2101 (National Police Service Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): Let us hear the Member for Kitui Central, Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu.

Hon. Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. As I support the supply to this important commission, it is important to observe that a lot of uniformed officers are doing jobs which should be done by civilians. How I wished that we provided more resources to recruit civilians to do those jobs being done by the uniformed officers, so that uniformed officers do what they are trained to do.

(Programme 062000 agreed to)

(Vote 2101 agreed to)

VOTE 2111 – AUDITOR-GENERAL

THAT, a sum not exceeding Ksh6,898,160,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2111 (Auditor General).

(Programme 0729000 agreed to)

(Vote 2111 agreed to)

VOTE 2121 – OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF BUDGET

THAT, a sum not exceeding Ksh702,370,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2121 (Office of the Controller of Budget).

(Programme 0730000 agreed to)

(Vote 2121 agreed to)

VOTE 2131 - COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs724,320,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2131 (Commission on Administrative Justice).

(Programme 0731000 agreed to)

(Vote 2131 agreed to)

VOTE 2141 - NATIONAL GENDER AND EQUALITY COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs483,301,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June, 2023 in respect of Vote 2141 (National Gender and Equality Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Mwea.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady, again, this is a Commission that we oversee. The amount that has been allocated to this particular Commission year by year has not been adequate for them to execute their mandate. As I said earlier, the issue of gender equality and ensuring there is no discrimination in all sectors of our country is an important factor, yet the Commission that is supposed to be checking on that has always received money which is under Kshs500 million. It is my hope that in the coming years, we will realise the importance of this Commission and give it enough resources, so that the issue of gender and discrimination becomes an issue of the past in the country. I support.

(Programme 0621000 agreed to)

(Vote 2141 agreed to)

VOTE 2151 - INDEPENDENT POLICING OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs1,024,600,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2151 (Independent Policing Oversight Authority).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Member for Navakholo.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I thank the Budget and Appropriations Committee for approving this amount of money to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA). However, IPOA should be a bit abrasive and aggressive. It should not only serve the police officers, but can also go beyond them. For instance, look at a situation where a Member, while campaigning, decided to ridicule police officers. That is something in respect of which IPOA is supposed to move in. Two days have lapsed, but we have not seen any action taken. It is not only meant to arrest officers, but also to protect those who are unnecessarily against the officers.

We now need to see IPOA moving in to protect police officers as well. We want to give them this money so that they can move forward strongly.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Very well.

(Programme 0622000 agreed to)

(Vote 2151 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, you must be aware that we were dealing with the Votes and Programmes from the Executive. We are now moving to the Judiciary.

VOTE 1261 - THE JUDICIARY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs18,297,400,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent and Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 1261 (The Judiciary).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Githinji Gichimu, Member for Gichugu or the 3Gs.

Hon. Gichimu Githinji (Gichugu, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I support the allocation of money to this Vote. As a Member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, I have witnessed instances where the Judiciary was really struggling. I am also a practitioner in the field and I have seen magistrates operating in chambers because of lack of court rooms. In future, the Judiciary should be sufficiently funded as this is a full arm of the Government that requires great attention, so that they can continue dispensing justice and make the wheels of justice turn as expected by Kenyans.

So, I support and urge Parliament to, in future, fully support the Judiciary so that it can discharge its obligations.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms) Jessica Mbalu): Let us hear Hon. Kanini Kega, the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you so much. I support and concur with my colleague, Hon. Gichimu, that we need to allocate more resources. I remember the Committee had also recommended that we add more resources considering that this is an election year. There will be enhanced activities in the Judiciary and for sure, they will need more resources. The soonest we get a Supplementary Budget, we will definitely consider the Judiciary because theirs is an extremely genuine case.

I also agree with him that we have not sufficiently resourced this very important arm of Government. However, as we move forward, we will do so.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Let me hear the Member for Igembe South.

Hon. John Paul Mwirigi (Igembe South, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. The Judiciary has not been well funded for a long time. Let us approve this funding, but also add them more funds with time for them to operate well.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Finally, let us have Hon. Wachira Kabinga.

Hon. Josphat Kabinga (Mwea, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. In the recent times, we have observed that resources allocated to the Judiciary are directly proportional to the services they are offering, more so on employment. I wanted to remind the Chairman of the JLAC that two years ago, we discussed the possibility of having a court in Kandungu in Mwea West Sub-County, Mwea Constituency, but I was looking at the Budget Estimates and I did not see any provision for the project. I am hoping that either here or in the Supplementary Budget, we will get allocation for that court. Our people are suffering travelling all the way to Baricho in pursuit of justice. Others travel all the way to Wang'uru. It is high time we brought services closer to the people as they had allocated land for that amenity.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): I am surprised that Members are raising their hands. Let us have Hon. Mwalyo.

Hon. Joshua Mwalyo (Masinga, WDM-K): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I also support that the Judiciary should be added more money. In my constituency, I gave them the old office of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), so that they can renovate and make it a magistrate's court. However, up to now, they have not done so for lack of money. So, I support that the allocation to the Judiciary should be enhanced so that they can function properly.

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): With that debate from Members, allow me put the Question.

(Programme 0610000 agreed to)

(Vote 1261 agreed to)

VOTE 2051 – THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs587,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2051 (Judicial Service Commission).

(Programme 0619000 agreed to)

(Vote 2051 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, we are through with the Judiciary. We now move to Parliament.

VOTE 2041 – PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs8,785,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2022 in respect of Vote 2041 (Parliamentary Service Commission).

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, this has to be corrected on the Order Paper. It is 30th June 2023. It must be on *Hansard*. On the Order Paper, it is indicated 2022.

Hon. Members, for the purposes of the *Hansard*, allow me, again, to propose the Question because of that correction.

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs8,785,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2041 (Parliamentary Service Commission).

(Programme 0722000 agreed to)

(Vote 2041 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Next Vote.

VOTE 2042 – THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs33,270,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2042 (National Assembly).

(Programme 0721000 agreed to)

(Vote 2042 agreed to)

VOTE 2043 - PARLIAMENTARY JOINT SERVICES

THAT, a sum not exceeding Kshs8,165,000,000 be issued from the Consolidated Fund to complete the sum necessary to meet the expenditure (Recurrent & Development) during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of Vote 2043 (Parliamentary Joint Services).

(Programmes 0723000 and 0746000 agreed to)

(Vote 2043 agreed to)

The Temporary Deputy Chairlady (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, we are through with the Committee of Supply on the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023. I, therefore, call upon the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, to move reporting. Give him the microphone.

REPORT

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Chairlady. I beg to move that the Committee of Supply do report to the House its consideration of the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and its approval thereof without amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

*[The Temporary Deputy Chairlady
(Hon. Jessica Mbalu) in the Chair]*

REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FY 2022/2023

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): I call upon the Chairperson to report to the House.

Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I beg to report that the Committee of Supply has considered the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2022 and approved the same without amendments.

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): I call upon the mover to move for agreement with the report.

Hon. Kanini Kega (Kieni, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker. I beg to move that the House does agree with the report of the Committee of Supply on its consideration of the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023 and, pursuant to the provisions of Article 221 of the Constitution, section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order 240A, approves the issuance of a sum of Ksh2,103,838,811,446 from the Consolidated Fund to meet the expenditure for the National Executive, Parliament and the Judiciary during the year ending 30th June 2023 in respect of the Votes as contained in the Schedule.

I take this opportunity to thank the Chairpersons and Members who have been part of this entire process. I also throw a challenge to the Chairpersons and Members who have missed this critical session. This is the most critical part of Budget making. Sometimes you hear colleagues out there talking about the Budget, saying some Ministries have not been allocated enough resources, but some of those Members are never here for this critical session.

I also take this opportunity to thank you so much, Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, for the splendid job you have done and in record. I thought we would be here until tomorrow. I register my appreciation on behalf of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

With those remarks, I request the Vice-Chairman, Hon. Shinali, to second.

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Shinali.

Hon. Benard Shinali (Ikolomani, JP): Hon. Temporary Deputy Speaker, I thank you for this chance. I congratulate the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Departmental Committees that burned the midnight oil to process the Budget in record time. Without saying so much, I second.

(Question proposed)

Of course, for obvious reasons, we are not in a position to put the Question. Therefore, I defer putting of the Question.

(Putting of the Question deferred)

Hon. Members, allow me to thank you for sitting this late doing a very good job. Congratulations to the Committee for very well prepared and presented Budget Estimates. In the interest of time, and this being a House of procedure, we will adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Deputy Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Jessica Mbalu): Hon. Members, the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 31st May 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

The House rose at 7.16 p.m.