

Thirteenth Parliament**First Session
Afternoon Sitting
(097)**

(No 12)

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA****THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION****THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. Presiding – Hon. Speaker
4. **STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(e)**

Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(e), the Member for Garissa Township, The Hon. Aden Duale, EGH, and the Member for Kandara, The Hon. Alice Wahome, issued farewell Statements relating to the approval by the House of their nomination for appointment as Cabinet Secretary for Defence, and Cabinet Secretary for Water & Irrigation, respectively.

5. **MOTION - REVIEW OF THE TEACHER DEPLOYMENT POLICY**

Motion made and question proposed –

THAT, aware that, education is a key enabler of national development and realization of Kenya's Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals; appreciating the invaluable role that teachers play in actualizing the national goals of education; noting that a conducive working environment for teachers enhances performance; recalling that, the delocalization of teachers commenced in 2018 by the Teachers Service Commission immensely disrupted teachers' lives, lowered teacher morale and caused untold trauma to many teachers countrywide; concerned that, the exercise was not supported with a clear policy framework and was initiated without the participation of teachers or their unions, contrary to Articles 118 and 132 of the Constitution on public participation and involvement of the people in the process of policy making; cognizant of the fact that, delocalization of teachers is inconsistent with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) teacher deployment practice, which treats education as a culture process conducted within a people's cultural context at the local level; this House resolves that the Teachers Service Commission –

- (i) immediately reverses the ongoing delocalization of teachers;
- (ii) initiates a comprehensive review of the teacher deployment policy with the involvement of teachers in order to make the policy consistent with International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNESCO laws and practices on teacher management and deployment; and,
- (iii) reviews the teacher recruitment policy with a view to devolving it to zonal level as the point of recruitment"

(Hon. Titus Khamala – 25.10.2022)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday 26th October 2022 (Morning Sitting) resumed;
Mover replied;
Putting of the Question deferred.

6. MOTION – RECOGNITION AND REMUNERATION OF VILLAGE ELDERS

Motion made and question proposed –

THAT, aware that there have been village elders in every village in the Republic of Kenya; **cognizant** that the village is not formally recognized as an administrative unit in accordance with Section 14 of the National Government Co-ordination Act No. 1 of 2013; **noting** that despite the said village elders offering services to the public and the Government, they are not remunerated contrary to Article 41 of the Constitution on fair labour practices; **further noting** that in accordance with Section 14 and 15 of the National Government Co-ordination Act No. 1 of 2013, the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Interior and Coordination of National Administration in consultation with the President and the Public Service Commission have the power to establish national government administrative units and appoint administrative officers to serve under those units; **recalling that** Article 10(2) (b) of the Constitution binds state organs and state officers to uphold human dignity which includes remuneration for work done; **noting** that village elders have existed for many years and interact with “*wananchi*” at the lowest level hence ,their recognition is in public interest and their remuneration has been long overdue; **this House therefore urges** the national Government, through the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Administration, to –

- (i) establish all existing villages as administrative units in accordance with Section 14 of the National Government Co-ordination Act No. 1 of 2013; and
- (ii) recruit and remunerate the existing village elders as administrative officers.

(Hon. Mwengi Mutuse)

(Change of Chair from Third Chairperson of Committees to Sixth Chairperson of Committees)

Debate arising;

QUORUM OF THE HOUSE

Rising in his place on a Point of Order, the Member for Kanduyi (Mr. Makali) drew the attention of the Sixth Chairperson to the fact that there was no Quorum in the House;

And the Chairperson having counted the Honourable Members present and confirmed that there was no Quorum caused the Division Bell to be rung;

And there being a Quorum after expiry of ten minutes;

Debate interrupted resumed;

And the time being Seven O'clock, the Sixth Chairperson of Committees interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. HOUSE ROSE - at Seven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

---x---