



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023 (MORNING SITTING)**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock in the morning
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker

4. **LACK OF QUORUM**

There being no Quorum present to commence business, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for Ten minutes;

And Quorum having been attained within the Ten minutes, business commenced.

5. **PAPERS**

1. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for Ziwa Technical Training Institute for the years ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, and certificates therein;
2. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 and the certificates therein:-

- a) Ziwa Technical Training Institute;
- b) Witness Protection Agency Staff Motor Car Loan Scheme Fund;
- c) Public Procurement Regulatory Authority;
- d) Policyholders Compensation Fund;
- e) Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- f) Petroleum Training Levy Fund;
- g) National Research Fund;
- h) Council of Governors;
- i) Kenya National Innovation Agency (KENIA)
- j) Kenya Trade Network Agency (KENTRADE);
- k) Simlaw Seeds Company Uganda Limited; and
- l) Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

3. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 and the certificates therein:-

- a) The Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC;
- b) Coordination of Population Policy Implementation Project (UNFPA-KEN09POP) – National Council for Population and Development;
- c) Kenya Institutional Strengthening Project Phase XII (No. UNEP/KEN/SEV/86/INS/64) Project – Ministry of Environment and Forestry;

- d) Affordable Housing Finance Project (IDA Credit No.8958-KE) – The National Treasury;
- e) Dualling of Magongo Road (A109L): Phase II (FIDIC EPC/Turnkey based) - Kenya National Highways Authority;
- f) National Intelligence Service;
- g) State Department for Trade and Enterprise Development;
- h) Northern Corridor Rehabilitation Programme Phase III – Kenya National Highways Authority;
- i) Port Reitz/Moi International Airport access (C110) road (FIDIC EPC/turnkey based) Project - Kenya National Highways Authority; and
- j) Nuno-Modogashe road project - Kenya National Highways Authority.

4. County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the First Half for the Financial Year 2022/23.

*(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

5. Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers), Regulations 2022.

*(The Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)*

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was given-

Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers), Regulations 2022

*(The Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)*

7. **QUESTIONS**

The following Questions were asked –

- i). Question No.021/2023 by the Member for Tiaty (Hon. Kassait Kamket, MP) regarding plans to conduct the planned recruitment of the Kenya Forest Service Rangers (KFS) at the Sub-County level.

*(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry before the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

- ii). Question No.022/2023 by the Member for Kitui West (Hon. Edith Nyenze, MP) regarding measures put in place to address the high taxes levied on electricity charges.

*(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum before the Departmental Committee on Energy)*

- iii). Question No.025/2023 by the Member for Wundanyi (Hon. Danson Mwashako, MP) regarding steps towards containing wild animals in Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks in Taita Taveta County and end invasion of human settlements.

*(To be replied to by the Cabinet Secretary for Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage before the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife)*

The following Questions were deferred –

- (a) Question No. 023/2023 by the Member for Mwea (Hon. Mary Maingi, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development on the implementation status on revival of the Mwea Cotton Ginnery.
- (b) Question No. 024/2023 by the Member for Laisamis (Hon. Joseph Lekuton, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the circumstances surrounding a banditry attack in *Salmate* area in *Logolo* Location.

8. **MOTION – DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY ON STANDARDIZATION AND PRODUCTION OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS IN THE COUNTRY**

Motion made and Question put-

**THAT**, aware that school uniform which is a variety of standardized clothing worn by students in educational institutions, create homogeneity among students irrespective of their socio-economic status or fashion preference; further aware that school uniforms keep students focused on education, not clothes, reducing peer pressure and bullying, enhancing school pride, unity and community spirit as they go a long way in contributing to students' sense of belonging to their school's population; appreciating that in Kenyan education system, schools across the Country, whether private or public schools require that students wear school uniform in order to be allowed to attend

classes; concerned that the cost of uniforms has continued to escalate becoming prohibitively expensive for the poorest within the community with some schools demanding that parents pay uniform money to specific school accounts, a move that locks out many children whose parents cannot afford the expensive uniforms as listed by schools, now therefore, **this House** therefore **resolves** that the government through the Ministry of Education develops a policy on standardization and production of school uniforms in the country.

*(Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, MP -22.02.2023)*

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Wednesday March 1, 2023

Question put and agreed to.

9. **THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 56 OF 2022)**

(The Hon. David Gikaria, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(2).

10. **THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ASSET DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 62 OF 2022)**

(The Hon. Benjamin Gathiru, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(2).

11. **THE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 63 OF 2022)**

(The Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(2).

12. **MOTION – CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION OF BENEFICIARIES TO THE OLDER PERSONS CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMME IN THE COUNTRY**

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, aware that Article 57 of the Constitution outlines the measures to be taken to ensure the rights of elderly persons; noting that the elderly persons particularly from vulnerable background who are in dire need across the country require financial aid for their sustainability in regard to their health and wellbeing; recognizing that the *Older Persons Cash Transfer (OPCT) Programme* launched in 2007 with the purpose of facilitation of a monthly cash transfer to the disadvantaged and vulnerable elderly persons from identified deserving households who are 65 years and above across the country; concerned that registration of persons of 65 years and above was last conducted in the year 2016; cognizant of the fact that there are many elderly persons who have since attained the age of 65 years and are yet to be registered under the *Older Persons Cash Transfer Programme*; further concerned that the programme has in the recent past undergone unprecedented encounters in regard to new entries, technological mode of fund transfer developments, digital registration of elderly persons, inadequate monitoring and irregular receipts of funds; **this House resolves that** the national government through the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection undertakes continuous and timely registration of elderly persons under the *Older Persons Cash Transfer Programme*.

(The Hon. Thuddeus Nzambia, M.P.)

Debate resumed;

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

13. **MOTION – POLICY FORMULATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF EPZ PROGRAMMES IN THE COUNTRY**

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, aware that, the *Export Processing Zone (EPZ) Authority* in Kenya was established in 1990 to promote and facilitate export-oriented investment programmes and create incentives for export-oriented production in areas designated as export processing zones; further aware that, the Authority is charged with the responsibility of regulating and administering approved activities within the export processing zones to ensure compliance among others; noting that, the programme anchors on Kenya's Vision 2030, the country's Economic Blueprint with regard to becoming an industrialized and upper middle-income country; further noting that, EPZ provides an attractive investment opportunity for export-oriented business ventures in the country, acknowledging that, the programme is a source of direct and indirect employment to more than 60,000 Kenyans; concerned that, currently, the programme is facing a myriad of challenges including inadequate funding, prohibitive cost of accessing

business loans, high cost of production, shrinking export market due to effects of Covid-19 pandemic, inadequate supplies of raw materials, water and power for Agro-processing companies among others; further concerned that, there is need to revamp the said programme to improve its performance through increased funding to aid for instance in setting up of Excellence Centres in some parts of the country, expediting on negotiations for market access especially to the *East Africa Community* (EAC) including trade negotiations between Kenya and other countries on diversification of products eligible under the *African Growth and Opportunity Act* (AGOA), employee training and retention, provision of reliable supply of raw materials for Agro-processing companies, improvement of infrastructure to enhance steady supply of water and power and provision of affordable access to credit facilities among others; **this House resolves that** the National Government through the Ministry of Trade, Investments and Industry, develops a policy whose core objective would be to among others address the challenges currently faced by the EPZ with specific focus and implementing EPZ programmes to enhance performance and enable retention of investors across the country to enhance economic sustainability and allow companies to pursue businesses locally through the 20% waiver to enable them earn a living.

*(Hon. Beatrice Elachi, MP)*

Debate arising;

*[Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to First Chairperson of Committees]*

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

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

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

The Speaker will take the Chair-  
Today, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2.30pm

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