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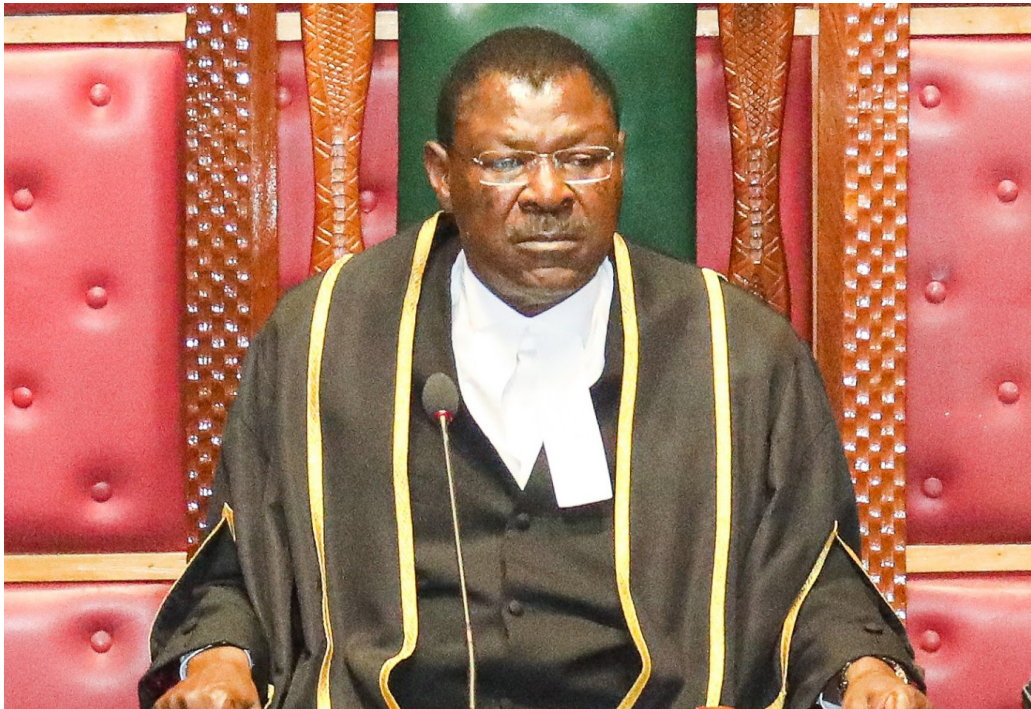
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Speaker rules: Finance Bill submission deadline set for April 30th, yearly

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National Assembly Speaker, Right Honourable (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula presides over House proceedings during the debate on Finance Bill, 2023, last week.

>> SPEAKER'S OFFICE



National Assembly Speaker Hon. Moses Wetang'ula recently played host to the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Kenya, His Excellency Mr. Mahi Boumediene. During the meeting, the Speaker acknowledged that the cordial relationship between the two countries had really flourished.

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Under the 'Osoro Care Club' program, it connects each mentee with a mentor who is pursuing a career aligned with the mentee's dream, helping them navigate their path toward turning that dream into reality

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Speaker Wetang'ula rules on Admittance of 'Money Bill' Amendments as House considers proposed changes to the Finance Bill, 2023



National Assembly in session during the debate on the Finance Bill 2023

The Speaker of the National Assembly the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula, in a Communication to the House on Tuesday; cautioned the House against introducing amendments to Bills which commit the Executive without taking cognizance of the fiscal policy and considerations of the National government.

“Honourable Members, I give this direction with full consciousness that the intention of Article 114 of the Constitution is not to curtail the legislative mandate of the House. The Article merely seeks to ensure that, in as much as this House reserves the power to determine revenue raising revenues, it does not commit the Executive without taking cognizance of the fiscal policy and considerations of the National Government”, a part of his Communication read.

The Standing Orders of the National Assembly as well as the

Constitution prescribes the manner in which 'Money Bills' are to be handled. Further, Section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, states in part that “any recommendations made by the relevant Committee of the National Assembly or resolution passed by the National Assembly on revenue matters shall consider the impact of proposed changes on the composition of the tax revenue with reference to direct and indirect taxes.”

Noting that he had only allowed proposed amendments to the Finance Bill from 21 legislators, the Speaker told the House that when considering any matter that has a financial implication on public funds, the House is bound by the provisions of Article 114(2) of the Constitution.

Speaker Wetang'ula further underscored the need for legislators to abide by the Standing Orders when introducing amendments during the Committee of the Whole House.

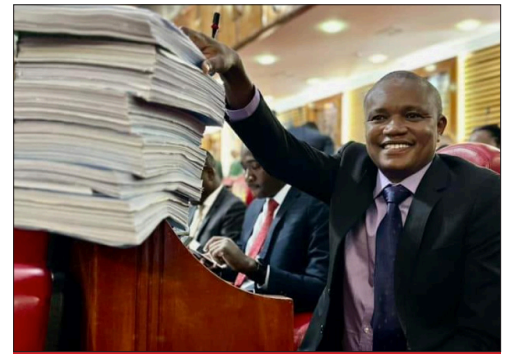
Citing an earlier guidance to the House, the speaker stipulated that Members were at liberty to submit their amendments to the Clerk, but

only in the manner provided for in the Standing Orders.

“Hon. Members, Standing Order 133 (procedure in Committee of the Whole House on a Bill) provides that no amendment would be moved to any part of a Bill by any Member, other than the Member in charge of the Bill, unless written notification is given to the Clerk 24 hours before the commencement of the sitting,” the Speaker stated.

The consideration of the crucial Bill saw Members endure long sittings as they burnt the midnight oil to consider the Bill which has an approval timeline of 30th June, 2023.

The approval of the Bill alongside that on Appropriations paves the way for the House to conclude the consideration of the Budget process for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.



Departmental committee on Finance chairperson Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo MP) poses for a photo during a public hearing on Finance Bill 2023.

Female Legislators empowered in groundbreaking gender and peace training program

Female members of the National Assembly have benefited from groundbreaking capacity building program on gender, peace building and gender-responsive budgeting.

Through their Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) and in collaboration with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), the lawmakers in the training were equipped with skills to tackle gender-based hate speech.

“Our desire is to have many more such programs

generated to empower women parliamentarians. Women in leadership not only speak for their constituents but for all women and for the vulnerable,” Deputy Clerk, National Assembly Ms. Serah Kioko stated during her opening remarks.

At the event held in Naivasha, the lawmakers actively engaged with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), recognizing the pivotal role they play in promoting national cohesion, integration and peaceful coexistence.



Members of the The Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA) poses for a photo after a training on advancing gender equality and promoting women's empowerment in Kenya at Naivasha, Nakuru County.

During the meeting, the legislators devoted to push for Gender-responsive budgeting as a crucial tool for advancing gender equality and promoting women's empowerment in Kenya.

This entails integrating a gender perspective into the budgetary process to ensure that public resources are allocated in a way that addresses the specific needs and priorities of women and men.

By identifying and rectifying gender-based disparities in resource allocation, gender-responsive budgeting aims to bridge gaps in access to education, healthcare, economic opportunities and social services.

Recognizing the detrimental impact of gender-based hate speech on women's rights and participation, CPST aims to facilitate discussions on identifying the frameworks governing hate speech in Kenya and strategies for tackling this issue.

By equipping Members with knowledge and strategies to combat gender-based hate speech, the program sought to create a safer and more inclusive environment for women in all spheres of life.



Speaker Wetang'ula decrees on the introduction, consideration and passage of the Finance Bill, in line with Standing Order 244C

The Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has ruled that the Finance Bill ought to be submitted before 30th April in each year. In a Communication issued Tuesday last week, the Speaker also told Members that the House is at liberty to prioritize consideration of the Bill before or after the presentation of the Budget Statement by the Cabinet Secretary (CS) for National Treasury and Economic Planning.

The Speaker was invited to issue guidance on the matter, after Rarieda MP, Hon. Otiende Amollo rose on a Point of Order seeking procedural guidance on adherence with Standing Order 244C with regard to the introduction, consideration and passage of the Finance Bill, 2023 by the House.

Rising just as the CS National Treasury was preparing to enter the National Assembly Chambers to present Budget Highlights on 15th June, the Hon. Otiende Amollo sought to know whether it was right for the Finance Bill to have

been submitted in April, published and considered before the "reading" of the Budget by the CS in the House.

Hon. Amollo argued that Standing Order 244C outlines a particular order requiring the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to make a pronouncement of the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue raising measures for the National Government and thereafter present a legislative proposal which is published and introduced as a Finance Bill.

According to him, a strict reading of the Standing Orders would indicate that the House had jumped the gun by concluding the Second Reading of the Finance Bill before the "reading of the Budget".

However, in his Communication, Speaker Wetang'ula clarified that while that may have been the case then, following a successful petition filed by Sen. Okiya Omtatah challenging the constitutionality of the Provisional Collection of Taxes and Duties Act, in July 2019, the 12th Parliament

amended the Public Finance Management Act through the Statute Law (Miscellaneous) Act, (2019).

The resultant effect was the introduction of Section 39A into the Act.

The Speaker told the House that following this move, the Cabinet Secretary and the House had forthwith adhered to the Orders of the Court with the Finance Bill being introduced in the House not later than April 30th every year since then.

"The Cabinet Secretary and the House have consistently adhered to the orders of the Court in Okiya Omtatah Okoiti Cabinet Secretary (CS), National Treasury and 3 others (2018) and Section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, (2012). This clearly signifies that Section 39A of the Public Finance Management Act, (2012) is the operative provision with regard to the introduction, consideration and passage of a Finance Bill", read a section of the Speaker's Communication.

He pointed out that while the plain reading of Section 40(3) and 40(4) of the Act implies that the CS for National Treasury is required to submit the legislative proposal setting out the revenue raising measures on the same day that he or she makes a pronouncement on the Budget Policy Highlights, the amended Section 39A requiring the CS to submit a Finance Bill not later than 30th April every year is the most recent one and therefore should take precedence.

At the same time, the Speaker has called upon the Procedure and House Rules Committee to address the variance between Standing Order 244C and Section 39A of the Public Finance Management Act.

"I guide that the Procedure and House Rules Committee notes the variance between Standing Order 244C and Section 39A of the PFM Act and include in the Standing Order in the items earmarked for review when it next proposes amendments to the Standing Orders", the Speaker directed.



Rarieda Member of Parliament Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo rose on a point of order to seek Speaker's guidance.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE, INTELLIGENCE, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 2(5) & (6) AND 118(1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 8 OF THE TREATY MAKING AND RATIFICATION ACT, 2012
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:-
THE AFRICAN UNION CONVENTION ON CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION (NIAMEY CONVENTION)

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, the **African Union Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation (Niamey Convention)** was tabled in the House on 18th April, 2023 and committed to the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations for consideration and reporting to the House;

FURTHER, WHEREAS the **African Union Convention on Cross-Border Cooperation (Niamey Convention)** seeks to promote cross-border cooperation and peaceful resolution of border disputes by encouraging joint activities between neighboring countries and facilitating the development of borderlands to ease the free movement of persons and goods;


NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Articles 118(1)(b) and 2(5) & (6) of the Constitution as well as section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence, and Foreign Relations hereby invites members of the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Agreement.

The full text of the Agreement and the accompanying Memoranda to Parliament may be accessed at www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/paper-laii.

The memoranda should be addressed to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before **Monday 3rd July, 2023 at 5.00 pm.**

SAMUEL NJOROGÉ
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Wednesday 2nd June, 2023

For the Welfare of Society and the just Government of the People



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1)(b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:-
THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS BILL, 2022

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, the **Community Health Workers Bill, 2022 (National Assembly Bills No. 53)**, sponsored by **Hon. Martin Peters Owino, MP**, was read a First Time on **Wednesday, 14th June, 2023** and pursuant to National Assembly Standing Order 127(1) committed to the Departmental Committee on Health for consideration and reporting to the House;

FURTHER WHEREAS, the principal object of the Bill is to provide a framework for the regulation of community health workers who, despite their importance in provision of medical services in the Community, mostly are volunteers and are occasionally paid allowances;

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Departmental Committee on Health hereby invites members of the public to submit memoranda on the Bill.

A copy of the Bill is available at the National Assembly Table Office, Main Parliament Building or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda should be addressed to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Wednesday, 5th July, 2023 at 5:00 pm.**

S. NJOROGÉ
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
22nd June, 2023

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Trans Nzoia County Member of Parliament urges review of NG-CDF bursary formula and procurement procedures to tackle delayed projects



Trans Nzoia County MP Hon. Lilian Siyoi shares a light moment with students from Peak Girls Secondary school in Endeless constituency.

Trans Nzoia County MP Representative, Hon. Lilian Siyoi, is calling for a review of the formula used to allocate bursaries to deserving and needy students under the NG-CDF (National Government Constituency Development Fund) program.

Hon. Siyoi has also expressed the need to re-evaluate the procurement procedures within the NG-CDF program to expedite the execution of works and contracts.

She highlights the current delay in identifying merchants or

contractors for NG-CDF projects, which often leads to projects being awarded long after their intended take-off time.

“When projects are significantly delayed, they may be taken over by other programs. This is an issue that requires our attention. When allocating funds, particularly for bursaries, the NG-CDF program should consider the poverty level of each area,” she emphasizes.

She argues that needy students require more substantial bursaries than the current allocation provides

“For instance, if each student is given Kshs 5,000, it may be insufficient considering that school fees can amount to around Ksh40,000.” Poses Hon. Siyoi.

She further explains that towards the end of the academic term, students are forced to return home due to their parents’ inability to raise the remaining balance.

She expresses concern that the extremely poor, who cannot afford school fees, are not adequately supported, and proposes amending the system to ensure

that schools in dire economic situations receive a greater allocation of bursary funds compared to more financially stable schools. Hon. Lilian Siyoi is also advocating for changes in the NG-CDF program to address the delayed project execution and improve the allocation of bursaries based on the poverty levels of the respective areas.

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-Hon. Siyoi.



Trans Nzoia County MP Hon. Lilian Siyoi during a committee session at Parliament buildings.

Public Petitions Committee investigates River Athi Pollution, says urgent action needed to protect Kenyan citizens and Thwake Dam

The Public Petition Committee conducted a fact-finding mission in Mwala Constituency, responding to Hon. Vincent Musyoka’s petition regarding the pollution of River Athi. The committee sought to understand the environmental impact and root causes of this pollution.

Hon. Musyoka initiated a laudable project in his constituency to generate electricity for pumping clean water from River Athi to residents’ homes.

Unfortunately, water testing revealed the presence of harmful substances, rendering it unfit for human consumption.

In response, Hon. Musyoka filed a petition with Parliament to seek intervention in addressing the pollution of River Athi.

He said that adverse effects of industrial waste and residential sewage upstream from the river in Nairobi significantly affect downstream consumers thus necessitating urgent action to

address the issue effectively.

The concern arises from the possibility of River Athi which drains in Thwake dam changing it to be a “sewer dam,” jeopardizing the nation’s well-being.

This situation could undermine the intended benefits of Thwake dam, which aims to alleviate water scarcity.

Under the leadership of Hon. Nimrod Mbai (Kitui East), the Public Petition Committee conducted extensive investigations along River Athi.

They called out contributors of the pollution, such as the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) and Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company (MAVWASCO), urging them to fulfill their responsibilities.

The pollution caused by these entities poses significant risks to Kenyan citizens, with sewage and waste from industrial facilities and residential areas contaminating the river.

The committee recommended swift administrative action against industries releasing effluents into River Athi and those lacking Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs).

They suggested revoking licenses for non-compliant businesses and emphasized the importance of operational treatment plants in sewerage companies, including addressing the abandonment of MAVWASCO’s plant.

The committee also called for the immediate resignation of the NEMA Director due to perceived negligence.

During the site visit, Hon. Mbai called for the immediate step-down of the NEMA Director General, Mr. Mamo Boru Mamo citing lack of dedication in fulfilling the Authority’s responsibilities.

To address these concerns, the committee proposed that NEMA exclusively grant licenses to factories with functional ETPs.



Budget and Appropriations Committee Tables 2022/2023 Second Supplementary Estimates, Report adopted by the House

The Committee on Budget and Appropriations chaired by Ki-haru MP Hon Ndindi Nyoro, tabled its report on the Floor of the House in regards to the Second Supplementary Estimates for FY 2022/23 after engagements with Departmental Committee chairpersons in order to align the estimates with actual revenues and expenditure absorption for the year ending 30th June, 2023.

The Budget Committee report seeks to reduce the National Government Expenditure estimates by Ksh. 6.4Billion. This comprises of a reduction of capital expenditure by Ksh. 39.0Billion, an increase in recurrent expenditure by Ksh. 7.6Billion and an increase in Consolidated Funds Services (CFS) by Ksh. 24.8Billion.

While rationalizing the Budget and aligning it with the revised Macro Economic and fiscal framework, the 2nd Supplementary Estimates for 2022/23 also seek to provide additional resources for drought related interventions, Junior Secondary School (JSS) capitation,



Baringo County MP. Hon. Flowrence Jematiah and Embakasi East MP Hon. Babu Owino having a consultation during the Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting.

security operations related interventions, salary adjustments and development partner funded projects.

In their report, the Budget Committee noted that there is multiple reduction across the various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA's) under GOK funding projects that were prioritized and funded through Supplementary

Estimates No. 1 with support of Departmental Committees and the Budget Committee.

This includes projects under the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum as well as the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation. To ensure realization of these projects, the Budget Committee reinstated allocations to most of these projects.

This includes an increase in donor funding for Thwake Multipurpose Dam by Ksh. 5B, Mwache Dam by 900M, Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project by Ksh. 752M.

Speaking during the Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting with chairpersons of Departmental Committees, Hon Ndindi Nyoro said that the second Supplementary Estimates for FY 2022/23 will bring over-spending and underspending of state resources to a close while minimizing the accrual of pending bills.

“The purpose for this 2nd Supplementary Estimates for FY 2022/23 is to entirely align government expenditure and revenue so that we end the year with realistic figures and support the state departments that are in dire need in the public interest before the end of June, 2023,” said Hon. Ndindi Nyoro.

Nevertheless, the Supplementary Estimates No. 2 for FY 2022/23 reflect the government's investment on priorities that matter to Kenyans.

Youth MP Hon. Umulkher proposes Bill to have youth representation in public decision-making, development agenda and governance processes

Parliament has a crucial role in advancing and promoting the inclusion, equal participation and representation of youths in the decision-making processes.

In a significant move towards empowering the youth and promoting their participation in nation building, Umulkher Mohamed (Nominated Youth MP) has sponsored a Bill seeking to amend the County Governments Act, 2012 to include youth representation focusing at the County Public Service Boards.

Hon. Umulkher, while presenting the amendments before the Departmental Committee on Labour highlighted the proposed amendment seeking to give effect to Article 55 of the Constitution which mandates the state to implement measures, including affirmative action programs, to ensure that the youth have

opportunities to participate in various aspects of political, social, and economic decisions.

The session Chair, Hon. Chiforomodo Mangale, (Lunga Lunga), expressed his support for the proposal, saying that in all democracies, youth must play an active part in formulating tomorrow's politics.

The Committee acknowledged that inclusive participation of the youth in politics and development remains a fundamental political and democratic right.

The legislators expressing their support for the proposed amendment saying that it aligns with broader efforts to address the needs and aspirations of the youth, providing them with equal opportunities to shape the future of their counties.



Hon. Umulkher Mohamed (Nominated) appears before Labour Committee on Inclusion of Youth representation in politics and National Development.



Botched malaria nets procurement linked to suspicious tender error, National Assembly Health Committee told

The National Assembly departmental committee on Health has discovered a suspicious tender error that may have contributed to the failed procurement of anti-Malaria nets worth Ksh.3.7 billion.

The error in question relates to the inclusion of Preferred Provider Organization combinations, which did not align with the initial tender specifications.

It is suspected that this discrepancy was intentional and aimed at sabotaging the procurement process by the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA).

Dr. Andrew Mulwa, the acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of KEMSA and Head of Preventive and Promotive Health Services at the Ministry of Health, informed the committee that the head of the malaria program had alerted his office about the absence of PPO combinations in the insecticide specifications stated in the tender advertisement.

“I advised the head of the malaria program to send me a memo on this issue. He indeed prepared the memo, but unfortunately, it did not reach my office,” explained Dr. Mulwa.

He added: “Instead, it was acted upon by

Dr. Josephine Mburu, the Principal Secretary of the State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards, leading to the extension of the tender,”

During the committee hearing, Dr. Mulwa faced questioning from Endeless MP Robert Pukose, who chairs the Health Committee. Hon. Dr. Robert Pukose raised concerns about the contradictory statements made by Dr. Mulwa regarding the origin of the request to amend the tender specifications.

“Are you suggesting to this committee that the request to amend the tender specifications originated from your office, yet you claim to be unaware? But at the same time, didn't you instruct him to write the memo?” asked Hon. Pukose.

Dr. Mulwa responded, “Yes, he came to my office and informed me that the advertisement was missing the PPO part. I verified that it was indeed missing and asked him to write a memo if he believed it was necessary.”

Dr. Mulwa admitted that the head of the malaria program had informed him about the missing PPO requirement but claimed he was unaware of the subsequent actions taken.

Dr. Mulwa emphasized that his office had no visibility of the communication between the national treasury, KEMSA, and the Global Fund concerning the color and dimensions specifications. He revealed that although they had specified blue-green or blue as the color, the treasury, KEMSA, and the Global Fund agreed on a rectangular shape and a blue collar.

Similarly, the choice between Pyrethrins or PPO for the insecticide was decided by the Global Fund and Treasury, without his knowledge.



Endeless MP. Hon. Robert Pukose, who chairs the National Assembly departmental committee on Health during a meeting with Health Cabinet Secretary Susan Nakhumicha and Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (KEMSA) officials.

Trade Committee investigates release of Unsafe Sugar

The Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives Committee chaired by Hon. James Gakuya (Embakasi North) convened a follow up meeting with the Acting Managing Director of the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) on 21st June, 2023 to address concerns regarding the unauthorized release of condemned sugar into the Kenyan market.

The Trade Committee had an earlier sitting with Ms. Esther Ngari on 8th June, 2023. To adequately prepare responses for the Committee's concerns, she had requested for a time frame of 2 weeks.

The Lawmakers were deeply troubled by the incident and are determined to uncover the reasons behind this lapse and the actions taken by KEBS to address the issue. The occurrence highlights the urgent need for strict regulations and effective oversight to ensure product safety and quality in Kenya.



The Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Committee Chairperson, Hon. James Gakuya (Embakasi North) during the meeting with KEBS

The Committee sought to understand the factors that contributed to this breach and its potential impact on public health. Members of the Committee posed a series of inquiries to the Ag. Managing Director for KEBS, to ascertain the entire process that allowed condemned sugar to reach consumers.

During the questioning, Ms. Ngari, failed to provide satisfactory answers, leading many legislators to perceive her responses as evasive. When asked about KEBS' knowledge regarding the disappearance of the sugar, the acting MD replied, “I have no information on when and how the sugar disappeared.” She also stated that KEBS had no response regarding the significant delay of nearly six years in taking action against the condemned sugar.

In their pursuit of the truth behind this alarming issue, the Committee plans to meet with other relevant agencies

involved, such as Kenya Revenue Authority and the companies involved in the storage and transportation of the condemned sugar. They are devoted to thoroughly investigate the matter and present a comprehensive report that reveals the full extent of what transpired.

“We will leave no stone unturned until we have a complete understanding. It appears that this was a carefully orchestrated event. The Committee will diligently uncover the truth and provide a final report detailing the sequence of events,” stated Hon. Gakuya, the Chairperson.



The Public Debt and Privatization Committee receives Stakeholders' submissions on the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, 2023



Kitui Central MP and the Vice-Chairperson of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu (Right) alongside Baringo North MP Hon. Joseph Makilap (Left) during the meeting.

The Public Debt and Privatization Committee held consultative meetings with different stakeholders in regards to the Public Finance Management (PFM) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. The PFM Amendment Bill seeks to amend the PFM Act No. 18 of 2012, by adjusting the framework for monitoring public debt and borrowing, and to align the Act with the provisions of the Constitution relating to definition of public debt, financial obligations and amending the debt limit.

While appearing before the Committee, the Principal Secretary (PS), National Treasury and Economic Planning Dr. Chris K. Kiptoo notified Members that the available borrowing space as at the end of April 2023 was Kshs. 400 billion, against a fiscal deficit of Kshs. 718 billion, indicating the inability within the law to finance the Financial Year 2023/24 budget.

“We are just getting the flexibility in the sense that you may have a choke with the economy if the shilling moves in an uncontrollable manner and affects your debt of stock without even thinking of borrowing, hence

the amendment will allow such adjustment.” Explained Dr. Kiptoo. Committee Members raised a concern on the proposed insertion of an additional provision to Section 50(2): - “Cabinet Secretary to submit a report to Parliament in the event there is a breach on the threshold indicating a remedial plan to be undertaken.”

The PS assured the MPs that there is no budget will be effected without Parliamentary approval, and as such the National Treasury will always engage Parliament on financial matters.

The National Treasury also proposed the substitution of section 15(2)(d) to enable the Public Debt Management Office to advise Parliament and the Cabinet Secretary on the sustainable levels of public stock of debt as they set the public debt threshold.

Other stakeholders that presented their submissions include the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), who raised an issue with the amendment of Section 6 (b) that seeks to delete section 31 (6) of the PFM Act for the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to charge debt costs to any other fund apart from the Consolidated Fund.

Digital bursary system garners praise as model of transparency, accessibility and disbursement of NG-CDF bursaries

The use of a digital system to roll out bursaries by the Uriri constituency office in Migori County is an initiative worth emulation by other constituencies. This, is an observation made by the National Assembly's Select Committee on National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF), in its tour of regional NG-CDF funded projects in Uriri.

The committee chaired by Eldama Ravine legislator Hon Musa Sirma acknowledged that the use of an online system does not only provide faster accessibility of bursary services by the befitting students, but also ensures transparency and accountability in the use of government resources.

“The digital route will eradicate corruption in the distribution of the NG-CDF funds and also gives

easy access to services by students, many of whom live in rural set ups and far from the constituency offices,” said Hon. Sirma, who commended area MP Hon Eng. Mark Nyamita for the great stride. The NG-CDF Committee inspected the Uriri Technical Training Institute (TTI), Rapogi Mixed Primary School, a laboratory at Nyamasaria Secondary School, and the Kajulu Sub-Chief offices in West Kanyamkago ward.

The Committee was accompanied on the tour by officials from the NG-CDF Board led by Mr. George Olemeshuko, Director of Human Resource. Hon. Sirma emphasized that the role of the oversight board is to ensure proper utilization of the funds allocated to the Constituency for Development, and praised legislators who have met these expectations.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – SECOND SESSION

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF:

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCIES DEVELOPMENT FUND (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2023

INVITATION TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA

WHEREAS, Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees;

AND WHEREAS, The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No. 13 of 2023) co-sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, the Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, MGH, MP and the Leader of the Minority Party, the Hon. James Opiyo Wandayi, MGH, MP, was read a First Time on Wednesday, 7th June, 2023 and pursuant to National Assembly Standing Order 127(1) committed to the Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund for consideration and reporting to the House;

FURTHER WHEREAS, the principal object of the Bill is to amend the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act, No. 30 of 2015 to provide that projects undertaken under the Fund must fall within the exclusive mandate of the national government; and to align the Act with the Constitution on the distinct roles and functions of the national and county governments;

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund hereby invites members of the public to submit memoranda on the Bill.

A copy of the Bill is available at the National Assembly Table Office, or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda may be addressed to the Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi; hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to ena@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before Wednesday, 28th June, 2023 at 5.00 p.m.

S. NJOROGE
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
22nd June, 2023



MIGORI COUNTY

Migori County MP donates NGAAF-Funded Essential items to Women Groups, advocates for sustainable empowerment initiatives



Hon. Fatuma Mohamed with women from some of the organized self-groups in Migori County during the donation of some essential items.

Various women groups from Migori County have received essential household items and food-stuff donated by the area County MP Hon Fatuma Mohamed.

The donations included chairs, water tanks, and catering utensils as well as blankets courtesy of the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

The beneficiaries were drawn from 40 wards in the county, in exercise aimed at helping them grow their already existing businesses.

“It is truly inspiring to witness firsthand the transformative power of empowering women by supporting their businesses. Through Inua Mama Kod Dongruok, we’re committed to supporting their dreams, providing resources, and creating sustainable growth opportunities.” Said Hon Fatuma.

According to the MP, the Inua Mama Kod Dongruok program is an amazing collaboration between the Full Network Foundation (run by her office) and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund - NGAAF aiming to empower women through self-help groups across all eight sub-counties of Migori County.

MASHINANI

ELGEYO MARAKWET COUNTY

Elgeyo Marakwet County MP participates in 3rd Edition of Moi Kapsowar Girls conservation and charity marathon



Elgeyo Marakwet County MP Hon. Caroline Ngelechi awarding the winners of the 3rd edition of the Moi Kapsowar Girls Conservation and Charity Marathon. The Marathon aim was to raise money for conservation.

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KHWISERO CONSTITUENCY

Hon. Aseka drives education transformation with infrastructure upgrades, scholarships, and school feeding program



Hon. Christopher Aseka (Khwisero) laying a foundation stone for storey classrooms at Khwisero Primary School. The school is among the primary and secondary schools benefiting from the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF).

During the launch, Hon. Aseka noted that good infrastructure in schools is a requisite to creating a conducive learning environment which makes acquisition of knowledge comfortable and improves students’ scores.

“I promised my constituents that I will change the face of all Primary and Secondary Schools by 2027. I am happy that we are on course,” explained the lawmaker.

LANG’ATA CONSTITUENCY



Lang’ata MP Felix Odiwuor alias Jalang’o distributing Education Bursary cheques to students from poor and needy backgrounds in his Constituency.

Lang’ata MP Issues Bursaries, says students from poor and needy backgrounds in the Constituency now have no excuse to be out of school

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SOUTH MUGIRANGO CONSTITUENCY



South Mugirango MP Silvanus Osoro addresses beneficiaries of his mentorship program under ‘OSORO CARE CLUB’ at the constituency social hall.

The Osoro Care Club Club brought together several students who submitted their last term report cards, demonstrating their commitment to improvement in subsequent terms.

During the event, the students also collected fees from the Osoro Care Club Foundation for the upcoming term.

The foundation offers full scholarships to bright but needy students selected from SM who have scored 350 marks and above.

This year alone, we have 721 beneficiaries studying in various national and extra county schools.



CLIQUE & CLICKS



- 1 Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula hosts a Chief Whips' Forum delegation from the National Assembly of South Africa led by Hon. Pemmy Majodina, MP, Chief Whip of the Majority Party. Accompanying them was His Excellency Mr. Mniwa Johannes Mahlangu the High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa to Kenya.
- 2 Interior and National Administration Cabinet Secretary Prof. Kithure Kindiki (Left) confers with National Assembly Clerk Samuel Njoroge (Centre) after a meeting at Parliament buildings. Looking on is Narok West MP Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo.
- 3 Mandera West, who doubles as the chairperson of the National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity committee Hon. Yusuf Adan and Baringo South MP Hon. Charles Kamuren during the 4th National Nutrition Symposium.
- 4 Dagoretti South MP. Hon. Waweru John Kiare, Laisamis MP. Hon. Joseph Lekuton, Embakasi North MP Hon. James Mwangi Gakuya and Embakasi Central MP Hon. MeijaDonk Benjamin Gathiru pose for a photo on 19th June, 2023 after the Budget & Appropriations Committee meeting with Departmental Committee chairpersons in regards to the 2nd Supplementary Estimates for FY 2022/23



National Assembly Majority Whip, Hon. Silvanus Osoro, and his counterpart from the National Assembly of South Africa, led by Hon. Pemmy Majodina, enjoy a pleasant moment together.



Taita Taveta County MP Hon. Lydia Haika, Njoro MP Hon. Charity Kathambi and Kakamega county MP Hon. Elsie Muhanda pose for a photo at parliament building during the Finance Bill debate.



Notices of Motion

Banning the growing of eucalyptus trees in the country



THAT, aware that the eucalyptus tree species are popular among large scale and commercial farmers in Kenya; noting that, these trees are grown in most ecological zones in the country and in particular in the Western, Central Rift Valley, Central Kenya and the Coastal Region; acknowledging that, farming of the eucalyptus trees has been on the rise due to their fast growth, good economic returns and diverse commercial uses such as transmission poles, fuelwood, timber, plywood, pulp, fencing posts and building materials among others; concerned that, eucalyptus trees species are majorly cited as high water depleting agents through high consumption, transpiration and evaporation thus causing the drying up of streams, rivers and depletion of groundwater water sources; deeply concerned that, the high depletion of water by the said trees has caused adverse negative effects on soil fertility, land degradation and are a serious threat to the biodiversity; recognizing that, due to the serious threats posed by the Eucalyptus trees to the biodiversity, there is need therefore for their removal and replacement with other types of trees to improve conservation of water sources and the ecosystem; this House resolves that the National Government through the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry – (i) orders absolute banning of planting eucalyptus trees and encourages planting of indigenous species across the country; (ii) orders the uprooting of all eucalyptus trees and replacement with other varieties of trees particularly, indigenous species to ensure conservation of water sources and preserve the ecosystem; and (iii) initiates the process of putting in place punitive measures against persons who defy the above orders.

~Central Mmenti MP Hon. Moses Kirima

Establishment of strategic grain storage reserves and silos in close proximity to smallholder farmers



THAT, aware that, agriculture is the backbone of the Kenya's economy contributing approximately 33% of the GDP and employing more than 40 percent of the total population; noting that the sector's performance has been declining as a result of adverse effects of climate change, resulting in droughts, famine and food insecurity; further noting that Smallholder farming is predominantly rain-fed cereal grain farming and farmers experience boom harvest every time there is adequate rains; concerned that such farmers majorly lack proper post-harvest grain handling and modern storage facilities and resort to selling their harvest almost immediately after harvesting at low prices when market is flooded to reduce the risk of suffering losses through spoilage; cognizant of the fact that the current state of affairs exacerbates poverty in rural areas and there is need for instituting measures that boost local production to augment our grain reserves as stipulated under the National Food and Nutrition Security Policy, which would also lead to a reduction of grains imports in the country; this House now resolves that the Government through Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development establishes strategic grain storage reserves and silos in close proximity to smallholder farmers so as to address post-harvest inefficiencies.

~Kibwezi East MP Hon. Jessica Mbalu

Regulation of the sugar industry to discourage branding of sugar by nonmillers

THAT, aware that, improving public health is a fundamental responsibility of the Government and it is imperative to address pressing health problems faced by young people, including poor sexual and reproductive health, inadequate knowledge and information regarding sexual health and protection against sexually transmitted infections; concerned that, the current state of adolescent health training programmes is inadequate and fragmented resulting in limited access to health care information and services by the youth in the country; further concerned that, as a result of this, young people face significant barriers in accessing comprehensive health care; cognizant that, comprehensive sexual education through school-based programmes, community-based programmes and health care facilities can promote healthy sexual practices amongst young people and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, lower the incidences of teenage pregnancies thus increasing school attendance and retention; now therefore, this House resolves that the National Government through the State Department of Basic Education introduces comprehensive health, wellness and sex education in the curriculum as a core subject in schools.

~Kirinyaga County MP Hon. Jane Maina





Scouts Union President Calls on the Speaker ahead of the Kenya World Scout Parliamentary Union, Africa Assembly 2023, in Nyeri

The World Scouts Parliamentary Union Kenya chapter chaired by Hon. John Kiarie MP, WSPU Kenya President accompanied the Korean delegation chaired by Hon. Gyu Back AHN, WSPU President, for a courtesy call on the Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula in his capacity as the Patron of the Association ahead of the opening of the World Scouts Parliamentary Union, Africa Assembly 2023.

The World Scouts Parliamentary Union, Africa Assembly 2023 in Nyeri County which started Wednesday 21st June, 2023 in Nyeri County was themed “empowering African Parliamentarians and Youth in Climate Change Mitigation through scouting”.

Hon. Gyu Back AHN was grateful to the Speaker for the support he accorded the Kenyan delegation attending the 10th General Assembly in Jeonju Korea in 2022 where Kenya was handed over the mantle to host the WSPU Assembly in 2025.

He delivered a special message from the Speaker of the National



Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula hosts Korean Scouts delegation chaired by Hon. Gyu Back AHN, WSPU President, who called on him in his office in his capacity as the Patron of the Association ahead of tomorrow's opening of the World Scouts Parliamentary Union, Africa Assembly 2023.

Assembly of Korea to Speaker Wetang'ula, and called upon him to continue supporting the association indicating that the hosting the WSPU 11th General Assembly in Kenya required a lot of preparations and resources. He appreciated the role played by Parliament and the Government of Kenya to strengthen the scouting Agenda in the country, affirming that Kenya and Korea

share a cordial relationship.

Hon. John Kiarie MP, WSPU Kenya President noted that plans had been competed for the World Scouts Parliamentary Union, Africa Assembly 2023 to be hosted in Nyeri, and assured the delegation that the WSPU Kenyan chapter was on top gear in readiness for the WSPU 11th General Assembly.

“Kenya being the home of the founder of the movement, Lord Baden-Powell, Kenya took the initiative to hold the first ever World Scouting Conference in 2025,” said Hon. Kiarie.

He informed the meeting that the Kenya Parliamentary Scouts Union comprised of members of parliament from both the Senate and the National Assembly while passionately elaborating on strategies and plans for the upcoming WSPU 11th General Assembly in Kenya.

Speaker Wetang'ula appreciated the visit by the delegation terming it friendly and constructive in advancing the friendship between Kenya and Korea both at Parliamentary and National level.

“I am proud of the work of the WSPU and as the Patron, I visited Nyeri to check on the preparations of the WSPU Africa Assembly and met with the Leadership of Nyeri. I therefore assure you of a great experience as Nyeri is the home of the founder of the Scouts movement, Robert Baden – Powell”, said Speaker.

Kenya and Algeria to Strengthen Parliamentary Relations

The National Assembly Speaker Hon. Moses Wetang'ula last Thursday hosted the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Kenya, His Excellency Mr. Mahi Boumediene. The Ambassador had paid Speaker Wetang'ula, a courtesy call at his office at Parliament Building. Amb. Mahi who was appointed in March, 2023, presented his credentials on 7th June, 2023, and this was his maiden visit to Parliament. The Courtesy call comes after the Rt. Hon. Speaker Moses Wetang'ula visit-

ed Algeria mid-February this year. During the visit the Speaker delivered a special message from the President, His Excellency Dr. William Ruto to his Excellency Abdelmajid Tebboune, the president of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. During the visit H.E President Abdelmajid Tebboune granted a donation of fertilizer to Kenya and offered a one-year deferred payment of fertilizer that Kenya will be willing to buy from Algeria, as well as future commercial contracts at a preferential price.



Right Honourable Speaker Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula gifting a Lion sculpture the Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to Kenya, His Excellency Mr. Mahi Boumediene during a courtesy at his office at Parliament buildings.

In Thursday's meeting, the Speaker acknowledged that the cordial relationship between the two countries had really flourished. He told the Ambassador that their continued engagements are crucial for strengthening the longstanding and close relationship between the two countries.

Kenya opened a Resident Mission in Algiers in 2015 while Algeria opened its Mission in Kenya in 2018. The two also committed to revive their respective Parlia-

mentary friendship.

“There are many areas of collaborations, trade and market our agricultural products like Coffee and Tea and I will also send an invite to my counterpart Speaker, this will enhance a stronger relation between our Parliaments,” said Hon. Speaker.

Just recently, Algeria donated a VIP van and a full kitted ambulance to the National Assembly. The Government of Algeria has also extended two hundred scholarships spanning 20 fields.



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