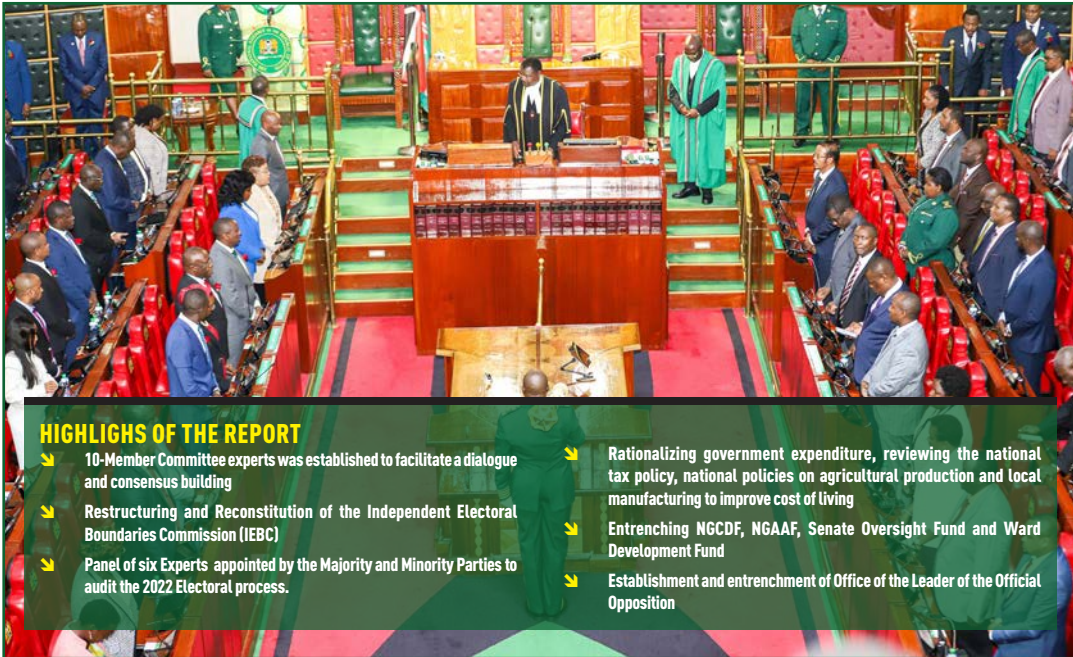


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- 10-Member Committee experts was established to facilitate a dialogue and consensus building
- Restructuring and Reconstitution of the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC)
- Panel of six Experts appointed by the Majority and Minority Parties to audit the 2022 Electoral process.
- Rationalizing government expenditure, reviewing the national tax policy, national policies on agricultural production and local manufacturing to improve cost of living
- Entrenching NGCDF, NGAAF, Senate Oversight Fund and Ward Development Fund
- Establishment and entrenchment of Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition

House adopts the National Dialogue Committee Report

The National Assembly on Thursday, February 22, 2024 adopted the report of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO), which was tabled in the house by Leader of the Majority Party and Co-Chairperson of the Committee, Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu) on December 7, 2023.

The report and recommendations of the 10-member Committee which was established to facilitate a dialogue and consensus building, has proposed far reaching constitutional, legal and policy reforms on issues of concern to the people of Kenya focused on five key areas.

On electoral justice and related matters, the Committee has proposed the restructuring and reconstitution of the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC), boundaries delimitation and audit of the 2022 presidential elections. The

Committee also proposes the reconstitution of a nine-member IEBC selection panel.

The report has also called for the investigation of the claims of marginalization by the relevant body and made provision for fast-tracking enactment of a legislative framework for review of the county boundaries as provided for under Article 188 of the Constitution.

On the matter of audit of the 2022 presidential elections, the Committee recommended the appointment of a panel of experts who would evaluate the 2022 electoral process and prescribe a mechanism for evaluating future elections.

The Committee also delved on the outstanding constitutional matters where they tackled the issue of cost of living and related issues, the implementation of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** ▶

Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining directs State Departments to provide a list of all projects to aid consideration of BPS

The Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining on Tuesday last week engaged the State Departments under its purview to consider the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) for Financial Year 2024/25.

In a session chaired by the Committee Vice Chairperson, Hon. Charles Kamuren (Baringo South), the three State Departments; Environment and Climate Change, Forestry, and Mining, apprised the Members on the key policies underlying the expenditure ceilings and indicative performance targets linked to the policies and programme in the 2024 BPS.

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Committees' Round-up



Tigania West MP and Chairperson Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, Hon. Dr. John Mutunga (right) and Konoin MP and Vice Chairperson, Hon. Brighton Yegon, consulting during the meeting with Ministries, Departments and Agencies

BPS: Committee on Agriculture and Livestock raise concern over decreased budgetary allocation as it engages State Departments on Budget Policy Statement.

The Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock chaired by Hon. Dr. John Mutunga (Tigania West) met with the Principal Secretary (PS) for Agriculture, Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, and the Principal Secretary for Livestock Development, Hon. Jonathan Mueke, to review the 2024 Budget Policy Statement.

During the meeting, Members noted with concern the decrease in budgetary allocation despite the sector's pivotal role in revenue generation. Members of the Committee raised alarm over the sector's deficit of Kshs.62.8 billion.

According to submissions made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, the two State Departments have a proposed allocation of Kshs.63.2 billion with Kshs.15.5 billion for Livestock and Kshs.47.6 billion for Crop Development.

On Crop development, PS Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh stated that reducing food importation by promoting rice seedlings that require less water and expanding acreage for cotton and edible oil crops can enhance agricultural growth and reduce reliance on imports of staple food.

On his part, the PS for Livestock, Hon. Jonathan Mueke, highlighted the need for financial support to revitalize the sector. He cited constrained allocations hindering project completion timelines. To double milk production, the PS stated that initiatives like the milk cooler programme and modernization of Kenya Cooperative Creameries plants have been allocated funds.

However, Hon. Brighton Yegon (Konoin) questioned the emphasis on importing animal feed rather than empowering farmers to cultivate raw materials locally.

"Why is the Ministry focusing on importation of animal feed instead of contracting farmers to grow the raw materials for animal feed?" Hon. Yegon asked.

The Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Livestock committed to ensure equitable resource allocation to the sector.

PIC on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture questions expenditure by National Health Insurance Fund

The Public Investments Committee on Social Services Administration and Agriculture chaired by Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo), has called on the management of the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to explain how they spent Kshs3.9 billion on a Multi-Storey Car Park project that remains incomplete, despite purported completion in 2008.

During an inspection visit at NHIF Headquarters in Nairobi, accompanied by NHIF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Elijah Wachira, the Committee found out that there were discrepancies regarding the project's status.

Despite an initial budget of Kshs.900 million, the project's cost is said to have been inflated to Kshs3.9 billion with no visible progress.

"The vehicles lifts were not installed as planned, the floor is unfinished, and the claimed variations are not evident. Moving from Kshs.900 million to Kshs3.9 billion is a significant concern," noted Hon. Wangwe.

The Committee also investigated a disputed 2.2-acre parcel of land in Karen, claimed by NHIF but contested by a private individual and a Maasai Community group.

Despite a court order permitting NHIF to fence the land in 2016, no action has been taken. Additionally, NHIF disbursed Kshs.1.4 billion to a consultancy firm for development works on the land, yet only architectural designs were provided.

"We will inquire into how NHIF awarded this contract and why Kshs.1.4 billion was paid for a project that never commenced," Hon. Wangwe said.



A section of Members of PIC on Social Service, Administration and Agriculture led by Chairperson, Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (second from left) listen to Chief Executive Officer of NHIF, Mr. Wachira (gesturing with his hand). The other Members are Hon. Mary Wamau (left) and Hon. Wambugu Wainaina (second from right)



Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations receives memoranda ahead of inquiry into BATUK activities

The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations has received six memoranda in relation to an upcoming inquiry into activities of the British Army Training Unit in Kenya (BATUK).

The Committee chaired by Hon. Nelson Koech (Belgut), had put out a notice calling for written memoranda through the office of Clerk of the National Assembly, after Members resolved to inquire into alleged human rights violations by BATUK.

Concerns emerged during the Committee's deliberations and subsequent debate of a Report on ratification of the Defence Cooperation Agreement (DCA) between Kenya and the United Kingdom.

Among the memoranda received is one by the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNHCR) regarding reported killings, alleged sexual violence and exploitation, arbitrary arrests and infringement on community land. According to KNHCR, they had received concerns about "intimidation of human rights defenders who follow up on alleged violations by the BATUK including arbitrary arrests to deter them from pursuing justice for the victims."

The County Government of Laikipia also requested the Committee to revisit and find out the status of investigations into the 2012 murder of a Kenyan woman, Ms. Agnes Wanjiru, allegedly by British soldiers and, the Lolldiaga Hills Conservancy fire incident in 2021.

Linguistics and Languages lecturer, Dr. Mwaniki Isaiah requested the Committee to investigate the extent to which the BATUK operations are inconsistent and incompatible with the principles, philosophy and sanctity of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.



Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations, Hon. Nelson Koech (Belgut), during a meeting of the committee

He also asked that the Committee investigates the environmental impacts related to degradation of training grounds, natural resources as well as noise pollution as a result of BATUK activities.

Those who wrote to the National Assembly in support of BATUK presence in Kenya were; the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce (KNCC), The Kenya Support Staff (Locally engaged civilians) in BATUK, and a boda boda representative. The three said BATUK presence in Kenya had created employment and spurred growth of the areas where the troops operate from.

Hon. Koech directed that the Committee first proceed on a fact-finding mission within BATUK operational areas before inviting more stakeholders and persons of interest to the inquiry.

"This will be very important so that during the inquiry we will go deeper beyond these memoranda that have been submitted," said Hon. Koech.

▶ **FROM PAGE 1** "To aid the Committee in its consideration of the BPS, you are requested to provide a list of projects, including priority Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) projects, and the respective expenditure ceilings," Hon. Kamuren told the Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change, Eng. Festus Ngeno, who was the first to appear before the Committee.

In his presentation, Eng. Ngeno told the Members that among the key policies underlying the expenditure ceiling for 2024 in his department were the natural resource governance, revenue and tax base, sustainable waste management and natural resource conservation restoration and management.

Next to appear before the Committee was the PS for the State Department of Mining, Mr. Elijah Mwangi. According to the PS, the key policies underpinning expenditure ceilings in his department include; mining state reforms and legislative reforms aimed at amending the Mining



A meeting of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining with State Departments under its purview to consider Budget Policy Statement (BPS) for Financial Year 2024/25 and the medium term.

Environment Committee considers BPS

Act and development of a Mineral Value Addition Act.

"The State Department of Mining is focusing on full operationalization of National Mining Corporation and empowering it to embark on the exploitation of strategic minerals including coltan, Rare Earth Elements (REE), graphite and manganese," Mr. Mwangi said.

The last to appear before the Committee was the PS for Forestry, Mr. Gitonga Mugambi. He briefed the Members that the key output of the Forest Conservation and Management Programme was the development of 30 per cent cover strategy and the recruitment of youth and women to green army.

The Committee asked the State Departments to provide them with updates on the Financial Year 2023/2024 Programme performance comprising second quarter cumulative financial performance, actual outputs achieved relative to the approved targets in the 2023/24 Programme Based Budget and status of capital projects, including the status of the BETA projects.



Public Debt and Privatization Committee considers the 2024 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy



The Chairperson of Public Debt and Privatization Committee, Balambala MP, Hon. Abdi Shurie (right), takes notes as the Vice-Chairperson, Kitui Central MP, Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu, engages with the Deputy Auditor General, over MTDS

The Public Debt and Privatization Committee chaired by Hon. Abdi Shurie (Balambala) held a series of meetings with different stakeholders, to consider the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS).

While appearing before the Committee, the Deputy Auditor General, Ms. Joyce Ndung'u, raised concern on Kenya's reliance on Eurobonds as a measure to sustain debts.

"The Government has now issued four Eurobonds each with a higher coupon rate reflecting the likely unsustainability of the current debt portfolio. Issuing and servicing these debts involves additional fees and commissions. Additionally, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates impacts the actual cost of repayment," said Ms. Ndung'u.

The Controller of Budget, Dr. Margaret Nyakang'o, warned that the rising interest rates and the steep depreciation of the shilling, is increasing the debt servicing burden to unmanageable levels.

In addition, she stated that Kenya's budget deficit and debt crisis stems from the Government's persistent overspending, and non-core spending priorities; citing the need to alleviate wastage of public funds.

"There is need to limit the budget to necessary expenditures. Kenya's fiscal gap will keep widening and eventually have a hard landing," Dr. Nyakang'o added.

The International Budget Partnership (IBP) Kenya, led by the Executive Director, Dr. Abraham Muriu, welcomed the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) 2024 proposal to decrease the fiscal deficit, excluding grants, from Kshs.761 billion, to Kshs.753 billion.

He however, noted that historically, the achievement of this target has been affected by in-year increases in expenditure, and under performance of revenue.

"Given the under-performance in revenue in FY 2023/24, the size of deficit is likely to increase within the year, which is not encouraging for the fidelity of the National Government to the proposed deficit in FY 2024/25," said Dr. Muriu.

The Institute of Public Finance (IPF) CEO, Mr. James Muraguri, supported the MTDS strategy on minimizing refinancing risk by lengthening the total portfolio Average-Time-to-Maturity, through issuance of medium to long-term bonds and concessional loans, with longer maturities.

"IPF recommends that new debts contracted for FY 2024/25 and the Medium-Term, be pegged on a longer maturity period. The MTDS should strive to attain pre-covid repayment periods, which averaged 9 years for domestic and 10 years for external debts," said Mr. Muraguri.

House Adopts NADOC Report

► **FROM PAGE 1** the two-thirds gender rule principle, governance issues including promoting national unity and inclusivity in public appointments and political party fidelity.

Weighing into the matter of entrenching funds into the Constitution, the Committee proposed the anchorage of the National

Government Constituency Fund, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund and the Senate Oversight Fund into the principal law.

The report has also proposed the establishment and entrenchment of additional State Offices. Among this is the proposal to re-establish the Office of the Leader of the Official

Opposition and that of the Prime Minister.

The former is in recognition of the value and legitimacy of opposition parties as part of the country's political system, while the latter is geared towards enhancing coordination of functions of the executive arm of Government.



House passes Affordable Housing Bill with amendments

The National Assembly on Wednesday last week passed the Affordable Housing Bill, 2023, with amendments aimed at addressing concerns raised by stakeholders during the public participation exercise.

The Bill establishes the Affordable Housing Fund, which will be financed through a 1.5 percent housing levy on gross salaries. This levy, previously challenged in court, has been reintroduced through the amendments to address concerns.

Clause 2 of the Bill introduces “institutional housing” for public institutions like universities, hospitals, and security forces expanding the scope of the programme beyond individual homes.

In addition, the Bill provides for the management of the Affordable Housing Fund specifically the payment out of the Fund. Which payments shall include 30 percent to the National Housing Corporation; 30 percent to slum upgrading, maintenance, rehabilitation and off-take of affordable housing programme, and 36 percent to the State Department responsible for matters relating to affordable housing in respect of institutional housing programme and projects approved by Cabinet.

Local business owners in the construction industry are set to benefit as the Bill contains provisions that encourage the use of local materials and labour and provides opportunities for students to gain practical experience in projects.

In response to stakeholder concerns about the levy, Clause 7 of the Bill clarifies that levies collected under the Bill will be recoverable in accordance with the Tax Procedures Act, 2015.

To enhance transparency, the allocation of funds from the Affordable Housing Fund will be subject to a five-year and annual investment programme with clear guidelines for agencies involved.

Regarding implementation of the housing programme, the revised Bill lays out clear procedures for collaboration with national and county governments, private institutions, and financial institutions for project development and mortgage schemes.

The Affordable Housing Bill also specifies the agencies involved in implementing the programme, including county governments, National Housing Corporation, the Kenya Slum Upgrading, Low-Cost Housing and Infrastructure Trust Fund established under the Government Financial Management (Kenya Slum Upgrading, Low-Cost Housing and Infrastructure Trust Fund) Regulations 2006, the State Department responsible for matters relating to affordable housing, the National Social Security Fund and private sector agencies as may be approved by the Board to support affordable housing and institutional housing.

After the passage of the Bill by the National Assembly it was referred to the Senate for consideration following the passage of the Bill by the house, it was referred to the senate for the bicameral consideration .

Prioritize mental health in workplaces, urges Deputy Speakers

The National Assembly Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss has issued a call to both Government and private institutions to prioritize the mental well-being of the individuals under their care.

Hon. Boss was speaking when she hosted a delegation from the



The National Assembly Deputy Speaker, Hon. Gladys Boss during a meeting with a delegation from the National Assembly of Zambia led by the First Deputy Speaker Hon. Chisongano Malungo. The delegation was in the country to learn the measures and strategies that have been taken by the Parliament of Kenya to address mental health issues among Members of Parliament and staff

National Assembly of Zambia led by Hon. Chisongano Malungo, the First Deputy Speaker at her office in Parliament Buildings.

She noted that millions of Kenyans grapple with mental conditions and need help.

“Workplace mental wellness should be prioritized. Institutions must implement strategies to foster a healthy work environment that encompasses promotion, prevention, support, and care for mental health,” said the Deputy Speaker.

She emphasized the necessity for institutions to invest in promoting, preventing, treating, and rehabilitating mental illness, underlining the collaborative efforts required to ensure the well-being of all individuals.

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During the meeting, Hon. Boss provided insights into the initiatives undertaken by the Kenyan Parliament to promote mental well-being, stressing the importance of normalizing, increasing access to, and accepting mental health treatment.

Recent statistics from the Ministry of Health reveal that approximately 3.7 million Kenyans, out of a workforce of 24.9 million, are grappling with various mental health conditions. These conditions include anxiety, depression, substance use disorder, schizophrenia and bipolar mood disorder, among others.

The Parliament of Kenya will closely collaborate with the fourth estate to improve the coverage of Parliamentary Business, both at the Plenary and in Committees. These renewed efforts are in recognition of their crucial role of keeping the public informed.

This pledge was made by the National Assembly Clerk, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, in remarks made on his behalf by the Deputy Clerk, Mrs. Serah Kioko, during the opening session of training for the Kenya Parliamentary Journalists' Association (KPJA) members held last weekend at the Kenya School of Government (KSG), in Lower Kabete, Kiambu County.

The training, which focused on Parliamentary procedures, the budget making process and the Parliamentary scrutiny of Statutory Instruments, brought together 25 participants drawn from various media houses accredited to cover Parliament.

Noting that the training on the budget making process is apt, coming just after the Budget Policy Statement was tabled in the House the previous week, Mrs. Kioko commended journalists for their watchdog role in matters of public interest, emphasizing the media's pivotal function in disseminating information on legislative activities.

"The media has a key role in disseminating information about our activities as the Legislature. You are the bolt that perfectly brings together the two joints - Parliament and the people it represents," stated Mrs. Kioko.

National Assembly to collaborate with Parliamentary Journalists towards improved coverage of Legislative Business



Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, Mrs. Serah Kioko (seated fourth from left), poses for a photo with members of the Kenya Parliamentary Journalists' Association (KPJA) after the official opening of the training retreat

She further lauded the journalists for their commendable work in keeping Kenyans informed about Parliamentary Business. The Deputy Clerk also underscored the desire of the National Assembly to facilitate the Parliamentary Reporters to upscale their understanding of Parliamentary Business so that they can become dependable partners in the cause of educating the public on the

affairs of the August House.

The training retreat, organized by Parliament's premier training institution, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies (CPST) and facilitated by the National Assembly, aimed to enhance KPJA members' understanding of Parliamentary Processes.

The two-day programme also covered the law making process, ethics, how to derive stories from Parliamentary Committee reports, and other pertinent topics. The initiative stems from an engagement between the National Assembly leadership and Editors in September 2023, where Parliament was urged to enhance the capacity of KPJA members.

Kenya Parliamentary Journalists Association (KPJA) Chairman Duncan Khaemba who was among the first cohort of trainees, praised the National Assembly's gesture, noting that it would go along way in improving and enriching Parliamentary reporting.

"Parliament keeps evolving and it is important if purveyors of information to the public are also aligned with changing times", he said.

Former Parliamentary Service Commissioners feted for their outstanding service

The Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) has honoured their predecessors for their exemplary service to parliament.

The former Commissioners led by Attorney General (AG), Hon. Justin Muturi, who is the immediate former PSC Chairperson, were feted during a cocktail hosted in their honour by National Assembly Speaker and PSC Chairperson, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula at the end of a three-day working retreat last week.

"On behalf of my colleagues, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Commissioners of the Fifth Commission for their outstanding performance. They did extremely well during their tenure as Commissioners," said Hon. Wetang'ula.

He added that he was honoured to have taken over the mantle from Hon. Muturi who he said he has had a longstanding political and professional relationship with.

"My relationship with the AG goes back to our days at the University of Nairobi, and then we ended up joining National Assembly at the same time. He is now the sixth AG and I am the eighth Speaker," he said.

Hon. Muturi thanked the Commission for honouring them and wished them well even as he noted that working for the Commission requires a lot of sacrifice and dedication.

"It is our desire to have an exemplary Commission that is efficient and effective. So far, I am impressed with the work of the current Commission and I wish them well," he added.

Earlier during the Commission's meeting, an exit report for the Fifth Commission was tabled and adopted.

The second day of the retreat that brought together both current and former Commissioners saw them share experiences through exchange of insights, lessons learned and best practices.

"It was a pleasure interacting with former Commissioners who were led by my predecessor and AG Hon. Justin Muturi during the retreat aimed at building stronger bonds and synergy within the Commission," said Hon. Wetang'ula.



The current and the immediate former Members of Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) pose for a group photo when they attended a working retreat in Nakuru County

Speaker unveils elaborate plans to secure Bunge Square

Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula last week announced plans to further securing the Bunge Square.

Speaker Wetang'ula who is also the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) made these remarks during a meeting of the PSC with Nairobi Governor, H.E Johnson Sakaja. This meeting was aimed at integrating the county government in realizing this endeavor.

“Our objective is to establish a fortified Bunge Square that will accommodate both Houses, Members’ and staff offices, as well as parking facilities,” stated Hon. Wetang’ula.

According to the Speaker, the overarching goal is to bolster the security of the Parliamentary precincts, furnish ample office space for Members and staff, and ensure efficient traffic management.

The meeting, held at Parliament Buildings, focused on fostering collaboration with Nairobi City County to facilitate the seamless implementation of the proposed Bunge Square.

“We have engaged the City County in our strategic blueprint as they have a crucial role in ensuring the project’s successful completion,” emphasized the Speaker.

Under the new plan, the area is slated for a comprehensive revitalization, marking a significant transformation.

After the meeting, the Speaker led the team on a tour of Bunge Towers.



Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Moses Wetang'ula (centre), Nairobi Governor, H.E Johnson Sakaja (second left) pose for a photograph with PSC Commissioners during a courtesy visit in the Speaker's office last week

Quotes of The Week



“It is incumbent on the Government of Kenya to implement Articles 26 and 29 of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People’s Rights, the rights of women in Africa, Maputo Protocol and the Convention on Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women to ensure women and girls are safe and free from all forms of gender-based violence. While Kenyan Government agencies have made various commitments and pledges, few have been followed by concrete actions to end the surge of femicide in the country. Kenyan Members of Parliament are calling on key actors to prioritize investigations and prosecution of cases of gender-based violence.”



Hon. Esther Passaris (Nairobi City County) contributing on a Motion of adjournment of a matter of national importance regarding rising femicide cases in Kenya, on Wednesday, 14th February, 2024



“Today is Valentine’s Day, and there would be many empty promises from some quarters, and we are praying that Parliament is not one of them. It is very disheartening for this Parliament to defend an already bad performance of last year to mean it is good. We have suffered and right now, we have children in Junior Secondary Schools (JSSs). Even the money that is supposed to come through the Ministry of Education has not come. We have children aged 11 to 12 years being sent home because there is no infrastructure and no lockers in those schools. It is quite an unfortunate situation.”



Hon. Martha Wangari (Gilgil) contributing on a Statement regarding the status of disbursement of NG-CDF funds, on Wednesday, 14th February, 2024



“Who in Kenya is going to afford 10 per cent of the value of the affordable housing unit? Who? What we are simply doing is to create opportunities for the people who are already propertied and wealthy like you and I to use proxies to deposit 10 per cent of the value of those units then acquire as many units as possible. How have they addressed the issue of access to housing under Article 43(1) (b) of the Constitution?”



Hon. Opiyo Wandayi (Ugunja) contributing on Affordable Housing Bill, on Thursday 15th February, 2024



“This country has a big problem with unemployment. If you go to any construction site or wherever there is construction, you will see many Kenyans milling around looking for employment. The housing programme we are discussing today will ensure that the majority of the unemployed get means of earning some income even if it is for a short period. We are not talking about labourers alone. We are talking about the professionals in the entire spectrum of employment in this country. We are talking about architects, engineers, electricians and masons. They will get employment in this good programme.”



Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin) contributing on Affordable Housing Bill, on Thursday 15th February, 2024



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Residents of Konoin benefit from free medical camp courtesy of area MP

More than 3,000 children aged between 0 to 18 years have benefited from rheumatic heart diseases screening during a free medical camp launched by Konoin MP, Hon. Brighton Yegon last week.

The medical camp was conducted by Mater Misericordiae Hospital in partnership with Lapaataa Foundation, a foundation spearheaded by Hon. Yegon. Adults were not left out as they also got screened for lifestyle diseases such as hypertension and diabetes.

"Last year we had a similar medical camp and after screening, 69 serious cases of heart problems were discovered. 8 out of these were severe and got referred to Mater Hospital Nairobi, through the help of Lapaataa foundation, surgeries were done and some of the children have recovered," Hon. Yegon said.

Hon. Yegon also insisted on preventive health care calling on the locals to always turn up in large numbers for screening during such camps.

Tharaka MP conducts service month

Tharaka MP, Hon. George Murugara spent the better part of January this year launching development projects in different regions in his constituency. The sessions dubbed "Tharaka Service Month" ran throughout the month.

"I commissioned over 50 projects ranging from classrooms to schools, renovated schools, new secondary schools, dormitories, schools' administration blocks, police units, chiefs' camps, offices and Deputy County Commissioners' renovated offices. These are projects implemented in the Financial Year 2022/2023, and funded through the NG-CDF," Hon. Murugara said.

According to the lawmaker, plans for completion of the flagship projects, including the land registry office, Huduma Centre, the law courts, Kenya Medical Training Centre (KMTC), and the Tharaka Teachers' Training Centre are in high gear, as they await commissioning by the President.



Sabatia MP continues with infrastructural improvement in schools



Sabatia MP, Hon. Clement Sloya has continued with giving schools in his constituency a new look courtesy of the NG-CDF.

Gaigedi Primary and Kegondi Secondary Schools in Wodanga and West Sabatia Wards respectively are the latest beneficiaries of the schools refurbishment mission in Sabatia.

Gaigedi Primary school received 650,000 shillings for renovation of classrooms whereas Kegondi Secondary school got 2.4 million shillings for construction of two new classrooms



Kwale MP pledges to continue empowering women, youth and PWDs through NGAAF

Kwale County MP, Hon. Fatuma Masito, has pledged to continue supporting women, youths and People Living With Disabilities (PLWDs) through National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF).

Hon. Masita said she takes pride in those who have remained disciplined and executed their projects as captured in the proposals seeking for funds.

During a visit to Vumirira Women's Group from Kirewe, Mkongani Ward of Matuga Constituency who are recent beneficiaries of NGAAF, Hon. Masito stressed that these groups play a pivotal role in the communities by fostering economic resilience and empowerment.

"I am committed to reaching out to as many groups as possible to empower them towards self-reliance and the ability to provide for their families, contributing to the overall progress of our county," Hon. Masito said

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A section of Members of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining keenly follow presentations during the meeting with State Departments. From left: Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu (Kilifi), Hon Iraya Wainaina (Nominated), Hon. Yakub Adow (Bura) and Hon. Beatrice Kemei (Kericho)



Chairperson, Public Debt and Privatization Committee, Hon. Abdi Shurie (2nd from right), poses with officers from the International Budget Partnership (IBP) Kenya, led by their Executive Director, Dr. Abraham Rugo Muriu (right) after they made their submissions on the 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy



Speaker of the National Assembly and Chairperson of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC), Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (centre), Nairobi Governor, H.E Johnson Sakaja (right) and PSC Commissioner, Hon. Patrick Makau during a tour of the proposed Bunge Square



A section of Members of the Departmental Committee on Lands, from right, Chairperson of the Committee, Hon. Joash Nyamoko (North Mugirango), Hon. Joseph Dena (Nominated) and Hon. Paul Katana (Katoloni), consult during a meeting on the 2024 Budget Policy Statement (BPS)





Reports laid on the Table of the House:

Tuesday 20th February, 2024 to Thursday 22nd February, 2024.

Tuesday 20th February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Tuesday 20th February, 2024 afternoon sitting;**

1. Report of the Mediation Committee on the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2023).
2. Report of the Committee on National Cohesion And Equal Opportunity on the Compliance Status of Employment of Persons With Disabilities Pursuant to Article 54(2) of the Constitution in Public Institutions.
3. Legal Notice No. 221 of 2023 relating to the Revision of Laws Order, 2023 and the Explanatory Memorandum from the Office of the Attorney -General.
4. Response by the Auditor-General on discrepancy in application of Audited and Approved Revenue for Financial Year 2019/2020.
5. The Quarterly Economic and Budgetary Review Reports for the financial year 2023/24 from the National Treasury.
6. First Quarter National Government and County Governments Budget Implementation Review Reports for FY 2023/24 from the Office of the Controller of Budget.
7. Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC for the period ended 30th June, 2023 from the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.
8. The Annual Corporate Report for 2022-2023 for the Office of the Auditor-General.
9. Special Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Infrastructure Projects and Programmes at the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports and the Arts for the ten years (2013-2022).

Wednesday 21st February, 2024 (Morning Sitting)

The following report was laid on the Table of the House on **Wednesday 21st February, 2024 morning sitting;**

1. Report of the Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity on the Compliance to Article 54(2) of the Constitution on Employment of Persons with Disabilities in Public Institutions.
2. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June, 2021 and 30th June, 2022 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a. Mackinnon Road Girls Secondary School;
 - b. Moi Boys High School, Kasigau;
 - c. Mbakalo Friends Secondary School;
 - d. Mwakirunge Secondary School;
 - e. Ngami Secondary School; and
 - f. Mghalu High School.
3. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a. Public Service Superannuation Fund;
 - b. Scrap Metal Council;
 - c. Kenya Local Loans Support Fund;
 - d. Asian Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund;
 - e. Asian Officers Family Pensions Fund;
 - f. Agricultural Information Resource Centre Revolving Fund;
 - g. State Department for Livestock Development;
 - h. Petroleum Development Levy Fund (Holding Account) – The National Treasury;
 - i. The Commodities Fund; and
 - j. Bura Rehabilitation Development Project – National Irrigation Authority.
4. Report of the Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity on the compliance status of employment of Persons with Disabilities pursuant to Article 54(2) of the Constitution in public institutions.

Wednesday 21st February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Wednesday 21st February, 2024 afternoon sitting;**

1. The Eleventh Report on status of the Public Service Compliance with the Values and Principles in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution for the financial year 2022/2023 from Public Service Commission.
2. Audited Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Kenya for the year 30th June, 2023 from the Central Bank of Kenya.
3. Forensic Audit Report on Land Compensation Claims in the State Department for Roads Regional Mombasa Port Access Road Project from the Office of the Auditor-General.
4. Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) Car Loan and Mortgage Fund for the year 30th June, 2023 from Agriculture and Food Authority.
5. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a. Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Car and Mortgage Loan Scheme;
 - b. Kenya Water Towers Project (Grant No. FED/2016/375-958) – Kenya Forest Service;
 - c. State Department for Public Health and Professional Standards;
 - d. State Department for Public Service;
 - e. Petroleum Development Fund – State Department for Energy;
 - f. Kenya Youth Employment and Opportunities Project
 - g. State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications;
 - h. State Department for Investment Promotion;
 - i. Salaries and Remuneration Commission;
 - j. Commission on Revenue Allocation; and
 - k. Judicial Performance Improvement Project (IDA Credit No. 5181-KE) – The Judiciary.
6. Reports of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its consideration of:
 - a. The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 68 of 2023); together with the compendium of Reports of the following Departmental Committees on the consideration of the Bill –
 - i. Labour; Infrastructure;
 - ii. Education; Finance and National Planning; and
 - iii. Administration and Internal Security; Agriculture and Livestock.
 - iv. Transport and
 - b. The National Government Administration Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 73 of 2023).
7. Reports of the Departmental Committee on Labour on:
 - i. (i) Its consideration of the status of budget implementation for the financial year 2022/2023; and Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania from 4th to 8th September 2023.
 - ii. (ii) Study visit to the

Thursday 22nd February, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on **Thursday 22nd February, 2024 afternoon sitting;**

1. Second Report of the Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture on its Consideration of the Reports of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of five State Corporations.
2. Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on a Study Visit to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Headquarters In Gaborone, Botswana

Clerk hosts senior staff members of the Congress

Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, on Monday, February 19, 2024 hosted a delegation of Senior Congressional Staff Members (STAFFDEL) who visited to gain insight into the US-Kenya trade relations, and the Kenyan Parliamentary Rules and Procedures, amongst other issues.

Top on the agenda was unraveling the legislative procedure and standing orders that govern the business of the House.

The delegation engaged in discussions with senior officers in the National Assembly led by the Clerk, Mr. Njoroge who made a presentation on the legislative process.

Further, the two Committee Directors; Director of Departmental Committees, Mr. Peter Chemweno and Director of Audit, Appropriations



Clerk of the National Assembly, Mr. Samuel Njoroge, poses for a photo with a delegation of Senior Congressional Staff Members (STAFFDEL) whom he hosted on Monday, February 19, 2024 at Main Parliament Building

and General Purpose Committee, Ms. Florence Abonyo made presentations on the role of Committees which include scrutinizing legislation, oversight and promoting transparency.

The Structure and Function of the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) was another area of discussion during the engagement. The delegation recognized the pivotal role this office plays in providing unbiased analysis and advice on budgetary matters, contributing significantly to informed decision-making.

Finally, the delegation was taken through a presentation on Members' capacity building as

undertaken by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

The team that formed the delegation was drawn from staff who assist each member of the Congress during his or her term in office.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT- THIRD SESSION (2024)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE 2024 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT AND THE 2024 MEDIUM-TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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, pursuant to section 25(2) and section 33(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning submitted the 2024 Budget Policy Statement and the 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy to the National Assembly on Thursday, 15th February 2024 which were referred to the relevant Committees for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that—

- (1) The 2024 Budget Policy Statement articulates the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide the national government and county governments in preparing their budgets for the 2024/25 Financial Year and over the medium-term; and
- (2) The 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy provides the borrowing strategy for the for the 2024/25 Financial Year and underscores the public debt management objectives that will minimize the costs and risks of the current public debt portfolio.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the 2024 Budget Policy Statement and the 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy to the respective Committee listed below—

S/No.	PAPER	COMMITTEE
1.	The 2024 Budget Policy Statement	Budget and Appropriations
2.	The 2024 Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy	Public Debt and Privatization

The Memoranda should clearly indicate the name of the person or organization submitting it and their contact details. The Memoranda should be hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before Monday, 26th February 2024 at 5.00 pm.

The 2024 Budget Policy Statement and the 2024 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy are available at the National Assembly Table Office, First Floor, Main Parliament Building and on the Parliament Website (<http://www.Papers Laid | The Kenyan Parliament Website.>)

S. NJOROGE, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
16th February 2023

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION (2024)

IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLE 118(1) (b) OF THE CONSTITUTION
AND

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3 OF 2024)

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 the National Assembly Standing Orders require House Committees considering Bills to facilitate public participation;

AND WHEREAS the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024) was read a First Time on Wednesday, 14th February, 2024 and referred to the relevant Committee for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED that the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2024) sponsored by Leader of the Majority Party, Hon. Kimani Ichung'uwah, EGH, MP seeks to amend the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 to streamline its provisions with the requirements of Article 94(5) of the Constitution and ensure better application of the Act. In particular, the Bill proposes to—

- (a) amend section 11 of the Act to enable the Committee on Delegated Legislation to require a regulation-making authority to submit a copy of any regulation that ceases to have effect by operation of law to Parliament. Upon submission, Parliament is required to notify the general public of the nullity of such an instrument in two newspapers of wide circulation;
- (b) amend section 12 of the Act to align the Act with Article 94 (5) of the Constitution on delegation of legislative authority;
- (c) amend section 14 of the Act to subject any exemption made by the Committee on Delegated Legislation to approval by the House;
- (d) amend section 19 of the Act, to harmonize the wording of the Act. The amendment replaces the word "revoke" with the word "annul" for consistency;
- (e) repeal section 21 of the Act to remove the mandatory requirement for the review of subsidiary legislation and the expiry of statutory instruments;
- (f) amend section 24 of the Act, to increase the limit of fines and term of imprisonment that may be imposed for breach of regulations. The amendment seeks to provide for penalties that adequately deter violation or breach of regulations; and
- (g) amend section 27 of the Act to save and allow the continued operation of regulations that were in operation on or before the 24th January, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bill to the Committee on Delegated Legislation. A copy of the Bill is available at the National Assembly Table Office, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi and on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/hills.

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, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke; to be received on or before Tuesday, 5th March, 2024 at 5.00 p.m.

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