



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT -THIRD SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 AT 9.30 A.M.**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Fifth Chairperson of Committees
4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

There being no Quorum present to commence business, the Fifth Chairperson of Committees ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum present at the expiration of the ten minutes, the Fifth Chairperson of Committees ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for a further a five minutes;

And Quorum having been attained within the five minutes, proceedings commenced.

**5. PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House-

- (i) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of the National Governments Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of the following Constituencies: -
  - a) Central Imenti;
  - b) Cherangany;
  - c) Endebess;
  - d) Igembe North;
  - e) Igembe South;
  - f) Isiolo South;
  - g) Kacheliba;
  - h) Kapenguria;
  - i) Kiminini;
  - j) Loima;
  - k) Maara;
  - l) Manyatta;
  - m) Mbeere South;
  - n) North Horr;
  - o) North Imenti;
  - p) Runyenjes;
  - q) Saboti;
  - r) South Imenti;
  - s) Tarbaj;

- t) Tharaka;
- u) Tigania West;
- v) Turkana Central;
- w) Turkana East;
- x) Turkana North;
- y) Turkana South; and
- z) Turkana West.

*(The Hon. Naomi Waqo – Deputy Whip of the Majority Party)*

- (ii) Second Report of the Committee on Appointments on the vetting of persons for appointment to the Offices of Cabinet Secretaries.

(Volumes I, II, IIIA And IIIB)

*(Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah - Member, Select Committee on Appointments)*

## **6. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was given—

### **Vetting of persons for appointment to the Offices of Cabinet Secretaries**

**THAT**, taking into consideration the findings of the Committee on Appointments in its Second Report on the vetting of the nominees for appointment to the Offices of Cabinet Secretaries, *laid on the Table of the House today, Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 152(2) of the Constitution and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, this House-

- (i) **approves** the appointment of the following persons as Cabinet Secretaries—

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State Department/Office</b>
(1)	Hon. (Prof.) Kithure Kindiki, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior & National Administration
(2)	Dr. Debra Mlongo Barasa	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health
(3)	Hon. Alice Wahome, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing & Urban Development
(4)	Mr. Julius Migos Ogamba, EBS	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Education
(5)	Hon. Roselinda Soipan Tuyu, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Defence
(6)	Dr. Andrew Mwhia Karanja	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock Development
(7)	Hon. Aden Barre Duale, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State Department/Office</b>
(8)	Mr. Eric Muriithi Muuga	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation
(9)	Mr. Davis Chirchir, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Roads & Transport
(10)	Dr. Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Information, Communication & the Digital Economy
(11)	Hon. John Mbadi Ng'ongo, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury and Economic Planning
(12)	Hon. Salim Mvurya Mgala, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Investments, Trade & Industry
(13)	Ms. Rebecca Miano, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, and Wildlife
(14)	Hon. James Opiyo Wandayi, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Petroleum
(15)	Hon. Onesimus Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports
(16)	Hon. Hassan Ali Joho, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs
(17)	Hon. (Dr.) Alfred Nganga Mutua, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
(18)	Hon. Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Cooperatives & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development
(19)	Hon. Justin Bedan Njoka Muturi, EGH	Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Public Service & Human Capital Development

- (ii) **Rejects** the appointment of Ms. Stella Soi Lang'at as the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Gender, Culture, The Arts & Heritage.

**7. MOTION - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 44 OF 2022)**

Motion having been made and Question proposed;

**THAT**, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2022).

*(The Hon. Didmus Barasa - 31.07.2024)*

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed;

**THAT**, the Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2022) be now read a Third time.

*(The Hon. Didmus Barasa, M.P.)*

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third time and **passed**.

**8. MOTION – REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE COTTON INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 5 OF 2023)**

Motion having been made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023), up to clause 48 and seeks leave to sit again.

*(The Hon. Mary Emaase, M.P.-Co-sponsor – 31.07.2024)*

Question put and agreed to.

**9. THE ASSEMBLY AND DEMONSTRATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 28 OF 2024)**

*(The Hon. Geoffrey Ruk)*

Order for First Reading Read;

Bill Read a First Time and committed to the relevant committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

**10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

The Sixth Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

**The Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023)**

Rising in her place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96, the Deputy Whip of the Majority Party (Hon. Naomi Waqo) claimed to move “THAT the Committee of the Whole House do adjourn its consideration of the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023) and that the Chairperson do report progress.”

Thereupon, Question put and agreed to;

Adjournment of consideration of the Bill to be reported;

**11. HOUSE RESUMED** - the Fifth Chairperson in the Chair

Adjournment of consideration of the Bill reported;

Motion made and Question proposed;

**THAT**, this House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House on its adjournment of the consideration of the Cotton Industry Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2023) and its request to sit again.

*(The Hon. Naomi Waqo)*

Question deferred;

**12. MOTION: 025/2023 – PROVIDING A SAFETY NET FOR CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, aware that Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health including the right to health care services; further aware that mental health is a key determinant of overall health and socio-economic development; recognizing that the Constitution assigns to the national government the responsibility of matters of health policy; concerned that according to the World Health Organization (WHO), mental and neurological disorders are common and about ten (10) percent of the global population suffer from at least one mental health disorder at any given time; concerned that psychiatric units are only available in a few facilities in the country and patients requiring psychiatric services have limited or no access to these facilities; acknowledging that, access to healthcare facilities would lead to improved overall health, increased economic productivity, social equity and improved quality of life for all; now therefore, this House **urges** the national government, through the Ministry of Health to collaborate with county governments to develop a policy integrating mental healthcare services in all healthcare facilities in the country.

*(The Hon. Mishi Mboko – 31.07.2024)*

Debate adjourned on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

*(Change of Chair from the Fifth Chairperson of Committees to the Sixth Chairperson of Committees)*

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Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3);

**13. THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 13 OF 2022)**

*(The Hon. Paul Nzengu – Co-sponsor)*

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

**14. MOTION: 024/2023 – POLICY AND FUNDING FOR SUGARCANE FARMING IN THE COUNTRY**

Motion made-

**THAT,** aware that, commercial sugarcane production in Kenya was introduced in the early years of independence with an aim of eliminating dependence on sugar importation and contributing to economic transformation in the sugar belt and the country at large through agriculture; acknowledging that, at its pinnacle, the sugar industry significantly contributed to the country's National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and became one of the largest employers which supported livelihoods of many Kenyans both directly and indirectly; concerned that, over the last 25 years, sugarcane farming particularly in Western Kenya has been declining significantly, thereby dipping sugar production from over 600,000 metric tonnes per year in the 1990s to less than 300,000 metric tonnes in recent years; noting that, the decline in sugarcane farming has forced local millers to operate far below their milling capacities and pushed the country to over-rely on net importation of sugar, which negatively impacts on the balance of trade; noting that, the decline in sugar production is attributable to factors such as mismanagement, interference and unfair competition from cheap imported sugar; further concerned that, state-owned sugar millers like Mumias Sugar Company and Nzoia Sugar Company ceased milling while owing farmers hundreds of millions of shillings; appreciating that, the Government has been putting in place strategies, policies and regulations to define roles of millers and major players and stakeholders in the sugar industry in a bid to revamp the sector; concerned that, the acute shortage of sugarcane resulting from mass abandonment of sugarcane farming continues to roll back initiatives for reviving sugar milling; recognizing that, further investment in revamping sugar companies before reviving sugarcane farming would occasion loss of the invested public funds instead of yielding success; now therefore, this House resolves that, the National Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, reviews the sugar development policies to provide that every investor-miller sets aside definite funds for development of sugarcane farming, incentivizing farmers to embrace sugarcane growing and to enhance cane production in each of the respective zones.

*(The Hon. Peter Nabolindo)*

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

**15. HOUSE ROSE -**

at One O'clock

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

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, August 07, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

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