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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 AT 2.30 P.M.

- 1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
- **2.** The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
- **3. Presiding –** the Rt. Honourable Speaker

4. LACK OF QUORUM

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

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

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Rt. Honourable Speaker issued the following two (2) Communications to the House –

(a) <u>Appointment of Members to the Mediation Committee on the County</u> <u>Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 19 of 2024)</u>

Honourable Members, you may recall that on 14th August 2024, this House considered and **passed** the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 19 of 2024) with amendments. Thereafter, I referred the Bill back to the Senate for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution.

Further, **Honourable Members**, you may recall that on 7th November 2024, I reported to this House a Message from the Senate conveying that on Wednesday, 23^{rd} October 2024, the Senate considered and <u>rejected</u> the National Assembly's amendments to the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 19 of 2024). The decision of the Senate remitted the Bill to a mediation committee pursuant to Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution.

Honourable Members, Article 113 of the Constitution requires that whenever a Bill is referred to a mediation committee, the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament shall each appoint an equal number of Members to attempt to develop a version of the Bill for consideration by the Houses of Parliament.

In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I have consulted with the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party and appointed the following Members to represent this House in the mediation committee to attempt to develop a version of the Bill that both Houses will pass —

- (1) The Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, CBS, MP;
- (2) The Hon. Mary Emaase Otucho, MP;
- (3) The Hon. John Chikati Murumba, MP;
- (4) The Hon. David Ouma Ochieng, CBS, MP;
- (5) The Hon. David Kiplagat, MP;
- (6) The Hon. Husseinweytan Abdirahman, MP;
- (7) The Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu MP;
- (8) The Hon. Catherine Omanyo MP; and
- (9) The Hon. Gertrude Mbeyu MP.

Honourable Members, you may further recall that on 7th November 2024, I reported to this House that the Senate had appointed nine Senators to the committee on the Bill. In this regard, the Mediation Committee is now fully constituted. I therefore urge the Members of this House to reach out to their Senate counterparts for purposes of commencing the mediation process.

The Mediation Committee should, as soon as is practicable, meet and commence the process of developing a version of the Bill for consideration by the Houses of Parliament in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution. The House is accordingly guided. I thank you!

(b)<u>Recognition of a Delegation from the National People's Congress of the</u> <u>People's Republic of China</u>

Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you a delegation comprising Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, seated in the Speaker's Row. They are: -

- 1. Prof. HAO Ping Member of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Leader of the delegation;
- 2. Mr. MA Yiming Member; and
- 3. Mr. ZHANG Li Member.

Honourable Members, the delegation, accompanied by three (3) officers, is in the country for bilateral meetings with Members of the Kenya-China Parliamentary Friendship Group in the National Assembly.

Honourable Members, on my behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome them to Parliament and wish them fruitful engagements during their stay in the country. I thank you.

6. <u>MESSAGES</u>

The Rt. Honourable Speaker reported the following Message from the Senate-

<u>Approval of Appointment of a Member to Fill a Vacancy in the Parliamentary</u> <u>Service Commission (PSC)</u>

Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(4), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from the Senate regarding the approval of appointment of a member to fill a vacancy in the Parliamentary Service Commission, under Article 127(2)(c)(i) of the Constitution.

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In the Message, **Honourable Members**, the Speaker of the Senate conveys that, on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, the Senate considered and approved the appointment of **Sen. Wahome Wamatinga**, **MP**, to the Parliamentary Service Commission to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Sen. John Nderitu Kinyua, MP.

Honourable Members, in line with the provisions of Article 127(2)(c) of the Constitution, the Senate's decision requires the concurrent approval by this House, for the nominee to be appointed to the Parliamentary Service Commission. In this regard, the matter will be scheduled for consideration by the House at an appropriate time to be determined by the House Business Committee. The House is accordingly guided. I thank you.

7. PAPERS

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

- (i) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021 & 30th June 2022 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a) Kipkoris Girls Secondary School; and
 - b) Keringet Secondary School.
- (ii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022 & 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - a) St. Catherine of Siena Mugunda Girls High School;
 - b) Gachika Secondary School;
 - c) Endarasha Boys High School;
 - d) Muruguru Girls Secondary School;
 - e) Ole Tipis Girls School; and
 - f) Moi Amalo Secondary School.

(Hon. Naomi Waqo, Deputy Majority Whip)

(iii) Report of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining on its consideration of the Agreement on the establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)

8. <u>NOTICES OF MOTION</u>

The following Notice of Motion was <u>given</u> by the Vice-Chairperson, Environment, Forestry and Mining-

<u>Consideration of the Agreement on the establishment of the Global Green</u> <u>Growth Institute (GGGI)</u>

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining on its consideration of the Agreement on the establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 20th November 2024*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 8(4) of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, **approves** the Ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI).

9. <u>RE-ORGANISATION OF BUSINESS</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40(2), the Speaker reordered the sequence of proceedings as follows –

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- Order No. 8 (Putting of the Question on Second Reading of the County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2023)) to be undertaken before Order No. 7 (Questions and Statements).

10. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (REVENUE RAISING PROCESS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11 OF 2023)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2024) be read a Second Time.

(Leader of the Majority Party – 19.11.2024)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, 19th November 2024; Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

Bill be read a Second Time and committed to Committee of the Whole House, tomorrow.

11. REQUEST FOR STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(c)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the Member for Kitutu Masaba (Hon. Clive Gisairo) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information & Innovation regarding the policy applied by Safaricom PLC on transmission of political messages.

12. QUESTIONS

(1) Questions to Cabinet Secretary for Education

- (a) The following Questions were <u>asked</u> by the respective Members and responded to by the Cabinet Secretary for Education in plenary–
 - (i) Question by Private Notice No. 016/2024 by the Member for Kathiani (Hon. Robert Mbui) regarding update on the status of preparedness by the Ministry to transition Grade Eight (8) to Grade Nine (9) including the number of classrooms constructed so far across the country;
 - (ii) Question No. 090/2024 by the Member for Westlands (Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi,) regarding rationale and policy behind the directive of transferring Secondary School Teachers to Junior Secondary Schools;
 - (iii) Question No. 091/2024 by the Member for Kinango (Hon. Gonzi Rai, MP) regarding status on the delayed payment of pension to *Mr. Salim Mndalu Ndegwa*;
 - (iv) Question No. 093/2024 by the Member for Nairobi County (Hon. Esther Passaris) regarding implementation of resolution on standardization of uniforms across the Country;
 - (v) Question No. 096/2024 by the Member for Nyeri Town (Hon. Duncan Mathenge) regarding failure by the University of Nairobi Dental School in offering lectures on orthodontics;
 - (vi) Question No. 097/2024 by the Member for Emuhaya (Hon. Omboko Milemba) regarding conducting fresh parent association elections in the country;
 - (vii) **Question No. 098/2024** by the Member for Yatta (Hon. Robert Basil) regarding provision for hardship allowances to Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) tutors in Yatta;

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- (viii) Question No. 099/2024 by the Member for Kibwezi West (Hon. Mwengi Mutuse) regarding donation of the 12,000 acres of land located at Kisayani, Kibwezi West by the locals to the University of Nairobi (Asked by the Member for Mathioya (Hon. Edwin Mugo) on behalf of the Member for Kibwezi West);
- (ix) **Question No. 148/2024** by the Member for Matayos (Hon. Geoffrey Makokha, MP) regarding number of special schools in the country; and
 - (x) **Question No. 149/2024** by the Member for Mathare (Hon. Anthony Oluoch, MP) regarding access to school meals in Early Childhood Development and Primary schools.
- (b) The following Questions were dropped -
 - (i) Question No. 089/2024 by the Member for Lamu West (Hon. Stanley Muthama) regarding consideration of qualified Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) teachers in Lamu West by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC);
 - (ii) **Question No. 094/2024** by the Member for Chepalungu (Hon. Victor Koech) regarding criteria used to approve primary schools within rural areas to accommodate Junior Secondary Schools (JSS); and
 - (iii) **Question No. 100/2024** by the Member for Suba South (Hon. Caroli Omondi) regarding details on the current deficit of teachers in both primary and secondary schools.

(2) Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development

The following Questions were <u>asked</u> by the respective Members and responded to by the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture & Livestock Development in the plenary–

- (i) Question No. 146/2024 by the Member for Uasin Gishu County (Hon. Gladys Boss) regarding status of implementation of the recommendations of the National Assembly with regard to Public Petition No. 70 of 2019 on withdrawal of harmful chemical pesticides;
- (ii) Question No. 027/2024 by the Member for Machakos County (Hon. Joyce Kamene) regarding policies to reduce importation of food to the country (Asked by the Member for Makueni (Hon. Suzanne Kiamba) on behalf of the Member for Machakos County);

(Change of Chair from the Rt. Honourable Speaker to the Deputy Speaker)

- (iii) **Question No. 103/2024** by the Member for Gichugu (Hon. Robert Gichimu) regarding decline in macadamia nut prices and measures aimed at boosting prices for profitability for farmers.
- (c) The following Questions were dropped -
 - (i) Question by Private Notice No. 015/2024 by the Member for Mbeere North (Hon. Geoffrey Ruku) regarding status of the supply and distribution of subsidized fertilizers across the country;
 - (ii) Question No. 101/2024 by the Member for Mbeere North (Hon. Geoffrey Ruku) regarding reasons why Pest Control Products Board (PCPB) has permitted the use of Roundup in the country; and

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(iii) **Question No. 102/2024** by the Member for Chepalungu (Hon. Victor Koech) regarding measures undertaken to ensure that dairy farmers in Chepalungu receive competitive prices for their products.

Various Members also raised supplementary Questions which were responded to by the Cabinet Secretaries within the allotted time.

13. THE KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) (No.2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 35 OF 2024)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and question proposed-

THAT, the Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 35 of 2024) be now read a Second time.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate deferred;

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

The Deputy Speaker in the Chair

The Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 10 of 2023)

(The Leader of the Majority Party – Co-sponsor)

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96, the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party (Hon. Owen Baya) claimed to move "THAT the Chairperson do report progress on consideration of the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 10 of 2023."

Question put and agreed to;

Progress on consideration of the Bill to be reported;

15. <u>HOUSE RESUMED</u> - the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

The Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 10 of 2023)

(The Leader of the Majority Party - Co-sponsor)

Progress on consideration of the Bill reported;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, this House do agree with the progress report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 10 of 2023) and seeks leave to sit again.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

No debate arising;

Question <u>deferred</u>.

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16. <u>THE UNCLAIMED FINANCIAL ASSETS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15 OF 2024)</u> (Leader of the Majority Party)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred</u>.

17. THE LAND CONTROL BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 39 OF 2023) (The Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Oundo)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred</u>.

18. <u>THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL</u> <u>ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 58 OF 2022)</u>

(The Hon. Joyce Kamene, M.P.)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred</u>.

19. <u>MOTION</u> – <u>CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF</u> <u>STATE CORPORATIONS (NYANZA REGION)</u>

(The Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education)

Order deferred.

20. <u>THE POLITICAL PARTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.</u> <u>35 OF 2022)</u>

(The Vice Chairperson, Procedure and House Rules Committee)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred</u>.

21. <u>THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL</u> <u>ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 38 OF 2022)</u>

(The Vice Chairperson, Procedure and House Rules Committee)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred.</u>

22. <u>THE EQUALISATION FUND (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 14 OF</u> 2023)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order <u>deferred</u>.

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23. <u>MOTION</u> – <u>ALLEGED UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BY FOREIGN INVESTORS</u> <u>IN KENYA</u>

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives)

Order Read and <u>deferred.</u>

24. <u>MOTION - THIRD REPORT ON CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDITED</u> <u>ACCOUNTS OF SPECIFIED STATE CORPORATIONS</u>

(The Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture)

Order Read and deferred.

25. <u>THE UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 38 OF</u> 2023)

(The Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

26. <u>MOTION</u> – <u>REPORT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE SIXTH PAN-</u> <u>AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP)</u>

(Member of the Pan-African Parliament)

Order Read and <u>deferred.</u>

27. <u>MOTION - REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT REPORT ON THE</u> <u>PROVISION OF SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY THE NATIONAL</u> <u>COUNCIL FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES</u>

(The Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture)

Order Read and deferred.

QUORUM OF THE HOUSE

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Member for Tigania West (Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga) objected that there was not a Quorum present in the House;

And the Deputy Speaker having ascertained the claim, ordered the Division Bell to be rung for five minutes;

And there being NO Quorum present upon the expiration of ten minutes;

And the time being Forty-Five minutes past Seven O'clock, the Speaker adjourned the House <u>without</u> Question put pursuant to the Standing Order 35(2)(a).

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HOUSE ROSE 28. -

at Forty-Five minutes past Seven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Thursday, 21st November 2024 at 2.30 p.m. --x--