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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 First Chairperson.

4. LACK OF QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT

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

And Quorum having been attained within ten minutes, business commenced.

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker issued the following Communication to the House -

<u>Withdrawal of Specific Provisions in the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill</u> (National Assembly Bill No. 49 of 2024)

"Honourable Members, this is a Communication regarding the withdrawal of specific provisions contained in the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.49 of 2024), which we will consider shortly in the Committee of the Whole House. Hon. Members, as you may be aware, the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.49 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 195 of 1st November, 2024, to effect various amendments to nine (9) Statutes.

The Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, was Read a First Time on 13th November 2024. Thereafter, the Bill was referred to the Departmental Committees on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives and the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for consideration of relevant provisions in accordance with their respective mandates, with the lead Committee being the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.

The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning tabled the Report on the Bill in the House on Monday, 2nd December 2024. Thereafter, the Bill was considered and passed by the House at Second Reading on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, and committed to the Committee of the whole House. Indeed, as you may have noticed on today's Order Paper, the Bill is scheduled for consideration in the Committee of the whole House under Order No. 14.

Hon. Members, before the House proceeds to consider the Bill in the Committee of the whole House, I wish to notify the House that I have since received a request from the sponsor of the Bill, the Leader of the Majority Party, vide a letter dated 2nd December 2024, seeking my consent for the withdrawal of the proposed amendments relating to the Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503 as contained in the Bill.

The amendments seek to alter the composition of the Scrap Metal Council. In the letter, the Leader of the Majority Party notes that the House recently passed the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 2023), which included amendments to the Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503. In passing the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 2023), the House amended the very same provision that is now contained in the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and referred it to the Senate for consideration.

According to the Leader of the Majority Party, it would be untidy to consider amendments to section 4 of the Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503 while the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 20230 awaits consideration by the Senate.

Hon. Members, having considered the justification by the Leader of the Majority Party, I have acceded to his request to withdraw the provisions relating to Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503 as contained in the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.49 of 2024). In this regard, the Bill will, therefore, be proceeded with in the Committee of the whole House without reference to the withdrawn provisions and will be considered as though the withdrawn amendments were not part of the Bill *ab initio*.

I thank the Leader of the Majority Party for being hawk-eyed in ensuring effective processing of legislation, especially during this hectic period before we proceed on recess. The House is accordingly guided."

6. PAPERS

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

- 1. 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) Jomo Kenyatta Girls' High School;
 - b) Libin Nomadic Girls Public Secondary School; and
 - c) Ngao Girls Secondary School.
- 2. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - (a) Independent Policing Oversight Authority;
 - (b) Independent Policy Oversight Authority Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
 - (c) Receiver of Revenue Statements Ministry of Defence;
 - (d) Witness Protection Agency Staff Motor Car Loan Scheme Fund;
 - (e) National Humanitarian Fund;
 - (f) Kenya Pipeline Company Limited;
 - (g) Establishment of Bus Rapid Transit Line 5 Project (EDCF Loan Agreement No. KEN-5) Kenya Urban Roads Authority;
 - (h) Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project Grant/Credit Number 6768 KE– State Department for Transport;
 - (i) Nairobi Intelligent Transportation System Establishment and Junctions Improvement Project Phase I (ECDF Loan Agreement No. KEN-6) Kenya Urban Roads Authority;
 - (j) Ethiopia Kenya Electricity Highway Project (ADB Loan No. 2100150027845
 Mariakani Substation Project ID NO:P-ZI-FA0-044) Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;

- (k) Eastern Electricity Highway Project (IDA Credit No. 5148-KE; AFD Loan No. CKE 1030 01B; ADF Loan No. 2100150027845) Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;
- (l) Kenya Institutional Strengthening Project Phase XIII (No. UNEP/KEN/SEV/92/INS/66) Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry;
- (m) Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program P- KE-EBO 010 Sewerage Improvement Project Phase II Athi Water Works Development Agency;
- (n) Africa Environmental Health and Pollution Management Project (EHPMP) National Environment Management Authority;
- (o) 220KV and 132KV Transmission Lines and Sub-station (EXIM Bank of India Funded) Projects Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;
- (p) Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (IDA Credit No. 6768-KE) Kenya Revenue Authority;
- (q) Public Debt Management Support Project (PDMS) ADB Grant Agreement No. 5500155013708) The National Treasury;
- (r) Supporting Access to Finance and Enterprise Recovery Project (IDA Credit No. 7018- KE) The National Treasury;
- (s) Rural Kenya Financial Inclusion Facility (RK FINFA) (IFAD Loan No. 2000004121 and IFAD Loan No. 2000004122) The National Treasury;
- (t) Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project No. P164654 IDA Credit No. 63480 and Grant No. TF0A9527) National Drought Management Authority;
- (u) Menengai Geothermal Project (Agreement No. 1038.01K) Geothermal Development Company Limited;
- (v) Bogoria Silali Geothermal Project (Loan No. 2013.66.103) Geothermal Development Company Limited;
- (w) Mwea Irrigation Development Project Loan Agreement No. KE -P27 National Irrigation Authority;
- (x) Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Project Credit Number 6348- KE State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs;
- (y) Aquaculture Business Development Programme (IFAD LOAN No. 20000052 & 2000002614) State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries; and
- (z) Kenya Youth Employment Opportunities Project Credit No. 5812-KE State Department for Labour and Skills Development.

(The Majority Whip)

7. RE-ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Standing Order 40(2), the Speaker re-ordered the sequence of proceedings as follows –

Consideration of **Order No. 8** Procedural Motion –Exemption of Business from the Provisions of Standing Order 40(3), **Order No.9** (Consideration Of Senate Amendments To The Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 Of 2023), **Order No. 10** (The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 47 Of 2024), **Order No. 11** (The Persons With Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 Of 2023) and **Order No. 12** (Inquiry Into The Matter Of Reduction Of Electricity Costs In The Country) to be undertaken before consideration of **Order No. 7** (Questions and Statements).

8. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(c)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c)—

- (i) The Member for Kipipiri (Hon. Wanjiku Muhia) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy on the connection of a transformer delivered to Kipipiri Technical and Vocational College in Kipipiri Constituency.
- (ii) The Member for North Horr (Hon. Adhe Wario) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on the status of construction of the *Segel-Maikona* Road in North Horr Constituency.
- (iii) On behalf of the Member for Turkana South (Hon. Ariko Namoit), the Member for Kisumu Central (Hon. Joshua Oron) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands on resettlement and land tenure for squatters in *Boma* Slums and *Oljorai* Farm.

9. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(c)

- (i) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock responded to a Statement requested by the Member for North Horr (Hon. Adhe Wario) on the food crisis in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs), especially in North Horr Constituency;
- (ii) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Awendo (Hon. Walter Awino) on the Revival of South Nyanza Sugar Company (SONY) and other stateowned sugar mills factories;
- (iii) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Awendo (Hon. (Amb). Francis Sigei) on the Status of construction of *Cheborge* Junction *Kipwasituiya* Market Road and the *Sotik-Silalo* Road.

10. PROCEDURAL MOTION - EXEMPTION OF BUSINESS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 40(3)

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, this House resolves to exempt the business appearing as **Order Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13** and **14** in today's Order Paper from the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for Business not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or Business sponsored by a Committee.

(The Majority Whip)

No debate arising; Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

11. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2023)

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the Senate amendments to Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023) be now considered.

(The Majority Whip)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, October 15, 2024; Question put and agreed to.

12. THE TAX LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 47 OF 2024)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 47 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Leader of the Majority Party – 03.12.2024)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (Afternoon sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the whole House tomorrow.

13. THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 7 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed —

THAT, the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 OF 2023) be now read a Second Time.

(The Leader of Majority Party - Co-Sponsor – 03.12.2024)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the whole House tomorrow.

14. MOTION - INQUIRY INTO THE MATTER OF REDUCTION OF ELECTRICITY COSTS IN THE COUNTRY

Motion made and Question proposed —

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Energy on the inquiry into the matter of the reduction of electricity costs in the country, *laid on the Table of the House on Monday, 25th November 2024*, and **approves** the lifting of the moratorium on the signing of new Power Purchase Agreements subject to the following conditions –

- (1) **THAT,** all intermittent sources of energy projects i.e. wind and solar being onboarded to the grid be fitted with Energy Storage Solutions as a mitigation measure to their intermittency as well as to maintain the system's equilibrium between supply and demand for electricity by strategically discharging storage assets during times of peak demand and charging them during times of low demand;
- (2) **THAT,** the Ministry immediately stops Power Purchase Agreement amendments that occur midway through the lifecycle of the Independent Power Producers, similar to the case of OrPower 4 Inc, and all subsequent PPA amendments/variations are to be subjected to the National Assembly for approval

- (3) **THAT,** the power generation indicative tariffs both in the FiT and auctions system before gazettement and all Power Purchase Agreements be subjected to approval and ratification by the National Assembly, and this will also apply to projects still in the pipeline and those not yet operationalized before the imposition of the moratorium. In the transition phase before the formation and operationalization of the IPP office, EPRA will undertake this role as it is currently prescribed in law and is to submit the updated competitive indicative tariffs to guide the process of onboarding of power producers for concurrence with the National Assembly before gazettement within two (2) months upon passage of the report;
- (4) **THAT,** all new power generation plant Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) to be onboarded to the grid are denominated in Kenyan Shillings. The Committee shall initiate an amendment to the Energy Act, Cap. 314 to effect this recommendation;
- (5) **THAT,** the Ministry and EPRA implement competitive procurement of Energy projects under an auction scheme modeled similar to South Africa's Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme in order to ensure that Energy is procured competitively and in line with the gazetted indicative tariffs and the
 - Least Cost Power Development Plan to ensure price discovery by selecting only the least expensive power producer that meets the detailed technical and financial evaluation requirements after the bid rounds, failure to which the auction will be deemed unresponsive. Further, the Ministry in conjunction with EPRA to draft and table an approved Renewable Energy Auctions Policy that outlines the transition from the Feed-in-Tariff for advanced projects which must also be in line with the gazetted indicative tariffs, and operationalizes the auction system for consideration by the National Assembly within six (6) months after the adoption of the report; and
- (6) **THAT,** within six (6) months upon adoption of this Report, the Business Registration Services (BRS) submits to the National Assembly a report containing a list of the owners, beneficial owners, shareholders and directors of each entity operating as an independent power producer in Kenya in accordance with section 93A of the Company Act, Cap. 486. Subsequently, all new power purchase agreements will only be entered into with a power generation entity that has fully disclosed and registered full beneficial ownership in compliance with the Act.

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Energy – 03.12.2024)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting);

Question <u>deferred</u>.

15. SPECIAL MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in its Report on the vetting of a nominee for appointment as the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, and pursuant to Article 250(12) of the Constitution and section 16(1) of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act, Cap 7H, as read together with sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, this House **approves**

Mr. Abdi Ahmed Mohamud, MBS, for appointment as the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

16. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read:

IN THE COMMITTEE

Sixth Chairperson of Committee in the Chair

(i) Consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023)

Clause 2

Senate Amendment proposed-

THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by deleting the proposed new subsection (5) and substituting therefor the following new subsection —

- (5) Where it comes to the attention of the Committee that a Cabinet Secretary responsible for a regulation making authority has failed to submit a statutory instrument in accordance with subsection (1), the Committee may, by a resolution, require the Cabinet Secretary to
 - (a) publish a notice in the Gazette within seven days from the date of the resolution, to the effect that the statutory instrument is a nullity; and
 - (b) submit the published notice to Parliament.

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Senate Amendment to Clause 2 - approved

Clause 3

Senate Amendment proposed-

THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be deleted.

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to:

Senate Amendments proposed Clause 3 - approved

Clause 4

Senate Amendment proposed-

THAT, Clause 4 of the Bill be deleted.

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Senate Amendment to Clause 4 - approved

Clause 5

Senate Amendment proposed-

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended by deleting the clause and substituting therefor the following clause —

of **5.** The principal Act is amended by deleting section 19 Amendment section 19 of Cap substituting therefor the following new section 19 — 2A.

> **5.** The principal Act is amended by deleting section 19 substituting therefor the following new section 19

Requirements an annulment.

- **19.** (1) Where Parliament has for publishing adopted a report or a resolution that a statutory instrument be annulled—
 - (a) the instrument shall stand annulled;

and

- (b) the Clerk of the relevant House shall publish the annulment in the Parliamentary website and shall convey the resolution of the House to the regulation making authority.
- (2) Upon receipt of the communication from the Clerk in accordance with this section, the regulation making shall publish authority annulment in the Gazette within fourteen days.

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Senate Amendments to Clause 5 - approved

Clause 6

Senate Amendments proposed-

THAT, Clause 6 of the Bill be deleted.

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to:

Senate Amendments to Clause 6 - approved

Clause 7

Senate Amendments proposed-

THAT, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended by deleting the clause and substituting therefor the following clause —

Amendment of section 11 of Cap 2A.

7. Section 24 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (5) by deleting the words "twenty thousand shillings" appearing immediately after the words "penalty not exceeding" and substituting therefor the words "one million shillings".

Question of the Senate amendment proposed;

No debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Senate Amendments to Clause 7 - approved

Consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Bill reported <u>without amendments</u>.

(ii) The Tax Procedures (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 46 of 2024)

<u>Clause 3</u> - <u>amendment proposed</u> -

THAT, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended in the proposed section 37E—

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the expression "31st December 2022" and substituting therefor the expression "31st December 2023";
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting the expression "31st December 2022" and substituting therefor the expression "31st December 2023";
- (c) in subsection (3) by deleting the expression "31st December 2022" and substituting therefor the expression "31st December 2023" appearing in paragraph (a); and
- (d) in subsection (4), by deleting the expression "31st December 2022" and substituting therefor the expression "31st December 2023".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 3 - as amended agreed to.

Clause 4 - amendment proposed -

THAT, clause 4 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new section 37F in subsection (1) by inserting the following paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

"(ba) it is in public interest not to recover an upaid tax;"
(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Proposed amendment dropped;

Further amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 4 and substituting therefor the following new clause —

Insertion of new section into Cap. 469B. **4.** The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 37E—

Relief because of doubt or difficulty in recovery of tax. **37F.** (1) This section applies where the Commissioner determines that —

- (a) it may be impossible to recover an unpaid tax;
- (b) there is undue difficulty or expense in the recovery of an unpaid tax;
- (c) there is hardship or inequity in relation to the recovery of an unpaid tax; or
- (d) there is any other reason occasioning inability to recover the unpaid tax.
- (2) The Commissioner shall on or before the 30th of June in each financial year submit a list of persons and amount of taxes that are in doubt or difficult to recover to the Cabinet Secretary.
- (3) The Cabinet Secretary shall publish the list in the Kenya *Gazette* and transmit the *Gazette* Notice to the National Assembly for tabling within six sitting days from the date of publication.
- (4) The relevant Committee of the National Assembly shall consider the *Gazette* Notice and make a report to the National Assembly on whether the Commissioner may refrain from assessing or recovering an unpaid tax.

- (5) The Commissioner may only proceed in accordance with the recommendations of the National Assembly.
- (6) The Commissioner shall report to the Auditor-General any abandoned taxes approved by the National Assembly within fourteen days of such approval and the reasons thereof.
- (7) The Auditor-General shall maintain a public register of all such abandoned taxes.

(Hon. Caroli Omondi)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and <u>negatived</u>;

Further amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 4.

(Hon. John Kaguchia)

Proposed amendment dropped;

<u>Clause 4</u> - as amended <u>agreed to</u>.

<u>Clause 5</u> - <u>amendment proposed</u> -

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph
 - "(a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "in the preceding three years from 1st July, 2022 is at least three billion" and substituting therefor the words "on the 31st December, 2024 is at least two billion shillings"."
- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words "fifth working day after the deduction was made" appearing in the proposed new subsection (4C) (b) and substituting therefore the words "fifth day of the following month".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 5</u> - as amended <u>agreed to.</u>

<u>Clause 6</u> - <u>amendment proposed</u> -

THAT, Clause 6 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "six" and substituting therefor the word "twelve" appearing in the proposed new subsection (1) (b) (ii).

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 6</u> - as amended <u>agreed to.</u>

<u>Clause 7</u> - <u>amendment proposed</u> -

THAT, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a), by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1A)-
 - "(1Ba) The Commissioner shall not require a person to integrate or share data relating to—
 - (a) trade secrets;
 - (b) private or personal data held on behalf of customers or collected in the course of business;
 - (c) in the case of multinational companies, information relating to the parent company."
- (b) in paragraph (b)—
 - (a) in the proposed new subsection (5), by deleting the words "five hundred" and substituting therefor the words "one hundred"; and
 - (b) in the proposed new subsection (6), by deleting the words "five hundred" and substituting therefor the words "one hundred".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Proposed amendment to paragraph (a), new subsection (1B)(c) withdrawn by the Chairperson;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 - as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9 & 10 - agreed to.

New Clause 1A proposed-

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 1-

Amendment of section 6A of Cap. 469B

- **1A**. The Tax Procedures Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act" is amended in section 6A by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (3)—
- "(4) A provision in any multilateral agreement or treaty that has been entered into by or on behalf of the Government of Kenya, or made pursuant to such agreement or treaty, relating to the imposition of import duty on—
 - (a) imported steel billets of tariff heading 7207.11.00; and
 - (b) imported wire roads of tariff headings 7207.91.00 and 7213.91.90,

shall not apply for a period of two years from the commencement of this subsection, or for such other longer period as the Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, New Clause 1A be now read a Second Time.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, New Clause 1A be part of the Bill.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Clause 2 - amendment proposed -

THAT, clause 2 be amended by deleting paragraph (b).

(Hon. Wakili Muriu)

Proposed amendment withdrawn by the Member;

Further amendment proposed—

THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended-

- (a) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words "whose turnover does not exceed one million" and substituting therefor the words "whose annual turnover does not exceed five million";
- (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
 "(c) in subsection (4) by inserting the words "payment of withholding tax"
 immediately after the words "airline passenger ticketing"."

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 2</u> - as amended <u>agreed to.</u>

Title - agreed to.

Clause 1 - agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

17. HOUSE RESUMED - The First Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

(i) Senate Amendments to the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023)

Bill reported without amendments.

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023)

(The Deputy Leader of Majority Party)

Question deferred.

(ii) The Tax Procedures (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 46 of 2024)

Bill reported with amendments.

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Tax Procedures (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 46 of 2024).

(The Leader of Majority Party)

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And the time being Fifteen minutes past One O'clock, the First Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

18. HOUSE ROSE - at Fifteen minutes past One O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, 4th December 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

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