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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT 2.30PM

- 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. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR</u>

The Rt. Honourable Speaker issued the following Communications from the Chair -

(a) <u>Submission of Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the</u> <u>Republic of Kenya</u>

"Honourable Members, as you all know, the Republic of Kenya exists within a community of nations. To this end, the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs, with the approval of the Cabinet, has prepared the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya to guide the country's international affairs, including promoting, protecting and projecting Kenya's interest within the community of nations.

The Policy has now been submitted to the National Assembly as Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 and will be laid on the Table this afternoon when we reach order No. 5.

Honourable Members, the Foreign Policy as contained in Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 was developed in an elaborate and highly participatory process. Indeed, part of the Leadership of this House and some Members from the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations attended its unveiling by His Excellency the President on 2nd December 2024, at the KICC.

Honourable Members, you will agree with me that the primacy of the Foreign Policy in guiding our country's international relations cannot be gainsaid. I therefore urge the Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations to consider Policy as a matter of priority and submit its report to the House soonest, for adoption.

Honourable Members, since the policy will guide the conduct of the country's international affairs, its expedited approval by this House is necessary. The House is accordingly guided. I thank you!"

(b) <u>The election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)</u>

"Honourable Members, as you are aware, the election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Kenya has fronted a candidate in the person of the Rt. Hon. Raila A. Odinga, EGH, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya.

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From the onset Honourable Members, I take this opportunity to wish the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga success in the election. I have previously worked with the Hon. Raila both here in Parliament as well as in Cabinet over the last two decades and I am convinced that in Raila Odinga, Africa will have a great and visionary leader as we gear up to the actualization of the AU Agenda 2063. Certainly, a win for the Hon. Raila will be a win not only for the country and Africa, but also for the larger international fraternity given his proven track record on human rights, democracy and integration.

As the National Assembly, and following a request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we have a delegation of four Members travelling to Addis Ababa in solidarity with the Kenya candidate. The Delegation is being led by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations, the Hon. Nelson Koech, CBS, MP, and include—

- (1) The Hon. Haika Mizighi, CBS, MP, the Chairperson, Diaspora Affairs & Migrant Workers Committee;
- (2) The Hon. Maj. (Rtd) Abdullaih Bashir Sheikh, MP, Vice-Chairperson Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations; and
- (3) The Hon. Millie Odhiambo, CBS, MP, the Minority Party Whip, who joins the team in her capacity as a Member of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations

I am also aware that other Members of the National Assembly will be travelling to Addis Ababa as part of the leadership and citizens of the country in solidarity and support of the candidature of the Hon. Raila Odinga. Indeed, in line with the provisions of the Standing Orders, I have received around forty (40) notifications from Members intending to attend the activity. For clarity, these Members will be travelling in their private capacities as citizens and leaders, and therefore will be self-sponsored. It is important to note that it is not unusual for citizens of a country, including Members of Parliament, to sponsor themselves to such high-level international fora.

In conclusion Honourable Members, we wish our candidate success in the forthcoming election. I thank you."

(c) <u>The demise of Mzee Kingi Mwaruwa, the beloved father to my esteemed</u> <u>colleague, the Rt. Hon. Amason Jeffah Kingi, EGH, M.P., Speaker of the Senate</u>

"Honourable Members, I wish to report to the House the demise of Mzee Kingi Mwaruwa, the beloved father to my esteemed colleague, the Rt. Hon. Amason Jeffah Kingi, EGH, M.P., Speaker of the Senate which occurred on Sunday, 9th February 2025 while he was undergoing treatment at Pandya Memorial Hospital in Mombasa.

Honourable Members, Mzee Kingi was a pillar of wisdom, compassion and unwavering resolve. As a father, he embodied strength and guidance, not only to his family but also to the community at large. His steadfast commitment to instilling values of service, humility and integrity made him a source of inspiration to all.

Honourable Members, beyond his humility, leadership and support for his family and society, Mzee Kingi leaves behind a rich legacy that will live on in his children as is evident by the service of the Rt. Hon. Speaker Kingi. Having recently walked a similar path of grief following the loss of my own mother in December last year, I deeply empathize with the Speaker and his family at this difficult moment.

Honourable Members, a memorial service will be held on Thursday, 20th February 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at his homestead in Kamale Village, Kilifi County. The funeral service will

be held on Friday, 21st February 2025 at Kamale Primary School grounds, with the final rites taking place at his home. I urge all of us to stand in solidarity with the Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi and his family during this time of grief.

Honourable Members, this is a profound loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the Speaker of the Senate, the Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi and his family. On behalf of the National Assembly, the Parliamentary Service Commission, and indeed on my own behalf, I pay tribute to Mzee Kingi Mwaruwa and convey our heartfelt condolences to the Rt. Hon. Speaker and the entire family. May the strength he embodied and the values he upheld in life remain a source of comfort during this time of sorrow. May the soul of Mzee Kingi Mwaruwa rest in eternal peace. I thank you!"

5. PAPERS

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

- (a) The 2025 Budget Policy Statement;
- (b) The 2025 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy;
- (c) Report of the Auditor-General on National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies for the Financial Year 2023/2024;
- (d) Report of the Auditor-General on National Government Funds for the Financial Year 2023/2024;
- (e) Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya;
- (f) Legal Notice No. 5 of 2024 relating to the Civil Aviation (Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation) Regulations and the Explanatory Memorandum from the Ministry of Roads and Transport;
- (g) First Quarter National Government Budget Implementation Review Report for the Financial Year 2024/25 form the Office of Controller of Budget;
- (h) National Governments Constituencies Development Fund Board Report for the Second Quarter of 2024/25 Financial Year;
- (i) Report to Parliament on all New Loans contracted by Government from 1st September 2024 to 31st December 2024;
- (j) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of:
 - (i) Kenya School of TVET;
 - (ii) Parliamentary Service Commission;
 - (iii) Parliamentary Joint Services;
 - (iv) State Corporations Appeal Tribunal;
 - (v) Kenya Institute of Supplies Examinations Board (KISEB);
 - (vi) Privatization Authority Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Fund;
 - (vii) National Irrigation Authority;
 - (viii) Kenya Slum Upgrading, Low-Cost Housing and Infrastructure Trust Fund;
 - (ix) Business Registration Service;
 - (x) Council of Legal Education;
 - (xi) Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;
 - (xii) Kenya National Commission on Human Rights; and
 - (xiii) Competition Authority of Kenya.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40, the Rt. Hon. Speaker reorganized the sequence of business so as consider Order Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 on the Order Paper and thereafter revert to Order No. 8 and the subsequent Orders.

7. STATEMENTS

The following Statements were made-

(a) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(a)—

The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the Business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 18th February 2025.

(b) General Statements pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43-

- (i) Mbunge wa Gatuzi la Taita Taveta (Mhe. Lydia Haika) alitoa Kauli ya Rambirambi kwa Hayati Leonard Mambo Mbotela, aliyeaga dunia tarehe 7 Februari 2025; and,
- (ii) The Member for Mogotio (Hon. Reuben Kiborek) issued a Statement regarding the passing on of the former Member for Baringo South, Hon. Edward Cherutich Kiptanui on Thursday, 28th January 2025.

8. <u>THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT (MOTORCYCLE REGULATION) BILL (SENATE BILL NO.</u> <u>38 OF 2023)</u>

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. <u>THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 40</u> OF 2023)

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

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES PROFESSIONALS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 55 OF 2023)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Regional Development)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2024)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Regional Development)

Order for First Reading read;

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Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders

12. THE POLITICAL PARTIES (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 26 OF 2024)

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

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders

13. THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 29 OF 2024)

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

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to the Standing Orders

14. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u>- <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON BILLS SPONSORED BY</u> <u>PARTIES OR COMMITTEES</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on **Bills sponsored by a Committee**, the Leader of the **Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party** be limited as follows:- A maximum of forty five (45) minutes for the Mover, in moving and fifteen minutes (15) in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee (if the Bill is not sponsored by the relevant Committee), and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes (15) each (if the Bill is not sponsored by either of them); and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

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

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

15. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION -</u> <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' BILLS</u>

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on **Bills NOT sponsored by a Committee, the Leader of the Majority Party or the Leader of the Minority Party** be limited as follows: A maximum of three hours and thirty minutes, with not more than thirty (30) minutes for the Mover, in moving and ten (10) minutes in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes (15) each; and

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that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

16. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON MOTIONS

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on any **Motion**, **including a Special motion** be limited in the following manner: A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover and ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each, and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

17. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u> - <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON REPORTS OF AUDIT</u> <u>COMMITTEES</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in debate on **Reports of Audit Committees** be limited as follows: A maximum of sixty (60) minutes for the Mover in moving and thirty (30) minutes in replying, and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each; and that priority be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

18. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u> – <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON OTHER COMMITTEE</u> <u>REPORTS</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on **Other Committee Reports**, including a Report of a Joint Committee of the Houses of Parliament or any other Report submitted to the House for which limitation of time has not been specified, be limited as follows: - A

maximum of two and a half hours, with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover in moving and five (5) minutes for any other Member speaking, **including** the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Committee (if the Committee Report is not moved by the Chairperson of the relevant Committee), and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and further that priority in speaking shall be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

19. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u>- <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON THEADDRESS BY THE</u> <u>PRESIDENT</u>

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, noting that Standing Order 24(6) provides that debate on a Motion on the Address by the President shall be limited to not more than four sitting days, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that debate on a Motion on the Address by H.E. the President under Article 132(1)(a) of the Constitution be limited as follows: A maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Mover in moving, twenty (20) minutes for the Leader of the Minority Party, and ten (10) minutes each to the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs to speak on the report submitted under Article 132(1)(c)(i) of the Constitution relating to the realisation of the national values; the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations to speak on the report submitted under Article 132(1)(c)(iii) of the Constitution relating to the progress made in fulfilling the international obligations of the Republic; and the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security to speak on the report submitted under Article 240(7) of the Constitution relating to the state of the security of the Country; and five (5) minutes for any other Member speaking, and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

20. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON SESSIONAL PAPERS

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on any **Sessional Paper** shall be limited as follows:- A maximum of two and a half hours, with not more than twenty (20) minutes for the Mover in moving and five (5) minutes for any other Member speaking, **including** the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Committee (if the Sessional Paper is not moved by the Chairperson of the relevant Committee), and that ten (10) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and further that priority in speaking shall be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

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(Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Sixth Chairperson)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

21. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u>- <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON REPORTS OF</u> <u>CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS AND INDEPENDENT</u> <u>OFFICES</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in debate on **Reports of Constitutional Commissions and Independent Offices** be limited as follows: – A maximum of four hours with not more than thirty (30) minutes for the Mover in moving and ten (10) minutes in replying, a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the Chairperson of the relevant Committee, and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each; and that priority be accorded to the Chairperson of the relevant Committee, the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

22. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u>- <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON THE ANNUAL ESTIMATES</u> AND COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in a debate on the **Report of the Budget & Appropriations Committee on Budget Estimates** contemplated under Standing Orders 239 and 240 be limited as follows:

- (i) **General Supply Debate**:- A maximum of **three** (3) sitting days with thirty (30) minutes for the Mover in moving and fifteen (15) minutes in replying; a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes for each of the Chairpersons of the Departmental Committees and a maximum of ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking, except the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party who shall be limited to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes each; and that priority in speaking be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the respective Chairpersons of the Departmental Committees in the order that they appear in the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders; and,
- (ii) Committee of Supply: A maximum of six (6) sitting days for the consideration of the proposed allocations to the respective Votes/Programmes in the order specified in the Schedule submitted by the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

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23. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u> - <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON CONSIDERATION OF</u> <u>SENATE AMENDMENTS TO BILLS ORIGINATING IN</u> <u>THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House **orders** that each speech in the **general debate contemplated under Standing Order 146** *(Consideration of Senate amendments to Bills originating in the National Assembly)* be limited as follows:- A maximum of one hour and thirty minutes, with not more than fifteen minutes (15) for the Mover in moving, fifteen minutes (15) for the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, and five (5) minutes for any other Member speaking, including the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party (if the Bill is not party-sponsored), and that five (5) minutes before the expiry of the time, the Mover shall be called upon to reply; and further that priority in speaking shall be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

24. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u> - <u>CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS RECEIVED DURING</u> <u>THE RECESS PERIODS</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders 41 and 42 relating **to conveying of Messages from the Senate and from the President or the National Executive**, Standing Orders 120, 122 and 126 relating to **Publication**, **Procedure upon Publication and First Reading of Bills** and Standing Order 210(2) relating to **Tabling of Statutory Instruments**, this House orders that during the Short and Long Recesses of the Fourth Session –

- upon receipt of any Message from the Senate, or upon receipt of any name of a person nominated for appointment to a State or public office from the President or any other office in the National Executive, the Speaker shall forthwith refer such Message to the relevant Committee for consideration, without having to recall the House, and report such fact to the House on resumption;
- (ii) upon receipt of any Message relating to the Senate's Amendments to a Bill originating in the National Assembly, the Speaker shall forthwith refer the Schedule of the Senate Amendments to the relevant Committee for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 145 (Senate amendments to Bills originating in the National Assembly), and report such fact to the House on resumption;
- (iii) should a Bill be published during the said period, or a published Bill become due for First Reading, the Speaker shall, upon lapse of at least three days following the publication of the Bill and following a determination that such Bill is of priority, forthwith refer such Bill to the relevant Committee for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 127 (Committal of Bills to Committees and public participation) and cause the Bill to be read a

First Time upon its next Sitting and the Second Reading may be taken forthwith, or on such other day as the House Business Committee may determine;

- (iv) should any statutory instrument be transmitted for tabling before the House during the period, the Speaker shall, following a determination that the statutory instrument is of priority, forthwith refer the statutory instrument to the relevant Committee for consideration and cause the statutory instrument to be tabled in the House upon its next Sitting in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 3 of 2013); and,
- (v) should any Paper be transmitted for tabling before the House, the Speaker shall, following a determination that the Paper is of priority, forthwith refer the Paper to the relevant Committee for consideration and cause the Paper to be tabled in the House upon its next Sitting.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

25. <u>PROCEDURAL MOTION</u> - <u>LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON LEGISLATIVE</u> <u>PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION</u>

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), this House orders that each speech in the **general debate contemplated under Standing Order 114(7A)(b)** *(Consideration of a Legislative Proposal to amend the Constitution)* be limited as follows:- a maximum of twenty minutes (20) for the Mover in moving and ten (10) minutes in replying, fifteen minutes (15) for the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party (if the Proposal is not party-sponsored), Member(s) with similar or related proposals and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, and ten (10) minutes for any other Member speaking; and further that priority in speaking shall be accorded to the Leader of the Majority Party, the Leader of the Minority Party and the Chairperson of the relevant Departmental Committee, in that order.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

26. <u>MOTION</u> –

APPROVAL OF THE CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2025

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 28, this House approves the Calendar of the National Assembly (Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session (2025) as contained in the Schedule to the Order Paper.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and <u>agreed to.</u>

27. <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 deferred.

28. <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 deferred.

And the time being six minutes to Five O'clock, the Sixth Chairperson adjourned the House <u>without</u> Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

29. HOUSE ROSE -

at six minutes to Five O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on, Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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