



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 AT 2.30PM (SPECIAL SITTING)

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Honourable Speaker
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communication—

2025 Mid-Term Retreat for Members of the National Assembly

“Honourable Members,

As you are aware, the National Assembly customarily organizes various fora aimed at providing opportunity for interaction, experience-sharing and capacity building for Honourable Members. Indeed, you will recall that during the inception of the Thirteenth Parliament, the National Assembly marshalled a number of engagements including the 2022 Induction Retreat and the 2023 Post-Election Seminar that was held in conjunction with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA).

Honourable Members, it is against this backdrop and in keeping with the established practice, that I wish to inform the House that the National Assembly has planned a three-day retreat for all Members between 27th and 31st January 2025 in Naivasha, Nakuru County. The objective of the Retreat is to accord the Leadership and Members of the National Assembly an opportunity to among other things, take stock of the progress made during the First, Second and Third Sessions; and consider the expected key legislative matters.

Honourable Members, coming at the mid-term of the current Parliament, the retreat will also provide an opportunity for the House to look ahead and plan for the Fourth Session, and indeed for the remainder of the Term. The Retreat will be facilitated by experienced resource persons including current and former Members of Parliament, and will include panel discussions and interactive plenary sessions.

At the end of the Retreat, Members will identify possible areas of the National Assembly's legislative processes that may require re-engineering for enhanced efficiency.

Honourable Members, in this regard, I invite you all to this very important event and implore all of us to make time to attend. I am aware the Clerk has commenced logistical preparations for the activity, details of which will be communicated to you in due course. **I thank you.”**

5. PAPERS

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

- (a) List of Nominees of the following sixty-two (62) Constituencies of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committees to the National Assembly for Approval.

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| 1. Ainamoi; | 23. Kikuyu; | 44. Mwea; |
| 2. Baringo Central; | 24. Kinangop; | 45. Naivasha; |
| 3. Baringo South; | 25. Kipkelion; | 46. Nakuru Town |
| 4. Belgut; | 26. Kirinyaga | West; |
| 5. Bobasi; | Central; | 47. Narok South; |
| 6. Central Imenti; | 27. Kitui Central; | 48. Ol joro orok; |
| 7. Cherangany; | 28. Kitutu Masaba; | 49. Othaya; |
| 8. Dagoretti; | 29. Kwanza; | 50. Saboti; |
| 9. Eldas; | 30. Lafey; | 51. Shinyalu; |
| 10. Gatanga | 31. Laikipia East; | 52. Sirisia; |
| 11. Gatundu North; | 32. Laikipia North; | 53. Suna East; |
| 12. Githunguri; | 33. Likoni; | 54. Tarbaj; |
| 13. Kajiado East; | 34. Luanda; | 55. Tigania West; |
| 14. Kajiado North; | 35. Lurambi; | 56. Thika Town; |
| 15. Kagera; | 36. Maara; | 57. Turkana North; |
| 16. Kangundo; | 37. Mandera West; | 58. Turkana South; |
| 17. Kapenguria; | 38. Matungulu; | 59. Ugunja; |
| 18. Kapseret; | 39. Moiben; | 60. Wajir West; |
| 19. Kasarani; | 40. Mt. Elgon; | 61. Webuye East; |
| 20. Kathiani; | 41. Mumias East; | and |
| 21. Keiyo South; | 42. Mumias West; | 62. West Mugirango. |
| 22. Khwisero; | 43. Mukurwe-ini; | |

(Leader of the Majority Party)

- (b) Joint Report of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the Senate Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on consideration of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) and the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the realization of the Two-Thirds Gender Principle

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs)

6. MOTION - REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE STARTUP BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 14 OF 2022)

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022) subject to recommittal of Clause 9.

(Hon. Irene Mayaka – Co-Sponsor – 16.01.2025)

Debate having been concluded on Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Morning Sitting);

Question put and agreed to;

7. MOTION – REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 7 OF 2023)

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 Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023).

(Leader of the Majority Party – Co-Sponsor – 16.01.2025)

Debate having been concluded on Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Morning Sitting);

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bill No. 7 of 2023) be now read a third time.

(Leader of the Majority Party – Co-Sponsor)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Bill read a Third time and passed.

8. SPECIAL MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC OFFICES

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations in its Report on the *Vetting of the Nominees for Appointment as Ambassador, Permanent Representative and Consul-General, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 16th January 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, section 20(2) of the Foreign Services Act, CAP 185E and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, CAP 7F, this House **approves** the appointment of the following persons as indicated—

| <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Station</u> |
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| (i) Dr. Andrew Karanja | Ambassador, Brasilia, Brazil; |
| (ii) Hon. Ababu Namwamba, EGH | Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/ United Nations office at Nairobi (UNON); and |
| (iii) Mr. Noor Yarow Gabow, CBS | Consul-General, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. |

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence & Foreign Relations)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

9. SPECIAL MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Labour in its Report on the *vetting of nominees for appointment as Vice-Chairperson and as Members of the Public Service Commission, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 16th January 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 233(2) of the Constitution and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, CAP 7F, this House **approves** the appointment of the following persons to the Public Service Commission –

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| (i) Mrs. Mary Wanjira Kimonye, CBS | - Vice-Chairperson; |
| (ii) Mr. Harun Maalim Hassan | - Member; |
| (iii) Ms. Mwanamaka Amani Mabruki, CBS | - Member; |
| (iv) Mr. Francis Meja | - Member; |
| (v) Dr. Irene Cherotich Asiega | - Member; |
| (vi) Mr. Boya Molu, EBS | - Member; |
| (vii) Ms. Joan Andisi Machayo | - Member; and |
| (viii) Dr. Francis Otieno Owino, CBS | - Member. |

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Debate arising;

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 95, the Member for Ainabkoi (Hon. Samuel Chepkonga) claimed to move “*That, the Mover be now called upon to reply*”;

And the Speaker acceding to the claim;

Question “*That, the Mover be called to reply*” put and agreed to.

Thereupon Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

10. SPECIAL MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS CABINET SECRETARIES

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Committee on Appointments in its Fourth Report on the *vetting of the nominees for appointment as Cabinet Secretaries, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 16th January 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 152(2) of the Constitution and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, CAP 7F, this House **approves** the appointment of the following persons as Cabinet Secretaries –

| S/No. | Nominee | Ministry |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| (i) | Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, EGH | Agriculture & Livestock Development; |
| (ii) | Hon. William Kabogo | Information, Communications & the Digital Economy |
| (iii) | Hon. Lee Kinyanjui | Investments, Trade & Industry |

(Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

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

11. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE GAMBLING CONTROL BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 70 OF 2023)

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the **Senate amendments** to the Gambling Control Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 70 of 2023) be now considered.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Question put and negatived.

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

The Second Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

The Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022)

Clause 9 - amendment proposed;

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 9.

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

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 9 - deleted.

13. HOUSE RESUMED - the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

The Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022)

Bill reported with amendments;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the House do agree with the report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022)

(Hon. Irene Mayaka – Co-Sponsor)

No Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2022) be now read a third time.
(Hon. Irene Mayaka – Co-Sponsor)

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There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Bill read a Third time and passed.

And the time being fifteen minutes past Six O'clock, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

14. HOUSE ROSE - at fifteen minutes past Six O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 2.30p.m.

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