



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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 Honourable Speaker

4. **LACK OF QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT**

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

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

5. **MESSAGES**

The Honourable Speaker conveyed the following Message from H.E. the President to the House—

**Referral by H.E. the President of the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023)**

Honourable Members, you may recall that in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution, the National Assembly considered and passed, with amendments, the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023) on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The Bill was thereafter referred back to the Senate for reconsideration. The Bill sought to, *inter alia*, provide for the production, processing, marketing and distribution of cotton in Kenya; and to establish the Cotton Industry Development Board.

Upon reconsideration, the Senate passed the National Assembly amendments to the Bill on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024, thereby concluding its bicameral consideration. This paved way for presentation of the Bill to H.E. the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2) of the Constitution.

However, Honourable Members, I wish to convey to the House that I have since received a Memorandum from H.E. the President referring the Bill back to the Senate for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution.

In the Memorandum, H.E. the President has expressed reservations on the establishment of an additional regulatory entity, noting that such an entity as envisaged in the Bill would contribute to the proliferation of State corporations and undermine the ongoing reforms on the rationalization of State entities.

In light of the foregoing, Hon. Members, and noting that the Bill originated in the Senate, the House will await conclusion of consideration of the President's Memorandum on the Cotton Industry Development Bill, 2023 by the Senate before considering the President's reservations. In the meantime, I direct the Clerk to circulate the Memorandum from H.E. the President to all Members to familiarize themselves with its contents.

The House is accordingly informed. I thank you!"

## **6. PAPERS**

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

- (a) Annual Report and Financial Statements of Kibabii University year for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022;
- (b) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and certificates therein, in respect of the following Institutions;
  - (i) Salaries and Remuneration Commission Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Fund;
  - (ii) Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board (KMLTTB);
  - (iii) State Department for Technical, Vocational Education and Training;
  - (iv) National Land Commission Housing Scheme Fund;
  - (v) State Department for Co-operatives;
  - (vi) State Department for Investment Promotion;
  - (vii) Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority;
  - (viii) Teachers Service Commission;
  - (ix) Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme;
  - (x) Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme;
  - (xi) Centre of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education in Africa (CEMASTEIA);
  - (xii) National Research Fund;
  - (xiii) State Department for East African Community Affairs; and
  - (xiv) State Department for Trade.

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

- (c) Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on its consideration of the Insurance Professionals Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 13 of 2024) – Volumes I & II.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning)*

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion were given—

- (i) **The Report of the Joint Committees on the consideration of the NADCO and the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the 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 its consideration of the report of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) and the report of the

Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the realization of the two-thirds gender principle, *laid on the table of the House on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs)*

(ii) **Inquiry into the state of security in six (6) counties declared as disturbed**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security on the inquiry into the state of security in six counties of North Rift of Baringo, Elgeyo Marakwet, Turkana, West Pokot, Samburu and Laikipia, declared as disturbed, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security)*

(iii) **Expansion of major roads in the country to dual carriageways**

**THAT**, aware that the Kenya Roads Act, 2007 provides for the establishment of road authorities responsible for, among other functions, the management and development of roads under their respective purview and for developing and providing adequate transport infrastructure that guarantees safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services across the country and beyond; further aware that the First Schedule of the Kenya Roads Act provides for the classification of national trunk roads into Classes A, B and Class C; recognizing that the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution assigns to the national government the function of the construction and operation of national trunk roads; noting that a significant portion of highways in the national trunk road network are currently single carriageways; concerned that single carriageway roads pose multifaceted challenges including traffic congestion during peak periods which limits movement of people, goods and services across regions and increases vulnerability to road accidents; further concerned that the lack of footbridges and safe pedestrian crossing areas on these high-traffic roads has been a leading contributor to the surge in road accidents in the recent past; cognizant of the duty of the government to provide a reliable transport system for efficient traffic management, economic development and bolstering interconnectivity among all regions in the country and beyond; now therefore, this House resolves that the government, through the Ministry of Roads & Transport, undertakes an expansion programme of national trunk roads with a view of upgrading all classes A, B and C roads in the country from two-way lanes to dual carriageway (one-way roads) with the necessary infrastructure that include footbridges, safe crossing zones at regular intervals, proper drainage systems, and other requisite infrastructure for their optimal operation.

*(Member for Nyandarua County – Hon. Faith Gitau)*

(iv) **Formulation of a reward scheme for accomplishments by sports persons in international competitions**

**AWARE** that, sports play an integral role in promoting cultural heritage, national identity, national development, the well-being of the people and sustenance of livelihoods, particularly of the youth; appreciating that, *Sessional*

*Paper No. 3 of 2005* provides a framework for sports development and operationalization in the country; further appreciating that the *Sector Plan For Sports, Culture and Arts – 2018* by the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Arts mainstreamed sports development in the Third Medium Term Plan (MTP III) for 2018-2022, under Kenya's Vision 2030; recognizing that, the Vision 2030 aims at capitalizing on the country's international reputation as a world-class sports powerhouse whose sportsmen and women have won international accolades and recognition, especially for their prowess in athletics; concerned that, despite bringing honour and national pride to the country, most sports men and women face a myriad of challenges such as lack of psychosocial support and social protection, hence pushing many to alarming levels of mental health challenges during their careers and even after retirement; noting that *Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2005* contemplated motivation of sportspersons by the State through cash and material prizes, conferring State Honours, appointments as goodwill ambassadors and establishing contributory insurance and savings schemes among other forms of motivation; Cognizant of the fact that, the prospect of receiving State recognition, financial grants, and other perks inspires sportsmen to push their limits in attaining their full potential as well as fostering a collective sense of pride in sporting achievements; now therefore, this House urges that the Government, through the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports and Arts, develops a policy and standardized sports reward scheme for recognizing the achievements made by sports persons in internationally recognized competitions, through—

- (i) financial rewards of Kshs. 6 million for setting new world records; Kshs. 4 million for Gold medalists; Kshs. 3 million for Silver medalists and Kshs. 2 million for Bronze medalists;
- (ii) non-financial motivation, including facilitation with issuance of diplomatic passports for established sportsmen and women, appointment as goodwill ambassadors and conferring national honours and privileges; and,
- (iii) establishing medical cover and a post-retirement social protection scheme, including establishing contributory insurance and savings schemes to support sports persons who retire from active sporting due to injuries or age.

*(Member for Mwingi West – Hon. Charles Ngusya)*

## **8. REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the following Statements were requested—

- (i) The Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Sports & Culture regarding transparency and accountability in the management of the Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund (SASDF); and
- (ii) The Member for Runyenjes (Hon. Eric Karemba) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding the employment terms of nurses under the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) programme.
- (iii)

**9. THE EQUALISATION FUND (ADMINISTRATION) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 14 OF 2023**

Motion having been made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, the Equalisation Fund (Administration) Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning – 18.02.2025)*

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 resumed;

*(Change of Chair from the Honourable Speaker to the Deputy Speaker)*

*(Change of Chair from Deputy Speaker to Fifth Chairperson)*

*(Change of Chair from Fifth Chairperson to Fourth Chairperson)*

*(Change of Chair from Fourth Chairperson to Fifth Chairperson)*

**10. QUORUM OF THE HOUSE**

Rising in her place on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 35, the Member for Mwea, (Hon. Mary Maingi) objected that there was not a Quorum present in the House;

And the Fifth Chairperson having ascertained the claim, ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And Quorum having not been attained upon expiration of the ten minutes;

And the time being thirty-three minutes past Eight O' Clock, the Fifth Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put.

**11. HOUSE ROSE** - thirty-three minutes past Eight O' Clock.

**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on,  
Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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