



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 AT 2.30 PM

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.

2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayers.

3. **Presiding** – the Honourable Speaker.

4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

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 ten minutes, proceedings commenced.

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communications from the Chair—

(i) **Public Participation Programme for the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025**

“Honourable Members, as you may recall, the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025, was read a First Time on Wednesday, 12th March 2025 and referred to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration. The Bill seeks to amend the Constitution of Kenya to entrench the National Government Constituencies Fund, the Senate Oversight Fund and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund in the Constitution.

Consequently, on 15th March 2025, in compliance with Articles 118(1)(b) and 256(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Clerk of the National Assembly placed advertisements in the local dailies inviting the public and stakeholders to submit memoranda on the Bill.

Honourable Members, as observed by our courts, *amending of a country's constitution, more so our Constitution, should be a sacrosanct public undertaking and its processes must be undertaken very transparently and in strict compliance with the country's supreme law.*

Article 256(2) of the Constitution provides that *‘Parliament shall publicise any Bill to amend the Constitution, and facilitate public discussion about the Bill.’* It is for this

reason that we must therefore conduct a granular public participation exercise on this Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

In this regard, **Honourable Members**, the House Business Committee and the National Assembly General Legislative Caucus resolved that, in addition to receiving written memoranda and consulting relevant stakeholders, the public participation exercise be extended to all the counties and constituencies so as to accord majority of Kenyans an opportunity to express themselves on the Bill.

Honourable Members, with regard to the administrative arrangements to facilitate public participation, the House Business Committee and the National Assembly General Legislative Caucus also resolved that the country-wide public participation be undertaken from **Monday, 5th May 2025** to **Wednesday, 7th May 2025**. Consequently, I now direct the Clerk to communicate the full details of the programme for the information of the public, through print and electronic media advertisements, on **Monday, 21st April 2025**.

Honourable Members, I implore all of you to avail yourselves to spearhead and participate in this very noble activity. I also direct the Clerk to organize a *Kamukunji* on **Tuesday, 29th April 2025**, where Members will be apprised on the modalities of the public participation exercise to be conducted in all the counties and constituencies.

The House is accordingly guided. I thank you”.

(ii) Resignation of the Member of Parliament for Mbeere North Constituency

“**Honourable Members**, you will recall that, during the afternoon sitting of yesterday, Wednesday, 16th April 2025, the House approved the appointment of **the Hon. Geoffrey Kariuki Kiringa Ruku**, Member of Parliament for Mbeere North Constituency, as the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes.

Honourable Members, I have since received a letter from the Member, dated 16th April 2025, tendering his resignation as the Member of Parliament for Mbeere North Constituency, effective from 10.00 pm on Wednesday, 16th April 2025.

This arose out of the gazettelement of his appointment as a Cabinet Secretary *vide* Gazette Notice No. 4834 dated 16th April 2025. Indeed, today morning, the Hon. Ruku took Oath of Office as the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes.

In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I will now proceed to execute the necessary actions required by law to declare the seat of Member for Parliament for Mbeere North Constituency vacant, so as to unlock the processes of filling the vacancy.

Honourable Members, on my behalf and that of the House, I wish Hon. Geoffrey Ruku the best in his new assignment in the Executive.

The House, and indeed the general public is accordingly informed. I thank you!”

(iii) Recognition of a delegation from the County Assembly of Turkana

“Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you a delegation from the County Assembly of Turkana, who are seated in the Speaker’s Gallery. The delegation comprises of the following:

- (i) Hon. Charles Lokioto Ewoi, MCA, Speaker & Leader of the Delegation;
- (ii) Hon. Michael Ewoi, MCA; and
- (iii) Hon. Samuel Aliwo, MCA.

Honourable Members, the delegation is accompanied by Six (6) members of staff of the County Assembly. They are on a study visit to the National Assembly to benchmark with the Speaker’s Panel on parliamentary business.

Honourable Members, on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome the delegation to Parliament and wish them fruitful deliberations. I thank you!”

(iv) Recognition of students from Starehe Boys’ Centre & Alliance Boys High School

“Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you six (6) students from Starehe Boys’ Centre and three (3) from Alliance High School who are seated in the Speaker’s Gallery.

The students are in Parliament for a period of two weeks on a voluntary service scheme. The programme gives the students an opportunity to give back to the community by providing voluntary service to various organisations during the school holidays.

Honourable Members, on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome the students to Parliament and wish them a positive experience in their service to the Nation. I thank you!”

6. PAPERS

The following Papers were laid on the Table—

(i) Submission of Nominees for the National Government Constituency

Development Fund Committees for the following thirty-one (31) Constituencies: -

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| 1. Awendo; | 17. Kitutu Chache North; |
| 2. Baringo North; | 18. Kitutu Chache South; |
| 3. Bumula; | 19. Kuresoi South; |
| 4. Changamwe; | 20. Lungalunga; |
| 5. Emuhaya; | 21. Machakos Town; |
| 6. Fafi; | 22. Malindi; |
| 7. Garsen; | 23. Manyatta; |
| 8. Hamisi; | 24. Narok East; |
| 9. Igembe Central; | 25. Narok North; |
| 10. Kacheliba; | 26. Navakholo; |
| 11. Kiambu Town; | 27. Tigania East; |
| 12. Kipipiri; | 28. Ugenya; |
| 13. Kisumu Central; | 29. Uriri; |
| 14. Kisumu East; | 30. Wajir North; and |
| 15. Kitui East; | 31. Wundanyi |
| 16. Kitui South; | |

(ii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of: -

- (a) Bondo Technical Training Institute;
- (b) Ikutha Technical and Vocational College;
- (c) Kieni Technical and Vocational College
- (d) Kinangop Technical and Vocational College;
- (e) Kongoni Technical and Vocational College;
- (f) Koshin Technical Training Institute;
- (g) Laikipia East Technical and Vocational College;
- (h) Michuki Technical Training Institute;
- (i) Mukurweini Technical Training Institute;
- (j) Nyakach Technical and Vocational College;
- (k) Omuga Technical and Vocational College;
- (l) Samburu Technical and Vocational College;
- (m) Tinderet Technical and Vocational College; and
- (n) Uriri Technical and Vocational College.

(Deputy Majority Party Whip)

(iii) Reports of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation on its consideration of –

- a) The Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies; and
- b) Sessional Paper No. 7 of 2024 on the National Sanitation Management Policy.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation)

(iv) Reports of the Departmental Committee on Health on –

- a) consideration of the Medical Social Workers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 22 of 2024);
- b) attendance to the 4th Global Association of Clinical Officers and Physician Associates (GACOPA) International Delegates Conference held in Botswana from 26th to 29th August 2024; and
- c) attendance of the 15th Meeting of the Network of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (NEAPACOH) held in the Kingdom of Lesotho from 28th 29th February 2024.

(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health)

(v) Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of:

- a) The Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Suppression of Terrorism) Regulations, 2024 (Legal Notice No. 187 of 2024); and
- b) The Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Prevention, Suppression and Disruption of Proliferation Financing (Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (Legal Notice No. 188 of 2024).

(Hon. Robert Mbui - Member, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motions were given—

(i) Consideration of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation on its consideration of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17th April 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 8(4) of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, **approves** the Ratification of the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation)

(ii) Consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 7 of 2024 on the National Sanitation Management Policy

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 7 of 2024 on National Sanitation Management Policy *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17th April 2025* and **approves** Sessional Paper No. 7 of 2024, subject to the revisions as contained in the Schedule to the Report.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation)

(iii) Consideration of the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Suppression of Terrorism) Regulations, 2024

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on the Suppression of Terrorism) Regulations, 2024, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17th April 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A **annuls** the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on the Suppression of Terrorism) Regulations, 2024 (Legal Notice No. 187 of 2024).

(Hon. Robert Mbui - Member, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

(iv) Consideration of the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Suppression of Terrorism) Regulations, 2024

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Prevention, Suppression and Disruption of Proliferation Financing) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 17th April 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A, **annuls** the Prevention of Terrorism (Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on the

Prevention, Suppression and Disruption of Proliferation Financing) (Amendment) Regulations published as *Legal Notice No. 188 of 2024*.

(Hon. Robert Mbui - Member, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

8. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS

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

- a) The Member for Bonchari (Hon. Charles Onchoke) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning Works regarding collapsed residential buildings in Bonchari Constituency, Kisii County;
- b) The Member for Kisii County (Hon. Dorice Donya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security regarding the tragic death of Ms. Sylvia Kemunto and the escalating cases of gender-based violence;
- c) The Member for Mombasa County (Hon. Zamzam Mohammed) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & National Security regarding death of Mr. Yusuf Ali Abdi following controlled demolition of a building in Mombasa;
- d) The Member for Keiyo South (Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo) requested for a Statement on behalf of the Member for Ainabkoi (Hon. Samuel Chepkonga) from the Chairperson of the Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding amount of money spent on education bursaries by county governments in the past five financial years;
- e) The Member for Makueni (Hon. Suzanne Kiamba) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning Works regarding Implementation of the Affordable Housing Programme;
- f) The Member for Embu County (Hon. Pamela Noki) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Social Protection regarding Accessibility of critical services in public institutions by deaf persons; and
- g) The Member for Emgwen (Hon. Josses Lelmengit) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport & Infrastructure regarding State of section RW343 of the *Chepterit-Moi University Road*.

9. GENERAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43(1), the Member for Wundanyi (Hon. Danson Mwashako) made a Statement regarding alleged commitment of Taita Taveta County mineral fields as collateral for a government loan.

10. RESPONSE TO STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), Hon. Kibet Komingoi, a member of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure responded to a Statement on utilisation of fuel levy funds requested by the Member for Kisii County (Hon. Dorice Donya).

11. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Leader of Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.

12. SPECIAL MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AND CONSULS-GENERAL

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 *Approval Hearings of four (4) Nominees for Appointment as Ambassador, Permanent Representative and Consuls-General, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 15th April 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, section 20(2) of the Foreign Service 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 Permanent Representative, Ambassador and Consuls-General-

No.	CLUSTER	NAME	MISSION
(i)	Ambassador	Eng. Peter Kiplagat Tum, CBS	Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
(ii)	Permanent Representative	Ms. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, EGH	Permanent Mission of Kenya to the UN-Habitat, Nairobi
(iii)	Consuls-General	(a) Mr. James Buyekane Muhati, CBS	Guangzhou, People's Republic of China
		(b) Mr. Abdi Dubat Fidhow	Arusha, the United Republic of Tanzania

(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)

Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson of Committees)

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

13. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 1 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made—

THAT, the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No.1 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

14. QUORUM DURING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Member for Keiyo South (Hon. Gideon Kimaiyo) objected that there was no Quorum present in the House;

And the Fourth Chairperson having ascertained the claim, ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten (10) minutes;

And Quorum having not been attained at the expiration of the ten (10) minutes;

And the time being twenty-six minutes past Five O'clock, the Fourth Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders.

15. HOUSE ROSE - at twenty-six minutes past five O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Tuesday, 22nd April 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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