



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the Hon. Speaker ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

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

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker issued the following Communication from the Chair –

The Demise of His Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church

“Honourable Members, Pursuant to Standing Order 259D(1), I wish to report to the House the demise of His Holiness Pope Francis, the Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

I do so with profound sadness as we all solemnly reflect on the passing on of the Pontiff, which occurred on Easter Monday, 20th April 2025, at his residence in the Casa Santa Marta, at the Vatican. As Members of Parliament, we join the global community in mourning a shepherd of extraordinary humility, compassion, and conviction.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on 17th December 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis was the son of Italian immigrants and grew up in a modest household. He was initially trained as a chemist, but later answered the call to priesthood and joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1958.

He was ordained a priest in 1969 and rose through the ranks with distinction, serving as Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in Argentina, and later as Archbishop of Buenos Aires. His pastoral heart, concern for the poor and deep commitment to social justice was evident throughout his ministry.

Honourable Members, on 13th March 2013, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, the first Jesuit, the first person from the Americas and the first Pontiff to take the name Francis, in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi. His Papacy was marked by a relentless pursuit of mercy, social justice and global dialogue.

Pope Francis stood as a moral compass during times of global uncertainty, championing the causes of the downtrodden, reconciliation and environmental stewardship. He often called upon world leaders to uphold the dignity of all human beings and the sanctity of creation. His landmark encyclicals and tireless pilgrimages touched the lives of millions and inspired generations toward unity, humility and service.

Honourable Members, the late Pope Francis will also be remembered for his reformatory vision within the Church, his efforts to modernize and humanize Church doctrine and his outreach to youth and future generations. In Kenya, his legacy remains visible through strengthened interfaith relations, charitable missions, and spiritual guidance to millions of faithfuls.

The words of his powerful quote, ***“The Church is like a field hospital, heals the wounds and warms the heart, helps build bridges between people and not build walls”***, are not just a metaphor but a mission he lived daily, reaching out across borders, faiths and ideologies to bind wounds and inspire hope. Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday, a poignant and symbolic day in the Christian calendar, embodying the message of resurrection and peace that he so faithfully preached.

Honourable Members, to the Catholic faithful around the world and in our own country, we offer our deepest condolences. We honour his legacy, and we pray for the repose of his soul. May his life’s message continue to guide leaders, nations and people toward justice, humility and compassion.

As the world mourns this colossal loss, **Honourable Members**, let us be reminded by his example of the enduring power of servant leadership and the call to build bridges, not walls. **May His Holiness Pope Francis rest in eternal peace!** I thank you!”

6. PAPERS

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

- (a) The following Legal Notices from the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry: -
 - (i) Legal Notice No. 62 of 2025 relating to Sustainable Waste Management (Extended Producer Responsibility), (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2025;
 - (ii) Legal Notice No. 63 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality), (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2025;
 - (iii) Legal Notice No. 64 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination Management (Waste Management), (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2025;
 - (iv) Legal Notice No. 65 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination Management (Sand Harvesting), (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2025;

- (v) Legal Notice No. 66 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination Management (Air Quality), (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2025;
 - (vi) Legal Notice No. 67 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination Management (Deposit Bonds) Regulations, 2025; and
 - (vii) Legal Notice No. 68 of 2025 relating to Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Access to Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2025.
- (b) Fifty Fifth (55th) Monetary Policy Statement for December 2024 from the National Treasury and Economic Planning;
- (c) The Kenya Power & Lighting Co. PLC Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th June 2024;
- (d) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of:
- (1) Agricultural Finance Corporation;
 - (2) Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency;
 - (3) Chama Cha Uzalendo;
 - (4) Coast Development Authority;
 - (5) Commodities Fund Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
 - (6) Data Protection Commissioner;
 - (7) Dedan Kimathi University of Technology;
 - (8) Egerton University Investment Company;
 - (9) Egerton University;
 - (10) Ewaso Ng'iro South River Basin Development Authority;
 - (11) Financial Reporting Centre;
 - (12) Fund for Africa Private Sector Assistance Project (FAPA) AFDB Grant No.5700155003553-Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;
 - (13) Government Investments and Public Enterprises-Revenue Statements-The National Treasury;
 - (14) Higher Education Loans Board;
 - (15) Institute of Human Resource Management;
 - (16) Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture Enterprises Limited;
 - (17) Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture Industrial Park Limited;
 - (18) Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture Noodles Limited;
 - (19) Kenya Copyright Board;
 - (20) Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation;
 - (21) Kenya Development Corporation;
 - (22) Kenya Leather Development Council;
 - (23) Kenya National Innovation Agency;
 - (24) Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP-SNV) Credit Number 6135-KE-State Department for Energy;
 - (25) Kenyatta University Teaching Referral and Research Hospital;
 - (26) Kirinyaga University;
 - (27) Maendeleo Democratic Party;
 - (28) Management and Supervision Fund-State Department for Co-operatives;
 - (29) Masai Mara University;
 - (30) Narc Kenya;
 - (31) National Cereals and Produce Board Staff House Mortgage Fund;
 - (32) National Exchequer Account-The National Treasury;

- (33) National Ordinary People Empowerment Union;
- (34) National Youth Council;
- (35) Office of the Controller of Budget Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme;
- (36) Office of the Registrar of Political Parties Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
- (37) Party of Independent Candidates of Kenya;
- (38) Party of National Unity;
- (39) Policy Holders Compensation Fund;
- (40) Privatization Authority;
- (41) Pwani University;
- (42) Receiver of Revenue Statements-Development - the National Treasury;
- (43) Rift Valley Institute of Science and Technology;
- (44) Rural Electrification Scheme-Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC;
- (45) State department for Gender and Affirmative action;
- (46) St. Lawrence Egoji Teachers Training College;
- (47) Staff Mortgage and car Loan Scheme-Kenya Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- (48) Tambach Teachers Training College;
- (49) The Nyeri National Polytechnic;
- (50) Ubuntu Peoples Forum Party;
- (51) Unclaimed Assets Trust Fund;
- (52) United Party of Independent Alliance (UPIA);
- (53) Wiper Democratic Movement; and
- (54) Youth Enterprise Development Fund.

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

- (e) Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya.

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

- (f) Report of the Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund on the nominees to the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committees for thirty-one (31) Constituencies.

(Chairperson, Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were given –

- (i) **Consideration of consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025.*

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

(ii) Consideration of nominees to the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Committees for thirty-one (31) Constituencies

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the National Government Constituency Development Fund Committee on its consideration of nominees for thirty-one Constituencies Committees, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 43(4) of the National Government Constituency Development Fund Act, Cap. 414A and paragraphs 5(2) and (10) of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Regulations, **approves** the list of nominees for appointment to the following thirty-one Constituencies Committees of the National Government Constituency Development Fund –

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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; | |

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee)

8. STATEMENTS

(a) Requests for Statements pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c)—

- (i) The Member for Nandi Hills (Hon. Bernad Kitur) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding the alarming rise in illegal organ harvesting, particularly kidney harvesting in Eldoret City and its environs;
- (ii) The Member for Turkana West (Hon. Daniel Nanok) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding the implementation of *Shirika* Plan and its effect on the refugee host communities;

(Statement re-directed to the Departmental Committee on Regional Development)

- (iii) The Member for Kilome (Hon. (Eng.) Thuddeus Nzambia) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding review of fees for registration, re-registration and alteration of birth certificates;

- (iv) The Member for Ijara (Hon. Abdi Ali Abdi) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations regarding an attack on herders in *Kurunjo* area in *Hulugho* Ward, Ijara Constituency by KDF officers;
- (v) The Member for Mandera South (Hon. Abdul Haro) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity regarding the status of representation of ethnic communities in appointments in the public service for the FY 2022/2023 and 2023/2024;
- (vi) The Member for Eldas (Hon. (Dr.) Adan Keynan) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding the progress on tarmacking of the *Wajir-Griftu-Eldas-Buna-Bute-Moyale-Ethiopia* (A1) Road; and,
- (vii) The Member for Mwingi West (Hon. Ngusya Nguna) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation regarding delayed execution of the contract of the Director-General of the Kenya Fisheries Service.

9. MOTION– INQUIRY INTO IRREGULAR AND ILLEGAL GRANT OF TAX EXEMPTIONS TO A COMPANY UNDER THE SPECIAL OPERATING FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on the inquiry into irregular and illegal grant of tax exemptions to a company under the Special Operating Framework Agreement, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 26th September 2024.*

(The Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation – 16.10.2024)

Debate having been concluded on Wednesday, October 16, 2024;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

10. THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 12 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Social Protection Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2025) be now read a Second time.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

11. QUORUM OF THE HOUSE

Rising in his place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Leader of the Minority Party (Hon. Junet Mohamed) objected that there was no Quorum present in the House;

And the Hon. Speaker having ascertained the claim, ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten (10) minutes;

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

And the time being twenty six minutes past Four O'clock, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Order 35(2)(b).

12. HOUSE ROSE - at twenty six minutes past Four O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, 23rd April 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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