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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 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. COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR

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

(i) Appointment of Members to the Mediation Committee on the Senate amendments to the Gambling Control Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 70 of 2023)

"Honourable Members, you will recall that on Thursday, 16th January 2025, the House **rejected** the Motion on consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Gambling Control Bill, (National Assembly Bill No.70 of 2023). Consequently, the said Bill was referred to a Mediation Committee in accordance with Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Order 149.

Honourable Members, Article 113 of the Constitution requires that whenever a Bill is referred to a mediation committee, the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament appoint an equal number of Members of each Houses to attempt to develop a version of the Bill that Houses will pass.

In this regard **Honourable Members,** having consulted with the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party, I have appointed the following Members to represent the National Assembly in the Mediation Committee–

- (i) The Hon. Daniel Wanyama, CBS, MP;
- (ii) The Hon. Omboko Milemba, CBS, MP;
- (iii) The Hon. (CPA) Kuria Kimani, CBS, MP;
- (iv) The Hon. (Dr.) Jackson Kosgei, MP;
- (v) The Hon. Dominic Letipila, MP;
- (vi) The Hon. Kwenya Thuku, MP;
- (vii) The Hon. (Dr.) Ariko Namoit, MP;
- (viii) The Hon. Mark Nyamita, MP; and,
- (ix) The Hon. (Dr.) Irene Kasalu, MP.

Honourable Members, we shall await the appointment of Senators to the Mediation Committee for the Committee to be fully constituted, for purposes of commencing the mediation process. Once I receive a Message from the Senate to that effect, I will convey the same to the House.

Thereafter, the Mediation Committee will embark on an attempt to develop a mediated version of the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution, for consideration by the Houses of Parliament. The House is accordingly guided. I thank you!"

(ii) <u>Recognition of a Delegation from the Transitional National Legislature of the</u> Republic of South Sudan

"Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you a delegation from the Transitional National Legislature of the Republic of South Sudan, seated in the Speaker's Row. The delegation comprises the following six (6) Members of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) of the Transitional National Legislature (TNL) of South Sudan -

- (i) Hon. Stephen Ajongo Akol, MP Commissioner and Leader of the Delegation;
- (ii) Hon. Mary Bicensio Wani, MP Commissioner;
- (iii) Hon. Regina Joseph Kaba, MP Commissioner;
- (iv) Hon. Regina Richard Aban, MP Commissioner;
- (v) Hon. John Orach Nyiker, MP Commissioner; and
- (vi) Mr. Dominic Bandima Albert Paul Commissioner.

Honourable Members, the delegation, accompanied by three (3) Senior Parliamentary Officers, is on a benchmarking visit to our Parliamentary Service Commission to learn about the structure, functions and operations of the Commission and the Parliament of Kenya.

Honourable Members, on my behalf and that of the National Assembly, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation, and wish them fruitful engagements and an enjoyable stay in our country. I thank you!"

(iii) Recognition of a Delegation from Diaspora Technical working Groups

"Honourable Members, I wish to acknowledge the presence of a delegation of twenty-five (25) Kenyans from the Diaspora Technical Working Group who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

Honourable Members, the Diaspora Technical Working Group, led by **Mr. Danson Mukule** of the United States of America, is a voluntary, patriotic coalition of **100** Kenyan Citizens residing across the Africa, Asian, Oceania, European, North American, the South American, and Middle East regions. The delegation is on a visit to the country to engage Parliament, civil society groups and the Executive on critical diaspora electoral reforms.

Honourable Members, on my own behalf and that of the House, I welcome the delegation to the National Assembly and wish them fruitful engagements during their visit. I thank you!"

5. PAPERS

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

- (a) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of the National Governments Constituencies Development (NG-CDF) for the year ended 30th June 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of the following Constituencies: -
 - (1) Ainabkoi;
 - (2) Baringo South;
 - (3) Bomet East;
 - (4) Borabu;
 - (5) Bumula;
 - (6) Bura;
 - (7) Butula;
 - (8) Chepalungu;
 - (9) Garsen;
 - (10) Gilgil;
 - (11) Ikolomani;
 - (12) Kabuchai;
 - (13) Kajiado South;
 - (14) Kanduyi;
 - (15) Khwisero;
 - (16) Kibwezi West;
 - (17) Kilifi North;
 - (18) Kinango;
 - (19) Kisauni;
 - (20) Kitui Central;
 - (21) Kitui South;
 - (22) Konoin;
 - (23) Kuresoi South;
 - (24) Kuria West;
 - (25) Lurambi;
 - (26) Magarini;
 - (27) Matayos;
 - (28) Mosop;
 - (29) Mwingi West;
 - (30) Nandi Hills;
 - (31) North Mugirango;
 - (32) Rabai;
 - (33) Sabatia;
 - (34) Sigowet/Soin;
 - (35) Sotik;
 - (36) Suba South;
 - (37) Subukia;
 - (38) Turkana East;
 - (39) Ugenya;
 - (40) Ugunja;
 - (41) Vihiga; and
 - (42) Webuye East.

- (b) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of: -
 - (1) AIC Morop Girls Secondary School-Nakuru
 - (2) AIC Chebisaas Boys High School-Uasin Gishu;
 - (3) Baricho Boys High School;
 - (4) Kikima Secondary School;
 - (5) Koisamo Mixed Secondary School;
 - (6) Mama Ngina Kenyatta Secondary School;
 - (7) Michinda Secondary School;
 - (8) Milimani High School;
 - (9) Moi Girls Secondary School Marsabit;
 - (10) Moyale Boys High School;
 - (11) Ndura Secondary School;
 - (12) Ngoto Boys High School;
 - (13) Njoro Township Secondary School;
 - (14) St. Angela's Girls Secondary School Kitui County; and
 - (15) St. Matthias Mulumba Matinyani Boys Secondary School

(The Deputy Leader of the Party Majority)

(c) Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on its consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Houses of Parliament (Bicameral Relations) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2023).

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)

6. STATEMENTS

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

- (i) The Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya, MP) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding operationalisation of administrative units in Isiolo County;
- (ii) The Member for Baringo Central (Hon. Joshua Kandie, MP) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding shortages of teachers in Baringo Central Constituency;
- (iii) The Member for Kisii County (Hon. Dorice Donya, MP) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock regarding payment of annual bonus to farmers;
- (iv) The Member for Mukurweini (*Hon. John Kaguchia, MP*) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding acute shortage of blood testing kits in the country;

(b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 259D

The Member for Uasin Gishu County (Hon. Gladys J. Boss, MP) made a Statement on the remarkable achievements of Kenya's national Women's Sevens Rugby team, the Lionesses, in the First and Second World Sevens Rugby HSBC Challenger Series held in Cape Town South Africa on 1st and 2nd March 2025.

7. THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4 OF 2025)

(Hon. Samuel Chepkong'a, M.P. & Hon. (Dr.) Otiende Amollo, M.P. - Co-Sponsors)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

8. MOTION- REPORT ON THE 2025 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT

Motion having been made and Question proposed—

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Liaison Committee on the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) for the financial year 2025/2026 and a compendium of Departmental Committee reports on the 2025 BPS, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday*, 11th March 2025, and pursuant to the provisions of section 25(7) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order 232(9) and (10) –

- (a) **approves** the Budget Policy Statement (BPS) for the financial year 2025/2026;
- (b) makes the following **Financial Resolutions** with respect to the BPS-
 - (i) **That,** the National Government budget ceiling be approved at Kshs. **2,523,774,081,480**;

Of which:

(1) Executive Kshs. **2,447,536,081,480**Of which: Office of the Auditor General Kshs. **8,652,200,000**(2) Parliament Kshs. **49,488,200,000**(3) Judiciary Kshs. **26,749,800,000**

- (ii) **That**, the allocation to County Government Equitable Share be approved at Kshs. **405,069,420,197**;
- (iii) **That,** consistent with the latest audited and approved revenues for FY 2020/21 amounting to Kshs 1,570,562,945,014, the allocation to the Equalization Fund be set at Kshs. **7,852,814,725**;
- (iv) **That,** the arrears to the Equalization Fund be set at Kshs. **2,747,185,275**;
- (v) **That**, the allocation for the County Government Additional Allocations be approved at Kshs. **69,802,409,623** as per the third schedule which shall form the basis for the County Government Additional Allocations Bill for the FY 2025/2026;
- (vi) **That,** the allocation for the public participation initiatives be approved at Kshs. **3,000,000,000**;
- (c) **Resolves that,** the first and second schedules form the basis for the ceilings for the FY 2025/2026 Budget Estimates;
- (d) **Resolves that,** once approved by the House, these recommendations **SHALL** form the basis for FY 2025/2026 budget estimates;
- (e) **Resolves that,** consistent with the resolution of the House on the 2025 Medium Term Debt Strategy, the fiscal deficit is maintained at 4.3 percent of the GDP;

- (f) **Orders that**, the *First Schedule* to the Order Paper forms the basis for the ceilings for the FY 2025/26 Budget Estimates;
- (g) makes the **Policy Resolutions** contained in the Second Schedule to the Order Paper (Non-financial recommendations relating to the Budget Policy Statement for the financial year 2025/26); and
- (h) makes the **necessary adjustments** to the Schedules.

(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee – 12.3.2025)

Debate having been concluded on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 (Morning Sitting); Question put and <u>agreed to</u>;

9. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion having been made and Question proposed—

THAT, the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(The Leader of the Majority Party –11.3.2025)

Debate on the Bill having been concluded on Tuesday, March11, 2025;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to;

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the whole House, tomorrow.

10. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025 (General Debate)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Liaison Committee on its consideration of the Second Supplementary Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/2025, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 12th March 2025, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 223 of the Constitution, section 39 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order 239—

- (i) **approves** the Supplementary Estimates II for FY 2024/2025 as indicated in the schedules to the Report;
- (ii) **resolves that** the **SCHEDULES** form the basis for the introduction of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2025; and
- (iii) orders that **"The Speaker do now leave the Chair"** to facilitate the consideration of the said Budget Estimates with respect to each Vote and Programme in the Committee of Supply as contemplated under Standing Order 240 (Consideration of Supplementary Estimates in the Committee of Supply).

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Debate arising;

(Change of Chair from the Hon. Speaker to the Fifth Chairperson)

(Change of Chair from the Fifth Chairperson to the Third Chairperson)

Debate concluded;

Mover to reply.

11. MOTION - PUBLIC PETITION ON LEGAL RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF E-HAILING MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL

Order read;

Order deferred.

12. MOTION - STATE OF SECURITY IN SIX COUNTIES OF NORTH RIFT BEING, BARINGO, ELGEYO MARAKWET, TURKANA, WEST POKOT, SAMBURU

AND LAIKIPIA

Order read;

Order deferred.

13. QUORUM OF THE HOUSE

Rising in her place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Nominated Member (Hon. Irene Mayaka, MP) objected that there was no Quorum present in the House;

And the Third Chairperson having ascertained the claim, ordered that the Division Bell be rung for ten (10) minutes;

There being no Quorum attained at the expiry of the ten minutes;

And the time being thirty-seven minutes past Eight O'clock, the Third Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to Standing Order 35(2)(a).

14. HOUSE ROSE - at thirty-seven minutes past Eight O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on, Thursday, 13th March 2025 at 10.00 a.m.