



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 9.30AM**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker.

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

And there being no quorum present to commence business, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

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

**5. PAPERS**

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

- (a) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of: -
  - (i) Githunguri;
  - (ii) Kericho;
  - (iii) Kitutu Masaba;
  - (iv) Likoni;
  - (v) Ruiru;
  - (vi) Taveta; and
  - (vii) Wumingu.
- (b) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the Years ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the certificates therein in respect of:
  - (i) Ahmed Shahame Mwidani Technical Training Institute;
  - (ii) Belgut Technical Training Institute;
  - (iii) Borabu Technical and Vocational Institute;
  - (iv) Bura Girls High School
  - (v) Enoomatasiani Girls secondary School;
  - (vi) Gitwebe Technical Training Institute;
  - (vii) Jomo Kenyatta Boys high School;
  - (viii) Kericho National Polytechnic;
  - (ix) Kirobon Boys High
  - (x) Mama Ngina Girls Secondary School – Mombasa

- (xi) Moi Forces Academy - Lanet;
- (xii) Nakuru Girls High School;
- (xiii) Njoro Boys High School;
- (xiv) Njoro Girls High School;
- (xv) Nyamira National Polytechnic;
- (xvi) Our Lady's Girls Secondary School - Kakuma;
- (xvii) Shimo la Tewa School;
- (xviii) Starehe Boys Centre;
- (xix) Utumishi Boys Academy; and
- (xx) Utumishi Girls Academy.

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

## **6. STATEMENTS**

Responses to the following pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c) were deferred-

- a) Response to Statement on disappearance of Mr. Reuben Barua, a Kenyan, in the United States of America, sought by Hon. Machua Waithaka, by the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations.
- b) Response to Statement on status of investigations into Todonyang Massacre, sought by Hon. Ekwom Nabuin, by the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations.
- c) Response to Statement on recruitment process by the Teachers Service Commission, sought by Hon. Josses Lemengit, by the Departmental Committee on Education.

## **7. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

### **IN THE COMMITTEE**

#### **The Sixth Chairperson of Committees**

#### **The Institute of Social Work Professionals Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 17 of 2023)**

Clauses 3 and 4 -agreed to

Clause 5 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 5 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (1)—

(2) The Council may appoint such committees as may be necessary to perform any of its functions under this Act.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 5 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 6 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 6 of the Bill be deleted and replaced with the following new clause—

Composition of the Council. 6(1)The management of the Institute shall vest in a Council comprising—

- (a) a chairperson elected by the members of the Institute in the manner prescribed by regulations;
  - (b) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry for the time being responsible for social services and social protection;
  - (c) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry for the time being responsible for health;
  - (d) one person nominated by the Commission for University Education;
  - (e) five other members elected by the members of the Institute in the manner prescribed by regulations; and
  - (f) the Executive Director, who shall be an ex-officio.
- (2) The chairperson or a member of the Council elected under subsection (1)(a), (d) and (e) shall hold office for a period of three years and may be eligible for re-appointment for a further and final term of three years.
- (3) A person qualifies for appointment as a chairperson or member of the Council under subsection (1)(a), (d) and (e) if the person —
- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in social work from a university recognized in Kenya;
  - (b) is a registered social work professional;
  - (c) has had at least ten years proven experience in social work; and
  - (d) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 6 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 7 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 7 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (2) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (a)—

(aa) holds a bachelor's degree in social work from a university recognized in Kenya;

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14 -agreed to

Clause 15 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 15 of the Bill be amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-clause (2);
- (b) in sub-clause (3), by deleting the word “nominated” appearing in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the word “appointed”;
- (c) by inserting the following new sub-clauses immediately after sub-clause (3) —
  - (3A) In appointing the persons under sub-section (3)(a), the Council shall give regard to the diversity of various fields of social work practice, ethnic and gender representation.
  - (3B) The Board shall determine and regulate its own procedure.
  - (3C) The members of the Board shall be paid such allowances as may be determined by the Council.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 15 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 16 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 16 of the Bill be amended by —

- (a) deleting paragraph (e); and
- (b) deleting paragraph (i).

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 16 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 17 - agreed to

Clause 18 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 18 of the Bill be amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
  - (c) has successfully undergone a prescribed certificate, diploma or degree course and has passed the appropriate examination conducted or prescribed by the Institute;
- (b) in paragraph (d) by deleting the words “degree or research course of training” and substituting therefor the words “ or degree course”.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 18 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 19 -agreed to

Clause 20 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 20 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) inserting the word “work” immediately after the words “a social” appearing in paragraph (b) ;
- (b) inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b) —
  - (ba) the firm has shareholders who are registered as social work professionals and have valid practicing certificates;

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 20 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 21 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 21 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub-clauses immediately after sub-clause (3) —

(4) Where an application for registration fails to meet the requirements specified in section 18, the Executive Director shall inform the applicant, in writing, within seven days of the decision of the Registration Committee.

(5) Within three days of receipt of the notification under sub-section (4), a person may appeal the decision to the Council.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 21 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 22 and 23 -agreed to

Clause 24 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 24(4) of the Bill be amended by inserting the words “electronic mail or” immediately after the words “removal by”.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 24 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 25,26 and 27 -agreed to

Clause 28 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 28 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (4) —

(4A) A practicing certificate shall be renewable every two years.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 28 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 29 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 29 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (1) by deleting the words “of a sexual kind” appearing in paragraph (g).

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 29 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 30 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (3) —

(4) The quorum of the Committee shall be three members.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 30 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40 and 41 -agreed to

Clause 42 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 42 of the Bill be amended by —

(a) deleting sub-clause (1) and substituting therefor the following new sub-clause—  
(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, upon commencement of this Act, appoint an Interim Council consisting of—

(a) the Principal Secretary of the Ministry for the time being responsible for social services and social protection;

(b) two persons nominated by the Kenya National Association of Social Workers’;

(c) two persons nominated by the Association of Social Work Education in Kenya;  
and

(d) two persons nominated by the Kenya Medical Social Workers Association.

(b) deleting sub-clause (2) and substituting therefor the following new sub-clause—

- (2) The members of the Interim Council shall at the first meeting of the Interim Council elect a chairperson from among the members under subsection (1)(b), (c) or (d).
- (c) inserting the following new sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (2)—  
(2A) The Interim Council shall assume the responsibilities of the Council until the first elections are held under this Act.
- (d) inserting the phrase “prescribe regulations for the conduct of the first elections of the chairperson and members of the Council” immediately after the words “Interim Council shall” appearing in sub-clause (3).
- (e) inserting the following new sub-clauses immediately after sub-clause (4)—  
(5) Despite section 18, any person who before the commencement of the Act was engaged in social work practice shall within two years after the commencement of the Act apply for registration under this Act.
- (6) After expiry of the period under sub-section (5), no person shall carry on the business or hold himself or herself out as being a social work professional except in compliance with this Act.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 42 as amended - agreed to.

Schedule - agreed to

Clause 2 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, clause 2 of the Bill be amended by—

(a) inserting the word “social” immediately after the words “social services and” appearing in the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary; and

(b) inserting the following new definition in its proper alphabetical sequence—

“social work professional” means “a person who is registered under this Act to practice social work in Kenya”.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 2 as amended - agreed to.

Title - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, the title of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “Institute of”.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Title as amended - agreed to.

Clause 1 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “Institute of”.

*(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 1 as amended - agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

**8. HOUSE RESUMED** - the Second Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

**The Institute of Social Work Professionals Bill (National Assembly No. 17 of 2023)**

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 Institute of Social Work Professionals Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 17 of 2023).

*(Hon. Joshua Kimilu)*

There being no Debate arising;

Putting of the Question deferred pursuant to Standing Order 53(3).

**9. MOTION: 001/2025 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE AND OF A POLICY ON MANDATORY USE OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BY PUBLIC OFFICERS**

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, aware that Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services; further aware that the Government committed to accelerating attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to ensure all Kenyans have access and receive essential quality health services; cognizant of the fact that in 2020, the Ministry of Health adopted the Kenya Universal Healthcare Coverage Policy 2020-2030 with the theme: Accelerating Attainment of Universal Health Coverage which is currently being implemented through the introduction of Social Health Insurance Fund; noting that there is need to increase the quality of care and services provided in the public health sector; concerned that the public health care services lack adequate funds to guarantee quality health care services; further noting that civil servants, public officers and State officers are accorded a comprehensive



medical cover by the respective government agencies; appreciating that the use of the comprehensive medical cover by public officers and State officers in public hospitals would guarantee sufficient funding for public hospitals; this House therefore resolves that, the Government through the Ministry of Health implements the Kenya Universal Healthcare Coverage Policy 2020-2030 and introduce a policy on mandatory use of public health care facilities by all civil servants, public officers and State officers in the country.

*(The Hon. Sabina Chege, M.P.)*

Debate arising;

*(Change of Chair from the Second Chairperson of Committees to the Sixth Chairperson of Committees)*

And the time being two minutes past One O'clock, the Sixth Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

**10. HOUSE ROSE -** at two minutes past One O'clock

**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on,  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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