

Fourth Session Afternoon Sitting

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AT 2.30 P.M.

- 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 to commence business, the 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—

(i) Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on its consideration of Reports of the East African Legislative Assembly at the Fourth Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifth Assembly held from 23rd June, to 4th July, 2024 in Arusha, Tanzania.

(Member (Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu), Select Committee on Regional Integration on behalf of the Chairperson)

(ii) Report of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife on its consideration of the President's Memorandum to the Wildlife Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2023).

(Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife)

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was given -

Consideration of Reports of the East African Legislative Assembly at the Fourth Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifth Assembly

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on its consideration of Reports of the East African Legislative Assembly at the Fourth Meeting of the Second Session of the Fifth Assembly, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 24th September, 2025.*

(Member (Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu), Select Committee on Regional Integration on behalf of the Chairperson)

7. STATEMENTS

a) Tributes of the House pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 259D(2)(a) The Member for Rongo (Hon. Paul Abuor) reported the demise of Hon. Dalmas Otieno, EBS, EGH, the former Member for Rongo.

b) Request for Statements pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c)

The Member for Kilifi South (Hon. Kiti Chonga) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning regarding delayed payment of pensions under the National Water Conservation and Pipeline Corporation (NWCPC) staff superannuation Scheme.

8. SPECIAL MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO FOREIGN SERVICE

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 nine (9) Nominees for Appointment as High Commissioner, Ambassadors and Consuls-General, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 23^{rd} September 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:

(i) High Commissioner-

NAME MISSION

Hon. Florence Chepngetich Bore Windhoek, Namibia

(ii) Ambassadors-

NAME MISSION

1) Amb. Anthony Mwaniki Muchiri Ankara, Turkey

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2) Amb. Lucy Kiruthu Bangkok, Thailand

3) Mr. Henry Wambuma Bujumbura, Burundi

4) Mr. Abdirashid Salat Abdille Jakarta, Indonesia

5) Amb. Joseph Musyoka Masila Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

6) Amb. Edwin Afande Vienna, Austria

(iii) Consuls-General – NAME

1) Ms. Jayne Jepkorir Toroitich Dubai, United Arab Emirates

2) Ms. Judy Kiaria Nkumiri Goma, Democratic Republic of

Congo

MISSION

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

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

9. <u>SPECIAL MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT AS</u> REGISTRAR AND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in its report on the approval hearings of nominees for appointment as Registrar and Assistant Registrar of Political Parties, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025*, and pursuant to the provisions of section 34A and paragraph 6 of the Sixth Schedule of the Political Parties Act, Cap. 7D and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, **approves** the appointment of the following persons to the Office of Registrar of Political Parties –

(i) Mr. John Cox Lorionokou - Registrar; and

(ii) Ms. Agatha Wanjiku Wahome - Assistant Registrar.

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

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

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

10. SPECIAL MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE KENYA NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (KNCHR)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in its report on the approval hearing of a nominee for appointment as Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 250(2) of the Constitution, section 11 of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Act, Cap 7I and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F, this House **approves** the appointment of **Ms. Claris Awuor Ogangah** as the Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice & Legal Affairs)

Debate arising;

Rising on a point of order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 95, the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party claimed to move "that the Mover be called upon to reply"

And the Chairperson having acceded to the claim;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

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

11. MOTION – EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Motion made and Question proposed-

AWARE THAT, the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), enacted in 2000, was designed to enhance economic development and strengthen governance in eligible Sub-Saharan African countries by granting duty-free access to the United States of America market, thereby increasing trade and investment;

RECOGNIZING THAT, AGOA has played a critical role in expanding trade, attracting investment, and creating employment, especially for low-income workers, thus fostering economic growth and social stability;

CONCERNED THAT, the current extension of the AGOA programme, which was granted in 2015, is set to expire in September 2025, posing a serious risk of

economic disruption, will cause job losses of approximately 66,000 Kenyans and many other related indirect job losses, and result in increased poverty across AGOA-dependent sectors in the Sub-Saharan region;

NOTING THAT, women comprise approximately 75% of the direct beneficiaries of AGOA, and that their incomes directly support education, healthcare, and poverty alleviation;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, AGOA has significantly boosted African exports to the United States of America, including agricultural products such as coffee, nuts, fruits, and vegetables, amounting to over USD 500 million in 2020, as well as enhancing local textile and cotton industries that have generated thousands of jobs;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING THAT, the expiration of the term of AGOA would trigger market uncertainty, deter investment, disrupt supply chains, and adversely impact both African and American businesses that rely on AGOA-linked trade;

COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT, AGOA has been greatly beneficial to the United States by supporting supply chain diversification, strengthening bilateral trade ties, and connecting United States of America businesses to opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);

APPRECIATING THAT, the continued existence of the AGOA framework would enhance the trade and investment prospects for both the United States of America and the eligible countries in Africa;

NOW THEREFORE, this House urges the Government of Kenya, in collaboration with the Government of the United States of America, to pursue an extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) for an additional sixteen (16) years, until 2041, to safeguard the economic gains, protect livelihoods, and promote long-term stability and prosperity across the African continent and in the alternative, in the case of non-renewal, there be a transition period of two (2) years to develop a trade deal that shall safeguard the businesses and job opportunities in both Kenya and the United States of America.

(Hon. Jane Kagiri)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

12. THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 34 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Peter Kaluma – On behalf of the House's General Legislative Caucus)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 23rd September 2025 resumed;

(Change of Chair from Fourth to Third Chairperson of Committees)

Mover to reply.

13. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE FIFTH REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SELECTED STATE CORPORATIONS

Order read;

Order deferred.

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order read;

Order deferred.

15. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND

Order read:

Order deferred.

16. THE PRIVATISATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

And the time being fourteen minutes to Eight O'clock, the Third Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

17. HOUSE ROSE - at fourteen minutes to Eight O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on, Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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