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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025 AT 2:30 PM

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

4. QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT

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. MESSAGES

The Speaker reported the following Message from the President-

Nomination of a person for appointment as a member of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission

"Honourable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from His Excellency the President regarding the nomination of a person for appointment as a Member of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

In the Message, **Honourable Members**, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of Article 230(2)(b) of the Constitution, section 7(10) of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission Act, Cap 412D and sections 3 and 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, CAP 7F, he has nominated **Hon.** (Eng.) Michael Thoyah Kingi for appointment as a representative of the Public Service Commission to the Salaries and Remuneration Commission. The President now seeks the approval of the nominee by the House pursuant to Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution.

Honourable Members, Standing Order 45 provides that, upon receipt of a notification of nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee for consideration. In this regard, I hereby refer the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the Curriculum Vitae, and other testimonials of the nominee to the **Departmental Committee on Labour** for consideration.

Honourable Members, it is important to note that, whereas section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F requires the Committee to which such nomination is referred to consider the matter and table a report in the House

within twenty-eight (28) days, section 7(11) of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission Act, Cap 412D provides for a shorter period, being **fourteen (14) days**.

In this regard, the Committee is expected to undertake the approval hearings and submit its report within the timeline of **fourteen (14) days** as provided for in the Salaries and Remuneration Commission Act, Cap 412D.

Honourable Members, conscious of the fact that the fourteenth day falls within a period when the House will be on short recess, I direct that the counting of days ceases during the recess period and resumes when the House first sits after the recess.

To this end, the Committee is expected to immediately commence the approval process, notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing. Thereafter, upon conclusion of the approval hearing, the Committee should table its report on **Tuesday**, **4**th **November 2025**, to enable the House to consider the matter within the prescribed statutory timelines. I thank you."

6. PAPERS

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

- (i) The Annual Public Debt Management Report for the financial Year 2024/25 from the National Treasury and Economic Planning;
- (ii) Report to Parliament on all New Loans contracted by Government from 1st May 2025 to 31st August 2025 from the National Treasury and Economic Planning; and
- (iii) Annual Report of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) for the period ended 30th June 2025.

(Deputy Majority Party Leader)

7. PETITIONS

The Speaker reported the following Petition -

Access to healthcare by cancer patients in the country

"Honourable Members, Article 119 of the Constitution accords any person the right to petition Parliament to consider any matters within its authority. Further, Standing Order 225(2) (b) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Petition other than those presented by a Member.

In this regard, Honourable Members, I wish to report to the House that my office has received a Petition from the Kenya Network of Cancer Organisation (KENCO), which represents over 70 civil society groups and thousands of cancer patients in Kenya.

Honourable Members, the Organisation is seeking to highlight systemic failures experienced through the Social Health Authority (SHA), and to call for urgent reforms in cancer care financing. Various challenges have been encountered by cancer patients through SHA in the following ways: reduced and inadequate cancer benefit packageS, bureaucratic delays and system failures, poor communication and lack of transparency, service suspensions due to pending bills, overseas treatment policy changes, underfunding of SHA funds and emotional and mental strain.

The Kenya Network of Cancer Organisation (KENCO) further contends that universal and fair health coverage remains far from reality for cancer patients. It requires urgent

reforms, otherwise cancer patients will continue to experience needless delays, overwhelming costs, and avoidable deaths.

Honourable Members, the Kenya Network of Cancer Organisation (KENCO) concludes by praying that the National Assembly—

- (i) Ensuring an enhancement of oncology benefits which were cut from Kshs. 600,000 per individual under NHIF to Kshs. 400,000 per household under SHA;
- (ii) Commissions an independent audit of SHA funds, reviewing benefit structures, creating reforms for fairness and sustainability in cancer care financing, and ensuring adequate allocation of funds to the Primary Healthcare Fund and the Emergency, Chronic and Critical Illness Fund; and
- (iii) Makes any other order or direction that it deems fit in addressing the plight of the petitioners.

Given the nature of the prayers sought by the Kenya Network of Cancer Organisation (KENCO), I hereby commit this matter to the Departmental Committee on Health for consideration, especially as the Committee is seized of similar matters. The Committee is required to consider the matters contained in the prayers of the Organisation, conduct an inquiry, and report its findings to the House and to the Petitioners. Further, the Committee will also be expected to provide policy and legislative interventions to be actualized by this House, to bring this matter which keeps recurring to closure.

As I conclude, I wish to recognise the presence of ten (10) officials of KENCO seated in the Speaker's Gallery. May I ask them to rise for the House to recognize them. I thank you."

8. STATEMENTS

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

- (i) The Member for North Horr (Hon. Adhe Wario) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding persistent conflicts facing constituents of North Horr;
- (ii) The Member for Mukurweini (Hon. John Kaguchia) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding the death of Mr. Simon Warui while in police custody;
- (iii) The Member for Turkana County (Hon. Cecilia Ngitit) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding withheld KCSE certificates for secondary school leavers;
- (iv) The Member for Wajir West (Hon. Yussuf Farah) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy regarding the Status of oil and gas exploration in Wajir County;
- (v) The Member for Kwale County (Hon. Fatuma Masito) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour regarding Employees' unpaid terminal dues & arrears by Amani Tiwi Beach Resort; and

(vi) The Member for Nandi Hills (Hon. Bernard Kitur) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding the expansion of the *Eldoret-Shamakhokho* Road.

(b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(d)—

- The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection, made a Statement on the Launch of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA) Programme.

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

(c) General Statement pursuant to Standing Order 43—

- The Member for Lamu East (Hon. Obo Ruweida Mohamed) made a Statement regarding the need for Equitable Government attention to Lamu East Constituency.

(d) Responses to Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)

- (i) The Chairperson of Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations responded to a joint Statement requested by the Members for; Embakasi West (Hon. Mark Mwenje), Garsen (Hon. Ali Wario) and North Imenti (Hon. Rahim Dawood) regarding the Inclusion of various Sub-Counties in the upcoming Kenya Defence Forces recruitment exercise;
- (ii) The Chairperson of Transport and Infrastructure responded to a Statement requested by the Members for Subukia (Hon. Samuel Gachobe) regarding the Incomplete works on *Solai-Subukia* Road (D366); and
- (iii) The Chairperson of Transport and Infrastructure responded to a Statement requested by the Members for Kipipiri (Hon. Wanjiku Muhia) regarding the Non-completion of the *Gilgil-Machinery* Road in Kipipiri Constituency.

9. RE-ORGANISATION OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40, the Deputy Speaker reorganised the sequence of business so as consideration of Order Nos. 8 (Motion on the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2025), Order No. 9 (Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2025), and Order No. 10 (Committee of the whole House) to be undertaken before reverting to Order No. 7 (Statements), followed by the subsequent Orders.

10. MOTION- REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 15 OF 2025)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2025).

(Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 15 of 2025) be now read a Third Time.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third Time and passed.

11. MOTION- REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 34 OF 2025)

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill, National Assembly Bill No. 34 of 2025.

(Leader of the Majority Party on behalf of Hon. Peter Kaluma, M.P. – On behalf of the House's General Legislative Caucus)

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed -

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

(Leader of the Majority Party on behalf of Hon. Peter Kaluma, M.P. – On behalf of the House's General Legislative Caucus)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third Time and passed.

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE PRIVATIZATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2025)

The Privatization Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2025)

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Order deferred.

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

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, this House adopts the Seventh Report of the Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture on its examination of Financial Statements of the following State Corporations, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 13th August 2025

- (i) National Syndemic Diseases Control Council (Formerly National Aids Control Council) For FY 2017/2018 to 2023/2024;
- (ii) National Social Security Fund for FY 2021/2022 to 2023/2024;
- (iii) National Cancer Institute of Kenya for FY 2019/2020 to 2023/2024; and
- (iv) Child Welfare Society of Kenya for FY 2015/2016 to 2018/2019.

(The Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration & Agriculture)

Debate arising;

Debate interrupted.

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

14. HOUSE ROSE -

at Seven O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on, Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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