



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026 AT 9.30 A.M.**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Second Chairperson of Committees.
4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the Second ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no quorum present at the expiration of ten minutes, the Second ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for a further five minutes;

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

5. **PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the House—

- a) Report of the Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity on the Approval Hearing of Nominees for Appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission.

*(Vice-Chairperson, Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity)*

6. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Approval Hearing of Nominees for Appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity in its report on the approval hearing of Nominees for Appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 250(2)(b) of the Constitution and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, this House **approves** the appointment of the following persons as Chairperson and Members of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission—

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|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1. Dr. Kepha Nyamweya Omae        | - | <b>Chairperson;</b> |
| 2. Ms. Josephine Kirion Eragae    | - | Member;             |
| 3. Mr. Joseph K. Nguyo            | - | Member;             |
| 4. Mr. Jackson Swadi Kedogo       | - | Member;             |
| 5. Dr. Samuel Mwachiro Mwawasi    | - | Member;             |
| 6. Ms. Irene Chepoisho Tulel, HSC | - | Member;             |
| 7. Mr. Hassan Billow Ahmed        | - | Member; and         |
| 8. Ms. Jerusa Mwaathime Michael   | - | Member.             |

*(Vice-Chairperson, Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity)*

**7. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(c)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the Member for Malindi (Hon. Amina Mnyazi) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding operationalization of Malindi Civil Registration Centre.

**8. PROCEDURAL MOTION –EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN BUSINESS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 40(3)**

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, this House resolves to exempt the business appearing as **Order No. 12(i)** in today's Order Paper from the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), being a Wednesday Morning, a day allocated for Business not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or Business sponsored by a committee.

*(Deputy Majority Party Whip)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

**9. THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 45 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, the Local Content Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

*(Hon. Jane Kagiri)*

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on *Tuesday, 28.04.2026*;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time and committed to the Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

**10. THE PREVENTION OF LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE THEFT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, the Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(Hon. Rahim Dawood– Co-Sponsor)*

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on *Tuesday, 28.04.2026*;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second time and committed to the Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

**11. THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND DENTISTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2026)**

(Hon. Duncan Mathenge)

Order for First Reading read;

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

**12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

The Sixth Chairperson of Committees

**(i) The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025)**

Clauses 3 and 4 - agreed to.

Clause 5 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting the proposed new paragraph (nc) and substituting therefore the following new paragraph—

“(nc) provide technical assistance to the county governments in the development of agroforestry and commercial forestry in community land.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed.

There being no 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 amended—

(a) in paragraph (a) by inserting the words “responsible for matters related to internal security” immediately after the words “The Cabinet Secretary” appearing in the proposed new subsection (1);

(b) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after the proposed new subsection (5)—

“(6) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the provisions of Part III and Part IV of the Independent Policing and Oversight Authority Act, Cap 86 shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to uniformed and disciplined officers under this Act.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

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**, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 7

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 - deleted.

Clause 8 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 8

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 8 - deleted.

Clause 9 - agreed to.

Clause 10 - amendment proposed -  
**THAT**, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the proposed New Part IIIA of the Bill by deleting the word “DIRECTOR” and substituting therefor the word “SECRETARY”;
- (b) by deleting the proposed new section 29A and substituting therefor the following new section—

Directorate.           **“29A.** (1) There is established the Directorate of Forest Regulation which shall be an office in the public service.  
 (2) The Directorate shall be headed by the Secretary of Forest Regulation.”

- (c) by inserting the following new section immediately after the proposed new section 29A—

Appointment of Secretary.           **“29AA.** (1) The Secretary of Forest Regulation shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Public Service Commission.  
 (2) A person shall be qualified to be appointed as a Secretary of Forest Regulation, if that person—  
 (a) is a citizen of Kenya;  
 (b) holds an undergraduate degree from a university recognized in Kenya;  
 (c) has a postgraduate degree in any of the following fields—  
     (i) forestry;  
     (ii) botany;  
     (iii) environment;  
     (iv) natural resources; or  
     (v) plant ecology.  
 (d) has had at least fifteen years proven experience in the relevant field; and  
 (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.”

- (d) by deleting the proposed new section 29B and substituting therefor the following new section—

Functions  
of the  
Secretary.

- “29B.** (1) The Secretary of Forest Regulation shall—
- (a) advise the Cabinet Secretary on the development of national standards, codes, procedures and guidelines for participatory forest management, forest utilisation and forestry, forest products and services, and traceability systems for forest produce;
  - (b) issue regulatory guidelines to persons and entities within the forestry sector, and make recommendations to county governments and other public bodies on forestry matters;
  - (c) monitor, inspect and audit compliance with this Act and the applicable standards in forest management and protection;
  - (d) advise and make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary, the Service, county governments and other agencies on enforcement actions, suspension, variation or revocation of licences;
  - (e) establish and coordinate a national forest compliance and enforcement framework in consultation with relevant agencies;
  - (f) register, license and regulate forest certification experts, timber graders, and such other professionals as may be prescribed by any written law;
  - (g) develop professional standards and codes of conduct for licensed professionals under this Act;
  - (h) ensure linkage of the national forestry registry with national systems, including carbon registry mechanisms under the Climate Change Act;
  - (i) develop reporting requirements for actors in the forestry sector;
  - (j) receive, review and analyse reports relating to forest-related activities;
  - (k) advise the Cabinet Secretary on regulatory risks, compliance status and corrective measures within the forestry sector;
  - (l) develop and monitor strategies for achieving and maintaining at least ten per cent tree and forest cover;
  - (m) monitor and provide regulatory oversight on ecosystem service payments, benefit-sharing mechanisms and other climate-related forestry initiatives;
  - (n) establish and maintain the National Safeguards Information System;
  - (o) receive and investigate complaints made to it by any

individual or entity with respect to any matter concerning forestry management and make recommendations to relevant authorities;

(p) prepare and publish annual reports on the state of regulation in the forestry sector and submit to the Cabinet Secretary for tabling before Parliament; and

(q) perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or provided under this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Secretary of Forest Regulation or a duly authorized officer may—

(a) issue compliance notices requiring remedial action for purposes of compliance with this Act;

(b) require any person or entity to produce records, data or information necessary for regulatory oversight;

(c) at all reasonable times enter and inspect any forestry activities in any premises or installations;

(d) conduct audits and investigations to confirm compliance with this Act and applicable standards;

(e) impose administrative sanctions to forest certification experts, timber graders, and such other professionals licensed by the Secretary;

(g) recommend to the relevant authority the suspension, variation or revocation of licenses, permits or approvals;

(h) refer any matter for prosecution to the relevant authority with respect to any offences committed under this Act; and

(j) perform such other acts as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the Directorate.”

(e) in the proposed new section 29C by—

(i) deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”; and

(ii) deleting the words “office of the Director” appearing in subsection (2) and substituting therefor the word “Directorate”;

(f) in the proposed new section 29D by deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”;

(g) in the proposed new section 29E by deleting the word “Director” appearing in subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “Secretary”; and

(h) in the proposed new section 29I by—

(a) deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(g) three other persons appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, out of whom—

- (i) one shall be nominated by the Forestry Society of Kenya;
- (ii) one shall be a member of a registered community forest association; and
- (iii) one shall represent the forest industry;”

- (i) in the proposed new section 29N by deleting paragraph (f);
- (j) in the proposed new section 29S(2) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a) possesses a Doctorate degree in any of the following fields—

- (i) forestry;
- (ii) botany;
- (iii) environmental studies;
- (iv) natural resources;
- (v) public administration;
- (vi) economics;
- (vii) strategic management; or
- (viii) plant ecology.

(k) by deleting the proposed new section 29T; and

(l) in the proposed new section 29W by deleting the word “Parliament” appearing in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the words “the National Assembly”  
*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 10 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 11 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 11 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment of section 42 of Cap.385	<b>11.</b> The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (3)— (4) A person responsible for a public forest or community forest shall designate specific areas of the forest as buffer zones to reduce negative edge effects and enhance ecosystem services.
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*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 11 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 12 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, clause 12 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new section 43A by inserting the words “relevant lead agencies” immediately after the words “collaboration with” appearing in subsection (2).

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 12 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 13 - agreed to.

Clause 14 - amendment proposed -

**THAT** the Bill be amended by deleting clause 14 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment **14.** The principal Act is amended by deleting Section 55 and of section substituting thereof the following new section—

55 of  
Cap.385

Tree  
growing  
initiatives.

**“55.** The Cabinet Secretary shall plan and execute programmes necessary for observing tree growing initiatives and other international forest events.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 14 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 15 - amendment proposed -

**THAT** Clause 15 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

(c) the provisions of subsection (2)(da) and (db) shall not apply to private forests.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 15 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 16 and 17 - agreed to.

Clause 18 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 18 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a).

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** the Bill be amended by deleting clause 20 and substituting therefor the following new clause —

Amendment  
of  
Section  
71 of  
Cap 385.

**“20.** Section 71 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

(1)The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations necessary for the carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

(b)in subsection (2) by inserting the following new

- paragraphs immediately after paragraph (t)—
- (u) management of forest carbon including the Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation nesting;
  - (v) nursery certification, seed and seedling standards;
  - (w) forest data, research, and information management systems;
  - (x) the framework for awarding an inventor or innovator by the Institute;
  - (y) agroforestry and farm forestry systems; and
  - (z) buffer zones and boundary tree planting.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 20 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 - agreed to.

### **New Clause 5A**

**THAT** the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 5—

<p>Amendment of section 9 of Cap 385.</p>	<p><b>“5A.</b> Section 9 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “nominated by a national body representing” appearing in paragraph (g)(ii) and substituting therefor the words “a representative of a registered community forest association;”</p>
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*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT,** New Clause 5A be Read a Second Time;

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT**, New Clause 5A be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5A - agreed to.

**New Clause 5B**

**THAT** the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 5—

Amendment of section 14 of Cap 385.	<p><b>“5B.</b> Section 14 of the principal Act is amended in subsection (2) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—</p> <p>(c) has a master’s degree in any of the following fields—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) forestry;</li> <li>(ii) natural resource management;</li> <li>(iii) environmental studies;</li> <li>(iv) strategic management;</li> <li>(v) law;</li> <li>(vi) economics; or</li> <li>(vii) public administration.”</li> </ul>
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*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT**, New Clause 5B be Read a Second Time;

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT**, New Clause 5B be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 5B - agreed to.

**New Clause 16A**

**THAT** the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 16—

Amendment  
of section  
59 of Cap  
385.

**“16A.** Section 59 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

(2) Any person authorized by the Cabinet Secretary to operate as a timber grader or valuer immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue operating as a timber grader or valuer and shall be deemed to have been authorized by the Secretary of Forest Regulation upon commencement of this Act.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT,** New Clause 16A be Read a Second Time;

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT,** New Clause 16A be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 16A - agreed to.

**New Clause 20A**

**THAT** the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 20—

Amendment  
of  
section  
72 of  
Cap 385.

**“20A.** Section 72 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2)—

(3) The Chief Conservator of Forests shall, on a quarterly basis, submit to the Secretary of Forest Regulation copies of the registers of forest management and conservation activities specified in subsection (1).”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT**, New Clause 20A be Read a Second Time;

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed;

**THAT**, New Clause 20A be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

New Clause 20A - agreed to.

Clause 2 - amendment proposed -

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

(a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the definition of the term “indigenous forest”;

(b) in paragraph (c) by—

- (i) deleting the definition of the term “biodiversity hotspot”;
- (ii) deleting the definition of the term “forest reference level”;
- (iii) deleting the definition of the term “forest technology”;
- (iv) deleting the definition of the term “natural capital accounting”;
- (v) deleting the definition of the term “tree canopy cover”;
- (vi) deleting the definition of the term “watershed”;
- (vii) deleting the definition of the term “water tower”;
- (viii) deleting the definition of the term “ecosystem services” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“ecosystem services” means the benefits humans obtain from natural ecosystems, arising from interactions between living organisms and their environment and include the habitat for biodiversity, provision of essential resources like food and water, the regulation of environmental conditions such as climate and water quality, the support of life-sustaining processes like nutrient cycling and soil formation, tourism services such as recreation, hiking and aesthetic enjoyment and cultural benefits including rites of passage, prayers and other cultural activities; and

(ix) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence —

“buffer zone” means a designated transition area of vegetation not exceeding one hundred metres wide separating a forest from other land use types intended to reduce external pressures and protect forest areas;

“National Safeguards Information System” means a mechanism used to collect, monitor, and report how environmental and social standards are implemented in

forest-related activities ensuring the protection of biodiversity, ecosystems, and the rights and livelihoods of local and indigenous communities;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of Forest Regulation provided in section 29B; and

“timber grading” means the process of classifying wood based on its quality, strength, and appearance according to established regulations made under this Act;”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 2 as amended - agreed to;

Title - agreed to.

Clause 1 - agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

**(ii) The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023)**

Clause 2 - amendment proposed-

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 2.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Proposed amendment withdrawn.

Clause 2 - agreed to.

Title - agreed to.

Clause 1 - amendment proposed-

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 1.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Proposed amendment withdrawn.

Clause 1 - agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendments.

**(iii) The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2023)**

Consideration of Bill deferred.

**(iv) The Agricultural and Livestock Extension Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2022)**

Consideration of Bill deferred.

**13. HOUSE RESUMED** - the Deputy Speaker in the Chair

**(i) Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.38 of 2025)**

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 Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.38 of 2025).

*(Deputy Majority Whip)*

No debate arising;

Question deferred.

**(ii) The Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023)**

Bill reported without 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 Crops (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2023).

*(Hon. Kassim Tandaza)*

No debate arising;

Question deferred.

**13. THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2024)**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**14.MOTION: 003/2025 –SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND VALORIZATION OF ORGANIC WASTE FROM AVOCADO PROCESSING**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**15.THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**16.THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 62 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**17.MOTION: 001/2026 –MANDATORY GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING PROGRAMME IN ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KENYA**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**18.MOTION: 002/2026 – POLICY TO DEVELOP A STRUCTURED ENGAGEMENT OF NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE GRADUATES AS SECURITY OFFICERS IN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS**

Order read;

Order deferred.

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

**19.THE MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25 OF 2025)**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**20. THE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 25 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Pensions (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 25 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

*(Hon. Tandaza Sawa)*

There being no debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders (53) (3).

**21. MOTION: 003/2026 – FORMULATION OF A POLICY ON POWER SUBSIDIES FOR EXPORT-ORIENTED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**22. MOTION: 004/2026 – MOTION TO OUTLAW DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN LEARNING INSTITUTIONS THAT IMPEDE ACCESS TO BASIC EDUCATION**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, aware that, Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education and Article 21(2) obligates the State to take legislative and policy measures to ensure the progressive realisation of socio-economic rights which includes the right to education under Article 43(1)(f); **further aware that**, the Basic Education Act, Cap. 211, obligates the State and school administrators to ensure equitable access, retention and completion in basic education, and prohibits administrative barriers that exclude learners; **noting that**, the Children Act, Cap. 141, requires the best interests of the child to be the primary consideration in all actions concerning children, including in education; **recognising**, Kenya's international and regional obligations under Articles 2 and 28 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Convention against Discrimination in Education, which require States to ensure education is accessible, non-discriminatory, and free from economic or social barriers; **concerned that**, certain administrative practices in schools, particularly compulsory sourcing of uniforms from designated outlets, exclusion of learners for inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial class charges or other non-statutory levies, have the effect of imposing economic and

administrative barriers and in some instances creating possible avenues for abuse of office and improper financial benefit; now therefore, **this House resolves that:**

- (i) All basic education institutions shall allow purchase of school uniforms from the open market, as long as they generally conform to the school design and standards and further that any attempt to monopolise, control or otherwise influence the supply of school uniforms is unlawful;
- (ii) All learners shall have uninterrupted access to school regardless of inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial charges, development levies or any other charges not expressly provided for under the Basic Education Act or any other regulation approved by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education;
- (iii) The Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education, in consultation with the Teachers Service Commission, shall within ninety (90) days:
  - i. develop a comprehensive regulatory and enforcement framework, including monitoring mechanisms, a complaints & redress system for parents and learners, as well as a nationwide public awareness programme to ensure full compliance; and
  - ii. provide that any person or institution, action or policy that violates this resolution shall be subject to disciplinary action under the relevant statutes including the Teachers Service Commission Act, the Basic Education Act, the Children Act and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act.

*(Hon. Duncan Mathenge)*

Debate arising;

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

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

23. **HOUSE ROSE** - at two minutes past one O'clock

**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 2.30pm

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