

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

- 1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock
- 2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
- 3. Presiding the Speaker

4. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON AMENDMENTS TO BILLS AT COMMITTEE</u> <u>STAGE</u>

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication -

"Honourable Members,

In the recent past, a trend has developed where Members submit amendments to Bills just before the House moves to Committee Stage. In some instances, this has introduced new perspectives to the Bills thereby opening up debate. Indeed, I have had complaints from some Members who have felt that the House is being ambushed with new amendments to Bills and for which a decision is required. Further, we have had to delay consideration of some Bills as Members file their proposed amendments late, a case in point being the Community Land Bill. It is therefore imperative that this process be aligned with our Standing Orders.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 133 guides the procedure in Committee of the Whole House on a Bill. In particular, paragraph (2) states, and I quote;

"(2) No amendment shall be moved to any part of a Bill by any Member, other than the Member in charge of the Bill, unless written notification of the amendment shall have been given to the Clerk twenty-four hours before the commencement of the sitting at which that part of the Bill is considered in Committee."

Hon. Members, going forward and for the good order during Committee of the Whole House, the following guidelines will be strictly adhered to:-

(No.028)

- (i) All proposed amendments to Bills should be submitted at least 24-hours before commencement of consideration of that specific Bill as per the Standing Orders;
- (ii) Amendments for which no notice has been given will not be allowed nor circulated except as approved by the Speaker prior to the consideration of the Bill in the Committee of the Whole House;
- (iii) Debate shall not be reopened during Committee Stage save for two or three Members speaking only for or against the proposed specific clause and/or proposed amendments thereto before the Chair puts the Question; and
- (iv) The provisions of Standing Order 133 will be observed in totality to the extent stated above.

I thank you".

5. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table -

- (a) The Reports of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements in respect of the following institutions for the year ended 30th June, 2015 and the certificates therein:-
 - (i) Kenya Institute of Special Education;
 - (ii) National Industrial Training Authority;
 - (iii) Higher Education Loans Board;
 - (iv) National AIDS Control Council;
 - (v) Government Press Fund;
 - (vi) State Department of Interior Revenue Statement;
 - (vii) Kenya Maritime Authority;
 - (viii) Kenya Energy Sector Environment and Social Responsibility Programme Fund;
 - (ix) Kenya Film Commission; and
 - (x) Insurance Regulatory Authority.
- (b) The Reports on the Financial Statements of the Kenya Roads Board (Operations) and the Kenya Roads Board Fund for the Year ended 30th June, 2015 and the certificates therein.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

(c) The Report of the Liaison Committee on its consideration of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2016.

(Hon. Moses Cheboi – First Chairperson of Committees)

6. THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.38 OF 2015)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.38 of 2015) be now Read a Second Time

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Third Chairperson interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House <u>without</u> Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. HOUSE ROSE - at thirty minutes past Six O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 9.30 a.m.

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