

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018

- 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 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY</u> ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication -

"Honourable Members,

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is an international community of Commonwealth parliaments working together to deepen the Commonwealth's commitment to the highest standards of democratic governance. The Association connects parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from over 180 national, state, provincial and territorial parliaments and legislatures across the Commonwealth through its network. Members of the legislature in which a branch is formed are entitled to become Members of that branch or life members after paying a modest annual fee. Every branch is autonomous and has an Executive Committee elected annually by Members and is usually representatives of all main parties. The Association also has other organs such as the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) elected or nominated by Members.

Having said that, and in keeping with the requirement of Rule 21 of the CPA Kenya Branch Rules, I wish to notify you that there will be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the CPA-Kenya Branch on Thursday, 21st June, 2018, in the National Assembly Chamber starting at 10.00 a.m., comprising of all Members of Parliament. All Members are invited to this inaugural meeting of the Branch. I have requested the branch secretary to circulate the agenda of the AGM, a brief on the CPA, the list of positions which require to be filled and any other related documents by close of business by Monday, 18th June, 2018. Additionally, Hon. Members are requested to register as CPA Members with the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly - who is the Branch Secretary - on or before 9 a.m. on Thursday, 21st June, 2018. Registration forms will be available at the main reception, Main Parliament Buildings from Monday next week. Thank you".

5. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table -

- (a) Bilateral Air Services Agreements between Kenya and Jordan, Kenya and Jamaica and Kenya and Bahamas and the Protocol amending the Bilateral Air Services Agreement between Kenya and Turkey and the Cabinet Memorandum.
- (b) The Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 30th June, 2017, and the certificates therein: -
 - (i) Kenya Technical Training College;
 - (ii) State Department for Correctional Services;
 - (iii) State Department of University Education Vote 1065;
 - (iv) Mechanical and Transport Fund State Department of Infrastructure;
 - (v) National Humanitarian Fund;
 - (vi) National Quality Control Laboratory; and,
 - (vii) Mount Elgon Lodge Limited.
- (c) The Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Constituencies for the year ended 30th June, 2016 and the certificates therein: -
 - (i) Malava Constituency;
 - (ii) Matungu Constituency;
 - (iii) Vihiga Constituency;
 - (iv) Emuhaya Constituency;
 - (v) Shinyalu Constituency;
 - (vi) Luanda Constituency; and,
 - (vii) Kimilili Constituency.

(Majority Party Whip)

(d) The Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2018 (Senate Bill No.11 of 2018).

(Vice-Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

- (e) Reports of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on:
 - (i) The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Plenary Sessions held on 13th to 16th March, 2018 in Arusha, Tanzania;
 - (ii) The East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Plenary Sessions held on 17th to 25th April 2018 in Dodoma, Tanzania;
 - (iii) The Inspection visit to the Isebania one stop border post in Migori County from 22nd to 25th March 2018; and
 - (iv) Consideration of the EAC Bills and the Protocol on Cooperation of Meteorological Services.

(Chairperson, Committee on Regional Integration)

6. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices were given -

- (i) **THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Plenary Sessions held on 13th to 16th March, 2018 in Arusha, Tanzania, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 14th June, 2018;
- (ii) **THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) Plenary Sessions held on 17th to 25th April 2018 in Dodoma, Tanzania, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 14th June 2018;
- (iii) **THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on the Inspection visit to the Isibania one stop border post in Migori County on 22nd to 25th March 2018, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 14th June, 2018; and
- (iv) **THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on consideration of the EAC Bills and the Protocol on Cooperation of Meteorological Services, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 14th June 2018.

(Chairperson, Committee on Regional Integration)

7. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)

Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Majority Party Whip issued a Statement regarding the Business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

8. THE TAX LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11 OF 2018)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No.11 of 2018) be now read a Second Time

(Deputy Majority Whip)

Debate arising;

The Speaker interrupted the proceedings in order to allow the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to present the Budget Highlights for the FY 2018/2019 and the Medium Term.

9. PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018/2019 AND THE MEDIUM TERM

The Speaker made the following communication and thereupon invited the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to address the House:-

"Honourable Members,

As you are aware, yesterday Wednesday 13th, June, 2018, this House concluded a fairly taxing and meticulous process of allocating funds to various Votes in the national government comprising of the Executive, the Judiciary and Parliament to finance their respective programmes during the year ending 30th June, 2019. That is a process that is commonly referred to as "the Committee of Supply" in most commonwealth legislatures.

Honourable Members,

The conclusion of the Supply process is followed by a public pronouncement of the policy highlights contained in the approved Budget. More importantly, the pronouncement also includes the revenue raising measures proposed by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to support that Budget.

Honourable Members,

Section 40(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 as read together with Standing Order 244C requires that, "Each financial year, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury shall, with the approval of Cabinet, make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government."

Further, Standing Order 25A(a) relating to designation of a place in the chamber for cabinet secretaries and other persons provides that "The Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber or at the bar of the House for the cabinet secretary responsible for finance to make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government as contemplated under the Public Finance Management Act."

In this regard, Hon. Members and in fulfillment of the requirements of the law and our Standing Orders, I have designated a suitable place in the Chamber, to the right of the Speaker's seat and adjacent to the public servants' benches to enable the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to also discharge his obligation in compliance with the law.

Honourable Members,

I now invite Mr. Henry Rotich, Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury to proceed and make pronouncement of the Budget Policy Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

Cabinet Secretary, you may proceed!"

Thereupon, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury made the public pronouncement of the budget highlights and revenue raising measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2018/2019 and the Medium Term.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

The Speaker gave the following guidance and thereupon adjourned the House:-

"Honourable Members,

I wish to thank the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury for having ably made his public pronouncement of the Budget highlights and the various revenue raising measures for the national Government for the Financial Year 2018/2019 and the Medium Term.

I also wish to confirm that, in conformity with the provisions of Standing Order No.244(c), the Cabinet Secretary, as you have noticed the departure from the past, has submitted here in the Plenary the various documents, among them the proposed Finance Bill, 2018 and other legislative proposals necessary to actualise the revenue raising measures for the national Government for the said period.

Honourable Members,

It is now my pleasure to invite all Honourable Members, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, other Cabinet Secretaries and all other invited guests to a reception at the Parliament Yard hereafter. Since tomorrow is a public holiday to mark *Eid-ul-Fitr*, I must also, in keeping with my tradition, wish all our Muslim brothers and sisters a Happy *Eid Mubarak*!"

And the time being twenty minutes past Five O'clock, the Speaker adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

11. **HOUSE ROSE** - at twenty minutes past Five O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.