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REPUBLIC OF KENYA**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION****THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2022**

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Speaker
4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communication -

Postponement of Elections of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of certain Committees

Honourable Members, I wish to inform the House that yesterday, 1st November 2022, I received two letters relating to the ongoing elections of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of Committees. The first letter is from the Leader of the Minority Party, the Hon. Opiyo Wandayi, CBS, MP while the second letter is by the Member for Kipipiri, the Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP.

In his letter, the Leader of the Minority Party sought postponement of elections of Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and the Departmental Committee on Energy from Thursday, 3rd November 2022 to Friday, 10th November 2022. The deferment is informed by the need to re-organize membership of committees in line with Standing Order 174 in view of vacancies arising from the elections of chairpersons and vice chairpersons of Departmental Committees.

Honourable Members, on her part, the Member for Kipipiri, the Hon. Wanjiku Muhia, MP notified that she is a Member of the Select Committee on Regional Integration and will be vying for the position of Chairperson in the elections scheduled to take place on Friday, 4th November 2022. She was concerned that the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Elections of EALA, which she Co-Chairs would retreating in Mombasa from Friday, 3rd November 2022 to consider matters with statutory timelines and that would disenfranchise her if the elections proceeded as scheduled. The Member therefore sought my indulgence to reschedule the elections

from Friday 4th to Thursday 3rd November 2022 in order to enable her to participate in the elections and thereafter proceed to Mombasa.

Honourable Members, I have since acceded to both requests by the Leader of the Majority Party and the Hon. Wanjiku Muhia.

In this regard, the election of the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee on Regional Integration is rescheduled to tomorrow, Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 3.30pm and that of the Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and the Departmental Committee on Energy stands deferred to Friday, 10th November 2022. The House is accordingly guided. I thank you!

5. HOJA - KUBUNIWA KWA BARAZA LA KISWAHILI LA KENYA

Hoja ikiwa ilitolewa na kupendekezwa -

KWAMBA, tukitambua Kifungu cha 7 cha Katiba ya Kenya kinabainisha Kiswahili kuwa lugha pekee ya kitaifa, na pia lugha rasmi pamoja na Kiingereza, na aidha kwamba Serikali ina wajibu wa kulinda, kuendeleza na kukuza matumizi ya lugha za kiasili za watu wa Kenya; **KUWA** Vifungu vya 119 na 137 vya Mkataba wa Uanzilishi wa Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki vinawajibisha dola za Afrika Mashariki kustawisha na kuendeleza Kiswahili kama lugha ya mshikamano wa nchi wanachama; **KWAMBA** Mkutano wa 21 wa Marais wa nchi za Afrika Mashariki uliridhia Kiswahili kuwa moja ya lugha rasmi za Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki na kuwajibisha Tume ya Kiswahili Afrika Mashariki (East African Kiswahili Commission) kuwezesha kukoleza matumizi ya Kiswahili katika kanda hii; na **KWAMBA** Kiswahili ni moja ya lugha rasmi za Umoja wa Afrika, na kwamba Umoja wa Mataifa kupitia UNESCO umetenga kila Julai 7 kuwa Siku ya Kiswahili duniani; **TUKIFAHAMU** nchi ya Tanzania iliunda Baraza la Kiswahili la Taifa (BAKITA) mwaka wa 1967 na Zanzibar ikaanzisha Bazara la Kiswahili la Zanzibar (BAKIZA) mwaka wa 2004 kwa madhumuni ya kukuza, kuimarisha na kuendeleza Kiswahili eneo la Tanzania bara pamoja visiwa vya Zanzibar; **IKIFAHAMIKA** Kiswahili ni lugha asili kwa jamii za Mkoa wa Pwani nchini Kenya na pia Wakenya wengi ni wazungumzaji kwa Kiswahili; **TUKIJUA** lugha ya Kiingereza ina nguvu sana katika mawasiliano rasmi na hivyo kuchangia kudhoofika kwa lugha yetu ya Kiswahili; **TUKITAMBUA** uamuzi wa mkutano wa tatu wa Baraza la Mawaziri wa Kenya uliofanyika tarehe 14 Agosti 2018 uliodhinisha kubuniwa kwa Baraza la Kiswahili la Kenya kulingana na Kifungu cha 137 cha Mkataba wa Uanzilishi wa Jumuiya ya Afrika Mashariki haujatekelezwa; **BUNGE** hili linahimiza Serikali Kuu kupitia Wizara ya Michezo, Utamaduni na Mirathi, kwa ushirikiano na vyombo vya kitaifa na vya kibinafsi vinavyohusika na uboreshaji wa lugha ya Kiswahili kuanzisha rasmi Baraza la Kiswahili la Kenya na kuzindua mikakati, mbinu na sera mahususi zinazohitajika kukuza na kuendeleza lugha ya Kiswahili.

(Mhe. Yusuf Hassan, M.B.- Kamati ya Kiidara ya Michezo, Utamaduni na Utalii)

Mjadala ukiwa ulikamilika na Mtoa Hoja kuihitimisha Hoja mnamo Jumatano, Novemba tarehe 2, 2022 kwenye Kikao cha asubuhi;

Hoja ilitolewa kuamuliwa na **ikapitishwa**.

6. **MOTION – ADOPTION OF SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3 ON THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, this House adopts Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2021 on the National Action plan on Business and Human Rights, laid on the Table of the House on 21st September, 2021.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Rising in his place, the Member for Endebess (Hon. Robert Pukose) claimed to move that debate be now adjourned;

And the Speaker having acceded to the claim;

Debate on the Motion was adjourned to another day.

7. **STATEMENTS ON THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 114 (7A)**

PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 114(7A), the Speaker accorded an opportunity to the Member for Gichugu (The Hon. Gichimu Githinji) and the Member for Matungulu (The Hon. Stephen Mule) to make statements on the Legislative Proposal to amend the Constitution to entrench the National Government Constituencies Development Fund, the National Government Affirmative Action Fund, the Senate Oversight Fund, and the Economic Stimulus and Empowerment Fund in the Constitution.

The Speaker allowed Members to make general comments on the Legislative Proposal.

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

(Change of Chair from the Third to the Fifth Chairperson of Committees)

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

8. **HOUSE ROSE** - at four minutes past Seven O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on-
Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 2.30 p.m.

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