



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIRST SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022**

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

4. **PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table –

The Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its consideration on the request by the National Executive regarding deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces to the East Africa Community Regional Force – Democratic Republic of Congo.

*(Chairperson, Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)*

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The following Notice of Motion was given-

THAT, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations in its Report on the Request by the National Executive regarding the deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces to the East Africa Community Regional Force to the Democratic Republic of Congo, laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 9th November, 2022, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 240(8)(a) of the Constitution and sections 18(c) and 36(2)(a) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act, 2012, this House approves the deployment of Kenya Defence Forces personnel to the East Africa Community Regional Force to the Democratic Republic of Congo for peace-keeping operations.

*(Chairperson, Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)*

**6. THE SUGAR BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 34 OF 2022)**

(The Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and referred to the relevant Departmental Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(2).

**7. MOTION – EMPOWERMENT OF ARTISANS BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that there are many talents amongst the youth of this country; noting that these talents have been severally displayed through various inventions and also innovations by the artisans in platforms such as the Annual Youth Innovation Week and profiled on social media; concerned, that most of these innovations and artworks do not go beyond making sensational stories in their localities, local dailies and social media mentions; noting that most of these innovations and artworks are crucial in ideas promotion, intellectual development and at creating employment and addressing the problems that affect us as Kenyans on a daily basis; Concerned that there is inadequate support and administrative measures to support the artisans; Cognizant of the fact that the Kenya Vision 2030 seeks to make our country an industrialized middle-income economy in the next nine (9) years; aware of the immense potential for wealth creation and job opportunities through our own local production generated if well-developed and commercialized; also recognizing that our imports are well in excess of Kshs.2 billion shillings and most of these imports are not relevant to the Kenyan market, noting that homegrown technology would be region sensitive and appropriate for the environment, social economic dynamic and suitable for our utility; Further concerned that most of these artisans lack appropriate technology, skills, capital and tools; this House resolves that the National Government through the relevant Ministry formulates a policy ring-fencing two per cent (2%) of the monies allocated under the National Government Constituencies Fund and UWEZO Fund for the purposes of equipping artisans with the necessary skill, technology and tools.

Debate Arising

Rising in his place on a Point of Order, pursuant to provision of Standing Orders 97, the Member for Endebess Constituency (Hon. (Dr) Robert Pukose) moved a Motion to limit the speaking time to the a maximum of five (5) minutes for any Member speaking in respect to the Motion on Empowerment of Artisans by the National Government.

Question proposed.

Question to the Motion on limitation of speaking time put and agreed to.

Resumption of Debate

Change of Chair from Deputy Speaker to the Second Chairperson of Committees

Mover Replied

Question Deferred

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Change of Chair from the Second Chairperson of Committees to Sixth Chairperson of Committees.

**8. MOTION – DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED NATIONAL POLICY ON SMALL AND MICRO-ENTERPRISES**

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, aware that Kenya’s economy is largely driven by the informal sector spearheaded by entrepreneurs presenting themselves in form of Small and Micro-Enterprises (SMEs); concerned that the informal sector popularly known as the *Jua Kali* has different segments and categories spread out in value chains ranging from agriculture, trade, manufacturing, apparels, IT, transport, the creative economy, education among others; recognizing that, there is need to improve coordination of SMEs through development of an all-inclusive well-structured delivery platform that encompasses multiple solutions and all key stakeholders; noting that this sector has a potential to create employment opportunities to over eighty (80) percent of Kenya’s working population; further noting that these SMEs have the capacity to leapfrog our nation to a middle-income economy as witnessed in other economies around the world; recalling that strong and consistent commitment and political goodwill can deliver the needed growth for the realization of steady and sustainable economic growth; concerned that previous support by the government to this sector has merely been a knee-jerk reaction in form of skewed funding and tokenism; cognizant that there exist no unified national policy or legislation in support of the sector and SMEs across the entire value chain; now therefore, this House resolves that the National Government develops a unified National Policy on Small and Micro-Enterprises (SMEs) detailing recognition, funding, mentoring, expansion, restructuring and marketing of the SMEs products.

Debate arising;

And the time being One O’clock, the Sixth Chairperson of Committees interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

**9. HOUSE ROSE - at One O’clock**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

The Speaker will take the Chair on-  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.

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