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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - SECOND SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 (MORNING SITTING)

- 1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock in the morning
- 2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
- 3. **Presiding -** Hon. Gladys B. Shollei, MGH, MP (Deputy Speaker)

4. **LACK OF QUORUM**

There being no Quorum present to commence business, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for Ten minutes;

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

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communications -

"Honourable Members,

We have with us today in the Speaker's Gallery the following students from Regis School Runda:

- 1) Esther Oyoo;
- 2) Ashley Wanjira; and
- 3) Michelle Kago.

Honourable Members, the students are in the National Assembly for one week as part of the Job Shadowing Programme which the school undertakes in various institutions during the school holidays.

Honourable Members, on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I wish them fruitful engagements during the course of their Programme.

I thank you!

Honourable Members,

I wish to introduce to you the President of the Pan-African Parliament, the Rt. Hon. Chief Fortune Zephania Charumbira, who is seated in the Speaker's Row. He is accompanied by Mr. Daniel Bucuane, a Protocol Officer.

Honourable Members, the President is in the country to enhance collaboration between the Regional Parliament, our Parliament and the National Executive.

Honourable Members, on my own behalf and that of the House, I wish to welcome him to the National Assembly and wish him fruitful engagements during his stay in the Country.

I thank you!"

The Deputy Speaker thereafter allowed for comments from Members on the visit of the President of the Pan-African Parliament.

6. **PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the House-

- (i) Report of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements on Kenya Institute of Supplies Management for the year ended 31 December, 2020;
- (ii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 2021;
 - a) Kenya Institute of Supplies Management; and
 - b) Kenya Seed Company Limited and its Subsidiaries.
- (iii) Annual Report and Financial Statements on Salaries and Remuneration Commission for the Financial Year ended 30 June, 2022;
- (iv) Annual Report and Financial Statements on Kenya Power & Lighting Company for the year ended 30th June, 2022;
- (v) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements in respect of the following Institutions for the year ended 30th June 2022:
 - a) Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) Staff Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
 - b) Annual Corporate;
 - c) Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihood Window (EU Grant No.2000000623, Grant No.2000001522, Grant No.2000003493, Grant No.2000001122 and IFAD Loan No.2000001121) State Department for Crop Development and Agricultural Research;
 - d) Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board;
 - e) East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project (EASTRIP) IDA Loan Credit No. 6334-KE Ministry of Education State Department for Vocational and Technical Training;
 - f) East Africa Public Health Laboratory Networking (EAPHLN) Project Credit No.4732-KE Kenya Medical Supplies Authority;
 - g) Nursing Council of Kenya;
 - h) Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists' Council;
 - i) National Communications Secretariat;
 - j) Policyholders Compensation Fund;
 - k) Kenya Institute of Special Education;
 - 1) Veterinary Medicines Directorate Council;
 - m) Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology Noodles Limited;
 - n) The Export Processing Zones Authority;
 - o) Numerical Machining Complex Limited;
 - p) Kenya Investment Authority;
 - q) Kenya Industrial Estates Limited;
 - r) Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS);
 - s) Nuclear Power and Energy Agency;

- t) Unclaimed Assets Trust Fund Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority;
- u) Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority;
- v) Staff House Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme Unclaimed Financial Assets Authority
- w) State Corporations Appeal Tribunal;
- x) Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board;
- y) Kenya institute of Supplies Examination Board; and
- z) Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee.
- (vi) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Response to floods in Kenya by the State Department for Internal Security and National Administration and State Department for the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands and Regional Development for March 2023; and
- (vii) Performance Audit Report of the Auditor-General on Implementation of the Kenya Towns Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation for March 2023.

(Deputy Majority Whip)

Report of the Departmental Committee on Labour on its consideration of the Public Service (Values and Principles) (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 46 of 2022).

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

7. QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked -

(a) Question No.163/2023 by the Member for Suba South (Hon. Caroli Omondi, MP) regarding the deficit of teachers in both primary and secondary schools in Homa Bay, Migori, Kisumu, Siaya and Kakamega Counties.

(To be replied before the Departmental Committee on Education)

(b) Question No.164/2023 by the Member for Nakuru Town East (Hon. David Gikaria, MP) on why some teachers in schools within Nakuru Town East Sub-County are yet to be paid enhanced house allowances.

(To be replied before the Departmental Committee on Education)

(c) Question No.165/2023 by the Member for Tharaka (Hon. George Murugara, MP) on reasons for the inordinate delay to publish a Report and its findings and recommendations on the *Tunyai* 'B' Adjudication Scheme (*Gakurungu* Land Petition) to the public.

(To be replied before the Departmental Committee on Lands)

8. MOTION - REGULATION OF THE BETTING INDUSTRY

Motion as amended made and Question proposed-

THAT, aware that, the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act, Cap 131 Laws of Kenya provides for the regulation of the gambling industry including the control of betting, lotteries and gaming in the country; further aware that, there is an emerging trend of media houses offering their audiences platforms to participate in betting through lotterystyle games, trivia shows, polls, contests and other SMS based gaming; concerned that the trend was initially perceived as a harmless form of entertainment and audience engagement but has since developed into a problem within our communities leading to many Kenyans getting addicted to this form of gambling and that has led to lots of loss; further concerned that, there are numerous negative effects of this trend including financial ruin, family breakups, high truancy in schools resulting in high school dropout rates and in some cases, suicide; noting that, these games target individuals who can least afford to lose money, mainly the elderly, the youth and low- income earners; cognizant that the Government has the responsibility of protecting citizens from negative social trends including gambling and that the proliferation of these games is a violation of the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act; now therefore, this House urges the National Government through the relevant Ministries and agencies to -

- (i) regulate the running of lotteries and any other forms of betting disguised as polls, contests and other SMS-based gaming by media houses; and
- (ii) ensure strict operationalization of the Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Act and increase control and oversight of the betting industry.

(*Hon. Duncan Mathenge, MP – 19.04.2023*)

Question deferred.

9. <u>THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL</u> (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 43 OF 2022)

Motion made and Question proposed:-

THAT, the National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 43 of 2022) be read a Second Time.

(The Hon. Simon King'ara, M.P.)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 resumed;

(Change of Chair from the Hon. Gladys B. Shollei, MGH, MP (Deputy Speaker) to Hon. (Dr.) Rachel Nyamai, M.P.Sixth Chairperson of Committees)

Mover Replied

Question **Deferred**.

10. THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) (No. 2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 42 OF 2022

Motion made and Question proposed -

THAT, the Health (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 42 of 2022) be read a Second Time.

(The Hon. Didmus Barasa, M.P.)

Debate arising;

Debate to resume;

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

11. **HOUSE ROSE** - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair-Today, Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 2.30pm

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