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Speaker asserts place of public participation in legislation

Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula has stressed the role of public participation in legislation.

Hon. (Dr.) Wetang'ula said the process is an extremely critical ingredient in the generation of constitutional compliant laws.



The Speaker made these remarks while delivering a ruling regarding the constitutionality of certain provisions of the National Government Administration Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

He sought to address among others; a concern raised by Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Oundo (Funyula) who had argued that whenever a Bill is listed in the Order Paper for Second Reading, it ought to be exclusively what should be before the House for debate and not the Report of the relevant Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Oundo had argued that a report of a Committee of the House on a Bill is inconsequential to the legislative processes, to the extent that what is ordinarily debated is the Bill and not the report.

However, Speaker Wetang'ula sought to underscore the place of public views which are normally contained in Committee reports in the process of law making.

He noted that the views not only enrich the output of the proposed law, but also underpin how the process facilitates compliance with the constitution.

“Hon. Oundo advanced the said argument oblivious of the fact

that Committees interface the House with the public, hence actualizing the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution on public participation”, the Speaker noted.

Further he told the House that Standing Order No.127 (3) is couched in mandatory terms.

“Standing Order No. 127(3) says the Departmental Committee to which a Bill is committed shall facilitate public participation on the Bill through an appropriate mechanism, including: inviting submission of memoranda; holding public hearings; consulting relevant stakeholders in a sector; and consulting experts on technical subjects. The Departmental Committee shall take into account the views and recommendations of the public under paragraph (3) in its report to the House”, he said.

Making reference to a ruling delivered by his predecessor in 2021 on a related question, the Speaker outlined the importance of having Committee reports on Bills before commencement of Second Reading.

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Affordable Housing Bill passed by both Houses, assented into law by the President

Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula on Tuesday, March 19, 2023 witnessed His Excellency President, Dr. William Ruto's assent to the Affordable Housing Bill (National Assembly) Bill 75 of 2023, at State House, Nairobi.

This has now paved way for the collection of funds towards the construction of affordable houses throughout the country.

The Bill, passed by both the National Assembly and the Senate sought to establish a framework for the collection of the affordable housing levy and implementation of the affordable housing programmes.

The enactment of the law will see Kenyans gain access to various categories of affordable housing. The categories comprise affordable social housing units, targeting persons whose monthly income is below Kshs.20,000; affordable housing units targeting persons whose



The Leadership of Parliament and the Executive applauding after the President, His Excellency, Dr. William Ruto (seated in a red helmet) signed the Affordable Housing Bill into law

monthly income is between Kshs.20,000 – Kshs.140,000; affordable middle class housing units accessible to persons earning over Kshs.140,000 per month and a rural affordable housing units targeted at Kenyans living in areas not classified as urban areas. According to the Act priority will be accorded to slum areas to ensure decent housing.

Also present were, Speaker of the Senate, Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi, Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly, Hon.

Kimani Ichung'wah (National Assembly), Leader of the Majority Party in the Senate, Hon. Aaron Cheruiyot, Chairperson, Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, Hon. Johana Ngeno, Chairperson Committee on Finance and National Planning, Hon. Kuria Kimani and, the Clerks of the two Houses, Mr. Samuel Njoroge (National Assembly) and Mr. Jeremiah Nyegenye (Senate).

Speakers attend 75th Commonwealth Anniversary, pledge commitment to Association's foundational values

Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula and his Senate counterpart, Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi recently joined Speakers from Commonwealth Member States during an event to mark the 75th Commonwealth Anniversary at the Commonwealth House, London.

In his keynote speech during the event, the Speaker Wetang'ula highlighted the historical importance of the Commonwealth.

“Kenya affirms its commitment to the status that the Commonwealth has given to celebrating and respecting diversity and separate, but related individual national priorities”, he said.

Speaker Wetang'ula underscored that the Constitution of Kenya continues to prioritize democratic and responsive governance in line with the Latimer House Principles while maintaining the unique aspects of beliefs, traditions, culture, and heritage.

While noting that the values and principles of the Commonwealth have greatly influenced the Constitution of the Kenya, he emphasized the need to enhance collaborative partnership particularly on the right of each Member State to uphold the values that bring them together and while respecting different cultural ideals.

“Parliament of Kenya associates itself with the 75th Anniversary Communique. We remain fully committed to achieving the Commonwealth's core values through continued dialogue, collaboration, tolerance and the

exchange of ideas while respecting the laws and customs of each Member State”, he said.

The Speaker committed to ensure that common but constructive ideals of the Commonwealth Association are adhered to by the Parliament of Kenya as part of the continued traditions of the Member State.

The Commonwealth Day is an Annual Event observed across the Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, America, the Pacific and Europe.



Speaker of the National Assembly, the Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (standing left) and Speaker of the Senate, Rt. Hon. Amason Kingi (also standing) applauding during the 75th Commonwealth Anniversary at the Commonwealth House, London

Passage of the National Transport Safety Authority Act in the National Assembly was legal, High Court Judge rules

Public Participation was not a requirement during enactment of the National Transport and Safety (NTSA) Act as this was done before the 2010 Constitution came into force, the High Court has ruled.

High Court Judge Justice Lawrence Mugambi delivered this verdict in a Petition, where a Kenyan had sued the National Assembly, the Attorney General, NTSA, and the Cabinet Secretary, Transport and Infrastructure and Cabinet Secretary, Interior and Coordination of National Government, questioning legality of the Act.

In the Petition one Mr. Gerald Anyega Osiemo, had claimed that the Act had been enacted without sufficient Public Participation contrary to Article 118 of the Constitution.

During the hearing of the Petition, however, it emerged that the Ministry of Transport had in fact undertaken public participation on the NTSA Bill through several town hall meetings, before its debate

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA AT NAIROBI
CONSTITUTIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION
PETITION NO.48 OF 2020

BETWEEN

GERALD ANYEGA OSIEMO.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY.....1ST RESPONDENT
CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.....2ND RESPONDENT
CABINET SECRETARY FOR INTERIOR.....3RD RESPONDENT
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....4TH RESPONDENT
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.....5TH RESPONDENT

JUDGMENT

Introduction

1. The petition dated 27th January 2020 is supported by the petitioner's affidavit in support sworn on even date. The the petition challenges the constitutionality of the National Transport and Safety Authority Act and the legality of the 1st respondent's existence. Accordingly, the

and approval by the National Assembly, and subsequent signing into law by former President, His Excellency the Late Mwai Kibaki on 12th October 2012.

The National Assembly informed the Court that the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution had suspended operations of Chapter Eight including public participation, until after the first General Election was held under the new Constitution.

Justice Mugambi agreed with the National Assembly, and indicated that although evidence adduced proved that indeed there was public participation, lack of the same would not have been enough ground to overturn the law as it was not mandatory prior to the 2010 Constitution.

“Even if public participation had not been done, which is not the case as it was in fact done, this ground alone would not have invalidated the National Transport and

Safety Authority Act,” ruled Justice Mugambi.

The Petition was dismissed with no orders to costs.

Public Petitions Committee meets medical practitioners' union officials over petition

The Public Petitions Committee led by Vice-Chairperson Hon. Janet Sitienei (Turbo) last week received a petition from medical practitioners in the country.

The practitioners, petitioned National Assembly through Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose (Endebess) to intervene on four matters; delay in the posting of medical interns, absorption of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) contract staff, conclusion of Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA's) with the Government, and recognition of agreements within the health sector.

The team led by Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union (KMPDU), Secretary General, Dr. Devji Atellah requested the Committee to investigate the failure by the Ministry of Health in facilitating mandatory graduate intern posting. They also sought answers from the Ministry on the circumstances behind the failure to absorb staff under the UHC programme contrary to the Kericho Agreement signed in 2018.

Dr. Atellah noted that there is the need to compel the Ministry and county governments to recognize the unions' prayers stating that the medical practitioners were undergoing serious crippling challenges despite being a vital organ of society.

“We urge this Committee to push the Ministry to come up with mechanisms that will allow hospitals and county governments to employ health workers directly. Similar mechanisms have been developed in other sectors such as security and teaching where it has worked,” Dr. Atellah said.

He added that the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) should review the remuneration of practitioners as it is not standardized.

“Some of the staff take home pay that is as low as 50 percent of

what their professional counterparts are earning,” he said.

Hon. Sitienei assured the practitioners that the matter was being treated with the urgency it deserves.

“We recognize of your efforts. You are vital to our existence as a society. That is why we have pushed forward your agenda so that we can, together, find the best solution to these challenges,” Hon. Sitienei said.



Vice Chairperson Public Petitions Committee, Hon. Janet Sitienei. Hon. Sitienei chaired the meeting with officials of medical unions who appeared before the Committee to shed light on a petition presented to the National Assembly by Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose on their behalf

Committees' Round-up

Committee on Administration and Internal Security meets MPs over insecurity in North Rift Region

The Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security chaired by Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West) met with MPs from Samburu North, Baringo South and Sigor constituencies to deliberate on the security situation in the region.

Members sought clarification on several issues including the state of security in the area, the number of incidents reported, the impact of insecurity in the area and the challenges faced by the representatives in their constituencies.

Hon. Eli Letipila (Samburu North) in his presentation stated that the genesis of the conflict in his constituency was centred around cattle rustling, but had since degenerated into cultural clashes.

He further claimed that bandits from Tiaty Constituency had been waylaying his constituents on roads along the border between the two constituencies, raiding the residents' livestock and disrupting learning in schools.

"In my opinion, it looks like these attacks are planned and the attackers have a motive. The Government needs to intervene to ensure normalcy resumes in the area," said Hon. Letipila.

Members of the Committee also sought to find which action between the deployment of additional officers from the National Police Reservists (NPR) and the disarming of civilians in the area would lead to peace and stability.

Hon. Letipila however noted that the solutions would be to have a full military intervention and to forcefully disarm all civilians in the region.

Hon. Peter Lochakapong (Sigor) informed the Committee that in his constituency, residents were constantly clashing with neighbouring Turkana and Marakwet communities.

"The reason behind the conflict in Sigor is water and pasture," stated Hon. Lochakapong.

Hon. Charles Kamuren (Baringo South) decried that the Elchamus community had suffered the most raids and had been evicted from their land by the residents of Tiaty.

"I plead with this Committee to ensure that the Government comes to our rescue and more Police Reservists are deployed in the area," he said.

Hon. Tongoyo assured the Members of the Committee's full support promising to play its part in ensuring that peace and unity are restored in the area



Chairperson, Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (right) with Vice-Chairperson, Col. (Rtd.) Dido Rasso the meeting with Members of Parliament from North Rift Region to discuss the security situation in the region

Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations meets to scrutinize Ministry's Annual Report



Chairperson Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations, Hon. Nelson Koech (centre), Vice Chairperson, Hon. (Maj-Rtd) Rashid Abdullahi (right) and Hon. Elijah Memusi (left) during the meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Defence led by CS, Hon. Aden Duale, at Parliament buildings last week

The Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations last week held a meeting in which it scrutinized the Ministry of Defence's Annual Report for the 2022/23 Financial Year.

In a meeting chaired by Hon. Nelson Koech (Belgut) the Committee engaged Ministry officials led by Cabinet Secretary, Hon. Aden Duale, on the utilization of funds allocated for the period under review.

Hon. Koech asked the CS to provide the Committee with a detailed report of the Ministry's expenditure.

"In line with Section 10 (h) of the Kenya Defence Forces Act, we requested for a detailed report which should include itemized budget showing the utilization of public funds, the status of implementation of projects and achieved outputs," Hon. Koech said.

Members also sought specific details on how the Ministry utilized its budget, particularly on infrastructure and equipment modernization, research initiatives, civil aid and community engagement.

While acknowledging challenges faced due to budget constraints, CS Duale informed the Committee that the Ministry of Defence had achieved most of its targets as set. Amongst them are; the completion of Ulinzi Sports Center, Lanet Regional Hospital, various accommodation blocks and messes as well supporting the Kenya Space Agency in developing and launching the Taifa I Earth Observation Satellite.

In the Report, the Ministry highlighted its community engagement efforts, such as drilling boreholes in several counties and rehabilitating schools.

In his response to Committee's request for a detailed breakdown, Hon. Duale said the Ministry spent Kshs. 98 billion for emoluments and salaries, Kshs.28 billion for operational costs of military bases, and Kshs.4 billion on equipment modernization.

Further, he assured the Committee that he will provide it with a comprehensive report on the DRC mission and ongoing research initiatives undertaken by the National Defence University.

Committee on Health visits Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital to assess capacity and quality of services

The Departmental Committee on Health on Monday, March 18, 2024 visited Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral, and Research Hospital (KUTRRH) to assess its capacity and services, particularly in the realm of cancer treatment and diagnosis.

The visit was also aimed at evaluating the hospital's infrastructure, technology, expertise, and patient care practices in the management of Cancer.

The Committee observed with great pleasure that the hospital boasts of modern infrastructure and facilities tailored to cancer treatment and diagnosis. This include: advanced imaging equipment, radiation therapy facilities, and specialized oncology units.

"We want you to remain in the realm of cancer treatment and diagnosis because you are recognized as a level six specialized hospital. Many Kenyans depend on you and we don't want you to veer off from that trajectory," Hon. (Dr.) Pukose said.

KUTRRH offers a holistic approach to cancer care, encompassing prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and palliative care.

Chairperson, Board of KUTRRH, Prof. Olive Mugenda, thanked the Committee for supporting the institution even as she assured Members

that the hospital management is committed to their mandate of providing exceptional healthcare services, advancing medical research, and promoting community health and wellness.

Despite the hospital's commendable efforts, the Committee identified challenges such as limited resources, workforce shortages, and infrastructure constraints. The Committee is expected to make recommendations to address the challenges observed.



From left to right; Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health, Hon. (Dr.) Robert Pukose, Chairperson KUTRRH Board, Prof. Olive Mugenda and KUTRRH Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr. Ahmed Dagana touring KUTRRH during the visit by the Committee last week

The National Assembly Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock questions Managing Director, Kenya Bureau of Standards over certification of substandard fertilizer

The standards body appeared before the Committee chaired by Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga (Tigania West) to shed light on the certification status of the alleged substandard and counterfeit fertilizer being distributed under the Fertilizer Subsidy Programme.

According to Ms. Ngari, KEBS had not certify the said fertilizer and the same was not being under the Government Subsidy program as per the information she has.

Members had sought to know whether the fertilizer distributed under the Programme were certified by KEBS or not.

Ms. Ngari told the Committee that the product which KEBS initially certified is different from what has been seized from various National Cereals Produce Board (NCPB) depots in the country, tested and flagged as unsuitable for sale in the market.

"KEBS certified organic fertilizer (Brand: BL-GPC ORIGINAL) upon fulfillment of the requirements for application of Product Permit for Organic fertilizer by SBL Innovate Manufactures Limited," Ms. Ngari said.

However, she added that through routine Market Surveillance

activities and public complaints they identified a potential breach of the Certification Contract by SBL- Innovate Manufactures Limited.

The Committee heard that the Manufacturers had engaged in misuse of the KEBS Standardization Mark on a product that was not certified by KEBS.

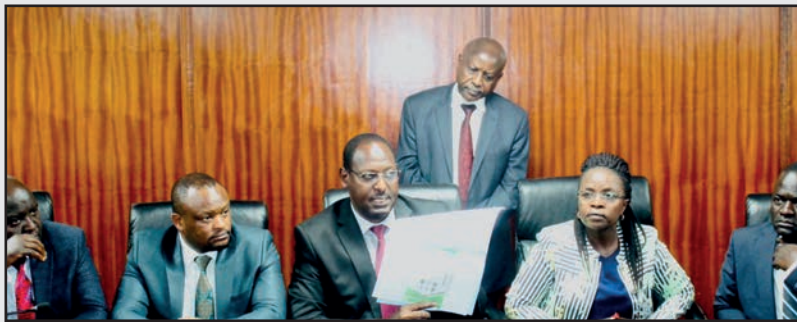
"The Company displayed the mark on a product that had not undergone the mandatory certification process as stipulated by the Standards Act and governed by the applicable standard," she said.

Dr. Mutunga asked the team to state their immediate actions after finding out there was a potential misuse of their Standardization Mark and what the penalties are for anyone found culpable.

"So, after finding out the SBL- Innovate Manufactures Limited had breached the Certification Contract what were your immediate actions?" Dr. Mutunga asked.

In her response, the MD told the Committee that KEBS immediate actions were; suspension of Standardization Mark it has issued for organic fertilizer, Brand: BL- GPC Original, seizure of all unauthorized products from the company found in all the 59 NCPBs across the country and initiating legal proceedings against SBL- Innovate Manufactures Limited.

The Committee is set to meet with officials from the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) and the Ministry Agriculture and Livestock Development who are also expected to shed more light on the matter.



Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga (centre) with a section of Committee Members during a press briefing after the meeting with KEBS officials. From left to right; Hon. David Kiplagat, Hon. Brighton Yegon, Hon. Pamela Njeru, Hon. Jared Okello and Hon. Patrick Osero (standing at the back)

Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining calls for sanity in the mining sector

The Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining has raised concern over the ineffectiveness of the State Department for Mining in regulating the mining sector in the Country.

In a meeting with Principal Secretary, State Department for Mining, Mr. Elijah Mwangi, during stakeholder engagement on the proposed Gold Processing Bill and the Mining (Amendment) Bill, Members led by the Chairperson of the Committee, Hon. David Gikaria decried activities including harassment and exploitation that have characterized the mining sector.

The Committee asked PS Mwangi to furnish it with the details of all licensed mining companies and dealers in the country including their geographical locations. He was also asked to put in place arrangements for proper public participation and sensitization on specific minerals before any mining activities commence in the country.

“Many Kenyans are suffering at the expense of mining companies who are not adhering to set regulations. This has been the case in Isiolo, Bura and other parts of the country with artisan miners or cooperatives being the most affected by those big multi-national companies”, Hon. Gikaria said.

In his response, Mr. Mwangi requested that the Committee drops the two Bills, on the account that they did not originate from the Government.

However, Hon. Gikaria confirmed receiving a letter from the Mineral Rights Board addressed to the Committee asking for its support in the two proposed laws. As a result, he advised that any good aspects in the two Bills be adopted for consideration when amendments to the mining law will be undertaken.



Chairperson, Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining, Hon. David Gikaria (right) seeking clarifications from PS Elijah Mwangi when he appeared before the Committee

Regional Integration Committee meets Cabinet Secretary over the status of passport issuance and roadblocks along Northern Corridor

The Regional Integration Committee on Thursday, March 21, 2024 held a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Interior and National Administration led by Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, Hon. (Prof.) Kithure Kindiki.

The CS and his team appeared before the Committee chaired by Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (Kipipiri) to respond to concerns over elimination of roadblocks and passport issuance to members of the public.

In an earlier appearance before the Committee, Hon. (Prof.) Kindiki committed to eliminate all roadblocks across the country, in particular along the Northern Corridor.

The CS told Members that the Ministry is 60 percent compliant as some roadblocks have to be maintained to ensure security along the Northern Corridor.

Regarding passport issuance, Hon. (Prof.) Kindiki said the Ministry has not met the set standards citing increase in demand for passports as the reason. He, however, assured Members that plans are underway to address the backlog and streamline the process.

Hon. Muhia asked the CS to ensure that passport issuance is fast-tracked and members of the public are not subjected to long hours of queuing in order to obtain the document.

“This Committee will not tolerate seeing members of the public queuing for long hours at Nyayo House in search of passports,” she said.



Chairperson, Regional Integration Committee, Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (right) seeking clarification on the status of passport issuance during the meeting with Ministry of Interior and National Administration officials led by Cabinet Secretary, Hon. (Prof.) Kithure Kindiki. On her right is Hon. Fatuma Masito (Kwale)

Quotes of The Week



Democracy is very interesting because I opposed this Bill in its totality when it was presented to the National Assembly. Now, the same Bill went to the Senate and has been brought back with amendments. This shows that probably, the Senate was listening to some of the issues we raised when we indicated that this Bill is flawed. In future, we should listen to each other here so that the Senate does not notice some basic mistakes we make because we cannot talk to each other. I hoped that the Senate would reject this Bill and save Kenyans from the burden."

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani) contributing on a Motion on Senate amendments to the Affordable Housing Bill, on Thursday, March 14, 2024



Climate change is real, and it has a lot of negative effects. So, it is important for us to monitor it because recently, we were hit by severe effects of climate change. As a country, we need to monitor climate change using satellite technology. Due to climate change, a lot is happening that needs to be monitored. The use of satellite technology is a very good idea because it will help us. We expect long rains in some parts of Kenya soon, but it might not rain due to climate change. Therefore, it is very important for us to support this Motion so that we can easily monitor and tackle the severe effects of climate change."

Hon. Jackson Lekumontare (Samburu East) contributing on a Motion on Development of a Satellite-based Climate Change Monitoring Policy, on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024



The development and utilization of this policy will enable us to have timely information, so that farmers can plan when to plant, harvest, and so on. Information is power. So, once they have information, they will carry out their activities without any hitch. We have scenarios of some remote places which do not get any information. If we utilize satellite technology, we will reach the extreme parts of Kenya. If information is distributed, everybody will access it and use that data to make plans at the right time. Since we have not had a satellite-based climate change policy, every Kenyan community has been getting bits and pieces of information. So, everybody has been using this little information to know what will happen next. I believe this policy will solve all climate change issues and guide us on what to expect"

Hon. Phylis Bartoo (Moiben) contributing on a Motion on Development of a Satellite-based Climate Change Monitoring Policy, on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024



Approximately over half of PWDs in Kenya are impoverished. The ones with severe disabilities cannot engage in any meaningful activity because of the enormous burden that they carry. Cash transfer to them is among a national social protection scheme for vulnerable groups. Its overall goal is to support poor households which have a member with severe disabilities who requires around the clock care. A regular transfer of Ksh2,000 per month is paid to the beneficiaries on a monthly basis. While the Social Assistance Act, 2013, provides for social assistance to persons with disabilities, it is very silent on caregivers' welfare."

Hon. Dorothy Muthoni (Nominated) moving a Motion on providing a safety net for caregivers of persons with severe disabilities, on Wednesday, 13th March, 2024

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► **FROM PAGE 1** "For the information of Members, Committee reports on Bills not only inform and enrich debate on the Bill, but also most importantly, espouse the views and recommendations of the public, which legitimizes the legislative process and cushions the House from judicial review for failing to comply with provisions under Article 118 of the Constitution (Public Access and Participation)", he continued.

In the just assented to Affordable Housing Act, a passionate appeal by the public to drop the provision requiring potential affordable homes owners to pay a 10 per cent deposit upfront saw the provision get dropped by the two Houses during the consideration of the Bill.



Hon. Oundo had argued that a report of a Committee of the House on a Bill is inconsequential to the legislative processes, to the extent that what is ordinarily debated is the Bill and not the report.

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Members of the African Parliamentarians' Network against Corruption-Kenya Chapter (APNAC-K) led by the Chairperson, Hon. Shakeel Shabir (forth from right) pose for a photo after a meeting with the Accounts Committee of the East African Legislative Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania. Members of APNAC-K were accompanied by key partners: Transparency International Kenya, Mzalendo Trust, and the Civil Forum for Asset Recovery (CIFAR)



Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (left) is taken through the operations of the engineering section of the Government Press by Senior Deputy Government Printer, Mr. Geoffrey Runoh when the Committee undertook a fact-finding toured of the facility



Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (third right) poses for a photo with a section of MPs after an Iftar dinner jointly hosted by the National Assembly and the Senate on Friday, March 21, 2024. The Speaker recognized the significance of the holy month of Ramadhan to Muslims noting that Iftar creates an ideal opportunity to come together, strengthen relationships and show gratitude for the blessings of life



His Excellency President, Dr. William Ruto (with a helmet) explains a point to Speaker of the National Assembly, Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula (right) who is keenly following



BUNGE MASHINANI

Runyenjes MP disburses bursaries for needy learners

Runyenjes MP, Hon. Eric Muchangi recently disbursed secondary school bursaries worth Kshs.41.3 million at a function in Gitare Mixed Day and Boarding Secondary School.

In his speech during the function, Hon. Muchangi said the amount disbursed will be able to sustain students in schools.

“We believe this money will help sustain students in schools at the moment. As for tertiary bursaries, we will announce the time to make applications once funds are made available in our NG-CDF account,” he said.



Runyenjes MP, Hon. Eric Muchangi (holding a microphone) posing for a photo with other leaders, learner and stakeholders after he disbursed bursaries to learners at an ceremony held at Gitare Mixed Day and Boarding Secondary School

Narok West MP launches multi-purpose hall

Narok West MP, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo launched a multi-purpose hall at Moi Secondary School Nailarra courtesy of Narok West National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NGCDF).

While addressing the residents, Hon. Tongoyo said the facility will not only provide students with a conducive environment for learning, but also serve as a testament to his commitment towards education and development.



Narok West MP, Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (in cream trouser), in the company of Tinderet MP, Hon. Julius Melly (on his right), other leaders and the school management, after the launching ceremony of the school hall

“We have made a tremendous progress in Narok West Constituency especially on matters education. This includes developing infrastructure in our institutions and supporting the vulnerable through bursaries, courtesy of the NG-CDF. We boast as one among the top constituencies in Kenya rated for proper use of the kitty,” he said..

Bumula MP launches bursary kitty to benefit thousands of learners

Bumula MP, Hon. Jack Wamboka launched Kshs.52 million National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NGCDF) bursary kitty at St, Mary Magdalene Kimatuni primary school grounds in Bumula Constituency.

During the launch, Hon. Wamboka told residents that the kitty would provide the much needed assistance for learners and ease financial burden on their parents.

“This bursary kitty will go a long way in providing the much-needed assistance, easing the financial burden on parents and guardians of over 8,000 students in day and boarding schools, tertiary institutions, colleges and universities,” Hon. Wamboka said.

According to Hon. Wamboka, the funds will be distributed equally to day and boarding schools, tertiary institutions including Musakasa and Tulumba, colleges including Kibabii.

He added that full scholarship will be given to 20 bright but needy students who joined National and Extra-county schools and that, the funds will also be used support a partnership with the Kenya Industrial Training Institute (KITI) to train 200 youths in various technical courses.

Also to benefit from the kitty are 240 bodaboda who will be taken for riding courses.



Bumula MP, Hon. Jack Wamboka accompanied by students, teachers, education officials and area leaders walking to St, Mary Magdalene Kimatuni primary school grounds where the launch of the bursary kitty took place

Baringo MP distributes relief items to victims of bandit attacks

Baringo County MP, Hon. Jematiah Sergon recently distributed relief items to residents of Baringo affected by bandit attacks.

Partnering with NGAAF and Kenya Red Cross, Hon. Sergon spearheaded the distribution of essential relief items including food, shelter, beddings and water to displaced families across Moinonin, Yatya, Chepkesin, and Bartabwa.

Addressing residents, Hon. Sergon reaffirmed her commitment to serving the people of Baringo County, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity in pursuit of progress and recovery.

“This act of compassion is not merely a start or a continuation but a symbol of the brighter future we are forging for our community. It signifies the end of needless suffering and the dawn of a new era of prosperity and hope,” she said.



Baringo County MP, Hon. Jematiah Sergon (foreground) addressing the residents displaced by banditry attacks in Baringo County during the distribution of relief items exercise recently



Reports laid on the Table of the House:

Tuesday 19th February, 2024 to Thursday 21st March, 2024.

Tuesday 12th March, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday 19th March, 2024 afternoon sitting;

1. The following Statutory Instruments, with accompanying Regulatory Impact Statement and Report on stakeholders' consultations from the Ministry of Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs;

- a. Legal Notice No. 49 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Beach Management Units) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- b. Legal Notice No. 50 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Inland Fisheries) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- c. Legal Notice No. 51 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Recreational Fisheries) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- d. Legal Notice No. 52 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Fish Levy Trust Fund) Order, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- e. Legal Notice No. 53 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Marine Fisheries) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- f. Legal Notice No. 54 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (General) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum;
- g. Legal Notice No. 55 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Safety and Quality) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum; and
- h. Legal Notice No. 56 of 2024 relating to the Fisheries Management and Development (Aquaculture) Regulations, 2024 and explanatory memorandum.

2. Legal Notice No. 51 of 2024 relating to the Public Finance Management (Kenya Millennium Development Fund) Regulations, 2024 from the National Treasury.

3. Annual Status Report on Water, Sanitation and Irrigation 2023 from Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation.

Wednesday 20th March, 2024 (Morning Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday 20th March, 2024 morning sitting;

1. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of Fish Levy Trust Fund for the years ended 30th June, 2022 and 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein;

2. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of-

- a. Lands Limited;
- b. Kenya National Commission for UNESCO Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
- c. Kenya National Qualifications Authority;
- d. Kenya Accreditation Service;
- e. Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board;
- f. Kenya Nuclear Regulatory Authority;

- g. St. John's Teachers Training College, Kilimambogo; and
- h. Kenya Institute of Supplies Examination Board.

Wednesday 20th March, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on

Wednesday 20th March, 2024 afternoon sitting;

1. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of-

- a. University of Embu;
- b. Commission for University Education-Staff Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme/Fund;
- c. Petroleum Development Levy Fund – State Department for Petroleum;
- d. National Communication Secretariat;
- e. Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital;
- f. Kenya Trade Remedies Agency; and
- g. Anti-Counterfeit Authority.

2. Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its participation in the Diaspora Mobile Consular Service (MCS) exercise in Japan from 20th to 27th November 2023.

Thursday 21st March, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting)

The following reports were laid on the Table of the House on

Thursday 21st March, 2024 afternoon sitting;

3. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of-

- a. Anti-female Genital Mutilation Board;
- b. University of Nairobi Enterprises and Services Limited;
- c. National Biosafety Authority;
- d. Privatization Commission Mortgage and Car Loan Scheme;
- e. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority;
- f. Kenya Bureau of Standards;
- g. Garissa University;
- h. Wildlife Clubs for Kenya;
- i. Water and Services Regulatory Board Car Loan and Mortgage Fund;
- j. Kenya Biovax Institute Limited;
- k. Water Sector Trust Fund; and
- l. Tourism promotion Fund.



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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
 THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION (2024)**

**IN THE MATTER OF ARTICLES 118(1)(b) & 132(2)(e) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND
 IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL)
 ACT (No. 33 OF 2011)
 AND
 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PERSONS
 NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS HIGH COMMISSIONERS, AMBASSADORS
 AND DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES**

**NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL HEARINGS AND INVITATION TO
 SUBMIT MEMORANDA**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of **Article 132(2)(e)** of the Constitution, H.E. the President is empowered to nominate and, **with the approval of the National Assembly**, appoint High Commissioners, Ambassadors, Diplomatic and Consular representatives; H.E. the President has nominated twenty-seven (27) persons for appointment as Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Permanent Representatives and Consuls-General of the Republic of Kenya.

AND WHEREAS, following receipt of the nominations from H.E. the President, the Hon Speaker vide a communication made on **Thursday 21st March 2024** conveyed the Message to the House and forwarded the names and curriculum vitae of the nominees to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** for consideration and reporting to the House;

IT IS NOTIFIED to the general public that pursuant to the provisions of **Article 118(1)(b)** of the Constitution and **Section 6(4) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (No. 33 of 2011)**, the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** shall conduct Approval Hearings (Vetting) of the nominees from **4th to 11th April, 2024 in the Mini-Chamber, County Hall, Parliament Buildings** starting from **9.00 am** as follows—

No.	NOMINEE	STATION	DATE	TIME
1.	Ms. Catherine Kirumba Karemu	London, United Kingdom	Thursday 4th April 2024	09.00 a.m.
2.	Hon. Joash Arthur Maangi	Kampala, Uganda		10.30 a.m.
3.	Hon. Lilian Tomitom	Lusaka, Zambia		12.00 p.m.
4.	Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Jonah Mwangi	Tehran, Iran		02.30 p.m.
5.	Ms. Caroline Kamende Daudi	Ottawa, Canada	Friday 5th April 2024	04.00 p.m.
6.	Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Peter Mbogo Njiru	Islamabad, Pakistan		09.00 a.m.
7.	Hon. Fred Outa	Cairo, Egypt		10.30 a.m.
8.	Prof. Anne Kisaka Nanguli	Dakar, Senegal		12.00 p.m.
9.	Mr. Timothy Kaluma Mcharo	Algiers, Algeria	Monday 8th April 2024	02.30 p.m.
10.	Hon. Christopher Andrew Lang'at	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire		04.00 p.m.
11.	Ms. Jessica Muthoni Gakinya	Rabat, Morocco		09.00 a.m.
12.	Hon. Halima Yussuf Mucheke	The Hague, Netherlands		10.30 a.m.
13.	Mr. David Kiplagat Kerich	Washington DC, USA	Tuesday 9th April 2024	12.00 p.m.
14.	Ms. Everylyne Mwenda Karisa	Havana, Cuba		02.30 p.m.
15.	Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki	Moscow, Russia		04.00 p.m.
16.	Mr. Aden Mohamad Mohamed	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia		09.00 a.m.
17.	Mr. Kenneth Milimo Nganga	Abu Dhabi, UAE	Wednesday 10th April 2024	10.30 a.m.
18.	Hon. Vincent Mogaka Kemosi	Accra, Ghana		12.00 p.m.
19.	Mr. Abdi Aden Korio	Muscat, Oman		02.30 p.m.
20.	Ms. Gertrude N. Angote	UNEP, Nairobi		04.00 p.m.
21.	Ms. Grace Atieno Okara	UN HABITAT, Nairobi	Thursday 11th April 2024	09.00 a.m.
22.	Dr. Fancy Too	Geneva, Switzerland		10.30 a.m.
23.	Mr. Ekitela Erastus Lokaale	UN, New York, USA		12.00 p.m.
24.	Mr. Ezra Chiloba	Los Angeles, USA		02.30 p.m.
25.	Mr. Charles Githinji Keiru	Goma, DRC	Thursday 11th April 2024	04.00 p.m.
26.	Amb. Moi Lemoshira	Tokyo, Japan		09.00 a.m.
27.	Mr. David Iboko Lokemer	Dubai, UAE		10.30 a.m.

AND WHEREAS, section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011 provides that **"any person may prior to the approval hearing and by written statement on oath, provide the Clerk with evidence contesting the suitability of a candidate to hold the office to which the candidate has been nominated"**;

IN COMPLIANCE with Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and section 6(9) of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have, by way of written statements on oath (affidavits) with supporting evidence contesting the suitability of the nominees for appointment as high commissioners, ambassadors and diplomatic and consular representatives.

The memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to cna@parliament.go.ke to be received on or before **Tuesday, 2nd April, 2024 by 5.00 p.m.**

IT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED THAT the nominees are required to—

1. Appear for the approval hearings with their original identity cards, academic and professional certificates and other relevant testimonials; and
2. obtain letters/certificates of compliance from the following institutions:

- (a) **The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission;**
- (b) **The Kenya Revenue Authority;**
- (c) **The Higher Education Loans Board;**
- (d) **The Directorate of Criminal Investigations; and**
- (e) **The Office of the Registrar of Political Parties.**

**S. NJOROGE, CBS
 CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Saturday 23rd March 2024

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