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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025 AT 2.30 PM

- **1.** The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock
- **2.** The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
- **3. Presiding** the Honourable Speaker

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker issued the following Communication -

<u>Designation of a Member as the Vice Chairperson of the Committee of Powers</u> and Privileges

"Honourable Members, as you may be aware, the National Assembly Committee of Powers and Privileges is constituted under section 15 of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act (Cap 6). In establishing the Committee, the Act designates the Speaker as Chairperson but neither provides for the position of a Vice-Chairperson to deputise the Speaker nor the manner of causing a Member to take charge of the affairs of the Committee in the absence of the Speaker, as is the case for other Select Committees.

Honourable Members, given the nature of the work of the Committee *vis-à-vis* the responsibilities and the various hats worn by the holder of the Office of the Speaker, it is not feasibly possible for the Speaker to be available to preside over the meetings of the Committee on a regular basis. Further, it is not tenable for the Speaker to sit in the Liaison Committee as the Chairperson representing the Committee of Powers and Privileges.

Honourable Members, in order to strike a fair balance and ensure that the Committee of Powers and Privileges is able to regularly transact its business unhindered and to also have representation in the Liaison Committee, I hereby designate the **Hon. Joseph Lekuton, CBS, MP**, a member of the Committee, as the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Powers and Privileges. Further to his role as the Vice Chairperson, the Hon. Lekuton will be the representative of the Committee in the Liaison Committee.

Honourable Members, in the same vein, I also designate **the Hon. Omboko Milemba, CBS, MP** as the representative of the House Business Committee in the Liaison Committee. The designation of the Hon. Lekuton and the Hon. Milemba takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until the lapse of the terms of their respective Committees or such other time when it will be communicated otherwise.

The relevant Committees and indeed the House are accordingly guided. I thank you."

5. PAPERS

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

- (a) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023, and the certificates therein in respect of: -
 - (1) Akuisi Secondary School;
 - (2) Alliance Girls High School;
 - (3) Alliance High School;
 - (4) Birithia Girls High School;
 - (5) Chandera Secondary School;
 - (6) Chinga Boys High School;
 - (7) Dzitsoni Secondary School;
 - (8) Galana Boys Secondary School;
 - (9) Gilgil Town Secondary School;
 - (10) Kabazi Secondary School;
 - (11) Kanjuri High School;
 - (12) Kapsabet High School;
 - (13) Karatina Girls High School;
 - (14) Kaumoni Boys Secondary School;
 - (15) Kenyatta High School Mahiga;
 - (16) Kihome Secondary School;
 - (17) Kiriti Girls Secondary School;
 - (18) Kirobon Girls High School;
 - (19) Kisima Girls High School;
 - (20) Kombeni Girls Secondary School;
 - (21) Komothai Girls High School;
 - (22) Loreto Kiambu Girls High School;
 - (23) Maralal High School;
 - (24) Mary Mount Secondary School; and
 - (25) Moi Forces Academy.
- (b) Approval of additional funding under Article 223 of the Constitution relating to the FY 2024/25 Supplementary Estimates No. II from the National Treasury and Economic Planning; and
- (c) The 4th Annual Report for the financial year 2023/2024 of the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner.

(Deputy Majority Party Whip)

6. QUESTIONS

The following Questions were <u>asked</u> and responded to by the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration in plenary –

- (i) **Question No. 005 of 2025** by the Member for Nandi Hills (Hon. Bernard Kitur) on behalf of the Member for Tiaty (Hon. William Kamket) regarding qualifications for appointment of chiefs and assistant chiefs, criteria for deployment and review of schemes of service.
- (ii) **Question No. 006 of 2025** by the Member for Nandi Hills (Hon. Bernard Kitur) on behalf of the Member for Tiaty (Hon. William Kamket) regarding investigations on indiscriminate shooting and killing of cows belonging to *Mr. Ptesio Chepanda* of ID No. 34184906 in *Lemuyek* Village, *Chemuro* sub-location by police officers.

- (iii) **Question No. 007 of 2025** by the Member for Bumula (Hon. Wanami Wamboka) regarding acquisition, implementation and impact of the Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) system.
- (iv) **Question No. 026 of 2025** by the Member for Kilome (Hon. Thuddeus Nzambia) regarding gazettement of *Nzai* sub-location vide Kenya *Gazette* No. 17 of 2024 to be within the boundaries of Kilome Constituency.
- (v) **Question No. 027 of 2025** by the Member for Kuresoi South (Hon. Joseph Tonui) regarding operationalisation of the administrative units in Kuresoi South Constituency, including *Tinet and Kiptagich*, *Sotiki*, *Bararget* and *Kabongoi* locations, in line with the gazette notice of 21st July 2017.
- (vi) **Question No. 028 of 2025** by the Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) regarding the status of operationalisation of newly created administrative units in Isiolo County that were gazetted in March 2022.
- (vii) **Question No. 029 of 2025** by the Member for Kabondo Kasipul (Hon. Eve Obara) regarding enhancement of safety and security of residents in Atela Location, in Kabondo Kasipul Constituency, particularly in light of the recent surges of violent incidents.
- (viii) **Question No. 030 of 2025** by the Member for Gilgil (Hon. Martha Wangari) regarding the status of investigations into the death of *Mr. Justus Ekimomor Omollo*, a local fisherman whose body was retrieved from Lake Nakuru on 21st February 2025.
- (ix) **Question No. 031 of 2025** by the Member for Nyaribari Masaba (Hon. Daniel Manduku) regarding the status of gazettement and deployment of security personnel to *Ichuni* Police Station in *Ichuni* ward, Nyaribari Masaba Constituency.
- (x) **Question No. 032 of 2025** by the Member for Mwatate (Hon. Peter Mbogho) regarding the status of investigations into incidences of insecurity in Taita Taveta County.

(Change of chair from Speaker to the Fifth Chairperson of Committees)

(xi) **Question No. 033 of 2025** by the Member for Matungu (Hon. Peter Nabulindo) regarding the status of investigations into insecurity incidences in *Koyonzo* market.

Various Members also raised Supplementary Questions which were responded to by the Cabinet Secretary within the allotted time.

7. STATEMENTS

(i) Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the following Members requested for Statements—

- a) The Member for Kathiani (Hon. Robert Mbui) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the status of disbursement of capitation funds to schools; and
- b) The Member for Homabay County (Hon. (Dr.) Joyce Bensuda) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the recruitment criteria and deployment of teachers in schools across the country.
- (ii) Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 259D(2)(a), the Member for Kisumu Central (Hon. Joshua Oron) reported the demise of the former member for Kisumu West Constituency, the late Hon. (Rev.) Kennedy Nyagudi.

8. MOTION - PUBLIC PETITION ON LEGAL RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF E-HAILING MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND DELIVERY PERSONNEL

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on its consideration of Public Petition No. 14 of 2024 regarding Legal Recognition and Protection of E-Hailing Motorcycle Riders and Delivery Personnel, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 20th February 2025*.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure - 06·03.2025)

Debate on the Motion having been concluded on Tuesday, 1st April 2025;

Question put and agreed to.

9. THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.12 OF 2025) (The Leader of the Majority Party)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127.

10.MOTION - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF PERSONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE IEBC

Motion made and Question proposed—

AWARE THAT, vide *Gazette Notices Nos. 1901 & 264*3 dated 14th February 2023 and 1st March 2023, respectively, His Excellency the President declared one (1) vacancy for the position of the Chairperson of the Independent Electoral & Boundaries Commission (IEBC), and six (6) vacancies for the position of Member of the IEBC;

FURTHER AWARE, that vide Gazette Notice No. 715 of 27th January 2025, His Excellency the President appointed members of the Selection Panel for the Recruitment of Nominees for Appointment as the Chairperson and Members of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;

NOTING that, upon its appointment, the Selection Panel commenced the recruitment process and longlisted all applicants and subsequently shortlisted qualified applicants for the positions of Chairperson and Member of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission;

FURTHER NOTING that, paragraph 6(1) of the First Schedule to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act, CAP 7C, provides that the Selection Panel shall finalise the recruitment exercise within ninety days of its appointment and forward the names of the nominees to the President;

CONSCIOUS that, the Selection Panel is currently undertaking the interviews of the shortlisted candidates for the positions of Chairperson and Members of the IEBC, and that, given the interview schedule of all shortlisted applicants, the Panel has inadequate time to conclude the recruitment process;

FURTHER CONSCIOUS of, the need for the Selection Panel to ensure the recruitment process complies with the constitutional principles of regional balance, representation of the youth and overall inclusivity, while ensuring that the interviews are conducted as far as is practicable, within official working days and hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 6(2) of the First Schedule to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Act, CAP 7C, the Houses of Parliament **RESOLVE** to extend the tenure of the Selection Panel for the Recruitment of Persons for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission by a period of **fourteen (14) days from 28th April 2025.**

(Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party – Co-Sponsors)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

11.THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2025 be now read a Second Time.

(Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

Debate arising;

(Change of chair from Fifth to the Fourth Chairperson of Committees)

(Change of chair from Fourth to the Fifth Chairperson of Committees)

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

12.HOUSE ROSE - at Nine minutes past Nine O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Thursday, April 03, 2025 at 2.30pm