



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FOURTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 2025 AT 9.30 A.M.

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

4. **STATEMENTS**

Request for Statement pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)

The Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding inequitable and inconsistent structure for teachers' allowances in Isiolo County.

5. **RE-ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40(2), the Deputy Speaker reordered the sequence of business as follows –

Consideration of **Order No. 8** (*Motion on Implementation of the Universal Health Coverage and of a Policy on Mandatory Use of Public Health Care Facilities by Public Officers*) to be undertaken before continuation of consideration of **Order No. 7** (*Questions and Statements*).

6. **MOTION: 001/2025 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE AND OF A POLICY ON MANDATORY USE OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE FACILITIES BY PUBLIC OFFICERS**

Motion having been made and Question proposed —

THAT, aware that Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution provides every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services; further aware that the Government committed to accelerating attainment of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to ensure all Kenyans have access and receive essential quality health services; cognizant of the fact that in 2020, the Ministry of Health adopted the Kenya Universal Healthcare Coverage Policy 2020-2030 with the theme: Accelerating Attainment of Universal Health Coverage which is currently being implemented through the introduction of Social Health Insurance Fund; noting that there is need to increase the quality of care and services provided in

the public health sector; concerned that the public health care services lack adequate funds to guarantee quality health care services; further noting that civil servants, public officers and State officers are accorded a comprehensive medical cover by the respective government agencies; appreciating that the use of the comprehensive medical cover by public officers and State officers in public hospitals would guarantee sufficient funding for public hospitals; this House therefore resolves that, the Government through the Ministry of Health implements the Kenya Universal Healthcare Coverage Policy 2020-2030 and introduce a policy on mandatory use of public health care facilities by all civil servants, public officers and State officers in the country who are using medical cover catered for by the Government of Kenya.

(Hon. Sabina Chege. – 23.07.2025)

Debate having been concluded on *Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – Morning Sitting*;

And Mover having replied;

Question put and negatived.

7. STATEMENTS

Responses to Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)

- (i) A Member of the Departmental Committee on Education (Hon. (Prof) Phyllis Bartoo), responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Bonchari (Hon. (Dr.) Charles Onchoke) regarding the alarming rate of drug and substance use among university students in Kenya;
- (ii) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security tabled a response to a Statement requested by the Member for West Mugirango (Hon. Stephen Mogaka) regarding the trespass and failure to enforce court orders on *L.R. No. 8481/1* located in Kasarani Constituency;
- (iii) A Member of the Departmental Committee on Education (Hon. Clive Gisairo) responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Turkana Central (Hon. Joseph Namuar) regarding submerged primary schools in Turkana Central Constituency;
- (iv) A Member of the Departmental Committee on Education (Hon. Clive Gisairo) responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) regarding salary enhancement for teachers in Municipality areas in Isiolo County;
- (v) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Garissa Township (Hon. Maj (Rtd.) Dekow Barrow) regarding non-implementation of court judgements in the compensation case of the late *Mr. Abdullahi Bare Diis*; and
- (vi) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Kitui County (Hon. (Dr.) Irene Kasalu) regarding the unlawful detention of the body of *Ms. Priscilla Nyokabi* by the Kenyatta National Hospital Mortuary.

8. QUESTIONS

The following Question was deferred-

Question No. 69 of 2025 by the Member for Central Imenti (Hon. Nguchine Kirima) regarding the employment of P1 trained teachers and promotion of teachers.

9. RE-ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40(2), the Deputy Speaker reordered the sequence of business as follows –

Consideration of **Order No. 13** (*Motion on Expression of Concern on the Middle East Conflict*) to be undertaken before consideration of **Order No. 9** (*The Breastfeeding Mothers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2024)*), **Order No. 10** (*Motion on Formulation of a Land Use Policy on Zoning of Land for Agriculture and Build Development*), **Order No. 11** (*Motion for Formulation of a Reward Scheme for Accomplishments by Sportspersons in International Competitions*), and **Order No. 12** (*Motion on Allocation of HELB Funds to Support Students Enrolled at the Kenya Medical Training College*).

10. MOTION: 003/2025 – EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, aware that, Kenya ratified the United Nations Charter on Human Rights on 31st July 1990; further recollecting that among the rights enshrined in the Charter is the right to life and self-determination by people; cognizant of the fact that Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory in Gaza and the West Bank has been characterized by disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force; concerned that, this has deepened the humanitarian crisis in the region, including the destruction of infrastructure, widespread civilian casualties, and willful killing of Palestinian civilians, including children in the occupied territories by the Israeli army; noting that, these grave breaches amount to war crimes, flagrant violations of international humanitarian law and crimes against humanity; concerned that, the recent escalation of hostilities between Israel and Iran, including cross-border strikes and retaliatory attacks, threatens to engulf the wider Middle East region in conflict; recalling that, Kenya has previously suffered attacks on its soil as a result of the Middle East conflict, including the 2002 attack on the Paradise Hotel in *Kikambala*; appreciating that, the United Nations General Assembly recently passed a resolution demanding an end to Israel's unlawful occupation of Palestinian territories and urging compliance with international law; further appreciating the urgent need for the international community, including regional powers and the United Nations Security Council, to intensify diplomatic efforts aimed at achieving an immediate ceasefire, facilitating humanitarian access, and initiating inclusive peace negotiations in the Middle East; appreciative of the role Kenya has played regionally and internationally in global peace initiatives and in mitigating violations constituting crimes against humanity and in solidarity with the Palestinian civilians subjugated by Israel; this House—

- (i) **expresses** deep concern over the dangerous escalation in hostilities in the Middle East that threatens international peace and security across the Middle East and beyond;

- (ii) **reaffirms** Kenya's proactive commitment to a peaceful resolution of disputes through negotiation, diplomacy, and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;
- (iii) **urges** all parties to the conflict to protect civilian lives and infrastructure in accordance with the Geneva Conventions and international humanitarian law and to exercise maximum restraint and immediately cease further acts of aggression, including aerial bombardments, missile strikes, and other forms of military escalation; and
- (iv) **calls** on the international community, including the United Nations and regional powers, to intensify diplomatic efforts aimed at de-escalation, the restoration of dialogue, and a return to the frameworks of international law.

(Hon. Shakeel Shabbir)

Debate arising;

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

Mover replied and requested that putting of the Question be deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3);

And the Hon. Speaker having acceded to the request;

Thereupon, putting of the Question deferred.

11. THE BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8 OF 2024)

Order for Second Reading read;

THAT, the Breastfeeding Mothers Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(Hon. Sabina Chege – 30.07.2025)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, July 30, 2025 resumed;

Mover replied and requested that putting of the Question be deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3);

And the Hon. Speaker having acceded to the request;

Thereupon, putting of the Question deferred.

And the time being One minute past O'clock, the Second Chairperson interrupted proceedings and adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

12. HOUSE ROSE – at one minute past one O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, 6th August 2025 at 2.30 p.m.