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## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

#### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - FOURTH SESSION

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## **VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 03, 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. QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE

There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the Deputy Speaker ordered the Quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes.

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

## 5. PAPERS

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

- i. Reports of the Auditor-General and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of –
- a) Financial Reporting Centre;
- b) Institute of Human Resource Management;
- c) Kenya Industrial Property Institute;
- d) Kenya Investment Authority;
- e) Kenya Yearbook Editorial Board:
- f) Meru National Polytechnic;
- g) National Council for Children Services;
- h) National Syndemic Diseases Control Council;
- i) Occupational Safety and Health Fund;
- j) Office of the Prime Cabinet Secretary;
- k) Petroleum Development Fund State Department for Petroleum;
- 1) Petroleum Development Levy Fund (Holding Account);
- m) Privatization Commission;
- n) Provident Fund;
- o) State Corporations Appeal Tribunal;
- p) State Department for Industry: and
- g) Warehouse Receipt System Council.
- ii. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following constituencies
  - a) Banissa;
  - b) Chuka Igambangómbe;

- c) Embakasi North;
- d) Gatanga;
- e) Gichugu
- f) Ijara;
- g) Kibwezi East;
- h) Kiharu;
- i) Kilome;
- j) Lafey;
- k) Mandera North;
- 1) Mbeere North;
- m) Mumias West;
- n) North Imenti; and
- o) Tarbaj.

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

## a. REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(C)

The following Members requested for Statements—

- (i) The Member for Nakuru Town East (Hon.David Gikaria) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation regarding lack of a fishing corridor in Lake Nakuru;
- (ii) The Member for Sotik (Hon. (Amb.) Francis Sigei) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands regarding irregular issuance of balance statements to settlers within Gelegel, Motiret, Sotik East, Kipsonoi, Koiyet and Cheplelwa settlement schemes;
- (iii) The Member for Keiyo North (Hon. Adams Kipsanai) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee Sports and Culture regarding status of the Tambach Museum in Keiyo North Constituency; and
- (iv) The Member for Machakos County (Hon. Joyce Kamene) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding status of upgrading Matuu- Ekalakala Road to bitumen standards.
- (v) The Member for Machakos County (Hon. Joyce Kamene) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding safety and security of pedestrians using the *Mlolongo* footbridge.

## b. RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(C)

The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy, Water and Irrigation responded to statements requested by—

- The Member for Maara (Hon. Kareke Mbiuki) regarding stalled construction of Thambo and Kanjogu Dams in Tharaka Nithi County.

## 6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read;

#### IN THE COMMITTEE

The Sixth Chairperson of Committees

## The Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 63 of 2022)

Clause 3 -amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 3 of the Bill be amended—

(a)in paragraph (f), by deleting the word "and" appearing immediately after the expression "service;"

(b) by inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph (g)—

- (h) provide interns with requisite experience in their fields of practice; and
- (i) provide interns with requisite experience in their fields of practice to meet the requirements for registration by a professional regulatory authority."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 3 as amended -

Further amendment proposed –

**THAT,** Clause 3 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(g) provide mechanisms for interns to acquire experience in their fields of study".

agreed to.

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Proposed amendment **dropped** on account of the Member being absent.

Clause 4 -amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 4 of the Bill be amended, by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after in paragraph (d)—

"(da) professionalism in ensuring that interns are provided with and acquire the practical experience in the codes of conduct that apply to their professional and career development."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising:

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

(1283)

Clause 4 as amended agreed to.

<u>Clause 5 -amendment proposed</u> -

**THAT**, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (1) by deleting the words "established under" and substituting therefor the words "as defined in Article 260 of".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on labour)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 5 as amended agreed to.

CLAUSE 6 agreed to

Clause 7 -amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (3) by deleting the word "been" appearing in paragraph (b).

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 7 (1) of the Bill be amended in paragraph (b) by inserting the words "through internship under this Act" immediately after the words "area of study."

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 as amended agreed to.

Clause 8 -amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 8 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (k) by deleting the words "in the case of a public service institution in the national government, or the County Executive Committee member, in the case of a public service institution in the county government" appearing immediately after the words "Cabinet Secretary".

(Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**. Clause 8 of the Bill be amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (g) and substituting therefor the following paragraph —

"(g) pay the prescribed stipends or remuneration to interns, in accordance with this Act, or in accordance with the structure of remuneration prescribed by the public service institution for interns who offer full time service."

(c)in paragraph (k), by deleting the word "and" appearing immediately after the expression "experienced;"

(d) by inserting a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (k)—

"(ka) coordinate with an appropriate authority to monitor and supervise interns who are in service prior to registration by a regulatory body; and"

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 8 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (k) by deleting the words "a quarterly" appearing immediately before the word "basis" and substituting therefor the following words "an annual".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Proposed Amendment **withdrawn** by the mover Clause 8 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 9 -amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 9 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "ready to be" appearing immediately after the word "be" in paragraph (c).

(Hon. Julius Sunkuli, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to:

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 9 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) deleting paragraph (d); and
- (b) deleting paragraph(f).

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

## <u>Further amendment proposed</u> –

**THAT**, Clause 9 of the Bill be amended, by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (f)—

"(fa) provide regular feedback to the appropriate regulatory authority in cases of preregistration interns."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 9 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

## <u>Clause 10 -amendment proposed -</u>

**THAT**, Clause 10 of the Bill be deleted and substituted by the following clause—

"10. An intern engaged in the public service shall be eligible for -

- (a) a monthly stipend as the Cabinet Secretary shall prescribe in regulations; or
- (b) a monthly payment as a public service institution may prescribe for interns who offer full time service in line with the structure of compensation in the institution."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

## Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words "and any other benefit" immediately after the word "stipend".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

<u>Amendment to an amendment proposed</u> –

(1286)

**THAT**, the amendment by the Hon. James Nyikal to Clause 10 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words "and any other benefit" immediately after the word "stipend".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment to an amendment put and agreed to;

Question of the as amendment by the Hon. James Nyikal, MP as amended by the Hon. Robert Gichimu, MP proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment by the Hon. James Nyikal, MP as amended by the Hon. Robert Gichimu, MP put and <u>agreed to</u>

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 10 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words "and any other benefit" immediately after the word "stipend".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Proposed further amendment **withdrawn** by the mover

<u>Clause 10 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

Clause 11 -amendment proposed -

**THAT,** the Bill be amended by deleting by Clause 11.

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and negatived;

<u>Clause 11 be part of the bill</u> – <u>agreed to.</u>

## Clause 12 -amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 12 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
"(ba) leave days on a pro rata basis as shall be determined by the Cabinet Secretary".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 12 of the Bill be amended, by inserting the following new sub clause immediately after sub clause (2)—

"(3) Subsection (2) shall not apply to interns who offer full time service within the public service."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the further amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 12 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

Clause 13 -amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 13 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words "not exceed twelve months" and substituting therefor the words "be for a period of between six and twelve months".

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and negatived;

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by renumbering the clause as sub clause (1)
- (b) by inserting the following new sub clause immediately after sub clause (1)

"(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply where a regulatory authority prescribes an internship period that exceeds twelve months for an intern including a preregistration intern.

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Question of the further amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 13 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 14 -amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 14 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (1) by deleting the words "twenty four hours" appearing immediately after the word "exceeding" in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the words "seventy two hours".

(Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

## Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 14 of the Bill be amended in sub-clause (1)—

- (a) by deleting the words "twenty-four hours" appearing immediately after the word "exceeding" in paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the words "fourteen days":
- (b) by deleting paragraph (c); and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (d).

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the further amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and agreed to;

<u>Clause 14 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

## Clause 15 -amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 15 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word "may" and substituting therefor the word "shall".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 15 of the Bill be amended—

- a) by renumbering the existing provision as sub-clause (1); and
- b) by inserting the following new sub-clause immediately after sub-clause (1)—
- "(2) The Cabinet Secretary shall make these regulations in consultation with the relevant state organs.
  - (3) For the purposes of Article 94(6) of the Constitution—
- a) the purpose and objective of delegation under this section is to enable the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations to provide for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act;
- b) the authority of the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations under this Act will be limited to bringing into effect the provisions of this Act and to fulfil the objectives specified under this section; and

(1289)

c) the principles and standards applicable to the regulations made under this section are those set out in the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap 2) and the Statutory Instruments Act, (Cap 2A)."

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Question of the further amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and negatived;

<u>Clause 15 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

#### New clause 14 A

**THAT**, Clause 14 of the Bill, be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after the clause 14—

**"14A.** A regulatory authority shall not levy a fee on an institution offering preregistration internship."

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, New Clause 14A be now read a Second Time.

Debate arising;

Proposed New Clause 14A withdrawn by the mover

New Clause 15A - proposed.

**THAT,** the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 15—

Internship to be considered in recruitment.

**15A.** In recruiting candidates for employment, a public service institution shall consider a candidate's previous internship in the public service.

(Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P.)

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, New Clause 15A be now read a Second Time.

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, New Clause 15A be part of the Bill.

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

New Clause 15A - agreed to.

Clause 2 -amendment proposed -

**THAT.** Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) by deleting the definition of "County Executive Committee Member";
- (b) by deleting the definition of "County Public Service Board"; and
- (c) in the definition of "public service institution" by deleting the words " and include both the national and county governments" appearing immediately after the words "public office" and substituting therefor the words "in the national government".

(Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, M.P.)

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT**, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the definition of "Cabinet Secretary" by deleting the word "labour" and substituting therefor the words "public service";
- (b) by deleting the definition of "certificate";
- (c) in the definition of "County Executive Committee member" by deleting the word "labour" and substituting therefor the words "public service";
- (d) by deleting the definition of "intern";
- (e) in the definition of "internship" by deleting the word "and" and substituting therefor the word "or";
- (f) by inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetic sequence—

"graduate" means a person who has successfully completed a course of study or training and has been awarded a degree, diploma or certificate;

"intern" means an unemployed person with relevant qualifications who has entered into a contract with a government organization for a period of between six and twelve months with the intent of acquiring relevant work experience for registration with respective professional bodies or to increase chances of employability;

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

Proposed Amendment to part (c) "in the definition of "County Executive Committee member" by deleting the word "labour" and substituting therefor the words "public service" **withdrawn** by the mover

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and agreed to;

## <u>Further amendment proposed</u> –

**THAT**, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended in the definition of the word "internship" by—

- (a) deleting the word "future" appearing immediately after the words" to enhance"; and
- (b) deleting the word "and" appearing immediately after the word "employability" and substituting therefor the word "or".

(Hon. Julius Sunkuli, M.P.)

Proposed Amendment to part (b) deleting the word "and" appearing immediately after the word "employability" and substituting therefor the word "or" **withdrawn**.

Question of the further amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the further amendment put and agreed to

<u>Further amendment proposed</u> –

**THAT**, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the definition of "internship", by inserting the words "or experience" immediately after the word "training".
- (b) by inserting the following new definitions in its proper alphabetical sequence "full time basis" means the maximum number of hours in a week, as stipulated by an employer.

"intern" means an unemployed person with relevant qualifications who has entered into a contract with a government organization for a period of between three and twelve months with the intent of acquiring relevant work experience for registration with respective professional bodies and to increase chances of employability. and the person may be offering service on a full-time basis.

(Hon. James Nyikal, M.P.)

Proposed Amendment to part (b) "by inserting the following new definition in its proper alphabetical sequence — "intern" means an unemployed person with relevant qualifications who has entered into a contract with a government organization for a period of between three and twelve months with the intent of acquiring relevant work experience for registration with respective professional bodies and to increase chances of employability and the person may be offering service on a full-time basis" withdrawn.

Question of the amendment proposed;

No Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to

Further amendment proposed -

**THAT,** Clause 2 of the Bill be amended —

- (a) in the definition of "Cabinet Secretary", by deleting the word "labour" and substituting therefor the words "public service"; and
- (b) in the definition of "County Executive Committee member", by deleting the word "labour" and substituting therefor the words "public service".

(Hon. Robert Gichimu, M.P.)

Proposed further amendment **withdrawn** by the mover as they were similar to those moved by the Chair, Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Labour)

<u>Clause 2 as amended</u> - <u>agreed to</u>.

<u>Title</u> - <u>agreed to.</u>

<u>Clause 1</u> - <u>agreed to.</u>

The Bill to be reported with amendments.

7. HOUSE RESUMED - the Sixth Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

## The Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 63 of 2022).

Bill reported with amendments;

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the House do agree with the report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 63 of 2022).

(Hon. Racheal Nyamai, MP)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 63 of 2022) be now read a Third time.

(Hon. Racheal Nyamai, MP)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third time and passed.

# 8. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE OF KENYA BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2024)

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT,** The Environmental Professionals Institute of Kenya Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Hon. George Gachagua, M.P.)
Debate interrupted on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (Morning Sitting) resumed;
(Change of Chair from the Sixth Chairperson to the Second Chairperson)

And the time being Two Minutes past One O'clock, the Second Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

**9. HOUSE ROSE** - Two Minutes past One O'clock.

## MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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