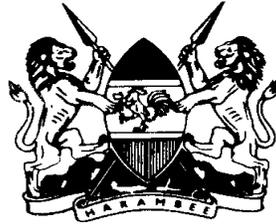


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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**  
**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION**  
**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AT 2.30 P.M.**

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

4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

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

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

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Honourable Speaker issued the following Communication—

**Recognition of a Retiring Officer of the House: Mrs. Florence Atenyo-Abonyo**

“**Honourable Members**, I wish to recognise and pay tribute to one of our distinguished members of staff, Mrs. Florence Atenyo-Abonyo, OGW, Director in charge of the Directorate of Audit, Appropriations and General-Purpose Committees of the House, who is retiring from the Parliamentary Service.

Mrs. Abonyo began her public service career on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1991 during the 6<sup>th</sup> Parliament, when she was posted to Parliament as a Third Clerk Assistant by the Public Service Commission. Those days, Parliament was a Department under the Office of the President, and parliamentary staff were employed, deployed and transferred by the Public Service Commission.

Between 1991 and 2012, she served both in Committee operations and as a Clerk-at-the-Table. During this period, she gained practical experience in Parliamentary procedures and processes as well as in Committee operations. Her dedication and commitment saw her rise through the ranks to become the Director of Committee Services.

Honourable Members, as a Committee Clerk, Mrs. Abonyo served diligently in the following Committees—

- (i) Public Investments Committee, under the chairmanship of the late George Anyona, Hon. Prof. Anyang' Nyong'o, and later Hon. Mwangi Githiomi;
- (ii) Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning, Tourism & Trade, under the chairmanship of Hon. Simeon Mkalla, the late Hon. Soita Shitanda, Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, and later Hon. Chrysanthus Okemo;
- (iii) Departmental Committee on Agriculture, Lands & Natural Resources, under the chairmanship of Hon. Franklin Bett; and

- (iv) Select Committee on Equal Opportunity, under the chairmanship of Hon. Mohammed Abdi Affey.

In October 2012, Mrs. Abonyo was appointed the pioneer Director of Committee Services in the National Assembly, where she played a central role in establishing the Committee structures following the reintroduction of bicameralism in the Parliament of Kenya. Indeed, it was during this time that the inaugural vetting and approval hearings for Cabinet Secretaries and other State officers were conducted by Committees, with the respective secretariats under her overall guidance.

She has also served as a Member of the National Assembly Board of Management (BOM), where she has made contributions to the development of policy proposals that have informed key institutional decisions in the administration of Parliament.

In addition, she served on the Parliamentary Service Commission's Staff Disciplinary Committee and National Assembly Staff Training Committee, where her insights and experience enriched staff governance, discipline, and capacity-building initiatives.

**Honourable Members**, her tenure in Parliament has seen her work alongside many prominent leaders in the country, including the late President Daniel Moi, the late President Mwai Kibaki, the late Hon. Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, the former Prime Minister, the late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, the late Hon. Martin Shikuku, among other leaders. In the same vein, she has served under five Speakers of the National Assembly and eight Deputy Speakers. The Speakers under whom she served are Hon. Jonathan Ngeno, Hon. Francis ole Kaparo, Hon. Kenneth Marende, Hon. Justin Muturi, and Yours Truly.

Indeed, in recognition of her stellar and distinguished service to Parliament and the nation, Mrs. Abonyo was awarded the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) of Kenya by His Excellency the President in December 2023.

**Honourable Members**, Mrs. Abonyo will officially leave the parliamentary service today, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, after thirty-four and a half years of service covering eight Parliaments, from the 6<sup>th</sup> through to the current 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament. Today, being her last day in service as an officer of the House, her presence in the Speaker's Procession, as well as at the Table, carries profound parliamentary significance.

Permit me to challenge you, Florence, to take the time to document your reflections on Parliament and your remarkable journey within the legislative environment. Your experience and insights would be an invaluable contribution to this House's institutional memory and an inspiration to those who will come after us.

On behalf of the National Assembly, and that of the Parliamentary Service Commission, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to extend our profound gratitude to Mrs. Abonyo for her dedicated and diligent service to Parliament. We wish her every success in her future endeavours, and may they be met with the same grace, purpose, and excellence that have distinguished her service to this House. I thank you."

## **6. PAPERS**

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

- (i) Reports of the Auditor-General and financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of: -

1. Legal Notice No. 7 of 2026 relating to the Public Finance Management (State Officers and Public Officers Motor Car Loan Scheme Fund) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 from the National Treasury;
2. Legal Notice No. 8 of 2026 relating to the Climate Change (Non-Market Approaches) Regulations, 2026 from the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry;
3. Draft Intergovernmental Relations (Transfer and Delegation of Functions, Powers and Competencies) Regulations, 2025, from the Office of the President – State Department for Devolution;
4. Report of the Auditor-General and financial statements of the Commission on Administrative Justice for the year ended 30th June 2025 and the certificate therein;
5. The Defence Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the Czech Republic from the Ministry of Defence;
6. Annual Report of the Judicial Service Commission for the financial year 2024/2025 from the Judicial Service Commission;
7. County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the First Quarter of FY 2025/26 from the Office of the Controller of Budget;
8. Thirty-Fifth Bi-Annual Report of the Monetary Policy Committee for October 2025 from the National Treasury;
9. Report of the Auditor-General and financial statements of the National Assembly for the year ended 30th June 2025 and the certificate therein;
10. Office of the Auditor-General, Staff Car Loan Scheme and Staff Mortgage Scheme for the financial year ended 30th June 2025;
11. Annual Report of Activities and financial statements of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission for the financial year 2024/2025;
12. National Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the First Three Months of FY 2025/26 from the Office of the Controller of Budget;
13. Annual Report and financial statements of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission for the financial year ended 30th June 2025;
14. The Fourteenth Report on the status of compliance of the Public Service with the Values and Principles in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution from the Public Service;
15. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of the National Governments Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) for the year ended 30th June 2025 and the Certificates therein in respect of the following Constituencies –
  - (a) Central Imenti;
  - (b) Igembe Central;
  - (c) Kaiti;
  - (d) Konoin.
  - (e) Lamu East; and
  - (f) Lamu West.

*(Hon. George Murugara, on behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party)*

- (ii) Report of the Parliament of Kenya Delegation to the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the status of Women held in New York, USA from 6<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

*(Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba - Leader of the Delegation)*

- (iii) Report of the Kenya Delegation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) held in Midrand, South Africa from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

*(Hon. Rahab Mukami - Leader of the Delegation)*

- (iv) Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Examination of Audited Financial Statements for the National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies for the financial year 2022/2023.

*(Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee)*

- (v) Report of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 6 of 2024 on the National Aviation Policy.

*(Hon. Kibet Komingoi - Member, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure)*

## **7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The following Notices of Motion were given—

### **(i) The Sustainable Management and Valorization of Organic Waste from Avocado Processing**

**THAT**, aware that avocado farming and processing activities have expanded rapidly in Kenya; noting that the *Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) Economic Survey, 2024* approximated the national avocado production at 848,100 tonnes in 2024, up from 633,000 tonnes in 2023, valued at Kenya Shillings 29.5 billion; appreciating that, according to the survey, Murang'a County contributed about 200,991 tonnes of the total production, making it the leading avocado-producing county in the country; concerned that avocado processing generates large volumes of organic waste, including peels, seeds, pulp, and pomace, which, when improperly managed, cause environmental degradation, water contamination, and increased greenhouse gas emissions; further concerned that residents of Murang'a County and other major avocado-growing regions have raised serious concerns over the improper disposal of avocado waste which undermines the right to a clean and healthy environment as envisaged under Article 42 of the Constitution, thus posing significant public health and environmental risks; appreciating that studies by the *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO, 2023)* and global best practices from Mexico and Chile demonstrate that avocado waste can be converted into biofertilizer, biogas, animal feed, and other value-added products; recognizing that by embracing valorization of avocado waste, Kenya stands a chance to reduce environmental pollution and public health risks, create employment opportunities, and support a circular economy in the avocado sector; appreciating the role of the national government in the formulation of policies and frameworks to guide and support effective waste management by county governments; now therefore, this House resolves that the national government formulates an avocado waste management and valorization policy to provide for –

- (a) Sustainable avocado waste management and valorization, including research, training, and technology transfer to farmers and provision of processors on modern waste management and valorization practices, with the aim of reducing pollution, improving public health, and creating jobs in the avocado-producing regions;
- (b) promotion of investment and innovation by providing subsidies, incentives, and technical support for waste-to-value initiatives such as biodigesters, biorefineries, and other circular economy solutions; and
- (c) Collaboration mechanisms for the National Government, county governments and private sector partners in sustainable avocado waste management and valorization.

*(Hon. Mary Wamaua)*

**(ii) Consideration of Reports of the Auditor-General on Financial Statements for the Commodities Fund for the FY:2018/2019 to 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Fifth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the audited Financial Statements for the Commodities Fund for the Financial Years 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 & 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(iii) Consideration of Reports of the Auditor-General on Financial Statements for The Stores and Services Fund for FY 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 and the Occupational Safety and Health Fund for the FY 2020/2021 & 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Sixth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the audited Financial Statements for the Stores and Services Fund for Financial Years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 and the Occupational Safety and Health Fund for the Financial Years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(iv) Consideration of Reports of the Auditor-General on Financial Statements for the Land Settlement Fund for the FY:2020/2021 & 2021/2022 and the Railway Development Fund (Holding Account) for the FY:2017/2018 To 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Seventh Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the audited Financial Statements for the Land Settlements Fund for the Financial Years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022 and the Railway Development Fund (Holding Account) for the Financial Years 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 & 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(v) Consideration of the Report of the Auditor-General on Financial Statements for Street Families' Rehabilitation Trust Fund for the FY:2017/2018 to 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Eighth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements for Street Families Rehabilitation Trust Fund for the Financial Years 2017/2018, 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(vi) Consideration of Audited Accounts of Prison Industries Revolving Fund and Prison Farm Revolving Fund for FY:2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Tenth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the audited Financial Statements for the Prison Industries Revolving Fund and Prison Farm Revolving Fund for FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(vii) Consideration of Audited Accounts of the Tourism Fund and the Tourism Promotion Fund for the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House adopts the Eleventh Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements for the Tourism Fund and the Tourism Promotion Fund for the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(viii) Consideration of Audited Accounts of the Agricultural Information Resource Centre Revolving Fund for the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House adopts the Twelfth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the Report of the audited Financial Statements for the Agricultural Information Resource Centre Revolving Fund for the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(ix) Consideration of Audited Accounts of Agricultural Food Authority Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund, Veterinary Services Development Fund and Government Press Fund for FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022**

**THAT**, this House adopts the Thirteenth Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of audited Financial Statements for the Agricultural Food Authority Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund, Veterinary Services Development Fund and Government Press Fund for FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)*

**(x) Examination of the Report of the Auditor-General on Financial Statements for the National Government**

**THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on its Examination of the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements for the National Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies for the Financial Year 2022/2023, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.*

*(Chairperson, Public Accounts Committee)*

**(xi) Consideration of Sessional Paper No.06 of 2024 on the National Aviation Policy**

**THAT**, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 6 of 2024 on the National Aviation Policy, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026* and approves *Sessional Paper No. 6 of 2024* on the National Aviation Policy.

*(Hon. Kibet Komingoi - Member, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure)*

**8. STATEMENTS**

**(a) Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(a) -**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Leader of Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

**(b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c) -**

(i) The Nominated Member (Hon. Umulkher Harun) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding abduction of a resident in *Hulugho* Sub-County, Garissa County;

- (ii) The Member for Awendo (Hon. Walter Owino) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock regarding delayed settlement of dues owed by Sony Sugar Company;
- (iii) The Member for Mukurwe-ini (Hon. John Kaguchia) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding non-grading of the Kenya Sign Language in the 2025 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Examinations;
- (iv) The Member for Embakasi West (Hon. Mark Mwenje) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Lands regarding alleged grabbing of public utility land in Umoja, Embakasi West Constituency;
- (v) The Member for Loima (Hon. Protus Akujah) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding unavailability of services by the National Transport and Safety Authority in Turkana County; and
- (vi) The Member for Emuhaya (Hon. Omboko Milemba) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the payment of money to teachers and other examination personnel by the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC).

*[Change of Chair from the Honourable Speaker to the Deputy Speaker]*

**9. PROCEDURAL MOTION – EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT**

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 232(7) relating to *timelines for consideration of Budget Policy Statement*, this House resolves to extend the period for consideration of the 2026 Budget Policy Statement by a period of seven (7) days from 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

**10. PROCEDURAL MOTION – EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026 DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Motion made and Question proposed –

**THAT**, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 232A (4) relating to *timelines for consideration of Debt Management Strategy*, this House resolves to extend the period for consideration of the 2026 Debt Management Strategy by a period of seven (7) days from 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026.

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

**11. THE NATIONAL COHESION AND INTEGRATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 74 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, the National Cohesion and Integration Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 74 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(Chairperson, Committee on National Cohesion and Integration – 18.02.2026)*

Debate on the Bill having been concluded on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

**12. THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

Order for First Reading read;

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

**13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

Third Chairperson of Committees in the Chair

**The Judges’ Retirement Benefits Bill (National Assembly No. 27 of 2025)**

Clauses 3, 4, 5 & 6 - agreed to.

Clause 7 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended in subclause (5) by deleting the words “a public” appearing immediately after the words “Act was”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 - as amended agreed to.

Clauses 8 & 9 - agreed to.

Clause 10 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 10 of the Bill be amended in subsection (1) by deleting the words “retirement age” appearing immediately after the words “has attained the”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 10 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 - agreed to.

Clause 17 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 17 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the word “being” appearing immediately after the words “retirement age or” and substituting therefor the word “been”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 17 - as amended agreed to

Clause 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22 - agreed to.

Clause 23 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 23 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclauses immediately after subclause (1)—

“(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, upon retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.

(3) A judge of the Supreme Court who leaves office before attaining the age of sixty-five years shall be entitled to access the non-pension benefits under subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Schedule.”

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed-

**THAT**, Clause 23 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclauses immediately after subclause (1)—

“(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, upon retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.

(3) A judge of the Supreme Court who leaves office before attaining the age of sixty-five years shall be entitled to access the non-pension benefits under subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Schedule.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Proposed further amendment dropped;

Clause 23 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28 - agreed to.

Clause 29 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 29 of the Bill be amended in subclause (4) by deleting the expression “subsection (3)(b), (c), (d) and I” appearing immediately after the words “appointed under” and substituting therefor the expression “subsection (3)(b), (c), (d) and (e)”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 29 - as amended agreed to

Clause 30 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended in the opening statement by deleting the expression “section 30” appearing immediately after the words “trustee under” and substituting therefor the expression “section 29”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 30 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 31, 32, 34, 35 & 36 - agreed to.

Clause 37 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 37 of the Bill be amended by inserting the expression “, on the advice of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission,” immediately after the word “may”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 37 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 & 43 - agreed to.

Clause 44 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 44 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2)(c) by inserting the word “after” immediately after the word “thereon”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 44 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 & 54 - agreed to.

Clause 55 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 55 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing provision as subclause (1);
- (b) inserting the following new subclauses immediately after the renumbered subclause (1)—
  - “(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, during their retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.
  - (3) A judge of the Supreme Court who leaves office before attaining the age of sixty-five years shall be entitled to access the non-pension benefits under subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Schedule.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed-

**THAT**, Clause 55 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing provision as subclause (1);
- (b) inserting the following new subclauses immediately after the renumbered subclause (1)—
  - “(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, during their retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.
  - (3) A judge of the Supreme Court who leaves office before attaining the age of sixty-five years shall be entitled to access the non-pension benefits under subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Schedule.”

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

Proposed further amendment dropped;

Clause 55 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 & 65 - agreed to.

Clause 66 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 66 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing provision as subclause (1);
- (b) inserting the following new subclause immediately after the renumbered subclause (1)—

“(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, during their retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed-

**THAT**, Clause 66 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) renumbering the existing provision as subclause (1);
- (b) inserting the following new subclause immediately after the renumbered subclause (1)—

“(2) A judge of the Supreme Court to whom this Part applies shall, during their retirement, be entitled to the additional benefits set out in the Schedule.”

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

Proposed further amendment dropped;

Clause 66 - as amended agreed to

Clause 67 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 67 and substituting therefor the following new Clause—

Administration of pension and non-pension benefits

**67.** (1) The Cabinet Secretary shall be responsible for the payment of pensions and gratuities to judges under this Act.

(2) The Chief Registrar of the Judiciary shall administer the non-pension benefits under sections 23, 55 and 66 of this Act and provide for them in the estimates of the Judiciary prepared pursuant to Article 173(3) of the Constitution.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary shall establish a liaison office to facilitate the timely payment of pensions gratuities and provision of non-pension benefits under this Act.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 67 - as amended agreed to

Clauses 68, 69 & 70 - agreed to.

Clause 71 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 71 of the Bill be amended by—

(a) deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, within twelve months of the commencement of this Act, make regulations generally giving effect to the Act and for prescribing anything required or necessary to be prescribed by or under the Act.”

(b) inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2)—

“(2A) In making the Regulations under this Act, the Cabinet Secretary shall obtain the views of relevant stakeholders, including the Judicial Service Commission and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.”

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed-

**THAT**, Clause 71 of the Bill be amended by—

(a) deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

“(1) The Cabinet Secretary shall, within twelve months of the commencement of this Act, make regulations generally giving effect to the Act and for prescribing anything required or necessary to be prescribed by or under the Act.”

(b) inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2)—

“(2A) In making the Regulations under this Act, the Cabinet Secretary shall obtain the views of relevant stakeholders, including the Judicial Service Commission and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary.”

*(Hon. Samuel Chepkonga)*

Proposed further amendment dropped;

Clause 71 - as amended agreed to

Clause 72 - agreed to.

New Schedule - Proposed

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after section 72—

<b>SCHEDULE [s. 23(2); 55(2);66(2)]</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR A RETIRED JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b>
(a) One driver;
(b) Fuel Allowance;
(c) two armed security guards, provided on request;
(d) One house keeper; and
(e) One cook.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, the New Schedule be now read a Second Time;

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and Question proposed-

**THAT**, the New Schedule be part of the Bill.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Further New Schedule - proposed

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after section 72—

<b>SCHEDULE [s. 23(2); 55(2);66(2)]</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR A RETIRED JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT</b>
(a) One driver;
(b) Fuel Allowance;
(c) two armed security guards, provided on request;
(d) One house keeper; and
(e) One cook.

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

Proposed further New Schedule dropped.

Clause 2 - agreed to.

Title - agreed to.

Clause 1 - amendment proposed;

**THAT**, Clause 1 of the Bill be amended by inserting the words “and shall come into force upon publication in the Gazette” immediately after the expression “Judges Retirement Benefits Act, 2025”.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)*

Question of the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question of the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 1 - as amended agreed to

Bill to be reported with amendments.

**14. HOUSE RESUMED** - the Second Chairperson in the Chair

**The Judges’ Retirement Benefits Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 27 of 2025)**

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 Judges Retirement Benefits Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 27 of 2025).

*(Hon. George Murugara – On behalf of Leader of the Majority Party)*

No debate arising;

Putting of the Question deferred.

**15. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR ADAPTATION) ORDER, 2025)**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration on the Privileges and Immunities (the Global Centre for Adaptation) Order, published as Legal Notice No. 82 of 2025, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025*, and declares that the *Privileges and Immunities (the Global Centre for Adaptation) Order (Legal Notice No. 82 of 2025)* **A NULLITY** for failing to comply with section 17 of the Privileges and Immunities Act, Cap 179 that requires the regulating making Authority to submit the draft Order for approval by Parliament before publication of the Order, and infringing Article 94(6) of the Constitution relating to the principles and section 13(a) of the Statutory Instruments Act, Cap 2A.

*(Vice Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)*

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Putting of the Question deferred.

**16. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION REGARDING DISCRIMINATION BY THE TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION ON CAREER PROGRESSION GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION TEACHERS IN KENYA**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of a Public Petition No. 76 of 2023 regarding discrimination by the Teachers Service Commission on career progression guidelines for special needs education teachers in Kenya, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025*.

*(Chairperson, Committee on Public Petitions – 18.02.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

Mover to reply.

**17. MOTION – SEVENTH REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCIES DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2016/2017 TO 2021/2022**

(The Chairperson, Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee)

Order read;

Order deferred.

**18. MOTION – EIGHTH REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2016/2017 TO 2021/2022**

(The Chairperson, Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee)

Order read;

Order deferred.

**19. MOTION – REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE JUDICIARY MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2011/2012 TO 2021/2022**

(The Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)

Order read;

Order deferred.

**20. MOTION – NINTH REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONSTITUENCIES DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CONSTITUENCIES IN NAKURU COUNTY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2013/2014 TO 2021/2022**

(The Chairperson, Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee)

Order read;

Order deferred.

**21. THE ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 42 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Energy (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 42 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Energy)*

Debate arising;

And the time being one minute past Seven O'clock, the Second Chairperson adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

**22. HOUSE ROSE -**

at one minute past Seven O'clock

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**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 02.30 p.m.

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