

**REPUBLIC OF KENYA****THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION****THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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**

And there being no quorum present to commence business, the Honourable Speaker, ordered that the Quorum Bell 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—

**Withdrawal of the National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill
(National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2024)**

“**Honourable Members**, as you may recall, the National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 87 of 12th April 2024. The Bill seeks to among other things, amend the National Transport and Safety Authority Act (Cap. 404) to assign the function of overall responsibility for safety of land transport including transport by road, railway, pipeline and any other form of land transport to the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).

Honourable Members, the Bill, which is sponsored by the Member for Limuru Constituency, the Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, MP, was read a First Time on 24th July 2024 and committed to the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure for consideration. The Bill is among those that were exempted from lapsing at the end of the Fourth Session and has been awaiting Second Reading. However, I have since received correspondence from the sponsor, the Hon. (Eng.) Kiragu, conveying his desire to withdraw the Bill pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 140.

For clarity, **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 140 on *Withdrawal of Bills*, provides in part that—

- (1) *Either before the commencement of business or on the Order of the Day for any stage of the Bill is being read, the Member in charge of a Bill may, without notice, claim to withdraw a Bill.*

Honourable Members, in the letter dated 24th September 2025, the Hon. Kiragu states that following extensive consideration of the Bill by the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, it has become evident that the framework contemplated in the Bill as published does not sufficiently give effect to the desired institutional realignment of the NTSA with regard to transportation safety regulation. This development necessitates the introduction of a new Bill to address the gaps and provide for the establishment of an entity exclusively mandated to regulate transportation safety.

Honourable Members, having considered the reasons stated by the Member for Limuru, Hon. (Eng.) Kiragu, and in light of the views of the relevant committee, **I have acceded to the request. The National Transport and Safety Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2024) therefore stands withdrawn forthwith.** Nevertheless, the Member is at liberty to re-introduce the Bill in the suggested form, following the procedure provided for in Standing Order 140. The House is accordingly informed. **I thank you!"**

6. MESSAGES

The Honourable Speaker reported the following Message from the President—

Nomination of a Person for Appointment to a State Office

"Honourable Members, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42(1), I wish to report to the House that I have received a **Message** from His Excellency the President, seeking approval of a person nominated for appointment to the nation's Foreign Service.

In the Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution as read together with section 20(2) and 22(2)(a) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E, he has nominated **Mr. Kosiom Frank Ole Kibelekenya**, for appointment as **Ambassador to Copenhagen, the Kingdom of Denmark.**

Honourable Members, the President now seeks the approval of the National Assembly for appointment of the nominee to the said office. Standing Order 45 provides that, upon receipt of notification of nomination for appointment, such nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee for consideration.

In this regard, the name of the nominee, together with his curriculum vitae and other testimonials, is hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** for consideration.

Honourable Members, it is important to note that the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E **does not provide** any timelines to consider the nominee for appointment to Foreign Service. However, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F provides that the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House for debate and decision within **twenty-eight (28) days**. Accordingly, the approval processes shall proceed in accordance with the timelines provided for in the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F.

Honourable Members, in this regard, the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations is expected to immediately commence the approval process, notify the nominee and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearing, and thereafter, table its report, by **Thursday, 12th March 2026** to enable the House consider the matter within the set timelines. **I thank you!"**

7. PAPERS

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

- (a) The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kenya and the Government of the People's Republic of China from the Ministry of Defence;
- (b) Annual report of the Public Service Commission for the Financial year 2024/25 from the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties;
- (c) Auditor General's Performance Audit Report on Provision of Education to Learners with Special Needs;
- (d) Quarterly Economic and Budgetary Review for First Half for the financial year 2025/26;
- (e) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the Year ended 30th June 2025 and the Certificates therein in respect of-
 - (i) 220KV and 132KV Transmission Lines and Substations (EXIM Bank of India Funded) Projects – Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;
 - (ii) Aquaculture Business Development Programme IFAD loan No. 2000002052, 2000002614 and 2000004538 -State Department for Blue Economy and Fisheries;
 - (iii) Early Action Support Project (EASP)- Grant No. 2015-39790- State Department for Environment and Climate Change;
 - (iv) Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Project IDA Credit No. 5638-KE -Information and Communications Technology Authority;
 - (v) Emergency Locust Response Project (Credit No.IDA-6648 & 7053-KE) -State Department for Agriculture;
 - (vi) Ethiopia-Kenya Electricity Highway Project (ADB Loan No. 2100150027845-Mariakani Substation Project ID No. P-Z1-FA0-044)- Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Limited;
 - (vii) Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Program Project (Loan No. BMZ-No. 2016 65 108/2018 65 138) -The National Treasury;
 - (viii) Financing Locally-Led Climate Action Programme Project No. Grant No. TFOB6810-KE-The National Treasury;
 - (ix) Global Fund -Reducing the Burden, Ensuring Sustainability of Accelerating Progress Towards Malaria Elimination in Kenya (Grant Agreement No. KEN-M-TNT 4149)- The National Treasury;
 - (x) Global Fund- To contribute to achieving vision 2030 through universal access to comprehensive HIV prevention, treatment and care (Grant agreement No. KEN-H-TNT-2065 and 4147)-The National Treasury;
 - (xi) Global Fund-to Ensure Provision of Quality Care and Prevention Services for All people in Kenya with TB, Leprosy and Lung Diseases (Grant Agreements Nos. KEN-T-TNT 2067 and 4148)- The National Treasury;
 - (xii) Global-Fund to Reduce Malaria Incidents and Deaths by At least 75 Percent of the 2016 Level by 2023, Working Towards a Malaria -Free Kenya (Grant Agreement No. KEN-T-TNT-2064)-The National Treasury;
 - (xiii) GOK-UNFPA 10th Country Programme grant/Credit No.1000702818 -State Department for Gender Affirmative Action;
 - (xiv) Green Climate Fund Readiness Project (Grant No. KEN-RS-004)- The National Treasury;
 - (xv) Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project IDA Credit No. 6768-KE - Information and Communications Technology Authority;
 - (xvi) Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project (Credit No. 7082-KE, Project ID P174867) -State Department for Water and Sanitation;

- (xvii) Hybrid Generation of Off-Grid power Systems Project (AFD Credit No. CKE 1066 01L) -Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC;
- (xviii) Kenya Devolution Support Program IDA-7447-KE -County Government of Garissa;
- (xix) Kenya Electricity Modernization Project (IDA Grant Number TF059 and Credit Number 55870)-Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation;
- (xx) Kenya Institutional Strengthening Project Phase XIII (No. UNEP/KEN/SEV/92/INS/66)-State Department for Environment and Climate Change;
- (xxi) Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project (IDA Credit No. 7450-KE) - Micro and Small Enterprises Authority;
- (xxii) Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project (IDA Credit No. 7450-KE) - State Department for Investment Promotion;
- (xxiii) Kenya Jobs and Economic Transformation Project (IDA Credit Number 7450-KE)- State Department for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development;
- (xxiv) Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme;
- (xxv) Kenya Off Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP) (MOE) IDA Credit No. 6135-KE- State Department for Energy;
- (xxvi) Kenya South Sudan Link Road Project – Kenya National Highways Authority;
- (xxvii) Last Mile Connectivity Project 1(ADF Loan No. 2100150032195) -Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC; and
- (xxviii) Mombasa Gate Bridge Construction Project-JICA Loan No KE-p34-Kenya National Highway Authority.

(The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

- (f) Reports of the Departmental Committee on Education on its consideration of –
 - (i) The Teachers Service Commission (Amendment) (National Assembly Bill No. 27 of 2024); and
 - (ii) The Basic Education (Amendment) (National Assembly Bill No. 3 of 2025).

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Education)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were given—

- i. **Request for Adjournment on a Definite Matter of Urgent National Importance to Discuss the Drought Situation in Northern Kenya**

Honourable Speaker, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 33(1), I seek leave to adjournment of the House for purposes of discussing a definite matter of urgent national importance regarding the drought situation in Northern Kenya.

Honourable Speaker, the Arid and Semi-Arid counties of Turkana, Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Isiolo, Laikipia and Samburu continue to experience a prolonged and severe drought occasioned by successive failed rainy seasons. This has resulted in acute food insecurity, rising levels of malnutrition, depletion of water sources and loss of livestock, which remain the primary source of livelihood for pastoralist communities in these regions.

Honourable Speaker, there has been limited government intervention, particularly on distribution of relief food and cash transfer programmes to the affected population. There is also an urgent need to establish and verify the status and effectiveness of relief food distribution at the county level. These circumstances call for coordinated and

enhanced intervention by the national government and other stakeholders to mitigate the suffering of residents in the arid and semi-arid areas.

Honourable Speaker, it is against this background that I seek leave for the adjournment of the House to discuss this matter of great national concern with a view to having the drought situation declared a national disaster and exploring sustainable and long-term solutions. Thank you, **Honourable Speaker**.

(Member for Wajir West – Hon. Yussuf Farah)

ii. **Inspection Visit to the East African Science and Technology Commission and the East African Health Research Commission**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Select Committee on Regional Integration on its inspection visit to the East African Science and Technology Commission in Rwanda and the East African Health Research Commission in Burundi, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 5th November 2025.*

(Chairperson, Select Committee on Regional Integration)

iii. **Ukaguzi Kwa Asasi zisizo Huru Kikamilifu za Humuia ya Afrika Mashariki na Ushoroba wa Kati Katika Jamhuri ya Muungano ya Tanzania**

KWAMBA, Bunge la Taifa **liridhie** ripoti ya Kamati ya Utangamano wa Kikanda kuhusu ziara ya ukaguzi kwa Taasisi zisizo huru kikamilifu za Jumuia ya Afrika Mashariki na ushoroba wa kati katika Jamhuri ya muungano ya Tanzania, *iliyowasilishwa kwenye Meza ya Bunge Jumatano, 9 Aprili 2025.*

(Mwenyekiti, Kamati ya Utangamano wa Kikanda)

iv. **Consideration of the Audited Accounts for the Judiciary Mortgage Scheme Fund for the Financial Years 2011/2012 to 2021/2022**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Special Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the audited accounts for the Judiciary Mortgage Scheme Fund for the financial years 2011/2012 to 2021/2022, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 31st July 2025.*

(Chairperson, Special Funds Accounts Committee)

v. **Consideration of the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on the Gazettement of Rachuonyo North Sub-County as a Hardship Area**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of Public Petition No. 07 of 2023 regarding gazettelement of Rachuonyo North Sub-County as hardship area, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 11th June 2024.*

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee)

vi. **Consideration of the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on the Gazettement of Nyatike West, Nyatike North, Nyatike Sub-Counties**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Reports of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of Public Petition No. 57 of 2023 regarding gazettelement of Nyatike West, Nyatike North, Nyatike Sub-Counties as hardship areas, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 11th June 2024.*

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee)

vii. **Consideration of the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on Hardship Allowance and Affirmative Action for Teachers in Chonyi Sub-County in Kilifi South Constituency**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Reports of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of Public Petition No. 70 of 2023 regarding hardship allowance and affirmative action for teachers in Chonyi Sub-County in Kilifi South Constituency, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 11th June 2024.*

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee)

viii. **Consideration of the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on the Gazettement of Chepalungu Sub-County as a Hardship Area**

THAT, this House **adopts** the Reports of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of Public Petition No. 71 of 2023 regarding gazettement of Chepalungu Sub-County as a hardship area, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 11th June 2024.*

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee)

9. STATEMENTS

(a) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)

- i. The Member for Ijara (Hon. Abdi Ali Abdi) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the status of Secondary Education Quality Improvement Project (SEQIP) Projects in Ijara Constituency; and
- ii. The Member for Dagoretti North (Hon. Beatrice Elachi) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding delay in provision of Emergency Treatment under the Social Health Authority.

(b) General Statement pursuant to Standing Order 43(1)

The Leader of the Majority Party issued a General Statement regarding the Illegal Recruitment of Kenyan Citizens to the Russian Military.

10. THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES PROFESSIONALS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 55 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading Read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, the Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bill No. 55 of 2023) be now read a Second time.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Regional Development)

Debate having been concluded on *Tuesday, 17th February 2026;*

Question put and negatived.

11. MOTION- CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION REGARDING POLLUTION OF RIVER ATHI

Motion made and Question proposed—

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Public Petitions Committee on its consideration of Public Petition No. 11 of 2022 regarding Pollution of River Athi, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 11th April 2024*.

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee – 17.02.2026)

Debate having been concluded on *Tuesday, 17th February 2026*;

Question put and agreed to.

12. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION REGARDING REGULATION OF TIKTOK 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. 41 of 2023 regarding Regulation of *TikTok* in Kenya, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 25th September 2024*).

(Chairperson, Public Petitions Committee – 17.02.2026)

Debate interrupted on *Tuesday, 17th February 2026* resumed;

(Change of Chair from the Honourable Speaker to the Fourth Chairperson of Committees)

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE REGARDING THE DROUGHT SITUATION IN NORTHERN KENYA

Motion made—

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 33(1), this House do adjourn for the purposes of discussing a definite matter of urgent national importance regarding the drought situation in Northern Kenya.

(Member for Wajir West – Hon. Yussuf Farah)

Debate arising;

Debate concluded at the appointed time.

14. MOTION—CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (THE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR ADAPTATION) ORDER, 2025)

Order read;

Order deferred.

15. 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 Fire and Rescue Services Professionals Bill (Senate Bill No. 55 of 2023) be now read a Second time.

(Chairperson, Committee on National Cohesion and Integration)

Debate arising;

Mover replied.

Putting of Question deferred

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

Order read;

Order deferred.

17. 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, 19th November 2025.*

(The Chairperson, Committee on Public Petitions)

Rising in her place on a Point of Order pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 35, the Member for Kisumu West (Hon. Rozaah Buyu) objected that there was not a Quorum present in the House;

And the Speaker having ascertained the claim, ordered the Division Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being NO Quorum present upon the expiration of ten minutes;

And the time being twenty-one minutes past Seven O'clock, the 3rd Chairperson of Committees adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders 35(2)(a).

(No. 007)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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18. HOUSE ROSE -

at twenty-one minutes past Seven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Thursday, 19th February 2026 at 2.30p.m.

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