



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 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. **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. MESSAGES**

The Honourable Speaker reported the following Message—

**The nomination of persons to various diplomatic and state offices**

**“Honourable Members,**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42, I wish to report to the House that I have received **two (2) Messages** from His Excellency the President, seeking approval of persons nominated for appointment to various diplomatic and State offices.

In the First Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in his exercise of the powers conferred to him by the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, he has nominated **two (2)** persons for appointment as High Commissioner and Ambassador as follows—

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| (1) Mr. Humphrey Mulongo Wattanga, EBS | - | Ottawa, Canada        |
| (2) Dr. Julius Murori Mbijiwe          | - | Vatican, The Holy See |

**Honourable Members,** in the Second Message, His Excellency the President conveys that, in exercise of powers conferred by section 17(1) of the National Cohesion and Integration Act, Cap 7N, he has nominated the following persons for appointment to the respective offices in the National Cohesion and Integration Commission—

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| (1) Dr. Kepha Nyamweya Omae        | - | Chairperson; |
| (2) Ms. Josphine Kirion Eragae     | - | Member;      |
| (3) Mr. Joseph K. Nguyo            | - | Member;      |
| (4) Mr. Jackson Swadi Kedogo       | - | Member;      |
| (5) Dr. Samuel Mwachiro Mwawasi    | - | Member;      |
| (6) Ms. Irene Chepoisho Tulel, HSC | - | Member;      |
| (7) Mr. Hassan Billow Ahmed        | - | Member; and  |
| (8) Ms. Jerusah Mwaathime Michael  | - | Member.      |

**Honourable Members**, the President now seeks the approval, by the National Assembly, of the aforementioned nominees to the respective offices.

**Honourable Members**, 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, with respect to the nominees proposed for appointment as High Commissioner and Ambassador, I hereby refer the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the *Curriculum Vitae* of the nominees to the **Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations** for consideration.

With respect to nominees for appointment as Chairperson and Members of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, the names of the nominees, together with *Curriculum Vitae* and other testimonials, are hereby referred to the **Select Committee on National Cohesion and Equal Opportunity** for consideration.

**Honourable Members**, with regard to nominees for appointment to the National Cohesion and Integration Commission, paragraph 9 of the First Schedule to the National Cohesion and Integration Act, Cap 7N, requires the National Assembly to consider the nominees to the respective positions **within twenty-one (21) days**.

On the other hand, the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E does not prescribe the period for parliamentary approval of nominees to diplomatic offices. In such cases, section 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap 7F provides that, unless otherwise provided in law, the Committee to which such nomination is referred shall consider the matter and table a report in the House within **twenty-eight (28) days**. The twenty-eight days with respect to the aforementioned nominations will lapse on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

However, **Honourable Members**, conscious of the fact that the House will be proceeding on a long recess from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026, I direct the Committees to which the nominees have been referred to conclude the approval hearings and table their respective reports by **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026** to allow consideration before proceeding on recess. To this end, the Committees are encouraged to immediately notify the nominees and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings. The House is accordingly guided.

**I thank you!"**

## **6. PAPERS**

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

- (i) The Following Legal Notices, Explanatory Memoranda, Certificates of Compliance, Report on Public Participation undertaken during the development of the Regulations and the Regulatory Impact Statement from the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock—
  - (a) Legal Notice No. 56 of 2026 relating to the Tea (Levy) Regulations, 2026; and
  - (b) Legal Notice No. 65 of 2026 relating to the Tea (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2026.
- (ii) Legal Notice No. 68 of 2026 relating to the Social Protection (General) Regulations, 2026, Report on Public Participation undertaken during the development of the Regulations, Regulatory Impact Statement and Explanatory Memorandum from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection;

- (iii) Legal Notice No. 69 of 2026 relating to the Value Added Tax (Amendment of Rate of Tax) Order, 2026 (*Pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Value Added Tax Act*) from the National Treasury; and
- (iv) Sessional Paper No. 5 of 2026 on the National Energy Policy 2025 from the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum.

*(Deputy Leader of Majority Party)*

- (v) Reports of the Departmental Committee on Social Protection on its consideration of—
  - (a) The Public Service Superannuation Scheme (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2025); and
  - (b) The County Assemblies Pension Scheme Bill (Senate Bill No. 14 Of 2024).

*(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Social Protection)*

## **7. STATEMENTS**

### **(a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c) —**

- (i) A request for a Statement by the Member for Ndaragwa (Hon. George Gachagua) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock regarding the delayed contractual payment to *Gouanzhaou Construction Company Limited* was deferred; and
- (ii) A request for a Statement by the Member for Turkana South (Hon. Ekwom Nabuin) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee Transport and Infrastructure regarding the routine maintenance and improvement of *Lokichogio Lokitaung (B71) Roads* in Turkana South was deferred.

### **(b) Responses to Statements Pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)**

- (i) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Gilgil (Hon. Martha Wangari) regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of a minor at Gilgil Hills Academy;
- (ii) The Vice Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Luanda (Hon. Dick Maungu) regarding the prevailing incidences of insecurity in the country; and
- (iii) The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Loima (Hon. (Dr.) Protus Akujah) regarding the lack of National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) services in Turkana County.
- (iv) A response by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy to a Statement requested by the Member for Funyula (Hon. (Dr.) Oundo Ojiambo) regarding the operations of KUDURA Power East Africa in Western Kenya was deferred.

**(c) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(a) —**

The Deputy Leader of the Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

**8. RE-ORGANISATION OF BUSINESS**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 40(2), the Honourable Speaker reorganised the sequence of business so as to undertake consideration of **Order No. 8**. (*Motion on Reduction of Publication Period of a Specified Bill*); **Order No. 14** (*First Reading of the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026)*); **Order No. 15** (*Second Reading of the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026)*); and **Order No. 16** (*Committee of the Whole*) before resumption of **Order No. 7** (*Questions and Statements*).

**9. MOTION – REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD OF A SPECIFIED BILL**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 120, this House resolves to reduce the publication period of the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026) from seven (7) days to six (6) days.

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

**10. THE VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 21 OF 2026)**

(Leader of the Majority Party)

Order for First Reading read;

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

**11. THE VALUE ADDED TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 21 OF 2026)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026) be now read a Second Time.

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

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

**12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

First Chairperson in the Chair

**The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026)**Clause 2 - amendment proposed

**THAT**, the Bill be amended in Clause 2 by inserting the following new subsection immediately after the proposed subsection 2B—

“(2C) Upon extension by the Cabinet Secretary under subsection (2B), the National Assembly may, by resolution, extend the period further by a period of ninety days from the date of expiry of the first extension.”

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

Proposed amendment withdrawn;Clause 2 - agreed to.Title - agreed to.Clause 1 - agreed to.Bill to be reported without amendments.**13. HOUSE RESUMED** - Hon. Speaker in the Chair**The Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026)**Bill reported without 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 Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026).

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2026) be now read a Third Time.

*(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)*

Question put and agreed to.Bill read a Third Time and **passed**.

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

**14. HOJA - UKAGUZI KWA ASASI ZISIZO HURU KIKAMILIFU ZA JUMUIA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI NA USHOROBA WA KATI KATIKA JAMHURI YA MUUNGANO WA TANZANIA**

Hoja ilitolewa na kupendekezwa-

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

*(Mwenyekiti, Kamati ya Utangamano wa Kikanda)*

Mjadala ukiwa ulikamilika Jumatano, tarehe 15 April 2026;

Mtoa Hoja alihitimisha;

Hoja ilitolewa kuamuliwa na ikakubaliwa.

**15. THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11 OF 2026)**

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

**16. THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 12 OF 2026)**

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

**17. THE TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 14 OF 2026)**

(Hon. Robert Basil)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

**18. THE INCOME TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20 OF 2026)**

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance & National Planning)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and referred to the relevant Committee pursuant to Standing Order 127(1).

**19. THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 45 OF 2025)**

Motion made and Question proposed—

**THAT**, the Local Content Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

*(Hon. Jane Kagiri– 15.04.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, *April 15, 2026* (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

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

**20. HOUSE ROSE -** at one minute past Seven O'clock

**MEMORANDUM**

The Speaker will take the Chair on,  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.