



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 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 Honourable Speaker, ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

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

5. PAPERS

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

- (a) Second Quarter report on the implementation of the Equalization Fund for the FY 2025/2026;
- (b) Intergovernmental Partnership Agreement between National Government through the Ministry of Education and the County Government of Wajir; and
- (c) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for year ended 30th June 2025 and the Certificates therein in respect of: -
 - (1) Agricultural Development Corporation;
 - (2) Batula Technical and Vocational College;
 - (3) Bishop Mahon Teachers Training College;
 - (4) Chanzeywe Technical and Vocational College;
 - (5) Chesta Technical Training Centre;
 - (6) Consolidated Kenya Pipeline Company Limited;
 - (7) Financial Inclusion Fund (Hustler Fund);
 - (8) Government Investments and Public Enterprises - National Treasury;
 - (9) Kamwenja Teachers Training College;
 - (10) Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board Foundation;
 - (11) Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board Foundation [KASNEB];
 - (12) Kenya Civil Aviation Authority;
 - (13) Kenya Dairy Board;
 - (14) Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (KETRACO) Limited;
 - (15) Kenya Engineering Technology Registration Board;
 - (16) Kenya National Highways Authority;
 - (17) Kenya Rural Roads Authority;

- (18) Kenya Seeds Company and its subsidiaries;
- (19) Kenya Slum Upgrading, Low-Cost Housing and Infrastructure Trust Fund;
- (20) Kenya Urban Roads Authority;
- (21) Kitelakapel Technical Training Institute;
- (22) Lapsset Corridor Development Authority;
- (23) Lereshwa Vocational Training Centre;
- (24) Leshau Vocational Training Centre;
- (25) Lodwar Technical and Vocational College (LTVK);
- (26) National Housing Department Fund;
- (27) National Treasury;
- (28) Njabini Vocational Training Centre;
- (29) Nyayo Tea Zones Development Corporation;
- (30) Occupational Therapy Council of Kenya;
- (31) Physiotherapy Council of Kenya;
- (32) Primary Health Care Fund;
- (33) Pyrethrum Processing Company of Kenya Limited;
- (34) Shamata Vocational Training Centre;
- (35) Simlaw Seeds Company Limited (Subsidiary of Kenya Seed Company);
- (36) Sports, Arts and Social Development Fund;
- (37) State Department for Agriculture;
- (38) State Department for Housing and Urban Development;
- (39) State Department for Lands and Physical Planning;
- (40) State Department for Social Protection and Senior Citizen Affairs;
- (41) State Department for Water and Sanitation;
- (42) Stores and Services Fund - State Department for Public Works;
- (43) The Judiciary;
- (44) The National Exchequer Account - National Treasury;
- (45) Tobacco Control Fund;
- (46) Valuers Registration Board;
- (47) Wanga Technical and Vocational College;
- (48) Water and Sanitation Development Project (IDA Credit No. 6029 and 6030 – KE);
- (49) Water Sector Trust Fund; and
- (50) Water Services Regulatory Board.

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

- (d) Report of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers) Regulations, 2025.

(Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

- (e) Eighth Report of the Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration and Agriculture on the consideration of Audited Financial Statements of the following State Corporations—
 - (1) Communications Authority of Kenya for the Financial Years 2019/2020 to 2023/2024;
 - (2) Kenya Medical Training College for the Financial Years 2021/2022 to 2024/2025;
 - (3) Kenya Medical Supplies Authority for the Financial Years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021;
 - (4) Public Benefit Organization Regulatory Authority for the Financial Years 2007/2008 to 2023/2024;

(5) Child Welfare Society of Kenya for the Financial Years 2019/2020 to 2023/2024; and

(6) Kenyatta University Teaching Referral and Research Hospital for the Financial Years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025.

(Hon. (Dr.) Jackson Kosgei - Member, Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration & Agriculture)

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were given—

(a) Consideration of the Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers) Regulations, 2025

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Draft Salaries and Remuneration Commission (Remuneration and Benefits of State and Other Public Officers) Regulations, 2025.

(Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

(b) Consideration of the Eighth Report of the Audited Financial Statements of the Following State Corporations

THAT, this House **adopts** the Eighth Report of the Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration & Agriculture on its examination of audited Financial Statements of the following State Corporations, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 12th March 2026—*

- (i) Communications Authority of Kenya for the Financial Years 2019/2020 to 2023/2024;
- (ii) Kenya Medical Training College for the Financial Years 2021/2022 to 2024/2025;
- (iii) Kenya Medical Supplies Authority for the Financial Years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021;
- (iv) Public Benefit Organization Regulatory Authority for the Financial Years 2007/2008 to 2023/2024;
- (v) Child Welfare Society of Kenya for the Financial Years 2019/2020 to 2023/2024; and
- (vi) Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital for the Financial Years 2020/2021 to 2024/2025.

(Hon. (Dr.) Jackson Kosgei - Member, Public Investments Committee on Social Services, Administration & Agriculture)

(c) Consideration of the Reports of the Select Committee on Implementation—

- (i) **THAT**, this House adopts the Second Report of the Select Committee on Implementation on status of Reports on Petitions and Resolutions passed by the House, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 26th October 2023*;
- (ii) **THAT**, this House adopts the Third Report of the Select Committee on Implementation on status of Reports on Petitions and Resolutions passed by the House, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 5th December 2024*;
- (iii) **THAT**, this House adopts the Fifth Report of the Select Committee on Implementation on the Implementation status of Reports on Petitions and Resolutions passed by the House, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 3rd December 2025*.

(Chairperson, Select Committee on Implementation)

7. STATEMENTS**(a) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)**

- (i) The Member for Webuye East (Hon. Martin Pepela) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding a tragic road accident that occurred at the *Malaha* junction along the *Webuye-Kitale* Road
- (ii) The Member for Teso South (Hon. Mary Emaase) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security regarding the rising cases of insecurity in parts of Western Kenya;
- (iii) The Member for Samburu County (Hon. Pauline Lenguris) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Tourism & wildlife regarding the human-wildlife conflict incident in *Kisima* Location, Samburu County;
- (iv) The Member for Gilgil (Hon. Martha Wangari) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security regarding the increased charges for issuance of birth certificates;
- (v) The Member for Kitui West (Hon. Edith Nyenze) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Regional Development regarding effects of devastating floods experienced across the country;
- (vi) The Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security regarding the insecurity affecting teachers serving in the *Isiolo-Kipsing* region of Isiolo County;
- (vii) The Member for Kwale County (Hon. Fatuma Masito) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security regarding the escalating insecurity in Kwale County caused by criminal gangs;
- (viii) The Member for Starehe (Hon. Amos Mwago) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the shortage of teachers in day secondary schools in Starehe Constituency;
- (ix) The Member for Funyula (Hon. Ojiambo Oundo) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy regarding the operations of KUDURA Power East Africa in Western Kenya;
- (x) The Member for Bomachoge Borabu (Hon. Nolfason Barongo) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding measures to improve maternal health outcomes in the country;
- (xi) The Member for Bumula (Hon. Wanami Wamboka) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works regarding the increased incidents of building collapses in various parts of the country; and
- (xii) The Member for Migori County (Hon. Fatuma Mohamed) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education regarding the status of disbursement of the Kenya-DAAD Partial Scholarship Programme.

(b) Statement 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, 31st March, 2026.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry & Mining responded to a Statement requested by the Member for Kisii (Hon. Dorice Donya) regarding the persistent discharge of raw sewage into public spaces during rainy seasons.

8. REORGANISATION 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. 9.** (*First Reading of the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026)*) and **Order No. 10** (*First Reading of the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bill No. 40 Of 2024)*) before **Order No. 8** (*Procedural Motion on Limitation of Debate on a Specified Sessional Paper*).

9. THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8 OF 2026

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Order for the First Reading read;

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

10. THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 40 OF 2024)

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture)

Order for the First Reading read;

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

11. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON A SPECIFIED SESSIONAL PAPER

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, notwithstanding the resolution of the House of Wednesday, 11th February 2026 relating to limitation of debate on a Sessional Paper, this House resolves to extend the **debate on Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2025 on Partial Divestiture in Safaricom PLC by the Government of Kenya** by a period not exceeding one hour.

(Leader of Majority Party)

There being no debate arising;
Question put and **agreed to.**

12. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3 OF 2025 ON PARTIAL DIVESTITURE IN SAFARICOM PLC BY THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA

Motion having been made and Question proposed—

THAT, this House **adopts** the Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and the Public Debt and Privatization Committee on the consideration of Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2025 on Partial Divestiture in Safaricom PLC by the Government of Kenya, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 10th March 2026* and—

- (a) **resolves that**, pursuant to the provisions of section 87(A) of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A, the House **approves** the Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2025 on Partial Divestiture of Safaricom PLC by the Government of Kenya; and

- (b) **further resolves** as follows –

Effective date

- (i) **That**, the effective date for the approval shall be 1st April 2026 or such later date when all regulatory approvals that form condition precedent in paragraph 4.1 of the Share Purchase Agreement shall have been obtained;

Completion upon obtaining all regulatory approvals

- (ii) **That**, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury shall upon obtaining all regulatory approvals in line with condition precedent in paragraph 4.1 of the Share Purchase Agreement undertake and complete the transaction through the *Block Trade Platform of the Nairobi Securities Exchange*;

Upfront payment to be made in lieu of future dividends

- (iii) **That**, the Government of Kenya shall receive Kenya shillings Forty billion and two hundred million (Ksh. 40.2B) as upfront payment in *lieu* of future dividends on the residual twenty (20) percent shareholding as per the Dividend Purchase Agreement;

Proceeds to be paid into the National Infrastructure Fund

- (iv) **That**, notwithstanding anything contained in the Share Purchase Agreement and the Dividend Purchase Agreement, the proceeds of the divestiture shall be paid into the National Infrastructure Fund;

No redundancy of existing staff

- (v) **That**, to safeguard against loss of jobs for existing staff, there shall be no acquisition-related redundancies in Safaricom PLC; and

Preservation of the existing business model with Safaricom PLC dealers, agents and other business partners

- (vi) **That**, the Cabinet Treasury for the National Treasury shall ensure that, within ten (10) years of the divestiture, there shall be no material change to the current shared prosperity business model in Safaricom PLC that will prejudice the existing Safaricom PLC dealers, agents and other business partners.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning- 11.03.2026 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 11th March 2026 -Afternoon Sitting resumed;

Debate having been concluded;

Reply on the Motion **deferred**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

The Sixth Chairperson in the Chair

The Tea (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 1 of 2023)

Clause 3 - amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 3 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment of section 5 of
Cap 343

“3. Section 5 of the principal Act be amended in paragraph (e) by deleting the words “commercial tea nurseries, commercial green leaf transports”

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 3 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 4 and 5 - agreed to.

Clause 6 - amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 6 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment of section 22 of
Cap 343

“6. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by deleting subsection (1);

(b) in subsection (4) by inserting the word “factory” immediately after the words “their duties the”.

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and negatived;

Clause 6 - agreed to.

Clause 7 - amendment proposed -

THAT, Clause 7 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

“(a) by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (1)—

(1A)A large scale tea grower shall notify the Board of any intended sale or transfer of ownership of its holding three months before the commencement of the intended transaction.”

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 7 as amended - agreed to.

Clauses 8, 9 and 10 - agreed to.

Clause 11 - amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 11 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

“11. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 34—

Insertion of new section
34 to Cap 343.

Tea sales.

34A. (1) Kenyan tea shall be traded through—

- (a) the auction;
- (b) direct sales; or
- (c) e-commerce.

(2) The Cabinet Secretary may prescribe regulations providing for the sale of tea through the auction, direct sales and e-commerce.

E-commerce.

34B. (1) A person who intends to establish an e-commerce platform for sale of tea shall register with the Board.

(2) A person shall not establish an e-commerce platform for tea unless the person is registered in accordance with this Act.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall prescribe regulations providing for the procedure of e-traders and the appeal process in case of refusal or denial of registration.

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 11 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 12 - amendment proposed -

THAT, Clause 12 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (c).

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment propos

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 12 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 13 - amendment proposed -

THAT, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new Clause 36A—

(a) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

"(2) The prices offered at the direct sales shall be sold at a price above the average price recorded at the auction within the three months preceding the sale."

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Proposed amendment withdrawn;

Further amendment proposed;

THAT, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new Clause 36A—

(b) by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

"(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with the Council of Governor prescribe regulations for the procedure of direct sale of tea."

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 13 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 14 - agreed to.

Clause 15 - amendment proposed -

THAT, Clause 15 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(a). inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection (2)—

"(2A) Specialty tea and value added tea packed into packets or containers containing not more than ten kilograms, tea aroma, tea extracts and decaffeinated teas shall be exempted from tea levy.

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 15 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 16 - amendment proposed -

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 16 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment of section 74 of Cap 343 **“16.** Section 74 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the word “if” appearing immediately after words “carrying out” and replacing therefor the word “of”; and
- (b) in subsection (2) by inserting the following paragraphs immediately after paragraph (v)—
- (va) Corporate Governance Guidelines for the tea industry;
- (vb) Code of Ethics and Conduct for tea Director(s);”

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Question on the amendment proposed;

There being no debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Clause 16 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 17 - agreed to.

NEW CLAUSE 7A

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 7—

Amendment to section 25 of Cap 343. **“7A.** Section 25 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (3) by deleting the words “after consultation with the Cabinet Secretary” in the opening statement.
- (b) by inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (5)—
- “(6) A holder of a tea manufacturing license shall notify the Board of any intended sale or transfer of ownership of its holdings before the transaction is affected.
- (7) The Cabinet Secretary shall make regulations to provide for transfer of holdings of a tea manufacturer.”

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, New Clause 7A be Read a Second Time;

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, new clause 7A be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

New Clause 7A - agreed to.

NEW CLAUSE 14A

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

Amendment of section
48 of Cap 343

“14A.Section 48 of the principal Act be amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

“(1) All tea buyers or exporters shall value add at least forty per centum of their annual Kenya tea exports within ten years from the commencement of their business.”

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, New Clause 14A be Read a Second Time;

(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock Development)

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, new clause 14A be part of the Bill;

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

New Clause 14A - agreed to.

13. HOUSE RESUMED – the Fifth Chairperson in the Chair

Progress on the Bill reported;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Tea (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 1 of 2023) up to New Clause 14A and seek leave to sit again.

(Hon. Brighton Yegon)

Question put and agreed to.

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

14. HOUSE ROSE - at six minutes past seven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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