



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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**

There Speaker issued the following Communications—

(i) **Members of Kenya-Turkey Friendship Group**

**“Honourable Members,** I wish to introduce to you the Hon. (Prof.) Abdurrahim Dusak, MP, Member of the Parliament of Türkiye, who is seated in the Speaker’s Row. He serves as the Rapporteur of the Committee on Muslim Communities and Minorities of Parliamentary Union of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Member States and is also a Member of the Kenya-Türkiye Parliamentary Friendship Group.

**Honourable Members,** the Hon. Abdurrahim is accompanied by H.E. Subutay Yuksel, the Turkish Ambassador to Kenya, and four (4) staffers from the Parliament of Türkiye. They are on a visit to engage with key stakeholders to gain insights and share experiences on matters of mutual interest, particularly in relation to diplomatic initiatives aimed at promoting the harmonious coexistence of Muslim Communities in Kenya.

**Honourable Members,** on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome them to Parliament and wish them fruitful engagements during their stay in the country. I thank you!”

(ii) **Members from the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania**

**“Waheshimiwa Wabunge,** ningependa kuwajulisha kuhusu kuwepo kwa ujumbe kutoka Bunge la Jamhuri ya Muungano wa Tanzania, ambao umeketi katika Safu ya Spika (Speaker’s Row). Ujumbe huu, kutoka kwa Kamati ya Sheria Ndogo, unajumuisha Wajumbe wafuatao –

- (1) Mheshimiwa Yahya Mfaume Zuberi– Makamu Mwenyekiti wa Kamati na Kiongozi wa Ujumbe;
- (2) Mheshimiwa Rashid Habib Ali;
- (3) Mheshimiwa Salehe Mbwana Mhando;

- (4) Mheshimiwa Sigrada Wilhelm Mligo;
- (5) Mheshimiwa Suleiman Premji Arif; na
- (6) Mheshimiwa George Boniface Simbachawene.

**Waheshimiwa Wabunge**, Ujumbe huu, ukiwa umeambatana na maafisa wawili wa Bunge, umezuru Bunge la Taifa kwa madhumuni yamafunzo na kubadilishana uzoefu wa kikazi na wenzao katika Kamati ya Sheria Ndogo ya hapa Bungeni. Mazungumzo yao yatajikita katika mifumo ya kisheria na kitaasisi inayosimamia upitiaji na udhibiti wa sheria ndogo unaofanywa na Bunge.

**Waheshimiwa Wabunge**, kwa niaba yangu na Bunge la Taifa, nawakaribisha wageni wetu hawa na kuwatakia majadiliano yenye tija na mafanikio katika kipindi cha ziara yao nchini. Asanteni!”

(iii) **Recognition of a delegation from the Parliament of Uganda**

**“Honourable Members**, I wish to introduce to you a delegation five (5) officers from the Department of Research Services of the Parliament of Uganda, who are seated in the Speaker’s Gallery.

**Honourable Members**, the delegation is on a benchmarking visit to learn best practices in the execution of their mandate from their counterpart, the Directorate of Parliamentary Research Services.

**Honourable Members**, on my own behalf and that of the National Assembly, I welcome them to Parliament and wish them fruitful engagements during their stay in the country. I thank you!”

## 6. PAPERS

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

- (a) Legal Notice No. 66 of 2026 relating to the National Government Co-ordination (Administrative Units) Regulations, 2026 from the Ministry of Interior and National Administration;
- (b) Intergovernmental Partnership agreement between the National Government through the Ministry of Education and the County Government of Nyandarua;
- (c) Annual Report of the Teachers Service Commission for the financial year 2024/2025;
- (d) Annual Report of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for the financial year 2024/2025;
- (e) (5) The East African Community Customs Proposals for the financial year 2026/2027 from the National Treasury;
- (f) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of the National Governments Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and the Certificates therein in respect of the following Constituencies –
  - (1) Ainabkoi;
  - (2) Homa Bay Town;
  - (3) Kangema;
  - (4) Kilifi South;
  - (5) Kuresoi South;
  - (6) Kuria East;
  - (7) Kuria West;
  - (8) Loima;

- (9) Mogotio;
- (10) Mvita;
- (11) Ndaragwa;
- (12) Rangwe;
- (13) Suna East;
- (14) Tinderet;
- (15) Turkana Central; and
- (16) Voi.

*(Majority Party Whip)*

- (g) Report of the 9<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Hanoi, Vietnam from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

*(Leader of the Delegation – Hon. Njeri Maina)*

- (h) Report of the 11<sup>th</sup> World Scout Parliamentary Union (WSPU) General Assembly Held in Nairobi, Kenya from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

*(Chairperson, 11<sup>th</sup> WSPU General Assembly – Hon. (Dr.) Oundo Ojiambo)*

## **7. STATEMENTS**

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

- (i) The Member for Isiolo County (Hon. Mumina Bonaya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding rise in Femicide cases in Isiolo County;
- (ii) The Member for Tharaka (Hon. George Murugara) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding the death of Mr. Shadrack Kienge Makembo;
- (iii) The Member for Embakasi West (Hon. Mark Mwenje) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs regarding alleged illegal voter transfer between counties;
- (iv) The Member for Westlands (Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Sports and Culture regarding exclusion of persons with disabilities in the PAMOJA Africa Cup of Nations 2027 Local Organising Committee; and
- (v) The Member for Kirinyaga County (Hon. Njeri Maina) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations regarding three (3) Kenyans stranded in Thailand.
- (vi) The request for Statement by the Member for Rabai (Hon. Anthony Mupe) from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Environment, Forestry and Mining regarding alleged pollution and environmental degradation by two companies in Rabai Constituency was deferred.

### **(b) Responses to Statement pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)—**

- (i) The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Administration & Internal Security tabled a response to a Statement by the Member for Kericho County (Hon. Beatrice Kemei) regarding the circumstances surrounding the burial of multiple unidentified bodies at the Kericho County Cemetery;

- (ii) The Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure, responded to a Statement by the Member for Luanda (Hon. Dick Maungu) regarding implementation of the Naivasha-Kisumu-Malaba Standard Gauge Railway Project; and
- (iii) The Vice Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works, responded to a Statement by the Member for Bumula (Hon. Wanami Wamboka) regarding the rampant collapse of buildings in the country.
- (iv) The Statement by the Member for Kisauni (Hon. Rashid Bedzimba) regarding the criteria for recognition and equation of Certificates and Diplomas obtained from schools offering International Curricula in Kenya to be responded to by the Cabinet Secretary in plenary on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026.
- (v) The response to the Statement by the Member for Samburu County (Hon. Pauline Lenguris) regarding human-wildlife conflict incidents in Kisima Location, Samburu County was deferred.

**8. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE**

Order for Committee read;

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

(In the Chair - First Chairperson of Committees)

**The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026)**

Clause 3 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 3.

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed-

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 3.

*(Hon. (Dr.) Ojiambo Oundo)*

Proposed amendment withdrawn;

Clause 3 - deleted.

Clause 4 - amendment proposed -

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 4 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Amendment of section 27 of Cap. 517A. **“4.** Section 27 of the principal Act is amended by—  
 (a) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (5)—

(5A) A licence issued under this Act to a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise carrying on business or

undertaking activities within an industrial park shall be valid for a minimum period of ten years.

(5B) A licence issued under subsection (5A) shall be subject to the licensee meeting the minimum investment value of Kenya Shillings five billion.

(5C) The Cabinet Secretary may by notice in the *Gazette* amend the minimum investment value set out under subsection (5B).

(5D) The Authority shall, on an annual basis, and for the entire period during which a license remains valid, conduct a compliance audit of a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise to whom a license is issued pursuant to subsection (5A) to ensure compliance with such terms and conditions of license as prescribed in regulations, and the developer, operator or enterprise shall pay such annual license fees to the Authority as may be prescribed.

(5E) A special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise that fails to pay the prescribed annual license fees within sixty days after the expiry of each twelve-month period following the date of issuance of the license shall be liable to pay a penalty as prescribed in the regulations.”

(b) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (6)—

(6A) Before suspending or revoking a license under subsection (6), the Authority shall give written notice of at least thirty days, specifying—

- (a) the grounds for the intended suspension or revocation;
- (b) the terms and conditions of the license or the provisions of law that have been contravened, not complied with or violated;
- (c) the remedial action required;
- (d) the period within which the licensee is required to comply or show cause why the license should not be suspended or revoked.

(6B) Where a license is revoked, the Authority shall, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, make such arrangements as may be necessary to provide for the protection of third-party interests and the orderly exit, transfer or disposal of assets within the special economic zone.

(6C) A special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise aggrieved by a decision of the Authority to suspend or revoke a license may appeal the decision to the Cabinet Secretary within thirty days of receipt of the notification of suspension or revocation.

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

Question on the amendment proposed;

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed—

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 4 and substituting therefor the following new Clause—

Amendment  
of section 27  
of Cap. 517A.

**“4.** Section 27 of the principal Act is amended by—

(a) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (5)—

(5A) A licence issued under this Act to a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise carrying on business or undertaking activities within an industrial park shall be valid for a minimum period of ten years.

(5B) The Authority shall, on an annual basis, and for the entire period during which a licence remains valid, conduct a compliance audit of a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise to whom a licence is issued pursuant to subsection (5A) to ensure compliance with such terms and conditions of licence as the Authority may prescribe, and the developer, operator or enterprise shall pay such annual licence fees to the Authority as may be prescribed.

(5C) A special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise that fails to pay the prescribed annual licence fees within sixty days after the expiry of each twelve-month period following the date of issuance of the licence shall be liable to pay double the amount of the prescribed annual licence fee in respect of that period.”

(b) inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (6)—

(6A) Before suspending or revoking a licence under subsection (6), the Authority shall give written notice of at least thirty days, specifying—

- (a) the grounds for the intended suspension or revocation;
- (b) the terms and conditions of the licence or the provisions of law that have been contravened, not complied with or violated;
- (c) the remedial action required;
- (d) the period within which the licensee is required to comply or show cause why the licence should not be suspended or revoked.

(6B) Where a licence is revoked, the Authority shall, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, make such arrangements as may be necessary to provide for the protection of third-party interests and the orderly exit, transfer or disposal of assets within the special economic zone.

(6C) A special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise aggrieved by a decision of the Authority to suspend or revoke a licence may appeal the decision to the Cabinet Secretary within thirty days of receipt of the notification of suspension or revocation.

*(Hon. (Dr.) Ojiambo Oundo)*

Proposed further amendment withdrawn;

Clause 4 as amended - agreed to.

Clause 5 - agreed to.

Clause 6 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, the Bill be amended in Clause 6 by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following—

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

(3) A special economic zone developer or operator who is undertaking, or intends to undertake, upstream petroleum operations or midstream petroleum operations in a zone designated for such operations may apply, in the prescribed manner, for a special economic zone enterprise licence under subsection (2) for purposes of carrying out those upstream petroleum operations or midstream petroleum operations, as the case may be, under this Act.”

*(Hon. (Dr.) Ojiambo Oundo)*

Proposed further amendment withdrawn.

Clause 6 - agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 - agreed to.

New Clause 3A - proposed –

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 3—

Amendment of section 11 of Cap.517A. **“3A.** Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (m) and substituting therefor the following paragraph—

“(m) to suspend or cancel the licence of a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise which is in violation of this Act, the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004 or any other applicable law”

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

Motion made and question proposed –

**THAT**, New Clause 3A be Read a Second Time.

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

Debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Motion made and question proposed;

**THAT**, New Clause 3A be part of the Bill;

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed—

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after Clause 3 —

Amendment of section 11 of Cap.517A.

**“3A.** Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (m) and substituting therefor the following paragraph—

“(m) to suspend or cancel the licence of a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise which is in violation of this Act, the East African Community Customs Management Act, 2004 or any other applicable law.”

Proposed further amendment withdrawn;

New Clause 3A - agreed to.

Clause 2 - amendment proposed –

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 2 and substituting therefor the following new Clause 2 —

**“2.** Section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act (in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is amended by—

(a) deleting the definition of the term “industrial park” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“industrial park” means a special economic zone declared as an industrial park under section 4 and comprising integrated infrastructure intended to support manufacturing, agro-processing, upstream petroleum operations, midstream petroleum operations, mineral and natural resource-based industrial activities, and advanced technology-driven production activities or such other sectors as may be prescribed by the Authority and approved by the Cabinet Secretary”.

(b) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

"midstream petroleum operations" has the meaning assigned to it under the Petroleum Act;

“upstream petroleum operations” has the meaning assigned to it under the Petroleum Act;

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

Debate arising;

Question on the amendment put and agreed to;

Further amendment proposed—

**THAT**, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 2 and substituting therefor the following new Clause 2 —

**“2.** Section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act (in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is amended by—

(a) deleting the definition of the term “industrial park” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“industrial park” means a special economic zone declared as an industrial park under section 4 and comprising integrated infrastructure intended to support manufacturing, agro-processing, upstream petroleum operations, midstream petroleum operations, mineral and natural resource-based industrial activities, and advanced technology-driven production activities or such other sectors as may be prescribed by the Authority”.

(b) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—

"midstream petroleum operations" means all or any of the operations related to petroleum transportation, storage, refining operations, or natural gas processing operations that are related to multiple development areas including operations for the liquefaction of natural gas;

“upstream petroleum operations” means all or any of the operations related to the exploration, development, production, separation and treatment, storage and transportation of petroleum up to the agreed delivery point;

*(Hon. (Dr.) Ojiambo Oundo)*

Proposed further amendment withdrawn;

Clause 2 as amended - agreed to.

Schedule - 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” immediately after the expression “Act, 2026”

*(Vice-Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry & Cooperatives)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to;

Clause 1 as amended - agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

**HOUSE RESUMED** - the First Chairperson in the Chair

**The Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026)**

Bill reported with amendments.

Motion made and Question proposed -

**THAT**, this House do agree with the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on its consideration of the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026).

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made and Question proposed -

**THAT**, the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2026) be now read a Third Time.

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

There being no debate arising;

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a Third Time and passed.

**9. THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 38 OF 2025)**

Motion made and Question proposed -

**THAT**, the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025) be now read the Second Time.

*(Leader of the Majority Party)*

Rising in his place, the Member for Magarini (Hon. Harrison Kombe) claimed to move that debate on the Bill be adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Motion made and question proposed-

**THAT**, debate on the motion be now adjourned pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 96(1).

Question put and agreed to;

Debate adjourned.

**10. MOTION - SEVENTH REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF VARIOUS STATE CORPORATIONS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2018/2019 TO 2020/2021)**

Motion made and Question proposed -

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Seventh Report of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education on its Examination of the audited financial statements of the following State Corporations for the financial years 2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, *laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026—*

- (i) The Kenya Law Reforms Commission;
- (ii) Kenya Copyright Board;
- (iii) National Cohesion and Integration Commission;
- (iv) Business Registration Service;
- (v) Nairobi Centre For International Arbitration;

- (vi) Kenya Accreditation Service; and
- (vii) National Transport and Safety Authority.  
*(Chairperson, Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education)*

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Putting of the question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3).

**11. MOTION – INQUIRY INTO THE PRICING OF TEA IN KENYA**

Order read;

Order deferred.

**12. MOTION – SIXTH REPORT ON THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE STORES & SERVICES FUND AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH FUND FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022**

Motion made and Question proposed;

**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)*

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Putting of the question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3).

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

Motion made and Question proposed;

**THAT**, this House **adopts** the Tenth Report of the Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee on its consideration of the audited accounts of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund for the financial years 2016/2017 to 2021/2022 *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025.*  
*(Chairperson, Decentralized Funds Accounts Committee)*

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Putting of the question deferred pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 53(3).

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And the time being Seven O'clock, the First Chairperson of Committees adjourned the House without Question put pursuant to the Standing Orders.

14. HOUSE ROSE - at Seven O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 9.30am

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