



THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 AT 9.30AM

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Nine O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Honourable Deputy Speaker.
4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**
There being no Quorum present at the commencement of the House, the Hon. Deputy 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 Deputy Speaker issued the following Communication—

Complaint Against the Chairperson of a House Committee

“Honourable Members,

1. I wish to convey that the Office of the Speaker of the National Assembly is in receipt of a formal Complaint from the outgoing Chairperson of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) raising serious allegations on the conduct of the Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education, the Hon. Jack Wanami Wamboka, MP.
2. **Hon. Members,** In the letter, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Kobia, CBS states that in addition to the alleged open hostility, harassment, and demeaning treatment of officers of the NCIC by the Chairperson, the NCIC has credible concern regarding allegations that the Chairperson has demanded inducements as a precondition to grant audience or favorable consideration during committee proceedings. He concludes by seeking the intervention of the Hon. Speaker to cause an impartial investigation into the allegations, which, if proven, constitute abuse of office and a violation of Chapter Six of the Constitution and the statutory provisions on Leadership and Integrity.
3. **Hon. Members,** Consequent to Rev. Kobia’s letter, the Member for Homa Bay Town Constituency, the Hon. Peter Kaluma, CBS, MP, has also formally written to the Hon. Speaker on the matter.

4. In his letter, the Hon. Kaluma claims to have found possession of the letter from the NCIC and urges that if the complaint is not urgently investigated and addressed, it may, and I quote **“disable the Parliament of Kenya in the discharge of its oversight mandate”**.
5. **Hon. Members**, drawing from the precedents of previous Speakers and as the Hon. Speaker has rightly held during this 13th Parliament, *any allegation of corrupt practice, bribery or attempted bribery is a stain on the privilege of the institution of Parliament which calls for expeditious investigation and action.*
6. As a House, we recently passed the Conflict of Interest Act, 2025 and are all fully aware of both its ramifications and the implications of the broader ethical framework contained in Chapter Six of the Constitution; the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Act, Cap. 65; and Leadership and Integrity Act, Cap. 185C. Members are also fully aware that **upon taking oath of office, each of us subscribed to the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament** contained in the Fourth Schedule to the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, Cap. 6.
7. **Hon. Members**, the established practice of the House requires that **once any issue touching on the privilege of the House is raised, as has now been done by the Hon. Kaluma, the issue MUST be dispensed with as a matter of PRIORITY.**
8. The Standing Orders and the practices and precedents that we observe ordinarily require the Speaker to guide on the next course of action on a matter of privilege **without delay. However, the House is now faced with a rather novel issue.** Whereas the records of the House indicate that the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education comprises a total of fifteen (15) Members who discharge the mandate of the Committee, the complaint at hand is couched in fairly specific terms against only the Chairperson of the Committee.
9. It would, therefore, greatly benefit the Hon. Speaker to receive any intervention or comment on the allegations from the House. Before proceeding to guide on the matter, I invite said intervention or comment, if any. In doing so, I will accord priority to any Member of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education present in the House this morning and further direct that the interventions and comments be strictly limited to the complaint as conveyed against the Chairperson of the Public Investments Committee on Governance and Education and any proposed remedy.”

[Thereafter, several Honourable Members spoke on the matter as guided by the Deputy Speaker.]

[The Deputy Speaker undertook to issue guidance to the House on the way forward on the matter in light of the various viewpoints expressed by the Members.]

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was given—

Motion to Outlaw Discriminatory Practices in Learning Institutions that Impede Access to Basic Education

THAT, aware that, Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution guarantees every child the right to free and compulsory basic education and Article 21(2) obligates the State to take legislative and policy measures to ensure the progressive realization of socio-economic rights which includes the right to education under Article 43(1)(f); **further aware that,** the Basic Education Act, Cap. 211, obligates the State and school administrators to ensure equitable access, retention and completion in basic education, and prohibits administrative barriers that exclude learners; **noting that,** the Children Act, Cap. 141, requires the best interests of the child to be the primary consideration in all actions concerning children, including in education; **recognising,** Kenya's international and regional obligations under Articles 2 and 28 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11 of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Convention against Discrimination in Education, which require States to ensure education is accessible, non-discriminatory, and free from economic or social barriers; **concerned that,** certain administrative practices in schools, particularly compulsory sourcing of uniforms from designated outlets, exclusion of learners for inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial class charges or other non-statutory levies, have the effect of imposing economic and administrative barriers and in some instances creating possible avenues for abuse of office and improper financial benefit; **now therefore, this House resolves that:**

1. All basic education institutions shall allow purchase of school uniforms from the open market, as long as they generally conform to the school design and standards and further that any attempt to monopolise, control or otherwise influence the supply of school uniforms is unlawful;
2. All learners shall have uninterrupted access to school regardless of inability to pay for school feeding programmes, remedial charges, development levies or any other charges not expressly provided for under the Basic Education Act or any other regulation approved by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education;
3. The Cabinet Secretary responsible for Education, in consultation with the Teachers Service Commission, shall within ninety (90) days:
 - (i) develop a comprehensive regulatory and enforcement framework, including monitoring mechanisms, a complaints & redress system for parents and learners, as well as a nationwide public awareness programme to ensure full compliance; and
 - (ii) provide that any person or institution, action or policy that violates this resolution shall be subject to disciplinary action under the relevant statutes including the Teachers Service Commission Act, the Basic Education Act, the Children Act and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission Act.

(Hon. Duncan Mathenge)

7. QUESTIONS

The following Question was asked to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission—

Question No. 014 of 2026 by the Member for Nakuru Town East (Hon. David Gikaria) regarding the inability of Maisha Card holders born from 2004, particularly in Nakuru County, to register as voters with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), and the timelines for resolving the issue before the closure of voter registration.

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

The Member for Turkana North (Hon. Ekwom Nabuin) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding the Routine maintenance and improvement of Lokichogio-Lokitaung (B71) Roads in Turkana North. A Member of the Committee, Hon. Kibet Komingoi, undertook to have Response to the Statement presented on the first week of resumption from the Recess.

(b) Responses to Statements pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(c)

The Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy (Hon. David Gikaria) tabled Response to a Statement requested by the Member for Funyula (Hon. (Dr.) Ojiambo Oundo) regarding the Operations of KUDURA Power East Africa in Western Kenya, in light of the absence of the Member in the Chamber.

9. THE EDUCATION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 51 OF 2025)

(The Hon. Caroli Omondi, M.P.)

Order for First Reading read;

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

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

Motion having been made and Question having been proposed—

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

(The Hon. Jane Kagiri -15.04.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, April 16, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

[Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the First Chairperson of Committees]

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Putting of the Question deferred.

11. THE PREVENTION OF LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE THEFT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 12 OF 2023)

Motion having been made and Question having been proposed—

THAT, the Prevention of Livestock and Produce Theft Bill (Senate Bill No. 12 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

(The Hon. Rahim Dawood -15.04.2026)

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

Debate concluded;

Mover replied;

Putting of the Question deferred.

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

12. HOUSE ROSE - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair today,
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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