



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 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. **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Oath/affirmation was administered to: -

Keter, David Kipsang, Member-elect for Emurua Dikirr Constituency

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communication: -

Resumption of Sittings and Priority Business for the Second Part of the Fifth Session

“Honourable Members,

I wish to welcome you back to the House after the just concluded recess, which I note was a working recess. This is exemplified by the public hearings and stakeholder engagements on the consideration of the **Budget Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027** and the **Finance Bill (National Bill No. 26 of 2026)**. I also trust that you took time within your busy schedules to attend to your constituents and family, and are now prepared to resume the legislative business of the House as we commence the Second Part of the Fifth Session.

Hon. Members, as I welcome you back, I wish to bring to your attention that part of the business which is before the House during this part of the Session have statutory timelines. Notably, the House is expected to consider the Estimates for FY 2026/2027 and the attendant Budget-related legislations including the **finalisation of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026, the Appropriation Bill, 2026 and the Finance Bill, 2026**. The House is also expected to consider the **County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2026, upon receipt from the Senate**.

Hon. Members, with regard to the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 26 of 2026), I wish to note that in line with the resolution of the House of 11th February 2026 regarding *Processing of Bills received during the Short and Long Recesses*, vide Notification No. 003 of

2026 dated Friday, 8th May 2026, I referred the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for consideration, having determined that the Bill was of priority, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 127 (*Committal of Bills to Committees and public participation*). Further, I directed that the Bill be read a First Time once the House resumes today, as indicated in the Order Paper.

As you are also aware, **Hon. Members**, during the recess period, I notified the House, by way of **Notification No. 004 of 2026**, that the Senate had concluded consideration of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026 and passed it with amendments. In this regard, the House is scheduled to consider the Senate amendments to the Bill during today's sitting. This is because the Bill is critical in facilitating the proper functioning of the National and county governments and the continuity of service delivery to citizens, and therefore requires expeditious consideration.

Further, **Honourable Members**, I also wish to inform the House that the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning is scheduled to make the public pronouncement of the Budget policy highlights and revenue-raising measures for the national government for the financial year 2026/2027 on 11th June 2026 in line with the provisions of section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A.

Other priority business includes the consideration of a public petition on access to healthcare by cancer patients in the country; and the consideration the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 29 of 2023), and the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2025) in the Committee of the Whole House.

The House will also consider a Special Motion on the nominee for appointment as High Commissioner to Canada.

Honourable Members are also reminded that this year's National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 28th May 2026**, at the **Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi at 6.30a.m.** The event will be graced by H.E. the President, and all Members are invited to attend. As per custom, the Prayer Breakfast shall be preceded by the **Women's Convocation** and the **National Conversation on Wednesday, 27th May 2026**, at the same venue, **starting 8.00a.m. and 1.00p.m., respectively**. Coincidentally, the activities tomorrow come at a time as we celebrate the 2026 *Eid al-Adha*. I therefore take this opportunity to wish our Muslim brothers *Eid al-Adha Mubarak*. May the spirit of *Eid al-Adha* fill your heart with peace, joy, and selflessness.

Honourable Members, I wish to convey to the House that during the recess, on 18th May 2026, I did receive a request from the Honourable Member for Kiharu, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, CBS, MP, to convene the House to discuss the issue of rising fuel prices. I must note, from the outset, that I take great exception to the manner in which the Hon. Member publicized the letter long before it was formally received in my office. This is contrary to our Standing Orders and established practice.

Nevertheless, I directed the Clerk to respond to the Honourable Member for Kiharu and guide him on the applicable procedure. As Hon. Members are aware, **Standing Order 29** requires any Member desirous of convening a Special Sitting of the House to engage the Leadership of their Party/Coalition to submit a request for the consideration of the

Speaker. Additionally, all Members must be given at least three days' notice of any request to convene a Special Sitting of the House, which ordinarily excludes the proposed day of the sitting.

In this regard, acceding to the Hon. Member's unprocedural request would have led to his proposed Special Sitting being held yesterday or today, a day on which the House was scheduled to resume its sittings as per the approved Calendar. This rendered the question of special sitting moot, or simply academic.

Honourable Members, it is my view that the issue of rising fuel costs may only be addressed through concerted, objective and cross-cutting efforts across all players, including the National Government, Legislature and our private sector. Isolated and subjective utterances are unhelpful at this time and only serve to politicise a matter that is of critical concern to our economy and the welfare of all Kenyans.

Cognisant of several prior requests received from other Hon. Members to prioritise debate on the subject upon resumption of the sittings of the House, I have approved a Motion on the matter for consideration by the House during this afternoon sitting, even as other efforts by all players to address the issue continue.

In conclusion, **Honourable Members**, the timely consideration of the critical House business that I have highlighted calls for your utmost dedication. I therefore urge each Member to rise to the occasion so that, together, we deliver on the legislative mandate of this House in line with the Constitution.

The House is accordingly informed. I thank you!"

6. MESSAGES

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the Senate: -

On the Passage of Six (6) National Assembly Bills by the Senate

Honourable Members,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(4), I wish to report to the House that, during the recess period, I received six (6) Messages from the Senate regarding consideration of six (6) National Assembly Bills. They are—

- a) **The Mediated version of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023);**
- b) **The Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2025);**
- c) **The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 48 of 2024);**
- d) **The Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025);**
- e) **The Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023); and**
- f) **The Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly No. 2 of 2026).**

Honourable Members, the **First Message** conveys that on 12th May 2026, the Senate considered and **approved** the mediated version of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023) in the form proposed by the Mediation

Committee. You will recall that on 29th April 2026, the National Assembly considered and approved the mediated version of the said Bill in the form proposed by the Mediation Committee.

Consequent to this, the approval of the mediated version of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023) by the Houses of Parliament concludes the bicameral consideration of the Bill.

Honourable Members, the **Second Message** conveys that on 12th May 2026, Senate considered and passed the Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2025) **without amendments**. You will also recall that on 30th July 2025, the National Assembly passed the said Bill and referred it to the Senate for consideration.

The **Third Message** conveys that on 12th May 2026, the Senate considered and passed the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 48 of 2024) **without amendments**. You will also recall that on 28th November, 2024, the National Assembly passed the said Bill and referred it to the Senate for consideration.

The **Fourth Message** conveys that on 14th May 2026, the Senate considered and passed the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025), **without amendments**. The said Bill was passed by the National Assembly on 29th April, 2026, and referred it to the Senate for consideration.

Honourable Members, the passage of the Four (4) Bills – the mediated version of the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023), the Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill, 2025, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 by the Senate in the form passed by the National Assembly effectively concludes their bicameral consideration. **I will therefore proceed to present the Bills to His Excellency the President for Assent in accordance with the provisions of Articles 110(5) and 113(3) of the Constitution.**

Honourable Members, the **Fifth and Sixth Messages** convey that on 12th May 2026, the Senate considered and passed **the Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 72 of 2023)** and the **Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026) with amendments**.

The Senate now seeks the National Assembly's reconsideration of the two (2) Bills in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution.

To this end, I hereby refer the Senate amendments to the Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 72 of 2023) to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** for consideration and reporting. I also direct the Clerk to circulate the *Schedule of Senate Amendments* to the Bill to all Members.

Honourable Members, with regard to the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026), I wish to note that in line with the resolution of the House of 11th February 2026 regarding *Processing of Messages received from the Senate during the Short and Long Recesses*, vide *Notification No. 004 of 2026* dated Friday, 15th May 2026, I referred the

*Schedule of Senate Amendments to the Bill to the Budget and Appropriations Committee for consideration, having determined that the Bill was of priority. Indeed, noting the centrality of the Bill in facilitating the proper functioning of the National and county governments and the continuity of service delivery to the citizens, and the attendant statutory timelines, you will notice in today's Order Paper, the Senate amendments are scheduled for consideration by the House. The House is accordingly guided. **I thank you!**"*

7. PAPERS

- a) Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on its consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026);
- b) Legal Notice No. 78 of 2026 relating to the Tariffs for Healthcare Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, Explanatory Memorandum, regulatory Impact statement, the Consolidated Written Submissions Matrix and report of the Public Participation and Stakeholder Engagements from the Ministry of Health;
- c) Amendment of Article 10(4) of the Constitution of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) from the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.
- d) Annual Report of Insurance Industry for the year ended 31st December 2024 from the National Treasury;
- e) Intergovernmental Partnership agreement between National Government through the Ministry of Education and the County Government of Bomet;
- f) Intergovernmental Partnership agreement between National Government through the Ministry of Education and the County Government of Elgeyo Marakwet;
- g) Report for the Third Quarter of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund for the financial year 2025/2026;
- h) Annual Report of the Teachers Service Commission for the financial year 2024/2025;
- i) Report of the Auditor General on Citizens Accountability on the implementation of the Green Zones Development Support Project Phase II; and
- j) 2024-2025 Annual Report of the Kenya National Commission of the Human Rights.

(Leader of the Majority Party)

- k) Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on the approval hearing of Mr. Humphrey Mulongo Wattanga, EBS, for appointment as the High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notices of Motion were given –

- i. Approval Hearing of Nominee for Appointment as High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations in its Report on the Approval Hearing of a Nominee for Appointment as High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 26th May 2026*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, section 20(2) of the Foreign Service Act, Cap. 185E and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, Cap. 7F, this House

approves the appointment of **Mr. Humphrey Mulongo Wattanga, EBS** as High Commissioner to Ottawa, Canada.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations)

ii. Request for Adjournment of the House to Discuss a Matter of Urgent National Importance Regarding Escalating Fuel Prices

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 33(1), the Chairperson, Departmental Committee & Infrastructure (Hon. G.K. Kariuki) sought leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent national importance regarding the escalating fuel prices in the country.

And the Speaker being satisfied that the matter was definite, urgent and of national importance that may be raised on a Motion of adjournment of the House;

And more than twenty Members having risen in their places in support of the Motion;

Thereupon, the Speaker nominated 4:15pm as the time for adjournment of the House to discuss the matter.

9. PROCEDURAL MOTION – REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION PERIOD FOR SPECIFIC BILLS

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 120, this House **resolves** to reduce the publication period of the following priority Bills **from fourteen (14) days to six (6) days—**

- (i) The Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 27 of 2026); and
- (ii) The Kenya Revenue Authority (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2026).

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

10. MOTION – REPORT ON PUBLIC PETITION NO. 021 OF 2025 REGARDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE BY CANCER PATIENTS IN THE COUNTRY

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Health on its consideration of Public Petition No. 021 of 2025 regarding access to healthcare by cancer patients in the country, *laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, 8th April 2026*.

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Health)

Order deferred.

11. THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 51 OF 2024)
(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Order for First Reading read;

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

12. THE QUANTITY SURVEYORS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2026)
(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning & Public Works)

Order for First Reading read;

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

13. THE FINANCE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 26 OF 2026)
(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning)

Order for First Reading read;

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

14. THE KENYA REVENUE AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 28 OF 2026)
(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Order deferred.

15. MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2026)

Motion made and Question proposed

THAT, the **Senate amendments** to the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026) be now considered.

(The Leader of the Majority Party)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and negatived.

Bill referred to a Mediation Committee pursuant to Article 113(1) of the Constitution.

16. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE REGARDING ESCALATING FUEL PRICES

Motion made –

THAT, this House do now adjourn to discuss a definite matter of urgent national importance regarding the escalating fuel prices in the country.

(Chairperson, Departmental Committee & Infrastructure)

Change of Chair from the Honourable Speaker to the Deputy Speaker

Debate arising;

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

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

17. HOUSE ROSE - at Seven O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 2.30 p.m.

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