



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 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. **COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communications from the Chair—

(i) **A delegation from the African Organisation of Public Accounts Committee (AFROPAC)**

“Honourable Members, I wish to introduce to you a delegation of Members from the African Organisation of Public Accounts Committees (AFROPAC), who are seated in the Speaker’s Gallery. They comprise-

- i. The Hon. Medard Lubega Ssegona, MP – Chairperson (Head of Delegation);
- ii. The Hon. James Klutse Avedzi, MP;
- iii. The Hon. Mark Razalious Botomani, MP; and
- iv. The Hon. Madala Mhlanga, MP.

Honourable Members, the delegation, accompanied by six (6) members of staff, is in the country to attend the Executive Committee meeting of AFROPAC. Just for your information, Kenya hosts the secretariat and our own Chairperson of Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the Hon. John Mbadi, EGH, MP, is the Deputy Secretary General of the organisation.

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

(ii) **On the 2024 Speaker’s Roundtable with Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)**

“Honourable Members, As you may be aware, since 2009, the National Assembly and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) have jointly held an annual engagement under the auspices of the “Speaker’s Roundtable.” The annual event aims at bolstering the roles of the two institutions including consideration of legislative and legal frameworks necessary for supporting the economic sector.

Over the past fourteen years, these engagements have been instrumental in providing policy and legislative underpinnings which have greatly impacted on the sector. Indeed, various amendments and reforms to the law have been initiated as a result of these collaborative meetings thus supporting businesses and economic growth, and contributing to the overall national development.

Honourable Members, the 2024 Speaker's Roundtable is scheduled to take place on Friday, 21st June 2024 at Argyle Grand Hotel, Machakos County. The meeting will be held under the theme of "*Leveraging the role of the Legislature in enhancing Kenya's competitiveness for the creation of jobs, wealth and inclusive prosperity.*"

The Roundtable discussions will focus on, among others areas, governance, access to finance, competitive logistics and utilities, industrialization and trade, human capital development, and social development and inclusion.

Honourable Members, participants to the meeting will include all Members of Parliament, Senior Parliamentary Staff, and representatives of the business community under the KEPSA umbrella.

In this regard, Honourable Members, I wish to invite all Members to the meeting as these engagements will afford the House an opportunity to engage with the business community as we seek to set the foundations for greater national economic development. I thank you!"

5. PAPERS

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the House –

- Legal Notice No. 96 of 2024 relating to the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (General) Regulations, 2023 including the Explanatory Memorandum, Executive Summary and Synopsis of Stakeholders Engagement from the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA).

(Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

6. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2) (C)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the Member for Kathiani (Hon. Robert Mbui) requested for a Statement from the Leader of the Majority Party regarding a directive issued by the Private Security Regulatory Authority to private security service providers on minimum wage payable to private security officers.

7. STATEMENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), the Leader of the Majority Party issued a Statement regarding the business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 17th June 2024.

8. MOTION – REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE EQUALISATION FUND APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 30 OF 2023)

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 Equalisation Fund Appropriation (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2023).

(Chairperson, Budget and Appropriations Committee)

Debate having been concluded on Wednesday, 12th June 2024 (Afternoon Sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

Bill Read a Third Time and passed.

9. **MOTION – REPORT ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED FUND SERVICES EXPENDITURES FOR THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES II FOR THE FY 2023/2024 AND THE BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2024/2025**

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, this House **adopts** the Report of the Public Debt and Privatization Committee on its consideration of the Consolidated Fund Services for the Supplementary Estimates II for FY 2023/2024 and the Budget Estimates for FY 2024/2025, *laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 4th June 2024.*

(Chairperson, Public Debt and Privatization Committee – 12.06.2024)

Debate having been concluded on Wednesday, 12th June 2024 (Afternoon Sitting);

Question put and agreed to.

10. **INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS FOR PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025**

The Speaker issued the following Communication:

“Honourable Members, Pursuant to the provisions of section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Orders 25A(a) and 244C, I will now interrupt the business of the House to allow the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning to make a public pronouncement on the *Budget Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the National Government* for the Financial Year 2024/2025 and the Medium Term. In accordance with the Standing Orders, I have also designated a suitable place in the Chamber for that purpose.

Honourable Members, as I invite the Cabinet Secretary, I hasten to remind the House of the nature of today’s event. First, the House will not make any decision on the pronouncement by the Cabinet Secretary. This is largely a ceremonial event.

Members may wish to note that the House is still in the Supply Period, which commences with the consideration of the Budget Estimates and concludes with the enactment of an Appropriation Act. At present, the House has only considered and approved the Budget Estimates for the Financial Year 2024/25. As you are aware, the Appropriation Bill, 2024 and the Finance Bill, 2024 *that is the Ways and Means proposed to support the appropriations made by the House* will be considered at a later stage.

Secondly, Honourable Members, I wish to allay the fears of a number of Members who have approached me and raised concerns relating to the Finance Bill, 2024. The House is not considering or voting on anything related to the Finance Bill today. Indeed, the Bill is still undergoing public participation before the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, and the Committee is yet to table its Report. Any concerns relating to the Bill shall be adequately addressed by the House once the Committee tables its report, hopefully in the coming week.

Thirdly, as stated earlier, the Cabinet Secretary is discharging a largely ceremonial function. Section 40 of the Public Finance Management, 2012 requires the Cabinet Secretary to make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government, taking into account international obligations entered into under the East African Community Treaty.

As Members are aware, Partner states of the East African Community have a standing agreement to present and table budget statements to their respective Parliaments every second Thursday of June, which is today. I hope the foregoing adequately clarifies the nature of today's event.

The Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u, PhD, EGH, you may now proceed. I thank you!"

11. PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE RAISING MEASURES FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 25A(a) and 244C, the Honourable Speaker invited the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning to make a Public Pronouncement of the Budget Highlights and Revenue Raising Measures for the National Government for the Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

The Cabinet Secretary presented the Highlights, and submitted the following documents-

- i. Budget Statements for the FY 2024/2025
- ii. Budget Highlights for Mwananchi Guide for FY 2024/2025 Budget
- iii. Statistical Annex for the Budget Statements for the FY 2024/2025

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

“Honourable Members, I wish to thank the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, for ably making a Public Pronouncement of the Budget Highlights and Revenue-Raising Measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2024/2025 and the Medium Term.

In this regard, Honourable Members, I wish to confirm that in conformity with the provisions of Article 221(1) of the Constitution, sections 37, 39 and 39A of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, and Standing Order 244C, the Cabinet Secretary submitted to the National Assembly the documents and legislative proposals required to implement the national government budget for Financial Year 2024/2025 on 30th April, 2024. This is within the prescribed timeline. The documents submitted by the Cabinet Secretary included the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the National Government and the Finance Bill, 2024, which is currently under consideration by the House.

Honourable Members, it is now my pleasure to invite all Honourable Members, the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury, all Cabinet Secretaries present and other invited guests to a reception at the Parliament Courtyard at the rise of the House.

Honourable Members, and the time being seventeen minutes past Five O' Clock, the House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 at 2.30 p.m. I thank you!"

13. HOUSE ROSE - at seventeen minutes past Five O' Clock.

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The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 02.30 p.m.

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