



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 AT 9.30 AM

1. The House assembled at Thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer.
3. **Presiding** – the Deputy Speaker

4. **QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE HOUSE**

There being no quorum present to commence business, the Deputy Speaker ordered that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And quorum not having been obtained within the ten minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the Quorum Bell be rang for an additional five minutes;

And, quorum having been attained within the additional five minutes, proceedings commenced.

5. **PAPERS**

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

- (i) Report of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2022 and the certificate therein in respect of Kenya Post Office Savings Bank;
- (ii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of the following institutions:-
 - a) Kenya Post Office Savings Bank;
 - b) Office of the Controller of Budget Staff Retirement Benefits Scheme; and
 - c) Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM).
- (iii) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements of the National Governments Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) for the year ended 30th June, 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of the following Constituencies:-
 - a) Bomet;
 - b) Githunguri; and
 - c) Vihiga.
- (iv) Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 and the certificates therein in respect of the following institutions: -
 - a) Maendeleo Democratic Party;
 - b) United Democratic Movement; and
 - c) Shirikisho Party of Kenya.

(Hon. Owen Baya, MP, Deputy Leader of the Majority Party)

6. QUESTIONS

The Member for Likuyani (Hon. Innocent Mugabe) presented a question to Teachers Service Commission on county-based distribution of teachers countrywide and challenges experienced in implementation of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC).

(Question to be responded to in writing by the Teachers Service Commission under the Departmental Committee on Education)

[A Member of the Departmental Committee on Education (Hon. Malulu Injendi MP) invited the Member to a meeting with the Teachers Service Commission on Thursday, 26th September 2024 to have the matters addressed.]

7. REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44(2)(c)

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), the following Members requested for Statements:

- (i) The Member for Turkana South (Hon. Ariko Namoit) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and Planning on administration of the Equalization Fund for projects in Turkana South Sub-County.
- (ii) The Member for Konoin (Hon. Brighton Yegon) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on discrepancies in tea farmers' bonuses in some parts of Rift Valley as well as tea auction details. The Chairperson undertook to make a response within two weeks.
- (iii) The Member for Kisii County (Hon. Doris Donya) requested for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on payment of annual bonuses to tea farmers. The Chairperson undertook to make a response within two weeks.

[Change of Chair from the Deputy Speaker to the Second Chairperson of Committees (Hon. David Ochieng, MP).]

8. MOTION: 024/2023 – POLICY AND FUNDING FOR SUGARCANE FARMING IN THE COUNTRY

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, aware that, commercial sugarcane production in Kenya was introduced in the early years of independence with an aim of eliminating dependence on sugar importation and contributing to economic transformation in the sugar belt and the country at large through agriculture; acknowledging that, at its pinnacle, the sugar industry significantly contributed to the country's National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and became one of the largest employers which supported livelihoods of many Kenyans both directly and indirectly; concerned that, over the last 25 years, sugarcane farming particularly in Western Kenya has been declining significantly, thereby dipping sugar production from over 600,000 metric tonnes per year in the 1990s to less than 300,000 metric tonnes in recent years; noting that, the decline in sugarcane farming has forced local millers to operate far below their milling capacities and pushed the country to over-rely on net importation of sugar, which negatively impacts on the balance of trade; noting that, the decline in sugar production is attributable to factors such as mismanagement, interference and unfair competition from cheap imported sugar; further concerned that, state-owned sugar millers like Mumias Sugar Company and Nzoia Sugar Company ceased milling while owing farmers hundreds of millions of shillings; appreciating that, the Government has been

putting in place strategies, policies and regulations to define roles of millers and major players and stakeholders in the sugar industry in a bid to revamp the sector; concerned that, the acute shortage of sugarcane resulting from mass abandonment of sugarcane farming continues to roll back initiatives for reviving sugar milling; recognizing that, further investment in revamping sugar companies before reviving sugarcane farming would occasion loss of the invested public funds instead of yielding success; now therefore, this House resolves that, the National Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, reviews the sugar development policies to provide that every investor-miller sets aside definite funds for development of sugarcane farming, incentivizing farmers to embrace sugarcane growing and to enhance cane production in each of the respective zones.

(The Hon. Peter Nabolindo – 14.09.2024)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 Morning Sitting resumed;

Rising in her place pursuant to Standing Order 95(1), the Hon. Cynthia Muge, MP claimed to move, ‘That the mover be now called upon to reply’;

The Second Chairperson acceded to the request;

Question ‘That the Mover be called upon to reply, put and agreed to;

Thereupon the Mover replied;

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

9. MOTION: 006/2024 – COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF EDUCATION BURSARY SCHEMES TO ENSURE FREE BASIC EDUCATION IN KENYA

Motion made and question proposed;

THAT, aware that Article 43(1) as read together with the Article 53(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that every person has the right to education and enshrines the right of every child to free and compulsory basic education; further aware that Kenya Vision 2030 identifies education as a crucial component for transforming the country into a globally competitive nation; appreciating that bursaries play a vital role in supplementing funding for enhancing access to education, particularly for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and contributes to the realization of universal basic education; noting that various education bursaries exist in the country including ward-based level bursary, County Government’s bursary, National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF), the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF) and the Presidential Secondary School bursary (PSSB); further noting that the evolution of bursary schemes from centralized to community-based administration aimed to enhance educational access, equity and responsiveness to local needs; concerned that despite these efforts, the current bursary system faces numerous challenges including lack of standardized and transparent selection criteria, delay in disbursement of funds and insufficient coverage of education costs leading to gaps in support; further concerned that these challenges have resulted in persistent disparities in education access, increased dropout rates particularly in secondary schools due to financial constraints and strain on household incomes as families struggle to meet educational expenses not covered by bursaries; acknowledging that the implementation of community-based bursary scheme has not fully achieved its intended objective hence the need to re-evaluate the current bursary systems with a view to ensure equitable and free access to quality education for all students; cognizant that the duty of the government to provide free basic education

can best be achieved by consolidating education funds and directly remitting to public schools; now therefore, this House urges that the government, through the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, undertakes a comprehensive overhaul of the education bursary system with a view to collapsing all bursary schemes and allocating the funds to the State Department of Basic Education for provision of free basic education through capitation to be directly remitted to schools.

(Hon. Esther Passaris, MP)

[Change of Chair from the Second Chairperson of Committees (Hon. David Ochieng, MP) to the Sixth Chairperson of Committees (Hon. (Dr.) Rachael Nyamai, MP)]

Rising in his place on a Point of Order. pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 97(1), the Member for Dagoretti South (Hon. John Kiarie) claimed to move, "That, the debate on the Motion be limited to five (5) minutes for any Member speaking.

The Sixth Chairperson acceding to the request;

Question that the debate on the Motion be limited to five (5) minutes for any Member speaking put and agreed to.

Debate arising;

[Change of Chair from the Sixth Chairperson of Committees (Hon. (Dr.) Rachael Nyamai, MP) to the Fourth Chairperson of Committees (Hon. Farah Maalim, MP)]

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

10. HOUSE ROSE - at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on,
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.

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