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(The House met at 2.30 p.m.)

[The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang'ula) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

QUORUM

Hon. Speaker: Serjeants-at-Arms, ring the Quorum Bell.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

Take your seats, Hon. Members. We now have quorum to transact business.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

ELECTION OF HON. RAHAB MUKAMI AS PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, I wish to inform the House that during the Extraordinary Session of the Pan-African Parliament held in May 2026 in Midrand, Republic of South Africa, Hon. Rahab Mukami, a Member of the Pan-African Parliament and the Member of Parliament for Nyeri County, was elected to be the President of the Women's Caucus of the Pan-African Parliament for a three-year term. The Women's Caucus is established under the Rules of Procedure of the Pan-African Parliament to advocate gender equality, women's empowerment, and integration of gender sensitive legislation across the African continent.

This position represents a significant honour to the Member. More importantly, it is a proud moment for the Republic of Kenya and a testament to the unwavering commitment of our nation to advance women's leadership on the continental stage. Therefore, her election places Kenya at the helm of this important continental body, and it is a significant recognition of Kenya's continued commitment to promoting women's leadership and inclusive governance at the continental level. It also provides an opportunity to strengthen the caucus's role in advancing policies that enhance women's participation in decision-making, promoting economic empowerment and fostering equal representation in governance and development across Africa.

On my own behalf and that of the House, I extend our warmest congratulations to Hon. Rahab Mukami on her well-deserved election. I am confident that she will discharge her responsibilities with a distinction. Furthermore, she will enhance Kenya's contribution to parliamentary diplomacy and continental cooperation. I urge all the Members to accord her their full support as she undertakes this important responsibility. I thank you.

Next Order.

(Hon. Majimbo Kalasinga spoke off the record)

Yes, Hon. Majimbo Kalasinga.

Hon. Majimbo Kalasinga (Kabuchai, FORD-K): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Hon. Rahab Mukami, with whom I serve Pan-African Parliament in Midrand, is a diligent lady carrying Kenyan image over the globe. She deserves the position she earned. She is a very eloquent debater in the House. The seat she has been given is a very prestigious position that holds together all parliamentarians in Africa. That position is well earned because of her consistency in eloquence and debate on the Floor of the House in Midrand, Republic of South Africa.

As we speak, South Africa has issues that we need to address as a continent. More importantly, there are serious issues that the Republic of South Africa must address for purposes of the Africa Union to do well. Nations should address them accordingly.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a rapporteur in the Committee on Transport, Industry, Communications, Energy, Science and Technology that represents both Kenya and Africa as a whole. Kenya has been granted the two positions that are held within our National Assembly.

Thank you. May God bless Hon. Rahab Mukami, the Member for Nyeri, to work well in her new role.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Hon. Members, allow me to acknowledge students seated in the Speaker's Gallery. They are Lenana School from Dagoretti South Constituency and Kasarani School for the Deaf from Kasarani Constituency. Both are from Nairobi City County. On my behalf and that of the House, we welcome the students, their teachers and those accompanying them to Parliament.

(Applause)

A minute, Hon. KJ.

Hon. John Kiarie (Dagoretti South, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I must appreciate this opportunity.

Today, we have an esteemed institution in this Republic, Seated in the Speaker’s Gallery. It started out in a corner of our Constituency that has a great history. Lenana is a great name in this country. Senior Chief Lenana has a great heritage. More so, the institution then known as the Duke of York School built under his name, is a premier institution not only in our constituency but also in the country.

Progressively, Lenana School has grown and expanded to include a primary school named Lenana School Primary. Furthermore, plans are underway to bring even more institutions within the school's 250-acre campus that starts with Lenana Girls School. It will create a comprehensive entity that truly reflects the institution's motto: ‘‘Nothing but the best.’’ The gentlemen you see in the Gallery are the finest in our country. I welcome them to Parliament.

As their Member of Parliament, I must say that this is a premier institution in our country and we welcome them to observe the Proceedings of the House. They shall see what we do here: ‘‘For the welfare of society and the just government of the people.’’ I say *Nihil Praeter Optimum* which means nothing but the best. That is the motto of this great institution.

We also have students from Kasarani School for the Deaf, and I would ask Members to allow me acknowledge them in a language that they understand.

(Hon. John Kiarie welcomed the learners using the Kenyan Sign Language)

This House is very conscious of all the communities in our country, including those who have special needs. I welcome them to observe the Proceedings of this House.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Hon. Speaker: You have spoken for all of us with a special bias to Lenana School. Hon. Tongoyo.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Hon. Speaker, Hon. KJ is my good friend. I wish to know whether we have changed our norms of welcoming and appreciating our guests to wavering.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Tongoyo, certainly, you were not following. I think Hon. Memusi was distracting you. The learners are from Kasarani School for the Deaf and that was an acknowledgement in the Kenyan Sign Language.

Next Order.

PAPERS

Hon. Speaker: Whip of the Majority Party.

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following papers on the Table:

1. The Budapest Convention on Cybercrime and the Explanatory Memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs.
2. The Sacco Supervision Annual Report for 2024 from the Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (SASRA).
3. Reports of the Auditor-General and Financial Statements for the Years ended 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023, 30th June 2024 and 30th June 2025 and the certificates therein in respect of the following—
    (a) AIC Nzeluni Girls' Secondary School.
    (b) Bishop Okiring Kamuneru ACK Secondary School.
    (c) Gangara Secondary School.
    (d) Jomvu Girls Secondary School.
    (e) Karamugi Girls Secondary School.
    (f) Kegonge Boys High School.
    (g) Kibirichia Boys Secondary School.
    (h) Kwanza Girls High School.
    (i) Makuri Girls Secondary School.
    (j) Marimanti Girls Secondary School.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Naomi.

Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations, Hon. Bashir.

Hon. Major (Rtd) Abdullahi Sheikh (Mandera North, UDM): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the Table:

Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on –

(a) Its participation in the 39th African Union Summit held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 11th to 15th February 2026.

(b) Inspection visits to the Kenya-led missions in the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of Botswana, conducted from 24th to 28th November 2025.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Energy.

Hon. Lemanken Aramat (Narok East, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the Table:

Reports of the Departmental Committee on Energy on its consideration of—

(a) Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2026 on the National Petroleum Policy.

(b) Sessional Paper No. 5 of 2026 on the National Energy Policy.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, Hon. Kimani. Is he around?

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to lay the following paper on the Table:

Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the Harmonisation of the Proposed Amendments to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2026).

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

Next Order.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Speaker: Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations, Hon. Bashir.

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON INSPECTION VISITS TO KENYA DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN ZIMBABWE AND BOTSWANA

Hon. Major (Rtd) Abdullahi Sheikh (Mandera North, UDM): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on its inspection visit to Kenya-led missions in the Republic of Zimbabwe and the Republic of Botswana from 24th to 28th November 2025, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 2nd July 2026.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Energy, Hon. Aramat.

APPROVAL OF SESSIONAL PAPER ON THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM POLICY

Hon. Lemanken Aramat (Narok East, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Energy on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2026 on the National Petroleum Policy, laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, and approves Sessional Paper No. 4 of 2026 on the National Petroleum Policy.

APPROVAL OF SESSIONAL PAPER ON THE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY

Hon. Lemanken Aramat (Narok East, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Motion:

THAT, this House adopts the Report of the Departmental Committee on Energy on its consideration of Sessional Paper No. 5 of 2026 on the National Energy Policy laid on the Table of the House on Thursday, 2nd July 2026, and approves Sessional Paper No. 5 of 2026 on the National Energy Policy.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Aramat.

Hon. Members, in the Public Gallery, I acknowledge Kibugat Senior School, Bureti Constituency, Kericho County; Kapchelukuny School, Mogotio Constituency, Baringo County; Murigi School, Chuka/Igambang'ombe Constituency, Tharaka Nithi County; and Gwakaithi School, Mbeere North Constituency, Embu County. On my behalf and that of the House, we welcome the students, their teachers and those accompanying them to Parliament.

Next Order.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

REQUESTS FOR STATEMENTS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, being the last day before we go on Recess, I have directed the Clerk and he has obliged to load all the 14 statements that were pending. I am sure some of you will pop up with those that are not on my list. When I give you an opportunity to present your statements and requests, read eloquently and quickly so that we can move faster. I have been requested by three Members who say that they have urgent matters to attend to. Let me give them priority. Hon. Catherine Omanyo, Women Representative for Busia County.

WELFARE, EMPLOYMENT AND GRATUITY STATUS OF UHC HEALTH WORKERS

Hon. Catherine Omanyo (Busia County, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health regarding the welfare, employment and gratuity status of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) health workers in the country.

Approximately 7,414 frontline health workers working across the country are indispensable in supplementing the public health workforce. The UHC health workers were engaged by the national Government in collaboration with county governments during the COVID-19 pandemic and have continued to render services across all the counties under the UHC programme. These workers work on temporary contracts, earning a flat monthly stipend of Ksh50,000, while their counterparts engaged by county governments performing similar duties, earn over Ksh100,000, a disparity inconsistent with best labour practices and guidelines by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

The remuneration of UHC health workers is covered by the national Government through Conditional Grants, which have severally been delayed leading to repeated strikes that disrupt provision of healthcare services. Additionally, all contracts for the UHC workers expired on 30th June 2026, creating an urgent employment crisis that demands immediate attention. There are also concerns that the gratuity for the UHC health workers has neither been computed nor set aside in national or county pension schemes, exposing the affected health workers to uncertainty.

It is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Health on the following:

1. Measures put in place by the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Council of Governors, to ensure the 7,414 Universal Health Coverage health workers are absorbed into Permanent and Pensionable employment terms effective, 1st July 2026.
2. Confirmation that the national Government has embedded Ksh8.9 billion in conditional grants necessary to finance the payroll for UHC workers upon transitioning to counties in the Financial Year 2026/2027.
3. The policy guidelines by the Ministry of Health on standardisation of the wages between UHC contract health workers and the permanently employed county health workers to address wage disparity and ensure equitable salary structures for the transitioned UHC health workers.
4. The steps being taken to compute and ring-fence into approved pension schemes the 30 per cent service gratuity due to the UHC health workers for the period of service from 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic until the expiry of their contracts on 30th June 2026.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Cynthia Muge

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF
RIVATEX–KIPKAREN RIVER ROAD

Hon. Cynthia Muge (Nandi County, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding the deplorable condition of the Rivatex–Kipkaren River Road, particularly the section traversing Mosop Constituency.

The Rivatex–Kipkaren River Road is a critical transport corridor serving thousands of residents, farmers, traders, students and other road users, and connecting Counties like Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Kakamega, Trans Nzoia and beyond. Like other roads, it is expected that the road is subject to routine maintenance works necessary to ensure that the surface remains motorable, including clearing side bushes, drainage maintenance and other works necessary for its safe and efficient use.

Despite the existence of a routine maintenance contract, the said road has been left in a state of neglect with encroachment of overgrown bushes onto the road reserve, that have significantly reduced visibility of motorists, cyclists and even pedestrians. The poorly maintained drainage systems have also resulted in the deterioration of the road, and it has caused a lot of accidents.

The poor state of the road has occasioned numerous traffic accidents. It has delayed transportation and has exposed road users to unnecessary danger and loss. The poor state of the road has occasioned numerous road traffic accidents, delayed transportation and exposed users of the road to unnecessary danger and loss.

It is against this background that I request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on the following:

1. An explanation on why the Rivatex–Kipkaren River Road, particularly the section traversing Mosop Constituency, has not been routinely maintained despite the existence of a valid maintenance contract.
2. The details of the routine maintenance work contract for the road, specifying the identity of the currently assigned contractor, the contract sum, duration and the specific maintenance activities the contractor is obligated to undertake *vis-a-vis* the activities, if any, that have been undertaken.

3. The oversight mechanisms by the Ministry to monitor the contractor's performance and the reasons for the failure to address apparent negligence of bush clearance and drainage maintenance.
4. The immediate measures that the Ministry plans to undertake to clear the overgrown bushes, restore the drainage system and enhance road safety to prevent further accidents along the road.
5. The long-term measures that the Ministry intends to implement to guarantee proper supervision of the routine maintenance contract and ensure that the road is maintained to the required standards.

I, thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Member for Kabuchai.

FRAUDULENT WITHDRAWAL OF FUNDS FROM
UNIBRAIN INDUSTRIES ACCOUNT AT ABSA BANK

Hon. Majimbo Kalasinga (Kabuchai, FORD-K): Hon. Speaker, I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning regarding the alleged fraudulent withdrawal of funds from Unibrain Industries Limited’s account at ABSA Bank.

Unibrain Industries Limited is and has been at all material times, the holder of account number 204xxxx960 maintained at ABSA Bank, Bunyala Branch. The account was used for the company’s business operations, with its Director, Mr Oscar Makokha, as the registered subscriber of mobile number 0723xxx515, linked to the account for mobile banking notifications, transaction alerts and One-Time Passwords (OTPs).

On or about 12th February 2026, ABSA Bank unilaterally deactivated the company’s mobile banking application without prior notice, completely hindering access to the account. On that same date, the Director’s registered mobile line suffered a total connectivity failure, rendering him unable to make or receive calls, receive text messages and access mobile data services.

During this window of inaccessibility, a total sum of Ksh9,695,365.04 is alleged to have been fraudulently withdrawn from the company’s account number 204xxxx960 without the company’s knowledge or authorisation. Despite lodging a formal complaint with the bank, reporting the matter to Kitengela Police Station under O.B. No.35/13/02/2026 and making numerous follow-ups, the company has to date received no satisfactory explanation regarding the circumstances of the unauthorised withdrawals, nor any adequate update on investigations or recovery of funds.

It is against this background that I request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the following:

1. The status of investigations into the fraudulent withdrawal of Ksh9,695,365.04 from Unibrain Industries Limited ABSA Bank account and the actions and internal investigations taken by the Bank on the incident.
2. The steps taken by the bank and relevant investigative authorities to trace transactions relating to the fraudulent withdrawal, the details of beneficiary accounts, authorisations for the transfers and the measures in place to ensure recovery or compensation for the loss suffered, including timelines for action.
3. The measures by the Central Bank of Kenya to oblige banks to adhere to statutory and fiduciary duty of care in safeguarding customers’ funds, preventing unauthorised transactions and protecting account holders from fraud facilitated through unilateral disruption of mobile banking services.

4. The broader regulatory framework governing bank customers' recourse in instances of unauthorised account access and whether existing consumer protection mechanisms are adequate to address the scale and manner of loss suffered in this case.

I, humbly thank you.

Hon. Speaker: The Chairpersons responsible for the statements requested by Hon. Omanyo, Cythia and Hon. Kalasinga, bring responses the first week after Recess.

Hon. George Murugara.

ARREST AND RELEASE OF A SUSPECT BY THE DIRECTORATE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I rise to request for a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding on the circumstances that led to the arrest and subsequent release of a specified suspect by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.

On 7th January 2025, Mr Eric Matakwa Okeno of identity number 32xxxx19 lodged a complaint with the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) in Nairobi concerning alleged land fraud relating to property No. CR51563, situated in Kikambala area, Kilifi County. The property which forms part of the estate of the late Ms Rosemary Akinyi Okeno, was allegedly fraudulently transferred to Mr James Ovid Shuggars Yhap.

Following the complaint, the DCI undertook investigations and forwarded the inquiry file to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) for review, advice and further action. Upon consideration of the file, the ODPP recommended that the suspect, Mr Faruki Omar Mzee be arrested and charged. On 2nd April 2026, Mr Faruk Omar Mzee was arrested but was reportedly released on the same day, without being charged before a court of law.

The circumstances surrounding his release remain unclear. This has raised concern among the family of the late Ms Rosemary Akinyi Okeno, who fear that the delay or failure to prosecute the matter may frustrate the course of justice and deny the estate legal redress.

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Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security on the following:

1. Circumstances under which the suspect was released by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations on 2nd April 2026.
2. Status of investigation into the alleged fraudulent transfer of property known as CR.51563 situated in Kikambala, Kilifi County.
3. Failure by the DCI to consult with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions and the complainant on the matter before release.
4. Status of the matter and the failure to re-arrest and charge the suspect in court.
5. Timeline that the DCI is expected to execute the arrest and produce the suspect to the Directorate of Public Prosecutions for arraignment in court.

Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Tongoyo, when do you bring a response? We have already overloaded you in the first week after Recess. Bring a response in the second week.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Most obliged.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Linet Chepkorir Toto.

RISING CASES OF MOTOR
VEHICLE THEFT IN BOMET

Hon. Linet Chepkorir (Bomet County, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding the rising cases of motor vehicle theft in Bomet County.

Motor vehicle theft has emerged as a serious security concern in Bomet County, causing significant financial losses and emotional distress to residents, transport operators, businesses and vehicle owners. In the recent past, several cases of motor vehicle theft majorly targeting Toyota Probox models, have been reported across the County, including the recent theft of motor vehicles Registration Number KDR 855S and KAU 604Y among others, in Bomet Town in June 2026.

These incidences have heightened fear among residents and raised concerns regarding the effectiveness of measures put in place to prevent vehicle theft and facilitate the recovery of stolen vehicles. The continued occurrence of these incidences' points to possible weaknesses in surveillance, intelligence gathering and coordination among security agencies. There are also concerns that organised criminal syndicates may be operating within the region and neighbouring counties, thereby complicating tracing and recovery efforts by law enforcement agencies.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security to apprise this House on the following:

1. The number of motor vehicles reported stolen in Bomet County since January 2026, indicating the number recovered, those still missing and the current status of investigations into each reported case.
2. The measures being undertaken by the National Police Service and other relevant security agencies to prevent motor vehicle theft and improve recovery rates, particularly in Bomet County
3. Confirmation on whether investigations have established the existence of organised vehicle theft syndicates operating within Bomet County and neighbouring counties, and if so, the actions taken to dismantle such criminal networks.
4. Number of arrests, prosecutions and convictions relating to motor vehicle theft offences in Bomet County over the last two years, and whether they have yielded any recoveries.
5. The measures the Ministry is putting in place to strengthen surveillance, intelligence gathering, inter-county security coordination and deployment of modern vehicle tracking technologies to combat motor vehicle theft and enhance the safety of motorists in Bomet County and other parts of the county.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Tongoyo, when can you bring a response?

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Two weeks after we resume from Recess.

Hon. Speaker: Two weeks after we resume from Recess? Thank you.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Yes. Same as Hon. Murugara's.

(Hon. Suzanne Kiamba stood up in her place)

Hon. Speaker: Hold on, Hon. Suzanne. Hon. Mandazi.

Hon. Victor Koech (Chepalungu, CCM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I want to ride on Hon. Toto's request for Statement.

Hon. Speaker: You want to joyride.

Hon. Victor Koech (Chepalungu, CCM): Yes, I want to joyride on the matter that has been brought to the House by Hon. Toto. Truly, Hon. Speaker, the issue of car theft in Bomet County has become rampant. We call upon all the security and investigative agencies to take action because people are losing cars worth huge amounts of money. Having said so, permit me to send a message of condolence.

Hon. Speaker: Is the theft happening in Bomet village or town?

Hon. Victor Koech (Chepalungu, CCM): Bomet town and villages around Bomet. In Sotik, Kaplong and Mulot, several car thefts have been witnessed for the past three to four years. That is why we call upon the security agencies and anyone concerned to act by conducting investigations. Anyone who has been caught doing that, should be taken to court and jailed.

Additionally, permit me to send my message of condolence. This morning, I woke up to the news that members of Chepalungu Constituency, Kimatisio Village, lost three young ones to a fire incident. This occurred during the night. The children and parents were sleeping in separate rooms. This calls for action and investigations must be done. Upon completion of this investigation, parents should be called upon to be responsible. We should be responsible enough not to leave young ones to sleep alone. When we take our children to church and swimming pools, we should be on the lookout. This is a call to each parent to take parenthood seriously.

I condole with the family of Boniface from Kimatuso Village and the entire Chepalungu Constituency for the loss of the three young ones, a seven-year-old boy and a set of twins, girl and boy, who were six years old. All the three were schooling in St. Mary's Day and Boarding Primary School. I also send a message of condolence to the school, which is in Chepalungu Constituency, Bomet County. Permit me to condole with the family.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Suzanne Kiamba, proceed.

DISMISSAL OF FEMALE POLICE RECRUITS ON ACCOUNT OF PREGNANCY

Hon. Suzanne Kiamba (Makueni, WDM): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security regarding the dismissal of 18 female police recruits from Kiganjo Police Training College on account of pregnancy.

In May 2026, the National Police Service confirmed that 18 recruits had been discontinued from the basic recruit training course for being pregnant. While the National Police Service indicated that the recruits were discontinued on account of pregnancy, the circumstances under which the pregnancies occurred, including whether the recruits became pregnant before reporting for training or during the training period, remain unclear. Equally unclear, is the legal regulatory or policy framework upon which the decision to discontinue the affected recruits was based.

Hon. Speaker, Article 27 of the Constitution entitles women and men to equal treatment, including equal opportunities. The dismissal of female recruits solely on the basis of pregnancy, has therefore raised legitimate public concern regarding compliance with the Constitution, existing labour laws and the principles of fair administrative action.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security to appraise this House on the following:

1. The legal and regulatory policy framework that provides for the discontinuation of recruits from the basic recruit training course at Kiganjo Police Training College on account of pregnancy.
2. A Report on the procedures followed before the decision to discontinue the affected recruits, the date of dismissal and the officers responsible for making or approving the decision, and whether the affected recruits were accorded a fair administrative process.
3. Measures and policy reforms in place to ensure that female recruits to the disciplined forces found to be pregnant after recruitment rejoin training after postpartum.
4. Measures being undertaken to ensure that recruitment, training and disciplinary processes by the National Police Service (NPS) comply with the constitutional principles of equality, non-discrimination and fair administrative action, particularly regarding pregnancy.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Suzanne. Hon. Tongoyo.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Hon. Speaker, considering that I have a lot of backlog, I ask you to kindly allow me to bring the response during the third week after the recess.

Hon. Speaker: Okay.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Nevertheless, Hon. Speaker, I do not want to pre-empt the response, but it is a given fact that the pregnant recruits cannot withstand vigorous training in these barracks. It is a prerequisite that during the vetting for recruitment, they should not be pregnant. Nevertheless, I will still bring the response.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Nyenze.

Hon. Edith Nyenze (Kitui West, WDM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I would like to joyride on Hon. Tongoyo's comment. He has said that there should be vetting before recruitment. Do they do proper pregnancy examination during recruitment? What happens after five months? If the vetting is done and you are recruited, what happens after that? Do they do Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) test? Who is responsible for the pregnancy?

(Laughter)

There should be a mechanism of reinstating these girls back to college because it may not be a problem of their own making.

Thank you.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Tongoyo, *umesikia hiyo?*

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Hon. Speaker, as I said earlier, I do not want to pre-empt the response.

Hon. Speaker: Let us give the opportunity to Hon (Dr) Pukose first.

(Laughter)

Hon. (Dr) Robert Pukose (Endebess, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I do not want to pre-empt what the Chairperson will say. It is premature to ask any question, unless we get the response and then we can discuss. During recruitment, all the female candidates normally undergo a pregnancy test. When they report to the college, they also undergo another pregnancy test. Let us wait for the response to find out whether they were dismissed after the second pregnancy test or what happened. The Chair should not answer pre-emptive questions.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Julius Ole Sunkuli, you are a former police Cabinet Secretary.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): Yes, that is why I am surprised, Hon. Speaker. I hope the Hon. Members understand that the NPS and Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) are disciplined forces. Pregnancy is viewed as an act of indiscipline. So, the only question that remains is to answer…

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ruweida.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): I am on a point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Hold on, Hon. Julius.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): I can finish my contribution and then she can speak, Hon. Speaker, if you do not mind.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): *Niko kwa hoja ya nidhamu.*

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): Let me finish and then she can raise her point of order.

Hon. Speaker: Mama Ruweida, *ngoja amalize ndio umshambulie*.

(Loud consultations)

(Hon. Ruweida Mohamed spoke off the record)

Hon. Julius, take your seat. Yes, Mama Ruweida.

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): Mbunge mwenzangu amesema…

(Technical hitch)

Hon. Speaker: Your microphone is not working.

Hon. Members: Hatusikii.

Hon. Ruweida Mohamed (Lamu East, JP): Je, ni haki Mbunge mwenzangu kusema kupata mimba ni ukosefu wa adabu? Yeye angezaliwa kama sio hiyo mimba?

(Laughter)

Naomba atoe hiyo kabisa saa hii. Labda kuzaa nje ya ndoa ni ukosefu wa adabu. Watu wengi wanazaa ndani ya ndoa. Kuzaa ni haki. Kisha ajue kuwa mwanamke hazai peke yake; ni watu wawili. Mbona hao wawili hawaachishwi kazi au hawakosi kazi? Kupata mimba sio ugonjwa.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Elachi.

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The most important thing here, that is out of order, is when ladies and gentlemen who have joined disciplined forces impregnate themselves inside there. Either the man and woman should go home or they are told to get married and continue with their work. You cannot say a woman will be chased out. I know that she will not identify the man. Maybe, it is even the boss. What happens in that case?

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Julius, finish up.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): It is fair so that my message is not truncated. I say that it is part of the rules in this case. The question asked by Hon. Nyenze will answer this question because some of these pregnancies do not happen among the recruits themselves. They happen between the recruits and instructors or visitors who go there. Once you choose to be pregnant, you can also be recruited as a teacher.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Julius.

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Elachi.

(Laughter)

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): The challenge I face with my senior is because of the culture of his community. You cannot say a woman chooses to be pregnant. No woman chooses to be pregnant. It is a matter of a man and woman who have decided, in God's eyes, to have a child. How do I choose?

Hon. Speaker: What happens if a woman chooses and finds a man to make her pregnant?

(Laughter)

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): Hon. Speaker, that man who decides to give his eggs must be responsible. There is no egg that God gives you to give out and let your child wiggle in the challenges of this life. No, that is wrong.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Passaris. What is it?

Hon. Esther Passaris (Nairobi City County, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We need to address something. When the recruits go for training, if it is not allowed for one to be pregnant and you know that women will engage in sex and they will get pregnant. Why not put them on a family planning option throughout the training? Why not invest in family planning so that they can have sex, but they will not get pregnant? Family planning works 99 per cent of the time. If it does not work, then she cannot continue with her pregnancy because the child might be harmed. However, she should be allowed to come back after she delivers to continue with the training. Let us just be civilised.

There is a Member who has said that women become pregnant on their own. I want him to know that in his entire constituency, probably 70 per cent of the women who will vote for him are single mothers. They are your voters. You need to retract. At the end of the day, when we become pregnant…. Men are so irresponsible, Hon. Speaker.

(Loud consultations)

Let us just go there. At the end of the day, when you have sex, you can make a woman pregnant. The consequence of sex is a woman becoming pregnant. If you want to enjoy a woman, enjoy the child. Can deadbeat fathers take responsibility? Those children are yours. You say you want sons to give them a good name. Then you are here, not defending the right of the woman to have your child. It is your sperm that swam in her and got her egg, and then you got a child. The child looks like you, yet you do not want to be responsible. Let us be civilised. *Mtoto ni wenu*.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Murugara.

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): Thank you. Hon. Speaker, I do not agree with Hon. Passaris that men are irresponsible. We believe we are responsible.

The old adage goes: it takes two either to tango or to tumble. Therefore, the responsibility is on the two. Otherwise, regarding recruits and I am not speaking for the police nor trying to answer the question by Hon. Kiamba, the truth is, on the day of recruitment, the ladies are asked to state on the forms whether they are expectant or not. If she states she is not expectant, she is admitted into the college and a pregnancy test is done. The problem with this is that sometimes it may be too early to detect it. The first pregnancy test may turn out to be negative. After four or five months, a second one is done and turns out to be positive. This is the reason…

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Murugara, when I last checked you were not a gynaecologist.

(Laughter)

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): I am not. I am speaking absolutely from what I know. I have two brothers and a sister who are in the police force, so I follow very closely. Once it is detected, you have to leave the college. Even so, what happens at Kiganjo Police Training College is so strict, unless it has changed, that the male and the females hardly ever meet. Secondly, the seniors are highly prohibited from meeting the female recruits but if that happens, it is indiscipline. If any of them, whether a man or a woman, is detected to have breached those rules, they are liable to the same consequences. It is not just the lady, but also the man who is responsible.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Tongoyo.

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I know Members have ventilated on this and of course we are going to come up with a response. Members, especially our new gynaecologist, have tried to respond or give answers.

(Laughter)

It is true. Normally, in the early stages of pregnancy, one can get a false negative result. Therefore, I urge Members to stop at this with your guidance. We will come with a response. That being said, we should not rely on some rumours from newspapers. I call upon my colleagues to wait for the response so that they can be in a better position to comment.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Let us go to Hon. Stephen Mogaka, *Wakili*.

PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR RETIRED PRISON OFFICERS

Hon. Stephen Mogaka (West Mugirango, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for allowing me to make a request for a Statement regarding provision of comprehensive medical insurance cover for retired prison officers.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Affairs regarding the provision of comprehensive medical insurance cover for retired prison officers.

Prison officers dedicate their productive years to service and to protect the nation under demanding and often high-risk conditions. These services significantly contribute to the maintenance of law and order, rehabilitation of offenders, and the overall security of our country. Despite their invaluable contribution, many retired prison officers face immense challenges in accessing affordable and quality health care upon retirement. Currently, retired prison officers are excluded from comprehensive medical insurance scheme.

As a result, many of them, together with their dependants, struggle to access essential health care services, thereby exposing them to financial hardship and compromising their dignity and well-being. This situation is concerning given the nature of prison service, which exposes officers to occupational risks, stressful working conditions, and long-term health complications. The absence of adequate post-retirement medical cover undermines the welfare of retired officers who have served this country diligently.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Affairs on the following:

1. A confirmation of the existence of a medical insurance cover for retired prison officers and their dependants, and if so, the reasons for the failure to facilitate their access to such facilities.
2. The measures being taken by the Government to establish a comprehensive medical insurance scheme for retired prison officers and their families and dependants of disciplined service officers.
3. The timelines within which the Government intends to address the health care needs and welfare of retired prison officers and their dependents.

Hon. Speaker, I ask for this Statement ahead of my auntie’s burial this weekend. She was a retired prison officer and has been struggling in hospital. It is therefore imperative that the relevant departmental committee, which may also include the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, because that is where the correctional services fall under, come with a response to address these senior citizens.

I thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Do prisons fall under Hon. Murugara? So, you misdirected it? Yes, Hon. Murugara.

Hon. George Murugara (Tharaka, UDA): Thank you very much, Hon. Speaker. Give us the first week after we resume from recess because they may not have much to respond to. However, we confirm that while they are in service, the two medical schemes are in place but we also have to consider what he has asked about, which is post-retirement.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Tongoyo?

Hon. Gabriel Tongoyo (Narok West, UDA): I know it is a very confusing situation, because it is from this Parliament that the prisons were taken to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs. However, if I am not wrong, there is the insurance aspect which is still together with the rest of the National Police Service (NPS). That is the only function that is remaining with NPS. It has not been transferred to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Hon. Speaker: Therefore, the two committees to look at the issue and bring a joint statement.

Hon. Members, in the Speaker's Gallery, I acknowledge Kikima Senior School from Mbooni, Makueni County and Mary Immaculate School from Kiambu Town, Kiambu County. In the Public Gallery, we have Twale Junior School from Tigania West, Meru County and St. Peter's Mumias Boys High School from Mumias West, Kakamega County. Hon. Rindikiri.

(Applause)

Hon. Mugambi Rindikiri (Buuri, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Tigania West is my immediate neighbour. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the students who are visiting Parliament today and to let them know that this is where all elected Members of Parliament sit to make laws in this country. We are so excited to have you here, courtesy of our Speaker. The Speaker is like the principal that you have in school. We all obey him.

I want to take this opportunity to ask you to please obey your teachers, principals and parents because they are modelling you to become good citizens of this country. You are sitting there as a potential engineer, doctor, Member of Parliament or Speaker. Therefore, please, just observe and practise what you witness here.

We expect to see you in the future in this Parliament. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Josses Lelmengit.

IMPACT OF PROLONGED DRY SEASON ON
FOOD SECURITY IN THE NORTH RIFT

Hon Josses Lelmengit (Emgwen, UDA): Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock regarding the impact of the prolonged dry spell on crop production and food security in the North Rift Region.

Hon. Speaker, the North Rift Region, comprising among others, Nandi, Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia and Elgeyo-Marakwet counties contribute significantly to the country's food crop production. At the onset of the long rains season, farmers across the North Rift Region planted maize and other food crops in anticipation of favourable weather conditions. However, the region has since experienced a prolonged dry spell during the critical stages of crop growth, resulting in widespread wilting of crops and a risk of significant yield losses. This is exacerbated by reported shortages and delays in distribution of subsidised top-dressing fertiliser, which is expected to adversely affect crop performance. The situation has raised concerns across the region as it threatens household incomes, stability of food prices and food security in the country.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock on the following:

1. A report by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development on—
   (a) The extent of crop damage and projected reduction in maize and other food crop yields in the North Rift region.
   (b) The anticipated impact of the projected production shortfall on national food security, strategic grain reserves and the prices of staple foods.
2. Reasons for the reported shortages and delays in the distribution of subsidised top-dressing fertiliser and actions taken to ensure timely and adequate supply of fertiliser.
3. The measures being undertaken by the Ministry to support affected farmers, including the provision of drought mitigation measures, crop insurance support and access to subsidised and affordable farm inputs and finally.
4. The long-term strategies being implemented by the Ministry to strengthen climate resilience in the agricultural sector, including investment in irrigation infrastructure and promotion of sustainable agricultural production in the country.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock or any Member of the Committee? Hon. Justice, are you a Member of the Committee.

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin, UDA): Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Bring a response within the first week after recess.

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin, UDA): Much obliged Hon. Speaker, but since it is a fairly weighty matter, I was requesting that we bring an answer in the second week after recess.

Hon. Speaker: So be it.

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Daniel Manduku, Nyaribari Masaba.

DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO KENYANS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Hon. Daniel Manduku (Nyaribari Masaba, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations regarding disappearance of two Kenyan citizens in the Russian Federation.

Hon. Speaker, Mr. Frank Anyona Omare, holder of Passport No. AK04xxx31 and ID No. 23xx55, and Mr. Kevin Momanyi Onderi, holder of ID No. 36xxxx82 departed Kenya for the Russian Federation on 20th October 2025. According to information provided by their respective families, the last communication with the two individuals was on 4th December 2025. Since that date, the families have neither heard from nor established contact with them and their whereabouts remain unknown. The circumstances surrounding their disappearance have raised serious concerns regarding their safety and welfare. Further, the prolonged loss of communication has caused immense anxiety, distress and uncertainty to their families.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations on the following:

1. A report on the whereabouts of Mr. Frank Anyona Omare and Mr. Kevin Momanyi Onderi, including the measures taken by the Government, through the Kenyan Embassy in the Russian Federation, to establish their place of residence and employment status.
2. The measures being taken by the Government to safeguard the welfare of Kenyan citizens residing, working or studying abroad, including protocols in place to assist those who are reported missing or in distress and
3. The measures put in place to strengthen the monitoring, protection and consular support for Kenyans living abroad, particularly those travelling for employment or other engagements in unfamiliar jurisdictions.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Bashir, this is to your Committee. When can you bring a response?

Hon. Major (Rtd) Abdullahi Sheikh (Mandera North, UDM): Hon. Speaker, we will bring a response within the first two weeks upon resumption from recess.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Hon. Tungule Kazungu.

ELECTROCUTION OF
MS RITA MAPENZI IN GANZE

(Statement dropped)

Hon. Edith Nyenze, Kitui West.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICITY
TRANSFORMERS IN KITUI WEST

Hon. Edith Nyenze (Kitui West, WDM): Thank you Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy regarding delayed repair and maintenance of electricity transformers in Kitui West Constituency.

Hon. Speaker, residents of Kitui West Constituency particularly those in Nyuani Community, Kathuma Community, Nzemeli Community, Kwa Mboya/Mutonga, Kavoo Primary School, Kilimu Dispensary, Nguuni Primary School, Kataa Primary School, Ivulya Muu Market, Komu Village, Kwa Nyingi, Ilako Mututa Secondary School and Sangala Primary School areas have endured prolonged power outages for several months following the breakdown of electricity transformers serving them. In addition, the prolonged delay in repair and maintenance of the faulty transformers has resulted in socio-economic challenges.

For instance, learning institutions are unable to effectively utilise digital learning facilities thereby compromising the quality of education. Health facilities are unable to operate essential medical equipment, preserve vaccines and medicines or provide adequate lighting for the delivery of healthcare services. Despite numerous reports made to the Kenya Power and Lighting Company (KPLC) regional office in Kitui Town, no meaningful action has been taken to repair or replace the affected transformers.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy on the following:

1. A report on status of transformers serving these communities, Nyuani Community, Kathuma Community, Nzemeli Community, Kwa Mboya/Mutonga, Kavoo Primary School, Kilimu Dispensary, Nyuani Primary School, Ivulya Muu Market, Kataa Primary School, Komu Village, Kwa Nyingi, Ilako Mututa Secondary School and Sangala Primary School areas, including the dates when faults in respect of transformers were reported and the action taken to date.
2. The timelines within which the faulty transformers will be repaired or replaced to ensure electricity supply in those areas.
3. Measures put in place to provide alternative electricity supply to the affected areas and actions taken to ensure regular maintenance of rural electricity infrastructure including improvement of response time for transformer failures across Kitui West Constituency.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Yes Hon. Makali Mulu, you want to joyride?

Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM): Yes. Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I just want to say one or two things. First, I thank Hon. Nyenze for raising this matter because it is also happening in my constituency. The conflict between the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Corporation (REREC) and the Kenya Power is causing all these problems. REREC installed transformers, however, when Kenya Power officials came to connect electricity, they said they were not aware of the installation of those transformers, as they had not been captured in their systems. At the end of the day, Kenyans want electricity. They do not care who provides it. The Committee should invite both the Kenya Power and REREC to confirm that they are working together as a team.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Sunkuli.

Hon. Julius Sunkuli (Kilgoris, KANU): Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform you that yesterday, when Hon. Wangari was in the Chair, Hon. Tonui raised the issue of faulty transformers. Members were greatly concerned and there were many reactions. This matter requires a very comprehensive response, including inviting the Cabinet Secretary to appear before the House.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Julius.

Hon. Julius Rutto (Kesses, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As Members have stated, electricity connectivity poses many challenges in our country. Who between REREC and the Kenya Power should procure electricity metres? The biggest challenge we face is not the installation of poles and power lines, but the connection of electricity to households. We should ensure that those projects are completed and value for money is realised.

If the Cabinet Secretary is invited to appear before this House, he should give a response on the availability of metres. There has been confusion over who is responsible for procuring them, resulting in delays. Electricity connectivity projects have been started but they cannot be completed due to the absence of metres.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Mama Dagoretti.

Hon. Beatrice Elachi (Dagoretti North, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We should ask the Cabinet Secretary to explain this matter. REREC constructs electricity infrastructure in rural areas, after which the Kenya Power is supposed to take over, ensure maintenance, connect consumers, and provide electricity to everyone.

The conflict between REREC and the Kenya Power is affecting the consumer. Many times, electricity connection quotations are so high such that a client who can afford to pay Ksh3 million per month in electricity costs cannot afford electricity connection. We must first address the challenges between the two institutions and resolve this dispute over electricity. Thereafter, we can focus on assisting Kenyans to access electricity.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Bensuda.

Hon. Atieno Bensuda (Homa Bay County, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I agree with my colleagues. REREC has a serious problem. The explanations given are unclear. In the last financial year, Ksh10 million was allocated to supply electricity to specific areas in Karachuonyo Constituency, particularly markets which promote women empowerment. In rural areas, women conduct much of their business during the late hours. Most market activities start from 4.00 p.m. onwards.

The issue of matching funds has arisen. I visited the office of the Principal Secretary, but I was not given an adequate explanation. Officers have already visited the ground and completed the designs. I even told them that I did not need matching funds. I only wanted them to implement works for Ksh10 million. Funds are available for electricity connection in Kibiri Ward, Kandiege Market and other markets. However, they continue telling me to wait for matching funds. I do not need matching funds. I want them to utilise the available Ksh10 million. REREC should not take us for a ride. I agree that the Departmental Committee should expedite this matter, so that issues of matching funds do not delay the process. Any available resources should be utilised. Kandiege, Karachuonyo and other markets are suffering. I call for speedy action.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: We will stop there on that matter. Is the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy present? I thought I saw the Vice-Chairperson somewhere.

Is the Leader of the Majority Party present? Yes, Hon. Pukose. Are you the pretender to the throne?

Hon. (Dr) Robert Pukose (Endebess, UDA): No, I am sitting in for the Leader of the Majority Party. I will convey the message to the Committee.

Hon. Speaker: Inform them to bring a response in the third week after we resume from recess.

Hon. (Dr) Robert Pukose (Endebess, UDA): Okay. Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I am informed that Hon. Kibagendi had indicated that his Request for Statement be removed from the Order Paper. He is not in the House today.

(Request for Statement by
Hon. Antoney Kibagendi deferred)

Let us have Dr Joyce Bensuda, Member for Homa Bay County.

IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER RESPONSIVE
AND CHILD SENSITIVE BUDGETING

Hon. Atieno Bensuda (Homa Bay County, ODM): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I rise to request a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning regarding the implementation of Gender Responsive and Child-Sensitive Budgeting in the Financial Year 2026/2027 Budget.

The National Treasury has, over the last four financial years, consistently issued Budget Review and Outlook Papers and Budget Circulars directing Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to mainstream Gender Responsive and Child-Sensitive Budgeting in the planning and budgeting process. These measures are intended to promote gender equality, safeguard the rights and welfare of children, and ensure equitable allocation of public resources across all sectors.

Despite these policy commitments, concerns have persisted regarding the extent to which these budgeting approaches have been integrated into the current budget, as well as the continued delay in developing and operationalising the implementation, monitoring and reporting guidelines necessary to support their effective execution.

It is against this background that I request a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the following:

1. A report on the extent of integration of Gender Responsive and Child-Sensitive Budgeting into the Financial Year 2026/2027 Budget and the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, including the performance indicators and reporting mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating implementation.
2. Reasons for the delayed formulation and operationalisation of guidelines intended to facilitate the implementation, monitoring and reporting of Gender Responsive and Child-Sensitive Budgeting, despite repeated commitments in National Treasury Budget Circulars over the past four years, and indicate the timeline for their completion and rollout.
3. An indication on whether the Financial Year 2026/2027 Budget contains specific allocations for the implementation of the recommendations of the Technical Working Group Report on Gender-Based Violence, and if so, the details of the allocations, the implementing agencies, the programmes to be funded and the expected outcomes.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Bensuda. Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, when can you bring a response? In the first week after we resume from recess?

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Speaker, considering the magnitude of the report that Dr Bensuda is requesting, we will need about two months to prepare it.

(Laughter)

She is asking for an analysis of the entire Budget of the Republic of Kenya to determine how responsive it is to the needs of children and gender issues. That is a very detailed report. Give me one month, not two months.

Hon. Speaker: Does that include the recess, or can you bring the response in the third week after we resume from recess?

One month, excluding recess.

Hon. Speaker: Bring it on the third week after recess.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. David Ochieng'.

Hon. David Ochieng' (Ugenya, MDG): Hon. Speaker, I just want to add my voice to the request by my friend, the Chair of our Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, that this is not an academic question. It is the question. It is a question, and even if it takes three months, let him take them but give us a report on how our Budget responds to what is asked for: gender, minorities, Person with Disabilities (PWDs), children and all these things. It is what is required by our Constitution. This would really help because I am working on a Bill to mainstream that, and I would want to use the report of that Committee to help me with my Bill.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. We will do that. Yes, Hon. (Dr) Oundo.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Hon. Speaker, I am just wondering. In view of the fact that this is a matter regarding the Budget and budget review, I think the budget review goes to the Budget and Appropriations Committee. I am not so sure how the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning comes into it.

To add to what my neighbour, Hon. David Ochieng', has stated, could we as well expand the question to ensure that the budgets are unpacked to find out programmes in terms of regional representation, probably at the lowest level of representation, be it the county or the constituency. We need to know to what extent the Budget speaks for Kenyans and to what extent it reaches all parts of this country.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You know, I find the questions you, Members, are asking here very strange. You are the ones who passed the Budget here. How do you pass a Budget a month ago and come and say you want to know to what extent the Budget speaks to Kenyans? I do not understand that but it is up to the Chairman. Hon. Kimani, you will liaise with your Budget and Appropriations Committee colleague if you need additional information.

Members, in the Public Gallery, we have Emmanuel School, Naivasha Constituency, Nakuru County. Students, when you are mentioned, you stand up to be acknowledged. We have Muserechi Comprehensive School, Eldama Ravine Constituency, Baringo County, in the Public Gallery.

In the Speaker's Gallery, we have Kenyatta Secondary School, Nakuru West Constituency, Nakuru County. Also, I wish to introduce to the House a delegation of student leaders from the United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa) and members of the Young Diplomats Forum (YDF), who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. The delegation is visiting the National Assembly as part of a mentorship programme aimed at providing practical exposure to the legislative process, parliamentary governance, parliamentary diplomacy and the work of the National Assembly, while fostering a deeper appreciation of civic responsibility and public leadership.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the House, we welcome all our visitors this afternoon to the House of Parliament.

Next is Dr Irene Kasalu. Hold on, Hon. Irene. Yes, Hon. Musa Sirma.

Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank the House for welcoming our visitors who are in the Public Gallery. I would like to especially welcome students from Muserechi Comprehensive School from my constituency. On behalf of the House, I would like to welcome them to Parliament and encourage them to think about being here in future or becoming whatever they want to be in life. All in all, we are happy that they have visited Parliament.

Thank you.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Irene Kasalu, Kitui County.

ELEPHANT INVASIONS IN KITUI

Hon. Irene Kasalu (Kitui County, WDM**)**: Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife regarding the escalating cases of elephant invasions in parts of Kitui County.

The residents of Makuka, Ilamba, Ngamba, Kitumwi, and Gai sub-locations in Kitui County have, for the last five years, endured frequent invasions by elephants straying from Tsavo East National Park and the Kora National Reserve into villages and farmlands. The situation has become increasingly dire, posing a serious threat to the livelihoods and safety of the affected communities. The recurring invasions have also resulted in the destruction of crops, which are the main source of food and income for local households.

The elephants have also damaged homes and other property, forcing residents to spend sleepless nights guarding their farms and living in constant fear of attacks. The situation turned tragic last month when a stray elephant killed a lady, Ms Kavita Maivia, in the Kasala area. This unfortunate incident has heightened anxiety among residents, who now fear for their lives. Despite numerous reports to the relevant authorities over the years, the response has largely been reactive and inadequate, leaving affected communities vulnerable to continued loss of life, destruction of property, food insecurity, and economic hardship.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this backdrop that I seek a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife on the following:

1. The immediate and long-term measures being taken by the Ministry and the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to address elephant invasions into farms and settlements.
2. The status of compensation for the family of Ms. Kavita Maivia, as well as compensation for farmers and households that have suffered loss of crops, property, and other damages resulting from elephant invasions over the past five years.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Kasalu. Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife. Hon. (Dr) Pukose, since you are holding brief for the Leader of the Majority Party, kindly inform the Committee to bring a response.

Hon. (Dr) Robert Pukose (Endebess**,** UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. On behalf of the Leader of the Majority Party, we will make sure that the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Tourism and Wildlife is well informed.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Amos Mwago, Member for Starehe.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
INSTANT TRAFFIC FINE SYSTEM

Hon. Amos Mwago (Starehe, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure regarding implementation of the instant-fine system by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).

The NTSA recently commenced the implementation of an automated instant fine system that utilises surveillance cameras to detect traffic offences and issue instant fines to motorists for minor traffic violations. The system is intended to enhance compliance with traffic laws, promote road safety and reduce road traffic accidents by enabling the swift enforcement of traffic regulations without necessarily subjecting offenders to lengthy court processes. However, the implementation of the system has generated considerable public concern regarding the adequacy of public sensitisation, the presence and visibility of speed limit signage, the fairness of the enforcement process, and the mechanisms available for motorists to challenge fines issued through the automated system.

Hon. Speaker, it is against this background that I request a statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure on the following:

1. Evidence that clear and visible speed-limit signs and other traffic signage have been placed on all road sections covered under the instant-fine system, and that motorists have been adequately sensitised on the operationalisation of the system.
2. The plans put in place to ensure that other road sections across the country are brought under the automated instant-fine system.
3. The system safeguards put in place to guarantee the accuracy and integrity of the instant-fine system.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Amos. The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure. Hon. Nabuin, are you a Member of the Committee?

Hon. Paul Nabuin (Turkana North, ODM): No, I am not. I have a rejoinder.

Hon. Speaker: Are you joyriding?

Hon. Paul Nabuin (Turkana North, ODM): Yes.

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead.

Hon. Paul Nabuin (Turkana North, ODM): Hon. Speaker, before the last recess, I requested for a Statement from the same Committee regarding two roads in my constituency that have not been constructed. The response was supposed to be brought two weeks after the recess. We are headed to another recess, but I have not received any response.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: You can see that the Chairman is not here. Leader of the Majority Party has just walked in.

Hon. Johnson Naicca (Mumias West, ODM): Hon. Chair...

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Naicca, there is no Hon. Chair here, but Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Johnson Naicca (Mumias West, ODM): Hon. Speaker, I am a Member of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure. I would like to….

Hon. Speaker: Do you want to hold brief for Hon. Chairman.

Hon. Johnson Naicca (Mumias West, ODM): Yes, I will brief him.

Hon. Speaker: Bring a response two weeks after recess.

Hon. Johnson Naicca (Mumias West, ODM): Yes, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kimani.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I would also like to joyride on this particular matter. This issue of instant fines on motor vehicles needs to be rethought on whom the fine is attached.

For example, if I have 10 vehicles that I use as Uber vehicles and the drivers drive them dangerously, they are fined. However, the fine ends up on the logbook of the particular vehicle so, it does not deter the behaviour of that driver. Perhaps, the fines should be on the driving licence of the driver rather than on the logbook.

Another complication arises where vehicles are financed through loans. For example, the logbook may be jointly owned by a bank and the borrower. When a fine is lodged against the logbook of that vehicle, it also affects the lender, whether it is a bank or one of the smaller lenders for motorcycles. I would like to be enjoined in that particular matter, so that I can give my input on the instant fine system.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Has Hon. Naicca left the Chamber?

(Hon. Johnson Naicca moved to another seat)

You are very nomadic, Hon. Naicca. You will bring a response two weeks after the recess, and take into account what the Member for Molo has said.

Hon. Johnson Naicca (Mumias West, ODM): Much obliged, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: I will revisit Statement No. 7. Hon. Kazungu Tungule.

ELECTROCUTION OF MS RITA MAPENZI IN GANZE

Hon. Kenneth Tungule (Ganze, PAA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. First of all, I apologise for not being present when my Statement was called. It was due to very unavoidable circumstances. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(c), I wish to request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy regarding the electrocution of Ms Rita Mapenzi Kenneth and the safety of electricity infrastructure in Ganze Constituency.

On 23rd May 2026, Ms Rita Mapenzi Kenneth, a 13-year-old Grade 7 pupil at Ganze Primary School, sustained severe injuries after stepping on a live electric wire that was lying on the ground following the collapse of electricity poles, while walking home from school. She suffered extensive burns, resulting in the amputation of both legs and one arm. She is admitted at Kilifi County Referral Hospital.

The matter was reported to Ganze Police Station under OB No. 07/23/5/26 and Kenya Power offices in Kilifi. However, Kenya Power has not engaged the family or provided any assistance, leaving them to shoulder the medical expenses and related costs. The incident has also raised concerns over the safety of electricity infrastructure in Ganze Constituency, where fallen poles, low lying and exposed live wires continue to pose a serious risk to residents.

It is against this background that I request for a Statement from the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Energy on the following:

1. A report on the electrocution of Ms Rita Mapenzi Kenneth and the findings of investigations, if any, conducted by Kenya Power and the action taken against officers found to have been negligent.
2. The steps that Kenya Power has taken to ensure that Ms Rita Mapenzi Kenneth receives adequate medical care, rehabilitation services, including

provision of prosthetic limbs, and fair and timely compensation for the permanent psychological effects of the resultant amputation and disability.

3. Immediate interventions that Kenya Power has undertaken to inspect, repair and secure damaged electricity infrastructure, particularly fallen electricity poles and exposed live wires in Ganze Constituency.
4. Long-term measures put in place by Kenya Power to strengthen the maintenance, inspection and monitoring of electricity infrastructure across the country in order to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Tungule. Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Energy. Leader of the Majority Party, inform them to bring a response after the recess.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. As I prepare to present my Statement, allow me to comment on instant fines raised by Hon. Mwago. Indeed, the Committee has some work to do, principally to make sure that there is adequate signage and that Kenyans know the speed limits allowed on different categories of roads. If one is driving on an expressway or feeder road, there is a speed limit. This will ensure that people are not fined unfairly. I ask Kenyans to maintain safe speeds on our roads. The lesser evil to deal with are fines and penalties than deaths, especially as we approach the festive season at the end of the year.

Hon. Speaker: There is much more than that. Leader of the Majority Party, our roads are not only unsafe because of speeding but we also have the bodaboda problem, which I am sure you have noticed. We have matatu menace, over speeding drivers and all manner of problems. We need a holistic approach to make our roads safe for everybody.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): True. Even our good friends, the bodaboda riders, ride across everyone on the road. The moment a motorist touches one of them, they all descend on him….

Hon. Speaker: And burn down your car.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): They burn down your car and injure the motorists. These are issues that the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) must deal with. I also believe that the instant fines system is good because it helps us to deal with corruption within the Traffic Police Department. I am sure that police officers lobby with you as they do with everybody. Every police officer wants to move to the Traffic Department because they are able to solicit bribes there. The way of ending this culture of bribery on our roads is having the instant fines.

Allow me to take this opportunity to speak to our courts. When the government sought to register all mobile phones International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers, people went to court. The Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning raised the same issue. If my vehicle is registered against my mobile phone number and I later sell it, the NTSA must, as a matter of principle, register the IMEI number of the person I have sold the vehicle to.

If I sell that car and make a transfer, NTSA must, as a matter of principle, ensure that the person I have sold it to has also provided the number whose IMEI is registered so that if they contravene traffic laws, the fine will go to them and not come to me. But, as you said Hon. Speaker, there is a lot of work that needs to be done. I will ask the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Transport and Infrastructure not only to engage with NTSA but also to involve the Traffic Police Department and the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to ensure that we have a holistic approach to this issue of traffic.

Hon. Speaker, let me now move to my Thursday Statement on behalf of the House Business Committee.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 44(2)(a), the House Business Committee met on Tuesday, 30th June 2026 to prioritise business…

(Hon. Yusuf Hassan spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker: Hold on, Leader of the Majority Party. What is out of order, Hon. Hassan?

(Hon. Yusuf Hassan spoke off the record)

You cannot be talking while seated.

(Laughter)

Hon. Yusuf Hassan (Kamukunji, JP): Hon. Speaker, I was requesting your attention so that I could contribute to the discussion, rather than a point of order.

Hon. Speaker: On the traffic fines and the madness on our roads?

Hon. Yusuf Hassan (Kamukunji, JP): Yes.

Hon. Speaker: I will give you a minute. Go ahead.

Hon. Yusuf Hassan (Kamukunji, JP): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Is it not simplistic to pass this particular problem to the NTSA, given the fact that this disorder and anarchy on our streets is deeply rooted in our national culture, for example, the bodaboda culture and the matatu culture? This requires a national conversation and public education within our community. You cannot leave it simply to an organisation like the NTSA. It is like asking the IEBC to deal with the political violence that is rampant in our country. This matter, having lived in many cities in the world, requires a major effort and a major remedy, which I think is beyond the NTSA. We all need to be involved so that we can be part of that conversation and create the conditions to change the mindset of Kenyans, so that we have a country where people abide by rules and where institutions like the police also enforce the rules.

At the moment, even though there are laws against some of those violations, the problem is so widespread and enormous that even our police forces cannot deal with it without changing our mindset and our national culture.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Hassan. That is to be taken into account when they respond. Leader of the Majority Party, proceed.

BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK OF 27TH TO 31ST JULY 2026

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 44(2)(a), I rise to present the following Statement on behalf of the House Business Committee, which met on Tuesday, 30th June 2026 to prioritise business for consideration during the week.

I would like to inform Members that the *Kamukunji* that had been scheduled for Thursday, 2nd July 2026, which is today, to deliberate on stalled housing projects across the country was postponed to the first week following the resumption of the House. When the House resumes on Tuesday, 28th July 2026, it is expected to consider the following business, some of which is listed in today's Order Paper:

1. Second Reading of the following Bills—
    (a) The Books and Newspapers (Amendment) Bill, 2025;
    (b) The Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2026; and
    (c) The Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 51 of 2024).

2. Consideration of Motions on the following—
   (a) Report of the Kenya Delegation to the 151st Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Related Meetings;
   (b) Second Report on the Status of Reports on Petitions and Resolutions;
   (c) Petition regarding the Proposal to amend the Consumer Protection Act;
   (d) Report on the Audited Financial Statements of Selected State Corporations in the Road and Transport Sector;
   (e) A Petition on management of haemophilia and other bleeding disorders; and
   (f) Fourth Report on audited financial statements for the National Government-Constituencies Development Fund.

In conclusion, Hon. Speaker, I want to wish to thank Members for their dedication throughout the very busy first half of the Second Part of the Fifth Session, which ends today. As we proceed for the short recess, I wish all Members a wonderful rest period as they spend time with their families, discharge their parliamentary and constituency or county obligations and rejuvenate ahead of resumption of sittings at the end of July. The House Business Committee shall reconvene on Tuesday, 28th July 2026 to schedule business for the rest of that week.

I now wish to lay this Statement on the Table of the House.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you. Musa Sirma? Before that, we have in the Public Gallery, Warugara Primary School from Mathioya, Murang'a County, and in the Speaker's Gallery, we have Kalalu Girls School from Laikipia East, Laikipia County. On my behalf and on behalf of the House, we welcome the students, their teachers, and those accompanying them to the House of Parliament.

Go on, Musa Sirma.

Hon. Musa Sirma (Eldama Ravine, UDA): Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 34(2) as read together with Section 6(1), 8(1) and 23(1) of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act (Cap. 414A), I rise to inform the honourable House and table a schedule showing the budget ceilings for each of the 290 constituencies for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

Hon. Speaker, the Select Committee on the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) met with the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the NG-CDF Board and received a comprehensive briefing on the allocation towards the National Government Constituencies Development Fund for the Financial Year 2026/2027. The Committee then considered the approved budget estimates for the Financial Year 2026/2027 and the ceilings in accordance with the provisions of the NG-CDF Act, which stipulates the mechanism for sharing allocations.

Section 4(1) of the NG-CDF Act provides that the annual allocation for the Fund shall consist of an amount equivalent to not less than 2.5 per cent of the National Government share of revenue as contained in the annual Division of Revenue Act approved by the National Assembly. Consequently, the NG-CDF has been allocated a total of Ksh61,797,700,000 for the Financial Year 2026/2027, representing an increase of 5.1 per cent from the current allocation of Ksh58,797,000,000. Given the tight fiscal environment, this modest increase to this high-performing Fund, whose impact has been felt for years, is a step in the right direction towards catalysing equitable and transformative development interventions across the Republic.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to Section 23(1) of the NG-CDF Act, an amount equivalent to 5 per cent, being Ksh3,089,885,000, has been set aside for the administration and operational expenses of the NG-CDF Board. Consequently, the total amount available for allocation among the 290 constituencies is Ksh58,707,815,000. The allocation to constituencies has been undertaken in accordance with the formula and criteria prescribed under Section 34 of the Act, whereby 75 per cent of the amount is distributed equally among all constituencies and 25 per cent is distributed based on the number of wards in each constituency. Accordingly, the equal allocation component amounts to Ksh44,030,861,250, translating to an equal amount of Ksh151 million per constituency. The ward-based allocation component amounts to Ksh14,676,953,750, which has been distributed according to the number of wards in each constituency. The table is appended, and I will table it immediately. Further analysis will indicate that increase in allocation across all categories of constituencies ranges between Ksh8.8 million and Ksh11.3 million, representing a uniform increase of 5.1 per cent compared to the previous Financial Year 2025/2026.

Going forward, the Committee will push for a higher increment, given the development needs of the constituencies. We urge the House to support this endeavour. In compliance with Section 8(1) of the Act, an amount equivalent to 5 per cent of the Fund, totalling Ksh3,089,885,000, has been reserved as an Emergency Fund. Constituencies are required to ring-fence these funds and shall not allocate them to projects unless circumstances warrant their utilisation under the provisions of the Act.

Hon. Speaker, the Committee also noted that, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 12(9) and 36(6) of the National Government - Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Act, Appropriations-in-Aid (A-in-A) declared by constituencies forms part of the Fund allocation. The Board reported that 76 constituencies declared A-in-A amounting to Ksh24,663,624, which has been incorporated into their respective constituency allocations.

(A Member spoke off the record)

Of course, these are rental incomes and other revenues from the buildings constructed by the constituencies. Having considered the submission of the NG-CDF Board and pursuant to Section 34(2) of the NG-CDF Act, 2015, I hereby Table the Schedule of Budget Ceilings for the 290 constituencies for the Financial Year 2026/2027 for consideration by this honourable House.

Finally, I take this opportunity to remind and encourage my fellow Hon. Members to ensure the timely submission of proposed projects for the Financial Year 2026/2027, in compliance with the set deadline of 31st July 2026. I urge all Members to treat this matter with the seriousness it deserves, as adherence to the prescribed timelines is critical to the orderly planning and implementation of projects for the benefit of our respective constituencies.

I also wish to add that the Board has prepared a Quick Response (QR) code which Members can use to monitor what is happening in their respective constituencies, in terms of payments, implementation of projects and related activities. I will also Table the QR code.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Musa Sirma.

Hon. Members, that is the end of that long time for Statements. I will now ask the Clerk-at-the-Table to call the next Order.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Speaker: I had earlier seen the Leader of the Majority party. Can you search, capture and bring him here?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. My apologies. I was trying to serve too many masters. I had a small engagement behind you.

Hon. Speaker: Jesus said you must serve them equally.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): I am trying to do that. That is why I asked those ones to come behind the Chamber.

REDUCTION OF PUBLICATION
PERIOD FOR SPECIFIED BILLS

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 120, this House resolves to reduce the publication period for the following Bills from 14 days to 13 days:

1. The Kenya Intellectual Property Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 40 of 2026).
2. The Tourism (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2026).

Hon. Speaker, this is merely a Procedural Motion. Without anticipating debate on the subsequent Order Paper, these Bills are also lined up for First Reading. I seek the reduction of the publication period to allow the Bills to be published and public participation to commence during the recess period. I beg to move and request *Mwalimu*, Hon. Harry Kombe to second.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, *Mwalimu.*

Hon. Harrison Kombe (Magarini, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I second.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

(Hon. Musa Sirma and Hon. Rozaah Buyu stood along the aisle)

(Question proposed)

Do I put the Question?

Hon. Members: Yes.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Next Order.

BILL

Second Reading

THE PARLIAMENTARY POWERS AND PRIVILEGES (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Senate Bill No. 5 of 2022)

(Moved by Hon. Joseph Lekuton on 1.7.2026 – Afternoon Sitting)

(Debate concluded on 1.7.2026 – Afternoon Sitting)

(Several Members stood up in their places)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members on their feet, kindly take your seats.

(Hon. Musa Sirma stood along the aisle)

Hon. Sirma, take your seat. You only freeze when it is an ambush. You cannot be standing then purport to be freeze before the Speaker stands up.

(Laughter)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was read a Second Time and Committed to Committee of the whole House)

BILLS

First Readings

THE KENYA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 40 of 2026)

THE TOURISM (AMENDMENT) BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2026)

(The Bills were read a First Time and referred to relevant Committees)

Clerk-at-the-Table, I will direct a slight reorganisation of the Order Paper. Shift Order 12 so that we proceed to Order 13, Committee of the whole House, after which we shall return to Order 12. Hold your horses Members, I have a short Communication to make. Sergeant-at-Arms, halt.

(Several Hon. Members stood up in their places)

Those on your feet, please take your seats.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

HARMONISATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND BILL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, you recall that during yesterday's afternoon sitting, I referred proposed amendments to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2026) to a winnowing process before the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, in accordance with Standing Order 131. I also directed the Committee to undertake the exercise and update my Office not later than 10.00 a.m. today, to guide the next steps regarding the processing of the Bill in the Committee of the whole House.

I wish to inform the House that I have since received, and approved for tabling, the Report of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on the harmonisation of the proposed amendments to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill, 2026. I have already allowed the Chairperson of the Committee to table the Report under Order 5 this afternoon. The Report indicates that Members who had proposed amendments to the Bill, namely, Hon. Caroli Omondi, Hon. John Kaguchia, Hon. (Dr) Wilberforce Oundo, Hon. Mark Mwenje, Hon. Justice Kemei, Hon. Robert Mbui, Hon. Gitonga Mukunji and the Leader of the Majority Party, participated in the winnowing process.

I wish to commend the Committee for expertly shepherding the harmonisation process. I also commend the Leader of the Majority Party and the seven Members who had proposed amendments to the Bill for appearing before the Committee to prosecute them. I have confirmed that following consultations, all the Members yielded their proposals to be taken up by the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. Notably, Hon. Caroli Omondi, who had proposed the deletion of all the clauses of the Bill, which would have resulted in the defeat of the Bill in its entirety, found it appropriate to abandon that course. The import of his proposals would have amounted to throwing away the baby with the bathwater.

Given the consensus, I approved the publication of a Supplementary Order Paper for today's sitting to include the harmonised proposed amendments to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill, 2026. You will note that the proposed amendments are now in the name of the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. The amendments will, therefore, be prosecuted in the usual manner in the Committee of the whole House under Order 13. The House is accordingly guided.

Hon. Members, will you now be upstanding?

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for Committee read)

[The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang'ula) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Temporary Chairman
(Hon. David Ochieng') in the Chair]

THE SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2026)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Members, we are now in the Committee of the whole House on the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2026). This is a lengthy Bill. I wish to request that the Chairperson of the Committee and all Members remain attentive so that we can proceed as quickly as possible. Let us proceed.

(Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to)

Clause 5

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): The Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning has an amendment to this Clause.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) paragraph (a) by inserting the following words "which may affect macro-economic stability" immediately after the words "extraordinary shocks".

The amendment seeks to clarify what constitutes extraordinary shocks. It provides that such shocks must affect macroeconomic stability. So, it is not just any extraordinary shock. We made that clarification as the provision could be subject to abuse. It is also important to appreciate that we received amendments to this Clause from Hon. Oundo, Hon. Mwenje and Hon. Caroli, which were agreed upon last evening during the winnowing process, as guided by the Speaker.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Members, this amendment has been negotiated and agreed upon. Hon. Oundo, I hope your position is the same.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. We had a very fruitful engagement last evening. I am content with and accept the amendments as agreed, and as they appear in the Order Paper. As we proceed, we will probably explain the reasons for those amendments. I also wish to go on record and confirm that this is the harmonised version of the amendment.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): That is very encouraging, as Hon. Oundo is hardly ever content. Chairman, you must have done a very good job on Hon. Oundo. Well done to the Committee.

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 5 as amended agreed to)

Clause 6

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 6 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) (h) by inserting the words "and the National Assembly" immediately after the word "Cabinet".

This amendment provides for the National Assembly's oversight of the other sources of revenue to be transferred to the Sovereign Wealth Fund. It is worth noting that Hon. Mwenje, Hon. Mbui, and Hon. Caroli proposed amendments to this Clause, which we agreed to carry forward in our amendments.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Let us have Hon. Makali Mulu.

Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I must commend the team for agreeing with our amendments. One concern that cut across the Bill was that we were giving the Cabinet Secretary too much power and leaving out the National Assembly. I really appreciate this amendment.

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 6 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 7 agreed to)

Clause 8

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Let us have the Mover.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new subclauses—

(1) Any deposits into the Holding Account shall be transferred into the respective components of the Fund.

(1A) Subject to subsection (1) ─

(a) thirty per cent of the amount in the Holding Account shall be transferred into the Future Generations Component; and

(b) the remaining seventy per cent shall be transferred into the Stabilisation Component and Strategic Infrastructure Investment Component in such proportions as may be prescribed by the Cabinet Secretary in consultation with the Board at the beginning of each financial year.

(b) in subsection (3) by deleting the expression "subsection (1)" and substituting therefor the expression "subsection (1A)".

This amendment seeks to provide clarity on the total allocation to each Fund component. As currently drafted, the Bill gave the Cabinet Secretary discretion to determine the proportions to be allocated to each of the three components. It is important to note that Hon. Oundo, Hon. Mwenje, Hon. Kaguchia, Hon. Mbui, and Hon. Caroli proposed amendments to this Clause, which we agreed on.

It is important to notify the House that we prescribed in law that 30 per cent of the amount being collected in the Holding Account shall be transferred to the future generation's component. We are therefore guaranteeing that 30 per cent of all monies paid into the Fund will be reserved for future generations, so that our children and our children's children can also benefit from the wealth we create today.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Let us have Hon. Oundo.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I just wanted to emphasise the point…

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Wait a minute, Hon. Oundo.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Let us have Hon. Oundo.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I wish to join my colleague in making this point clear. We deliberated and agreed that we have to provide for future generations. The future begins now and continues into the years ahead. Any investment made today is an investment in the future. The amendment is harmonious. There is no chaos.

Thank you, I support the amendment.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 8 as amended agreed to)
(Clauses 9 and 10 agreed to)

Clause 11

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Mover.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 11 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(3) A withdrawal of monies under this section shall be authorised by the Controller of Budget.

(b) by deleting subclause (6) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(6) A request for transfer under subsection (4) from the Stabilisation Component, for investment purposes shall be—

(a) accompanied by a resolution of the Board and written instructions for transfer of the specified monies; and

(b) be authorised by the Controller of Budget.

(c) by deleting subclause (7).

This amendment seeks to enhance the prudent use of these resources by requiring that any withdrawal or transfer from the subdivision component be subject to the approval of the Controller of Budget. This will further align with Article 228 of the Constitution.

The Bill further provided that the transfer to the subdivision component will cease once the component reaches Kshs10 billion. We felt this was too prescriptive and that the target could easily be surpassed. It is important to appreciate that we received positive feedback and amendments proposed by Hon. Oundo, Hon. Kaguchia, and Hon. Caroli on this particular amendment.

Thank you.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Makali Mulu.

Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM): Hon. Temporary Chairman, this is another good amendment. The Controller of Budget must approve any money withdrawn from our Consolidated Fund with the objective of monitoring expenditure. So, this is a good amendment. I also like the idea of removing the Kshs10 billion, as that was quite restrictive.

Thank you.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 11 as amended agreed to)

Clause 12

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Mover.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 12 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(2) The Strategic Infrastructure Investment Component may be used to leverage private sector finance for strategic infrastructure investment.

Again, we received a lot of feedback on this particular Clause from Hon. Oundo, Hon. Justice Kemei and Hon. Caroli. This amendment seeks to clarify that the strategic infrastructure investment component will not finance projects similar to those financed by the National Infrastructure Fund Act, which was approved by this House just a few weeks ago.

Thank you.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Justice Kemei

Hon. Justice Kemei (Sigowet/Soin, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I want to confirm that, despite having an amendment to this Clause, I wholly agree with the position taken by the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. I also want to join my colleagues in stating that the windowing process that we went through yesterday was excellent.

I wish we could apply the winnowing process to all committees whenever Bills are involved. It helps reduce the time required for lawmaking and for reaching agreement or consensus when a Bill is being drafted. Hon Prof Oundo and the other colleagues who were there yesterday agreed with the Committee's decision.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 12 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 13 agreed to)

Clause 14

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Mover.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 14 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (1)(a) by deleting the words "Stabilisation Component" appearing immediately after the words "to the credit of the" and substituting therefor the words "Strategic Infrastructure Investment Component";

(b) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (2)—

"(2A) Any withdrawal of monies from the Strategic Infrastructure Investment Component under subsection (2) shall be approved by the Controller of Budget."; and

(c) in subclause (3) by deleting the words "to the Consolidated Fund" and substituting therefor the words "to the approved accounts held at the Central Bank of Kenya of the respective implementing agencies of the strategic infrastructure investment priorities approved as provided for under subsection (1) (b)"

This amendment is intended to correct a clerical error by referring to the strategic infrastructure investment component. This amendment seeks to enhance the prudent use of these resources by specifically requiring the Controller of Budget approval for any withdrawals, in line with Article 228 of the Constitution.

Further, the amendment seeks to make it clear that, instead of project funds being transferred to the Consolidated Fund for remission to the relevant agencies carrying out the projects. They should now be remitted directly from the component to the relevant agencies. We note that the first charge in the Consolidated Fund is servicing of public debt. To improve project execution efficiency, these funds will now be paid directly to the agencies implementing the projects.

It is important to appreciate that Hon. Oundo, Hon. Kaguchia and Hon. Caroli had proposed amendments on this clause which, after the winnowing exercise yesterday, we agreed on.

Thank you.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Oundo and Hon. Makali, now that you have agreed on the clauses, I suggest that you allow us to proceed with some of these amendments unless you want to add something. Hon. Makali.

Hon. (Dr) Makali Mulu (Kitui Central, WDM): Hon. Temporary Chairman, you know, Clause 14(b) addresses the issue of the Controller of Budget. I am seeking clarification on whether a central bank account designated as a holding account will be subject to the control of the Controller of Budget. We need that reassurance. Legally, the Controller of Budget has no access to a holding account with the Central Bank of Kenya.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Chair, go ahead.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, it is also important to acknowledge that Article 228 of our Constitution only mandates the withdrawal of funds from the Considered Fund to be subject to approval by the Controller of Budget.

By now expressly providing here that the Controller of Budget must also approve withdrawals for this particular holding account, then that provision is necessary. Otherwise, without expressly making that provision in the Sovereign Wealth Fund Law, the Fund will not be subject to seeking withdrawal from the Controller of Budget.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Members, that makes a lot of sense.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 14 as amended agreed to)

Clause 15

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Mover.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 15 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(a) establishing an endowment to support Strategic Infrastructure Investment for future generations;

This amendment seeks to ensure that infrastructure investments under the future generations' component are carried out to support future generations.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 15 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 16 agreed to)

Clause 17

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chair.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 17 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following subclause immediately after subclause (4)—

(5) Any withdrawal of monies from the Future Generations Component under subsection (4) shall be approved by the Controller of Budget.

This, again, will provide clarity and authority that any withdrawals from the Stabilisation Component Fund must also be subject to the Controller of Budget approval. We had amendments proposed by Hon. Oundo, Hon. Kaguchia, Hon. Caroli, and Hon. Mukunji to this particular Clause, which we agreed on during winnowing.

Thank you.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Mukunji.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. First, I want to congratulate the Chair of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning on finding a better route to address the issue of amendments. They had a sitting as a Committee with the Members who had amendments.

One of the biggest challenges I saw in this Bill was the lack of oversight. We were looking at how to ensure that this House, the Controller of Budget, and everyone else who is supposed to know how these monies are being spent, know whether they can be misused. We agreed fully with the Committee's amendment that the Controller of Budget must approve all withdrawals of these monies.

We do not move far away from oversight.

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 17 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 agreed to)

Clause 27

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 27 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2)(d) by inserting the words "and the National Assembly" immediately after the word "Cabinet".

This amendment seeks to ensure that the Cabinet and the National Assembly approve the Board's investment policies for funds. This will ensure that the National Assembly has proper oversight of this Fund. It is important to appreciate that Hon. Mwenje and the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Mbui, had proposed amendments to this Clause which we agreed upon during winnowing.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Mwenje, is that you? Go ahead.

Hon. Mark Mwenje (Embakasi West, JP): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. Let me take this opportunity to support this amendment and also thank the Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for yesterday. When we did the winnowing, we agreed on quite a number of clauses, and this is one of them.

Thank you.

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 27 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 28 agreed to)

Clause 29

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 29 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (1) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(b) has served in a senior management or leadership position for a period of at least five years;" and

(b) in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (a).

This amendment seeks to provide youths with an opportunity to serve as chairperson or members of the Board by reducing the required years of service in senior management or leadership positions from 10 to five. We calculated that, to serve as the chairperson or a member of the Board, you need 10 years of continuous management experience. That means you may not have anyone there who is between 30 and 40 years old. That means only those aged 50 and above will have the chance to serve on the Board. Reducing the term from 10 to 5 would give young people across the country the opportunity to serve as chairpersons or members of the Board.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Melly, do you want to say something on this?

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I commend the Chairperson and the Committee for considering the youths. This Bill will bring them on board and include them in decision-making.

I support that.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Mbui.

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani, WDM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I had proposed an amendment on that one regarding academic qualifications. I notice that, most of the time, we are keen to hire someone with a degree in law, economics, accounting, or finance. I was even concerned that it might have to do with the leadership of the House over the last few years. We have had CPA-Ks running this House on both the Majority and the Minority sides. I proposed that we could have people with degrees in education, engineering, and other fields. Still, I was convinced that people with education degrees, who are teachers, are already qualified by virtue of teaching economics and other subjects. I dropped my amendment.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Where do you belong?

Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani, WDM): Education.

(Laughter)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Teachers teach us everything.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 29 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 30,31,32,33, and 34 agreed to)

Clause 35

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 35 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

"(a) holds a bachelor's degree in a relevant field from a university recognised in Kenya;"

(b) in subclause (3) by inserting the words "on advice of" immediately before the words "the Salaries and Remuneration Commission".

This amendment seeks to clarify that a bachelor's degree must be relevant to fund management for a person to qualify to be appointed as CEO. Further, it seeks to clarify that the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) shall advise the Cabinet Secretary on the terms and conditions of the CEO, which shall be consistent with Article 234(b) of the Constitution.

On Clause 29, to allay fears of the Leader of the Minority Party, the provision there reads: someone who holds a degree in economics, finance, accounting, law, banking, or any other relevant field from a university recognised in Kenya. I confirm that education is a relevant field recognised in Kenya.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 35 as amended agreed to)

Clause 36

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 36 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(b) be removed from office by the Board—

(i) for contravening the Constitution or any other laws relating to public finance;

(ii) if he or she is adjudged bankrupt;

(iii) if he or she is convicted for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty;

(iv) if he or she is convicted of an offence whose term of imprisonment exceeds six months;

(v) if he or she is incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness;

(vi) for gross misconduct; or

(vii) if he or she is incompetent and is unable to perform the function of the office.

This amendment seeks to provide clarity on the grounds of removal from office of the CEO.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 36 as amended agreed to)

Clause 37

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 37 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(2) The staff recruited under subsection (1) shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, on advice of the Salaries and Remunerations Commission.

This amendment seeks to clarify the role of the Salaries and Remuneration Commission in advising the Board on the terms and conditions of the staff. This is consistent with Article 230(B)(4) of our Constitution.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 37 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 38 and 39 agreed to)

Clause 40

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Chairperson.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 40 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by inserting the words "or to both" at the end of the subclause.

This amendment seeks to provide clarity on the penalty provision, which is consistent with drafting practice and meaning. Clause 40(3) sets out very strict penalties when a person contravenes subsection (1) and commits an offence, and therefore, on conviction, to a fine without exceeding Ksh5 million or imprisonment not exceeding two years.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 40 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 agreed to)

Clause 46

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 46 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Prohibition of advances, credits and collateralization of the Future Generations Component of the Fund.

46. The Future Generations Component shall not be used—
(a) to make advances or loans or provide any other form of credit to a government entity or any person; or
(b) as collateral for borrowing by a government entity or any person.

This amendment seeks to clarify and expressly prohibit the securitization or use of the future generations component as collateral for borrowing by a government entity.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Mukunji.

Hon. George Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Thank you, Honourable Temporary Chairman. This is a very important amendment. As we know, this country has adopted a new way of borrowing. I do not wish to use the word “hideously” but we must ensure that this Fund is protected so that it cannot simply disappear one day after it has been securitized. I am happy that the Committee agreed to this amendment. We should also take similar measures regarding other funds that have been passed in this House to prevent a rogue regime from misappropriating them.

Thank you.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng’): Hon. Mayaka.

Hon. Irene Mayaka (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Temporary Chairman. I also wish to support this amendment. It is important for us to have a component that safeguards future generations. I applaud this amendment.

I support.

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng’): Hon. Rutto.

Hon. Julius Rutto (Kesses, UDA): Thank you. I also wish to support this amendment. It is a good move to ensure that the spirit of this Bill, which seeks to utilize our natural resources with a definite timeline for depletion, is upheld for the present and the future. Nonetheless, I would like to remind my friend, Hon. Mukunji; that, from his contribution, he seemed to be critical of the tendency to securitize funds. He needs to understand the implications and context of securitization. This is not merely a question of securitizing any money. This Bill seeks to allocate the natural resources we are endowed with and utilize them to secure services and opportunities for today, tomorrow and the future. There is no way this money can be securitized for any other purpose.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 46 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 47 and 48 agreed to)

Clause 49

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT**,** Clause 49 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (2) by inserting the word “fund” immediately after the word “investment”;

(b) in subclause (3) by inserting the word “fund” immediately after the word “investment”.

This amendment is clerical as it seeks to align the content with the title under paragraph 6, which reads “Investment fund manager” and not “investment manager.” Hon. Kaguchia and Hon. Caroli had similar amendments that we merged after winnowing.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 49 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 50 agreed to)

Clause 51

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 51 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(1) Within three months after the end of each financial year, the Board shall cause to be prepared and submit consolidated financial statements for each component of the Fund, in accordance with the standards set by the Accounting Standards Board for onward transmission to the Auditor-General for audit with a copy to the Cabinet Secretary and the Controller of Budget.

This amendment seeks to align the period for submitting financial statements with the provisions of the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act. It is reducing the time-frame from six months to three months. Additionally, the financial statements shall be cost-related for each of the components.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 51 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 52 agreed to)

Clause 53

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 53 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3)(c) by inserting the following new subparagraph immediately after subparagraph (iii)—

(iiia) details of all fees paid to investment fund managers and any other service providers;

This amendment aims to enhance the details of the report submitted by the board by including information on all fees paid to investment fund managers and other service providers in order to safeguard the fund. We proposed this particular amendment due to the risk of exaggerated fees being paid, which could erode the purpose of the fund. The amendment seeks to restrict this and ensure that the details of the fees and commissions paid are reflected in the financial statements.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 53 as amended agreed to)
(Clause 54 agreed to)

Clause 55

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 55 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting the words "not less than two years" appearing immediately after the words "for a term" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding three years";

(b) by deleting the words "not less than five million shillings" appearing immediately after the words "to a fine of" and substituting therefor the words "not exceeding ten million shillings".

This amendment seeks to align the penalty by moving away from mandatory minimum sentencing while simultaneously enhancing the penalty to safeguard the Fund and ensure compliance with the Act.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 55 as amended agreed to)

Clause 56

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 56 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by deleting the words "one month" appearing at the beginning of the subclause and substituting therefor the words "three months".

This amendment proposes to extend the period within which the Board must submit the report of the Fund to the National Treasury for transmission to the Auditor-General, and subsequently to the National Assembly, from one month to three months prior to the general election. This is to cater for the period during which the National Assembly recesses *sine die.*

(Question of the amendment proposed)

Hon. Members: Put the question!

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 56 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 57, 58 and 59 agreed to)

Clause 60

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 60 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new sub-clauses—

(1) The Cabinet Secretary may appoint an interim manager and staff to administer the Fund pending the constitution of the Board under section 28.

(1A) The interim manager and staff referred to in subsection (1) shall be public officers on secondment to the Fund.

(b) by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(3) The appointment of the interim manager and staff shall come to an end, six months after the commencement of this Act.

(c) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (3)—

(3A) The interim manager and staff recruited under subsection (1) shall serve on such terms and conditions as the Cabinet Secretary may, on advice of the Salaries and Remunerations Commission, determine."

This amendment seeks to allow public officers on secondment to the Fund to act as interim managers and staff of the Fund. This will ensure that the Act is implemented without delay and at a lower cost by utilizing public officers on secondment. The limited period also seeks to ensure that there is no unnecessary extension of the period of the interim manager and staff during the transition period.

Further, the amendment seeks to provide clarity on the terms and conditions of service of the interim manager and staff. It is good to appreciate that Hon. Oundo, Hon. Kaguchia and Hon. Caroli had amendments to this clause. We agreed on them upon winnowing.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Oundo.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): My amendment sought a shorter period of three months but I accept this amendment because I understand the intricacies involved in appointments of directors. The idea is to avoid long stays with an interim manager and use of third parties. That is why we said it must be a serving state officer so that we minimize costs. I hope and pray that they will not ask for duty allowances upon secondment. That will erode the value of the Fund.

I support.

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 60 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 61 agreed to)
(First Schedule agreed to)

(Second Schedule agreed to)

Third Schedule

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Departmental Committee Chairperson, you have an amendment to the Third Schedule.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, the Third Schedule to the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph 2 and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

2. The annual management fee payable to an investment fund manager shall not exceed two percent of the investment in the qualifying instrument and shall be specified in the instrument of appointment.

The amendment seeks to cap the amount payable to an investment fund manager to two per cent of the investment in the qualifying instrument. This is to ensure prudent utilization of funds.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Third Schedule as amended agreed to)

Fourth Schedule

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, the Fourth Schedule to the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph 1 and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

Amendment of section 186 of Cap. 306.

1. Section 186 of the Mining Act is amended by inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (1)—

(1A) The State department responsible for collecting royalties shall remit the royalties paid under subsection (1) to the Collector and the Collector shall remit the royalties into the Sovereign Wealth Fund.

(1B) For the purpose of this section, "Collector" means the Commissioner-General appointed under section 11 of the Kenya Revenue Authority Act.

This consequential amendment seeks to clarify how royalties shall be paid into the Sovereign Wealth Fund, by amending Section 186 of the Mining Act.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Fourth Schedule as amended agreed to)

Clause 2

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move:

THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by inserting the following new definition in its proper alphabetical sequence—

"Government" means the National Government;

(b) in the definition "extraordinary shocks" by deleting the words "including terms-of-trade shocks, natural disasters, shocks due to demand for exports, or conflict or crisis in neighbouring countries that has adverse effects on balance of payments" appearing immediately after the word "economy"; and,

(c) in the definition "Interim Manager" by deleting the words "section 51" appearing immediately after the words "appointed under" and substituting therefor the words "section 60".

The amendment seeks to clarify that the national government's share in minerals and petroleum royalties is what is being referred to as the Sovereign Wealth Fund. The amendment on extraordinary shocks also provides clarity that these extraordinary shocks can only be the shocks affected by macroeconomic stability. It is also important to mention that Hon. Oundo, Hon. Mwenje, Hon. Mukunji and Hon. Caroli had amendments to this clause.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Oundo.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): As we come to the tail-end, let me commend the team for being understanding and caring about the welfare of Kenyans.

The previous definition of "extraordinary shocks" in the Bill was weird. It was too long and too much. We applied our minds to it. Quite a number of us who sat in that meeting yesterday have attended several macroeconomic units. We understand what we are talking. We ask those who did not attend to agree with us and let us move on.

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 2 as amended agreed to)

(Title agreed to)

(Clause 1 agreed to)

The Temporary Chairman (Hon. David Ochieng'): Hon. Members, that brings us to the end of the Committee of the whole House. Thank you for your attention and patience. This marks the beginning of a new Kenya, where winnowing becomes the order of the day and Members agree. You will agree with me that this often works very well for all of us towards the tail-end of the 13th Parliament.

I now call upon the mover of the Bill to move the motion for reporting to the plenary.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Temporary Chairman, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the House its consideration of the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2026) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(The House resumed)

IN THE HOUSE

[The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang'ula) in the Chair]

MOTION

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON THE SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND BILL

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Temporary Chairman, proceed.

Hon. David Ochieng' (Ugenya, MDG): Hon. Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the whole House has considered the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No.7 of 2026) and approved the same with amendments.

Hon. Speaker: Mover.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the said report. I request Hon. Naomi Waqo to second the Motion for agreement with the report of the Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Naomi Waqo (Marsabit County, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

BILLS

Third Reading

THE SOVEREIGN WEALTH FUND BILL
(National Assembly Bill No.7 of 2026)

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I beg to move that the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill (National Assembly Bill No.7 of 2026) be now read a Third Time.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Members as I request Hon. Peter Kaluma to second. I thank the Members who contributed during the debate in Second Reading. More importantly, I thank the Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning. They include Hon. Peter Opondo Kaluma, Hon. CPA Rutto and the Chairperson of the Committee, who took us through a very rigorous winnowing process last night.

May I report to you that on the communication you did, we closed our meeting at slightly past 9.00 p.m. under the very able chairmanship of Hon. Kimani Kuria, Member for Molo. I also take this opportunity to thank Hon. Oundo, Hon. Mukunji, Hon. Caroli Omondi, the Deputy Leader of the Minority Party, Hon. Robert Mbui, Hon. Mwenje and the Deputy Whip of the Minority Party, Hon. Makali Mulu…

(A Member spoke off the record)

Hon. Speaker, there are people who are soliciting for a mention.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Did Hon. Kururia also propose amendments?

(Laughter)

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I am only mentioning the Members who were in that winnowing session. The winnowing process last night shepherded us through a new way of doing things. Winnowing is not new in the House, but I acknowledge the spirit of give and take that prevailed during yesterday's winnowing process that we had to go through. More importantly, during the process, we all agreed that we were legislating for austerity.

We were not legislating for our present political parties. Even those in the opposition agreed that what we were doing was for the best interest of the people of Kenya. I must thank all the Members who participated in that process. That is why I made particular mention of those Members. It is because we put aside our political differences to legislate for our great nation.

(Applause)

On 15th December last year, the Cabinet approved a Cabinet Memo which spoke about the establishment of the National Infrastructure Fund, and the Sovereign Wealth Fund. Hon. Members may remember that the Cabinet communique on the Memo said that the two funds would serve as the backbone of the government's plan to transition Kenya into a first world economy through a sustainable investment-led growth model that would drive us away from the old ways of overburdening Kenyans with taxation and over reliance on public debt.

This is a very momentous time for our country. The passage of this Bill signifies the beginning of our country's transition from overreliance on public debt and burdening Kenyans with taxation to an investment-led growth. The establishment of the two Funds will properly align our nation with the path of transitioning from a third world and middle-income economy to a first world nation.

Hon. Speaker, let me say something to the naysayers. In 2022, President William Ruto reaffirmed that we shall implement the Kenya Kwanza Manifesto page by page, sentence by sentence, from comma to full stop, and in its entirety. I know many people have accused him of telling lies. The National Infrastructure Fund and the Sovereign Wealth Fund were part of that manifesto. The transition from the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) to Universal Health Coverage (UHC) under the Social Health Authority (SHA), is part of that manifesto.

The passage of this Bill today is a further implementation of the manifesto. Fortunately, you are part of the team that crafted it. You remember the long nights we spent at the then Deputy President's official residence, in Karen, crafting the UDA manifesto. You may recall how the idea of the Sovereign Wealth Fund came about.

Hon. Speaker: You remember there was a day we sat for 25 hours?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Yes, and these are things that Kenyans may never know. They have not come by accident. They are not opportunistic Bills that are just finding their way into Parliament. They were well-thought-through processes that would augment our nation and move its economy to a first world economy. Therefore, I must thank even those who are in the Executive who have made sure that we are implementing our manifesto as we sold it to Kenyans.

When in December 2025, a Cabinet Communiqué said that the establishment of these two Funds would set Kenya on motion of transitioning to a first world nation by moving away from public debt-laden economy and overburdening taxation towards an investment-led growth, it sounded like neuroscience to many people. During the last State of the Nation Address, the President talked about an ambitious Ksh5 trillion investment-led growth that would move our country forward, and many people thought that it was ordinary talk. He said that for every shilling we generated, we could leverage on it and raise another Ksh10. He said that within the next few months, we should be disposing off shares in Safaricom and Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC), which would guarantee us the first Ksh3 trillion. As a leader in this country, I am very proud that today we have seen this coming to fruition.

Yesterday or the day before yesterday, about Ksh250 billion from the sale of Safaricom and about Ksh106 billion from the sale of KPA shares, which add to about Ksh350 billion, was secured in the National Infrastructure Fund (NIF). That gives us capital to raise a further Ksh3 trillion, so that the investment-led growth that was seen as ordinary talk becomes a reality.

The challenge is now upon us, as leaders, even as we legislate. I commended the Members who sat with us throughout the night last night, under the able chairmanship of Hon. Kimani Kuria. It was the first Departmental Committee meeting I have attended in the last three years. Hon. Kimani Kuria told me that he was very proud that the first Departmental Committee meeting I have attended was under his chairmanship. Of course, when you have such a brilliant Chairman, you cannot fail to attend his committee's meetings. Hon. Oundo has just commented here that there was a macroeconomic class last night. As much as he is a very good teacher, he was fortunate to also learn a few things on extraordinary shocks to economies around the world.

Let me not be too wordy. As I said, I am very proud of the 13th Parliament and all the Members of this House because it is clear that, notwithstanding the political grandstanding we have outside Parliament, we can still come together and legislate on a matter that touches on the lives of every Kenyan. This is because the Sovereign National Wealth Fund Bill speaks to the current and future generations of this country. That is why in this Bill, we have a future fund that speaks to future generations.

Hon. Speaker, our space in the history of this nation is very secure, especially with the establishment of these two Funds. I ask all of us, again; that, as we pass this Bill, the onus is on us to ensure that we offer proper oversight to the Funds that we have created to ensure that we secure the future of our nation and transition it to the first-world status that we have all envisioned. We have envisioned a first-world status since independence. Along the way, we were overtaken by other countries because we were afraid of doing the right things.

I must thank President William Ruto because he has not been afraid of the insults. He has been bold and courageous enough to do what is right for this nation. I must also thank the many Members of Parliament in this House who have supported his vision. I say so because it is only in this House where you find courageous leaders who will opt to do the right thing and not what is necessarily popular.

Hon. Speaker, I have said here before that it is not everything that you find popular is right. Today, we are doing what is right. It may not be popular but it is the right thing to do for our country. As the 13th Parliament, our place is secure in the history of this nation. I am very proud of the National Assembly. We have earned the recess we are proceeding to today. I will have a very restful recess in the coming three weeks even as we do other things for our constituents.

I will always challenge people out there, who are very fond of saying many things, to offer alternative solutions to the country's challenges. I am glad that, as Members of Parliament, we have kept away from the noise out there. Even those who have picked the noise out there and shamelessly brought it to this House, have since apologised to the people of Kenyan. I want to encourage them to continue sticking to the truth and be honest when dealing with the people of Kenya because you will never need to apologise to anyone if you stick to the truth. However, if you pick things here and there to excite people and try to generate *bonga* points politically, you will not cease to apologise. We will see you over and over again apologising with or without your classroom notes.

With those many words, I beg to move and I request the very able Member of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, Hon. Peter Kaluma Opondo, to second. He ably guided us, especially on Clause 5(2)(b) and Clause 12, to see big things that many of us would not have seen.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed, Hon. Kaluma.

Hon. Peter Kaluma (Homa Bay Town, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. Allow me to start by thanking you for leading this House through history. You have sat in this House this afternoon from 2.30 p.m. to this moment because of the monumental nature of the business we are transacting.

I attended with you the session of the assent into law of the National Infrastructure Fund Bill by His Excellency the President. I still remember very clearly what His Excellency President William Ruto indicated. Hon. Members, if I may quote him, he said that when he writes his autobiography, he will remember the Thirteenth Parliament as a Parliament that has been greatly impactful in terms of giving this nation direction. He said we will get some space in his autobiography, as the 13th Parliament. I cannot agree more.

Hon. Speaker, when you appointed me to preside over the Second Reading general debate on this Bill, before I proposed the question, Hon. Members will remember that I indicated that it appeared to me that history was beckoning at the 13th Parliament. I did ask whether we were ready to grasp and capture that moment.

I proposed the question and then made that statement, having heard the Leader of the Majority Party initiate debate on the Bill, and having heard our very sharp and gifted Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, my brother, Hon. Kuria Kimani, elaborate on the purposes of this law. Listening to them, and having gone through the Bill, I beckoned upon this House to grasp their date with destiny.

If there is something I will remember my role in the House for, and my best day in this House for, it is the debate that surrounded this Bill. I ask Kenyans to review *The Hansard* and the video recordings of our proceedings. I was shocked at how passionate the leadership of this House was. The representatives of the people in this House are concerned about the country.

What does this Bill do? In three things, this is how we have met destiny and history. Hon. Speaker, we were with you here when COVID-19 struck and before that, nobody in Kenya, least of all us, ever imagined that a time would come when we would all be locked in our houses and rooms unable to interact with anybody and the economy would be shut down completely. Just a short while ago, we had the Iran-Israel situation and the Strait of Hormuz got blocked. Consequently, there were fluctuations in oil prices. The country did not know how it would sustain the supply chain, more so, in respect to fuel and other necessary goods. Through this law, we have provided a buffer for the whole nation against extraordinary shocks. How beautiful can it be that it fell on us in the 13th Parliament and we are the ones doing so!

Hon. Speaker, our Constitution speaks of a need for equity between the current and future generation in the manner we apply and use the wealth which comes in our time. This law, once assented to by the President, answers that issue of intergenerational equity. It also provides that the current generation is going to provide a link through a deliberate, strategic infrastructure investment leading to the future. This will enable them have a fund that they can move with in a stable country that they can be happy about.

I do not want to say much, Hon. Speaker, but allow me for once to thank His Excellency President Ruto for the bold and visionary leadership he is giving this country. I have always said that it appears to me, having done a historical analysis of all our presidents since independence, that there are things which have been deemed impossible for the country, but which are very necessary.

It has taken President Ruto to face them boldly, not caring about the consequences from people whose vision is short, or people who do not see beyond the temporal needs of politics of the time. He is doing very well. Let me thank President Ruto for his vision around the National Infrastructure Fund and for his vision around the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill which, hopefully, he will be signing. Hon. Speaker, if you were to honour the House, the Bill would be assented to by His Excellency the President with a big number of Members of Parliament to witness meeting with our destiny.

Hon. Speaker, let me thank the Leader of the Majority Party for leadership of the House, after you. Let me thank the Chairman of the Committee and Members of the House, especially Hon. Mukunji, and the ones we interacted with up to very late in the night before the House adjourned. I was so gratified that when we talk about the interest of the nation there is some unique objectivity and realisation that truly comes to play. That, beyond our temporal political posturing, we can do something that is good for the country. That is why when we had the Finance Bill situation, from 2024 throughout, the Leader of the Majority Party remembers this House as a House which always stands with what is right for the nation, not necessarily what is political.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker, eternally for good leadership of the House and for midwifing such historical moments within the 13th Parliament.

Without much ado, Hon. Speaker, allow me, therefore, to second.

(Several Members raised their hands)

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. This is not debate time. We have gone over that. Allow me to go to the next level. As I do that, Hon. Members, taking cue with what the Leader of the Majority Party said, it takes men and women of courage to do great things. In doing so, remember the words of Winston Churchill, that: you will never finish your journey if you stop to throw stones at every barking dog. Focus on your journey and if we are to reform this country, we will do so with men and women of courage. Having been in this House since 1992, I can say without any fear of contradiction that this is a courageous House, and it is one that is committed to changing this country.

(Applause)

It is not driven by convenience; it is driven by doing what is right. Keep it up.

(Question proposed)

Hon. Oundo, you have spoken more than 10 times on this Bill, but make your comment.

Hon. (Dr) Ojiambo Oundo (Funyula, ODM): Hon. Speaker, the people of Funyula sent me to come here to legislate on their behalf and Kenyans, generally. My colleagues will bear with me. I am a very serious legislator. Such a monumental Bill cannot go without a comment from the great man from Samia.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker, we stand here today to actualise some of the innovative resource-raising measures that have been employed elsewhere. As I said yesterday, and I continue to say, we have a history of good Bills and ideas, but at the end of the day, we botch them at implementation. We have had so many other grand ideas that ended up being a sleaze fund, scam, and, generally, embarrassing the country and causing untold suffering. I hope and pray that those who will be charged with running of this Fund and the National Infrastructure Fund will be women and men of integrity, who value the interests of Kenyans more than lining their pockets.

Let me also laud the new spirit that emanates from the Hon. Members now. Probably, the pressure outside there is forcing us now to start thinking clearly that it is better to come together and not keep on chest-thumping and being antagonistic. Allow me to make two statements. The 13th Parliament will go down in history for passing some very tough laws that have sometimes inflicted pain on the ordinary mwananchi in this country. We cannot run away from that. When we come to the end of our tenure, we will ask ourselves simple questions:

1. What has been the change of welfare for the common mwananchi?
2. What has been the change per capita income of the common mwananchi?
3. What has been the change in poverty indices during the 13th Parliament?

Those are the only verifiable and empirically driven measures of the performance of Parliament.

Finally, let me also conclude by thanking my friend, Hon. Kaluma. He reminds me of a story and he has already said so. You do not have to struggle to vote for the Government. Once it is there, join it and become happy. I wish I could have that courage and strength. I would also be singing the same song.

Hon. Kuria Kimani, Member for Molo, and the Leader of the Majority Party, thank you for listening. I also thank you for that robust exchange yesterday. It rekindled my mind in my undergraduate days and reminded me when I was teaching in the university. I was trying to explain to Hon. Caroli Omondi that when we talk about leverage in an investment appraisal, we do not talk about lien. It is about the mix between capital and debt. That is macroeconomics. We had a very nice time. Thank you very much, Hon. Kaluma. I need to learn some lessons from you.

Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Nyikal.

Hon. (Dr) James Nyikal (Seme, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I do not understand finance much. I contributed to this Bill in the Second Reading. What I know and understood is that this Bill is going to make a great contribution in saving us from debt, which is important. I also know that many people are afraid that when we create a Fund, it will be misused because of corruption. We cannot live in fear. We should handle corruption and do what we think is right.

(Applause)

They say in my place that if there is a chicken thief in the village, the village does not stop keeping chicken. You look for the thief, catch him and keep the chicken.

I support the Bill.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Kimani.

Hon. Kuria Kimani (Molo, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I know I have spoken to this matter. However, I thank you because of your leadership and ordering us to do the winnowing process of the amendments. We had a very productive meeting yesterday, running up to late in the evening. We also talked and listened to each other on this particular matter. That is when the Hon. Members realised that even most of the amendments that they had proposed were already carried in our Committee's Report. I think it also helped reduce the exchanges that we normally see on the Floor. I also thank my leader, the Leader of the Majority Party, for joining us. I thank him for his great ideas towards the harmonisation of this process.

Lastly, as we talked about political conmanship and people trying to become clever overnight, I enjoyed the contributions made by many Members who had actually read the clauses of this Bill. However, yesterday evening, we were treated to economic hubris. Some people came and threw around economic terms without making any reference to the contents of the Bill. I think Kenyans should now watch very closely how Members contribute to this particular piece of legislation. It should not be about using big words: what in economics we call 'economic arrogance' or 'economic hubris', only to end up saying nothing. It is just to appear to the gallery that you are smart in economics, but far from it! You realise that they have zero content!

I thank all the Members who supported these amendments, and I appreciate the great meeting we had yesterday. Once again, I thank you for your leadership, as well as that of the Leader of the Majority Party.

I thank you, Hon. Speaker.

(Applause)

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Mukunji.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I am very proud that this Bill has reached this stage today. I was one of the Members who took keen interest in it.

(Applause)

This is simply because it touches on very serious matters that I am passionate about, namely, the wealth of this nation and how to ensure that it serves both the present and future generations. This is one of the Bills that demonstrates that this House is committed to the welfare of our people. As our motto states, "For the Welfare of Society and the Just Government of the People." We have not re-invented the wheel. Similar frameworks exist in many countries. If you read widely, you will find scandals involving Sovereign Wealth Funds in countries such as Malaysia, Kuwait and Egypt. We simply want this House to keep a keen eye on the management of the Fund.

Hon. Speaker: You should also encourage the country by citing success stories. Talk about Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland. Those are shining examples in the skies of the world of what Sovereign Wealth Funds can do.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): I fully agree, Hon. Speaker. As you have rightly stated, those are among the successful examples of Sovereign Wealth Funds. Our concern has been to ensure that this House maintains a keen eye on the usage of the Fund and the utilisation of the nation's wealth. That includes our mineral resources, whose utilisation was previously difficult to track. Now we know that these resources will be managed through a Fund that this House can monitor closely.

I also note that this is one of the few occasions when the Leader of the Majority Party has not mentioned the party leader of the Democracy for the Citizens Party (DCP) during his contribution. That tells you the seriousness of this Bill.

(Laughter)

Hon. Speaker: Yes.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): It tells you that this Bill belongs to the people…

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): On a point of order, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Ichung'wah.

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, the Member for Manyatta is a young man and a very good friend of mine. He has contributed very well. However, I wish to inform him that I mention people only when necessary. On serious national matters such as the Sovereign Wealth Fund Bill, you cannot mention a villager who has no idea what a Sovereign Wealth Fund is.

(Applause)

During his one term as a Member of Parliament, he was among those who merely hung around Parliament. He served one term and left. It is no wonder that you now hear him leading a movement he calls 'Wantam' because he imagines everything is one term.

Hon. Mukunji, if you wanted me to mention that one-term character… You know, I heard the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration describe somebody as Kenya's number one goon. I do not know who the Cabinet Secretary was describing, but if Hon. Mukunji wanted me to speak about the former one-term Member of Parliament for Mathira, I would have mentioned him if we were dealing with other non-serious matters, say, on violence or such related things. On a serious matter like the Sovereign Wealth Fund, the two cannot mix. It is like mixing water and oil.

Hon. Speaker: Yes, Hon. Mukunji, wind up. I gave you one minute.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Hon. Speaker, now the Hon. Leader of the Majority Party has gone back to his factory setting of mentioning the leader of the Democracy for Citizens Party, who is also my party leader.

Hon. Speaker: You are the one who started it. Finish up.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Hon. Speaker, when we pass this Bill, I want to call upon this House, in the remaining time, to ensure that we now focus on issues touching on the welfare of our people, whom we represent. We are the only people who can speak on behalf of the people of the Republic of Kenya. Yesterday we had a very interesting engagement. As we move forward, the divisions in this House can be reduced to a minimum.

Hon. Speaker: Clerks-at-the-Table, are you timing? I gave Hon. Mukunji one minute and he has spoken for four minutes.

Hon. Gitonga Mukunji (Manyatta, UDA): Yes, Hon. Speaker, I want to wind up. The divisions in this House can be reduced to a minimum if we use the same winnowing period trajectory, especially on matters such as the Finance Bill and other Bills that are quite controversial. We found ourselves agreeing on matters that need to be changed where need be. I commend the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and everybody who was involved.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Rindikiri, strictly one minute.

Hon. Mugambi Rindikiri (Buuri, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. We were all here on this Bill. Just as everybody else has said, this Parliament is on the path to making history. The Social Health Authority, the Infrastructure Fund, Affordable Housing, sports, and Talanta Stadium are all initiatives through which the nation has experienced good leadership under His Excellency the President. He has taken an unpopular path by creating opportunities for the future.

I thank this House for being vigilant because this money will be utilised for the future. It is also targeting the marginalised, the abandoned, and those discriminated against. We really want to thank you, as the leader of this House. I thank the Leader of the Majority Party, who has made sure that those who have been politicking have been stopped for the first time. That, too, is part of history.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Irene Mayaka.

Hon. Irene Mayaka (Nominated, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also want to join my colleagues in applauding this piece of legislation, which is very important for our country. It is a landmark piece of legislation that is not only looking at the present, but also at infrastructural investment and future generations. We continue to enact very significant legislation in this House, and I want to applaud fellow Members for that.

I also want to say to my colleague and senior, Hon. (Dr) Oundo, that the broad-based Government is doing a lot of good things. We are willing to shake his hand if he unclutches his fists.

Hon. Speaker: Last, Hon. Jematiah. You have one minute.

Hon. Jematiah Sergon (Baringo County, UDA): I join my colleagues in supporting this very important Bill. I thank the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for the good work. Considering that this country is on a high-gear trajectory towards becoming like Singapore, this is one of the documents that is going to give Kenya a good image. We are relying so much on the good governance of the President, who has given us, as Members of Parliament, the opportunity to enact good legislation.

This will give Kenyans the goodwill to build our country and move it into First World status.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Kururia, is this your maiden speech? I have never heard you speak in the Chamber.

Hon. Elijah Kururia (Gatundu North, Independent): Hon. Speaker, it is not my maiden speech. I have made several other speeches.

Hon. Speaker: Go ahead. It was on a light note.

Hon. Elijah Kururia (Gatundu North, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: When you are given an opportunity to speak, ignore those who are talking to you. Pay attention to the Speaker.

Hon. Elijah Kururia (Gatundu North, Independent): Yes. I have just received a text message from one of my voters asking for my position on the Bill. That is why I decided to say a word, so that they may also capture my opinion. The Bill is good for our country.

Hon. Speaker, you mentioned that you have been in this House since 1992. I began asking myself what previous Presidents and governments were doing. If this Bill is only coming into effect in 2026, the Members serving in this Parliament deserve to be awarded medals. All those Presidents and parliaments did not manage to bring Kenya to where it is right now.

Hon. Speaker: I gave you one minute and it is over. Give him half-a-minute to finish.

Hon. Elijah Kururia (Gatundu North, Independent): I was distracted, Hon. Speaker.

Hon. Speaker: Do you remember I told you that you will never finish your journey if you stop to throw stones at every barking dog? Let us have Hon. Melly.

Hon. Julius Melly (Tinderet, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to join my colleagues in commending the Chairperson and Members of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for their good work. The Sovereign Wealth Fund is a way for our country to raise resources for the much-needed development.

Hon. Speaker, I wish to thank you and the leadership of the House for demonstrating a lot of Solomonic wisdom on a number of Bills. You have managed to wade through very controversial issues.

Third, the President, who is very courageous, has not been doing things for popularity. He has been acting for posterity and for the future of this country. The Sovereign Wealth Fund contains a provision for our youth and future generations. This is a rare and historical Bill. This Parliament will go down in the annals of history.

I support the Bill.

Hon. Speaker: Last to speak on this is Hon. Mary Emaase.

Hon. Mary Emaase (Teso South, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I also join my colleagues in congratulating the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning and all the Members who have contributed to this very important and timely Bill. In fact, it is overdue. This Bill should have been enacted at the beginning of this term.

The Bill is about a savings and investment fund. It will help to stabilise the economy against shocks such as rising fuel prices and other global shocks. This Bill is anchored on the principle of intergenerational equity. Today's resources and revenues should also benefit future citizens.

I must thank the President for this Bill. We must support it to its conclusion.

Hon. Speaker: Let us have Hon. Mwalyo.

Hon. Joshua Mwalyo (Masinga, Independent): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I was wondering whether I would leave without saying something.

Hon. Speaker: You are wasting the minute I have given you by wondering.

Hon. Joshua Mwalyo (Masinga, Independent): This is a very progressive Bill. It demonstrates the President's vision. We should consume 60 per cent of our resources and save 40 per cent for future generations.

I support the Bill.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Members. Leader of the Majority Party, your next frontier must be how to consolidate and harmonise the laws relating to our mineral resources. That is where much of this wealth will come from.

There is some documented history that we have as much mineral wealth in Kenya as oil reserves in Saudi Arabia. It is now your duty to sit with your colleagues and look at the Mining Act and all laws and regulations relating to mining. How come in our economic survey, mining and income from mining is not captured, even to 5 per cent, yet people are mining every day? So, Leader of the majority Party, you are the indefatigable one. That should be your next frontier. With this feel-good factor that this Bill has generated, pick and run with the matter.

(Question that the Bill be read a Third Time, put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read the Third Time and passed)

Hon. Speaker: Go back to Order No. 12.

Second Reading

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Senate Bill No. 34 of 2023)

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Departmental Committee on Labour! Leader of the Majority Party, are you holding brief?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): No. I wanted to beg indulgence on behalf of Hon. Ken Chonga. He had requested that we adjourn this debate for him. He was engaged in other matters in the constituency today.

(Bill deferred)

Hon. Speaker: Go to the next Order.

MOTION

NOTING OF REPORT TO THE KENYA DELEGATION TO THE 151ST IPU ASSEMBLY

Hon. Speaker: Who was the delegation leader? Not Hon Millie Odhiambo! She is out of the country. I am aware that she is in Paris. So, the Motion is stayed.

(Motion deferred)

ADOPTION OF 2ND REPORT ON STATUS OF REPORTS ON PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Committee on Implementation. Hon. Raphael Wanjala is absent. Next.

(Motion deferred)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON PETITION TO AMEND THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Public Petitions! Hon. Karemba is absent. The Motion is stayed. Next!

(Motion deferred)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF STATE CORPORATIONS IN THE ROADS AND TRANSPORT SECTOR

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy is absent. The Motion is stayed.

(Motion deferred)

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON MANAGEMENT OF HAEMOPHILIA AND OTHER BLEEDING DISORDERS

Hon. Speaker: The Chairman of the Departmental Committee on Health is here. We had consulted with him and the Leader of the Majority Party and agreed that this is a special petition by a special group of Kenyans. I will be happy to have it debated after inviting them to sit in the Gallery so that they can hear the outcome and the production of their industry. So, it is stayed until after recess.

(Motion deferred)

Next Order.

BILL

Second Reading

THE BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 47 of 2025)

Hon. Speaker: Chairman, Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library Committee. Who is that? Is that Hon. Epuyo Nanok? He is absent. The Motion is stayed.

(Bill deferred)

MOTION

ADOPTION OF 4TH REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF
NG-CDF FOR FYS 2016/2017 TO 2021/2022

Hon. Speaker: Chairperson, Decentralised Funds Accounts Committee. Is that Hon. Mulyungi? He is not here. The Motion is stayed. Next Order!

(Motion deferred)

BILLS

Second Readings

THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Senate Bill No. 51 of 2024)

(Moved by Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah on 30.6.2026)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 30.6.2026)

Hon. Speaker: Leader of the Majority Party, are you ready to move this?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, we had actually adjourned debate on this Bill under Order 21 and also the one under Order 22 to allow the Committee complete some pending work. I request that consideration of both Bills be deferred until after the recess to enable the Committee to finalise its work during the recess period.

Hon. Speaker: So, Order 21 is stayed.

(Bill deferred)

THE COMPETITION (AMENDMENT) BILL
(National Assembly Bill No. 4 of 2026)

(Moved by Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah on 30.6.2026)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 30.6.2026)

Hon. Speaker: For the same reasons, Order 22 is stayed.

(Bill deferred)

Hon. Members, will you now be upstanding?

(Hon. Agnes Mantaine remained seated in her place)

Hon. Pareyio, be upstanding.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, having exhausted the business on today's Order Paper, I want to wish all of you a fruitful three-week recess where you are expected to go and fraternise with your constituents, attend to your families, and be patriotic in every undertaking because we count on all of you to keep this country safe and united.

Hon. Members, the time being 6.17 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 28th July 2026, at 2.30 p.m.

(The House rose at 6.17 p.m.)

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