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Speaker urges early reforms to Election Laws



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Speaker Rt. Hon. Moses Wetang'ula meets newly appointed Amnesty International Kenya CEO George Morara and Mzalendo Trust Executive Director Caroline Gaita in his office on 29th July 2026

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Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula administers oath of office to newly elected Olkalou MP, Hon. Sammy Douglas Waweru Kamau (centre). He is accompanied by Kipipiri MP, Hon. Wanjiku Muhia (left) and Roysambu MP, Hon. Augustine Kamande Mwafrika (right)

Hon. Kamau sworn in as the new Ol Kalou MP

Hon. Sammy Douglas Waweru Kamau last week formally assumed office as the Member of Parliament for Ol Kalou constituency after taking the Oath of Office and signing the official Oath Register.

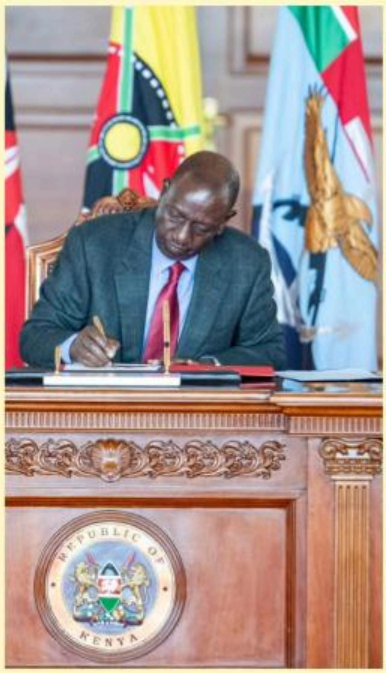
The Ol Kalou parliamentary seat fell vacant following the death of the late Hon. David Njuguna Kiaraho in March 2026 after a short illness. Hon. Kiaraho was serving his third term in Parliament.

Hon. Kamau, who contested the seat on a Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) ticket, secured a victory after garnering 35,440 votes against his closest challenger, United Democratic

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PLENARY

The President Returns Procurement Bill to Parliament for Further Improvement



File Photo:President William Ruto

President ruto has declined to assent to the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill, 2024, sending it back to Parliament with reservations over several provisions that he says could undermine the country's investment climate and public procurement framework.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula announced the President's decision on Tuesday as MPs resumed sittings after a short recess, formally communicating the Presidential Memorandum to the House in accordance with Article 115 of the Constitution.

The Bill, which had been approved by the National Assembly on November 28, 2024, and subsequently passed by the Senate on May 12, 2026, now returns to the National Assembly for reconsideration within the constitutional timelines.

Addressing the House, Hon Wetang'ula said President Ruto had exercised his constitutional powers under Article 115(1)(b) to decline assent and referred the legislation back to Parliament after raising concerns over several clauses.

"The President has expressed reservations on clauses 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 27 of the Bill," the Speaker told MPs.

He said the Presidential Memorandum provides detailed reasons for rejecting the contested provisions and proposes amendments for Parliament's consideration.

According to the Speaker, among the President's principal concerns is the Bill's proposed definition of foreign and local firms, which the Head of State considers impractical and inconsistent with the government's broader economic agenda.

National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula said the President argues that the provisions could impede the government's efforts to attract foreign direct investment, mobilise private capital and improve Kenya's business environment.

"The chief concern is the definition of foreign and local firms, which is impractical and inconsistent with the government's goal of attracting foreign direct investment, mobilising private capital and improving the business environment," he said.

The Speaker referred the Presidential Memorandum and the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for scrutiny, directing the Committee to expedite its report to enable the House to comply with constitutional deadlines.

Under Standing Order 154(2), Parliament is required to consider presidential reservations within 21 days of receiving the memorandum.

"The Committee is required to table its report soonest to enable the House to consider the President's reservations within the stipulated timelines," Mr Wetang'ula directed.

House Committees to vet President's picks for TSC, PSC and IPOA

Four Presidential nominees to key independent constitutional commissions are set to undergo parliamentary approval after National Assembly Speaker Rt. Hon (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula formally referred the appointments to relevant departmental committees for vetting.

In a Communication to the House on Thursday, Speaker Wetang'ula announced that the President had nominated Ms. Antonina Lentoijoni and former Nominated MP Hon. Wilson Sossion for appointment as members of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), Ms. Flora Mutua for appointment as a Member of the Public Service Commission (PSC), and Dr. Duncan Ojwang Oburu as Chairperson of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA).

"In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution and the relevant statutes, the President now seeks the approval of the said nominations by the National Assembly," Speaker Wetang'ula told Members.

Pursuant to Standing Order 45, the Speaker committed the nominations to the relevant departmental committees for consideration.

The nominations to the Teachers Service Commission were referred to the Departmental Committee on Education, while the nomination of Ms. Flora Mutua to the Public Service Commission was forwarded to the Departmental Committee on Labour. The nomination of Dr. Duncan Ojwang Oburu as IPOA Chairperson was referred to the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security.



File Photo: The National Assembly in session

Speaker Wetang'ula directed the Committees to immediately commence the approval process, notify the nominees and the public of the scheduled hearings, and submit their reports within the timelines prescribed by law.

"It is important to note that the committees are required to immediately commence the approval hearing process, notify the nominees and the general public of the time and place for holding the approval hearings, and thereafter table their respective reports to enable the House to conclude consideration of the proposed appointments within the prescribed statutory timelines," he said.

The Speaker noted that while the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act generally provides a 28-day timeline for parliamentary consideration of nominees, the Teachers Service Commission Act and the Independent Policing Oversight Authority Act require the National Assembly to conclude consideration of TSC and IPOA nominees within 21 days.

Consequently, the Education Committee and the Administration and Internal Security Committee have been directed to table their reports by Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Once the Committees complete the approval hearings and present their reports, the National Assembly will debate the findings before making the final determination on whether to approve the President's nominees to the three constitutional commissions.

MPs demand urgent remedy action from L. Victoria South Water Works Development Authority over empty boreholes, dry taps



Management of LVSWWDA led by Ms. Ms. Jackline Kemunto (left) during the meeting.



PIC CA&E Chairperson Hon. David (Pkosing) when he chaired the meeting at Continental House in Poarliament.

The National Assembly's Public Investments Committee on Commercial Affairs and Energy has put to task the management of the Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Authority (LVSWWDA) over dry taps in Migori, Nyamira Kisii and Bomet Counties despite full or substantial payments to contractors for key projects.

The Committee, chaired by Pokot South MP, Hon. David Pkosing noted that several contractors had been paid and issued with completion certificates for key projects intended to serve residents of the said counties; but were all dry.

The MPs raised these concerns when LVSWWDA management led by the CEO Ms. Jackline Kemunto appeared before the Committee for review of the Authority's audit reports for FY 2018/2019 to 2024/2025.

The Office of the Auditor General noted that site visits conducted in June 2025 confirmed that water taps were dry at Mabera Primary School Borehole, which had been drilled at a cost of Kshs.6,057,862, Alara Nyambija Catholic Church Borehole (Kshs.4,300,820), Isoge Water Supply Project (Kshs.8,465,222), and Ramasha Borehole Phase II (Kshs.6,034,527).

Hon. Pkosing indicated that there was no value for money in the said projects as they had not served the intended purpose and therefore amounted to breach of Law.

"This contravenes Section 79(2)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act,2012, which requires that public resources be used effectively and economically to deliver intended benefits," noted Hon. Pkosing.

Ms. Kemunto told the Committee that the Authority had written to the respective contractors to remedy the situation, indicating that some of the projects had become dysfunctional over electricity disconnection while equipment in others had broken down due to lack of proper serving.

"Nevertheless, access to safe and adequate water is a constitutional right, and the government has a duty to ensure that such essential services are provided. In the short term, the Agency will undertake the necessary pump servicing on behalf of the water management committee," said Ms. Kemunto.

The Committee resolved to invite the Agency's Management for a follow-up meeting to give a detailed status update on the status of corrective measures put in place with regard to the affected projects.

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Alliance (UDA) candidate Samuel Nyagah Muchina, who received 5,450 votes.

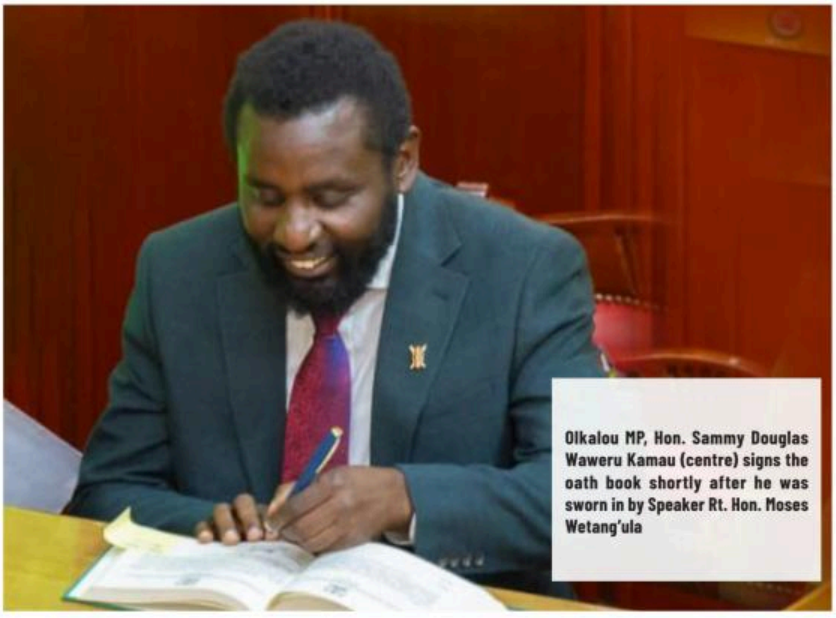
A native of Ol Kalou in Nyandarua County, Hon. Kamau attended AC Primary School in the Karau/Kaimbaga area before joining Utumishi Boys High School for his secondary education.

He later earned a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nairobi.

Hon. Kamau first ventured into elective politics in 2013 when he was elected a Member of Nyandarua County Assembly for Karau Ward on a TNA/DP ticket.

Before his election to Parliament, he served as the Democracy for Citizens Party (DCP) Coordinator for Nyandarua County, where he spearheaded grassroots party mobilisation.

Hon. Kamau will serve the remainder of the 13th Parliament until the next General Election, scheduled for August 2027



Olkalou MP, Hon. Sammy Douglas Waweru Kamau (centre) signs the oath book shortly after he was sworn in by Speaker Rt. Hon. Moses Wetang'ula

Lawmakers, U.S Congress officials explore areas for enhanced collaboration



The Kenyan delegation poses for a group photo with U.S Congress officials after a meeting at Parliament Buildings



Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe, the leader of the Kenyan delegation during the meeting with U.S Congress officials

Members of the National Assembly of Kenya, led by Hon. Emmanuel Wangwe (Navakholo), have reaffirmed the need to strengthen parliamentary cooperation and bilateral ties between Kenya and the United States of America (U.S.A)

The legislators held discussions with senior officers from the United States Congress on democratic governance, trade and investment, youth empowerment, education, and areas of mutual collaboration.

Hon. Wangwe appreciated the support extended by the United States in strengthening Kenya's democratic institutions through parliamentary training programmes, institutional exchanges, and technical cooperation.

He noted that the initiatives had contributed to the development of Kenya's bicameral Parliament and enhanced institutional partnerships between the two countries.

The discussions also focused on expanding trade opportunities, with Members calling for improved market access for Kenyan products in the United States and timely renewal of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

"There is still a need to expand market access for Kenyan products in the United States by improving awareness of U.S. trade requirements knowledge sharing, and cooperation in areas including trade, investment, education, and youth empowerment.

MPs present at the meeting included Hon. Mary Emaase (Teso South), Hon. Dick Maungu (Luanda), Hon. Paul Biego (Chesumei), Hon. Paul Katana (Kaloleni) and Hon. Martin Owino (Ndhiwa).

National Assembly Deputy Clerk Ms. Serah Kioko was also present.



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National Assembly Speaker Hon. Moses Wetang'ula has reaffirmed Parliament's commitment to strengthening Kenya's electoral framework through sound legislation to ensure free, fair, transparent, and credible elections.

Speaking during a familiarization meeting with newly appointed Amnesty International Kenya CEO George Morara and Mzalendo Trust Executive Director Caroline Gaita, Wetang'ula said Parliament remains open to collaboration with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), civil society organizations, and other institutions mandated to promote democracy and good governance.

He noted that building consensus with these partners is critical to having electoral laws that reflect the will of the people and stand the test of time.

The Speaker observed that more than six decades after independence, Kenya should have a stable electoral framework that only requires periodic reviews to respond to changing demographics, technology, and emerging political realities. He cautioned against rushing amendments to electoral laws immediately before a general election, saying such last-minute changes undermine public confidence.

"Our laws should provide predictability. Kenyans deserve to go into an election knowing the rules of the game have been set, tested, and understood well in advance," he said.

Wetang'ula emphasized the need for comprehensive civic education to increase voter awareness, noting that one of the biggest challenges ahead of the next General Election is the large number of eligible Kenyans who remain unregistered. He called on the IEBC, civil society, and political leaders to intensify voter education and registration drives so that no eligible citizen is left out.

He also called for greater use of technology to clean up the voters' roll by removing deceased persons and eliminating duplicate entries. He said this will enhance credibility and curb disputes that arise from inconsistencies in the register.

Beyond electoral reforms, the Speaker urged a broader national conversation on social challenges affecting families and children.

"The rise of society must be looked at holistically. We should be concerned about our children being morally corrupted at a tender age," he said.

Dr. Wetang'ula further called for decisive action against criminal gangs and the misuse of police uniforms by civilians, adding that legislation is the most effective tool for protecting both the State and citizens.

Justice and Legal Affairs Committee Chairman Hon. George Murugara echoed the call to stop amending electoral laws close to elections. Rarieda MP Hon. Otiende Amollo noted public perception determines the success of legislation, citing the failed protests Bill. He added that no elections-related Bill is currently pending before Parliament.

COMMITTEES' ROUND-UP

Budget Committee backs County Governments Additional Allocations Bill to boost health, agriculture and infrastructure

The Budget and Appropriations Committee has reviewed the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bills No. 8 of 2026), a Bill seeking to strengthen service delivery and accelerate development programmes by allocating additional funding to county governments in the 2026/27 financial year.

The Committee, chaired by Alego Usoga MP, Hon. Samuel Atandi examined the Bill after it was passed by the Senate and referred to the National Assembly.

If enacted, the Bill will provide Ksh.72.26 billion in additional allocations to county governments drawn from the National Government and development partners. The funding comprises, Ksh.16.46 billion from the National Government's share of revenue, Ksh.53.82 billion from loans and grants provided by development partners as well as court fines and a 20 per cent share of all mineral royalties.

Among the key allocations is funding for Community Health Promoters (CHPs) to support the Government's primary healthcare agenda. The programme currently engages approximately 107,831 CHPs across all 47 counties, with each receiving a monthly stipend of Ksh. 5,000, jointly financed by the national and county governments.

The Bill also allocates Ksh.3.25 billion for the County Aggregation and Industrial Parks programme. The Committee observed that the funding should prioritize essential infrastructure such as electricity, water connections, aggregation equipment and access roads to ensure the industrial parks become operational and support value addition.



Budget and Appropriations Committee Chairperson and Alego Usonga MP, Hon. Samuel Atandi shares a moment with Igembe South MP, Hon. John Paul Mwirigi after the meeting to consider the Bill.

Additional funding has also been earmarked to support the transition of Universal Health Coverage workers into permanent and pensionable terms under county governments beginning July 2026.

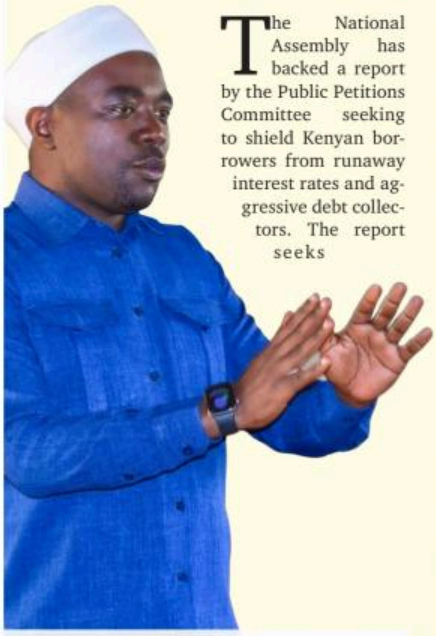
Development partner-funded programmes account for the largest share of the additional allocations. These include funding for the Kenya Urban Support Project II to improve infrastructure in urban areas, the Financing Locally Led Climate Action Programme, the Kenya Devolution Support Programme II Level II Grant, the Food Systems Resilience Project, the National Agricultural Value Chain Development Project, and the Building Resilient and Responsive Health Systems Programme.

Other major allocations target drought resilience in northern Kenya, livestock commercialization, integrated natural resources management, informal settlements upgrading, and urban institutional strengthening.

Members of the Committee observed that the proposed additional allocations will enhance county governments' ability to implement priority development projects, improve access to essential public services, strengthen climate resilience, promote agricultural productivity and support the implementation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda.

The Budget and Appropriations Committee tabled its Report and the National Assembly is expected to consider it.

MPs back borrower protection reforms to curb predatory lending



Public Petitions Committee Chairperson and Runyenjes MP, Hon. Muchangi Karemba speaking at a public engagement

The National Assembly has backed a report by the Public Petitions Committee seeking to shield Kenyan borrowers from runaway interest rates and aggressive debt collectors. The report seeks to close a long-standing legal loophole allowing non-bank lenders to charge runaway interest on loans.

The report suggests amendments to the Consumer Protection Act (Cap. 501) to extend the in duplum rule to all lending institutions, including SACCOs, microfinance institutions, digital lenders and informal money lenders.

If enacted, the reforms would ensure that once unpaid interest equals the outstanding principal, no further interest can accrue offering the same protection currently enjoyed only by customers of commercial banks under Section 44A of the Banking Act.

Presenting the report on Public Petition No. 14 of 2025 by petitioner Senior Counsel Allen Waiyaki Gichuhi, the Public Petitions Committee Chairperson and Runyenjes MP, Hon. Muchangi Karemba, said the existing law unfairly favours bank customers while exposing millions of other borrowers to exploitative lending practices.

"While Section 44A of the Banking Act codifies the in duplum rule for banks, this protection does not extend to other lenders such as SACCOs, microfinance institutions, digital and mobile lenders, and unregulated money lenders. This creates a massive legislative gap that leaves the most vulnerable borrowers unprotected," said Hon. Karemba.

He argued that the current legal framework disproportionately affects low-income earners and small businesses.

"The current legal framework is unjust and inequitable. It provides protection to citizens who borrow from banks while leaving hustlers, MSMEs and financially distressed Kenyans at the mercy of predatory lenders."

Seconding the Motion, Nominated MP, Hon. Dorothy Ikiara noted that Parliament had a duty to protect consumers from financial exploitation.

Dagoretti North MP Hon. Beatrice Elachi called for harmonisation of the law to address excessive interest, penalties and loan recovery disputes.

"Majority of Kenyans, your mama mbogas, your small groups and your small business people rely on these lenders to survive, when they are unable to repay, they find themselves facing enormous challenges" she said.

Hon. Timothy Torotich noted that the problem also affects mortgage borrowers, saying judges in commercial courts often struggle to balance lenders' rights with the need to protect distressed borrowers from ballooning debts.

If implemented the reforms, millions of Kenyans who borrow outside the traditional banking system could, for the first time, enjoy equal legal protection against excessive interest and predatory lending practices.

Delegated Legislation Committee faults CBK's new banking fees plan over legal gaps and consumer impact

Members of the Delegated Legislation Committee have raised legal and constitutional concerns over the Central Bank of Kenya's proposed Banking Fees Regulations, 2026, warning that the new framework could expose banks to unfair penalties and ultimately increase the cost of banking for consumers.

Appearing before the legislators, Central Bank Governor Dr. Kamau Thugge defended the regulations, saying they seek to modernise a fee structure that has remained unchanged since 1994 despite the banking sector expanding more than fortyfold, with assets now valued at KSh8.7 trillion.

The regulations propose replacing the current flat annual fee, based on the number of bank branches, with a levy equivalent to 0.15 per cent of a bank's gross annual revenue.

However, legislators questioned the legal foundation of the proposal. Committee Vice Chairperson Hon. Robert Githinji (Gichugu) noted that the term "banking fees" does not appear in the parent law.

"What you need to do in the definition is create a term called 'banking fees' because Section Five of the Act does not contain that term," Hon. Githinji said, warning that the omission could expose the regulations to legal challenges.



Committee on Delegated Legislation Vice Chair-person Hon. Robert Githinji (Gichugu) during the meeting

Lawmakers also sought clarity on the meaning of gross annual revenue. Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani) questioned whether customer deposits would form part of the calculation.

Dr. Thugge clarified that deposits are treated as liabilities rather than revenue and that the proposed levy would instead be based on audited interest income from loans and investments in government securities.

The Committee also challenged provisions requiring newly licensed banks to pay fees based on projected revenues over three years, arguing that the law provides no clear mechanism for rejecting unrealistic projections submitted by applicants.

Responding to the concerns, Dr. Thugge said projections were necessary because new banks have no financial history.

"A bank cannot be licensed to commence operations before paying the prescribed fee. Without historical data, business plan projections are the only practical basis for determining that initial payment," he said.

MPs were equally critical of Regulation 5, which imposes a 100 per cent penalty on institutions that fail to pay by December 31.

Dr. Thugge maintained that the additional revenue would strengthen CBK's oversight capacity in emerging areas such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and anti-money laundering, adding that enhanced supervision is critical as Kenya works towards exiting the international financial monitoring "grey list."

The Committee resolved to conduct a detailed review of the regulations and indicated it may invite public and banking sector stakeholders before making its final recommendations.

MPs pile pressure on CS Kagwe over fertiliser shortage, rice imports and sugar concerns

The National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Agriculture has put the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development on the spot over a backlog of unresolved concerns raised by MPs warning that inadequate responses to parliamentary requests undermine accountability and frustrate efforts to address challenges facing farmers.

The Committee, chaired by Tigania West MP Dr John Mutunga, held a breakfast meeting with Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe and Agriculture Principal Secretary Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh following an increase in requests for ministerial statements on agricultural matters under Standing Order 44(2)(c).

The meeting also brought together MPs who had sought responses from the ministry on issues affecting their constituencies, with the Committee seeking comprehensive explanations after previous submissions were found wanting.

Dr Mutunga said the engagement had been necessitated by the growing number of agriculture-related matters being raised on the floor of the House, many of which required urgent intervention but had received incomplete or unsatisfactory responses from the ministry.

He said Parliament expected the ministry to provide accurate and comprehensive information, given its technical expertise and access to data.

"We need you as a ministry to take these matters seriously. There is no ministry that has better data and whose research departments are as equipped as this one. We therefore require you to stop giving half-done responses to some of the weighty concerns that Members are seeking answers to," Dr Mutunga said.

He added that the Committee was keen to strengthen oversight, improve accountability and enhance collaboration between Parliament and the ministry in resolving issues raised by legislators on behalf of their constituents.

Among the key issues discussed was a request by Trans Nzoia MP Hon. Lilian Siyoi seeking an explanation on the reported shortage of fertiliser in the country, amid concerns that the shortage could disrupt agricultural production.

The Committee also considered Mwea MP Hon. Mary Maingi's request on the plight of rice farmers following the government's decision to import rice instead of purchasing locally produced stocks, a move that farmers argue has depressed local markets.

Another matter under scrutiny was a request by Hon. Irene Mayaka on the spread of the invasive dodder weed, with MPs seeking the ministry's intervention on measures being taken to contain the parasitic plant that threatens crop production.

Lawmakers also pressed the ministry for answers over delayed payments to Guangzhou Construction Company Limited for the construction of the Ndaragwa Horticultural Produce Market, following concerns raised by Ndaragwa MP Hon. George Gachagua.

The Committee further demanded an update on allegations that refined sugar is being imported into the country under the guise of industrial sugar, an issue raised by Suba South MP Hon. Caroli Omondi. MPs argued that the practice continues to disadvantage local sugar manufacturers and undermines efforts to revive the country's sugar industry.

The meeting forms part of the Committee's efforts to ensure ministries respond promptly and comprehensively to parliamentary oversight, amid increasing pressure from lawmakers for action on the challenges facing Kenya's agricultural sector.



The Chairperson of the Agriculture and Livestock Committee Hon. (Dr.) John Mutunga addressing Ministry officials during a breakfast meeting with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development held on Tuesday 28th July 2026

Special Funds Committee questions Commodities Fund over KES 1 Billion sugar loan transfer discrepancy



The Vice-Chairperson of the Special Funds Accounts Committee, Hon. Rahim Dawood (North Imenti), chairs a meeting with officials from the Commodities Fund



Commodities Fund CEO, Ms. Nancy Cheruiyot, takes the oath before the commencement of the meeting

The National Assembly's Special Funds Accounts Committee has questioned officials from the Commodities Fund over discrepancies in the transfer of the former Sugar Development Fund loan book to the Kenya Sugar Board.

The Committee, chaired by Vice Chairperson Hon. Rahim Dawood (North Imenti), raised the concerns while examining the Auditor-General's Report on the Fund's Financial Statements for the 2024/2025 Financial Year.

Commodities Fund Chief Executive Officer Ms. Nancy Cheruiyot appeared before the Committee to respond to audit queries on the Fund's outstanding loan portfolio, sustainability and the transfer of the sugar loan book.

According to the Auditor-General's report, the Fund's non-current receivables stood at KES 9.2 billion. The sugar loan portfolio accounted for KES 7.5 billion before it was transferred to the Kenya Sugar Board on 1 July 2025 following a directive from the National Treasury.

Members questioned the documents supporting the transfer. They directed the Fund to provide the official correspondence showing the exact amount approved for transfer.

Hon. Kivasu Nzioka (Mbooni) said the letters presented did not indicate the amount transferred. He said this made it difficult for the Committee to verify the transaction.

"The letters do not specify the exact amount approved for transfer," Hon. Nzioka said.

Hon. Dawood also questioned the difference between the figures presented. He sought an explanation for an apparent KES 1 billion discrepancy.

"We must establish where the difference went before we conclude our examination of the audit report," Hon. Dawood said.

The Committee directed the Commodities Fund to submit the requested documents and detailed reconciliations to support accountability and complete the audit review.

Defence Committee to seek further clarification on death of Kenyan in Mozambique

The Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee, chaired by Hon. Nelson Koech (Belgut), has resolved to seek further clarification from the Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Eng. Moses Robert Magotsi in Maputo, Mozambique.

The Committee reached the resolution after considering a response from the Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs to a request for a statement sought by Hon. Caleb Amisi (Saboti) concerning the death of the Kenyan national on October 11, 2025.

In his request, Hon. Amisi sought clarification on the circumstances surrounding the death of Eng. Magotsi, including the cause of death and the status or findings of investigations conducted by the relevant authorities.

The statement also sought an explanation on the circumstances under which the body of the deceased was cremated without the knowledge, consent or authorization of his family, raising concerns over adherence to established procedures in handling the remains of Kenyan citizens who die abroad.

Further, Hon. Amisi requested the Ministry to clarify the role, if any, played by Ms. Victoria Wanjiku Muraya in facilitating the cremation of the deceased, and whether investigations had been initiated into her alleged involvement and motive.

The Member also sought to establish the measures being undertaken by the Ministry to ensure that the family of the late Eng. Magotsi is provided with all relevant documentation relating to the case and to facilitate the repatriation of his remains for appropriate funeral rites and closure.



Chairperson, Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations Committee Hon. Nelson Koech while chairing the meeting on July 28, 2026



Hon. Caleb Amisi, who requested for the statement on the death of Kenyan in Mozambique

Additionally, the statement requested details on the legal safeguards and standard procedures governing cases involving the deaths of Kenyans abroad, including the repatriation and disposal of remains outside the country, and whether the handling and cremation of Eng. Magotsi's body complied with the applicable legal and diplomatic protocols.

After reviewing the Ministry's response, Members of the Committee observed that additional information was required to adequately address the issues raised in the statement request. Consequently, the Committee resolved to engage the Ministry further to obtain comprehensive information before making its determination on the matter.

PAC directs the Energy State Department to comply with data protection law

The Public Accounts Committee has raised concerns about the State Department of Energy's failure to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act, 2019.

The Committee, chaired by Hon. Tindi Mwale (Butere), raised the matter while examining the Auditor-General's Report on the State Department of Energy for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Principal Secretary Alex Wachira, accompanied by senior officials from agencies within the State Department, appeared before the MPs to respond to questions raised in the audit report.

The Auditor-General flagged the State Department for failing to appoint a Data Protection Officer as required by Section 24 of the Data Protection Act, 2019. The report also noted that the State Department had not registered with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner as a data controller, data processor, or both, contrary to the provisions of the Act.

Committee Members said that failure to comply with the law exposes sensitive government information and personal data held by the State Department to unnecessary risk.

The lawmakers observed that the State Department handles critical personal information belonging to Kenyans and warned that any breach of that data could have serious consequences.

"What is so difficult about complying with the law? The data protection requirements have been in effect since 2019," asked the Committee Chairperson.

In response, Principal Secretary Wachira said the State Department had begun implementing the required measures.

The House team directed the PS to ensure immediate compliance with all data protection requirements and to submit evidence to the Committee confirming that the necessary measures have been implemented



PAC Chairperson Hon. Tindi Mwale at the meeting with officials from the Energy State Department.



Hon. Nabii Nabwera, a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, makes a point during a meeting with officials from the Energy State Department.

Proposed two-year public borrowing freeze not feasible, House Committee told

The Public Petitions Committee has been informed that a proposal to institute a two-year freeze on public borrowing is not feasible, with the Controller of Budget (CoB) citing the country's prevailing fiscal realities, rising debt servicing obligations and the need to sustain essential government operations.

The Committee received the submissions on July 28, 2026, during its consideration of Public Petition No. 10 of 2026, which seeks measures to address the country's growing public debt burden.

Appearing before the Committee, CoB Dr. Margaret Nyakang'o acknowledged that while the petitioners' proposal is well-intentioned and reflects legitimate public concern over the increasing debt stock, Kenya's current fiscal position makes an immediate borrowing freeze impractical.

Dr. Nyakang'o observed that the country's high debt servicing obligations have significantly reduced the resources available for both recurrent and development expenditure, making continued borrowing

necessary in the short term to sustain government functions and meet existing financial commitments.

"We are at a point where we have already borrowed a lot. According to our latest report, we are at Ksh.12.82 trillion in total borrowing. Out of that figure, about 60 percent is domestic, and 40 percent is external. The impact is that up to 71 percent of the revenues that we collect goes to loan repayment. So when that happens, it leaves us with 29 percent to do the rest of the expenditure that we would like to do, and that involves both recurrent and development. So, if you look at the kind of budget that we prepare, and you look at say 30 percent of that money, you will find that we surely cannot survive within that 30 percent," explained Dr. Nyakang'o.

Dr. Nyakang'o further emphasized that the government should instead pursue gradual fiscal consolidation by reducing expenditure, enhancing domestic revenue collection and steadily lowering the country's reliance on debt.

The Committee also sought clarification on the Controller of Budget's recommendation that the government adopt the Commonwealth Meridian System to automate public debt management and settlement.



Public Petitions Committee Chairperson Hon. Muchangi Karemba asks a question during the meeting

Committee Chairperson Hon. Muchangi Karemba (Runyenjes) questioned the reliability of government information systems, citing past challenges experienced in the implementation of digital

platforms.

"You seem to have a lot of confidence in this system, and systems in this country have not a very good history. Where are you gathering the confidence to trust this Commonwealth Meridian System? Where has it worked?" asked Hon. Karemba.

Responding to the concerns, Dr. Nyakang'o explained that the Commonwealth Meridian System has been successfully implemented in several Commonwealth countries and offers a comprehensive platform for recording, monitoring and managing public debt.

> "You seem to have a lot of confidence in this system, and systems in this country have not a very good history. Where are you gathering the confidence to trust this Commonwealth Meridian System? Where has it worked?" asked Hon. Karemba.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK



I support the use of speed cameras because Kenya needs greater discipline on its roads. In many countries, motorists become more cautious when they see speed camera signs, and road accidents are fewer. However, the placement of some cameras raises concerns. Some are installed on highways where there are no schools, pedestrian crossings or areas with heavy human activity, yet the speed limit is set at 50 kilometres per hour. Such limits may not reflect the nature of the road. These issues should be carefully reviewed to ensure speed cameras improve road safety while remaining fair and reasonable for all motorists."

-Hon. Robert Mbui (Kathiani)



Our teachers deserve to receive their pension payments before or immediately upon retirement. Many have dedicated their lives to educating the nation, yet some die before receiving their benefits. As we support teachers, we should also support other public servants and professionals. Once people complete their service, the Government should ensure their retirement benefits are paid without delay. It is painful to see retirees travelling long distances to ministries to follow up on money they have already earned. Relevant ministries should plan early so retirees receive their benefits on time and live with dignity after years of dedicated public service."

-Hon. Charity Kathambi (Njoro)



Some of the new road traffic enforcement measures, including the use of speed cameras on highways, appear overly punitive and unfair to Kenyans. While there is a clear need to enforce discipline on our roads and reduce accidents and injuries, the approach should also be fair and practical. Road safety measures should encourage compliance rather than create unnecessary hardship for motorists. We need a more people-centred approach that promotes responsible road use while maintaining public confidence in the enforcement system. This will help address dangerous driving practices effectively and improve safety for all road users across the country."

-Hon. (Dr.) Wilberforce Oundo (Funyula)



"Women's economic empowerment is not only a gender issue. It is a national economic priority and a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of all leaders. Parliament has a duty to enact laws, approve budgets and provide oversight that expands economic opportunities for women. When women participate fully in the economy, families earn better incomes, businesses grow, communities become stronger and the country prospers. Investing in women's economic empowerment increases productivity, creates jobs and drives sustainable development. Empowering women is not about giving special treatment. It is about unlocking the full potential of half the population for the benefit of the entire nation."

- Hon. Leah Sankaire (Kajiado County)



Pension or gratuity should be recognised as a right, not as a favour granted at the discretion of authorities. The retirement date of every public servant is known in advance, allowing adequate time to process benefits. Around the world, pensions are intended to help retirees maintain a decent standard of living after active service. This is an important issue that the House must address with the seriousness it deserves. Teachers have dedicated their lives to serving the country and deserve timely payment of their retirement benefits. Delays undermine their dignity and financial security after years of public service."

Hon. Raso Dido (Saku)



Sports in Kenya have not yet reached the global standards we aspire to because of gaps in our laws. Countries such as Spain have nurtured young talent, including Lamine Yamal, through supportive legislation and investment. Kenya has made progress in developing sports infrastructure, and that effort should be matched with stronger laws. Athletics has brought the country global recognition, but other disciplines, including rugby, also deserve support. Parliament should enact quality legislation that promotes sports development and nurtures young talent. There are many gifted young people in Kenya who need opportunities to excel and represent the country."

Hon. Umulkher Harun (Nominated)



The issue of pensions has been discussed in this House many times, and it is time pensioners were treated with dignity and respect. Retirement is not an accident. It is a predictable stage of life that should be properly planned for by Government. Pensioners have served the country faithfully and should receive their benefits immediately after retirement. Although pension reforms are being implemented by the National Treasury, pensioners should not continue to suffer delays. They deserve timely payment of their benefits and recognition for their service. Every retiree should receive what they are entitled to without unnecessary delays."

Hon. Dorothy Muthoni (Nominated)



Electricity connectivity remains a major challenge in my constituency. While others are concerned about faulty or falling transformers, many of our schools have never been connected to electricity. Nearly half of the schools lack power. Even those previously connected have had transformers removed for repairs that have never been completed. This has disrupted learning. The Ministry should prioritise restoring electricity to affected schools and ensure unconnected institutions receive affirmative action. Our learners should not be disadvantaged during examinations because of lack of electricity. They deserve the same opportunities as learners in other parts of the country."

Hon. Titus Lotee (Kacheliba)



Haemophilia is a life-threatening condition characterised by severe bleeding that can occur at any time. Kenya faces significant challenges in managing the disease because patients require urgent treatment once symptoms appear. There are also too few treatment centres across the country, limiting access to specialised care. The Ministry should develop strategies to improve treatment services and establish more centres so patients can receive timely medical attention. Currently, only two treatment centres serve the entire country, forcing many patients to travel long distances. Increased funding and support are needed to expand services and improve outcomes for people living with haemophilia."

Hon. Pauline Lenguris (Samburu County)



It is unfortunate that civil servants, including teachers, are constantly reminded of their approaching retirement while their pension benefits remain unprocessed. Retirement dates are known in advance, and pension processing should run alongside an officer's remaining years of service. By the age of 60, many retirees begin facing health challenges and deserve assurance that their years of service are recognised and appreciated. Prompt processing of retirement benefits would allow them to leave public service with dignity and peace of mind. We should not keep reminding them about retirement without ensuring their benefits are ready when they retire."

Hon. Gideon Ochanda (Bondo)

CLIQUE & CLICKS



Speaker Moses Wetang'ula stands reading a communication to the Members of the National Assembly



The Speaker of the National Assembly Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses Wetang'ula receives members of the Dini ya Roho Mafuta Pole ya Africa Members, led by Hon. Samuel Moroto, who called on him at his office at Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, July 29, 2026



Officials from the Dini ya Roho Mafuta Pole ya Africa Members, led by Hon. Samuel Moroto, prayed during a visit to Speaker Moses Wetang'ula at his office at the Parliament Buildings on Wednesday, July 29, 2026

BUNGE MASHINANI ▸ UASIN GISHU COUNTY

Hon. Gladys Boss Foundation supports Kipkaren Primary School pupils

Pupils at Kipkaren Primary School in Kapseret Constituency, Uasin Gishu County, have received a boost after County MP Hon. Gladys Boss, through the Gladys Boss Foundation, donated sanitary towels, food items, and reading glasses.

Hon. Boss said many learners at the school come from humble backgrounds and are unable to afford basic necessities, underscoring the need for the intervention.

"Combating period poverty enables our girls to remain in school when they would otherwise miss classes. The vitamins and minerals in fortified meals also support children's cognitive development," said the Deputy Speaker.



Uasin Gishu County MP Hon Gladys Boss with jubilant pupils and teachers of Kipkaren Comprehensive school after she donated foodstuff, sanitary towels and reading classes to learners

KISUMU CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY



Kisumu Central MP Hon Dr Joshua Oron (right) enjoys a test ride by George Ruto of a new bus donated to Kisumu All-stars FC by President Ruto.

Kisumu All Stars receive team bus from President Ruto to ease transport challenges

National Super League side Kisumu All Stars have received a major boost after Kisumu Central MP, Hon. Dr. Joshua Oron, presided over the handover of a team bus donated by H.E. President William Samoei Ruto.

Speaking during the event, Hon. Dr. Oron accompanied by President Ruto's Son George Ruto, said the donation fulfilled a promise made by the President following a request he made during the President's recent official visit to Kisumu.

"When we hosted the President in Kisumu for an official function recently, I requested a bus to help address the team's transport challenges and support their participation in competitions. I am happy that he has honoured his promise by delivering the new bus," said Hon. Dr. Oron.

LUANDA CONSTITUENCY

New classrooms ease congestion at Kima Comprehensive School

The challenge of inadequate classroom space at Kima Comprehensive School in Luanda Constituency has been addressed following the official handover of a new storey classroom block by Cabinet Secretary Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya and the area MP, Hon. Dick Maungu.

At the invitation of Hon. Maungu, Hon. Oparanya officially commissioned the new building, which houses several classrooms funded through the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF). The facility was then handed over to the school for immediate use by learners during a ceremony held last weekend.

"Kima Compressive School has been facing a shortage of classrooms," Hon. Maungu said



A new modern storey classrooms block at Kima Comprehensive school handed over to the institution by area MP Hon. Dick Maungu. (Inset) Cabinet Secretary Hon. Wycliffe Oparanya (right) and Hon. Maungu join pupils of the school for a dance.

KITUI CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY



Kitui Central MP, Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu posing on a motorbike with boda boda riders at the Kitui Central NG-CDF Grounds.

Kitui Central MP champions safer roads, issues smart licences to 150 Boda Boda riders

Hon. Dr. Makali Mulu, has issued smart riding licences to 150 boda boda riders drawn from all wards of Kitui Central Constituency in a move aimed at enhancing road safety and professionalising the transport sector.

The riders, who successfully completed comprehensive rider training, received their smart licences during a colourful ceremony held at the Kitui Central NG-CDF Grounds.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Mulu emphasized the need to formalise the boda boda sector through structured training and proper licensing, noting that the initiative would promote safer roads, improve service delivery and create greater economic opportunities for young people.

"The boda boda sector plays a vital role in our economy. By equipping riders with the necessary skills and ensuring they are properly licensed, we are promoting professionalism, reducing road accidents and empowering our youth to earn a dignified livelihood," he said.

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National Assembly told more speed signs will be installed on roads

The Ministry of Roads and Transport has admitted that traffic signs on parts of the national road network remain inadequate despite the rollout of speed cameras.

In a Statement presented to the National Assembly by Transport and Infrastructure Committee Chairperson Hon. George Kariuki (Ndia), Roads and Transport Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir said road sections fitted with speed cameras have the required statutory speed limit signs.

However, he acknowledged that many traffic signs have been vandalised, damaged, obscured or removed over time.

"The National Transport and Safety Authority is engaging the Kenya National Highways Authority, the Kenya Urban Roads Authority and other road agencies to progressively install additional speed limit and advance warning signs," the Statement said.

Hon. Kariuki said the authority is conducting joint road safety audits and corridor assessments with road agencies to identify areas requiring new or replacement traffic signs.

The Ministry said the National Road Safety Action Plan provides for a phased rollout of the automated instant fines system. It said deployment will be guided by risk assessments instead of nationwide implementation at the initial stage.

"The implementation plan targets high-risk and urban areas using crash statistics and other road safety data," the Statement said.

The Ministry added that the system has legal, operational and technological safeguards to ensure accuracy and integrity. These include certified speed detection devices, standard procedures for verifying offenders, electronic payment platforms, dispute resolution mechanisms and secure data management systems.



Hon. George Kariuki at a past meeting

The response followed a Statement sought by Hon. Amos Mwago (Starehe) on July 2 regarding the implementation of the instant fines system.

The Final Push for Bicameralism -Late July 2010

This week in history



The closing days of July 2010 marked a defining chapter in Kenya's parliamentary history. Having approved the Proposed Constitution earlier that year, Parliament turned its focus to explaining its transformative provisions to the public. Among the most significant reforms was the restoration of a bicameral Parliament comprising the National Assembly and the Senate.

Kenya had operated a bicameral legislature at independence in 1963 before the Senate was abolished in 1966, leaving a unicameral Parliament for over four decades. The Proposed Constitution sought to restore the Senate to strengthen checks and balances, safeguard devolution, and ensure county interests were represented in national legislation.

President Mwai Kibaki and Prime Minister Raila Odinga led the "Yes" campaign for the Proposed Constitution, while Speaker Kenneth Marende presided over Parliament during the historic constitutional review process. The Committee of Experts on Constitutional Review, chaired by Nzamba Kitonga, consolidated years of public consultations into the draft presented to Parliament and ultimately to Kenyans.

Supporters argued the Senate would strengthen oversight and protect devolved government. These deliberations paved the way for the Constitution's promulgation on 27 August 2010, leaving the restoration of bicameralism as one of the enduring legacies of Kenya's constitutional transformation.

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