



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

1. The House assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock
2. The Proceedings were opened with Prayer
3. **Presiding** – the Honourable Speaker
4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker issued the following Communication -

Official Opening of the Bunge Tower by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya

Honourable Members, you may recall that on Tuesday, 9th April 2024, I informed the House that the Parliamentary Service Commission was expediting the completion of the *Bunge Tower* with a view to having the building ready for occupation by Members. I also guided the House on the phased occupation of the offices which was to commence on Thursday, 11th April 2024.

I am pleased to note that great progress has been made towards relocating Members and as of Tuesday, 16th April 2024, fifty-eight (58) Members had moved into the *Bunge Tower*. Members earmarked to move during the first phase of the relocation are encouraged to liaise with the Clerk to ensure seamless completion of this important exercise.

Honourable Members, appreciating the journey leading to the achievement of this milestone, I wish to inform the House that **His Excellency Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH**, President of the Republic of Kenya & Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces has acceded to our request to grace the Official Opening Ceremony of the Tower on **Friday, 19th April 2024**.

The opening of this building will mark a monumental step in the history of Parliament, given that Members of Parliament have been renting office spaces outside the Parliamentary Square, at times, making it difficult to attend Plenary Sittings and Committee meetings. Further, Honourable Members will also remember that the plenary meetings and the premises of the precursor to the Legislature as we know it today, the Legislative Council, were held in prefabricated structures, at what is now the Kenya Railways buildings, more than a century ago.

In this regard, **Honourable Members**, on behalf of the Parliamentary Service Commission, and indeed on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to invite all **Honourable Members** to the official opening of the *Bunge Tower* by His Excellency the President on **Friday, 19th April 2024, at the forecourt of the building. The programme of events will commence at 9.00 am. All guests are expected to be seated by 8.30 am.**

Honourable Members, your presence at the ceremony will signify our collective dedication to enhancing the effectiveness of parliamentary operations and serving the people of Kenya. I thank you!

5. QUESTIONS

The following Questions were asked and responded to by the Cabinet Secretary for Health in plenary –

- (i) **Question by Private Notice No. 009 of 2023** by the Member for Westlands (Hon. Timothy Wanyonyi, MP) regarding posting of medical interns and the implementation of the Collective Bargaining Agreement of 2017 between the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Union and the Government.
- (ii) **Question No. 020 of 2024** by the Member for Ruiru (Hon. Simon King'ara, MP) regarding imposition of high deposits to patients by the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral and Research Hospital (KUTRRH).
- (iii) **Question No. 021 of 2024** by the Member for Baringo Central (Hon. Joshua Kandie, MP) regarding the provision of a list of Community Health Promoters in the country and methods used to select them.
- (iv) **Question No. 086 of 2024** by the Member for Nyeri Town (Hon. Duncan Mathenge, MP) regarding factors put into consideration when determining Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) contributory percentages by salaried and non-salaried workers.
- (v) **Question No. 087 of 2024** by the Member for Nairobi County (Hon. Esther Passaris, MP) regarding measures taken by the Government to equip hospitals and statistics of persons tested and treated for *Helicobacter Pylori* in public hospitals.
- (vi) **Question No. 088 of 2024** by the Member for Nairobi County (Hon. Esther Passaris, MP) regarding measures taken by the Government to provide surgical operations and medications for patients suffering from *fistula* and whether SHIF covers the same.
- (vii) **Question No. 010 of 2024** by the Member for Githunguri (Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, MP) regarding the remittance of funds to private hospitals by NHIF for free maternity services and continuity of the *Linda Mama Initiative* under SHIF.

Various Members also raised Supplementary Questions which were responded to by the Cabinet Secretary within the allotted time.

6. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC OFFICES

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, taking into consideration the findings of the Departmental Committee on Defence, Intelligence and Foreign Relations in its Report on the *Vetting of the Nominees for Appointment as High Commissioners, Ambassadors, Permanent Representatives and Consuls-General, laid on the Table of the House on Tuesday, 16th April 2024*, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 132(2)(e) of the Constitution, section 20(2) of the Foreign Service Act, 2021 and sections 3 and 8 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act, 2011, this House –

(i) **approves** the appointment of the following persons as:

(a) High Commissioners

S/ No.	Name	Mission
1)	Ms. Catherine Kirumba Karemu	London, United Kingdom
2)	Hon. Joash Arthur Maangi	Kampala, Uganda
3)	Hon. Lilian Tomitom	Lusaka, Zambia
4)	Ms. Caroline Kamende Daudi	Ottawa, Canada
5)	Lt. Gen. Peter Mbogo Njiru	Islamabad, Pakistan

(b) Ambassadors

S/ No.	Name	Mission
1)	Hon. Fredrick Otieno Outa	Cairo, Egypt
2)	Prof. Anne Kisaka Nangulu	Dakar, Senegal
3)	Mr. Timothy Kaluma Mcharo	Algiers, Algeria
4)	Hon. Christopher Andrew Lang'at	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
5)	Ms. Jessica Muthoni Gakinya	Rabat, Morocco
6)	Hon. Halima Yussuf Muccheke	The Hague, Netherlands
7)	Mr. David Kiplagat Kerich	Washington DC, USA
8)	Ms. Everlyne Mwenda Karisa	Havana, Cuba
9)	Dr. Peter Mutuku Mathuki	Moscow, Russia
10)	Amb. Moi Lemoshira	Tokyo, Japan
11)	Mr. Kenneth Milimo Nganga	Abu Dhabi, UAE
12)	Lt. General Jonah Mwangi	Tehran, Iran
13)	Mr. Abdi Aden Korio	Muscat, Oman

(c) Permanent Representatives

S/ No.	Name	Mission
1)	Ms. Getrude N. Angote	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
2)	Ms. Grace Atieno Okara	United Nations HABITAT
3)	Dr. Fancy Too	Ambassador/Permanent Representative, Geneva
4)	Mr. Ekitela Erastus Lokaale	United Nations, New York

(d) Consuls-General

S/ No.	Name	Mission
1)	Mr. Ezra Chiloba	Los Angeles, USA
2)	Mr. Aden Mohamud Mohamed	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
3)	Mr. David Iboko Lokemer	Dubai, UAE

(ii) **rejects** the appointment of Mr. Charles Githinji Keiru as Consul-General – Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo; and

(iii) **resolves** that henceforth, the Consul-General should undergo vetting after nomination by the appointing authority as required by the Constitution and that the appointing authority recalls any Consul-General who is serving without requisite approval by the National Assembly to undergo the necessary approval processes.

(The Chairperson, Departmental Committee on Defence,

Intelligence & Foreign Relations)

Debate arising;

Mover replied;

Question put and agreed to.

7. HOUSE ROSE - at Nine O'clock.

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The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, April 19, 2023 at 2.30pm

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