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The House met at 2.30 p.m.

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

PRAYERS

Hon. Speaker: Order, Hon. Members. Welcome back to this Afternoon Sitting.

We will proceed as follows: We have a Supplementary Order Paper. After Order No. 1 and Order No.2, we will go through other Orders by way of mention up to Order No.7. Then, we will go to Order No. 8 that will be a Motion the distinguished Deputy Speaker will move. I see the Leadership of the Minority side is not in the Chamber. I nominate Hon. Zamzam to second the Motion. There will be no debate on that Motion. We will just move the Motion and second it. Then, we shall abide by the contents of the Motion for tomorrow.

Among other reasons, we are pushing this matter to tomorrow morning because your leadership - the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party - are part of the delegation leaving for Mumbai in India in the next one hour. They will join the larger delegation including some Cabinet Secretaries and Mama Ida Odinga to bring back the remains of our fallen hero.

We expect that they should be back by early in the afternoon of tomorrow. To give everybody an opportunity to speak, we will then pay our tributes to the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga starting from 10.00 a.m. to midnight. Or, of course, at the time, we will have nobody speaking. If you will all have exhausted, then we do not have to get to the outer limit of time.

I also advise that tomorrow, and for many, if not all of you, it will be the only opportunity to eulogise the former Prime Minister. It is advised from yours truly that you come in a sombre state with sombre attire. I advise that we dress in black. Those who do not have black attire, go and buy it this afternoon. And the good ladies should provide ribbons for everybody so that we demonstrate our respect and appreciation for our fallen heroic leader.

I will, in the opening of the debate tomorrow, then make a formal statement. For now, let me just say that following the Communication and Address by His Excellency the President of the Nation, announcing the passing on of Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, this House joins the country in this sombre state. We will have an opportunity for each one of you to eulogise the late Prime Minister tomorrow. Time is likely to move pretty fast in preparation for his official send-off in a State funeral. So, tomorrow is the only day available for all of us.

Like it was said in Shakespeare in England, "The Queen is dead, long live the queen", Raila is dead, long live Baba. That is the mood in the country. We shall be sending our condolences to Mama Ida, our elder brother, Dr Oburu Odinga, Senator, Prime Minister's children, Rosemary, Junior and Winnie, the entire family, and the much larger political family that includes all of us.

The late Prime Minister was larger than Kisumu. He was a colossus across the country. Loved from Vanga to Kibish, from Lamu to Malaba. I request all of you to be upstanding, to observe a minute's silence. Thereafter, now that the Leader of the Majority Party is here, take your Motion from the Deputy Speaker and move it.

I see Hon. Junet. Is that Hon. Junet?

(Several Members walked into the Chamber)

Members at the back, take the nearest seats. I saw Hon. KJ and thought it was Hon. Junet. Hon. Mwenje, I see you are here, I had directed the Leader of the Majority Party to move the Motion, and it is seconded. We do not want to preempt your eulogies tomorrow.

(Hon. Junet Mohamed walked into the Chamber)

Hon. Junet, take your seat quickly. In view of the fact that both the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party are leaving for India in the next hour, allow me to give them an exception. The Leader of the Majority Party, as you move, you can send your condolences to the family, and so does Hon. Junet. The rest of the Members, please hold your horses. We will adjourn the House until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m. I will provide you with an opportunity to condole the family and the country from 10.00 a.m. to midnight tomorrow. Let us be upstanding now.

(A moment of silence was observed)

Thank you. The Rt. Hon. Former Prime Minister Raila Amolo Odinga is dead, long live...

Hon. Members: Baba.

Hon. Speaker: Call out Order No. 8.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Hon. Speaker: The Leader of the Majority Party, in view of your programme, what time do you want to leave here? The shortest time possible?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Yes, in the shortest time possible.

Hon. Speaker: You are on a scheduled flight, right?

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Yes, that is correct.

Hon. Speaker: So, take the shortest time possible. Hon. Junet, second in the shortest time possible and thereafter, Members, resist any temptation to raise your hand. You will have the chance tomorrow. Come dressed in black, and our ladies, please provide ribbons for everybody.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD A THURSDAY MORNING SITTING, ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE, EXTENSION OF SITTING TIME AND LIMITATION OF DEBATE

Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I beg to move the following Motion:

THAT, following the Presidential Proclamation issued today, 15th October 2025, regarding the passing on of the Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga, EGH, the former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 30(3)(a) and (c), 31(1), 97 and 259D, this House resolves to:

1. Hold a Morning Sitting on Thursday, 16th October 2025, commencing at 10.00 a.m.
2. Adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, 16th October 2025, at 10.00 a.m.
3. Extend its afternoon Sitting time tomorrow, Thursday, 16th October 2025, at 2.30 p.m. until midnight;
4. Record its tributes by way of an Exceptional Motion; and,

5. Exempt the Exceptional Motion on the Tributes of the House from the Resolution of the House of Thursday, 13th February 2025, on Limitation of Debate on Motions and the provisions of Standing Order 97.

Hon. Speaker, I beg to move.

As you have graciously allowed me, allow me to take this opportunity to offer my condolences to the family of our former Prime Minister, Mama Ida Odinga, her daughters Rosemary and Winnie, his son Raila Jr. and the entire Odinga family. I know we will have more time tomorrow, and as you indicated, in the interest of time, I do not want to say much now. Hon. Raila Odinga has rested. Long live Baba.

We will all remember our Prime Minister as a great Pan-Africanist, the foremost son of Africa and our great nation. We will remember him in many ways, also as a father to our nation, and a father to many of us.

When His Excellency the President broke the news to us early this morning, it was a difficult moment. Just a few weeks ago, I spoke to the former Prime Minister when he called to condole with me when I lost my dad. He was upbeat. However, he indicated to me that he was a little bit under the weather and would not be joining us. I will live to recall how, whenever I spoke to the former Prime Minister, he called me “My son”.

May his soul rest in eternal peace. We will have more time tomorrow to eulogise him.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Junet, you will move the Motion by saying, “I beg to move”. Hon. Kimani, you did not move the Motion either.

Hon. Kimani Ichung’wah (Kikuyu, UDA): Hon. Speaker, I had said “I beg to move”. However, I forgot to ask my brother and friend, Hon. Junet Mohamed, the Leader of the Minority Party, to second the Motion in agreement.

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Junet.

Hon. Junet Mohamed (Suna East, ODM): Thank you, Hon. Speaker. I rise to second the Procedural Motion. I take this opportunity to also condole with the family of my party leader, the entire Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) fraternity and membership, and the country at large, for the loss of a great man that we have encountered today. I am still coming to terms with what has happened. So, I request you to allow me to offer my condolences tomorrow, God willing. Some of us had a deep relationship with our leader, and we knew death would come one day, but we did not expect it now. So, I will eulogise him tomorrow in the House when you give us the opportunity.

With those few remarks, I beg to second.

Hon. Speaker: Ordinarily, if you move and second a Motion, you have no second “bite”. However, being an Exceptional Motion, and if you arrive in good time, I will give both of you an opportunity to speak to the Motion tomorrow. We will sit up to midnight.

Hon. Members, for the record, let us read out the rest of the Orders.

(The Speaker (Hon. Moses Wetang’ula) consulted with the Clerks-at-the-Table)

We are all overwhelmed with grief. Let me propose the Question.

(Question proposed)

Having agreed to what I have said, can I put the Question?

Hon. Members: Yes.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Speaker: Read out the remaining Orders. Hon. Members, having agreed on that, I direct that Orders 9 to 18 be stepped down from today's Order Paper until they are re-listed at an appropriate time.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

THE PYRETHRUM (REPEAL) BILL
(National Assembly Bill No.40 of 2024)

THE KENYA NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL
(National Assembly Bill No.20 of 2023)

(Committee of the whole House deferred)

BILL

THE MATERNAL NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH BILL
(Senate Bill No.17 of 2023)

(Bill deferred)

MOTION

APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL GREEN FISCAL INCENTIVES
POLICY FRAMEWORK

(Motion deferred)

BILL

THE TEA (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Senate Bill No.1 of 2023)

(Bill deferred)

MOTIONS

ADOPTION OF FIRST REPORT ON STATUS OF CONSTITUTION IMPLEMENTATION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR
THE JUDICIARY MORTGAGE SCHEME FUND FOR
FYs 2011/2012 TO 2021/2022

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR
THE COMMODITIES FUND FOR FYs 2018/2019 TO 2021/2022

APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL POLICY ON
LABOUR MIGRATION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR
THE STORES AND SERVICES FUND FOR FYS 2020/2021
AND 2021/2022 AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH FUND FOR FYS 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR
THE LAND SETTLEMENT FUND FOR FYS 2020/2021
AND 2021/2022 AND THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT FUND
(HOLDING ACCOUNT) FOR FYS 2017/2018 TO 2021/2022

(Motions deferred)

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: That being the case, the time being 3.02 p.m., the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, 16th October 2025, at 10.00 a.m.

The House rose at 3.02 p.m.

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