

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AT 2.30 PM

- 1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
- 2. The proceedings were opened with a Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. QUORUM OF THE SENATE

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Speaker conveyed the following communications from the Chair: -

i.) Visiting Delegation from the County Assembly of Nakuru

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation from the County Assembly of Nakuru. The delegation comprises eleven (11) Members and four (4) Officers of the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee who are on a benchmarking visit with their counterpart in the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition -

Designation

МО	Name	Designation
1.	Hon. Antony Kanyere	Chairperson
2.	Hon. David Wathiai	Vice Chairperson
3.	Hon. David Muraya	Member
4.	Hon. Bernard Langat	Member
5.	Hon. Ann Wamaitha	Member
6.	Hon. Dorcas Gathere	Member
7.	Hon. Loise Kagecha	Member
8.	Hon. Paul Warege	Member
9.	Hon. Francis Kuria	Member
10.	Hon. Paul Langat	Member
11.	Hon. Elijah Mwangi	Member
12.	Ann Kahunga	Committee Clerk
13.	Sharon Cherutich	Hansard Reporter
14.	Agnes Wambui	Hansard Reporter
15.	George Gachie	Security

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome and wish you a fruitful visit.

I thank you."

ii.) Visiting Delegation of Serjeant-At-Arms Officers from Various County Assemblies

"Honourable Senators,

No Name

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation from various County Assemblies. The delegation comprises officers from the Serjeant- at -Arms who are undertaking a training programme in the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

I request each officer represented to stand when their county is called out; Narok, Trans Nzoia, Machakos, Garissa, Baringo and Kisii.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you."

iii.) Visiting Delegation from the Parliament of Uganda

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, visiting Members of the Parliament of Uganda. The delegation comprises Members of the Science Technology and Innovation Committee who are on attending a workshop session at the Africa Institute of Capacity Development (AICAD).

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that you may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition -

Name Designation

Hon. Achia Remigio

Hon. Dr. Florence Asiimwe Akiiki

Hon. Bingi Nyanzi Patrick

Ms. Noeline Nakanjakko

- Chairperson

- Deputy Chairperson

- Member

- Research Officer

Honourable Senators,

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome and wish you a fruitful visit.

I thank you!"

iv.) Substantiation of facts alleged to be true by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, on comments made during the debate on the President's Address to Parliament, on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023

"Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, at the sitting of the Senate held on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023, several Senators rose on points of order pursuant to Standing Order 105 (1), to require the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) to substantiate statements made in the course of debate. The utterances by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, were made while the Senator was making his contribution on the Motion for the President's Address to Parliament pursuant to Article 132(1) (c) and 240 (7) of the Constitution.

The particulars of the statements that Sen. Sifuna was required to substantiate were as follows: -

a) Sen. Mohammed Chute, MP, sought the intervention of the Speaker to require Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, to substantiate the statement that ".... Mr. Speaker, Sir, we were told about the question of subsidizing the price of fertilizers. Now, it is public record that, in fact, some of these subsidized fertilizers

came to this country as a donation from the Government of Russia...."

- b) Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP, sought the intervention of the Speaker to require Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, to substantiate the statement that ".... Mr. Speaker, Sir, he (the President) also announced that in June of this year, his administration would employ 103 Community Health Promoters (CHPs). We saw him flagging off distribution of 100,000 kits to be used by those people. The fact of the matter is, that is not true. In fact, counties are supposed to identify the people to be recruited as CHPs and that progress is ongoing. You cannot claim something has happened, yet it has not happened, just to massage the numbers and appear like your Government is working...."
- c) Sen. Veronica Maina, MP, sought the intervention of the Speaker to require Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, to substantiate the statement that -
 - ".... We were told that he (the President) has setup Wi-Fi hotspots across the country, including here in Nairobi County in markets such as Muthurwa and City Market.... you will see that in fact, those things do not work...."; and
 - ".... Secondly, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) data shows that the default rate of the loans borrowed under this 'Hustler' Fund is higher than the ones of the Commercial Banks"

Honourable Senators

Standing Order 105 (1) states that – "A Senator shall be responsible for the accuracy of any facts that the Senator alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such facts instantly."

Further, Standing Order 105 (2) states that – "If a Senator has sufficient reason to convince the Speaker that the Senator is unable to substantiate the allegations instantly, the Speaker shall require that such Senator substantiates the allegations not later than the next sitting day, failure to which the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121 (Disorderly conduct) unless the Senator withdraws the allegations and gives a suitable apology...."

Sen. Edwin Sifuna was not able to substantiate his statements as required pursuant to standing order 105(1), and subsequently requested to be allowed by the Speaker, to provide the evidence at the next sitting day in accordance with standing order 105 (2). Having acceded to the request, the Speaker directed that the Senator substantiates his allegations at the next sitting day.

On Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, I consequently invited Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, to table the evidence in support of his statements made on Tuesday, 14th November, 2023, pursuant to Standing Order 105 (2). Thereupon, having no evidence to substantiate the point of order by Sen. Veronica Maina, MP, with respect to Wi-Fi hotspots across the country, Sen. Edwin Sifuna, withdrew the statement and offered an apology to the Senate.

The Senator thereafter proceeded to table documents containing the evidence on –

- a) The point of order raised by Sen. Mohammed Chute, MP, concerning subsidized fertilizer; and
- b) The point of order raised by Sen. Veronica Maina, MP, concerning the default rate for the loans borrowed under the *Hustler* Fund.

Honourable Senators,

Following the tabling of the evidence by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, I undertook to review the documents and give a ruling on the matter as it was not practical to make a determination then.

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, any document/evidence tabled by a Senator in this House as evidence for substantiation of any allegations made under Standing Order No. 105, must pass a certain threshold. The obligation on the Speaker in this matter was to review the documents tabled by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, make a determination on their admissibility, further establish whether the documents if admissible, provide evidence of the claims made, and to finally make a determination whether, accordingly, the threshold under standing order 105 has been met.

Consequently, in undertaking the foregoing assessment, the parameters that have guided the Speaker in the present matter are as follows-

- a) Is the evidence tabled from a source which by parliamentary practice is official and admissible? and
- b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, does the evidence relate to and verify the claim that was made and for which substantiation was required?

Honourable Senators,

With respect to the first parameter, which is whether the evidence provided is from a source which by parliamentary practice is official and admissible, a

review of the contents of the documents provided indicates that the Senator tabled the following documents –

- i. A copy of an image of a post on the Russian Embassy in Kenya's social media "X", dated 3rd August, 2023, and a copy of an article from *The Standard* newspaper dated, 1st June, 2023, indicating that the Government of Kenya had received 34,000 tonnes of fertilizer from the Russian Government;
- ii. A copy of an undated article from *The Star* newspaper indicating that the average rate of bad debt in Kenya had hit an almost two-decades high of 15 per cent;
- iii. A copy of an article from the *Business Daily* newspaper dated 22nd August, 2023, indicating that the *Hustler* Fund defaults had reached Kshs. 3 billion in nine months; and
- iv. The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Kenya for Financial Year 2022/2023.

Honourable Senators,

As you are all aware, established practice in the Parliament of Kenya and in comparative jurisdictions, is that extracts from newspapers may not be tabled as evidence for substantiation of claims. This is buttressed at Standing Order 55 (1) which in respect of Statements provides that "the facts on which a request for Statement is based may be set briefly but extracts from newspapers and other media or quotations from speeches shall not be admissible."

Consequently, and in accordance with this established parliamentary practice, the newspaper extracts from *The Standard*, *The Star* and the *Business Daily* newspapers as tabled by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, are inadmissible for purposes of substantiating any claim made.

The other document tabled was a copy of an image of a post on the Russian Embassy in Kenya's social media platform "X". This document appears to be an image taken of the verified official "X" account of the Russian Embassy in Kenya posted at 08.07 hours on 3rd August, 2023. There is no evidence to suggest the contrary and this document is accordingly admissible.

The final document tabled was the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Kenya for Financial Year 2022/2023. This is an official publication of a government agency and is therefore admissible.

Honourable Senators,

The second parameter, is whether the evidence tabled *relates to and verifies* the claim that was made and for which substantiation was required. With respect to the copy of an image of a post on the Russian Embassy in Kenya's social media platform "X", the Senator tabled this document seeking to substantiate the following statement ".... Mr. Speaker, Sir, we were told about

the question of subsidizing the price of fertilizers. Now, it is public record that, in fact, some of these subsidized fertilizers came to this country as a donation from the Government of Russia....."

The post from the Russian Embassy's "X" platform, states as follows "more than 34,000 tonnes of fertilizer donated to Kenya by the Russian Uralchem – Uralkali Group are now being reformulated to produce 100,200 tonnes of fertilizer. This will help Kenya a lot to get a good harvest this year."

Honourable Senators,

While it is clear that there was a donation of fertilizer from the *Russian Uralchem – Uralkali Group* to Kenya, no nexus is shown between the donation referred to and subsidized fertilizer as alleged by Sen. Sifuna. To meet the test of substantiation, Sen. Sifuna needed to show a link between the donation and subsidized fertilizer. He has not.

The final document tabled, was the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Central Bank of Kenya for Financial Year 2022/2023. This document indicates the financial position and performance of the banking industry in Kenya. It was presumably presented to buttress the contents of the newspaper articles in support of the allegation that the default rate of the Hustler Fund was higher than that of commercial banks. Needless to say, the purported substantiation by use of newspaper articles having been disallowed, this supporting document similarly collapses. In any case, I see no connection nor reference made to the *Hustler* Fund and any comparison between the *Hustler* Fund and regular commercial lenders in the Central Bank Report.

Honourable Senators,

Accordingly, I find, and rule as follows -

- a) In respect of the challenge by Sen. Mohammed Chute, MP, to substantiate the claim relating to fertilizer, Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, has tabled evidence to show that indeed some fertilizer was donated to this country, but he has failed to establish any link between that donation and subsidized fertilizer. Therefore, this claim has not been substantiated.
- b) In respect of the challenge by Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP, to substantiate the claim that it was not true that the Government had employed 103 Community Health Promoters (CHPs), Sen. Sifuna did not table any evidence or provide any explanation to substantiate this claim as was required. The claim was accordingly not substantiated.
- c) In respect of the challenge by Sen. Veronica Maina, MP, to substantiate the statement that default rates of the loans

borrowed under the 'Hustler' Fund are higher than the ones of the commercial banks, again, Sen. Sifuna did not table evidence to support this claim. The claim was accordingly not substantiated.

Honourable Senators,

Following the tabling of the documents by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, and in accordance with my findings, in relation to the admissibility of those documents, and the failure to meet the threshold of substantiation in respect of the claims made, I now require Sen. Edwin Sifuna, pursuant to Standing Order No. 105 (2), to withdraw and apologise, in respect of the claims that –

- a) Some of the subsidized fertilizer came into the country as a donation from the Government of Russia.
- b) it was not true that the Government had employed 103 Community Health Promoters (CHPs); and
- c) the default rates of the loans borrowed under the 'Hustler' Fund are higher than the ones of the commercial banks.

I caution, as provided for in Standing Order 105(2), that failure to withdraw and apologise will result in Sen. Sifuna being deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121.

I thank you."

Thereupon, the Senator declined to withdraw and apologise for the claims made.

And pursuant to Standing Order 105(2) and 121 (2), the Speaker ordered Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP to withdraw from the precincts of Parliament for the reminder of the sitting day.

5. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate: -

- i.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Chulaimbo County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kisumu) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- ii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Muhoroni County Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- iii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Karuri Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kiambu) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

- iv.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Lusigetti Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kiambu) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- v.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Wangige Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kiambu) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- vi.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Mukurweini Sub-County Hospital (County Government of Nyeri) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- vii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Othaya Sub-County Hospital (County Government of Nyeri) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- viii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Mt. Kenya Sub-County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Nyeri) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- ix.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Nyeri Provincial General Level 5 Hospital (County Government of Nyeri) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- x.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Tseikuru Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xi.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Zombe Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kyuso Sub-County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xiii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kitui County Referral Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xiv.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kanyangi Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xv.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Mutomo Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xvi.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Nuu Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xvii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Mutitu Sub-County Hospital (County Government of Kitui) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

- xviii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Sigowet Sub-County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kericho) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xix.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Roret Sub-County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kericho) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.
- xx.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Kapkatet Sub-County Level 4 Hospital (County Government of Kericho) for the year ended 30th June, 2022.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

xxi.) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 21st November, 2023.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

- xxii.) High Court Petition No. E389 of 2023 Court Order, held in Court on 24th October, 2023 before Hon. Justice E.C. Mwita.
- xxiii.) Milimani Law Courts court document for case number HCCHRPET/E389/2023, citing the Third Alliance Kenya and Miruru and 1 other vs. Cabinet Secretary Interior and Coordination of National Government and Speaker of the National Assembly and 4 others signed by Hon. Justice E.C. Mwita.
- xxiv.) Certificate of Urgency by the Constitutional and Human Rights Division for Petition No. E389 of 2023

(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

6. NOTICE OF MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE SENATE, ON THE PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE TO THE MULTINATIONAL SECURITY SUPPORT (MSS) MISSION FOR HAITI

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations)

THAT, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security of the National Assembly and the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations of the Senate regarding the proposed deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 240(8)(a) of the Constitution, the

Senate approves the deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti.

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

i. Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) made a statement concerning the proposed introduction of service charges at Huduma Centres across the country.

In the Statement the Senator underlined the pivotal role of the Huduma Kenya program, known for its centralized provision of diverse government services, in making essential services accessible to all citizens, regardless of their economic background. The Senator pointed out that the introduction of service charges could lead to a tiered system in accessing government services, potentially contravening the egalitarian principles enshrined in the Kenyan Constitution.

The Senator emphasized that new service charges posed a risk creating barriers for many citizens whom she argued were already overburdened by high tax. She questioned the resource allocation for the Huduma Centres and stressed the necessity for transparency and accountability in the use of budgetary funds, ensuring these centers continue to serve as primary points for public access to government services.

To address these issues, she urged the Senate, particularly the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, to conduct a prompt and thorough investigation. This inquiry should examine the reasons behind the proposed charges and evaluate their potential effects on Kenyans, especially those living in remote and underserved areas.

ii. The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a statement concerning the passing of Dr. Joe Kayo, a revered spiritual leader and founder of Deliverance Church of Kenya. The Senator informed the Senate of Apostle Kayo's passing on November 2, 2023.

The Senator informed the Senate that Dr. Kayo came from a modest family and faced numerous hardships, including battles with substance addiction and severe illness when growing up. His life took a transformative turn in 1957 following a miraculous recovery during T.L. Osborn's crusade, leading him to commit his life to religious service.

The Senator highlighted that Apostle Kayo began his ministry in Kenya's coastal region, quickly expanding to Nyanza and beyond. He founded the Deliverance Church in both Kenya and Uganda, contributed to the establishment of the Juba Pentecostal Church, and was vital in the development of the Family of God churches. The Senator emphasized

Apostle Kayo's profound influence on the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement and the Christian community in East Africa.

The Senator remarked that Apostle Kayo's life story is a powerful testament to the transformative potential of faith in overcoming challenges and inspiring others, leaving a lasting legacy as a symbol of hope and spiritual guidance.

iii. The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP) made a statement concerning Kukhu Teresa Makhulu Khamati Shitakha's passing.

In the Statement, the Senator informed Senate of the passing on of Kukhu Teresa Makhulu Khamati Shitakha's. He chronicled Teresa's educational path, beginning with her early schooling, progressing through Mukumu Primary School, and then attending Mukumu Teachers Training College with the support of the Catholic Church. Her outstanding contributions in the field of education earned her a scholarship to Nottingham University in the UK for advanced training. Upon her return, she served in the Ministry of Education and later joined the Central Organisation of Trade Union and the Mild Coffee Trading Association.

The Senator highlighted Teresa's crucial role in establishing Maendeleo ya Wanawake alongside Jane Kiano and securing former President Jomo Kenyatta's support for the construction of Maendeleo ya Wanawake House in Nairobi. He commended her steadfastness in safeguarding the property as a trustee, notably during attempts to seize it. In a groundbreaking move in 1974, Teresa courageously contested for the MP position in Ikolomani, being the first woman.

The Senator concluded his statement by addressing the current challenge the family of the late Teresa faces in retaining their 125-acre farm in Turbo Constituency. He proposed renaming Maendeleo ya Wanawake House in Nairobi to "Teresa Shitakha House," as a tribute to her legacy. The Senator ended by extending wishes for God's blessings on Teresa for many more years.

b) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)

- i.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Mariam Omar, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing concerning relocation of Mandera Airstrip due to safety concerns.
- ii.) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and

Housing regarding the construction and maintenance works for airports in the country.

- iii.) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations concerning the shortage of birth certificate registration papers in Bungoma County.
- iv.) Request for Statement by nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) from the Standing Committee on Health concerning the circumstances that led to the death of Anita Jepkorir at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital was <u>dropped</u> in the absence of the Senator.

c) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)

The Senate Majority Leader issued a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 21st November, 2023.

8. MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE SENATE, ON THE PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE TO THE MULTINATIONAL SECURITY SUPPORT (MSS) MISSION FOR HAITI

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security of the National Assembly and the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations of the Senate regarding the proposed deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 240(8)(a) of the Constitution, the Senate approves the deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (1), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) informed the House that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY:

THAT, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Joint Report of the Departmental Committee on Administration and Internal Security of the National Assembly and the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations of the Senate regarding the proposed deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th November, 2023, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 240(8)(a) of the Constitution, the Senate approves the deployment of officers of the National Police Service to the Multinational Security Support (MSS) Mission for Haiti.

9. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE APPLICATION FOR CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF ELDORET

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the application for conferment of city status to the Municipality of Eldoret laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 and pursuant to Section 8(6) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, 2011 the Senate approves the conferment of City status to the Municipality of Eldoret.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday 2nd November, 2023) (Division)

Order deferred.

10. THE EQUALIZATION FUND APPROPRIATION BILL, (SENATE BILLS NO. 30 OF 2023)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday 18th October, 2023 – Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)

Order deferred.

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURE) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2022)

(Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP)

Order deferred.

12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXTENSION SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2022)

(Sen. Maureen Tabitha Mutinda, MP)

Order deferred.

13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2022)

(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

Order deferred.

14. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE START-UP BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2022)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

Order deferred.

15. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2023)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

Order deferred.

16. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE KENYAN SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2023)

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP and Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

Order deferred.

17. THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILD PARENTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 29 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Care and Protection of Child Parents Bill (Senate Bills No. 29 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP- 19. 10.2023)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 16th November, 2023 resumed for the Mover to reply;

Thereupon, the Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3), the Mover requested the temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) to defer putting of the Question to a later date.

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

18. THE PREVENTION OF LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCE THEFT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2023)

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday 2nd November, 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred;

19. THE COFFEE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Coffee Bill (Senate Bills No. 10 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

20. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on

 $Tuesday,\,November\,21,\,2023\,\,at\,\,2:\!30\,\,p.m.$

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