



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with 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 at the expiry of ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following communications from the Chair: -

i. Third Session Planning Retreat for Senators

“Honourable Senators,

I take this opportunity to inform you that the Senate Business Committee has convened a one-day non residential retreat for all Senators. The retreat will be a follow- up of the two induction retreats that were held at the commencement of the Fourth Senate in October and November, 2022.

The objectives of this one-day retreat are to: -

- i. reflect on the performance and output of the Senate during the First and Second Sessions of the 13th Parliament, both in plenary and Committees, and identify opportunities and best practices for service delivery;

- ii. identify challenges that have hindered the effective discharge of the mandate of the Senate as contemplated under Article 96 of the Constitution;
- iii. receive updates and deliberate on welfare matters, including the administrative aspects relating to facilitation of Senators and the County Offices, operations of the Senate Oversight Fund, and the Medical Cover for Senators;
- iv. strengthen teamwork, collegiality, and camaraderie among Senators in the discharge of their work; and
- v. align on the priority agenda for the Senate during the Third and subsequent Sessions of the 13th Parliament.

Honourable Senators,

I, therefore, invite you to this retreat, which will be held on Monday, 4th March, 2024 at the Argyle Grand Hotel, in Nairobi City County from 8.30 am.

The program and any other information pertaining to the event will be circulated to all Honourable Senators through the Office of the Clerk. I urge all Senators to purpose to attend and participate at this important event. Consequently, all Select Committee activities scheduled for Monday, 4th March, 2024 are hereby suspended.

I thank you.”

ii. Visiting Students from Egerton University in Nakuru County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting students from Egerton University in Nakuru County. The delegation comprises six (6) students, who are in the Senate for a one-day academic exposition.

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.”

5. PAPERS LAID

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

- i.) Report to Parliament on all new loans contracted by Government of Kenya from 1st September, 2023 to 31st January, 2024.

- ii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Executive of Kilifi for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- iii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Assembly of Kilifi for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- iv.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Government of Kilifi - County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- v.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Government of Kilifi – Receiver of Revenue – Revenue Statements for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- vi.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Kilifi County Ward Scholarship Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- vii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Executive of Nyeri for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- viii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Assembly of Nyeri for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- ix.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Government of Nyeri - County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- x.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Government of Nyeri – Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xi.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Nyeri County Health Services Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Nyeri County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage (Staff) Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xiii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Nyeri County Elimu Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xiv.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Nyeri County Enterprise Development Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xv.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the County Assembly of Nyeri Car Loan and Mortgage (Staff) Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

- xvi.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Executive of Murangá for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xvii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Assembly of Murangá for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xviii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of Murangá County Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xix.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Government of Murangá – County Revenue Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xx.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of Murangá County Education Scholarship Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxi.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Executive of Nyandarua for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Assembly of Nyandarua for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxiii.) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the County Government of Nyandarua – Receiver of Revenue for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxiv.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Kirinyaga County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxv.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Kirinyaga County Executive Staff Car Loan Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxvi.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Kirinyaga County Executive Staff Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- xxvii.) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statement of the Kirinyaga County Alcoholic Drinks and Substance Abuse Control Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)**

- i.) The Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the state of Medical Equipment supplied by Megascop to Level 5 hospitals across the country.
- ii.) The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the operational state of the Isiolo County Referral Hospital Morgue.
- iii.) Request for Statement by the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare concerning the non-remittance of National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) deductions and the delayed payment of salaries by the County Government of Marsabit was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- iv.) Request for Statement by the Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the land boundary dispute between residents of Marungu village and Oza Group Ranch in Taita Taveta County was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- v.) Request for Statement by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the payment of hardship allowance to teachers in the flood-prone Nyando Sub-County in Kisumu County was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

7. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE HIGH COST OF ELECTRICITY IN THE COUNTRY

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the report of the Standing Committee on Energy on the inquiry into the high cost of electricity in the Country laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 27th September, 2023.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

Debate arising;

8. **QUORUM IN THE HOUSE**

Rising on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), Nominated Senator (Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the House;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no quorum, directed that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at one minute past Six O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. **SENATE ROSE** - at one minute past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.*

--X--