



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 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 Deputy Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Deputy 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 before the expiry of the ten minutes;

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

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair-

**(i) Visiting teachers and students from Kituro High School in Baringo County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Kituro High School in Baringo County. The delegation comprises three (3) teachers and ninety-seven (97) 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.”

**(ii) Visiting teachers and students from Moi Girls High School Eldoret – Uasin Gishu County**

“Honorable Senators,

In the Public gallery, we have one hundred and fifty- six (156) students and three (3) teachers from Moi Girls High School Eldoret in Uasin Gishu County, who are undertaking an education visit in the Senate.

Honorable 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) The Climate Change (Carbon Markets) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 84 of 2024.
- ii) Report of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on activities and Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2022/2023.
- iii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- iv) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

*(The Deputy Senate Majority Leader)*

**6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS****a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)**

Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Mandera County (Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, MP) made a Statement concerning the devastation caused by the heavy rains and flooding in several Member States of the Forum of Parliaments of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (FP -ICGLR).

In the Statement, the Senator highlighted that the FP-ICGLR had expressed deep sadness over the recent heavy rains and flooding in some Member States, which resulted in over 400 deaths and the displacement of more than 234,000 people, with Kenya being the hardest hit.

The Senator observed that the disaster had highlighted the region's vulnerability to climate change and the urgent need for regional and international cooperation to support long-term adaptation efforts. She noted that during the 14<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly, which was held from April 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Livingstone, Zambia, focus was placed on "*The Role of Parliament in Adapting to Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region.*" The discussions emphasized the crucial role of Parliaments in formulating effective solutions and decisions for climate adaptation in the region. The Forum stressed the importance of collective efforts in addressing the challenges posed by climate change to ensure a stable and secure future for the Great Lakes Region.

In conclusion, the Senator conveyed the condolences of the FP-ICGLR and solidarity of the Forum with the governments, parliaments and to the people of Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi, who were grappling with the devastating effects of heavy rains and flooding.

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

- i) The request for statement by the Senator for Elgeyo Marakwet County (Sen. William Kisang, MP) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries concerning the delayed payments to dairy farmers by the Kenya Co-operative Creameries (KCC) was **deferred** upon request by the Senator.
- ii) The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Muthama Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding alleged illegal acquisition of land earmarked for public utilities in Syokimau Estate in Machakos County.
- iii) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security,

Defence and Foreign Relations concerning the fight against alcohol and drug substance abuse.

- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the status of the Tourism sector in the country.
- v) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding alleged mismanagement of funds at the Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Co-Operatives (KUSSCO).
- vi) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social welfare regarding the status of management level staff at the Kenya Seed Company.
- vii) The Senator for Nyeri County (Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the waiver of visa requirements for persons travelling to Kenya.

**c) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)**

The Deputy Senate Majority Leader issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

7. **THE LAW OF SUCCESSION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First time and committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

8. **THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT (BICAMERAL RELATIONS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 44 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 – Afternoon Sitting)  
(Mover to reply)***

Order deferred.

9. **THE METEOROLOGY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2023)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

10. **THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 59 OF 2022)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 – Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

11. **THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)**  
(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024 – Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

12. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**THE GAMBLING CONTROL BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 70 OF 2023)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 – Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

13. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**THE TEA (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2023)**  
(Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP)  
  
Order deferred.
14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**THE MATERNAL, NEWBORN AND CHILD HEALTH BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2023)**  
(Sen. Beatrice Ogolla, MP)  
  
Order deferred.
15. **THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES PROFESSIONALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 55 OF 2023)**  
(Sen. Mohamed Abass Sheikh, MP)  
  
*(Second Reading)*  
  
Order deferred.
16. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**  
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)  
  
*(Second Reading)*  
  
Order deferred.
17. **THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 45 OF 2022)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

That the Cancer Prevention and control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2022) be now Read a Second time.

*(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP – Co-sponsor)*

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3) the Mover requested for the deferment of the 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.

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.

18. **SENATE ROSE** - at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.*

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