



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 03, 2024 (AFTERNOON SITTING)

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 a Quorum, invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the day.

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION - STOPPAGE OF FUNDS TO ISIOLO COUNTY DUE TO THE FAILURE BY THE GOVERNOR TO HONOUR SENATE SUMMONSES**
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, pursuant to Article 96 of the Constitution, the Senate represents the counties and serves to protect the interests of the counties and their governments, and that the Senate exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the county governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Article 124 of the Constitution establishes Committees to carry out specific mandates and that Article 125 of the Constitution gives any Committee the power to summon any person to appear before it for the purpose of giving evidence or providing information;

WHEREAS, the Senate Standing Committee on Health invited and later summoned the Governor of Isiolo County, Hon. Abdi Ibrahim Hassan, to respond to questions relating to, among others, the ongoing crisis at Isiolo Morgue, NHIF deductions and remittance status and total amount of pending bill owed to the county hospital, which invitation he failed to honour on 21st May, 2024 and similarly failed to honour the summonses on 28th May, 2024 and 10th June, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Isiolo County failed to honour an invitation by the County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee to respond to issues raised in the Auditor-General's Reports on Isiolo County Bursary Fund, the Isiolo County Emergency Fund and the Isiolo County Youth, Women and People with Disability Fund for the Financial Years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 on 28th May, 2024;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS the Governor of Isiolo County failed to honour five (5) invitations on diverse dates between 28th March, 2023 and 8th March, 2024 by the County Public Accounts Committee to respond to queries raised by the Auditor General in the Financial Statement of the County Executive of Isiolo for the Financial Years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021;

CONCERNED THAT following the numerous incidents of failure and or refusal by the Governor of Isiolo County to honour invitations and summonses, the County Public Accounts Committee scheduled for a meeting at Isiolo County offices on 8th March, 2024 which the Governor failed to attend;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the committees of the Senate, pursuant to Article 179 (4) of the Constitution, invited Governor Abdi Ibrahim Hassan in his capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of the County, and he failed and/ or refused to appear before the committees to answer the respective audit queries raised by the Auditor-General with respect to whether or not public monies have been applied lawfully and in an effective manner by the county government;

NOW THEREFORE, THE SENATE RESOLVES THAT –

- 1) pursuant to Article 228 (4) and (5) of the Constitution, the Controller of Budget should not authorize any withdrawal of public funds by the County Government of Isiolo until the Governor has responded to the issues raised in the summonses to the satisfaction of the Senate; and
 - 2) the National Treasury, pursuant to Article 225 of the Constitution and Section 96 of the Public Finance Management Act, stops forthwith the transfer of funds to the County Government of Isiolo.
5. **NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 2024 AND THE SOCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE (TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE) RULES, 2024**
(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the Social Health Insurance (General) Regulations, 2024 and the Social Health Insurance (Tribunal Procedure) Rules, 2024, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 2nd July, 2024; and that

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pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Senate resolves to annul: -

- i. the Social Health Insurance (General) Regulations, 2024 (Legal Notice No. 49 of 2024);and
- ii. the Social Health Insurance (Tribunal Procedure) Rules, 2024, (Legal Notice No. 48 of 2024).

6. **THE NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations

7. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Crystal Asige, 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 PROVISION OF SANITARY TOWELS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

9. **THE COUNTY WARDS (EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP and Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget.

10. **MOTION – THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NATION**

Order Read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

RECOGNIZING the State of the nation at this moment; the ongoing protests following the passing of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) on 25th June, 2024 by the National Assembly; the loss of lives, maiming and loss of property that has been occasioned following these protests;

COGNIZANT THAT pursuant to Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya declined to assent to the Bill and referred it back to the National Assembly with recommendations to delete all clauses of the Bill;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the conversation on the Finance Bill has triggered the broader important public conversation on the question of the high cost of living juxtaposed against the wasteful expenditure in all public institutions including Parliament;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING the issues raised by the youth and other members of the public to do with corruption, impunity, incompetence within state and public appointments, opulent lifestyles of public officers, unemployment and high cost of living amongst other issues bedeviling the economy;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate–

1. calls upon–

- i) the National Assembly to expeditiously consider the presidential memorandum pursuant to Article 115(2)(a);
- ii) all government ministries, departments and agencies, and constitutional commissions, including Parliament, to put in place austerity measures in undertaking their respective functions;
- iii) the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and other government multi sector agencies in the governance, justice, law and order sector to upscale and make concerted efforts to fight corruption;
- iv) the National Police Service to cease abductions, unlawful arrests, extra judicial killings and exercise restraint in dealing with peaceful and unarmed demonstrators;

- v) release of all persons arrested for planning and participating in peaceful demonstrations relating to the enactment of the Finance Bill;
- vi) the government to waive hospital bills for persons who have been injured and defray funeral expenses for those who lost their lives, during the demonstrations; and
- vii) the Judiciary to prioritize and expedite all court cases relating to the enactment of the Finance Bill and the resultant demonstrations.

2. considers all the challenges facing the country and makes necessary recommendations to address them.

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader – 03.07.2024)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2024 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) for the convenience of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 34(2A), adjourned the Senate at forty -five minutes past Six O'clock without Question put.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at forty -five minutes past six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, July 04, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.*

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