



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 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 Quorum;

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

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FOURTH SESSION**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair –

“Honourable Senators,

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you back from the recess. I believe that you have had the opportunity to spend time with your families and constituents over the Christmas and New Year festivities.

Allow me to take this opportunity to commend you for the tremendous work you did and the amount of time you put in during the Third Session. We must all gear up for what is projected to be an interesting Fourth Session.

Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, in the past week, the Senate held a Mid-term Assessment and Planning Retreat for the Fourth Session under the theme *Shaping the Senate's Legacy: Reflections, Strategies, and the Path Forward*. The objectives of the event were, *inter-alia*, to review its performance in legislative and committee business over the past three sessions and identify best practices; identify challenges that have hindered effective discharge of its representative,

legislative and oversight roles and propose solutions; strategize and set priorities for the Senate's legislative agenda; and to strengthen teamwork, collegiality, and camaraderie in the discharge of our mandate.

I have no doubt that from the vibrant discussions and contributions from Honourable Senators and the distinguished resource persons, we are sufficiently activated to rededicate ourselves to the zealous protection of the interests of the counties and their governments, devolution, and the promotion of accountability and good governance.

From the event, the Senate made specific and measurable resolutions which need to be implemented. These resolutions will be tabled before the Senate Business Committee for the Committee to institute measures to actualize them, in line with its mandate to monitor and oversee the implementation of Senate business and programmes and other matters as may from time to time arise in connection with the business of the Senate. I for one, will do everything in my power to facilitate the full implementation of the resolutions.

Honourable Senators,

Looking forward, and indeed as witnessed during the Mid-term Retreat, we begin the Fourth Session with a full agenda. Notably, there are 12 Bills at the Committee of the Whole stage; 38 Bills at the Second Reading stage, 24 Petitions yet to be concluded as well as follow up on implementation of various resolutions adopted by the Senate during the Third Session, key among them, the resolution on the Current State of the Nation.

Also high on our agenda is the consideration and determination of the Fourth Basis for Revenue Sharing Among County Governments for Financial Years 2025/2026 – 2029/2030. A sneak preview of what is to come was witnessed at the Mid-term Assessment Retreat last week, but its formal consideration will begin in earnest upon tabling of the recommendation of the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) on the Fourth Basis and subsequent referral of the recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget. I look forward to vibrant discussions on this very critical subject, trusting that consensus will be achieved on the matter and hasten to add that my office will extend any necessary support towards that end, for if we all win, our counties win and Kenya wins.

Honourable Senators,

Like in every other Session, and in accordance with Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, Parliament will shortly receive and consider the Budget Policy Statement and thereafter the Division of Revenue Bill and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill.

This critical stage in the budget cycle requires introspection and forthrightness to ensure that the promise of devolution is achieved and that resources are disbursed to the benefit of *mwananchi*. We each have a duty to assert ourselves

in the process and ensure that the resources at both levels of government are shared equitably and used prudently. I urge that we do just that!

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, pursuant to Standing Orders 193(4), 194(3) and 195(6), the County Public Accounts, the County Public Investments and Special Funds and the Delegated Legislation Committees are due to be reconstituted as their terms expired.

Consultations on this matter are ongoing between the Majority and Minority Parties, after which, the Senate Business Committee, will present the names of Senators who will be nominated to serve in the said Committees, to the Senate for approval.

Honourable Senators,

From the aforesaid business and activities, I take this opportunity to impress upon each of us to rededicate ourselves to the execution of our Constitutional mandate and to undertake the task ahead of us with utmost integrity and commitment in service to our great country. My Office, that of the Senate Leadership, and the Secretariat, are always at your disposal to facilitate you to do your work.

Finally, as Honourable Senators have noted, the only business in today's Order Paper is the approval of Senators to serve in the Senate Business Committee. In the event that the Motion is approved, the newly constituted Senate Business Committee will meet at the rise of the Senate to deliberate on and schedule the business for the rest of the week. The meeting will be held in Committee Room 4.

I thank you and wish us all a fruitful Session.”

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION - APPROVAL OF SENATORS TO SERVE IN THE SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 190 and 199(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee for the Fourth Session, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who pursuant to Standing Order 190(1) (a), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

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| 1. Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, EGH, MP               | - Member |
| 2. Sen. Fatuma Adan Dullo, CBS, MP              | - Member |
| 3. Sen. Veronica Maina, MP                      | - Member |
| 4. Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sigei, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Mohamed Mwinyihaji Faki, CBS, MP        | - Member |

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| 6. Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP    | - Member |

6. **MOTION – APPROVAL OF SENATORS TO SERVE IN THE SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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| 4. Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sigei, CBS, MP | - Member |
| 5. Sen. Mohamed Mwinyihaji Faki, CBS, MP        | - Member |
| 6. Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP             | - Member |
| 7. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP                | - Member |

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84(2), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) ruled that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

**RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY**

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 190 and 199(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee for the Fourth Session, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who pursuant to Standing Order 190(1) (a), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

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And there being no other business in the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at four minutes past Six O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. **SENATE ROSE** – at four minutes past Six O'clock.

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

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 9:30 am*

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