REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 9.30 AM

- 1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Nine 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 the Orders of the day.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF POWERS AND PRIVILEGES ON THE CONDUCT OF SENATOR GLORIA ORWOBA, MP

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair -

"Honourable Senators,

By way of background, you will recall that on 2nd August, 2023, the Committee of Powers and Privileges commenced an inquiry, on its own motion, into the conduct of Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP. The Committee sought to make a determination on whether the conduct of the Senator, in relation to the publication of allegations by the Senator on the Senate Business WhatsApp Group, constituted a breach of privilege; and if the conduct was found to be a breach of privilege, appropriate recommendations be made in accordance with the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act and the Senate Standing Orders.

Honourable Senators,

As the Committee of Powers and Privileges was settling down to investigate the matter, Sen. Gloria Orwoba on 4th August 2023, filed a petition in the High Court in Nairobi, being *Nairobi High Court Petition No. E283 of 2023* against the Attorney General, the Clerk of the Senate, the Speaker of the Senate, the Senate Committee of Powers and Privileges and the Senate of the Republic of Kenya. In the Petition, the Senator sought conservatory orders barring the Senate Committee of Powers and Privileges from proceeding with the inquiry into her conduct. The court while certifying the matter as urgent, declined to grant the conservatory orders sought and instead ordered that the application be served and be mentioned on 21st September, 2023 to confirm compliance and for further directions.

The Committee therefore proceeded with the inquiry as per the law. It concluded its inquiry and tabled a report before the Senate thereon on 9th August, 2023, upon which, a Motion for the consideration of the Report of the Committee was debated in the following terms –

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges on the inquiry, on its own motion, into conduct of Senator Gloria Orwoba, MP and to establish if the conduct constituted breach of Parliamentary Privilege, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 9th August, 2023.

Honourable Senators,

You will recall that debate on the Motion commenced on 10th August, 2023 and on 20th September, 2023, the Senate, by Resolution, adopted the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges. The recommendations adopted by the Senate on the matter were that –

- (i) pursuant to section 17(3)(g) of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, 2017, the Senator be suspended from the House for the remainder of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Parliament;
- (ii) pursuant to section 17(3)(d) of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, 2017, restriction of access to the precincts of Parliament as defined in section 3 of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act 2017 and standing order 2 of the Senate Standing Orders and withholding the use or enjoyment of any specified facility provided to Members by Parliament to be applied to the Senator for the remainder of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Parliament; and
- (iii) on resumption of Senate sitting for the Third Session, the Senator, while at the bar apologizes to the Senate, Honourable Senators, the Clerk of the Senate and the secretariat of Parliament before being admitted to the Senate, pursuant to section 17(3)(c) of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, 2017.

This Resolution of the Senate was communicated to the Senator vide letter Ref. No. SEN/RESOLS/24/2023(01), dated 20th September, 2023 and was under implementation by the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

On 28th September, 2023, Sen. Gloria Orwoba again filed a Judicial Review Application (No. E008 of 2023 in Machakos High Court) against the Clerk of the Senate, the Speaker of the Senate, the Senate Committee of Powers and Privileges and the Senate of the Republic of Kenya. The Senator sought leave to apply for judicial review orders to quash the recommendations of the Committee of Powers and Privileges and the resolution of the Senate made on 20th September, 2023. The Senator further sought orders to restrain the Respondents referred to herein above from implementing the recommendations of the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges as adopted by the Senate on 20th September, 2023. The Senator also sought orders to compel the Respondents to give effect to Articles 10, 27, 31, 33, 36, 47, 50 and 117 of the Constitution of Kenya.

On 28th September, 2023, the matter was heard *ex parte* before the High Court at Machakos and orders were issued whose effect was to suspend implementation of the Resolution of the Senate of 20th September, as contained in the report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges, pending a hearing and determination of the substantive Judicial Review Application.

By a Communication from the Chair to the Senate dated 5th October, 2023 in the presence of Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP following the Resolution of the Senate, to adopt the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges on the conduct of the Senator, and having considered this matter after taking into account previous rulings of Speakers of Parliament and court decisions, it was the Speaker's ruling that whereas the Senate was dissatisfied with the conservatory order obtained by Sen. Gloria Orwoba, the Senate shall comply with the said order, while reserving its right to vigorously defend its position in court to demonstrate that the Senate accorded the Hon. Senator due process and that the Senate did not breach the Constitution or any other law in arriving at its decision to suspend the Honourable Senator.

Honourable Senators,

Machakos High Court, JR Application No. E283 of 2023 (Gloria Orwoba Vs. AG, Clerk of the Senate and 3 others) was subsequently transferred to the High Court at Milimani and was heard before Hon. Justice L.N. Mugambi and judgment was delivered electronically on 15th January 2025.

It was the finding of the court that the Petitioner/ Ex-Parte Applicant, Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP -

"was provided with the opportunity to appear and state her case, presumably, even raising all the manner of preliminary issues before the 4th Respondent but she instead opted not to participate and walked out on the 4th Respondent. Having voluntarily refused to participate, I find that there was no infringement of right to fair administrative action or the right to fair hearing in the circumstances of this case.

I thus dismiss this Petition/Judicial Review Application with costs to the Respondents."

The import of the Judgment is that the Court Order staying the Resolution of the Senate on the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges, as well as any other consequential orders in the matters filed by the Honourable Senator have lapsed. The suspension of Sen. Gloria Orwoba may now, therefore, commence.

Honourable Senators,

You will recall that by a Resolution of the Senate dated 20th September 2023, Sen. Orwoba was suspended from the House for the remainder of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Parliament, which session ended on 7th December 2023, as per Standing Order 31(1) of the Senate Standing Orders, which period amounted to 79 calendar days.

However, Sen. Orwoba, MP, obtained leave from the Court staying the resolution of this House. By the wording of the court order, the leave granted operated as a stay of the suspension of Sen. Orwoba MP and her barring from the Senate precincts for the remainder of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Parliament from the date of adoption of the report by the Senate being 20th September, 2023. The consequence of the stay of suspension by the High Court is that Sen. Orwoba, MP did not serve any of her suspension as resolved by the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

In accordance with Section 15 (7) as read together with paragraph 4 of the Third Schedule to the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, the responsibility for enforcing the resolution of the Senate on the report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges, is vested in the Speaker.

Having considered this matter, and taking note of the judgment delivered by the Court on 15th January, 2025 and the orders therein, Sen. Gloria Orwoba shall now forthwith commence her suspension following the Resolution of the Senate of 20th September 2023 to adopt the Report of the Committee of Powers and Privileges on her Conduct.

The seventy-nine (79) calendar days that were to be applied in the year 2023 will, therefore, run from today, Wednesday, 12th February, 2025 to Thursday, 1st May, 2025.

The Office of the Clerk of the Senate is directed to enforce the Resolution of the Senate made on 20th September, 2023, in the terms referred to above.

Thereupon, Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP, withdrew from the Chamber

5. **MESSAGES**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Messages from the National Assembly:

i) on the passage, by the National Assembly, of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2024)

"Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the National Assembly, of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 44 of 2024).

The Message, dated 5th December, 2024 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date, when the Senate had proceeded on recess. It was subsequently circulated to all Senators via a letter dated 6th December, 2024.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message -

"PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 44 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 189 on 1st November 2024 to amend the Public Finance Management Act to provide for financial management in the transfer of functions between the two levels of government pursuant to Article 187 of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered the said Bill and passed it with amendments on Thursday, 28th November 2024 in the form attached hereto; NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration."

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 163, which provides that a Bill that originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order 144, the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 44 of 2024) will be read a First Time as listed in the Order Paper for this morning sitting.

ii) Passage by the National Assembly, of the Public Finance Management (Amendment No. 4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024)

"Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the National Assembly, of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2024).

The Message, dated 6th December, 2024 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date, when the Senate had proceeded on recess. It was subsequently circulated to all Senators via a letter dated 9th December, 2024.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message -

"PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No. 4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 190 on 1st November 2024 to amend the Public Finance Management Act (Cap. 412A) to provide clarity on the effective date for the statutory debt thresholds and to prescribe a framework for the implementation of accrual accounting in government and risk management by Government:

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered the said Bill and passed it with amendments on Thursday, 28th November, 2024 in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110 (4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration."

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 163, which provides that a Bill that originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order 144, the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2024) will be read a First Time as listed in the Order Paper for this morning sitting.

iii) Passage by the National Assembly, of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 48 of 2024)

"Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the National Assembly, of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 48 of 2024).

The Message, dated 6th December, 2024 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date when the Senate had proceeded on recess. It was subsequently circulated to all Senators via a letter dated 9th December, 2024.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message -

"PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 48 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 194 of 1st November, 2024 as a Bill seeking to amend the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, CAP 412C to, inter alia, prescribe the threshold of procurement that shall be exclusively set aside for local firms, and also require all procuring entities to set out specific goods, works and services to be undertaken by a local firm in joint venture procurement;

AND WHEREAS, on Thursday, 28th November, 2024 the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration."

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 163, which provides that a Bill that originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order 144, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 48 of 2024) will be read a First Time as listed in the Order Paper for this morning sitting.

iv) Passage by the National Assembly, of the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024)

"Honorable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the National Assembly, of the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024).

The Message, dated 16th January, 2025 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date, when the Senate was on recess. It was subsequently circulated to all Senators via a letter dated 17th January, 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message –

"PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 32 of 9th February 2024 to provide for the establishment of the Office of the Commissioner for Cooperative Development at the national level of government and the office of the County Director for Cooperatives in each county government and to provide for the promotion, registration and regulation of cooperatives; to provide for inter-governmental cooperative relations; and for connected purposes;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered the said Bill and passed it on 3^{rd} December, 2024 <u>with amendments</u>, in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration."

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 163, which provides that a Bill that originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order 144, the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024) will be read a First Time as listed in the Order Paper for this morning sitting.

6. **PAPERS**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate –

- i) Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kenya;
- ii) The Civil Aviation (Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 5 of 2024;
- iii) The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) recommendations on the County Governments' recurrent expenditure budget ceilings for financial year 2025/2026;
- iv) The Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) recommendations on the Fourth Basis for Revenue Sharing Among the County Governments for financial years 2025/2026 to 2029/20230;
- v) The Auditor General's Report on the County Governments (County Executives) for 2023 2024 (Vol. 1);
- vi) The Auditor General's Report on the County Governments (County Assemblies) for 2023 2024 (Vol. 2);
- vii) Report of the Office of the Controller of Budget (OCOB) on the National Government Budget Implementation Review for the First Quarter for Financial Year 2024/2025;
- viii) The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) Annual Report for Financial Year 2023/2024;
 - ix) The Kenya Law Reform Commission (KLRC) Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023/2024;
 - x) The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) Annual Report and Financial Statement for Financial Year 2022/2023;
 - xi) The Council of Governors (CoG) Annual Statutory Report for 2023/2024;
- xii) The Public Service Commission (PSC) Annual Report for Financial Year 2023/2024;
- xiii) The Public Service Commission (PSC) Report on Citizen Satisfaction and Impact Evaluation on Service Delivery in Public Institutions;
- xiv) The Public Service Commission (PSC) Thirteenth Report on the status of Compliance of the Public Service with Values and Principles in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution;

- xv) The Fourth Medium Term Plan (IV) 2023–2027 booklet by the National Treasury and Economic Planning State Department for Economic Planning;
- xvi) The National Reporting Indicator Handbook for the Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023–2027 by the National Treasury and Economic Planning State Department for Economic Planning;
- xvii) The National Reporting Indicator Handbook for the Fourth Medium Term Plan (IV) 2023–2027 (QR Codes) by the National Treasury and Economic Planning State Department for Economic Planning; and
- xviii) The Fourth Medium Term Plan 2023–2027 booklet (Popular Version) by the National Treasury and Economic Planning State Department for Economic Planning.

(The Deputy Senate Majority Whip)

7. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES OF SELECT</u> COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

THAT, notwithstanding the resolutions of the Senate made on 13th and 19th October, 2022 constituting twenty Select Committees, the Senate resolves to suspend operations of all Select Committees of the Senate, with the exception of the Senate Business Committee, forthwith pending their reconstitution.

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 61 (1), the Senate Majority Leader claimed to withdraw the Notice of Motion for the Suspension of Activities of Select Committees of the Senate.

And the Deputy Speaker acceding to the claim, the Notice of Motion was withdrawn.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2023)

(Vice- Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023), laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024 and further that pursuant to Article 113 (2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167 (3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

Order deferred.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING THE DISCRIMINATION BY TEACHERS SERVICE COMMISSION (TSC) ON PAYMENT OF HARDSHIP AND ENHANCED HOUSE ALLOWANCES TO SOME TEACHERS IN KILIFI AND TAITA TAVETA COUNTIES

(Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Education on a Petition to the Senate regarding the discrimination by Teachers Service Commission (TSC) on payment of hardship and enhanced house allowances to some teachers in Kilifi and Taita Taveta counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 8th October, 2024.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING THE CATASTROPHIC MAIZE DISEASES THAT FARMERS IN BOMET COUNTY HAVE ENDURED FOR THE LAST TWELVE (12) YEARS

(Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP, on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on a Petition to the Senate regarding the catastrophic maize diseases that farmers in Bomet County have endured for the last twelve (12) years, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING GRAFT INVESTIGATION BY THE ETHICS AND ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (EACC) ON THE WEST KANO IRRIGATION SCHEME

(Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP, on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on a Petition to the Senate regarding graft investigation by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) on the West Kano irrigation scheme, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE REGARDING ALLEGED FRAUDULENT DEALINGS AT DIAGEO PLC, EAST AFRICAN BREWERIES LIMITED, KENYA BREWERIES AND UDV (KENYA) LIMITED

(Sen. Betty Montet, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism on a Petition to the Senate regarding alleged fraudulent dealings at Diageo PLC, East African Breweries Limited, Kenya Breweries and UDV (Kenya) Limited, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE ON THE NEED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS BILL

(Sen. Betty Montet, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism on a Petition to the Senate on the need for the introduction of the Hospitality Professionals Bill, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

14. THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 44 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

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

15. THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

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

16. THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ASSET DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 48 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

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

17. THE COOPERATIVES BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024) (The Senate Majority Leader)

The Schate Majority Leader

Order read;

Bill read a First time and committed to the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism.

18. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON MOTIONS

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party official responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party official responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking; and further that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Speaker ruled that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

19. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON ADJOURNMENT **MOTION**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 111(4), the debate on any Motion for the adjournment of the Senate to a day other than the next normal sitting day in accordance with the calendar of the Senate shall be limited to a maximum of two hours, with not more than fifteen minutes for each Senator speaking after which the Senate shall adjourn without question put;

Provided that when the period of recess proposed by any such Motion does not exceed nine calendar days, the debate shall be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes, and shall be confined to the question of adjournment.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Speaker ruled that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

20. PROCEDURAL MOTION - LIMITATION OF DEBATE ON THE MOTION ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 27 (6), the Senate resolves that the debate on the Motion on the President's Address to Parliament shall be limited to a maximum of three sitting days with not more than fifteen minutes for each Senator speaking, excluding the Mover in moving and replying who shall be limited to thirty minutes in either case and that the Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader shall be limited to thirty minutes each.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Speaker ruled that the Motion did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

21. THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT the Environment Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 23 of 2024) be now read a Second time.

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP – 31.10.2024)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 31st October, 2024 resumed;

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

(No. 002) <u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 (MORNING SITTING)</u> (0020)

22. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.