



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 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 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 before the expiry of the ten minutes;

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

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair –

- a) on conduct of business in the Senate**

“Honourable Senators,

It has come to the attention of the Presidium and myself that an increasing number of Senators are absent from the Chamber when their business is listed in the Order Paper. In these instances, some Senators have taken to requesting their colleagues to prosecute the business on their behalf without adhering to the established procedures in the Standing Orders.

Honourable Senators,

I wish to remind you of the provisions of Standing Order 51C (2), which states-

*“A Senator may, in writing, nominate another Senator to ask a Question on his or her behalf where the Senator shall be absent on the day on which the Question is listed.”*

This provision is intended to accommodate unavoidable absences, not to serve as a routine mechanism for delegation. The repeated reliance on this provision by some Senators undermines its intended purpose and erodes the decorum expected of this House.

In light of the foregoing, I hereby direct that, henceforth, no Senator shall be permitted to move business, request, or issue a statement or ask a Question on behalf of another Senator unless a prior request in writing has been submitted and approved in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Honourable Senators,

Another matter of growing concern is that certain Senators are bypassing the proper procedure for approval of their business, particularly with regard to statements. This practice has become frequent and cannot be allowed to persist.

Additionally, I draw your attention to Standing Order 53 (1) and (2), which governs requests for statements and provides as follows-

A Senator may request for a Statement from a Committee relating to any matter under the mandate of the Committee that is of countrywide, intercounty, national, regional or international concern”

A Senator who wishes to raise a matter shall, at least twenty-four hours before the Senate meets on the day on which the statement is proposed to be requested, hand to the Clerk a written notification of the matter, signed by the Senator.”

Honourable Senators,

The Presidium undertakes to strictly enforce this provision. No Statement or Notice of Motion shall be approved or entertained by the Chair during proceedings and Senators are required to adhere to the provisions under Standing Orders 51C (2), 53 (1) and 53 (2).

Honourable Senators are accordingly guided to adhere to these directives and the Standing Orders of this House in the conduct of their duties.

I thank you.”

**b) on visiting delegation from Kiahuko Primary School – Nyeri County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting students and teachers from Kiahuko Primary School, Nyeri County. The delegation comprises Sixty-five (65) students and five (5) teachers who are undertaking a study tour to the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them all the best during their visit.

I thank you.”

5. **MESSAGE - PASSAGE OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (REVENUE RAISING PROCESS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11 OF 2023)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly:

“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 County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2023).

The Message, dated Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), 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 County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2023) was published vide Kenya gazette Supplement No. 37 of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as a Bill seeking to, inter alia, provide for the process to be followed by County Governments in the exercise of their power under Articles 209 and 210 of the Constitution to impose, vary or waive taxes, fees, levies and other charges, and provide for the establishment of the Inter-Agency Transitional Committee;*

*AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill with amendments on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, and in the form attached herewith;*

*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 No. 163 which requires that a Bill which 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 No.144. I direct that the County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 11 of 2023) be listed in the Order paper for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 for First Reading.

I thank you.”

## **6. PAPERS LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate:

Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

*(The Senate Majority Whip)*

## **7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

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

- i) The Senator for Bomet County (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) on behalf of the nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding easy accessibility and illegal sale of the diabetes drug *Ozempic*.
- ii) The Senator for Bomet County (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) on behalf of the nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the prevalence and management of Hepatitis B in Kenya.
- iii) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the enrolment process for senior citizens and people with disabilities into the Social Health Authority (SHA).
- iv) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the alarming rise in gas-related explosions across the country.
- v) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the promotion and development of alternative sports in Kisumu County and across the country.
- vi) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding plans to extend the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to Kisumu County.

- vii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) to sought Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) PLC Wind Power Project in Loyangalani in Marsabit County.

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

The Senate Majority Whip issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

8. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2025 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate, **adopts** the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2025 Budget Policy Statement, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, and pursuant to Section 25 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 186 (7) of the Senate, **approves** the 2025 Budget Policy Statement.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)*

Debate arising;

9. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

Rising on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41, the Senator for Mandera County, (Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, MP), drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the Senate;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum in the Senate, ordered the quorum bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Sitting at nineteen minutes past Five O'clock pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(a) without Question put.

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at nineteen minutes past Five O'clock.

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

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 2:30 pm*