



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 12, 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) Visiting teacher and learners from Hillcrest Preparatory School in Nairobi County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting teacher and learners from Hillcrest Preparatory School in Nairobi County. The delegation comprises one (1) teacher and thirty-five (35) learners, 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.”

b) Visiting student leaders from Mt. Kenya University

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of visiting Students’ Leaders from Mt. Kenya University. The delegation comprises four (4) students, who are in the Senate for a one-day academic exposition on the invitation of the Senator for Bomet (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP).

Honourable Senators,

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

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| 1. Mr. Evans Kiprono Korir | - President; |
| 2. Mr. Kelvin Rono | - Executive Member; |
| 3. Ms. Ivy Cheborei | - Executive Member; and |
| 4. Ms. Yvonne Peter | - Executive Member. |

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.”

5. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(a), the Senator for Narok County (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP) presented to the Senate a Petition by Residents of Olderkesi in Narok County concerning alleged Land Injustices against the Olderkesi community members.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources for consideration.

6. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) The Water (Services) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 54 of 2025.
- ii) The Water (Harvesting and Storage) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 57 of 2025.
- iii) The Water (Resources) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 58 of 2025.

(Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP, on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

- iv) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2025 Budget Policy Statement.
- v) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2025 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy.

*(Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson,
Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)*

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2025 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

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, 12th 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.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2025 MEDIUM TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, the Senate, adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2025 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 12th March, 2025.

9. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the projects funded by the Equalization Fund in Isiolo County.
- ii) The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding alleged financial mismanagement relating to the implementation of the 2km cabro road paving project in Bulapesa Ward, Isiolo County.
- iii) The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the delay in completion of the construction of Ngarendare Bridge in Isiolo County.

- iv) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the government's directive to introduce the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) mid-year examinations.
- v) The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the allocation and distribution of funds for road projects across the counties.
- vi) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the staff recruitment, promotion and development practices at the Nairobi City County Betting, Lotteries and Gaming Control Board.
- vii) The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) on behalf of Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding alleged transfer of gender desks from police stations to public hospitals.
- viii) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the implementation of affordable housing projects in Kisumu County.
- ix) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the proposed 10% land rate policy for Kisumu County.
- x) The Senator for Samburu County (Sen. (Dr.) Steve Lelegwe, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the insecurity facing the residents of Samburu North Constituency, Samburu County.
- xi) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohammed Faki Mwinyihaji, Mbunge) aliomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kawi kuhusu kupotea kwa nguvu za umeme katika Kaunti ya Mombasa na viunga vyake, hususan katika mwezi huu mtukufu wa Ramadhan.
- xii) The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the status of repatriation of Kenyans caught in human trafficking situations.
- xiii) Request for statement by the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding budget allocation and utilization of development funds in Marsabit County was deferred in the absence of the Senator.

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

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 13th February, 2025)
(Division)*

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

11. **THE COUNTY CIVIC EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP)

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 13th February, 2025)
(Division)*

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

12. **MOTION – ADOPTION OF THE 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.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 27th February, 2025)

(Division)

Order read;

Order deferred.

13. **THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025)

(Division)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

14. **MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE JOINT REPORT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS AND THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE (NADCO) AND THE REPORT OF THE MULTI-SECTORAL WORKING GROUP ON THE REALIZATION OF THE TWO-THIRDS GENDER PRINCIPLE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Joint Report of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the Senate Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of the Report of the National Dialogue Committee (NADCO) and the Report of the Multi-Sectoral Working Group on the realization of the Two-thirds Gender Principle, laid on the Table on Thursday, 13th February, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

Debate arising;

Adjournment of debate pursuant to Standing Order 110 (1)

Raising a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 110(1), Nominated Senator (Sen. Joyce Korir, MP) claimed to move –, “THAT, the debate be now adjourned”

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) acceding, to the claim;

Motion made and Question proposed;

“THAT, the debate be now adjourned.”

(Sen. Joyce Korir, MP)

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) ruled that the Question did not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

15. **THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 40 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed –

THAT, the County Library Services Bill (Senate Bills No. 40 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Joyce Korir, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators 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, nominated Thursday, 13th March, 2025, as the day when the Question shall be put.

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.

16. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past six O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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