



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 19, 2025 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a 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. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATED VERSION OF THE WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 33 OF 2023)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly:

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that I have, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to the Gambling Control Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 70 of 2023).

The Message, dated Wednesday, 12th March, 2025, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, 12th March, 2025.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), I now report the Message –

“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148 (b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly—

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 6th December 2023, the National Assembly passed the Gambling Control Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 70 of 2023) and thereafter referred the Bill to the Senate for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 8th October, 2024, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and referred it back to the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution;

FURTHER WHEREAS, on Thursday, 16th January 2025, the National Assembly negated a Motion on consideration of the Senate amendments to the Gambling Control Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 70 of 2023), thereby committing the Bill to a Mediation Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of nine (9) Senators to a Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.”

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution –

- (1) Hon. Daniel Wanyama, CBS, MP;
- (2) Hon. Omboko Milemba, CBS, MP;
- (3) Hon. (CPA) Kuria Kimani, CBS, MP;
- (4) Hon. (Dr.) Jackon Kosgei, MP;
- (5) Hon. Dominic Letipila, MP;
- (6) Hon. Kwenya Thuku, MP;
- (7) Hon. (Dr.) Ariko Namoit, MP;
- (8) Hon. Mark Nyamita, MP; and
- (9) Hon. (Dr.) Irene Kasalu, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166 (2) of the Senate, I have appointed the following Senators to the Mediation Committee –

- (1) Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP;
- (2) Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP;
- (3) Sen. Allan Kiprotich Chesang’, MP;
- (4) Sen. Eddy Gicheru Oketch, MP;

- (5) Sen. Julius Murgor Recha, CBS, MP;
- (6) Sen. Issa Juma Boy, MP;
- (7) Sen. Beatrice Akinyi Ogola, MP;
- (8) Sen. Raphael Chimera Mwinzagu, MP; and
- (9) Sen. Esther Anyieni Okenyuri, MP.

I thank you.”

5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

Nominated Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP, made a statement on a matter of national concern, namely; the state of insecurity in Samburu County.

Thereupon the Senator informed the Senate about the escalating insecurity in Samburu County, highlighting a recent incident on 27th February, 2025, where a public service vehicle was ambushed along the Maralal-Baragoi road resulting in two fatalities and several serious injuries.

The Senator expressed concern over the lack of adequate security measures despite repeated calls for enhanced security. She noted that the Maralal-Baragoi road remains a hotspot for criminal activity, with the government's failure to address the issue allowing criminals to operate with impunity leaving the local community vulnerable and living in constant fear.

The Senator condemned the attacks, conveyed condolences to the families of the victims, and reaffirmed her commitment to advocating for the security and well-being of the people of Samburu, who deserved to live without fear and have the right to travel safely within their county.

The Senator called upon the Ministry of the Interior and National Administration, as well as relevant security agencies, to take immediate action and deploy additional security personnel along the Maralal-Baragoi road to restore stability and security in the area.

b) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the devastating fire outbreaks in Elbarta plains in Samburu North Constituency, Samburu County.
- ii) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding tarmacking of the Siakago-

Soko-Kamumu-Kanyuambora road in Mbeere North Sub-County, Embu County.

- iii) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding alleged shortage of certified seeds at the Kenya Seed Company Limited.
- iv) The Senator for Lamu County (Sen. Joseph Githuku, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the compensation status of victims of human-wildlife conflicts in Lamu County.
- v) The Senator for Lamu County (Sen. Joseph Githuku, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the development spending in Lamu County for the first half of the financial year 2024/2025.
- vi) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the case of insecurity and alleged misconduct of certain police officers in Murang'a County.
- vii) The Senator for Wajir County (Sen. Abass Sheikh, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the outbreak of Kala-azar disease in Wajir County.
- viii) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the welfare of National Government Administrative Officers (NGAOs) in Kisumu County.
- ix) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the status of land ownership and utilization by the Kenya Prisons Service (KPS).
- x) Request for statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. Beatrice Ogola, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the poor living conditions of police officers at Ndhiwa Police Station in Homa Bay County was deferred in the absence of the Senator.

6. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION 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)

Order read;

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.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 18th March, 2025)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

7. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2025 MEDIUM TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget –
18.03.2025)*

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 18th March, 2025 resumed;

And there being no 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. Veronica Maina, MP), acceding to the request, nominated Thursday, 20th March, 2025, as the day when the Question shall be put.

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

8. **SENATE ROSE** – at forty-three minutes past six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 2:30 pm*