Thirteenth Parliament (No. 015)



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 05 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 delegation from Kiaguthu Comprehensive School and Naromoru Township Comprehensive School – Nyeri County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting students and teachers from Kiaguthu Comprehensive School and Naromoru Township Comprehensive School, Nyeri County. The delegation comprises forty-five (45) 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."

b) Visiting delegation from Mama Ngina University College – Kiambu County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from Mama Ngina University College, Kiambu County. The delegation comprises fifteen (15) student leaders and one (1) lecturer 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."

c) Visiting teachers and students from PCEA Ngong Hills Secondary School in Kajiado County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from PCEA Ngong Hills Secondary School, Kajiado North Constituency in Kajiado County. The delegation comprises two (2) teachers and forty-eight (48) students, 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."

d) Visiting teachers and students from Light Academy in Nairobi County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Light Academy in Nairobi County. The delegation comprises five (5) teachers and fifty (50) students, 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.

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I thank you."
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5. **<u>PETITION</u>**

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(b), the Speaker reported to the Senate a Petition by Mr. Francis Otieno, a resident of Pap-Oriang' Sub-Location in Siaya County concerning compensation for sugar cane crop damaged by the Department of Public Works, Roads, Energy and Transport.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing for consideration.

6. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Executive of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- ii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Revenue Fund - County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- iv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Receiver of Revenue County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- v) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a County Assembly Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- vi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- vii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a County Education Scholarship Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- viii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a County Small Traders Empowerment Programme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a County Agricultural Farm Inputs Subsidy and Incentive Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Fort Beverage Industries Company Limited – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

- xi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Municipality of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kenneth Matiba Eye and Dental Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Muriranjas Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kangema Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kirwara Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kigumo Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kandara Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Maragua Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Murang'a for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a Water and Sanitation Company for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Gatamathi Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a West Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxiii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

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- xxiv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Rukanga Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Executive of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Revenue Fund - County Government of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Receiver of Revenue - Revenue Statement - County Government of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Executive Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxx) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Assembly Members and Staff Mortgage and Car Loans Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Education Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Trade and Enterprise Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxiii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Facility Improvement Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxiv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Vihiga County Sports Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Climate Change Fund – County Government of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements Vihiga County Referral Hospital – County Government of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

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- xxxvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements Amatsi Water Services Company Limited – County Government of Vihiga for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Executive of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xxxix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xl) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Revenue Fund - County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xli) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Receiver of Revenue Revenue Statement County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Bomet County Assembly Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xliii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Bomet County (Staff and Public Officers) Car Loan and Mortgage Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xliv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Bomet County Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Bomet County Education Revolving Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of County Climate Change Fund – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Bomet Municipality – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Longisa County Referral Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Ndanai Sub-County Hospital – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Sigor Sub-County Hospital – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kapkoros Sub-County Level 3A Hospital – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Cheptalal Sub-County Level 3B Hospital – County Government of Bomet for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- liii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements Bomet Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) 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 construction of boreholes in Sagante Dakabaricha and Kituruini in Marsabit County.
- ii) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the status of statutory deductions for employees of the County Government of Taita Taveta.
- iii) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the utilization of the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) allocation for constituencies in Taita Taveta County.
- iv) The Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the unsettled electricity bills owed to the Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC by county governments.
- v) The Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding alternative revenue streams for the Kenya Power and Lighting Company PLC.

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- vi) The Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the state of emergency response preparedness and disaster management in Nandi County.
- vii) The Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the employment status of staff contracted by the national government under the Universal Healthcare (UHC) programme during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- viii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the proposal by the Kenya Secondary Schools Head Association (KESSHA) to increase school fees in public secondary schools.
- ix) Nominated Senator (Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding insecurity incidences reported in Bomachoge Borabu Sub County, in Kisii County.
- x) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the rampant cases of banditry in Laikipia West Constituency, Olmoran Ward – Wangwachi area.
- xi) Request for Statement by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the suspension of healthcare services under the Social Health Authority (SHA) insurance cover by private hospitals was <u>deferred</u> in the absence of the Senator.
- xii) Request for Statement by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the challenges faced by beneficiaries of *Inua Jamii* programme following migration to the E-Citizen Mpesa payment platform was <u>deferred</u> in the absence of the Senator.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 resumed on Question to be put;

And the Speaker having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no Quorum in the House, ordered the Quorum bell to be rung for five minutes;

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum after the expiry of the five minutes pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

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

Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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.

9. <u>MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRADE,</u> <u>INDUSTRIALIZATION AND TOURISM ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE</u> <u>ON THE NEED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HOSPITALITY</u> <u>PROFESSIONALS BILL</u>

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism)

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Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th March, 2025 resumed for Question to be put:

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and <u>agreed to</u>.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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.

10. THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 52 OF 2024)

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations.

11. <u>THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF</u> 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 28th November, 2024) (Division)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

13. <u>THE COUNTY CIVIC EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)</u> (Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP)

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

14. 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.

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

Order read;

Order deferred.

15. 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 YEARS

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 years, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

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. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, nominated Thursday, 6th March, 2025, as the day when the Question shall be put.

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

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

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Thursday, March 06, 2025 at 2:30 pm