



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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 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 - VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS**

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, a delegation from the All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs). The APPG is a cross- party-group in the United Kingdom run by and for Members of the Commons and Lords. The delegation is undertaking a one-day visit to the Senate with a view to gaining insights into the legislative processes, the architectural heritage of the buildings, and overall functioning of both Houses of Parliament.

Honourable Senators,

The delegation is being hosted by the Parliamentarians for Global Action – Kenyan Chapter. The Parliamentarians for Global Action is dedicated to

fostering collaboration and undertaking across different parliamentary bodies and jurisdictions.

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

1. Ms. Leigh E. Ingham (Head of Delegation)
2. The Rt. Hon. Baroness Tessa A. V. Blackstone
3. Ms. Kirith K.A. Entwistle
4. Mr. Richard J. Holden
5. Dr. Rupa A. Huq
6. Baroness Doreen D. Lawrence
7. Baroness Carmen Smith
8. Ms. Kim M. Johnson
9. Ms. Ann Mette Kjaerby
10. Edwarda Mendonca – Gray
11. Dr. Rael Mutai
12. Kigen Korir
13. Akaco Ekirapa

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome and wish you a fruitful visit.

Thank you.”

5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT ON THE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA (CBK).**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Message from His Excellency the President:

“Honourable Senators,

I have a Message to communicate from His Excellency the President regarding nominees for appointment as members of the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya.

The Message was received pursuant to Standing Order 47 and was transmitted to the Senate vide a letter Ref. EOP/CAB.26./4A/VOL.VI/ (19), dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025, and addressed to the Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate, by the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service, Mr. Felix K. Koskei. Pursuant to Standing Order 47(1) of the Senate, I shall now report the Message to the Senate.

*“You are most graciously notified that His Excellency the President has, in exercise of the constitutional prerogative vested in the Head of State and Government made nominations to the membership of the Central Bank of Kenya.*

*This presidential action is pursuant to Section 11(2) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act (Chapter 491, Laws of Kenya), which states:*

*“The Chairperson and directors shall be appointed by the President with the approval of parliament.”*

*In that regard and in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act (Chapter 7F of the Laws of Kenya), kindly be pleased to receive the nominees for appointment as members of the Board of the Central Bank of Kenya for consideration by Parliament:*

- i. FCPA Sophie Moturi;*
- ii. CPA Abdullahi Mohamed Abdi;*
- iii. Ms. Beatrice Kosgei; and*
- iv. Mr. David Simpson Osawa Owuor.*

*To facilitate the consideration and approval process of the August House, we are pleased to provide Certificate of Presidential Nomination No. 4 of 2025, along with the Curricula Vitae and Testimonials of all nominees.*

*In light of the Central Bank of Kenya’s crucial role in formulating and implementing monetary policy to achieve and maintain price stability, Parliament is kindly requested to prioritize the consideration of these nominees.”*

Honourable Senators,

Section 11 (2) of the Central Bank of Kenya Act provides that –

*“The chairperson and directors appointed under paragraph (d) of subsection (1) shall be appointed by the President with the approval of Parliament and shall hold office for a period of four years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of four years.”*

In relation to this, Section 3 of the Public Appointments (Parliamentary Approval) Act states that *“an appointment under the Constitution or any other law for which the approval of Parliament is required shall not be made unless the appointment is approved or deemed to have been approved by Parliament in accordance with this Act.”*

As such therefore, Section 8 of the same Act provides that –

*(1) “Unless otherwise provided in any law, a Committee shall consider a nomination and table its report in the relevant House for debate and decision within twenty-eight days from the date on which the notification of nomination was given in accordance with section 5.*

*(2) At the conclusion of an approval hearing, the Committee shall prepare its report on the suitability of the candidate to be appointed to the office to which the candidate has been nominated, and shall include in the report, such recommendations as the Committee may consider necessary.”*

Honourable Senators,

The period on the matter that is now before Parliament, starts running upon the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament committing the names of the nominees to the relevant Committees in the Senate and in the National Assembly.

Standing Order 77 (1) of the Senate provides that upon receipt of a notification of nomination for appointment to a public office under the Constitution or any other legislation, which requires approval by the Senate, the nomination shall stand committed to the relevant Standing Committee for consideration.

This being the case, the Message from His Excellency the President, together with the curricula vitae of the nominees, stands committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget for approval hearing. The Committee is required to hold the approval hearing jointly with the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade of the National Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, the Public Appointment (Parliamentary Approval) Act and the Standing Orders of the Houses of Parliament.

Part XXVI (Joint Committees of Parliament) of the Senate Standing Orders and the corresponding part of the National Assembly Standing Orders shall apply during the approval hearing. I direct the Committees to expeditiously consider this matter and to table a report thereon, within the stipulated timelines.

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, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

**7. QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS****a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)**

- i.) The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. John Methu, MP), made a statement on a matter of both national and international concern, namely; the recognition of World Autism Awareness Day, observed annually on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with the theme for this year being, "*Moving from Surviving to Thriving.*"

The Senator highlighted that in Kenya, children and adults with autism continue to face systemic barriers, including stigma, discrimination, limited access to healthcare, inadequate educational opportunities, and underfunded support systems. He stressed that families raising children with autism often shoulder a significant emotional and financial burden, frequently without sufficient public support.

The Senator also raised concern over the lack of a national autism registry and historical gaps in diagnosis, suggesting that the actual number of individuals on the autism spectrum may be higher than current estimates provided by the Ministry of Health and the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS).

The Senator commended the Senate for the recent passage of the Persons with Disabilities Bill, which for the first time formally recognizes autism and other neurological conditions as disabilities under Kenyan law, the Senator called on all relevant institutions to; intensify public awareness campaigns to combat stigma, ensure early screening and diagnosis of autism in children, provide timely access to therapy and interventions, promote inclusive education for learners with autism, offer adequate support to families in both urban and rural areas, and allocate sufficient resources for the training of specialized teachers, medical professionals, and caregivers.

The Senator urged for the observance of the entire month of April as autism acceptance month, emphasizing the importance of promoting understanding, inclusion, and support for individuals living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

- ii.) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) made a Statement on a matter of national concern, namely; celebrating the life and legacy of the late Prof. Filemona Fundi Indire, who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

The Senator informed the Senate that the late Prof. Indire, a distinguished resident of Vihiga County, was a towering figure in Kenya's academic, diplomatic, and political spheres and was widely regarded as one of Kenya's most accomplished educationists and public servants.

The Senator noted that Prof. Indire began his academic journey at Makerere University, where he studied alongside the late President Mwai Kibaki. He later taught at Friends School Kamusinga before proceeding to the United States where he earned a Ph.D. in Educational Foundations from Indiana University in Bloomington.

The Senator also informed the Senate that Prof. Indire served the country in various capacities: as the Provincial Education Officer for Nyanza, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the first Secretary at Kenya's Embassy in Moscow following independence. In 1966, he was appointed the founding Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Nairobi, and in 1972, he was named Professor of Education by President Jomo Kenyatta — becoming the first Kenyan to hold that title. Between 1983 and 1988, he served as a Nominated Member of Parliament, appointed by President Daniel Arap Moi. In his later years, Prof. Indire continued to inspire future generations by teaching at Maseno University and serving as a Visiting Professor at various universities in the United States.

The Senator stated that Vihiga County, and indeed the entire nation, mourns the loss of this exceptional mind and mentor.

**b) 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 Labour and Social

Welfare regarding the status of employment of Chief Officers in Isiolo County.

- ii.) The Senator for Mombasa County (Sen. Mohammed Faki Mwinyihaji, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the capacity of the County Government of Mombasa to issue building permits and supervise construction sites.

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

The Senate Majority Leader issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.

8. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI CONCERNING RESTRAINING COUNTY GOVERNMENTS FROM HIRING LAW FIRMS TO REPRESENT THEM IN COURT CASES**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations and the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

Order read;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations and the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi concerning restraining county governments from hiring law firms to represent them in court cases, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)  
(Question to be put)***

Order deferred.

9. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2025)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

10. **THE ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

*(Third Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

11. **THE COUNTY PUBLIC FINANCE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

*(Third Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

12. **THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP)

*(Third Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

13. **THE COUNTY ASSEMBLIES PENSIONS SCHEME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Third Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.



14. **THE LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 40 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Third Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

15. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON ITS INQUIRY INTO PERSONAL SECURITY CONCERNS RAISED BY HON. PHILOMENA KAPKORY, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, TRANS NZOIA COUNTY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on its inquiry into the allegations on personal security concerns raised by Hon. Philomena Kapkory, Deputy Governor, Trans Nzoia County laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)*

Debate arising;

16. **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SITTING**

Pursuant to Standing Order No.1, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) suspended the Sitting at Forty-Four Minutes past Five O'clock to allow him to attend to a personal matter.

17. **SENATE RESUMED** – At Forty-Seven Minutes past Five O'clock –Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)- in the Chair.

Debate interrupted resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), the Mover requested the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) to defer putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

And the time being Thirty Minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

18. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

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

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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