



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 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 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 teachers and students from Othaya Girls' High School In Nyeri County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Othaya Girls' High School in Nyeri County. The delegation comprises five (5) teachers and two hundred and forty (240) 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."

b) Visiting teachers and students from St. Peter's Boys Mumias Primary School in Kakamega County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from St. Peter's Boys Mumias Primary School in Kakamega County. The delegation comprises fourteen (14) teachers and three hundred and thirty-four (334) 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."

c) Visiting teachers and students from Kipsoen Boys High School in Elgeyo Marakwet County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Kipsoen Boys High School in Elgeyo Marakwet County. The delegation comprises three (3) 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."

5. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on its consideration of the Social Protection Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2025).

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

- ii) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 15th July, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

6. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) **Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) regarding the recently concluded continental consultation on the Draft Model Law on Labour Migration in Africa, held from 16th to 18th June, 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

b) **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, 15th July, 2025.

7. **THE SOCIAL PROTECTION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for Second Reading read;

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 12th June, 2025)

(Division)

Order Deferred.

8. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The President's Recommendations on the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023)

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

(The Acting Chairperson of Committees (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) – in the Chair)

President's recommendation on Clause 16

THAT, Clause 16 of the Bill be amended by —

- a) inserting the following new subclause after subclause (3) —

“(3A) Where a public officer has knowledge that a family member or a relative has accepted a gift or favour under subsection (1), the public officer shall, within forty-eight hours of such knowledge, or, if not on duty, within forty-eight hours of resumption of duty, make a declaration of the acceptance, giving sufficient details of the nature of the gift or favour accepted, the donor and the circumstances under which it was accepted for purposes of assessment of potential conflict of interest.”

b) deleting subclause (4) and substituting therefor the following new subclause

—

“(4) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence.”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President’s recommendation on Clause 16 be approved.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights – 09.07.2025)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9th July, 2025 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President’s recommendation on Clause 16 - vote deferred.

President’s recommendation on Clause 17

THAT, Clause 17 of the Bill be amended —

- a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the words “public officers” and substituting therefor the words “any person”;
- b) in paragraph (b) by deleting the words “public officers” and substituting therefor the words “any person”;
- c) by deleting paragraph (c).

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President’s recommendation on Clause 17 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 17 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 18

THAT, Clause 18 of the Bill be amended by —

a) inserting the following new subclause after subclause (2)—

“(2A) Where a public officer has knowledge that a family member or a relative has accepted a complimentary treatment in the exceptional circumstances contemplated under subsection (1), the public officer shall, within forty-eight hours of such knowledge, or, if not on duty, within forty-eight hours of resumption of duty, make a declaration of the acceptance, giving sufficient details of the nature of the complimentary treatment accepted, the donor and the circumstances under which it was accepted for purposes of assessment of potential conflict of interest.”

b) deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause —

“(3) A person who contravenes this section commits an offence.”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 18 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 18 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 20

THAT, Clause 20 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new subclause —

“(1) A public officer shall not acquire an interest in a partnership, private company or any other legal entity that is a party to a contract with any reporting entity under which the partnership, private company or legal entity receives a benefit.”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 20 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 20 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 30

THAT, Clause 30 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2).

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 30 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 30 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 31

THAT, Clause 31 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclause after subclause (3)—

“(4) For purposes of this section, “material change” means —

- a) at least twenty five percent increase or decrease in the value of an income, asset or liability;
- b) the disposal or acquisition of an asset or liability;
- c) changes in marital status;
- d) appointment to or changes in directorships;
- e) changes in membership in companies or partnerships and other legal entities howsoever established; or
- f) changes in membership in social associations, societies, clubs, foundations
- g) or trusts.”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 31 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 31 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 35

THAT, Clause 35 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—

“(c) its completeness and correctness.”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 35 be approved.

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

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

President's recommendation on Clause 35 - vote deferred.

Progress report -

Motion made;

THAT, the Committee of the Whole House do report to the Senate its consideration of the President's Memoranda on the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

(Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP)

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Acting Chairperson (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) ruled that the Question does not affect counties;

And the Acting Chairperson (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

9. **HOUSE RESUMED** – (the Deputy Speaker – in the Chair)
10. **THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2023)**

Progress reported;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate do agree with the Committee of the Whole in the said Report.

(Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP)

There being no Senators wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84 (1), the Deputy Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

11. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI CONCERNING THE BRANDING OF PUBLIC PROJECTS WITH IMAGES OF GOVERNORS AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES (MCAs) AND BRANDING OF COUNTY VEHICLES**

Order read;

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi concerning the branding of public projects with images of Governors and Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs) and branding of county vehicles, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025.

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

Debate arising;

Quorum of the Senate

Rising on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41, Senator (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) drew the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate;

And the Deputy Speaker having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of ten minutes;

Debate interrupted resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP replied on behalf of the Mover;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3), the Senator 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, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

12. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI REGARDING THE INTRODUCTION OF A FRAMEWORK FOR RECALLING NOMINATED MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLIES (MCAs)**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi regarding the introduction of a framework for recalling Nominated Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

Order Deferred.

13. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. BAKARI HALIFAN MUNGE AND THREE (3) OTHER RESIDENTS OF KWALE COUNTY REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AWARD BY THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT FOR COMPENSATION TO AND RESETTLEMENT OF THE OWNERS OF RAMISI PHASE 1 BLOCK 5056 IN KWALE COUNTY**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Bakari Halifan Munge and three (3) other residents of Kwale County regarding the implementation of an Award by the Environment and Land Court for compensation to and resettlement of the owners of Ramisi Phase 1 Block 5056 in Kwale County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

Order Deferred.

14. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MS. CHRISTINE NJOKI MWERU REGARDING INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATIONS AND FAILURE TO ARREST AND PROSECUTE SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN THE ABDUCTION AND DISAPPEARANCE OF MR. JOSHUA GICHUKI MWANGI**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on a Petition to the Senate by Ms. Christine Njoki Mweru regarding incomplete investigations and failure to arrest and prosecute suspects involved in the abduction and disappearance of Mr. Joshua Gichuki Mwangi, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th June, 2025.

Order Deferred.

15. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 3 OF 2023 ON THE KENYA POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of the Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2023 on the Kenya Policy on Public Participation, laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 14th May, 2025 and approves Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2023 on the Kenya Policy on Public Participation.

Order Deferred.

16. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF GOVERNANCE IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF GARISSA ARISING FROM A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY SEN. HAJI ABDUL MOHAMMED, MP**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on its inquiry into the state of governance in the County Government of Garissa arising from a Statement sought by Sen. Abdul Haji, MP, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

Order Deferred.

17. **THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2024)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

18. **THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

19. **THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 46 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

20. **THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 49 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

21. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

22. **THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP and Sen. William Kisang, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

23. **THE COUNTY WARDS (EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Karungo Thangwa, MP and Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate at twenty-six minutes past Six O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

24. **SENATE ROSE**

– at twenty-six minutes past Six O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

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

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