



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 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. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR – VISITING STUDENT LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG DIPLOMATS' FORUM (YDF) FROM THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (USIU) – AFRICA**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, of visiting student leaders and members of the Young Diplomats' Forum (YDF) from the United States International University (USIU) - Africa. The delegation comprises forty (40) student leaders including the members of the Student Government (Electoral College and Cabinet) as well as participants of the Young Diplomat Forum (YDF). The delegation is in the Senate for mentorship sessions with the Senate Directorates.

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. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT ON THE NOMINATION OF MR. PIUS ANG'ASA FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF KENYA**

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

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 47 (1), I have received the following Message from His Excellency the President on the nomination of Mr. Pius Ang'asa for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya for consideration by Parliament.

The Message was transmitted to the Senate vide a letter reference EOP/CAB.26/4A VOL.VI/171 dated 21st July, 2025, by the Chief of Staff and Head of the Public Service, Mr. Felix K. Koskei, EGH.

Pursuant to the said Standing Order, I now report the Message –

“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 a nomination 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 nomination of Mr. Pius Ang'asa for appointment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Kenya for consideration by Parliament.

To facilitate the consideration and approval processes of the August House, we are pleased to submit Certificate of Presidential Nomination No. 8 of 2025, along with the Curricula Vitae and Testimonials of the nominee.

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 the nominee.”

Honourable Senators,

The period on the matter that is now before Parliament, starts running upon the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament committing the name of the

nominee to the relevant Committees in the Senate and in the National Assembly.

Standing Order 77 (1) of the Senate Standing Orders 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 Curriculum Vitae and Testimonials of the nominee, stands committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget for approval hearing. The Committee will hold the approval hearing jointly with the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning of the National Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the Central Bank of Kenya Act, the Public Appointments (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.

I thank you.”

6. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) Annual Report of the Office of the Controller of Budget (COB) for financial year 2023/2024.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

- ii) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 29th July, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

7. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

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

- i) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding security situation inside the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and other public health facilities.

- ii) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding increase in university hostel accommodation fees across public universities over the past four years.
- iii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding the sharing of subscriber data held by telecommunication service providers with security agencies in Kenya.
- iv) The Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the expansion of Kiambu Road into a four-lane highway.
- v) Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the quality and durability of solar energy products sold to residents of Kwale County.

b) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)

The Senate Majority Whip issued a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 29th July, 2025.

8. MOTION - REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 2024 JOINT UNITED NATIONS – INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION PARLIAMENTARY HEARING HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM 8TH TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Order read;

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the 2024 Joint United Nations – Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliamentary Hearing held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, United States of America from 8th to 9th February, 2024 laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024.

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP – 23.07.2025)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 23rd July, 2025 (Morning Sitting) resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (1), 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 agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the 2024 Joint United Nations – Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliamentary Hearing held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, United States of America from 8th to 9th February, 2024 laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024.

9. MOTION - APPROVAL OF SITTINGS OF THE SENATE TO BE HELD IN BUSIA COUNTY

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE that the Senate of Kenya is established under Article 93 of the Constitution and its main role, as set out at Article 96 is to represent, serve and protect the interests of the counties and their governments;

FURTHER AWARE of the critical role that the Senate plays in the interlinkage between the National and County levels of government, and the need to enhance the interaction between the Senate and county governments, as a means of bringing the Senate closer to the counties and the general public;

ACKNOWLEDGING the successes made during the sittings of the Senate outside Nairobi held in Uasin Gishu, Kitui and Turkana Counties in September, 2018, 2019 and 2023, respectively;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING the recommendation of the Senate Business Committee that a sitting of the Senate be held away from the traditional premises in Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, during the term of the 13th Parliament; and the subsequent resolution of the Senate made on 8th March, 2023, to hold plenary and committee sittings in the counties for a one-week period within the month of September in every Session of the 4th Senate, except during an election year with the objective to: -

- 1) promote the role and work of the Senate and enhance public awareness regarding the Business of the Senate and Parliament in general;
- 2) highlight existing and new opportunities for engagement in the legislative process;
- 3) develop and strengthen partnerships at the county level of government; and

- 4) provide an opportunity to members and staff of county assemblies to learn and share best practices with Senators and parliamentary officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article 126 (1) of the Constitution, the Senate resolves to hold its Plenary and Committee sittings in Busia County, from 6th to 10th October 2025.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

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 Deputy Speaker acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2024)

Order for Committee read;

IN THE COMMITTEE

(The Acting Chairperson of Committees (Catherine Mumma, MP) – in the Chair)

QUORUM OF THE SENATE

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) drew the attention of the Acting Chairperson (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate;

And the Acting Chairperson (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of the ten minutes;

11. **HOUSE RESUMED** – (The Deputy Speaker – in the Chair)

The Acting Chairperson (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) reported to the Senate the absence of a Quorum at the Committee of the Whole.

Thereupon, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate at twenty-one minutes past Five O'clock without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2)(b).

12. **SENATE ROSE** – at twenty-one minutes past Five O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 2:30 pm

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