



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 AT 9.30 AM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine 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 TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FROM KWANTHANZE HIGH SCHOOL IN MACHAKOS COUNTY**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this morning, of visiting teachers and students from Kwanthanze High School in Machakos County. The delegation comprises one (1) teacher and fifty-five (55) 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. **NOTICE OF MOTION - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 2025, LEGAL NOTICE NO. 71 OF 2025**

(The Vice Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

THAT, AWARE THAT, the Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Strategic and Integrated Environmental Assessment and Environmental Audits) (No.2) Regulations, 2025, Legal Notice No. 71 of 2025 were tabled in the Senate on Wednesday, 9th April, 2025 and referred to the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation for consideration pursuant to Section 12(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act;

COGNIZANT THAT the Committee is required to make a report within twenty-eight sitting days after the date of referral of the instrument by the Senate pursuant to Section 15 (2) of the Statutory Instruments Act which will lapse on Thursday, 17th July, 2025;

AWARE THAT Section 15(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, provides that by a resolution, Parliament may extend the time for consideration of a Statutory Instrument by a period not exceeding twenty-one calendar days;

NOTING that the Committee is in receipt of concerns by the public on the imposition of exorbitant fees, unjustified and punitive fee increments through the said Regulations thus compelling the Committee to further interrogate the issues;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves to extend the timeline for the consideration of Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Strategic and Integrated Environmental Assessment and Environmental Audits) (No. 2) Regulations, 2025, Legal Notice No. 71 of 2025 for a further twenty-one (21) days pursuant to section 15(3) of the Statutory Instruments Act, to enable the Committee consider objections raised by the public and make its resolution on or before 7th August, 2025.

6. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- i) Question No. 063 by the Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation on implementation challenges in the Wikithuki Irrigation Scheme Project was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 096 by the Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation

on delay in commencement of the construction of Kamumu, Thuci and Thambana dams in Embu County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

- iii) Question No. 069 by the Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on Use of privately owned motor vehicles for highway patrols by the Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- iv) Question No. 070 by the Senator for Kilifi County (Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on completion of the Mombasa-Mtwapa-Kilifi Road and other road projects in the coast region was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- v) Question No. 085 by the Senator for Kilifi County (Sen. Justice (Rtd.) Stewart Madzayo, EGH, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status and compensation framework for the planned expansion of Malindi International Airport was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- vi) Question No. 073 by the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on redesign, reclassification and proposed expansion of the Eldoret-Kapsabet-Chavakali Road and the Kapsabet-Chemelil Road was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- vii) Question No. 074 by the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of expansion of the Nairobi-Nakuru-Eldoret corridor was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- viii) Question No. 077 by the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on construction of the Kakuku-Ekalakala-Matuu Road, Thika River-Ekalala-Isyuko ya Kathini and Miu ya Ng'ang'a bridges in Machakos County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ix) Question No. 092 by the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of upgrading to bitumen standard of the 25km Mombasa Road (Devki)-Kinanie Park/ Kinanie Leather Park Road in Machakos County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- x) Question No. 088 by the Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on reduction in the Road Maintenance Levy Fund (RMLF) allocation to Tharaka Nithi County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- xi) Question No. 093 by the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the

rationale and implementation status of the Riruta-Ngong Railway Line construction project was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

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