



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 09, 2025 (AFTERNOON SITTING)

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. **PETITIONS**

- i) Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(b), the Speaker reported to the Senate a Petition by Mr. Tom Mboya Ochieng concerning forced disappearances of young fishermen at the Lake Nakuru National Park.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations for consideration.

- ii) Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(b), the Speaker reported to the Senate a Petition by Mr. Titus Thuku Njoroge concerning purported dismissal by the Africa Inland Church (AIC) of Kenya and non - payment of arrears.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare for consideration.

5. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) The Annual Report of the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) for financial year 2023/2024.

- ii) The Graphic Health Warnings for Tobacco Products, Legal Notice No. 107 of 2025.
- iii) The County Governments Budget Implementation Review Report for the first six months for financial year 2024/2025.
- iv) Bi-Annual Report of the Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) for the period July – December, 2024.
- v) The County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 91 of 2024.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

- vi) Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its consideration of the Community Health Promoters Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 53 of 2022)

(The Senate Majority Leader on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

- vii) Report of the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism on its consideration of the Startup Bill (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2022).

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

- viii) Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on its consideration of the Sports (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 45 of 2024).
- ix) Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Lawrence Ndotu on behalf of one hundred and twenty-five (125) other former employees of Kenya Breweries Limited, concerning failure by Kenya Breweries Limited, Kaplan & Stratton Advocates and Harrison Kinyanjui Advocates to pay compensation awarded to the Petitioners.

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

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LAWRENCE NDOTU ON BEHALF OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE (125) OTHER FORMER EMPLOYEES OF KENYA BREWERIES LIMITED**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Lawrence Ndotu, on behalf of one hundred and twenty-five (125) other former employees of Kenya

Breweries Limited, concerning failure by Kenya Breweries Limited, Kaplan & Stratton Advocates and Harrison Kinyanjui Advocates to pay compensation awarded to the Petitioners, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 9th July, 2025.

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

The Senator for Garissa County (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) made a Statement regarding the outstanding performances by Faith Kipyegon and Beatrice Chebet at the Eugene Diamond League 2025, Prefontaine Classic held on 5th July 2025 in Eugene, Oregon, USA.

Thereupon, the Senator pointed out that, during the Eugene Diamond League, held on 5th July, 2025, in Eugene, Oregon, USA, Faith Kipyegon delivered a phenomenal performance in the Women's 1500 metres, clocking an astonishing time of 3 minutes, 48.68 seconds. This feat broke her previous world record of 3:49.04, set at the Paris Diamond League in July 2023, by 0.36 seconds.

The Senator also stated that on the same evening, Beatrice Chebet demonstrated exceptional brilliance and tactical mastery by winning the Women's 5000 metres and making history by becoming the first woman ever to run the 5000 metres in under 14 minutes, setting a new world record of 13:58.06. This achievement surpassed the previous record, held by Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay since the year 2022, by more than two seconds.

The Senator congratulated Faith Kipyegon and Beatrice Chebet for their incredible victories.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the welfare of teachers serving in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) and other hard-to-serve areas in Kitui County.
- ii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization regarding the rice importation quota granted to Business Bay Square (BBS) Mall in Eastleigh area, Nairobi City County.
- iii) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the demolitions being carried out in Korando-Tiengre and other parts of Kisumu County.

- iv) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the state of health facilities in Kisumu County.
- v) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the role of county governments in the formulation and implementation of national economic planning frameworks.
- vi) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the implementation, access to, and quality of Education under the Competency- Based Curriculum (CBC) in marginalized counties.
- vii) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought a Statement on behalf of the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the continued lack of access to electricity in various neighbourhoods across Nairobi City County.
- viii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Samburu County (Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP) from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the persistent shortage of essential medicines and non-pharmaceuticals in Samburu County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

8. **THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

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

Order deferred.

10. **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. Abdul Haji, MP) – in the Chair)

President's recommendation on Clause 2

THAT, Clause 2 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new definitions in proper alphabetical sequence-

“family” means—

- a) the spouse, dependent child or parent of a public officer;
- b) a dependent child of the spouse of a public officer; or
- c) a parent of the spouse of a public officer;

“relative” means a person who is related to a public officer by birth, marriage, adoption or affinity;

“undeclared asset” means any asset that is not disclosed in the prescribed manner in any declaration year.

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 2 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 2 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 5

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “a reporting authority and” appearing immediately before the words “the Ethics”.

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 5 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 5 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 6

THAT, Clause 6 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new paragraph after paragraph (h) —

“(ha) institute proceedings for forfeiture of undeclared or unexplained assets;”

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 6 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 6 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 8

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting Clause 8 and substituting therefor the following new Clause —

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| Conflict of interest. | 8. A public officer is in conflict of interest if— <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the public officer exercises an official power, duty or function to further his or her private interests or the private interests of another person;b) the private interests of the public officer can reasonably be perceived to impair or influence the public officer's ability to act objectively in the performance of an official duty; orc) the public officer has private interests that could conflict with the duties of the public officer in future. |
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Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 8 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 8 - vote deferred.

President's recommendation on Clause 12

THAT, Clause 12 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (3).

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the President's recommendation on Clause 12 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 12 - vote deferred.

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)

Debate arising;

Quorum of the Senate

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) drew the attention of the Acting

Chairperson (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate;

And the Acting Chairperson (Sen. Abdul Haji, 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** – (Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) – in the Chair)

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

Thereupon, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at thirty-one minutes past Four O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to Standing Order 41 (2)(b).

12. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty-one minutes past Four O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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