



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 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 at 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 pupils from Nyaikungu Primary School in Kirinyaga County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and pupils from Nyaikungu Primary School in Kirinyaga County. The delegation comprises fourteen (14) teachers and one hundred and thirty-nine (139) pupils, 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 Meteitei Secondary School in Nandi County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this morning, of visiting teachers and students from Meteitei Secondary School in Nandi County. The delegation comprises eight (8) teachers and one hundred and fifty-six (156) 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.

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5. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Kigumo Level 4 Hospital – Kiambu County Government for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- ii) The Affordable Housing Regulations, Legal Notice No. 114 of 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

- iii) Report of the Mediation Committee on the Gambling Control Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 70 of 2023)

(The Co-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

6. NOTICE OF MOTION - INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS IN ALL POLICE STATIONS, CELLS AND POLICE REPORTING DESKS
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 51 provides that a person who is detained, held in custody or imprisoned under the law, retains all the rights and fundamental freedoms in the Bill of Rights, except to the extent that any particular right or a fundamental freedom is clearly incompatible with the fact that the person is detained, held in custody or imprisoned;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the National taskforce on improvement of the terms and conditions of service and other reforms for members of the National Police Service and Kenya Prison Service recommended adequate Government funding for the

National Police Service to modernize its facilities, equipment and gear, and enhance its logistical and technological capabilities for National Police Service officers in order to enable the Service discharge its mandate efficiently and effectively;

COGNIZANT THAT the Bill of Rights provides for protection of human rights, prevention of abuse and upholding of the rule of law within detention facilities and police stations;

CONCERNED THAT there has been increasing reports of human rights violations, abuse, unexplained injuries, and deaths in custody, as well as security breaches and escapes from police cells across the country;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT despite the recommendations by the Justice Maraga task force, little or no efforts have been made to ensure modernization of police cells by installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and police reporting desks thereby affecting public trust and accountability on what happens to persons in police custody;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Government, through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration:

1. installs functional and tamper-proof CCTV cameras in all police stations, cells and police reporting desks across the country;
2. ensures that all CCTV systems are monitored in real-time and that footage is securely stored and made accessible during investigations, judicial processes; and
3. provides the necessary resources, technical support, and training to law enforcement officers for the effective operation and maintenance of CCTV systems and continuous digitization of Occurrence Book platforms.

7. **THE KENYA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 72 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget.

8. **THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

9. **MOTION - EXTENSION OF TIME - THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (STRATEGIC AND INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS, 2025, LEGAL NOTICE NO. 71 OF 2025**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

Debate arising;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), 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, 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;

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10. **THE EQUALISATION FUND APPROPRIATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget –
15.07.2025)*

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 15th July, 2025) resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Sen. Boni Khalwale, MP replied on behalf of the Mover;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3), the Mover requested that the putting of the Question be deferred to a later date.

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, nominated Thursday, 17th July, 2025 as the day when the Question shall be put.

11. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made;

THAT, the County Governments Additional Allocations (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 8 of 2025) be now read a Second time.

(Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

12. **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
Thursday, July 18, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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