



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

_____ (No. 016 of 2025) _____

ON THE PASSAGE OF FIVE (5) SENATE BILLS

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(4), I wish to report to the House that I have received five (5) Messages from the Senate regarding its consideration of five (5) Senate Bills.
2. **Honourable Members,** the Messages convey that on Thursday, 7th August 2025, the Senate considered and passed the following Bills, **with amendments** –
 - 1) **The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No. 41 of 2023)** which seeks to provide a legal framework for the recognition, protection and regulation of street vending;
 - 2) **The Local Content Bill (Senate Bills No. 50 of 2023)**, which seeks to facilitate the local ownership, control and financing of activities connected with the exploitation of gas, oil and other petroleum resources; and to provide a framework to increase the local value capture along the value chain in the exploration of gas, oil and other petroleum resources;

3) **The Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 54 of 2023)**, which seeks to amend the Early Childhood Education Act. Additionally, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 162(2) of the Senate Standing Orders, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP, the sponsor of the Bill, has designated the Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP, Member for Samburu West Constituency, as the co-sponsor of the Bill in the National Assembly; and

4) **The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2024)**, which seeks to establish mechanisms for the support of the creative industry to the economy and to establish the Creatives Fund. Additionally, in accordance with the Standing Order 162(2) of the Senate Standing Orders, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP, the sponsor of the Bill, has designated Hon. Irene Mayaka, MP, Nominated Member, as the co-sponsor of the Bill in the National Assembly.

3. In addition, **Honourable Members**, the **Message** conveys that, on Thursday, 7th August 2025, the Senate considered and passed the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 51 of 2024), **without amendments**. The Bill seeks to amend various statutes so as to create a conducive environment for doing business.

4. In this regard, you will note that the Standing Orders require the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message to the House. In view of this, and noting that the House will proceed on recess at the rise of today's Sitting, I direct the Clerk to schedule the five (5) Senate Bills in the Order paper for First Reading when the House resumes.

5. **Honourable Members**, inasmuch I have directed the Bills to be read a First Time, close attention should be paid to **the Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2024)** in line with the provisions of Articles 94(5) and 114 of the Constitution on the introduction of Money Bills and the consideration of Money Bills, respectively. The relevant Committee is therefore urged to take note of the constitutional provisions while considering the Bill.
6. Thereafter, the Bills will stand committed to the following Committees for consideration—
- (1) The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No. 41 of 2023) to the **Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives;**
 - (2) The Local Content Bill (Senate Bills No. 50 of 2023) to the **Departmental Committee on Energy;**
 - (3) The Early Childhood Education (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 54 of 2023) to the **Departmental Committee on Education;** and
 - (4) The Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2024) and the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 51 of 2024) to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.**
7. The Committees to which the Bills have been referred are encouraged to prioritise their consideration and submit their reports as soon as is practicable to enable the House to proceed with the necessary next steps on the Bills.
8. The House is accordingly guided.


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 19th August 2025

