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(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

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(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

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(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

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(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

(Second Reading)

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(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

25. **MOTION - PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**
(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect their interests, determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the County Governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, in the case of *Senate v Council of Governors and 6 others* (Petition 24 and 27 of 2019 (consolidated) 2022) KESC 57(KLR), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Senate's oversight authority extends to both nationally allocated and locally generated revenue;

CONCERNED THAT, that Senators are constrained by lack of access to real time to data from the IFMIS system for the respective counties they represent, thus affecting effective oversight of County Governments;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in some instances data and information presented to the Senate by the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget are received and considered late as a result of the backlog resulting into too much information not getting properly reviewed by Senators;

NOTING THAT, as a result of unchecked financial information and systems, County Governments have continued to accumulate pending bills resulting from unplanned expenditures, unaccounted for and inflated cost of projects;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves, that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the National Treasury shall on a monthly basis forward to the Clerk of the Senate all IFMIS transactions and reports for each County Government for onward transmission to the respective Senator for information on accountability and transparency, in order to strengthen their constitutional oversight and promote good governance in the management of public finances.

26. MOTION - DELINK JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

(Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, the Ministry of Education in Kenya, introduced Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) as part of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) implementation marking a major milestone for the country's education system, and a key opportunity to improve the quality of education available to students;

APPRECIATING THAT, the Junior Secondary Schools program play a vital role in shaping the academic trajectory of learners by providing students with a strong foundation in core subjects, helping them develop essential skills and offering them opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities promoting greater social inclusion;

CONCERNED THAT, the integration of Junior Secondary Schools within primary school setups has posed major challenges for Junior Secondary teachers, including inadequate training on the new competency-based curriculum, limited opportunities for career advancement, conflict in leadership, decision-making and resource allocation leading to strained relationships with head teachers;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) face critical shortages in essential infrastructure such as laboratories, libraries, ICT hubs, and science equipment necessary for the implementation of the JSS curriculum, coupled with inadequate access to approved learning materials and teaching resources, resulting in inconsistencies in curriculum delivery hindering effective teaching, learning, and overall student development;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Education, the Teachers Service Commission and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development should:--

- i) Provide for an independent administrative and operational framework for Junior Secondary Schools to enhance governance, streamline management, and create a more focused learning environment for the learners;
- ii) Allocate adequate funds for the construction and equipping of Junior Secondary Schools with essential facilities such as science labs, libraries and ICT rooms, and provide adequate learning materials relevant with the curriculum;

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- iii) Offer professional development programs for Junior Secondary School teachers to help them specialize in specific subjects to effectively implement the JSS curriculum;
- iv) Develop a clear career progression framework for Junior Secondary School teachers, including opportunities for promotions and additional responsibility allowances;
- v) Formulate clear policies and guidelines outlining the structure, curriculum, and management of Junior Secondary Schools; and
- vi) Ensure an optimal teacher-student ratio to facilitate personalized student attention and effective learning.

NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 11th February, 2026 as follows: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner: -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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******- Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill**

*****- Denotes a National Assembly Bill**

**** - Denotes a Committee Bill**

***- Denotes any other Bill**

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS**A. *THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, intends to move the following amendments to the Nuts and Oil Crops Development Bill (Senate Bills No. 47 of 2023), at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 3

THAT Bill be amended by deleting clause 3 and substituting therefor the following new clause —

3. The object of this Act is to —

- (a) regulate the nuts and oil crops subsector;
- (b) promote a globally competitive nuts and oil crops subsector;
- (c) increase production and processing of safe and healthy nuts and oil crops produce and products;
- (d) promote value addition to the nuts and oil crops produce and their products;
- (e) generate higher income for the nuts and oil crops farmers and traders by introducing improved varieties of the nuts and oil crops produce with higher yield;
- (f) provide continuous and sustained research and extension services for the development of the nuts and oil crops subsector;
- (g) facilitate the introduction of modern nuts and oil crops farming techniques and general modernization of their subsector; and
- (h) implement effective marketing strategies.

CLAUSE 4

THAT clause 4 of the Bill be amended —

- (i) in subclause (3) deleting the word “Kilifi” appearing immediately after the words “shall be in” and substituting therefor the word “Nairobi”; and
- (ii) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (3)—
(3A) The Board may establish such other offices in Kenya as it may consider necessary for the discharge of its functions under this Act.

CLAUSE 5

THAT clause 5 of the Bill be amended –

- (a) in subclause (1) by deleting the introductory clause and substituting therefor the following new introductory clause —

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- (1) The Board shall consist of—
- (b) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (c)—
 - (ca) the Principal Secretary responsible for finance or a representative nominated by the Principal Secretary in writing;
- (c) in subclause (1) by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - (d) three persons with five years' experience in the nuts and oil subsector appointed by the cabinet secretary, of whom—
 - (i) one shall be a farmer representing the nuts subsector;
 - (ii) one shall be a farmer representing the oil crops subsector; and
 - (iii) one shall be a processor.;
- (d) by deleting paragraph (e) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - (e) one person with five years' experience in the nuts and oil crops subsector, nominated by the Council of Governors;
- (e) in subclause (2) by inserting the words “as a member of the Board” appearing in the introductory clause immediately after the words “for appointment”.
- (f) by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
 - (3) In making appointments under subsection (1)(d), the Cabinet Secretary shall ensure that not more than two-thirds of the appointees are of the same gender, and shall give due consideration to diversity in age, regional and ethnic background.

CLAUSE 6

THAT clause 6 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in the marginal note by deleting the word “member” appearing immediately after the word “appointment as a” and substituting therefor the word “chairperson”;
- (b) in the introductory clause by deleting the word “member of the Board” appearing immediately after the words “appointment as a” and substituting therefor the word “chairperson”;
- (c) in paragraph (b) by deleting the word “and” appearing immediately after the words “in Kenya;”;
- (d) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b)—
 - (ba) has knowledge and experience of at least ten years in matters relating to agriculture; and.

CLAUSE 7

THAT clause 7 of the Bill be amended by deleting the words “section 6” and substituting therefor the words “section 5”.

CLAUSE 9

THAT clause 9 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the words “crop industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil” and substituting therefor the word “crops subsector”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
- (c) make recommendations to the Cabinet Secretary on the development of national strategies, plans and policies relating to the nut and oil crop subsector;
- (d) in paragraph (e) by deleting the words “crop industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil” and substituting therefor the word “crops subsector”;
- (e) in paragraph (f) by deleting the words “crop industry” appearing immediately after the words “nut and oil” and substituting therefor the word “crops subsector”.
- (f) In paragraph (g) by deleting the words “marketing and the exportation” appearing immediately after the words “regulate the” and substituting therefor the words “import and export”;
- (g) in paragraph (h) by deleting the word “industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil crops” and substituting therefor the word “subsector”;
- (h) in paragraph (i) by—
 - (i) deleting the words “crop industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil” and substituting therefor the word “crops subsector”; and
 - (ii) deleting the word “and” appearing immediately after the words “Kenya Bureau of Standards;”
- (i) in paragraph (j) by deleting the word “coordinate” appearing at the beginning of the paragraph and substituting therefor the word “facilitate”.
- (j) by deleting paragraph (k) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—
 - (k) support counties in the development of programmes for farmer assistance including access to farm inputs and affordable credit facilities; and
- (k) by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (k)—
 - (ka) carry out such other functions as may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or conferred under any other law.

CLAUSE 10

THAT clause 10 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the word “industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil crops” and substituting therefor the word “subsector”.

CLAUSE 13

THAT clause 13 of the Bill be amended in subclause (3) by deleting the word “five” appearing immediately after the words “a term of” and substituting therefor the word “three”.

CLAUSE 17

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 17 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

17. (1) Liability shall not attach to the Board or to any of its members, officers, agents or staff for loss or damage incurred as a result of an act or omission done in good faith and without negligence in the performance or exercise or the intended performance or exercise of any duty or power imposed by or conferred under this Act.

(2) Any expenses incurred by any person in any suit or prosecution brought against him or her in any court, in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him or her under the direction of the Board, shall, if the court holds that such act was done in good faith, be paid out of the funds of the Board, if such expenses are not recovered by the person in such suit or prosecution.

(3) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not relieve the Board of the liability to pay compensation or damages to any person for any injury to him or her, his or her property or any of his or her interests caused by the exercise of any power conferred by this Act or any other written law or by the failure, wholly or partially, of any works.

CLAUSE 19

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 19.

CLAUSE 20

THAT clause 20 of the Bill be amended—

- (i) in subclause (1) by deleting the words “Schedule” appearing immediately after the words “accordance with the” and substituting therefor the words “First Schedule”
- (ii) in subclause (2) by deleting the words “Schedule” appearing immediately after the words “provided in the” and substituting therefor the words “First Schedule”.

CLAUSE 21

THAT clause 21 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting the word “Government” appearing immediately after the words “National”;

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- (b) in paragraph (b) by inserting the word “warehouses,” immediately after the words “nursery operators,”;
- (c) by deleting paragraph (c);
- (d) in paragraph (d) by deleting the word “crop industry” appearing immediately after the words “nuts and oil” and substituting therefor the word “crops subsector”;
- (e) in paragraph (i) by inserting the words “farm inputs, affordable” immediately after the words “promote access to”; and
- (f) by inserting a new paragraph immediately after paragraph (k)—
 - (ka) promote the diversification of nuts and oil crop products and by-products at the county level;

CLAUSE 22

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 22.

CLAUSE 23

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 23.

CLAUSE 25

THAT clause 25 be amended—

- (a) in the marginal note by deleting the words “of processors”;
- (b) in subclause (1) by inserting the words “marketing, export or import” immediately after the words “in the processing,”;
- (c) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (1)—
 - (1A) Despite subsection (1), the Board shall, in consultation with county governments, develop a licensing framework for small-scale processors of nuts and oil crops intended for domestic markets, with county governments responsible for issuing trade licences to small-scale processors operating within their respective counties.
- (d) by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
 - (2) A person who intends to process, market, export or import nuts and oil crop products shall submit an application to the Board in the prescribed form together with—
 - (a) such documents and information as the Board may prescribe; and
 - (b) the prescribed fees.
- (e) in subclause (3) by—
 - (a) deleting the words “A county executive committee member” appearing in the introductory clause and substituting therefor the words ‘The Board’; and

- (b) deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “conditions as the” in paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the word “Board”.
- (f) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “by the respective county executive committee member,” appearing after the words “the applicant”.
- (g) in subclause (5) by —
 - (a) deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “Where the” and substituting therefor the word “Board”; and
 - (b) deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “grant a licence, the” and substituting therefor the word “Board”;
- (h) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (5)—
 - (5A) In this section, a small-scale processor means a person or enterprise engaged in the processing of nuts and oil crops using limited capital investment and basic or semi-mechanized equipment, whose annual processing capacity does not exceed the threshold prescribed by the Board and whose operations are primarily intended to serve domestic markets.

CLAUSE 26

THAT clause 26 of the Bill be amended—

- (a) in subclause (1) by —
 - (a) deleting the words “A county executive committee member” appearing at the beginning of the subclause and substituting therefor the word “The Board”; and
 - (b) deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “manner as the” and substituting therefor the word “Board”.
- (b) in subclause (2)—
 - (a) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing in the introductory clause and substituting therefor the word “Board”;
 - (b) by deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “lodged with the” in paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the word “Board”.
- (c) in subclause (3) by —
 - (a) deleting the words “The county executive committee member” appearing at the beginning of the subclause and substituting therefor the words “The Board”;
 - (b) deleting the words “county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “such conditions as the” and substituting therefor the word “Board”.

CLAUSE 27

THAT clause 27 of the Bill be amended—

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(a) in subclause (1)—

(a) by deleting the words “The county executive committee member” appearing at the beginning of the subclause and substituting therefor the word “The Board”; and

(b) by deleting the words “or county legislation” appearing immediately after the words ‘this Act’ in paragraph (a).

(b) in subclause (2) by deleting the introductory clause and substituting therefore the following new introductory clause—

(2) The Board shall not revoke the licence under subsection (1)(a) unless the Board—

CLAUSE 28

THAT clause 28 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in subclause (2) by —

(a) deleting the words “The county executive committee member” appearing at the beginning of the subclause and substituting therefor the words “The Board”; and

(b) deleting the words “committee member” appearing immediately after the words ‘period as the’ and substituting therefor the word ‘Board’.

(b) in subclause (3) by deleting the words ‘county executive committee member’ appearing immediately after the words ‘such notice, the’ and substituting therefor the word ‘Board’;

(c) in subclause (4) by deleting the words ‘county executive committee member’ appearing immediately after the words ‘cancelled by the’ and substituting therefor the word ‘Board’.

CLAUSE 29

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 29 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

29.(1) An applicant who is aggrieved by the decision of the Board not to issue a licence under this Act may, within fourteen (14) days from the date of receiving the decision, submit a written appeal to the Board for review.

(2) The Board shall consider the appeal and provide a response within fourteen days of receiving the appeal and may—

(a) uphold its original decision;

(b) reverse its decision and issue the licence; or

(c) take any other action that is deemed appropriate for the implementation of this Act.

(3) If the applicant is still aggrieved by the Board’s decision after the review, the applicant may, within fourteen days of receiving the decision on the appeal to the Board file an appeal to the High Court.

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CLAUSE 35

THAT clause 35 of the Bill be amended by—

- (a) deleting the word “industry” appearing after the words “nuts and oil crops” and substituting therefor the word “subsector”; and
- (b) deleting the words “cotton industry” appearing immediately after the words ‘development of the’ and substituting therefor the words “nuts and oil crops subsector.”.

CLAUSE 37

THAT clause 37 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by—

- (a) deleting the words ‘of not less than twenty thousand shillings’ appearing immediately after the words ‘to a fine’ and substituting therefor the words ‘not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings’; and
- (b) deleting the words ‘six months, or to’ appearing immediately after the words ‘not exceeding’ and substituting therefor the words ‘one year or’.

CLAUSE 38

THAT clause 38 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may provide for —
 - (a) conditions for registration;
 - (b) forms to be used in the application for registration, and related activities;
 - (c) the process of application for registration and related activities; and
 - (d) the regulation of contracts between growers, processors and other players in the nut and oils subsector industry;
 - (e) the procedure for licensing and regulation of marketing agents, transporters, processors, exporters, and importers;
 - (f) the forms and fees payable in respect of any matter required to be done under this Act;
 - (g) mechanisms for dispute resolution within the nuts and oil crops subsector;
 - (h) the standards and procedures for the grading and classification of nuts and oil crops and their products;
 - (i) food safety requirements, including standards for handling, transportation, processing, and marketing of nuts and oil crops produce, and products; and
 - (j) the duration and renewal periods for licences and registration certificates issued under this Act.

CLAUSE 44

THAT clause 44 of the Bill be amended by deleting the word “Authority” appearing immediately after the words “made by the” and substituting therefor the word ‘Board’.

NEW CLAUSE**CLAUSE 35A**

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 35—

35A. Declaration of nuts and oil crops.

- (1) The crops specified in the Second Schedule are nuts and oil crops for purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Cabinet Secretary may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare any other crop to be a nuts and oil crop for purposes of this Act.

SCHEDULE

THAT the Bill be amended by renumbering the existing Schedule as the First Schedule.

NEW SCHEDULE

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new schedule immediately after the First Schedule—

SECOND SCHEDULE**(s. 2)****NUTS AND OIL CROPS**

1. Coconut
2. Cashew nut
3. Macadamia nut
4. Ground nuts
5. Castor beans
6. Sunflower
7. Oil seed jojoba
8. Shied safflower
9. Sesame
10. Linseed
11. Oil Palm
12. Bambara nut
13. Cotton seed

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended by—

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- (a) deleting the definition of the word ‘nuts and oil crops’ and substituting therefor the following new definition—
 - “nuts and oil crops” mean the crops set out in the Second Schedule to this Act;
- (b) deleting the definition of the word ‘processor’ and substituting therefor the following new definition—
 - “processor” means a person who transforms nuts and oil crops produce or products into various end-use products; and
- (c) inserting the following new definitions in their proper alphabetical sequence—
 - “grower” means a person, whether small-scale or large-scale, who cultivates nuts and oil crops for commercial purposes, and excludes those who grow nuts and oil crops solely for subsistence;
 - “processing” means the alteration, extraction, refinement or transformation of nuts or oil crops from their raw state into a usable or marketable form, and includes shelling, drying, crushing, pressing, refining, fortifying, packaging or any other activity that enhances the value or shelf-life of nuts or oil crops.

LONG TITLE

THAT the long title of the Bill be amended by inserting the word “Development” immediately after the words “establish the Nuts and Oil Crops”.

B. **THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)

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

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, intends to move the following amendments to the Heritage and Museums Bill (Senate Bills No. 8 of 2023), at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 31

THAT clause 31 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the words “and council of county governors” immediately after the words “the Board”.

CLAUSE 41

THAT clause 41 of the Bill be amended by deleting the marginal note and substituting therefor the following new marginal note —

Compulsory protection order.

CLAUSE 43

THAT clause 43 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by —

(a) deleting paragraph (c);

(b) deleting paragraph (d) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(d) research in fields of scientific, technological, biomedical or human interest; and

(c) deleting paragraph (e).

CLAUSE 98

THAT the Bill be amended by deleting clause 98.

CLAUSE 100

THAT clause 100 (1) of the Bill be amended by—

(a) inserting the words “in consultation with council of county governors” immediately after the words “Cabinet Secretary may” in the introductory clause; and

(b) deleting paragraph (c).

NEW CLAUSE 99A

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clause immediately after clause 99 —

Consultation between the National and county governments. **98A.** (1) The national and county governments shall perform their functions and powers under this Act on the basis of consultation and cooperation.

(2) The National Museums of Kenya shall, in carrying out its functions under this Act, consult council of county governors on any matter that affects the functions and powers of county governments.

C. **THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, SENATE BILLS
NO. 10 OF 2024**

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights, intends to move the following amendments to the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 10 of 2024), at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended in the proposed new section 24A by—

- (a) deleting the word “regulatory-making” appearing immediately after the word “a” at the beginning of the proposed subsection (1) and substituting therefor the word “regulation-making”;
- (b) deleting the word “regulatory-making” appearing immediately after the words “be made the” in the proposed subsection (2) and substituting therefor the word “regulation-making”;
- (c) deleting the proposed subsection (3);
- (d) deleting the proposed subsection (4) and substituting therefor the following new subsection —

(4) If a regulation-making authority under subsection (1), without a reasonable cause, fails to make a statutory instrument within the required timelines—

(a) the responsible Cabinet Secretary; or

(b) any other person authorised to make a statutory instrument under an Act of Parliament;

commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine and not exceeding two million shillings.

- (e) inserting the following new section immediately after the proposed new section 24A —

Petition to make a statutory instrument. **24B.** (1) If a regulation-making authority fails to make a statutory instrument within the specified time, any person may petition Parliament and may submit the petition together with a draft of the statutory instrument for consideration.

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(2) A person shall submit the petition in accordance with the Petitions to Parliament (Procedure) Act.

(3) If the relevant House allows the petition, the Clerk of that House shall within seven days of tabling the report submit to the regulation-making authority a copy of —

(a) the report containing the decision of the House for implementation; and

(b) the draft statutory instrument, if any, that was submitted by the petitioner, for consideration.

(4) The regulation-making authority shall implement the recommendations of the House within sixty days of receipt of the report.

APPENDIX**1. NOTICES OF MOTION****i) MAINSTREAMING GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PROCESSES**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees the right to equality and freedom from discrimination, with Article 27(3) providing that women and men have the right to equal treatment, including the right to equal opportunities in political, economic, cultural and social spheres;

FURTHER AWARE that Article 27(8) obligates the State to take legislative and other measures to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups as a result of past discrimination, and to ensure that not more than two-thirds of members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender;

COGNIZANT THAT mainstreaming gender perspectives in all aspects of governance is essential to achieving inclusive development and safeguarding the rights and welfare of all citizens, particularly women, girls and other marginalized groups;

CONCERNED THAT the integration of gender considerations remain inconsistent across the two levels of government and that legislative processes have often resulted to policies that do not adequately address gender-specific needs and realities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate:

- i) urges Parliament, County Assemblies and their respective legislative committees to incorporate a gender analysis in the scrutiny of legislation, policies, programmes and budgets before them, including through the use of gender impact assessments and consultation with gender-focused stakeholders to ensure gender-responsive governance;
- ii) recommends that the National Gender and Equality Commission and the State Department for Gender develops clear guidelines and tools to support the integration of gender perspectives in legislative, policy and budgetary analysis, and ensures these are disseminated and adopted by relevant government and legislative bodies;
- iii) further urges the National Gender and Equality Commission and State Department for Gender to collaborate with the Kenya Law Reform Commission, and County Assembly Service Boards to build capacity for gender analysis among technical and legislative staff;

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- iv) urges the State Department for Gender to submit to Parliament a comprehensive biannual report detailing actions taken by Ministries, Departments and Agencies to promote gender mainstreaming, key achievements, emerging challenges, and proposed interventions; and
- v) resolves that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare continuously monitor the implementation of these resolutions and tables biannual report on the status of implementation.

ii) PROMOTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION POLICY IN KENYA

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining economies globally through emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and financial technology (Fintech);

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya has made commendable strides in digital infrastructure and mobile innovation, positioning itself as a potential leader in Africa's tech-driven future;

NOTING THAT in a landmark decision, the African Union Executive Council endorsed the Continental AI Strategy during its 45th Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, on July 18-19, 2024 to underscore Africa's commitment to an Africa-centric, development-focused approach to AI, promoting ethical, responsible, and equitable practices;

COGNIZANT THAT the Continental AI Strategy calls for unified national approaches among AU Member States to navigate the opportunities of AI-driven change, aiming to strengthen regional and global cooperation and position Africa as a leader in inclusive and responsible AI development;

APPRECIATING THAT the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy recently formulated and launched the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2025-2030;

RECOGNIZING the need to align Kenya's development with global standards in AI adoption while also safeguarding national values, inclusivity, and employment;

CONCERNED THAT the absence of a comprehensive framework may hinder innovation among local start-ups and youth-led tech enterprises and slow down Kenya's ability to harness AI for inclusive growth;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy develops a Policy to promote Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies with particular emphasis on:

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) facilitating ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and beneficial application of AI;
- iii) creating innovation-friendly ‘Sandboxes’ for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills and innovation ecosystems; and
- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum to prepare the next generation for the digital economy.

2. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

- i) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of pending bills for the County Government of Bungoma.
- ii) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the deteriorating infrastructure at the Wilson Airport in Nairobi City County.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the measures being undertaken by the host County Governments of Kenya’s chartered cities to facilitate access to basic services for the urban poor.
- iv) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources concerning deforestation linked to the growing use of firewood and wood-based biomass fuel by large manufacturing companies.
- v) The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the performance of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) in soil testing and analysis.

- vi) The Senator for Nakuru County (Sen. Tabitha Keroche, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the allocation of Kisima land in Njoro Sub-County, Nakuru County to civil servants.

b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)

The Senate Majority Leader to issue a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 17th March, 2026.

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1))

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

A. BILLS AT SECOND READING

- i. *THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 46 OF 2023)
(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)
- ii. *THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 49 OF 2023)
(Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP)
- iii. *THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)
- iv. *THE COUNTY WARDS (EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2024)
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP and Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP)
- v. *THE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 32 OF 2024)
(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP)

B. MOTIONS

- i. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE REPORT ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KITUI, MAKUENI AND MACHAKOS COUNTIES
(The Chairperson Standing Committee on Health)
 - ii. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON INQUIRY INTO THE SHORTAGE OF SMART ENERGY METERS IN KENYA AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THEIR LOCAL MANUFACTURING
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)
 - iii. DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KENYA AS A NATIONAL DISASTER
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)
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