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*The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings at 2.32 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. Kingi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Clerk, do we have quorum?

(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted with the Speaker)

Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly ring the Quorum Bell for 10 minutes.

(The Quorum Bell was rung)

The Speaker Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly stop the Bell. We now have quorum.
Clerk, proceed to call the first Order.

(Hon. Members stood in their places)

Hon. Senators, take your seats.

(Loud consultations)

Senator for Kilifi and Sen. Veronica, take your seats.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**DEMISE OF HON. JOHANA KIPYEGON NG'ENO, CBS, MP**

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, I have a Communication to make on the passing on of the late Hon. Johana Kipyegon Ng'eno, CBS, MP, Member of the National Assembly for Emurua Dikirr Constituency.

The late Hon. Ng'eno lost his life on the evening of Saturday, 28th February, 2026, in a helicopter crash in the Chepkiep area of Mosop Constituency in Nandi County. The accident claimed his life and that of five other persons who also tragically perished.

Hon. Senators, the late Hon. Johana Ng'eno was born on 12th December, 1972, in Narok County. He began his early education at Mogondo Primary School before proceeding to Maseno National School for his secondary education. He later pursued higher education at Kyiv TSN University in Ukraine, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in International Law.

Upon his return to Kenya, the late Hon. Ng'eno advanced his academic and professional credentials by obtaining a Master of Arts degree in International Studies and a Bachelor of Laws degree, as well as a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. His distinguished academic journey culminated in his admission to the Bar as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya in 2025.

Before joining elective politics, the late Hon. Ng'eno served as a Director at the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) from 2008 to 2012, where he gained valuable experience in public sector management and administration. In 2013, he joined elective politics and was elected as the Member of the National Assembly for Emurua Dikirr Constituency. He was subsequently re-elected in successive general elections, thus serving his third consecutive term in Parliament at the time of his demise.

Hon. Senators, during his first tenure in Parliament, the late Hon. Ng'eno served in various committees in the National Assembly, including, the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and the Public Investments Committee. In the 12th Parliament, he further served in the Committee of Powers and Privileges, the National Government Constituencies Development Fund (NG-CDF) Committee and again in the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

At the time of his passing, the late Hon. Ng'eno was serving as the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning and Public Works and as a Member of the Liaison Committee. He discharged responsibilities with diligence, distinction and unwavering commitment. One of his major hallmarks in the 13th Parliament was the publication of the Quantity Surveyors Bill, 2026, which seeks to provide a legal framework for the training and registration of quantity surveyors and other specified professionals, and to regulate the practice of quantity surveying in Kenya.

Hon. Senators, beyond his work within Parliament, the late Hon. Ng'eno was committed to improving the lives of the people of Emurua Dikirr, particularly in the areas of education, community welfare and peaceful coexistence. He championed access to education by facilitating the provision of school buses to several institutions and ensuring the timely disbursement of NG-CDF bursaries to needy students.

The late Hon. Ng'eno was also actively involved in promoting peace and social cohesion, often mediating inter-community conflicts and supporting vulnerable families facing hardship in his constituency. He truly appreciated African culture and passionately promoted cultural activities, local talent and the welfare of local artists. He was the founder and patron of the Kalenjin Music Festival, an annual event that has grown into a significant platform for cultural expression.

Indeed, it is particularly poignant that the tragic helicopter crash that claimed his life occurred as he was returning from Endebbes where he had graced the 35th anniversary celebration of the music of local artist Kim.

In recognition of his astute leadership, contribution to nation-building and his role in marshalling legislative business, the late Hon. Ng'eno was conferred the honour of Chief of the Burning Spear (CBS) by His Excellency the President in December, 2023.

Hon. Senators, the passing of Hon. Johana Kipyegon Ng'eno is a profound loss to the parliamentary fraternity and to the nation at large. We have lost an astute, courageous and principled legislator who served his constituents and the Republic with dedication and integrity. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and the people of Emurua Dikirr during this difficult period of mourning.

In consultation with the leadership of Parliament, an Ad Hoc Parliamentary Funeral Planning Committee comprising fifteen Members has been established to coordinate arrangements for a befitting send-off for the late Hon. Ng'eno and the other victims of the tragic crash.

The Committee includes the following Senators-

- (1). Sen. Wafula Wakoli, CBS, MP;
- (2). Sen. Hillary Sigei, CBS, MP;
- (3). Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP.

A condolence book has also been opened at the Senate reception, main Parliament Buildings to afford hon. Senators, Members of the National Assembly and parliamentary staff an opportunity to convey their messages of condolences to the family of our departed colleague. On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Hon. Johana Kipyegon Ng'eno, CBS, MP, to the residents of Emurua Dikirr Constituency and to the families of all those who lost their lives in the tragic accident.

Finally, hon. Senators, in honour of our departed colleague, the late Hon. Johana Ng'eno and those who perished alongside him, I request that we all stand and observe a moment of silence.

(Hon. Senators stood and observed a moment of silence)

May the soul of the late Hon. Johana Kipyegon Ng'eno, CBS, MP, and those who perished alongside him, rest in eternal peace.

Thank you.

I will allow Hon. Members to pass their condolences. If you get an opportunity to speak, kindly keep it under three minutes. Hon. Maanzo Daniel Kitonga, proceed.

Sen. Maanzo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I served at the National Assembly with our late brother from 2013. In the 2017 election campaign, I was part of the team

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that campaigned for him in Emurua Dikirr. He promoted culture, encouraged young people, supported talent and his people loved him. They overwhelmingly elected him.

We remember when there was chaos recently over land in his constituency. He went there, confronted the police and asked why they were killing his people. He fought for the land belonging to his people. We pray that God will rest his soul in eternal peace.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Cherarkey, Senator for Nandi County.

Sen. Cherarkey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. From the onset, I pass my deepest condolences to the family of Hon. Johana Ngeno and his compatriots, who passed on in a tragic air crash at Chepkiep, Sang'alo-Kebulonik Ward, Mosop Constituency, Nandi County.

I arrived at the scene at 6.45 p.m., about an hour after the crash. The scene was horrendous. Parts of the helicopter were scattered, the engine was burnt and the six bodies were badly injured. We waited until 10.00 p.m. when the bodies were taken to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

I have not slept for two days, recalling the sight at Chepkiep in Nandi North Forest. Our colleagues suffered. After making an emergency landing, the helicopter lifted and within a minute crashed. It uprooted two large indigenous trees. The pain they went through is unimaginable.

Secondly, I apologise to colleagues, including your office, who called me at that time. I could not pick calls because the families had not been notified and the police had not yet arrived. Many feared I was in the helicopter. I was in the Mosop region where the accident happened. The mist was heavy and there was a lot of rain. Mheshimiwa Ng'eno and his five compatriots suffered. We pray God grants them grace.

I thank a young lady, Jacobeth Jeptoo, a trainee nurse from Kendu Bay Adventist Hospital and her mother. They tried to assist one victim who survived for 30 minutes. However, due to the poor emergency response, two young men who were alive at the time of the crash could not be saved.

I also thank the people of Chepkiep who came in numbers. They did not fear the fire. They used soil and twigs to put it out. Without their intervention, the bodies would have been burnt beyond recognition. The only honour we can give Jacobeth Jeptoo and her mother is state recognition. I have committed to support her and pay for her nursing qualifying examination in May, 2026. I hope with the indulgence of the House, we will be able to give her a placement and---

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): You have one more minute to wind up.

Sen. Chararkey: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for this opportunity. We must recognise those two unsung heroes.

Finally, I appeal to our people in the aviation sector, especially pilots to be more carefully because the rains are heavy and the mist is widespread. In future, whenever colleagues board a helicopter and the weather is not good, do not insist on flying.

I express my deepest condolences to all of us. The late Hon. Ng'eno was more than a friend. He was a colleague and a leader in the Kalenjin nation. We worked together. We hope the people of Emurua Dikirr, his spouse and his family will find solace in God Almighty.

I yield back.

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The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Madzayo.

The Senate Minority Leader (Sen. Madzayo): Asante Mstahiki Spika. Kwanza, natoa rambirambi zangu pamoja na za jamii yote ya Kilifi kwa familia, marafiki na ndugu wa ndugu yetu Mheshimiwa Johana Ng'eno. Kama tulivyosikia katika taarifa, Mheshimiwa Ngeno alikuwa Mwakilishi Bunge wa eneo la Emurua Dikirr. Tunamkumbuka kama mtu aliyependa amani. Mara nyingi alijihusisha kuongea na watu kutoka maeneo yenye shida na kuleta uwiano.

Binadamu tulio baki nyuma, tuzidi kumuomba Mwenyezi Mungu ailaze roho yake mahali pema. Najua familia na marafiki wako na simanzi. Wingu limetanda na simanzi ni nyingi muno katika Seneti. Tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu awapatie nguvu mke wake, ndugu na marafiki ili wapite mtihani huu mgumu. Tunaomba Mwenyezi Mungu aiweke roho ya marehemu mahali pema walipolala wema.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): The Senate Majority Leader.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot). Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I join you, on behalf of my colleagues, to pass sincere condolences to the people of Emurua Dikirr for losing their leader, and a few gallant sons who were with him on the fateful day, as well as the other Kenyans who perished on this unfortunate incident.

The people of Mheshimiwa Ng'eno, specifically the people of Emurua Dikirr, have lost their Nelson Mandela. This is a man who toiled and fought long and hard until this constituency was eventually carved out of the greater Kilgoris. In fact, those who understand the history of this place fairly well know that Mheshimiwa Ng'eno won the parliamentary seat back in 2007. However, out of his magnanimity and that of those who supported him, and in the interest of cohesion in that particular region, he actually never saw the doors of Parliament until 2013. That is great sacrifice by a man who gave out his best to his constituents. Therefore, it is unfortunate the way he has departed.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a man I knew fairly well. We have been together in the political journey. He has campaigned against me and I against him. He has campaigned for me and I for him. We have agreed and disagreed on certain things. However, above it all, you cannot fault him in his desire to pursue that which he believed in, and that which he believed was right for his own people. You can never take that away from Mheshimiwa Ng'eno. It is unfortunate that at the prime of his leadership, just when he was beginning to flex his political muscle to move to greater heights, we have lost him due to this accident.

I would like to urge that, given the frequency with which we have seen air accidents in this country, perhaps it is time that, as a Parliament, we sought to understand the issue from authorities and agencies that check the quality of the aircrafts that people use in this country, and the kind of maintenance regime that is done. In the last few years, there have been such accidents where many Kenyans have lost their lives. Unfortunately, on many occasions, we never get the final report of actually what happened. Is it something that we need to change? It is about time that we took keen interest in that particular space, so that we do not lose any other Kenyan to accidents that would easily have been avoided.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I knew quite a number of the other Kenyans---

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): The Senate Majority Leader, you have one more minute to wind up your thoughts.

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The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

I would like to pass my condolences to the families of the six other Kenyans that I knew personally who were in that chopper. I knew Nick, the photographer. I used to meet him here on the corridors of Parliament. There is a young man called Carlos who, for many years, never agreed with Mheshimiwa Ng'eno. They had a 'handshake', for lack of a better word, barely a month or two ago. Unfortunately, they have perished together. Similarly, Captain Were is a person I know so well. I have flown with him before, including just the other Sunday. It is sad that all these people have perished in this manner.

Condolences to their families, beloved ones, and to the people who worked with them. May God rest their souls in eternal peace.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Wambua, please proceed.

Sen. Wambua: I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for also granting me this opportunity to join you and my colleagues in sending a message of condolence to the family and friends of our departed colleague, Hon. Johanna Ng'eno Kipyegon.

A lot of things have been said about our former colleague. From where I sit, Johanna Kipyegon is the true embodiment and personification of representation. He is a man who represented his people without fear. Even if we cannot remember a lot of things, we remember the incident last year, when the late Johanna confronted police officers in active engagement. The officers were firing at residents. He confronted them and demanded that they stop killing his people. That is a true personification of representation.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to say two things. One, these air accidents, especially involving helicopters are becoming far too common. We have lost quite a number of senior leaders in this country through helicopter crashes. We lost the former Vice-President, George Saitoti. Not very long ago, we also lost the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) boss through another helicopter crash. As the Senator for Kericho County has put it, we never get to find out exactly what happened, and do not see the final report as to exactly what caused these accidents.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, could we just insist, as a House, that we get to know what the problem is? Is this something to do with the maintenance of the aircrafts? Is it something to do with the training and refresher courses for the pilots, or is it just leaders insisting on things to be done their way? This way, we will not lose people and leaders through helicopter crashes, every now and then.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, on my behalf, my family, and the people of Kitui County, we condole with the family of Mheshimiwa Johanna.

I thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Kathuri Murungi, please proceed.

Sen. Kathuri: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also take this opportunity to pass my condolence message to the family of the late Hon. Johanna Ng'eno and the five other friends who were in the ill-fated aircraft.

I served with Hon. Johanna for 10 years in the National Assembly, from 2013 to 2022. Therefore, I would like to eulogize this gentleman because he really stood his ground. I remember when we were in the National Assembly and Hon. Duale was the

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National Assembly Majority Leader. They would disagree on many issues since he really supported and believed in what he really meant. Indeed, Emurua Dikirr residents have lost a gallant soldier who protected his community and constituents, and worked for them tirelessly, regardless of the people who passed by his side.

As my colleagues have said, the Republic of Kenya is actually one of the countries that leaders fly or use aircrafts a lot. I have been to other countries, but the frequency of the flights or the aircraft that fly leaders in this country is on another level. It is also high time that we get a policy, especially on when the weather is not friendly. There must be a policy that no aircraft can leave when the weather is not favourable. This way, we will avoid such accidents.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have lost a Member of Parliament who has served his constituents for 15 years, and could have gone on and on. We have lost a soldier who has mentored many people. As I eulogise this gentleman, I would like to say that the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority should come up with a policy on the way we should handle our aviation industry, because as it is now, I do not think we are on the right track.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Ledama, please, proceed.

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I stand here to mourn a colleague and leader whom I believe that some of us were cut from the same cloth. This is a man whose courage, agility and dedication to the service of the people of Narok County, not only the Emurua Dikirr, is highly commendable.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I remember seeing Hon. Ng'eno, just about two weeks ago when I went to help bury the mother of one of our colleagues, Sen. Mandago. On that particular day, I flew there. I am sure the Speaker was in that burial as well. I asked Hon. Johanna Ng'eno to travel with me. We traveled back together in a helicopter and spoke about Narok County. If you listened to him then, all he was talking about was how to unite the Kipsigis and the Maasai people of Narok County to speak as one and fight for development.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sad because we had many plans on how we can bring this community together. In fact, on that same day, we were talking about his latest passion with Kenyan artists. He was telling me that it is about time we also elevate the Maasai artists. So, we discussed one young girl whom he was promoting to give her publicity to make a living out of what she was doing. I am saddened.

I know there is one quote that is very common with Hon. Ng'eno. He always said if it does not happen the way you want it, it will happen in a better way than you imagined. That is the beauty of God's plan. This is all God's plan. We are here today, tomorrow we are gone. We will miss him. However, I want to assure the people of Dikirr that you are not orphans; we will stand and go through this hard time together.

(Applause)

To the families of the pilot, Mr. Were and the young man from Narok, who also perished in that tragic helicopter crash, we pray for you. We will always stand together to ensure that, at least, your families are not left wallowing in poverty.

To the young widow, a young Maasai girl, Nayiano Ntutu, we will support you.

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Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request for just 20 seconds.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): One minute to wind your condolence.

Sen. Olekina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. This is a very young girl with two beautiful children. In fact, when we were there yesterday with the President, the children were just happy. They did not really understand what was going on. Everyone was there, you know.

Life is so fickle; today you are here, tomorrow you are gone. I hope that we, as leaders, can remember that. Sometimes we chestthumb, line our pockets, collect billions and billions of shillings, and forget the people who have put us here, where they are. Hon. Ng'eno fought for the people of Emurua Dikirr.

I was just watching *YouTube* episodes and there was one he was saying, “*shika* Ledama, *shika* Ledama,” and yet, what both us of were doing is fighting for the rights of our people. We were fighting to save the Mau Forest, but ultimately, we came together and fought, we united. A lot of development is going to Narok County because of understanding that these tribes do not mean a thing; they just unite us.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Senator, please wind up.

Sen. Olekina: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I mourn the late Hon. Ng'eno. I want to welcome all of you to Narok County this Friday, so that we can give him a befitting send-off.

May God rest his soul in eternity.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Veronica Maina, you may proceed.

Sen. Veronica Maina: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. On my own behalf and that of my family and the people of the great Murang'a County, I want to offer my deepest condolences to the widow of Hon. Johanna Ng'eno, together with her children, their family, the Ng'eno family, the Ntutu family, and the great people of Emurua Dikirr and those of Narok County.

It is difficult to talk about Hon. Johanna Ng'eno because he is one leader who embodied boldness, courage and fearless leadership. He made his opinions and views known, but in a respectable way, though he may have appeared confused or as over-defending or over-fighting.

I remember, as a Member of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), when we had the nominations for Narok County. There were lots of conflicts within the county, but he emerged as a leader and anyone who rallied behind him won their seats. I would describe him as an indefatigable defender of the vulnerable people. I remember how he fought for the members of his community and members of public who were evicted from Mau Forest. He definitely carried the hope, aspiration and the pride of a people of Emurua Dikirr and Narok at large. We could say he shaped the current leadership of the Narok County in a big way.

We are deeply saddened by the loss, and it is sad to see the kind of accidents we are having on air. As it has been said and analyzed, there have been one too many. I hope, as we discuss the Motion I brought to the House on road accidents, we will consider also taking this air accident as a subject of heavy discussion so that interventions are made.

We are praying for Mrs. Nayianoi Ntutu together with her children and the entire family. Rest in peace, our dear colleague, our brother. You had a warm, loving heart and I pray that the legacy you left will be emulated by other leaders, his family and the people of Kenya.

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Osotsi, you have the Floor.

Sen. Osotsi: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Let me also join my colleagues to pass a message of condolences to the family, friends and relatives of my good friend Johanna Ng'eno. I served in the National Assembly with Hon. Johanna Ng'eno and he was a very lovely person. We used to tease him, being one of the senior bachelors in the House, but later on, he married in a very colorful wedding, which most of us attended. Since then, he has been my friend, and there is one important thing I learned from him.

Hon. Ng'eno spoke his mind, regardless of which political divide he was in. Whether he was in Government side or opposition, he was fearless. He could speak his mind and he could protect his people on any issue, even if his bosses had an alternative idea.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have lost a great leader from the Rift Valley and I hope God rest his soul in eternal peace.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Seki, you may proceed.

Sen. Seki: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I also take this opportunity to condole with the people of Narok, Emurua-Dikirr Sub-County, for the demise of brother Hon. Johanna Ng'eno, a person whom I found to be a friend.

He has been a friend since 2013 when he became an MP for Emurua-Dikirr Constituency. He was a courageous person; a person who spoke his mind, a person who fought for his people, a person who was very fearless and a person who could speak his mind regardless of the situation.

The death that has just occurred in this country is something we are all praying that should have happened out of natural calamity. Hon. Ng'eno was a very courageous person, a person who talked to almost everybody, a person who empowered his people and spoke his mind in every situation that he was in because of his people.

Death has been a big issue in this country. As leaders, we need to see how we can prevent some deaths because today we are talking about a legislator. Most of our citizens in this Republic have been killed in many occasions. Therefore, we need to sit down as a House and discuss how most of the problems can be prevented, particularly regarding the police killing members of the public.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, mine is to say *pole* to the entire family and the county at large.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Proceed, Sen. Eddy.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity as well.

I join my colleagues to mourn our former colleague, Mheshimiwa Ng'eno. When a great leader falls, sometimes we reflect on the accomplishments. To me, the aspirations or hopes that the leader had and the legacy he leaves behind are more powerful than anything else.

If there is anything that the late Hon. Johana Ng'eno has reminded us today, it is that sometimes we can be obsessed by the idea of power and positions and personal merit, but it is also important to leave a mark in other people's hearts from our services. May his towering spirit live an eternal life in us since he was a man who, as my colleagues have said, fought and died in the course of duty and service to his people.

I come from Migori County where there are conflicts among Maasai, Kipsigis and Kuria communities. The conflicts leave families without homes and hope and sometimes without limbs. People fight and lives are lost there. I saw how Mheshimiwa Ng'eno fought for his people, the same way we are trying to fight for our people in Kuria.

I would like to say sorry to his family and the people of Emurua Dikirr. We stand with them at this tempting time and share in the pain and loss. In the same manner, we also share in the pain and loss of the family of Captain George Were.

Captain George Were is somebody who embodied the highest level of professionalism. I got a chance to fly with him a number of times when we were doing Azimio la Umoja-One Kenya Coalition Party campaigns. He was one man who was always prompt and never took any kind of risk.

It is unfortunate that he was going to retire this year, but he had to go in that manner. We pray for his family and the people of Nyakach, who have lost a serious professional in the aviation industry.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I cannot forget to say sorry to the families of the four young people whose dreams were cut short because of the tragedy. If you look at the profiles of those young people, one of them called Keter had just started his career as a teacher. I would like to say sorry to their families because when such young lives are lost, dreams are buried with them. Even the dreams of their families, including their parents---

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Eddy, you have one minute to wind up your comments.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Speaker, Sir, just to summarise, as a Senate, we take the loss of the lives of the young people and the loss of their parents, just as serious as the loss of Mheshimiwa Ng'eno and the captain. We would like to say sorry to their families.

As a House, I hope we will find ways of offering our support, both morally and materially, to the families of the young lives that were lost in the tragedy since they also matter because they are the unsung heroes that sometimes are not seen behind leaders who exemplify excellence in our communities. They are the people who make these leaders work and feature. Therefore, I pray and hope that the nation will stand with their families just as much.

Poleni sana, and may God bless them all.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, I will interrupt that Order, but we will come back to it. For those who are still willing to pass their condolences, you will have a moment to do so.

Allow me to rearrange today's Order Paper, pursuant to Standing Order No.45(2), and proceed to Order No.8 all the way to 14. Once we are done with those Orders, we will resume the Order that is before us now, where hon. Senators will have an opportunity to pass their condolences.

*(Interruption of debate on the
Communication by the Chair)*

Clerk, kindly proceed to call those Orders.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

(Order for the Committee read)

[The Speaker (Hon. Kingi) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma) in the Chair]

**THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS No.45 OF 2022)**

(Consideration of His Excellency the President's Recommendations)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on 26.2.2026)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, we are now in the Committee of the Whole and, thereafter, we will have division. Serjeant-at-Arms, please ring the Bell for five minutes.

(The Division Bell was rung)

Hon. Senators, we have not attained the requisite quorum. Please, ring the Bell for further five minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Senators, can I request all of you to settle down? Please, could everybody take their seat? Sen. Cherarkey, please take your seat.

(Loud consultations)

Hon. Senators, if you settle down, we will go through this very fast. Serjeant-at-Arms, please, close the door, draw the bars and remove all unattended cards.

(The Door was closed and the Bars drawn)

Hon. Senators, can the Majority Leader and Minority Leader ascertain the numbers we have in the House, please?

We are in the Committee of the Whole to consider The Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2022), considering His Excellency the President's recommendations.

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I proceed to put the question that the President's Recommendation to delete Clauses 2, 3 and 4 be approved.

Hon. Senators, I wish to bring to your attention that this is a Presidential recommendation to approve the Presidential recommendation. Therefore, you only need 24 delegations. To reject the President's recommendation, you need two-thirds, which is 32 delegations. You may proceed to vote.

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the President's recommendations to delete clauses 2, 3 and 4 be approved, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo. Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi; Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, this is to announce the results for this Division.

AYES: 24

NOES: One

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 24 votes to one)

THE METEOROLOGY BILL (SENATE BILLS No.45 OF 2023)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the National Assembly amendments to Clauses 1, 7, 12, 19, 38, 53 and to introduce a New Clause 43A be approved, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

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AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo. Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): The results of the division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: One

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to one)

THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.28 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the National Assembly amendment to Clause 2 and to delete Clause 4 be approved put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

NOES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Kirinyaga County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, the results for this Division-

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AYES: 0

NOES: 26

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The 'Noes' have it.

(Question negatived by 26 votes to nil)

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.45 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, we will now move on to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024).

Division on New Clauses.

(Question, that New Clauses 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, 3I, 3J, 3K, 3L, 3M, 3N, 3O, 3P, 3Q and 3R be now read a Second Time, proposed)

Hon. Senators, this is a vote on the proposed new clauses on the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024).

Members, you may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

There are Senators who have not voted. Sen. Cherarkey, Sen. Madzayo, Sen. Osotsi and Sen. Omogeni, you have not voted. Please, vote.

Hon. Senators, we now move to all clauses with amendments.

I put the question; that Clauses 2 and 4 be amended as proposed.

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Hon. Senators, I now move to all clauses.

I now put the question; that Clause 2 (as amended), Clause 3, Clause 4 (as amended), New Clause 1A, New Clause 1B, New Clause 3A, New Clause 3B, New Clause 3C, New Clause 3D, New Clause 3E, New Clause 3F, New Clause 3G, New Clause 3H, New Clause 3I, New Clause 3J, New Clause 3K, New Clause 3L, New Clause 3M, New Clause 3N, New Clause 3O, New Clause 3P, New Clause 3Q, New Clause 3R, The Title and clause 1 be part of the Bill)

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

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Hon. Senators, I will now read the results for these Divisions.

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that New Clauses 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, 3I, 3J, 3K, 3L, 3M, 3N, 3O, 3P, 3Q and 3R be now read the Second Time put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County; and, Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County.

AYES: 22

NOES: 4

ABSENTIONS: Nil

The "Ayes" have it.

(Question carried by 22 votes to 4)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clauses 2 and 4 be amended as proposed put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen.

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(Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County.

AYES: 25

NOES: 1

ABSENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to 1)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clause 2 (as amended), Clause 3, Clause 4 (as amended), New Clause 1A, New Clause 1B, New Clause 3A, New Clause 3B, New Clause 3C, New Clause 3D, New Clause 3E, New Clause 3F, New Clause 3G, New Clause 3H, New Clause 3I, New Clause 3J, New Clause 3K, New Clause 3L, New Clause 3M, New Clause 3N, New Clause 3O, New Clause 3P, New Clause 3Q, New Clause 3R, The Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang’, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Sen. Omogeni, Nyamira County.

AYES: 25

NOES: 1

ABSENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to 1)

THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, we are now proceeding to the Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.42 of 2024).

We will move to division on clauses with amendments.

I put the question that Clauses 18, 19, 20, 26, 43 and 49 be amended as proposed.

You may now vote. You have a few seconds left. There are some who have not voted.

There is a Senator who has not voted. Just cross-check. Professor, have you voted?

We now move to all clauses. I will put the question; that Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (as amended), 19 (as amended), 20 (as amended), 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (as amended), 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 (as amended), 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 (as amended), 50, 51, The Schedule, Clause 2, the Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill.

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clauses 18, 19, 20, 26, 43 and 49 be amended as proposed put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba , Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Nil.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, these are the results for that Division.

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTION: Nil

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The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (as amended), 19 (as amended), 20 (as amended), 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 (as amended), 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43 (as amended), 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 (as amended), 50, 51, the Schedule, Clause 2 and The Title be part of the Bill put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba , Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka-Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang’, Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Nil.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, these are the results for that Division.

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTION: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

Hon. Senators, we will now proceed to the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.35 of 2024). We will start with division on New Clauses.

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

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The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): I now put the question; that New Clauses 1A, 2A, 3A, 5A, 6A, 8A, 12A, 16A and 18 be read a Second Time.
You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

(The Clerks-at-the-Table consulted with the Temporary Chairperson)

One person has not voted. Sen. Mundigi, *umepiga kura*.

Sen. Munyi Mundigi: Yes.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Professor, have you voted?

Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Yes.

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): We now move to Clauses with amendments.

I put the question; that Clauses 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and Clause 2 be amended as proposed.

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Hon. Senators, we now move to all Clauses.

I put the question; that Clause 3 (as amended), Clause 4 (as amended), Clause 5, Clause 6 (as amended), Clause 7(as amended), Clause 8 (as amended), Clause 9, Clause 10 (as amended), Clause 11 (as amended), Clause 12 (as amended), Clause 13, Clause 14 (as amended), Clause 15 (as amended), Clause 16, Clause 17 (as amended), New Clause 2A, New Clause 3A, New Clause 5A, New Clause 6A, New Clause 8A, New Clause 12A, New Clause 16A, New Clause 18, Clause 2 (as amended), New Clause 1A, The Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill.

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Hon. Senators, these are the results for those Divisions-

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

*(Question, New Clauses 1A, 2A, 3A, 5A, 6A, 8A, 12A, 16A and 18
be now read a Second Time put, and the Senate
proceeded to vote by County Delegations)*

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AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County;

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The "Ayes" have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clauses 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17 be amended as proposed, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang', Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County;

NOES: Nil

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ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma) Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clauses 3 (as amended), 4 (as amended), 5, 6 (as amended), 7 (as amended), 8 (as amended), 9, 10 (as amended), 11 (as amended), 12 (as amended), 13, 14(as amended), 15 (as amended), , 16, 17 (as amended), New Clauses 2a, 3A, 5A, 6A, 8A, 12A, 16A, 18, Clause 2 (as amended), New Clause 1A, the Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill,

put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County;

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma) Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

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Hon. Senators, we now proceed to The County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024).

We will start with Division on clauses with amendments.

I put the question; that Clause 2 and Clause 3 be amended as proposed.

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, please approach the Chair.

(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi approached the Chair and cast his vote)

Let us now move on to Division on all Clauses.

Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill

You may now vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Hon. Senators, I now wish to read the results for those Divisions-

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

*(Question, that Clause 2 and Clause 3 be amended as proposed,
Put, and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)*

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County;

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

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ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that Clause 2 (as amended), 3 (as amended),

The Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill, put and the

Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu Oginga, Siaya County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Wafula, Bungua County; Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County;

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma) Hon. Senators, the results of the Division are as follows-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The “Ayes” have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

Hon. Senators, we will now move to reporting. I would like to urge all Senators to stay put, so that we can finalise. The remaining processes will not take a lot of time.

THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 45 OF 2022)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): I call the Mover of the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022). The Senate Majority Leader, please proceed.

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The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Hon. Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration of the President's Memorandum on the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022) and its approval of the recommendations on Clauses 2, 3 and 4 thereof.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE METROLOGY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2023)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Next is reporting of progress on the Metrology Bill (Senate Bills No. 45 of 2023).

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Madam Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration on the National Assembly Amendment to the Meteorology Bill (Senate Bills No.45 of 2023) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 28 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon Senators, we now report on The Election Offences (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 28 of 2024).

Mover, you may proceed.

Sen. Cherarkey: Madam Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration on the National Assembly Amendment to The Election Offences (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 28 of 2024) and its rejection thereof.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.45 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon Senators, we now report on The Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024).

Mover, you may proceed.

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The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Madam Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration on the National Assembly Amendment to The Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 Of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO.2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.42 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon Senators, we are now reporting on the Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.42 of 2024).

Mover, you may proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Madam Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration of The Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.42 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon Senators, we now move to reporting on the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.35 of 2024).

Mover, you may proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Madam Temporary Chairperson, I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration of the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.35 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT)
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.2 OF 2024)

The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Mumma): Hon Senators, we now move to reporting on the County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024).

Mover, you may proceed.

Sen. Crystal Asige: Thank you very much, Madam Temporary Chairperson. I beg to move that the Committee do report to the Senate its consideration of the County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

(House resumed)

[The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri) in the Chair]

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we are now reporting on the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022).

REPORTS AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

THE CANCER PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.45 OF 2022)

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the President's Memorandum on The Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022) and approved the recommendations on Clauses 2, 3 and 4.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I request Sen. Eddy Oketch to second.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we have concluded consideration of the President's Memorandum on The Cancer Prevention and Control

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(Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2022) and approved the recommendations on Clauses 2, 3 and 4.

There will be no Third Reading. A Message will be sent to the National Assembly on the decision of the Senate on the Bill.

Let us go to the next one.

THE METEOROLOGY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.45 OF 2023)

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the National Assembly amendments to The Meteorology Bill (Senate Bills No.45 of 2023) and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report.

I request Sen. Eddy Oketch to second.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we have concluded consideration of the National Assembly amendments to The Meteorology Bill (Senate Bills No.45 of 2023) and approved the amendments to Clauses 1, 7, 12, 19, 38, 53, and the introduction of New Clause 43A.

There will be no Third Reading. Consequently, the Bill will be referred to His Excellency the President for assent.

Let us go to the next one.

THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.28 OF 2024)

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered and rejected the National Assembly amendments to The Election Offences (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.28 of 2024).

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I request Sen. Eddy Oketch to second.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we have concluded consideration of the National Assembly Amendments to The Election Offences

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(Amendment) (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No.28 of 2024) and rejected the National Assembly amendments. The Bill will be referred to a mediation committee.

Let us go to the next one.

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO.4) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.45 OF 2024)

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered The Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I request the Senator for Kisumu, Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, to second.

Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that The Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024) be now read a Third Time. I request Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda to second.

Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Let us finish with the reporting then we will vote on all of them thereafter. Since we are still reporting, we do not need to have the quorum at this moment.

I now order that the doors be opened and the Bars drawn.

(The Bars were drawn and the doors opened)

Please, do not move out because there is a reason I have done so. I wanted to accommodate hon. Senators who are out there to come in; these are the Senators at the door?

(Sen. Abdul Haji and Sen. Dullo stood in their places)

Sen. Abdul and Sen. Dullo, kindly just give us five minutes.

THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Let us report on The Labour Migration and Management (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024)

Chairperson, proceed.

Sen. Mumma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered The Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said Report. I request Sen. Eddy Oketch to second.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): I beg to move that The Labour Migration and Management (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024) be now read a Third Time.

Sen. Eddy Oketch to second.

Sen. Oketch Gicheru: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Division will be at the end.

THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 35 OF 2024)

Next, let us report on The Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2024).

Chairperson, proceed.

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, I beg to move that the Senate do agree with the Committee in the said Report. I request Sen. (Prof.) Ojienda to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, proceed.

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Sen. (Prof) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that The Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2024) be now read a Third Time.

I request Sen. (Prof.) Ojienda to second.

Sen. (Prof) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Senator (Prof.), you wait to be given the microphone by the Speaker.

Sen. (Prof) Tom Ojienda, proceed.

Sen. (Prof) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Division at the end.

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT)
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2024)

This is the last reporting on The County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 2 of 2024)

Chairperson, proceed.

Sen. Mumma: Mr. Deputy Speaker, sir, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered The County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024) and its approval thereof with amendments.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

Sen. Crystal Asige: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I beg to move that the Senate do agree with the Committee on the said report.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Can you propose a seconder?

Sen. Crystal Asige: I request Sen. Beatrice Ogola to second.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Sen. Beatrice Ogola, proceed.

Sen. Ogola: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Mover, proceed.

Sen. Crystal Asige: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that The County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 2 of 2024) be now read a third time.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Is Sen. Beatrice Ogola still seconding or you have changed your mind to Sen. Kajwang’?

Sen. Crystal Asige: No, I would like the honour to go to my colleague, Beatrice Ogola.

Thank you.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Sen. Beatrice, proceed.

Sen. Ogola: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I second.

(Question proposed)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we will do the four Divisions. You can ring the Quorum Bell for one minute.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Now, one minute is over. Close the doors and draw the bars. No Senator should leave the Chamber.

(The door was closed and Bars drawn)

Clerk, confirm whether we have numbers for the Division?

(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted with the Deputy Speaker)

Let us try to get the quorum; open the doors, draw the bars and ring Quorum Bell for three minutes.

(The Bars were drawn and doors opened)

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Ring the Quorum Bell for three minutes.

(Quorum Bell was rung)

Hon. Senators, let us just finish up this small business before us. Serjeant-at-Arms, now close the doors and draw the bars.

(The door was closed and the Bars drawn)

Hon. Senators, you know I can see the mood of the House is that the Senators want to go for prayers and others to do other important businesses. Therefore, I request

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you to be very observant because we want to vote in less than five minutes, one Bill after the other, because I already put the questions.

Hon. Senators, just be very attentive and keen on the dashboards. Let us proceed. We start with The Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.45 of 2024).

Proceed and vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Sen. Eddy and Sen. Wamatinga ---

Serjeant-at-Arms, there is a bit of confusion. So, kindly, withdraw all the unattended cards. Okay.

Hon. Senators, now we are going to The Division on The Labour Migration and Management (No. 2) Bil (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024).

Vote, Senators, be very attentive and vote.

(Hon. Senators proceeded to vote)

Four Senators have not voted so far.

THIRD READINGS

THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4)
BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.45 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the Public Finance Management (Amendment) (No.4) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2024) be now read a Third Time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

Ayes: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Haji Abdul, Garissa County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi; Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Nil.

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The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): These are the results of the Division-
AYES: 25
NOES: Nil
ABSTENTIONS: Nil
The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO.2)
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.42 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024) be now read a Third Time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

Ayes: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo. Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Haji Abdul, Garissa County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County and Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Nil.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): These are the results of the Division-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

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THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT)
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.35 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the Tobacco (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2024) be now read a Third Time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo. Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Haji Abdul, Garissa County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, MGH, Tana River County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County and Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

NOES: Nil.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): These are the results of the Division-

AYES: 25

NOES: NIL

ABSTENTIONS: NIL

The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELECTION LAWS
(AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO.2 OF 2024)

DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

(Question, that the County Government Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.2 of 2024) be now read a Third Time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)

AYES: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Ali Roba, Mandera County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County;

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Sen. Faki, Mombasa County; Sen. Gataya Mo. Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Haji Abdul, Garissa County; Sen. Kathuri, Meru County; Sen. Kinyua, Laikipia County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi; Samburu County; Sen. M. Kajwang, Homa Bay County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Mungatana, Tana River County; Sen. Munyi Mundigi, Embu County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. (Dr.) Oburu, Siaya County; Sen. (Prof.) Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Okiya Omtatah, Busia County; Sen. Osotsi, Vihiga County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wamatinga, Nyeri County.

Noes: Nil.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): These are the results of the Division-

AYES: 25

NOES: Nil

ABSTENTIONS: Nil

The Ayes have it.

(Question carried by 25 votes to nil)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, I order that the doors be opened and bars drawn)

(The doors were opened and Bars drawn)

Thank you, Senators, for your patience this afternoon. We have done quite a commendable job.

(Resumption of debate on Communication from the Chair)

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Hon. Senators, we had some minutes to eulogise our departed brother. Therefore, if you can refresh your request, then I can know who is interested to pass their condolences.

Proceed, Sen. Kinyua.

Sen. Kinyua: Asante, Bw. Naibu Spika, kwa kunipa fursa hii kutoa risala za rambirambi kwa niaba yangu na watu wa Laikipia. Tunasema pole sana kwa kumpoteza kiongozi shujaa, Mbunge wa Emurua Dikirr, Mheshimiwa Johana Ng'eno.

Ikumbukwe kwamba Mheshimiwa Johana Ng'eno ni kiongozi ambaye aliongea fikra zake bila kuogopa. Kile ambacho aliamini, alikisema.

Vile vile, aliamini utamaduni na kuwainua wanyonge. Ndiposa, kila wakati, nilimwona akihudhuria hafla za waimbaji na kuwachangia. Kwa hivyo, tunamwomboleza kiongozi ambaye alikuwa na msimamo thabiti na aliyejitolea kuwainua waliochini.

Mimi namkumbuka kama mtu mcheshi. Kwa niaba ya watu wa Laikipia, tunampa familia na mjane wake na familia za wale alikuwa nao pole sana. Tuna matumaini kwa sababu alituwacha akiwa katika hali ya kutumikia wananchi.

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Kwa niaba ya watu wa Laikipia, tunasema pole na tunawatakia walazwe panapolazwa watu waliowema.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Next is Sen. M. Kajwang’.

Sen. M. Kajwang’: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I rise with immense grief and sorrow to eulogise and convey my condolences to the family of our departed colleague, Hon. Johana Ng’eno, and five others who perished with him in that drastic helicopter crash.

It is easy to talk about Hon. Johana Ng’eno and forget about the five others. I would like to convey my condolences to their families and loved ones. I pray that God will comfort them during this moment.

What happened to Hon. Ng’eno and his entourage could happen to any of us. The pilot of that helicopter, Captain George Were, is a man that was known to many of us. He has flown some of us with the vessel that went down because in this country, we do not have many helicopters.

In fact, in that space, the helicopters are almost like *matatus*. This is because if you are not endowed to own one, then you have to rent one. So, the helicopters are just like Ubers, and you do not choose who will drive you. Pilot George Were has piloted some of us. We have previously used that particular vessel and it could have happened to anybody.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Hon. Johana Ng’eno was my personal friend. I came to the Senate in 2015 in the 11th Parliament. I believe you were sitting in the other House. Hon. Johana Ng’eno, at that time, was still a bachelor. When I came, he offered to show me around Parliament. He went beyond showing me the corridors of Parliament. He took me to Kilimani and several other places and tried to give me an orientation of the city. I was very happy when he got married in 2018, because it slowed him down. He went under the radar a little bit and went back to school.

I want to pray that God will hold the hands of the young family left behind. At the end of the day, all that we do is vanity. We must ask ourselves: What will our children say on that fateful day if we were to expire suddenly like Hon. Johana Ng’eno? He definitely did his stuff in the right manner, because the whole nation is in consensus that he was a good leader, a good man, a good husband and a good father.

May the Lord comfort the family and the rest of the victims of that crash. May we reflect on that so that when we pass laws, let it not be for a personal good, but for the good of our children and the children of our children. Let it be a fit inheritance for the next generation.

Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir.

The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri): Very well. Next is Sen. Essy Okenyuri.

Sen. Okenyuri: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I also wish to convey my condolences to the people of Narok County, Emurua Dikirr, and the family of the late Hon. Johana Ng’eno. In Hon. Johana Ng’eno, they have lost a compassionate and straightforward leader.

We had a short interaction for the time I have been in Parliament. He was a legislator that you would really want to emulate. He would defend the interests of his people without looking at the side of the political divide he stood.

I also wish to send my condolences to the family of Nixon Kosgei, who was a personal friend. I recount the moments he captured during my mom's retirement ceremony and I just feel so sorry that we had to lose him at such a time. Mr. Carlos was also a colleague in my previous workstation. So, these people were well known to me. I really feel sorry that we lost them in this manner. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

One thing to note, is that the late hon. Ng'eno surrounded himself with young people to an extent that he trusted them with his photography, movements and many other aspects around his leadership. That is one thing we need to emulate. This is because when young people are given a platform, they surely can show what they are able to offer. They died in the line of duty. So, may their souls rest in peace.

During this time of heavy rainfall, let our aviation industry give proper advice, so that we do not suffer the loss we have had any time soon.

Sen. Montet Betty: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I also join you and my colleagues in eulogising our colleague, the late Hon. Ngong who was a great man. He has died a warrior who always fought for his people. For sure, Kenyans who came to know about him did so because of the way he fought for his people. So, we have lost a warrior and a great leader. I send my sincere condolences to his young family.

Death is very painful. Having lost my husband one year ago tomorrow, I can only imagine what that family is going through. What we can do for now is to pray for them to be comforted. We also pray for the other souls which perished in that crash.

Allow me to also send my condolences to the family of the pilot of that flight, the late Col. (Rtd.) Captain Were, who was well known to me. I have flown with him on the same chopper that crashed many times and he was a very experienced pilot. Really, when death comes calling, no one and nothing can stop it.

May God comfort the family of Captain Were during these hard times. We will pray for them and we will be with them during this difficult time.

Sen. Munyi Mundigi: Asante, Bw. Naibu Spika, kwa kunipa nafasi ili nichangie mjadala kuhusu watu ambao waliaga dunia kutokana na ajali ya ndege. Mmoja wa wale walioaga dunia ni Mheshimiwa Ng'eno ambaye tulikuwa tukifanya naye kazi. Pia kuna wale wengine watano waliopoteza maisha yao.

Mimi kama Seneta wa Kaunti ya Embu, familia yangu na watu wa Embu Kaunti, tunatoa pole zetu kwa familia ya Mheshimiwa na familia ya wale wengine watano. Hakuna mtu ambaye anaweza kusimamisha kifo. Mungu ndiye alituumba. Kwa hivyo, tuombe ya kwamba wale ambao wametuaacha waende salama. Hii ni kwa sababu Bibilia inasema ya kwamba tutawafuata.

Wakati mwingine, hatuwezi kuuliza maswali ajali ikitendeka lakini ninaomba waendeshaji pikipiki, madereva na marubani wazingatie hali ya anga ndiposa tusiwe na ajali kama hii. Wahandisi wa ndege pia lazima wahakikishe kwamba ndege hazina hitilafu yoyote.

[The Deputy Speaker (Sen. Kathuri) left the Chair]

[The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma) in the Chair]

Bi. Spika wa Muda, mimi kama Seneta wa Kaunti ya Embu, nasema pole na ninaleta rambirambi zangu binafsi na za watu wa Kaunti ya Embu. Ninaomba familia ya marehemu ikae vizuri kwa amani. Ninajua ya kwamba siku moja tutakutana.

Sen. Methu: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to pass my condolences to the family of Hon. Johana Ng'eno and the families of the other five passengers who perished in that plane crash.

It is always said, you only live once, but if you do it right, that is enough. I think Hon. Ng'eno fits that particular bill. He lived once and lived it right. I have heard the tributes from his constituents, his community, family, the people around him and us, his colleagues, and those tributes tell us that he was a great man.

I do not want to belabour what has been said by most of our colleagues about Hon. Ng'eno. However, I want to point out one thing about him. He wore the crown of where he comes from with a lot of pride. We have always been made to believe and think that embracing our culture and our traditions makes us tribal and a people who fan ethnicity.

Hon. Ng'eno was a leader who was very proud to be associated with the Kipsigis culture and people. He used to sponsor a cultural event, annually, using his own money. His objective was to keep growing his culture and the things that they believe in, as a community.

I also send my condolences to the families of the other five people who perished in that particular plane crash. I commit the young family of Hon. Ng'eno to God. This is such a difficult time. The constituents have lost their leader, but we also have two young people who have lost their father and a young lady who has lost her husband. The only person who can comfort them enough is God. We offer our prayers and condolences. We pray that the soul of our colleague rests in eternal peace.

Sen. (Prof.) Kamar: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to join my colleagues in eulogising a very brave leader, Hon. Ng'eno. I pass my deepest condolences to the family of Hon. Ng'eno and the families of all those who perished with him, including the family of the pilot.

It is a sad time for us, as Parliament, because we have lost a very dynamic young man at a time when he was growing politically. As a country, we have lost but we know the family feels more pain. I pray that God comforts all of them.

I got to know Hon. Ng'eno on the day when he surprised me. He called and told me that, "I am at the gate of your farm." I told him, "I am not at the farm. What are you up to? Why are you coming to visit without telling me?" He said, "I am not visiting you, I have come to see the cows." I asked him if he was actually there to see my cows and he said 'yes.' He requested that I ask somebody to open for him the gate. I called my people and asked them to allow him to see the cows.

He went to my dairy farm and half-an-hour later, he called me and told me that there is a cow in my farm that he is not leaving behind. I asked him which cow it was and he said that he has found a cow that he really likes. He asked me to tell him the price. That is the story between me and Hon. Ng'eno. He got the cow. He told me that he was starting his family and wanted a cow that can give him milk. He said that he has a large herd, but they do not produce enough milk.

That is the man that I know. He was kind-hearted, warm, welcoming and full of humour. He had a rising star. May the Lord rest him in eternal peace. We pray that his young family will be comforted and that they will grow with the cover of God.

Thank you.

Sen. Murgor: Thank you very much, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to add my voice to those of my colleagues. Hon. Ng'eno touched many lives, especially the young ones. His influence went across regions, cultures, ages and set groups. He interacted very well with the young people. He had gone cross-cultural and interacted with many cultures.

He came to Pokot many times and danced to our music. He even brought young people from his constituency to dance with our young people. They interacted very well. He was such a charm to all of them. He has uplifted artists and cultural practitioners. Some of them have been economically empowered by Hon. Ng'eno and his friends. He also helped people who were in need of school fees and with that, they were able to continue with their studies in schools and colleges.

I send my condolences, those of my family and those of the people of West Pokot County to the family of Hon. Ng'eno and the families of the five people who perished with him. May the good Lord rest their souls in eternal peace. Thank you.

Sen. Ogola: Madam Temporary Speaker, thank you for giving me this chance to add my voice to the cries of all the Kenyans and the cries of the constituents of our brother, our fallen colleague, Hon. Ng'eno. I also mourn the five people who lost their lives in the tragic accident that happened a few days ago.

Madam Temporary Speaker, Mheshimiwa Johana Ng'eno fought for social justice. He stood with his constituents in all their challenges. That is what Kenyans expect from their representatives. He had no boundaries in the service he gave. He flew to support artists and while returning, he was enthusiastic and looking forward to serving other Kenyans in another event. As we condole with his young family, we saw a young lady with children, we know the Lord gives and takes away and He will protect them.

We also condole with the families of all who lost their loved ones. The life of the young teacher, Mr. Carlos Keter, touched my heart. His mother was interviewed and we saw a mother who looked forward to security from her son. He had recently gained employment and was looking to improve his life and that of his family. We also condole with the families of the cameraman and the pilot.

I am reminded of what befell Ndhwa Constituency in 2012 when we lost the late Hon. Orwa Ojode and Hon. (Prof.) George Saitoti. It---

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Add her one minute to conclude. Please, wind in one minute.

Sen. Ogola: I thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. As we condole with this family, we encourage all Kenyans to unite, especially at this time as we bid farewell to the fallen heroes.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Wakwabubi.

Sen. Wakwabubi Consolata: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for the opportunity. I join the rest of the Senators in mourning the fallen heroes: Hon. Johana Ng'eno and the five staff members who were on board with him in the plane crash. I used

to admire the name Emurua Dikirr because it made headlines and I became interested to know who was behind it. I discovered Hon. Ng'eno alias Ngong.

I join the rest in embracing the attributes he exhibited in his line of duty. He was a great land rights advocate, a champion of development, a unifier and a cultural champion. He had just come from bridging communities in Endebbes. To me, he was an epitome of sovereign leadership. These are attributes we need to emulate as leaders. He was people-centred and always focused at his people at the grassroots all the time. He was also a principled and resilient leader. I also would like to echo his support for the young generation.

(Sen. Gataya Mo Fire consulted loudly)

Sen. Wakwabubi Consolata: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg for your protection from Sen. Mo Fire.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Mo Fire, please, do not interfere with the Senator's contribution.

Sen. Wakwabubi Consolata: Thank you for that protection.

I would like us to embrace his support, as well as emulate the idea of embracing the young generation. Let us learn to support their innovations and industry, following what has been talked about *Mheshimiwa* Ng'eno.

To the young widow, I would like to urge her to lift her eyes upon the Lord.

May I request for one more minute, so that I can finish?

(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted with the Temporary Speaker)

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

Let her lift her eyes upon the Lord, for He cares. Our Lord is omnipresent to the widows and orphans. Widowhood is not a bed of roses, but she will manage. So, I join the rest, and pray that may perpetual light shine upon Hon. Ng'eno's soul, and the rest of the five Kenyans who perished in the crash. May God grant us solace and fortitude.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for the opportunity.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Wakoli, please proceed.

Sen. Wafula: Asante sana, Bi. Spika wa Muda, kwa kunipa nafasi hii nitoe pole na rambirambi kwa familia ya Mbunge Yohanna, rubani wa ndege hiyo na wenzio waliokuwa ndani ya ndege hiyo.

Ni jambo la kusikitisha kupoteza Mbunge ambaye alikuwa amejitolea mhanga kutetea jamii yake, wapiga kura wa Eneo Bunge lake, na kutetea hadhi ya binadamu katika nchi ya Kenya. Vile vile, ametupa moyo na ari ya kutetea haki zetu kama Wakenya. Ndivyo basi, kama Seneti, lazima vile vile tujiunge na mbinu, tabia na hulka za Mheshimiwa marehemu kutetea hadhi ya Wakenya katika gatuji zetu.

Mhe. Spika wa Muda, namhurumia mkewe, watoto, na vile jamii hiyo kwa sababu tuliona jinsi alivyokuwa anakabiliana na nyenzo za kiusalama za nchi hii, kutetea wasiokuwa na silaha. Naomba Mungu awape nguvu na uwezo wapiga kura wa eneo hilo; kwamba, watapata kiongozi ambaye ataweza kuvaa hivyo viatu na kuendelea kupigania mashamba, misitu, heshima yao na kazi zao katika taifa la Kenya, kwa sababu pasipo

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kiongozi mwenye msimamo kama Yohanna, bila shaka, nchi huyumba na jamii husambaratika.

Nawatakia kila la kheri, familia. Mungu awape nguvu. Vile vile, kwa wapigaji kura wa eneo hilo, Mungu awape ukakamavu wa kukubali kwamba yeye ndiye hupeana na ndiye hutoa. Mrengo wa Kenya Kwanza umempoteza kijana shupavu, ambaye alikuwa anaongoza na Nyota yake ilikuwa imeng'aa. Mungu apokee nafsi zao katika makao yake mbinguni.

Asante sana Yohanna, tutakutana baadaye.

Asante, Bi. Spika wa Muda.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Thang'wa, please proceed.

Sen. Thang'wa: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, for giving me this opportunity, so that I can also send my condolences to the family of the late Johanna Ng'eno.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the death of Johanna Ng'eno is a tragic loss to the nation, and especially to the people of the Emurua Dikirr Constituency, as well as the Kipsigis community.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I interacted closely with *Mheshimiwa* Ng'eno, because he was my counterpart at the National Assembly on matters committees, because he was the Chairperson of the National Assembly's Departmental Committee on Housing, Urban Planning, and Public Works, and at one time I was also a Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing. We could interact, especially when the budget-making process was being done. He supported the ideas of the Senate when it comes to fighting for the counties. We could agree on most cases on anything that affected counties.

It is a sad moment for all of us. I can relate to one occasion when I went to a funeral in Western Kenya some years back and I was seated next to somebody who was mourning and crying. He cried and said, "why did you take Wanyonyi? Why did you take Wanyonyi? Why did you take Wanyonyi? Why did you not take this one?" and he pointed at my friend.

I think at this particular time, I can actually say, why did you take Hon. Ng'eno? Why did you take Hon. Ng'eno? Why did you take Hon. Ng'eno? Why did you not take this one? I do not know which one, but why, Hon. Ng'eno? He is one of the people that we emulated when we were running for this public office. The way he fought for his people when land grabbers would come and try to take their land, he would stand by his people and that is what we learnt, and that is what we do.

Even today in our counties, whenever somebody tried to touch land that belongs to the community, we stand because we could see someone who fought for his people.

Hon. Ng'eno will be remembered. There was a clip of him saying that if he died, he would be remembered for the next 200 years. For an MP who was there for three consecutive terms, it tells you that his people loved him, his people loved his leadership and they wanted him to be there because they knew they had a fighter who will never allow anybody to take a piece of their land, a piece of their community or a piece of their share of whatever their people were fighting for---

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Mungatana, you may proceed.

Sen. Mungatana, MGH: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Hon. Johanna Ng'eno was a friend, and we would meet around the precincts of Parliament severally for different reasons. However, the most memorable occasion was when the late Hon. Ng'eno came to Tana River County as the Chairperson for the Committee on Land and Housing when we were doing public participation on the Affordable Housing laws that we were passing.

When we finished the processes, I invited him to come and see the crocodiles at the Great River Tana. I saw the funny bit of the Hon. Nge'no. As brave as he was, as strong a man as he was, when we went near the river, we told him to get into the canoes, and he said he would never enter the river. We told him it was safe, but he completely refused. At the end, we had a great time. He did not participate in crocodile eating, but I can tell you, we had a great time and his visit was memorable to the people of Tana River.

We thank him because we were able to identify the sites for the construction of the affordable housing. He was able to take our views and we supported the affordable housing processes until the laws became a reality.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I want to say this to the people of Emurua Dikirr: May God comfort you during this difficult time. To his family, I pray for the young children that he has left behind, the wife who has not stayed with him for long because, you know, less than 10 years is not really an old marriage.

We want to ask God to comfort them and the rest of Kenyans. May God rest his soul in eternal peace.

I thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, you have the Floor.

Sen. Gataya Mo Fire: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Let me join my colleagues in mourning our departed brother, Hon. Ng'eno. I have had very minimal interaction with Hon. Ng'eno, but I admire his spirit.

Hon. Ng'eno served with passion and dedication. He actually beheld his constituency. He had a big name for himself for the past three terms that he was in Parliament. The gentleman was known across Rift Valley and Kenya at large.

I picked his passion for representation, especially when he was fighting for the rights of his people in Narok. I captured some positive attributes based on his lifestyle. I think the spirit that was in Ng'eno can easily be found in me. That is why he was a friend from diaspora through my own way of thinking.

It is sad that we have lost such a studious young person who had just put his house in place. I am actually reflecting on his sentiments that perhaps Kenyans will remember him for 200 years. I think it will be more than 200 years because what he has built for close to 15 years that he has served in Parliament is not something that one can dismiss.

Madam Temporary Speaker, as a Member from Tharaka Nithi County, I would like to pass my deep condolences to his young family, the people of his constituency and the entire nation. May his soul rest in peace until we meet again, but not very soon.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Next is Sen. Tobiko.

Sen. Tobiko: Madam Temporary Speaker, let me also take this opportunity to register my sincere condolences to the family of our fallen colleague, Hon. Ng'eno. It is a sad moment for the entire country.

We joined Parliament together in 2013 and we have been here and this is the third term. He used to call me *Paker*. I do not know what that means in the Kalenjin language.

What I know is that he was a good man. He defended his people and his position with passion and stood for what was right. I really admired that about him. The fact that it did not matter who was at the helm of the nation, Hon. Ng'eno would fight for what was just and what he believed was a right for his people.

I also sincerely register my condolences to the other families of the young people who were with Hon. Ng'eno. That is the ultimate sacrifice of friendship and companionship that people do give to leaders. That makes me to appreciate those who walk everyday with me and other leaders in our pursuit of serving the public. There are those who are always with us. They include our drivers, bodyguards and friends who are always there with us and in such a tragedy, they pay the ultimate price.

Madam Temporary Speaker, my sincere condolences to the young wife and their children.

I thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Let us go to the next Order.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS

DROUGHT RESPONSE AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN ASAL COUNTIES

Sen. Gataya Mo Fire: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 53(1) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on a matter of country-wide concern regarding the status of drought response and climate resilience in Kenya Arid and Semi-Arid (ASAL) counties affected by drought.

In the statement, the committee should-

(1) Look at the budgetary allocation for the Financial Year 2025/2026 to support drought response and recovery in ASAL counties, including a breakdown of expenditure by programme, activity and implementation timeline.

(2) Look at the current population facing acute food insecurity in affected ASAL counties and the measures being implemented, food assistance, nutrition support, water provision and livelihood interventions to address the crisis.

(3) Look at the long-term drought resilience and crisis preparedness strategies, including scaling drought-tolerant crops, climatic smart agriculture, improved water resource management and ecosystem restoration to reduce vulnerability, protect food insecurity and livelihoods and strengthen community adaptation to climate-related shocks.

(4) Look at the collaborations with development partners, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and other stakeholders supporting drought response, recovery and livelihood restoration with details on the nature and scope of these partnerships.

(5) Look at the early warning systems for drought and climatic-related shocks and measures to strengthen them for timely information, dissemination, preparedness and effective intervention.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Senator for Bungoma County, Sen. David Wakoli, proceed.

STATUS OF PUBLIC VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

Sen. Wafula: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No. 53(1) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education on a matter of countywide concern regarding the status of public Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) in Bungoma County.

In the statement, the committee should-

(1) State the number of public vocational training centres in Bungoma County indicating the allocation by sub-county, ward and the operational status together with the approved capacity and actual enrolment in each centre.

(2) The trend in budget allocations to VTCs in Bungoma County over the last four financial years, 2022/2023 to date, including allocations to each centre, actual disbursements and absorption rates, annual capitation per student and whether it has been disbursed fully and on time and any pending bills.

(3) The number of institutions in each centre, the number of instructors in each centre, their areas of specialisation, the student-to-tutor ratio, the breakdown between permanent and pensionable versus contract staff, the status and timelines of contract engagements and the measures being taken by the County Government to address staffing shortages.

(4) The current condition of infrastructure in each centre, including classrooms, workshops, laboratories, sanitation facilities and hostels and whether the centres comply with safety and accessibility standards.

(5) The plans for rehabilitation or upgrading of dilapidated facilities, the tools, equipment procured for each centre in the last three financial years, including procurement processes followed, instructor involvement in specification, quality assurance measures and any complaints regarding standard and or incomplete supplies.

(6) The mechanisms in place to monitor training quality, performance, and certification outcomes, the number of graduates in the last three years and how many transitioned to employment or self-employment.

(7) The county government's long-term strategy to improve the quality and competitiveness of vocational training centres, including collaboration with the national government agencies, industry and development partners.

Sen. Wafula Wakoli MP, Senator, Bungoma County.

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Thank you, Hon. Speaker.

MASS LAYOFF OF EMPLOYEES AT
MUHORONI SUGAR COMPANY

Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I rise to seek a statement pursuant to Standing Order No.53 from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a matter of national importance regarding the mass layoff of employees at Moroni Sugar Company. These layoffs have adversely affected hundreds of employees and their dependents and have had a significant impact on the economy of Kisumu County and the wider sugar belt region. In light of the company's previous state ownership and strategic role in the local economy, concerns have arisen regarding compliance with labour laws, protection of workers' rights and mitigation of socioeconomic consequences.

In the statement, the committee should address the following-

(1) The number of employees affected, disaggregated by employment status and cadre, and the criteria applied in identifying those declared redundant, including the legal and administrative basis for the decision.

(2) The state's obligations in respect of outstanding salary arrears, pension contributions, gratuities, statutory remittances and all other accrued employee benefits arising from the layoffs at Muhoroni Sugar Company.

(3) The fiscal implications of the layoffs, including any direct or contingent liabilities of the National Treasury and any obligations that remain unfunded or pending settlement.

(4) The socio-economic interventions put in place by the Ministry to cushion affected employees, their dependents and wide-scale growing community in Muhoroni and Kisumu County.

(5) The oversight and accountability measures undertaken to ensure transparency, adherence to law and compliance with constitutional and labour standards throughout the layoff process at Muhoroni Sugar Company.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, I will allow some comments, a few comments on the statements that have been made. I can see Sen. Mungatana.

Sen. Mungatana, MGH: Madam Temporary Speaker, I thank you for giving me the chance to comment on the statement on the drought situation in the country.

Tana River County is one of the most affected counties this year because we have got very little rain in the course of this year. First of all, the Government has done a bit of good work. I particularly commend the national Government through the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Public Service, the Hon. Ruku, who has come to Tana River County three times to make donations and supervise food distribution to vulnerable members of the community.

The question is; how does the national Government, which is headquartered in Nairobi, do much more than the local government, which is headquartered in Hola, that

has not done anything in terms of food relief, in terms of any effort to mitigate the hunger issues?

Madam Temporary Speaker, when the rains fail, the people of Tana River expect that the county Government led by the Governor will do something as an immediate measure even before the national Government does anything.

Due to the kind of governor and the leadership that is there currently, it is the people of Nairobi that are responding while our people are suffering. Animals are dying but there is no arrangement from the county Government in terms of response to give them food or arrange for something. Water is scarce, but nothing is being done by county Government in terms of quick response.

I ask the County Government of Tana River to wake up to its responsibility. What happens in that county is that every time they hear of hunger or this kind of crisis, they just wait for its declaration as a national disaster so that procurement procedures are short circuited. They look at it as an opportunity to make profit. That is the only time that they stand up to do something because they will short circuit the processes and give their cronies opportunities to make money.

Madam Temporary Speaker, to date, they have not properly accounted for the funds that were supposed to be used for emergency response to the people in past situations similar to this. I urge that more caution be put this year. We want the Governor and the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Finance to know that we are looking at them.

Some time ago, the county government decided to make a response by ordering for some truck carrying relief supplies. That truck broke down enroute and that became the end of the journey and the consignment of the food that was supposed to be taken to Tana River. That case went to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and statements were taken, but arrests have never been made to date.

We want the drought situation not to be used as opportunity to exploit poor and vulnerable groups because that is what they do in that county Government.

I take this opportunity to ask the EACC to hasten the files that are pending from Tana River County, especially the file on relief food. It is not one. They must take action based on those files. They wait for emergency times such as these and start doing funny things. I pray for action in that area.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Cherarkey and Sen. Wakoli, you have three minutes each and then we finish. So, mind each other.

Sen. Cherarkey: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I commend the statement by the Law Professor and neighbour, Sen. (Prof.) Ojienda, regarding lay-offs at Muhoroni Sugar Company. We must be told what happened.

The only problem I have with the statement is that he has it localized to Kisumu County. I confirm that Nandi is part of Muhoroni.

Madam Temporary Speaker, you and I come from the sugar belt. We have suffered so much. If it is not the factory going under, it is workers being frustrated.

I call upon the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, which the Chief Whip chairs, to come up with pragmatic solutions.

Labour rights of the affected as provided under Article 41 must be respected. Let their severance and pension deductions be remitted.

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Finally, on the issue of drought situation in Kenya, we are victims of non-implementation of the Office of the Auditor-General's reports that we ignored. They had proposed that we needed Kshs50 million to address the drought situation we have in the country at the moment. We must question the role of the National Drought and Management Authority (NDMA). They must appear before us. It is unfortunate that 23 counties, which is more than 3.3 million Kenyans are in danger of drought situation.

Finally, this issue of National Strategic Grain Reserve is a paradox in this country. In the North Rift, there is a lot of food in our National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) depots, but in Mandera, less than 500 kilometres, Kenyans are dying of hunger. There is no livestock insurance cover and there are no animal feeds, which is very unfortunate.

In the interest of time, allow me to yield to my colleague.

I thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Sen. Wakoli, be quick because I can see Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda wants to say something.

Sen. Wafula: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to weigh in on the matter of cane farmers and factories in the Republic of Kenya. It is very unfortunate that these people have been laid off and many of them do not understand the criteria that was used for them to go home.

In fact, what is being done is that the recruitment agency is not the company management. So, when they ask, they are told to go and check the company that is in charge of the process. Therefore, they are avoiding responsibility.

This is a matter that we cannot accept and that we should be able to deal with. We are also calling on the Government to do its part of the bargain; pay the arrears of farmers, statutory deductions and retirement benefits for those who are in the public sector. Therefore, as a Committee, I register my acknowledgement and we shall push this matter to its conclusion.

Finally, on the matter of drought, it is prudent that county governments are held responsible. They are giving out incentives today. However, when you look at the agenda, it is political; to look nice and benevolent, but not to address food shortage and insecurity in this country. So, we need to rein in these governors. They have billions of shillings. They can mobilise communities to plant and have reservoirs for the future. However, they do not look at that. They are looking at how much they can cash in when people are yawning and gnashing their teeth.

I want to encourage the national Government to do what it can. As a Senate, we must remind governors they must be accountable, they must appear before the County Public Accounts Committee, and they must also provide leadership for our people in the Republic.

Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda Odhiambo SC: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I want to comment on the establishment and equipping of vocational training centres in the country.

The issues raised by Sen. Wakoli's Statement on the vocational training centres in Bungoma County is on point. This is because the regulations, structuring and ensuring that these centres are available to learners that leave school at Form 4 level is important. It is out of these vocational centres that we get artisans who undertake the real work that

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focusses on things that we are doing. For instance, the affordable housing project source their labour and skills from these centres.

In Kisumu County, we have vocational centres in Kisumu, East, Akado and Nyabondo. The issues that the Senator for Bungoma has raised are relevant to Kisumu County. This is because these vocational centres must be resourced in terms of personnel, proper budgets and running, so that the staff in these vocational training centres deal with current issues.

The other issue on these vocational centres is on the training of instructors. It is important that those who teach in these centres are trained and achieve continuous training, so that they meet the needs of learners.

ADJOURNMENT

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Mumma): Hon. Senators, it is now 6.30 p.m., time to adjourn the Senate. The Senate, therefore, stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 4th March, 2026, at 9.30 a.m.

The Senate rose at 6.30 p.m.