



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE KENYATTA UNIVERSITY – YOUTH ALLIANCE OF KENYA.**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from the Kenyatta University - Youth Alliance of Kenya. The delegation comprises fifteen (15) Student leaders and ten (10) members drawn from different county chapters, who are visiting the Senate for an academic tour.

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful learning.

I thank you.”

5. **PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate: -

Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 17th March, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

6. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) Request for Statement pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)

- i) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of pending bills for the County Government of Bungoma.
- ii) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the deteriorating infrastructure at the Wilson Airport in Nairobi City County.
- iii) Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) on behalf of Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the measures being undertaken by the host County Governments of Kenya's chartered cities to facilitate access to basic services for the urban poor.
- iv) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources concerning deforestation linked to the growing use of firewood and wood-based biomass fuel by large manufacturing companies.
- v) The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the performance of the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) in soil testing and analysis.
- vi) The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding Land Adjudication, Ownership and Settlement challenges in Mwea Settlement Scheme.
- vii) The request for statement by the Senator for Nakuru County (Sen. Tabitha Keroche, MP) concerning the allocation of Kisima land in Njoro Sub-County, Nakuru County to civil servants was deferred in the absence of the Senator.

b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)

The Senate Majority Leader issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 17th March, 2026.

7. **THE AGRICULTURE PRODUCE (MINIMUM GUARANTEED RETURNS) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026,
2026 – Afternoon Sitting)
(Mover to reply)***

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

8. **THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

9. **THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 48 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader- 10.03.2026)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday 11th March, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

There being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover, The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) deferred the reply to a later date.

10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

Order deferred.

11. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

Order deferred.

12. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

Order deferred.

13. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

Order deferred.

14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

15. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY HON. ISAIAH MAINA, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY (MCA) OF NANDI COUNTY REPRESENTING OL'LESSOS WARD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ACT (CAP. 265)**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, the Senate adopts the, Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on a Petition to the Senate by Hon. Isaiah Maina, a Member of the County Assembly (MCA) of Nandi County representing Ol'lessos Ward on proposed amendments to the County Governments Act (CAP. 265), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 11th March, 2026.

Order deferred.

16. **THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Erick Okong'o Mogeni, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

17. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

18. **THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

19. **THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

20. **THE KENYA HEALTH PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

21. **THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 34 OF 2025)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

22. **THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)**

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

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

23. **THE AUTISM MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19 OF 2025)**

(Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

24. **MOTION - PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Order deferred.

25. **MOTION - DELINK JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

(Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP)

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

APPRECIATING THAT, the Junior Secondary Schools program play a vital role in shaping the academic trajectory of learners by providing students with a strong foundation in core subjects, helping them develop essential skills and offering

them opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities promoting greater social inclusion;

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

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

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

- i) Provide for an independent administrative and operational framework for Junior Secondary Schools to enhance governance, streamline management, and create a more focused learning environment for the learners;
- ii) Allocate adequate funds for the construction and equipping of Junior Secondary Schools with essential facilities such as science labs, libraries and ICT rooms, and provide adequate learning materials relevant with the curriculum;
- iii) Offer professional development programs for Junior Secondary School teachers to help them specialize in specific subjects to effectively implement the JSS curriculum;
- iv) Develop a clear career progression framework for Junior Secondary School teachers, including opportunities for promotions and additional responsibility allowances;
- v) Formulate clear policies and guidelines outlining the structure, curriculum, and management of Junior Secondary Schools; and ensure an optimal teacher-student ratio to facilitate personalized student attention and effective learning.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty minutes past Four O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

26. SENATE ROSE

– at fifty minutes past Four O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*