



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL, 30, 2026**

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 – VARIATION OF SUSPENSION OF SENATOR EDDY OKETCH, MP PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 127 (b)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, I suspended the Senator for Migori County, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP, for gross disorderly conduct for three sitting days, pursuant to Standing Order 122 (2) (a).

The Senators' suspension was to end today, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. However, Pursuant to Standing Order 127, the honourable Senator appealed against the suspension and pursuant to Standing Order 127 (b), I acceded to his appeal and reduced his suspension by one sitting day.

Therefore, the Honourable Senator has been readmitted to the chamber today.

I thank you.”

5. **PAPER LAID**

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

Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1) on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

*(The Senate Minority Leader)*

## 6. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

### **a) Requests for Statement pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)**

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the shortage of Special Needs Education teachers in public schools across the country.
- ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), on behalf of the Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP), sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding discrepancies in coffee pricing in Bungoma County, in respect of coffee cherry and *mbuni* (dry parchment).
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the implementation of the Integrated County Payroll System (ICPS) by county executives and county assemblies.
- iv) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the state of compliance with fair labour standards in private industrial establishments in Kisumu County.
- v) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding reports of exploitation of consumers following the April 2026 increase in fuel and petroleum prices.
- vi) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the unlawful detention of a Kenyan national in an undisclosed Ukrainian Prison.

### **b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)**

The Senate Minority Leader issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

## 7. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 24 of 2023), laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, and that pursuant to Article 113(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167(3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

(The Co-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Deputy Speaker, acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

8. **THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2026)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026, be read a Second Time.

*(The Senate Majority Leader – 29.04.2026 - Afternoon Sitting)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 – Afternoon Sitting resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover, the Deputy Speaker deferred reply to a later date.

9. **MOTION - APPROVAL OF SITTINGS OF THE SENATE TO BE HELD IN KILIFI COUNTY**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, AWARE that the Senate of Kenya is established under Article 93 of the Constitution and its main role, as set out at Article 96 is to represent, serve and protect the interests of the counties and their governments;

FURTHER AWARE of the critical role that the Senate plays in the interlinkage between the National and County levels of government, and the need to enhance the interaction between the Senate and county governments, as a means of bringing the Senate closer to the counties and the general public;

ACKNOWLEDGING the recommendation of the Senate Business Committee that a sitting of the Senate be held away from the traditional premises in Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, during the term of the 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament; and the subsequent resolution of the Senate made on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, to hold plenary and committee sittings in the counties for a one-week period within the month of September in every Session of the 4<sup>th</sup> Senate, except during an election year with the objective to: -

- 1) promote the role and work of the Senate and enhance public awareness regarding the Business of the Senate and Parliament in general;
- 2) highlight existing and new opportunities for engagement in the legislative process;
- 3) develop and strengthen partnerships at the county level of government; and
- 4) provide an opportunity to members and staff of county assemblies to learn and share best practices with Senators and parliamentary officers.

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING the successes made during the previous sittings of the Senate outside Nairobi held in Uasin Gishu, Kitui, Turkana and Busia Counties in 2018, 2019, 2023 and 2025, respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Article 126 (1) of the Constitution, the Senate resolves to hold its Plenary and Committee sittings in Kilifi County, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2026.

Order deferred.

10. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**  
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

11. **THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY NO. 3 OF 2024)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

12. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD AND FEED SAFETY CONTROL COORDINATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 21 OF 2023)**  
(The Vice Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 21 of 2023), laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026, and that pursuant to Article 113(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167(3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026)  
(Division)***

Order deferred.

14. **THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 –  
Afternoon Sitting)  
(Division)***

Order deferred.

15. **THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Erick Okong’o Mogeni, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 –  
Afternoon Sitting)  
(Division)***

Order deferred.

16. **THE AGRICULTURE PRODUCE (MINIMUM GUARANTEED RETURNS) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 –  
Afternoon Sitting)  
(Division)***

Order deferred.

17. **THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)**  
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

18. **THE AUTISM MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19 OF 2025)**  
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, 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 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)**  
(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

21. **THE KENYA HEALTH PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54 OF 2022)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

22. **THE BASIC EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 59 OF 2023)**  
(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

23. **THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 61 OF 2022)**  
(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP, Co-Sponsor)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

25. **THE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 63 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

26. **THE MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 22 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

27. **HOJA - AJALI YA FERI YA LIKONI**

(Seneta Miraj Abdillahi, Mb)

IKIBAINISHA KWAMBA, mnamo tarehe 29 Aprili 1994, janga la ajali ya feru ya Likoni lilisababisha vifo na majeraha kwa wananchi wasio na hatia, wengi wao wakiwa wakaazi wa Likoni na Kaunti ya Mombasa, na hivyo kuleta majonzi makubwa kitaifa pamoja na madhara ya muda mrefu ya kimwili, kisaikolojia, kijamii na kiuchumi kwa familia zilizopoteza wapendwa wao na manusura;

IKIWA NA WASIWASI KWAMBA, licha ya hakikisho na ahadi zilizotolewa na mamlaka mbalimbali kufuatia janga hilo, bado kuna mashaka na maswali kuhusu iwapo fidia ilitolewa kikamilifu na kwa haki kwa familia zote zilizoathirika;

IKIKIRI KWAMBA, kuanzishwa kwa kumbukumbu ya kitaifa ni hatua muhimu ya kuheshimu na kuenzi waliopoteza maisha, na pia ni chombo cha kuendeleza uponyaji wa pamoja wa kijamii na kuimarisha uwajibikaji wa Taifa kwa raia wake;

SASA BASI, Seneti inaamua kwamba –

- i. Kamati ya Kudumu ya Seneti ya Barabara, Uchukuzi na Makazi ifanye uchunguzi wa kina ili kubaini idadi ya familia zilizoathirika, fidia iliyolipwa hadi sasa, madai yoyote ambayo hayajalipwa, pamoja na kubainisha familia zipi bado hazijapata fidia na sababu za kutolipwa kwa fidia hiyo; na
- ii. Serikali ya Kaunti ya Mombasa kwa ushirikiano na Wizara ya Barabara na Uchukuzi, ianzishe kumbukumbu ya kudumu kwa heshima ya wahanga wa ajali ya feru ya Likoni, 1994 kwa mashauriano na familia zilizoathirika.

Order deferred.

28. **MOTION - PROMOTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION POLICY IN KENYA**

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) facilitating ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and beneficial application of AI;
- iii) creating innovation-friendly 'Sandboxes' for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills and innovation ecosystems; and

- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum to prepare the next generation for the digital economy.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate at thirty-eight minutes past Four O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

- 29. **SENATE ROSE** – thirty-eight minutes past Four O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 2:30 pm*

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