



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 05, 2026 AT 2:30 P.M.

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. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

a) **Disrespectful remarks made by Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP on a student under the school Voluntary Service Scheme**

“Honourable Senators,

The Senate, in collaboration with the National Assembly, runs the High School Voluntary Service Scheme (VSS). The programme is aimed at providing students with first-hand knowledge on public service, democracy and devolution. It gives the students an opportunity to learn and gain experience across various directorates in both Houses of Parliament. Through this programme, students engage and familiarize themselves with the practical roles and functions of both Houses of Parliament. This is achieved by observing House proceedings, learning best workplace practices, understanding legislative processes and policy formulation and interacting with Honourable Members and staff of Parliament. This enables them to better appreciate the role of Parliament and its contribution to devolution and national development. The programme targets public, private and international schools and it is conducted during school holidays when Parliament is in session and, on occasion, when the Houses are on recess.

The following schools have undertaken and benefitted from the programme:-

- i. Starehe Boys' Centre and School;
- ii. Alliance Girls' High School;
- iii. Alliance Boys' High School;
- iv. Strathmore School;
- v. Braeside Thika School;
- vi. Braeburn School;
- vii. Kianda School;
- viii. Starehe Girls' Centre; and
- ix. Nginda Girls' High School

Honourable Senators,

The programme further enables Parliament, and specifically the Senate, to connect with young people, thereby fostering leadership skills among students, encouraging them to remain focused and motivated in their studies, and nurturing a passion for leadership and patriotism. It also deepens their understanding of representation, oversight, legislation and devolution at both levels of government. Additionally, students from different schools are accorded an opportunity to interact, share experiences and learn from one another.

Honourable Senators,

You will recall that during the Afternoon Sitting of Wednesday, 25th March, 2026, I issued a Communication acknowledging a student who was undertaking a one-week service in the Senate under the Voluntary Service Scheme (VSS). In the usual Senate tradition, I accorded Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP, the Senator for Nairobi City County, an opportunity to welcome the student. After welcoming the student, the Senator requested the Speaker to allow another Member of the Nairobi City County delegation to also welcome the student. The Speaker granted this request and accordingly gave the Floor to Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP. In the course of her welcoming remarks, Sen. Nyamu, MP made utterances that were disrespectful, inappropriate, and fell short of the standards of decorum and respect expected of Members of this House. The utterances made brought embarrassment to the Senate, the student, the student's family and the public.

As Honourable Senators are aware, the Senate, as an institution, upholds the dignity of all persons within its precincts, including members of the public, staff and, in particular, students participating in programmes intended to enhance their understanding of parliamentary processes. The utterances and the conduct exhibited by Sen. Nyamu, MP on the said date is inconsistent with these values and undermine the integrity and standing of the Senate.

Against this background, it has become necessary to address this matter and to emphasize that all Members must conduct themselves as per the Code of Conduct for State Officers, and in particular, in a manner that reflects honour, dignity and respect for all persons, irrespective of age or status.

Honourable Senators,

In this regard, the Senator is required to tender an unreserved apology at the earliest opportunity to the Senate, the student, the student's family, and the public for the distress occasioned by the remarks, before being allowed to transact any business in the Senate. To this end, I direct that the Office of the Clerk

immediately communicates the contents of this communication to the Senator, so that she is guided accordingly.

I thank you.”

b) **Benchmarking visit by members of staff in the Department of Research Services of the Parliament of Uganda**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of Members of staff in the Department of Research Services of the Parliament of Uganda. The delegation is on a benchmarking engagement on best practices at the Senate.

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that you may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

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| 1. Mr. Owor Charles | - Assistant Director, Research Services |
| 2. Mr. Ngabirano Herbert | - Assistant Director, Research Services |
| 3. Mr. Acuch Peter | - Assistant Director, Research Services |
| 4. Ms. Namazzi Sarah | - Principal Administrative Assistant |

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to you and wish you a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

c) **Visiting delegation of Youth Leaders from Murang’a County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of twelve (12) Youth leaders from Murang’a County. The delegation is in the Senate on a courtesy call to Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP.

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

I thank you.”

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - PASSAGE OF THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 38 OF 2025)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly:

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3) and (4) of the Senate, I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage by the National Assembly, of the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 38 of 2025).

The Message, dated Thursday, 30th April, 2026 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message –

“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 38 of 2025) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 135 of 8th August 2025 as a Bill to amend the Forest Conservation and Management Act by establishing a legal framework relating to forest conservation and management that is in tandem with modern realities, contemporary global discourse on forestry conservation and management and Kenya's obligations on the environment and generally conform to the dictates of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered the Bill and passed it with amendments on Wednesday, 29th April 2026 and in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with provisions of Article 110 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the said Bill to the Senate for consideration.”

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 163 which requires that a Bill which originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order No.144.

Honourable Senators,

As you may have noted, the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 38 of 2025) has been listed in today's Order Paper and, at an appropriate time during this Sitting, I will direct the Clerk to Read the Bill a First Time.

I thank you.”

6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

The Senator for Elgeyo Marakwet County (Sen. William Kisang', MP) made a Statement regarding the historic environmental achievement of Hillary Kiplagat Kibiwott, founder of the Green Earth Ambassadors Foundation, who planted 23,326 indigenous tree seedlings within 24 hours at Kessup Forest Station, Elgeyo Marakwet County, surpassing the Guinness World Record.

In the Statement, Sen. Kisang' commended Mr. Kibiwott's determination, resilience, and commitment to climate action, noting that his efforts represent both a personal triumph and a national source of pride. Highlighting, Mr. Kibiwott's long-standing work in mobilizing communities,

restoring degraded landscapes, and protecting water catchment areas, aligning with the Government's target of planting 15 billion trees by 2030, the Senator noted that the achievement was not only symbolic, but also a powerful call to action against climate change, deforestation, and environmental degradation.

In conclusion, the Senator urged the Government and stakeholders to support youth-led climate programmes, strengthen reforestation efforts, and ensure sustainability of such projects. He cited Mr. Kibiwott's motto, "*Plant trees today, tomorrow and forever for a better future,*" as an inspiration for all Kenyans to actively participate in environmental conservation.

Thereafter, the Speaker acknowledged and commended Kibiwott, who was seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

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

- i) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding unremitted statutory and salary deductions by entities in the public and private sectors.
- ii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding governance, utilization and protection of public land held by the Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) across the country.
- iii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the continued alienation and non-restoration of land LR No. 209/12678 reserved for a public market at Mukuru Kwa Njenga, Embakasi South, in Nairobi County.
- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the implementation status of the five percent (5%) employment quota for persons with disabilities in the public service.
- v) Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism concerning the milk price stabilization programme at New Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC).
- vi) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the environmental pollution by emerging industries along the Kitengela – Namanga road corridor in Kajiado County.
- vii) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohammed Faki Mwinyihaji, Mbunge) kutoka kwa Kamati ya Ardhi, Mazingira na Maliasili kuhusu kuteuliwa kwa Jopo la Usimamizi kusimamia Shirika la Mombasa

Water and Sewerage Company Limited na hatua zilizochukuliwa na Shirika la Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB).

- viii) The request for a Statement by the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding budgetary allocations, approvals, expenditure and financial accountability in relation to the construction, rehabilitation and operationalization of Members of County Assembly (MCAs) offices in Kirinyaga County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

7. **THE REFERENDUM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee, on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

8. **THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 38 OF 2025)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources.

9. **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 Thursday 30th April, 2026 resumed for Mover to reply;

Sen. Ali Roba, MP replied on behalf of the Mover;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), Sen. Ali Roba, MP requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

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

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

Orde read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 13th Parliament; and the subsequent resolution of the Senate made on 8th 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 4th 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 21st to 25th September, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties;

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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;

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11. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - DISRESPECTFUL REMARKS MADE BY SEN. KAREN NYAMU, MP ON A STUDENT UNDER THE SCHOOL VOLUNTARY SERVICE SCHEME

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, earlier this afternoon, the Speaker issued a Communication on disrespectful remarks by Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP, on a student under the School Voluntary Service Scheme.

Honourable Senators, I now see Sen. Nyamu in the Chamber. In this regard, I forthwith call upon the Senator to tender the unreserved apology as earlier directed by the Chair, to the Senate, the student, the student’s family, and the

public, for the distress occasioned by her remarks, in compliance with the Communication issued.”

Thereupon, Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP tendered an apology as follows;

“I, Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP, hereby tender my unreserved apology to the Senate, the student under the School Voluntary Service Scheme, the family of the student and the public, for the remarks I made on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026 while welcoming the student. I acknowledge that the utterances were inappropriate and fell short of the dignity, decorum and respect expected of a State Officer, particularly towards a young female learner who was in the Speaker’s gallery. I reaffirm my commitment to uphold the values and integrity of the Senate and to treat all persons, especially young people engaging with Parliament, with the respect and courtesy they deserve.”

“Honourable Senators,

Having considered the apology tendered by Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP, I hereby acknowledge and accept the same. I nonetheless, caution you, as a state officer, going forward, to refrain from making such disrespectful remarks.

I further now direct that all the remarks made by Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP to the Senate on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026 be expunged from the Hansard of that Sitting day.

I thank you.”

12. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 1 of 2024), be read a Second Time.

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

Limitation of Debate Pursuant to Standing Order 111

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), debate on the Bill be limited to ten minutes.

(Sen. Ali Roba, MP)

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84(2), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) ruled that the Motion does not affect counties;

Question put and agreed to.

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

13. **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.

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, 18th 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, 18th 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, 25th 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, 23rd April, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

18. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023)**
(The Vice Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

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, 28th 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.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 30th April, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

20. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2026)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

22. **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.

23. **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.
24. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

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

Order deferred.
26. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

Order deferred.
27. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)
(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)

Order deferred.
28. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE KENYA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 72 OF 2023)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.
29. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)
(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Order deferred.
30. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)
(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP and Sen. William Kisang, MP)

Order deferred.

31. **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, 28th 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.

32. **MOTION - MAINSTREAMING GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PROCESSES**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

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

FURTHER AWARE that Article 27(8) obligates the State to take legislative and other measures to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups as a result of past discrimination, and to ensure that not more than

two-thirds of members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender;

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate:

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

Commission, and County Assembly Service Boards to build capacity for gender analysis among technical and legislative staff;

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

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026)
(Balance of time – 1 hour)***

Order deferred.

33. **THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 49 OF 2023)**
(Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

34. **THE COUNTY WARDS (EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP and Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

35. **THE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 32 OF 2024)**
(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

36. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF SELECT COMMITTEES DURING THE THIRD SESSION (2024)**
(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Liaison Committee on the activities and operations of Select Committees during the Third Session (2024) pursuant to Standing Order 224 (2), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

Order deferred.

37. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON INQUIRY INTO THE SHORTAGE OF SMART ENERGY METERS IN KENYA AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THEIR LOCAL MANUFACTURING**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

THAT, the Senate adopts Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on inquiry into the shortage of smart energy meters in Kenya and the potential for their local manufacturing, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 11th June, 2025.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) adjourned the Senate at twenty-three minutes past Six O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

38. **SENATE ROSE** – twenty-three minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, May 05, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.*

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