



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 06, 2026 (AFTERNOON SITTING)

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) Visiting delegation from the Parliament of Uganda

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from the Parliament of Uganda comprising of Members from the Office of the Leader of Opposition. The delegation comprises ten (10) Members, who are in the Senate to undertake a training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

Honourable Senators,

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged as per the Senate tradition.

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| 1. Hon. Joel Ssenyonyi, MP | - Leader of the Opposition &
Leader of delegation |
| 2. Hon. Nambeshe John Baptist, MP | - Chief Opposition Whip |
| 3. Hon. Auma Kenny, MP | - Member |

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| 4. Hon. Adeke Ann, MP | - Member |
| 5. Hon. Okot Peter, MP | - Member |
| 6. Hon. Akello Lucy, MP | - Member |
| 7. Hon. Nicholas Kamara, MP | - Member |
| 8. Hon. Ssekitoleeko Robert, MP | - Member |
| 9. Dr. Ssozi Leonard | - Principal Policy Analyst |
| 10. Mr. Ali Mivule | - Public Affairs Officer |

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

I thank you.”

b) Visiting delegation of Officers from various County Assemblies, Institutions and State Departments

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of Officers from various County Assemblies, Institutions and State Departments. The delegation comprises seventeen (17) officers, who are in the Senate to undertake a training on Legislative Media Relations and Reporting at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST).

Honourable Senators,

The programme has brought together the officers from the following institutions:

1. The County Assembly of Samburu;
2. The County Assembly of Nyeri;
3. The Bomas of Kenya Ltd;
4. The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD);
5. The Postal Corporation of Kenya;
6. State Department for Industry;
7. State Department for Mining;
8. State Department for Public Works;
9. State Department for Medical Services;
10. State Department for Justice, Human Rights and Constitutional Affairs;
11. State Department for Broadcasting and Telecommunications; and
12. State Department for Public Investments and Assets Management.

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.”

c) The regional seminar on African parliaments for climate action: reducing methane, promoting development.

“Honourable Senators,

I have a communication to make regarding the Regional Seminar on African Parliaments for Climate Action, themed, Reducing Methane, promoting development.

As you are aware, Parliament plays a central role in strengthening Kenya’s response to climate change through legislation, representation, budget-making and oversight. In this regard, I wish to notify you that the Parliament of Kenya, in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), will co-host the Regional Parliamentary Seminar on Climate Change and Methane Emissions Reduction from 15th to 16th May, 2026, at Emara Ole Sereni Hotel in Nairobi. The Summit brings together Members of Parliament from across Africa to deliberate on the role of African parliaments in advancing climate action, with a focus on methane emissions reduction and the promotion of sustainable development.

As part of the build-up to the Regional Seminar, Parliament has scheduled a Parliament–Media Breakfast Dialogue on Methane Emissions in Kenya, to be held tomorrow, Thursday, 7th May, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at Parliament Buildings, Nairobi. The Breakfast Dialogue will serve as a precursor engagement under the broader theme of enhancing public understanding and parliamentary action on methane reduction in Kenya and across the region. It is intended to deepen public understanding of methane emissions, support accurate media reporting, and strengthen collaboration between Parliament, the media, technical experts and key stakeholders ahead of the Regional Seminar.

The engagement will bring together Members of Parliament, media practitioners, technical experts, representatives of the Executive, research institutions, development partners and private sector actors.

Honourable Senators,

The programme for the Breakfast Dialogue and the Regional Seminar will include technical presentations on the global perspective on methane, Kenya’s methane profile and inventory systems, research and innovation in methane reduction, and private sector perspectives on sustainable methane management. The engagements will also feature moderated panel discussions, media engagements and parliamentary reflections on policy, legislative and oversight gaps requiring action.

At the conclusion of the Regional Seminar, a field visit for delegates has been organised on 17th May, 2026, to the Sleeping Warrior Special Economic Zone in Gilgil. The Special Economic Zone presents a model Green Energy Zone and will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to appreciate how a zonal approach can increase renewable energy access and why it is important to create an enabling environment for energy investments.

I therefore urge all Honourable Senators to note the Parliament–Media Breakfast Dialogue scheduled for tomorrow and the Regional Parliamentary Seminar on Climate Change and Methane Emissions Reduction, and to purpose to participate in these important engagements, which form part of Parliament’s continuing climate action agenda and its commitment to promoting sustainable development.

I thank you.”

d) Visiting delegation of teachers and students from Milimani Junior School in Nakuru County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of ten (10) teachers and one hundred and seventy-one (171) students from Milimani Junior School in Nakuru County. The delegation is visiting the Senate for a one (1) day academic exposition.

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. **PAPER LAID**

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

Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Equalisation Fund Appropriation Bill, 2025 (National Assembly Bills No. 21 of 2025).).

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

6. **QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS**

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

- i) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the optimization of the investment at the Ongata Rongai and Ngong Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) stations.
- ii) The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement on the continued occupation of Oldonyiro County Assembly Hall by the Isiolo County Assembly beyond expiry of the gazetted five-month period on 11th December, 2025, and the legal consequence on the business transacted at the venue outside the gazetted period.

- iii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding delayed payment of local suppliers by the Machakos County Government was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- iv) Request for a Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, from the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights regarding unresolved cases and the welfare of returning personnel from the Haiti Mission was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- v) Request for a Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the prioritization of persons with disabilities under the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) sponsorship programme was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- vi) Request for a Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the planned reintegration of children from institutional care to family-based care was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 56 (1) (b)

- i) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations made a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, February to April, 2026.
- ii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education made a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, February to April, 2026.
- iii) The Statement by the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, February to April, 2026 was **deferred**.

7. THE EQUALIZATION FUND APPROPRIATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 21 OF 2025)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Equalization Fund Appropriation Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 21 of 2025) be now read a Second time

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate

without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. SENATE ROSE – at thirty minutes past six O'clock.

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*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, May 07, 2026 at 2:30 pm*

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