



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 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 at 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) Substantiation of facts that a Senator alleges to be true pursuant to Standing Order 105 – Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP

“Honourable Senators,

As you will recall, during the sitting of the Senate held on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026, while commenting on Statements, the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) stated as follows-

“.....I would like to thank the President for following up on his word on the 10-point agenda by ensuring that Kshs10 billion was allocated and provided for. The sponsor of Linda Mwananchi, Uhuru Kenyatta, in the last session committed Kshs10 billion.....”

At this point, I cautioned the Senator for Nandi County and urged him to ensure that his remarks were factual. Subsequently, the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) rose on a Point of Order

pursuant to Standing Order 105, challenging Sen. Cherarkey to substantiate his allegation that Linda Mwananchi was being sponsored by former President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, Standing Order 105 states that –

“(1) A Senator shall be responsible for the accuracy of any facts that the Senator alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such facts instantly.

(2) If a Senator has sufficient reason to convince the Speaker that the Senator is unable to substantiate the allegations instantly, the Speaker shall require that such Senator substantiates the allegations not later than the next sitting day, failure to which the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121 (Disorderly conduct), unless the Senator withdraws the allegations and gives a suitable apology, if the Speaker so requires.”

I thereupon, directed Sen. Cherarkey to substantiate his remarks as required under Standing Order 105(1). Sen. Cherarkey, MP, was not able to substantiate his statements instantly and requested for time to do so at the next sitting, pursuant to Standing Order 105(2).

Accordingly, and pursuant to Standing Order 105 (2), I now invite Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP to forthwith substantiate his statement, failure to which the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121. In the absence of such substantiation, the Senator will be required to withdraw the statement and apologize to the Senate.

I thank you.”

Thereupon, the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) tabled the following documents-

- i) Print-out of electronic links titled *“Pandora Papers: Uhuru Kenyatta family’s secret assets exposed by leak”* and *“Fully registered political parties”*.
- ii) Print-out of electronic links titled *“Link on Uhuru’s speech to the opposition”*.

b) Visiting delegation from Kitondo Boys School – Makueni County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of two (2) teachers and sixty-four (64) students from Kitondo Boys School in

Makueni County, who are seated in the Public Gallery. The delegation is visiting the Senate for an 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.”

c) Visiting delegation from Kyang’ondw School – Makueni County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of four (4) teachers and one hundred and nine (109) students from Kitondo Boys School in Makueni County, who are seated in the Public Gallery. The delegation is visiting the Senate for an 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.”

d) Visiting delegation from Kambui Girls School – Kiambu County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of eight (8) teachers and one hundred and eighty-two (182) students from Kambui in Kiambu County, who are seated in the Public Gallery. The delegation is visiting the Senate for an 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.”

3. PAPERS LAID

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate:

- i) The Gambling Control (Licensing) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 111 of 2026.
- ii) The Gambling Control (Conduct of Gambling Operations) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 112 of 2026.
- iii) The Gambling Control (Foreign-Based Operators) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 113 of 2026.

- iv) The Gambling Control (Advertising) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 114 of 2026.
- v) The Gambling Control (Gambling Appeals Tribunal) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 115 of 2026.
- vi) The Gambling Control (The Conduct of a National Lottery) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 116 of 2026.

(Sen. Joyce Korir, MP on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

- vii) Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the cooperation agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government.
- viii) Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the application for conferment of city status to Thika Municipality.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

4. STATEMENTS

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i. The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the delay by the Board of the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) to appoint a substantive Director General of the institute.
- ii. Nominated Senator (Sen. Consolata Wakwabubi, MP), on behalf of the Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the delayed production and issuance of new generation motor vehicle number plates by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA).
- iii. The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the safety of Kenyan nationals in South Africa following the recent wave of anti-migrant protests in the country.
- iv. The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding recurring cattle rustling and livestock theft along the Tharaka – Kitui border.

- v. The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the use of Credit Reference Bureau (CRB) information by employers as a pre-condition for recruitment.
- vi. The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the delay by the Engineers Board of Kenya (EBK) to process applications for registration of graduate engineers.
- vii. The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding remuneration disparities between Kenyan and foreign employees working in international media organizations operating in Kenya.
- viii. The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the persistent delays in disbursing terminal benefits and salary arrears owed to former workers and retirees of Muhoroni and other sugar companies.
- ix. The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding wastage of public resources and the ballooning wage bill in the County Government of Machakos.
- x. Ombi la kauli kutoka kwa Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohammed Faki, Mb) kutoka kwa Kamati ya Usalama wa Taifa, Ulinzi na Uhusiano wa Kimataifa kuhusu kutokea mara kwa mara, kwa janga la moto katika ofisi za Shirika la Usambazaji wa Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira ya Mombasa (MOWASCO) halikuendelezwa kutokana na kutokuwepo kwa Seneta mhusika.
- xi. Ombi la kauli kutoka kwa Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohammed Faki, Mb) kutoka kwa Kamati ya Elimu kuhusu uajiri wa wanajamii wa eneo husika katika Chuo cha Kitaifa cha Ufundi Anuwai cha Pwani kilichoko Kaunti ya Mombasa halikuendelezwa kutokana na kutokuwepo kwa Seneta mhusika.
- xii. Request for a Statement by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the persistent underperformance of own-source revenue collection by the County Government of Kisumu and its implications for service delivery and implementation of county development programmes was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
- xiii. Request for a Statement by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) from the Standing Committee on Roads,

Transportation and Housing regarding the low rate of conversion of county roads from bare earth or gravel into all-weather standards in Kisumu County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

- xiv. Request for a Statement by the for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the alignment of training programmes offered in County Vocational Training Centres (CVTC) in Kisumu County with the County's economic priorities and labour-market needs was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

5. **THE QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND PATIENT SAFETY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 41 OF 2025)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Health.

6. **THE KENYA NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 20 OF 2023)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

7. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI REGARDING THE ENACTMENT OF A LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL OF THE PRESIDENT OR A GOVERNOR THROUGH A CITIZEN INITIATIVE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi regarding the enactment of a legal framework to provide for recall of the President or a Governor through a citizen initiative, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 11th June, 2026.

(Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights – 14.07.2026)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026 resumed for the Mover to reply;

Thereupon, Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP replied on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), Sen. Daniel Maanzo, 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.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 34 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

9. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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