



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 (MORNING SITTING)

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

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Deputy 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 no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Deputy Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

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

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

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

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- i) Question No. 049 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry on prevention of industrial pollution, unsafe e-waste handling, toxic dumping and other environmental practices that expose Kenyans to hazardous substances was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 019 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs on the status of blue economy programmes undertaken by the National Government in Kisumu County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 057 by the Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on maintenance and rehabilitation of the Thika–Kenol Section of the A2 Road was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

- iv) Question No. 061 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of the construction of the island-side ramp to fully operationalize Ferry services at the Mtongwe crossing in Mombasa County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- v) Question No. 063 by the Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport on the status of road construction projects in Kakamega County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

5. **MOTION – MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING IN KENYA**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT, AWARE that Article 42 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes access to safe energy options;

FURTHER AWARE that over 900 million Africans, including more than 90% of households in Kenya's rural areas, still rely on traditional biomass (firewood, charcoal, animal waste) for cooking, resulting in high levels of indoor air pollution that cause premature deaths, particularly among women and children;

CONCERNED that in Kenya, indoor air pollution has been linked to over 23,000 annual deaths, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of time spent collecting firewood and cooking, limiting their education and economic opportunities;

NOTING that traditional cooking methods contribute significantly to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate vulnerability at the county level, undermining national commitments under the Energy Act, 2019, the Climate Change Act, 2016, and Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECALLING that the Africa Clean Cooking Summit (Paris, 2023) mobilized USD 2.2 billion in commitments for clean cooking, and the International Energy Agency has recommended urgent financing and policy action to achieve universal access by 2040;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts of some counties, development partners, and private sector actors in piloting clean cooking projects, but recognizing that these remain small-scale and fragmented;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the—

- i) Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;

- ii) National Treasury and Ministry of Energy prioritize clean cooking in financing frameworks, including results-based financing and blended finance models to de-risk private investment;
- iii) County Governments incorporate clean cooking targets in their County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and ensure public institutions such as schools, health facilities, and prisons adopt clean cooking solutions;
- iv) National Treasury and County Governments to fast-track letters of authorization to unlock carbon finance markets (Article 6.2 and CORSIA) for clean cooking projects; and
- v) County Governments engage the private sector actors, and community organizations to expand clean cooking access, create local jobs, and reduce pressure on forest resources.

Order read;

Order deferred.

6. **MOTION – PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 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.

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

Debate arising;

Amendment proposed:

THAT, the Motion be amended—

- i) in the fifth paragraph by inserting the word “virement” between the words “unaccounted for” and the words “and inflated” appearing in the third line; and
- ii) in the sixth paragraph by deleting the words “respective Senator” appearing in the fourth line and substituting thereof the words “relevant oversight Committee”.

(Sen. Consolata Wakwabubi, MP)

And the time being One 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.

7. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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