



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 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 County Assembly of Kakamega

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from the County Assembly of Kakamega. The delegation comprises eight (8) Members of the Procedure and Rules Committee in the County Assembly and twenty-one (21) officers, who are in the Senate for a benchmarking visit with the Taskforce on the Review of the Senate Standing Orders.

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

1. Hon. Peter Walunya, Member and Team Leader
2. Hon. Mercy Luseno, Member
3. Hon. Timothy Aseka, Member
4. Hon. Timothy Wanzetse, Member
5. Hon. Scholastic Ngina, Member
6. Hon. Brian Mafunga, Member

7. Hon. Linet Wanga, Member
8. Hon. Bernard Mulama, Member

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 from various County Assemblies

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of staff from the following county assemblies: Baringo County Assembly, Elgeyo Marakwet County Assembly, Nyeri County Assembly, Kwale County Assembly and Nyandarua County Assembly.

The officers are in the Senate to undertake training with the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) on the management of Committees of the Whole.

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.”

3. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by Mr. Hezekiah Kuria Karanja and others concerning the eviction of Korogocho community living along the Nairobi River Corridor after its declaration as a Special Planning Area.
- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by residents of Kithima location concerning alleged grabbing of public land in Meru County.
- iii) Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by the Cultural Environmental Care Society concerning conversion of L.R. No. 209/2378/1 Pumwani Majengo from public to private land.
- iv) Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by the Single Mothers Association of Kenya concerning their eviction from Property Ref. No: CP &

ARCH/00219, Excision of L.R. No. 209/6738 in Ziواني Ward in Nairobi County.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

- v) Report of the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing on a Petition by Mr. Daniel Rakoro and others concerning public transport in Lake Victoria between Mfangano Island in Suba Central Sub-County and Mbita.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing)

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION BY MR. HEZEKIAH KURIA KARANJA AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE EVICTION OF KOROGOCHO COMMUNITY LIVING ALONG THE NAIROBI RIVER CORRIDOR AFTER ITS DECLARATION AS A SPECIAL PLANNING AREA**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by Mr. Hezekiah Kuria Karanja and others concerning the eviction of Korogocho community living along the Nairobi River Corridor after its declaration as a Special Planning Area, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION BY RESIDENTS OF KITHIMA LOCATION CONCERNING ALLEGED GRABBING OF PUBLIC LAND IN MERU COUNTY**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by residents of Kithima location concerning alleged grabbing of public land in Meru County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION BY THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL CARE SOCIETY CONCERNING CONVERSION OF L.R. NO. 209/2378/1 PUMWANI MAJENGO FROM PUBLIC TO PRIVATE LAND**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by the Cultural

Environmental Care Society concerning conversion of L.R. No. 209/2378/1 Pumwani Majengo from public to private land, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION BY THE SINGLE MOTHERS ASSOCIATION OF KENYA CONCERNING THEIR EVICTION FROM PROPERTY REF. NO: CP & ARCH/00219, EXCISION OF L.R. NO. 209/6738 IN ZIWANI WARD IN NAIROBI COUNTY**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition by the Single Mothers Association of Kenya concerning their eviction from Property Ref. No: CP & ARCH/00219, Excision of L.R. No. 209/6738 in Ziwani Ward in Nairobi County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ROADS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING ON A PETITION BY MR. DANIEL RAKORO AND OTHERS CONCERNING PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LAKE VICTORIA BETWEEN MFANGANO ISLAND IN SUBA CENTRAL SUB-COUNTY AND MBITA**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing on a Petition by Mr. Daniel Rakoro and others concerning public transport in Lake Victoria between Mfangano Island in Suba Central Sub-County and Mbita, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 16th September, 2026.

9. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the financial performance and financial sustainability of Kenya Airways Limited and the continued financial exposure of the Government to the airline.
- ii) The Senator for Murang'a County (Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the operational status of land registries in Murang'a County.
- iii) The Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the persistent insecurity

along the Turkana-West Pokot County boundary, despite repeated Government interventions.

- iv) The Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the compensation and restoration of livelihoods of victims of insecurity in Turkana County, West Pokot County and other affected pastoralist areas.
- v) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Kanar Seki, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the suspension of mining operations of Tata Chemicals Magadi Limited.
- vi) Request for a Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the liquidation of M/S Savings and Credit Co-operative Societies (SACCOs) and the protection of members' savings and investments was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- vii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the recovery and management of public land in Kisumu County was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- viii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the completion and operationalization of the new Air Traffic Control Tower at Kisumu International Airport was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

10. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY REGARDING ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy regarding alleged irregularities in the petroleum products supply chain, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

*(Sen. (Dr.) Danson Mungatana, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson,
Standing Committee on Energy – 05.08.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 (Morning Sitting) resumed for the Question to be put;

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 a quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy regarding alleged irregularities in the petroleum products supply chain, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

11. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON ITS INQUIRY REGARDING THE HANDING OVER OF A COOKING GAS HANDLING FACILITY, IN MOMBASA COUNTY, TO A PRIVATE FIRM**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on its inquiry regarding the handing over of a cooking gas handling facility, in Mombasa County, to a private firm, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

*(Sen. (Dr.) Danson Mungatana, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson,
Standing Committee on Energy – 05.08.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 (Morning Sitting) resumed for the Question to be put;

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 a quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on its inquiry regarding the handing over of a cooking gas handling facility, in Mombasa County, to a private firm, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

12. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE KENYA SIGN LANGUAGE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 9 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the National Assembly amendments to the Kenya Sign Language Bill (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2023) be now considered.

(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator 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 Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

13. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9th September, 2026 – Morning Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

14. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY**

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the conferment of City status to Thika Municipality, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026 and, that pursuant to section 8 (6) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, **approves** the conferment of City status to Thika Municipality.

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

Order deferred.

15. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE TRAFFIC (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11 OF 2026; THE TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 13 OF 2026); AND THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Reports of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the –

- i) The Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 11 of 2026;
- ii) The Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026); and
- iii) The National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2026);

laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026; and that pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Senate resolves to **annul** the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 11 of 2026; the Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026); and the National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2026).

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 11th June, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

16. ***THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th August, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

17. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
****THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

(Consideration of the National Assembly amendments)
(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

21. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)

Order deferred.

22. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
*****THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

23. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
*****THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

24. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION**
(AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)
(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

Order deferred.

25. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Erick Okong'o Mogeni, MP)

Order deferred.

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

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026)

Order deferred.

27. **MOTION - THE COUNTY FISCAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT**
INDEX (CFPMI) REPORT 2026
(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, the Senate notes the County Fiscal Performance Measurement Index (CFPMI) Report 2026, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 6th August, 2026.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 6th August, 2026)

Order deferred.

28. **MOTION - MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING**
IN KENYA

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP – 09.09.2026)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9th September, 2026 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

Adjournment of debate pursuant to Standing Order 110(1);

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 110(1) Nominated Senator (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP) claimed to move –

“That, the debate be now adjourned.”

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) acceding to the claim;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the debate be now adjourned.

(Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, MP)

There being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84(1), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) ruled that the Question does not affect counties;

Question put and agreed to.

29. ***THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2026)**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

30. *****THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

31. **THE KENYA NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 20 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order Deferred.

32. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JLAHR) ON A PETITION BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI AND OTHERS ON THE LIMITATION OF THE TENURE OF NOMINATED MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES (MCAS) TO A SINGLE TERM OF FIVE YEARS**

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

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights (JLAHR) on a Petition by Mr. Laban Omusundi and others concerning limitation of the tenure of nominated Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) to a single term of five years, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 8th September, 2026.

Order Deferred.

33. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JLAHR) ON A PETITION BY MR. MOHAMED U. ALASOW ON THE RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 48 OF 2021) TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION CANDIDATES' USE OF POPULAR NAMES ON NOMINATION AND ELECTION BALLOT PAPERS**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights (JLAHR) on a Petition by Mr. Mohamed U. Alasow concerning the re-introduction of the Elections (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (Senate Bills No. 48 of 2021), laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 8th September, 2026.

Order Deferred.

34. **MOTION - DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KENYA AS A NATIONAL DISASTER**
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

AWARE THAT, Article 43 guarantees the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including emergency medical treatment and Article 21(1) of the Constitution obligates the State and all State organs to observe, respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the Bill of Rights;

NOTING THAT, Article 238 of the Constitution provides that national security includes the protection of the people of Kenya and their property against internal and external threats, which encompasses safety on national transport networks;

COGNIZANT THAT, road traffic injuries are among the leading causes of death in Kenya and constitute the leading cause of mortality among adolescents and adults in their most economically productive years, surpassing many communicable and non-communicable diseases resulting in significant loss of human capital and productivity;

NOTING THAT, in 2025 more than 4,400 Kenyans lost their lives with over 17,000 injuries from road crashes, a 3% increase over the previous year, while nearly 400 people were killed in road traffic accidents in January 2026 alone, representing an 11% increase compared to the

same period in the previous year, illustrating a continuing trend of preventable loss of life;

CONCERNED THAT, beyond loss of life, road traffic accidents result in long-term disability, psychological trauma, family disruption and significant economic loss, with estimates suggesting losses amounting to billions shillings annually to the national economy, while placing severe strain on health facilities and emergency services;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, despite the existence of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028) and other statutory measures, road carnage persists due to preliminary causes including over-speeding, impaired and distracted driving, non-compliance with traffic laws, inadequate driver training, unsafe road infrastructure, unroadworthy and overloaded vehicles, as well as systemic challenges arising from inadequate investment in road safety infrastructure, weak coordination among transport, enforcement, health and county authorities, and limited emergency medical response capacity;

NOW THEREFORE, THE SENATE resolves that—

- i.) Road traffic accidents in Kenya be declared a National Disaster, requiring urgent, coordinated and sustained multi-sectoral intervention across prevention, emergency response, rehabilitation and long-term systemic reform;
- ii.) The Ministry of Roads and Transport and the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the National Transport and Safety Authority, the National Police Service and the Council of Governors, urgently strengthen the implementation of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028), including enhanced enforcement of traffic laws, safer road design, public education, data-driven interventions and improved emergency response capacity;
- iii.) The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the County Governments to set aside adequate resources to support road safety interventions, emergency medical services, trauma care systems and post-crash rehabilitation services; and
- iv.) The National Treasury in collaboration with the Ministry of Roads and Transport establishes a Road Safety Disaster Response Fund to support road safety interventions, victims and families affected by the road accidents.

Order Deferred.

35. **MOTION - THE RISING CASES OF STUDENT UNREST, ARSON AND INSECURITY IN SCHOOLS IN KENYA**

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP and Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Articles 43(1)(f) and 53 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantee every child the right to education, protection, safety and welfare;

COGNIZANT THAT the Basic Education Act, 2013, the Children Act, 2022, the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Safety Standards Manual for Schools in Kenya require learning institutions to provide safe and secure environments for learners;

CONCERNED THAT Kenya continues to witness recurrent cases of student unrest, school strikes and arson attacks in schools, leading to loss of lives, destruction of property, disruption of learning and psychological trauma among learners and their families;

ACKNOWLEDGING the findings of the National Crime Research Centre (NCRC), the Auditor General's performance audit report on Fire Safety Preparedness in Secondary Schools (2020), and the Claire Omolo Task Force Report (2016);

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that—

1. the Ministry of Education —

- (i) tables in the Senate a status report on the implementation of the various inquiries on school fires including; *the Auditor General's performance audit report on Fire Safety Preparedness in Secondary Schools (2020)*, the National Crime Research Centre (NCRC) (2016), the Claire Omolo Task Force Report (2016), and the Bombolulu Commission of Inquiry Report (1998);
- (ii) Strengthens school infrastructure safety and emergency preparedness by conducting mandatory annual fire safety audits in all boarding schools, allocating resources for improvement of dormitories including installation of emergency exits, firefighting equipment and fire detection systems, and developing clear national evacuation and disaster response protocols;
- (iii) develops with modalities of phasing out boarding schools and introducing a hybrid set-up where all schools have both day and boarding arrangements;
- (iv) in collaboration with the County governments, maintain sustained intergovernmental investment in modern fire-fighting infrastructure, emergency response equipment, evacuation systems, communication systems, and capacity building for qualified fire safety, disaster management, and emergency to ensure timely and effective response to fire accidents and emergencies within learning institutions and surrounding communities; and

2. The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) enhances student discipline, wellbeing and stakeholder engagement; and that
3. Pursuant to Standing Order 228 (4) (a), the Senate Standing Committee on Education to inquire into the issue of school unrest and arson in schools in the country and table a Report within 90 days from the date of adoption of this Motion.

Order Deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate at twenty-four minutes past Five O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

36. **SENATE ROSE** – at twenty-four minutes past Five O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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