



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT

THE SENATE

SPECIAL SITTING

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 04, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

1. The Senate assembled at Ten O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - CONVENING OF SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE SENATE ON TUESDAY, 4TH MAY, 2021, WEDNESDAY, 5TH MAY, 2021 AND THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 2021**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair -

“Honourable Senators,

I welcome you to this Special Sitting of the Senate. On the request of the Senate Majority Leader vide letter Ref. No. SEN/SML/CORR dated 2nd May, 2021, and with the support of the requisite number of Senators, I appointed today, Tuesday, 4th May, 2021 and Thursday, 6th May, 2021 as days for Special Sittings of the Senate vide Gazette Notice No. 4196, dated Friday, 30th April, 2021 and Wednesday 5th May, 2021, 2.30 pm as a day for a Joint Sitting of Parliament vide Gazette Notice No. 4200, dated Monday, 3rd May, 2021.

In Gazette Notice No. 4196, I indicated that the business to be transacted at these Special Sittings shall be –

- i. Consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020;
- ii. Introduction of the County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2021; and

- iii. Hearing of charges against Honourable Mohamed Abdi Mohamud, the Governor of Wajir County.

While in Gazette Notice No. 4200, in consultation with the Speaker of the National Assembly, we have made arrangements for a Joint Sitting of Parliament, pursuant to Standing Order 26(2) for an address by the visiting Head of State, Her Excellency Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Today, the Senate shall resume debate on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which is currently at the Second Reading stage. Allow me to reiterate that consideration of this Bill shall be in accordance with Standing Orders 141, as relates to the Second Reading, Standing Order 145, as relates to the Committee of the Whole, and Standing Order 153, as regards the Third Reading of the Bill. Contributions to the debate will continue to be guided by Standing Order 106 (4), where each Senator speaking shall have a maximum of twenty (20) and Part XVII of the Standing Orders with respect to Rules of Debate. If debate is concluded, voting shall be conducted on Thursday, 6th May, 2021.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order 182, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget has published the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2021) which is listed for First Reading in Order No. 2. The Bill seeks to allocate among the counties, the revenue allocated to the county level of government on the basis determined in accordance with the resolution in force under Article 217 of the Constitution. Upon First Reading, the Bill shall stand committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget; pursuant to Standing Order 140(1). The Committee will be required to consider the Bill and to table a report in the Senate in accordance with Standing Order 143.

Honourable Senators,

Regarding the Joint Sitting of Parliament, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency, Hon. Samia Suluhu Hassan will address Parliament on Wednesday, 5th May, 2021, at 2.30 pm, in the National Assembly Chamber. The Sitting arrangements are being put in place and will be communicated by the respective political leadership.

Honourable Senators,

With respect to Hearing of charges against Honourable Mohamed Abdi Mohamud, the Governor of Wajir County, I will issue a separate Communication at a later time.

In accordance with Standing Order 30 (5), the business specified in the Gazette Notice, and as outlined in the respective Order Papers shall be the only business before the Senate during the Special Sitzings, following which the Senate shall stand adjourned until Tuesday, 11th May, 2021 at 10.00 am, in accordance with the Senate Calendar.

I thank you”.

4. **THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 be now read a Second time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 28.04.2021- afternoon sitting)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 29th April, 2021(afternoon Sitting) resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past twelve O'clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

5. **SENATE ROSE** - at thirty minutes past twelve O'clock.

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*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, May 04, 2021 at 2.30 pm*

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