



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM IN THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honorable Senators present at the commencement of the sitting and confirming that there was Quorum.

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 Students and Teachers from New Riverstar Academy, Embakasi East**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation from the clubs and societies of New Riverstar Academy – Nairobi County. The delegation comprises 5 teachers and 31 students who are in the Senate for a one-day study visit.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

b) Nomination of Members of Parliament to the Proposed Joint Select Committee on Bi-Partisan Engagements in Parliament

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to inform the Senate that this afternoon, I received a letter signed by the Senate Majority Leader and the Leader of the Majority Party of the National Assembly. The letter Ref. No. ML/032/CORR/04 is dated 18th April, 2023.

In the letter, the two leaders of Majority Party communicated that at a meeting held on Tuesday, 11th April, 2023, the Kenya Kwanza Alliance Parliamentary Group appointed seven (7) Members of Parliament to be part of the team that shall spearhead and facilitate the bi-partisan engagements.

The proposed Members from the Kenya Kwanza Alliance are –

1. Hon. Adan Keynan, MP
2. Hon. George Murugara, MP
3. Hon. Mwengi Mutuse, MP
4. Hon. Lydia Haika, MP
5. Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP
6. Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP; and
7. Sen. Hillary Sigei, MP

Attached to the letter is a draft Notice of Motion calling for the establishment of a Joint Select Committee consisting of fourteen (14) members, seven (7) each from the two coalitions in Parliament to spearhead and facilitate Bi-Partisan engagements in Parliament. The draft Notice of Motion also states the terms of reference of the proposed Joint Select Committee.

Honourable Senators,

In view of the importance of this matter, I have consulted the Speaker of the National Assembly on a common procedure by Parliament establishing the proposed Joint Select Committee.

This being a bi-partisan matter, I have instructed the Clerk of the Senate to forward the draft Notice of Motion to the Senate Minority Leader for his consideration and necessary action.

I thank you.”

c) Visiting Teachers and Students from Precious Blood School – Riruta, Nairobi County

“Honourable Senators,

In the public gallery, we have seventy (70) students, accompanied by three (3) teachers from Precious Blood School – Riruta, Nairobi County, who are in the Senate on an education tour.

Honorable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you!”

5. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS

a. Pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)

- (i) The Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget concerning claims of an economic crisis in the country.
- (ii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the status of carbon credit trading in Kenya.
- (iii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning the state of operations at the City Mortuary in Nairobi City County.
- (iv) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the utilization of COVID-19 funds disbursed for upgrading intensive care unit (ICU) facilities in county referral hospitals.
- (v) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the closure and re-opening of the China Square Mall.

b. Pursuant to Standing Order 56(1)(b)

- (i) The Vice Chairperson, Standing Committee on Information, Technology and Communication issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period from 13th October 2022 to 31st March, 2023.
- (ii) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period from 13th October 2022 to 31st March, 2023.
- (iii) The Vice Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period from 13th October 2022 to 31st March, 2023.
- (iv) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health issued a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period from 13th October 2022 to 31st March, 2023.

6. SUSPENSION OF SENATORS FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 121 (2)

Rising on a Point of Order, and referring to Rule 5 of Speaker's Rules, the Senator for Kilifi County (Sen. Stewart Madzayo, MP) sought the direction of the Speaker on whether the Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) and the Senator for Kiambu County (Sen. Karungo Thangwa, MP) were properly dressed;

And the Speaker, having confirmed that Sen. John Methu, MP and Sen. Karungo Thangwa, MP were not properly dressed, directed that the two Senators withdraw from the Chamber for being improperly dressed.

Thereupon, the two Senators withdrew from the Chamber.

7. THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 9 OF 2023)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and question proposed -

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 9 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader- 13.04.2023)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 13th April, 2023 resumed;

And the time being thirty Minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, 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.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.*

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