



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02, 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 Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of three 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: -

- i) **Visiting teachers and students from Arap Moi Junior Secondary School in Kajiado county.**

“Honourable Senators,

In the public gallery, we have one hundred and eight (108) students, accompanied by seven (7) teachers, from Arap Moi Junior Secondary School – Kajiado County who are in the Senate on an education tour.

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.”

ii) **Visiting teachers and students from Bartabwa Day and Boarding Primary School.**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting teachers and students from Bartabwa day and boarding primary school. The group comprises seven (7) teachers and sixty-two (62) students who are in the Senate for a one- day academic exposition.

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.”

5. **PETITION TO THE SENATE**

Petition to the Senate by Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP on behalf of Mr. Benard Muchere, concerning public money allegedly stolen through the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

6. **PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate: -

Press Statement by the Ministry of Interior and National Administration on the recent pockets of violent protests that led to momentary disruption of public order in some parts across the country.

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS

a) Pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) made a statement concerning the missing link in the list of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) recruitment centres in Kitui County.

Thereupon, the Senator pointed out that KDF is preparing to recruit service men and women to defend the nation and that a list of the recruitment centres in all the 47 counties in Kenya was out however, Mumoni Sub- County in Mwingi North Constituency, Kitui County was left out of the list.

The Senator also called upon the KDF to reconsider the list with a view to including Katse Primary School as the recruitment centre for Mumoni Sub- County in order to avoid the marginalization of the youth of Kitui County.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)

- i.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the status of registration of the Universities Academic Staff Union (UASU).
- ii.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Beatrice Ogola, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding pollution in Lake Victoria.
- iii.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology concerning sexual exploitation of minors online.
- iv.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding alleged medical negligence at Kiambu County Referral Hospital.
- v.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the status of medical care at Mathari Mental Hospital.
- vi.) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a statement from the Standing Committee on Land,

Environment and Natural Resources concerning mining in Kishushe area of Taita Taveta County.

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

- i.) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism made a statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period April to June, 2023.
- ii.) The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing made a statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period April to June, 2023.
- iii.) The Chairperson, Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts made a statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period April to June, 2023.

8. **THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILD PARENTS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 29 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

Order for First Reading read;

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

9. **MOTION - ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (EQUITABLE SHARE) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024 AND APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CASH DISBURSEMENT (EQUITABLE SHARE) SCHEDULE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023/2024**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate, adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the county governments (equitable share) cash disbursement schedule for the financial year 2023/2024 and approval of the county government cash disbursement (equitable share) schedule for the financial year 2023/2024

(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

Debate arising;

10. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

Raising a Point of Order Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41, the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the House;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum in the House, ordered the quorum Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty-seven minutes past Five O'clock pursuant to Standing Order 40(2), without Question put.

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-seven minutes past Five O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.*

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