



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 (MORNING SITTING)**

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

The Speaker having counted the Hon. 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 out the Orders of the Day.

4. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS**

- i.) **Question No. 028** by Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Defence on the status of renovation works at Uhuru Park in Nairobi City County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii.) **Question No. 009** by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Health on medical insurance fraud perpetrated by healthcare facilities in Kenya was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

The Cabinet Secretary also made a statement concerning the ongoing doctors' strike, pursuant to Standing Order 51C (6)(c).

Thereupon, the Cabinet Secretary informed the Senate that the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentist Union (KMPDU) on 6th March, 2024, issued a seven-day strike notice of intended industrial action citing the

failure of both the national and county governments in implementing the 2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

Further, the Employment and Labour Relations Court on 15th March, 2024 ordered a whole of national approach be instituted towards resolving the instant long-running dispute in Kenya's health sector for the purpose of achieving a sustainable solution.

In conclusion, the Cabinet Secretary informed the Senate, that the ongoing negotiations and reconciliation will incorporate the Head of Public Service, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury, the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social Protection, the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC), the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Council of Governors (CoG), each of the 47 county governors, the Kenya Federation of Employers (KFE) and the Central Organization of Trade Unionist (COTU), all national referral hospitals and all the parties to the suit.

- iii.) **Question No. 001** by Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on Inter-Communal clashes that occurred in Sondu town during the demonstrations in June and July was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iv.) **Question No. 002** by Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on non-operationalization of Chiakariga Sub-County in Tharaka Nithi County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- v.) **Question No. 038** by Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the status of investigations into the abduction, torture and execution of Mr. Daniel Muthiani Bernard *alias* Sniper was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- vi.) **Question No. 039** by Sen. James Lomenen, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the curfew imposed in major towns and centres in Turkana County was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- vii.) **Question No. 043** by Sen. Danson Mungatana, EGH, MP to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the re-establishment of Wema General Service Unit (GSU) camp in Tana River County which was closed after it was marooned by floods was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP), for the convenience of the House pursuant to Standing Order 34(2A), adjourned the Senate at one minute past One O'clock without Question put.

5. **SENATE ROSE**                      -                      at one minute past One O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.*

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