



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 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 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 at 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 Teachers and Students from St. Francis Katangi Boys' Secondary School in Machakos County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from St. Francis Katangi Boys' Secondary School in Machakos County. The delegation comprises two (2) teachers and thirty-nine (39) 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."

(b) Visiting Teachers and Students from St. Francis Girls' Mang'u Secondary School in Kiambu County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from St. Francis Girls' Mang'u Secondary School in Kiambu County. The delegation comprises two (2) teachers and fifty-one (51) 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.”

(c) Re-admission of Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP to the Senate

“Honourable Senators,

I have been approached by the Senate Minority Leader and the Senate Minority Whip seeking clarity on suspension of Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP during the Sitting of the Senate this morning.

Honourable Senators,

I have reviewed the directions given by the then Presiding Officer and further confirmed from the Presiding Officer the exact directions. I have established that the suspension was for the remainder of the morning session pursuant to Standing Order no 121.

So, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP is hereby re-admitted.

I thank you.”

5. PETITION

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(b), the Speaker reported a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Daniel Mutuma Rukaria on behalf of other residents of Kithima Location, Buuri East Sub-County in Meru County, regarding grabbing of public land in the area.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources for consideration.

6. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of the County Civic Education Bill (Senate Bills No. 4 of 2024).
- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of the Kenya Policy on Public Participation (Sessional Paper No. 3 of 2023).

(The Senate Majority Leader on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

- iii) Statement by the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025.

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

- iv) Statement by the Chairperson, County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025.

(The Chairperson, County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee)

- v) Statement by the Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Committee on Delegated Legislation)

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)**

- i) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding developments on Land LR No. 5871/2 in Nairobi City County.
- ii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the handing over of a cooking gas handling facility to a private firm in Mombasa County.

- iii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget concerning the withdrawal and utilization of Kshs.19,707,023,574 from the Consolidated Fund.
- iv) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof). Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the status of renewable energy development and equitable access to energy by residents in Kisumu County.
- v) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof). Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning the dilapidated state and collapse of services at the Pap Onditi Hospital in Kisumu County.
- vi) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof). Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding data management and security on the e-Citizen digital platform and the Maisha Namba System.
- vii) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof). Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding persistent power outages across the country.
- viii) The Senator for Bomet County (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the change of revenue collection system and other financial practices by the County Government of Bomet.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 56 (1) (b)

- i. The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism to made a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025.
- ii. The Chairperson, Select Committee on County Public Accounts made a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025.
- iii. Statement by the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing, relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, January to April, 2025 was deferred to a later date.

8. SUSPENSION OF A SENATOR FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 121 (1)

Pursuant to Standing Order 121 (2) (b), the Speaker ordered the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) to withdraw from the precincts of the Senate for the remainder of the sitting day for disorderly conduct.

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

9. **THE PROVISION OF SANITARY TOWELS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 16th April, 2025 –
Afternoon Sitting)***

(Division)

Order deferred.

10. **THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 17th April, 2025)

(Division)

Order deferred.

11. **THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)**

(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 7th May, 2025 –
Afternoon Sitting)***

(Division)

Order deferred.

12. **MOTION - PROGRESS REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP CRISIS AFFECTING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Progress Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the operational and leadership crisis affecting the County Assembly of Nyamira, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 17th April, 2025.

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

13. **LIMITATION OF DEBATE PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 111**

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), debate on the Motion be limited to not more than five minutes for each other Senator speaking.

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

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 Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

14. **MOTION - PROGRESS REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE OPERATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP CRISIS AFFECTING THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA**

THAT, the Senate adopts the Progress Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the operational and leadership crisis affecting the County Assembly of Nyamira, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 17th April, 2025.

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

Debate interrupted resumed;

Amendment proposed;

THAT the Motion be amended by deleting the full stop at the end and inserting the following words-

subject to insertion of the following recommendations after recommendation number 2 in the report of the Committee-

3. that the decision and resolutions made by the impeached Speaker and Members of the County Assembly that convened outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly are null and void;
4. that the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission investigates appropriation and spending of public resources by the impeached Speaker and a group of Members of the County Assembly that held meetings outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly; and
5. that the Clerk of the County Assembly surcharges and recovers all allowances and funds paid to the impeached Speaker and the group of

Members of the County Assembly who conducted business outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly.

(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP)

Debate arising on the amendment;

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

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 Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

Motion proposed in amended form pursuant to Standing Order 67 (11);

THAT, the Senate adopts the Progress Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the operational and leadership crisis affecting the County Assembly of Nyamira, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 17th April, 2025, subject to insertion of the following recommendations after recommendation number 2 in the report of the Committee-

3. that the decision and resolutions made by the impeached Speaker and Members of the County Assembly that convened outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly are null and void;
4. that the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission investigates appropriation and spending of public resources by the impeached Speaker and a group of Members of the County Assembly that held meetings outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly; and
5. that the Clerk of the County Assembly surcharges and recovers all allowances and funds paid to the impeached Speaker and the group of Members of the County Assembly who conducted business outside the gazetted precincts of the County Assembly.

Debate on the Motion as amended resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Sen. Peris Tobiko replied on behalf of the Mover;

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. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, nominated Thursday, 15th May, 2025, as the day when the Question shall be put.

15. **THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUPPORT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Creative Economy Support Bill (Senate Bills No. 30 of 2024) be now Read a Second Time.

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP - 07.05.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 13th May, 2025 resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

16. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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