



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**MORNING SITTING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 AT 9.30 AM**

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 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 Ithumula Secondary School in Makueni County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Ithumula Secondary School in Makueni County. The delegation comprises two (2) teachers and forty-eight (48) 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 Kiburu Boys' High School in Kirinyaga County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Kiburu Boys' High School in Kirinyaga County. The delegation comprises three (3) teachers and forty-nine (49) 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.

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5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**QUESTIONS**

- i) Question No. 057 by Nominated Senator (Sen. George Mbugua, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Labour and Social protection on the reinstatement of the Disability Mainstreaming Indicator (DMI) in Performance Contracting in the public service was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 065 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Joyce Korir, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on initiatives aimed at supporting women entrepreneurs was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 078 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on implementation of reforms to safeguard the interests of co-operative societies and their members as well as initiatives to foster growth and resilience of youth and women-led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- iv) Question No. 022 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Health on the terms of engagement of personnel from the Ministry of Interior and National Administration in the registration of Kenyans to the Social Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- v) Question No. 030 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Health on comparative

analysis of the financial implications and benefits of the three funds under SHA *vis-à-vis* the defunct NHIF was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

- vi) Question No. 032 by the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Health on discontinuation of the EduAfya medical scheme was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- vii) Question No. 033 by the Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, EBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Health on the coordination of tobacco control initiatives was deferred.

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

Pursuant to Standing Order 121 (2), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) ordered the Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP), to withdraw from the precincts of the Senate for the remainder of the sitting day.

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) for the convenience of the Senate, pursuant to Standing Order 34(2A), adjourned the Senate at fifteen minutes past One O'clock without Question put.

7. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifteen minutes past One O'clock

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

The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.