



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – SIXTH SESSION

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a prayer said by the Speaker
3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON COMMENCEMENT OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT**

The Speaker conveyed the following communication from the Chair-

“Honourable Senators,

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the Sixth Session of the Senate. It is my hope that you are well rested and looking forward to last Session of the 12th Parliament and arguably, one of the most critical before the next General Election.

Honourable Senators,

One of the key highlights at the commencement of every Session is consideration of financial matters. Ordinarily, the Budget Policy Statement; the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy; the Draft Division of Revenue Bill; and the Draft County Allocation of Revenue Bill, are submitted to Parliament by 15th of February of each year. You will recall that in this particular case, these documents were submitted to Parliament on 30th November, 2021, as per the National Treasury Circular NO. 8/2021 on the preparation of the 2022/23 to 2024/25 medium term budget, owing to the fact that 2022 is a General Election year.

On our part, the Senate approved the Budget Policy Statement, 2022 on 22nd December, 2021. It is now expected that the National Assembly will introduce the Division of Revenue Bill, 2022 and refer it to the

Senate for consideration and subsequent introduction of County Allocation of Revenue Bill.

The timeous conclusion of these. two (2) Bills and the cash disbursement schedule will ensure that the budget instruments for the next financial year are passed before the Houses of Parliament adjourn and will facilitate a smooth transition for the incoming administrations at both the national and county levels of government, after the General Elections. In this respect, all Honourable Senators are urged to be available to consider the aforesaid instruments.

Honourable Senators,

You will recall that during the Fifth Session, Senators went above and beyond the call of duty in discharging their constitutional mandate and, considered and passed 26 Bills, three of which have since been assented to and are now law. The other 23 Bills referred to the National Assembly are at various stages of consideration. 26 Senate Bills and three National Assembly Bills are pending conclusion in the Senate, while one (1) Bill is at the Mediation stage. A further 20 Bills are undergoing the concurrence process pursuant to Article 110(3) of the Constitution.

Additionally, there are 46 Petitions which are yet to be reported on by respective Standing Committees alongside Statements pursuant to Standing Order 47 and 48. From the aforesaid, the Senate begins the Sixth Session with an already full plate.

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, at the beginning of each new Session, the Sessional Committees of County Public Accounts and Investments; and Delegated Legislation are re-constituted. Similarly, the Senate Business Committee is also reconstituted. At the appropriate time as indicated on today's Order Paper, the Senate Majority Leader will Move a Motion for constitution of the Senate Business Committee. If the Motion is carried, the Committee will meet at the rise of the Senate to consider and schedule the business of the Senate. The Committee will also deliberate on the matter of Sessional Committees and submit names for approval, after consultations with the Majority and Minority Parties, in line with Standing Order 189.

Honourable Senators,

As we begin the new Session, we are all alive to the fact that this is an election year. I am certain that navigating the Senate through this period will certainly present is fair share of challenges. However, I urge all of us to debate passionately while upholding decorum and dignity of

the Senate. This way, we will remain a beacon of hope and maintain our dignity as House and as a people. We will also pass the business before us quicker!

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to remind each of you that we are not yet out of the woods as regards the COVID-19 pandemic. We must exercise caution and strictly adhere to the guidelines for social distancing and keeping safe in our interactions within the precincts of Parliament and our individual day to day engagements including committee sittings.

As always, my Office and that of the Clerk are always at your disposal to facilitate you to undertake the constitutional mandate of the Senate. I wish you all a fruitful Sixth Session.”

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – (The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 184 and 189(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who, pursuant to Standing Order 184(1), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

1. Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP;
2. Sen. Sakaja Johnson, CBS, MP;
3. Sen. Gideon Moi, CBS, MP;
4. Sen. Charles Kiburu, MP;
5. Sen. Cleophas Malalah, MP ;
6. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP; and
7. Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP.

5. **MOTION-APPROVAL OF SENATORS TO SERVE IN THE SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed-

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 184 and 189(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who, pursuant to Standing Order 184(1), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

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4. Sen. Charles Kibiru, MP;
5. Sen. Cleophas Malalah, MP ;
6. Sen. Beatrice Kwamboka, MP;and
7. Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute; the Mover replied.

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 79 (1), the Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect Counties.

Question put and **agreed to**.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY:

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And there being no other business, the Speaker adjourned the Senate at twenty minutes past Three O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

6. **SENATE ROSE** - at twenty minutes past Three O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at 2.30 p.m.*

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