



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 04, 2024 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 a Quorum, invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the Day.

4. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- ii) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Bomet County Financing Locally Led Climate Actions (FLLOCA) Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- iii) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kisumu Lakefront Development Corporation for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- iv) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kikuyu Water Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
- v) Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Kabarnet Municipality – County Government of Baringo, for the year ended 30th June, 2023.

(Sen. John Methu, MP on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

- vi) Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its consideration of the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 45 of 2022).

(Sen. John Methu, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

5. **THE POLITICAL PARTIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 26 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

6. **THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 28 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

7. **THE ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 29 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

8. **MOTION-THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NATION**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

RECOGNIZING the State of the nation at this moment; the ongoing protests following the passing of the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 30 of 2024) on 25th June, 2024 by the National Assembly; the loss of lives, maiming and loss of property that has been occasioned following these protests;

COGNIZANT THAT pursuant to Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya declined to assent to the Bill

and referred it back to the National Assembly with recommendations to delete all clauses of the Bill;

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT the conversation on the Finance Bill has triggered the broader important public conversation on the question of the high cost of living juxtaposed against the wasteful expenditure in all public institutions including Parliament;

FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING the issues raised by the youth and other members of the public to do with corruption, impunity, incompetence within state and public appointments, opulent lifestyles of public officers, unemployment and high cost of living amongst other issues bedeviling the economy;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate–

1. calls upon–

- i) the National Assembly to expeditiously consider the presidential memorandum pursuant to Article 115(2)(a);
- ii) all government ministries, departments and agencies, and constitutional commissions, including Parliament, to put in place austerity measures in undertaking their respective functions;
- iii) the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and other government multi sector agencies in the governance, justice, law and order sector to upscale and make concerted efforts to fight corruption;
- iv) the National Police Service to cease abductions, unlawful arrests, extra judicial killings and exercise restraint in dealing with peaceful and unarmed demonstrators;
- v) release of all persons arrested for planning and participating in peaceful demonstrations relating to the enactment of the Finance Bill;
- vi) the government to waive hospital bills for persons who have been injured and defray funeral expenses for those who lost their lives, during the demonstrations; and
- vii) the Judiciary to prioritize and expedite all court cases relating to the enactment of the Finance Bill and the resultant demonstrations.

2. considers all the challenges facing the country and makes necessary recommendations to address them.

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader – 03.07.2024)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd July, 2024 (Afternoon Sitting) resumed;

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

9. **SENATE ROSE** - at forty-two minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, July 09, 2024 at 2.30 p.m.*

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