



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024 (AFTERNOON SITTING)

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 before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the Day.

4. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) The National Treasury and Economic Planning 2024 Budget Review and Outlook Paper.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing on its consideration of the Public Transport (Motorcycle Regulation) Bill (Senate Bills No. 38 of 2023).

(The Senate Majority Leader on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing)

5. **STATEMENTS**

- a) **Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a statement regarding the performance of Kenyan athletes, highlighting the

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remarkable achievement of Ms. Ruth Chepng'etich in the World record at Chicago Marathon on Sunday, 13th October, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senator stated that Ms. Ms. Ruth Chepng'etich became the first woman to break the 2:10 barrier in marathon running and set the new Women's Marathon Record at 2:09:56, a gap of almost two minutes over the previous record of 2:11:53 set by Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa at the 2023 Berlin Marathon, marking her third consecutive win at the Chicago Marathon.

The Senator also stated that, during this year's Chicago Marathon, the organizers observed a moment of silence to honour the late Kevin Kiptum, the Men's athlete Marathon World Record holder with Ms. Ruth Chepng'etich also honouring the late Kevin Kiptum by dedicating her win and record to the late.

The Senator also congratulated Mr. John Korir for an outstanding performance in the Men's Marathon, where he achieved a personal best of 2:02:04, the second-fastest time ever recorded in Chicago. He also congratulated Mr. Amos Kipruto, who was third at 2:04:50. The Senator also recognized other Kenyan athletes who finished strongly, including Mr. Vincent Kipngetich and Mr. Daniel Ebenyo.

The Senator condemned the harassment by some media outlets of Ms. Ruth Chepng'etich after breaking the world record. He called upon the Ministry of Sports, Athletics Kenya (AK) and the National Olympics of Kenya (NOCK) to defend the integrity of the athletics from baseless media accusations. Further, the Senator urged the Anti-Doping Agency to take necessary measures against coaches who tarnish Kenyan athletes' careers by encouraging doping and also called upon the athletes themselves to remain clean and report suspicious individuals or activities.

b) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Betty Montet, MP), on behalf of the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare concerning alleged delay in the disbursement of gratuity to ward officers by the Marsabit County Government.
- ii) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the operations of the Vihiga County Public Service Board.

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- i) Request for Statement by the Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) to the Standing Committee on Lands, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the operations of the Tavevo Water Company in Taita Taveta County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
- ii) Request for Statement by the Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP) to the Standing Committee on Education regarding the termination of service of Prof. Stephen Kiama Gitahi, from the position of Vice Chancellor of the University of Nairobi was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

6. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19 OF 2024)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the National Assembly amendments to the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bills No. 19 of 2024) be now considered.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget – 22.10.2024)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 resumed on voting;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker informed the House that the Motion did not affect counties;

Question put and negatived.

7. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE SUGAR BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 34 OF 2022)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Sugar Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 34 of 2022), laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024, and further that, pursuant to Article 113 (2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167 (3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

(The Chairperson, Mediation Committee – 22.10.2024)

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Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 resumed;

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

In the absence of the Mover, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) deferred reply to Thursday, 24th October, 2024.

8. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ELECTION LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 2 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made;

THAT, the County Governments Election Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 2 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP)

9. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

Rising on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), the Senator for West Pokot County (Sen. Recha Julius Murgor, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate.

And the Temporary Speaker having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum in the Senate, directed that the Quorum Bell be rung for ten minutes.

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of the ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) adjourned the Senate at forty-three minutes past Five O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **SENATE ROSE** - at forty-three minutes past Five O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.*

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