



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON STUDENTS ATTACHED TO THE SENATE ON VOLUNTARY SERVICE SCHEME**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair: -

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, students from Starehe Boys’ Centre and Kianda School who are undertaking a two (2) week’s Voluntary Service Scheme in the Senate.

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.”

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DECISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD AND FEED SAFETY CONTROL COORDINATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 21 OF 2024)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly-

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that I have, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023).

The Message, dated Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), I now report the Message –

*“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148 (b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly—*

*WHEREAS, on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024, the National Assembly passed the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023) and thereafter referred the Bill to the Senate for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution;*

*AND WHEREAS, on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments and referred it back to the National Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1) of the Constitution;*

*FURTHER WHEREAS, on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024, the National Assembly rejected an amendment during the consideration of the Senate amendments to the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2023), thereby committing it to a Mediation Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of seven (7) Senators to a Mediation*

*Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.”*

Honourable Senators,

Consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution –

- (1) Hon. Mutunga John Kanyuithia, MP;
- (2) Hon. Kagombe Gabriel Githuka, MP;
- (3) Hon. Marubu Monicah Muthoni, MP;
- (4) Hon. Chege Sabina Wanjiru, MP;
- (5) Hon. Owino Martin Peters, MP;
- (6) Hon. Kimilu Joseph Kivinda, MP; and
- (7) Hon. Osero Patrick Kibangendi, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166 (2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

**6. PAPER LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate: -

Report of the Mediation Committee on the National Rating Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 55 of 2022)

*(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)*

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL RATING BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 55 OF 2022)**  
(Vice-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the National Rating Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 55 of 2022), laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**8. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**a) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)**

- i) The Senator for Meru County (Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding internship opportunities by the Public Service Commission.
- ii) The Senator for Elgeyo Marakwet County (Sen. William Kisang, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) regarding efforts to combat the proliferation of counterfeit digital products in Kenya.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Beatrice Ogolla, MP) on behalf of Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations concerning the security and safety of female taxi drivers.
- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding compliance of the regulations governing the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) to the Constitution of Kenya.
- v) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the utilization of development funds by the County Government of Marsabit.
- vi) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the importation of rice by the Kenya National Trading Corporation (KNTC).
- vii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the distribution of donated fertilizer by the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB).
- viii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the importation of fertilizer by the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB).
- ix) The Senator for Narok County (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence

and Foreign Relations regarding the killing of Mr. Edward Kairo, a form three student at Larmudiac High School, allegedly by Inspector George Rukunga, the Officer In-Charge at the Kirampa Anti-Stock Theft Unit (ASTU) Camp, at Ilmolelian Sub-Location in Narok County on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

- x) Request for Statement by the Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) to the Standing Committee on Health regarding the plight of medical interns in Kenya was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
- xi) Request for Statement by the Senator for Nakuru County (Sen. Tabitha Keroche, MP) to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the state of Njoro Kisima land, LR. No. 9216 in Njoro Sub-County in Nakuru County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION – ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE NAMELY, THE RISING CASES OF VIOLENT MURDERS IN THE COUNTRY MAINLY TARGETING YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Raising a point of order, the Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought leave to move a Motion for the adjournment of the Senate to discuss a definite matter of urgent national importance, namely, the rising cases of violent murder in the country mainly targeting young women and girls, the most recent being the murder of three young women in Eastleigh on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 (Dahabo Daud Said, Amina Abdirashid Dhahir and Nusaiba Abdi Mohammed) and a twenty three year old girl, Ms. Seth Nyakio, in Thika, Kiambu County on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

And there being the requisite number of Senators rising in support of the claim pursuant to Standing Order 37 (5);

Thereupon, the Speaker nominated thirty minutes past five O'clock as the time when the Motion shall be moved.

10. **MOTION – SENATE SITTINGS IN BUSIA COUNTY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

**(No. 118) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 (AFTERNOON SITTING) ( 2168)**

THAT, AWARE that on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, pursuant to Article 126 (1) of the Constitution, the Senate resolved to hold its Plenary and Committee sittings in Busia County, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024;

FURTHER AWARE THAT on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 the Senate resolved to alter the dates for the *Senate Mashinani* in Busia County from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, to 28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024;

ACKNOWLEDGING THE recommendation of the Senate Business Committee to defer the holding of the sittings in Busia County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to defer its plenary and committee sittings (*Senate Mashinani*) in the counties until the Fourth Session in 2025.

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

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

Question put and agreed to.

**RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY**

THAT, AWARE that on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, pursuant to Article 126 (1) of the Constitution, the Senate resolved to hold its Plenary and Committee sittings in Busia County, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024;

FURTHER AWARE THAT on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 the Senate resolved to alter the dates for the *Senate Mashinani* in Busia County from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, to 28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024;

ACKNOWLEDGING THE recommendation of the Senate Business Committee to defer the holding of the sittings in Busia County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves to defer its plenary and committee sittings (*Senate Mashinani*) in the counties until the Fourth Session in 2025.

11. **THE COUNTY PUBLIC FINANCE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2023)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

**(No. 118) WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 (AFTERNOON SITTING) ( 2169)**

THAT, the County Public Finance Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 39 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Senate Majority Leader – 29.10.2024)*

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past five O'clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the debate.

12. **MOTION-ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE NAMELY, THE RISING CASES OF VIOLENT MURDERS IN THE COUNTRY MAINLY TARGETING YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate do now adjourn to discuss a definite matter of urgent national importance, namely, the rising cases of violent murder in the country mainly targeting young women and girls, the most recent being the murder of three young women in Eastleigh on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 (Dahabo Daud Said, Amina Abdirashid Dhahir and Nusaiba Abdi Mohammed) and a twenty three year old girl, Ms. Seth Nyakio, in Thika, Kiambu County on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

*(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)*

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty-two minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronicah Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

13. **SENATE ROSE** - at thirty-two minutes past Six O'clock.

**MEMORANDUM**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.*

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