



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 09, 2025 AT 9.30 AM

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Questions and Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
8. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE 14TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS OF THE FORUM OF PARLIAMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION, HELD IN LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA, FROM 15TH TO 19TH APRIL, 2024**
(Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the report of the 14th Ordinary Session of the Plenary Assembly and Related Meetings of the Forum of Parliaments of the International Conference of the Great Lakes region, held in Livingstone, Zambia, from 15th to 19th April, 2024 laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 30th May, 2024.

9. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO THE 2024 JOINT UNITED NATIONS – INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION PARLIAMENTARY HEARING HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FROM 8TH TO 9TH FEBRUARY, 2024**
(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Parliamentary Delegation to the 2024 Joint United Nations – Inter-Parliamentary Union Parliamentary

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Hearing held at the United Nations headquarters in New York, United States of America from 8th to 9th February, 2024 laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 17th September, 2024.

10. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS' DIALOGUE AT THE AFRICA CLIMATE SUMMIT, 2023 HELD IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, NAIROBI ON 3RD – 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2023**

(Sen. Moses Kajwang', MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the Parliamentarians' Dialogue at the Africa Climate Summit, 2023 held in the National Assembly Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, on 3rd – 6th September, 2023, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 2nd October, 2024.

11. **REPORT OF THE SENATE DELEGATION TO THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM (HLPF) 2024 ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT the Senate notes the Report of the Senate delegation to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2024 on sustainable development, held in New York, United States of America (USA) from 8th – 17th July, 2024, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 20th February, 2025.

NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 13th February, 2025 as follows: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner: -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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APPENDIXQUESTIONS AND STATEMENTSQUESTIONS

Question No. 037 The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide details on the ongoing tree harvesting in Kamuruana Hill Forest in Kirinyaga Central Constituency, stating whether the harvesting is legal, and whether public participation was undertaken prior to the harvesting?
- b) What measures is the Government implementing to assure the local community of environmental safety, given the risks of deforestation in the context of climate change and its potential impact on the ecosystem?
- c) What steps has the Ministry taken to prevent deforestation and promote reforestation efforts across the country?

Question No. 034 The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning:

- a) What is the current status of pension disbursements to former Members of Parliament, who served between 1979 and 1992?
- b) Has National Treasury undertaken any review or adjustment of these pensions to ensure they remain fair and sustainable, considering the rising cost of living and inflation over the years?
- c) What policy measures has the Government put in place to ensure pensions align with prevailing economic conditions?

Question No. 035 The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a breakdown of all taxes and levies imposed throughout the entire tea supply chain?

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- b) What specific taxation measures is the Ministry planning to implement in the Financial Year 2025/2026 to eliminate double taxation and other unnecessary taxes that overburden farmers and stakeholders in the tea industry?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the challenges faced in previous attempts to eliminate some of these excessive taxes and levies on tea and explain actions taken to address them?

Question No. 048

The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning:

- a) What immediate measures are being implemented by the Government to address the extensive delays in processing pension claims of retired civil servants, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide a timeline for full digitization of pension records and transition to an end-to-end Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system for a more streamlined process?
- b) How is the Ministry addressing the pervasive corruption and bribery within the Pensions Department, including claims of pension payments to non-existent/ “ghost” pensioners?
- c) What is being done to ensure that pension funds, which have persistently faced significant carryovers due to underfunding and liquidity challenges, are prioritized and allocated adequate funding in future budgets?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also explain any proposed regulatory reforms aimed at harmonizing outdated pension laws with contemporary digital financial management practices?

Question No. 004

The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) Why were operations halted at Sololo and Turbi airstrips in Marsabit County, and could the Cabinet Secretary outline any steps being taken to ensure the airstrips resume operations?

- b) Are there plans to relocate the airstrips and, if so, could the Cabinet Secretary explain why and provide timelines for the same?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary also state whether a comprehensive safety and aeronautical engineering assessment has been conducted in all airstrips in Marsabit County and, if so, disclose the findings, particularly in respect of the length of the runway at Marsabit Town airstrip, and outline measures taken to address any identified safety concerns?
- d) Are there plans to upgrade or expand Marsabit Town airstrip and any other airstrip in Marsabit County and, if so, could the Cabinet Secretary disclose such plans and provide a timeline for their implementation?

Question No. 017

The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) How many road accidents reported between January and December 2024 involved vehicles transporting miraa along the Mwea-Embu highway, and could the Cabinet Secretary state the number of lives lost as a result of those accidents?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain the absence of speed-limit signs along the said highway, which continues to impede the effective prosecution of speeding drivers?
- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain what the Government is doing to permanently address speeding and reckless driving along the Mwea-Embu highway, and state whether there are plans to supply speed guns to the Kirinyaga County Traffic Police Department, which currently has none?

Question No. 023

The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary indicate the annual budgetary allocation for projects by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) for the construction and upgrade of roads in Kisumu County from the 2020/ 2021 financial year to date?

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- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a list of all planned road projects by KURA and KeRRA in Kisumu County, and indicate the budgetary estimate for each?
- c) What measures has the Ministry put in place to ensure the timely completion of all currently incomplete road projects by KURA and KeRRA in Kisumu County, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide respective timelines for the same?

Question No. 040

The Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, EBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a progress report on the construction of the Namanga-Kajiado-Loitoktok-Emali-Ukia-Itangini-Tawa-Masii-Mwala-Kithimani road, and explain the delay in completing the project?
- b) What measures has the Government put in place to ensure that construction works on this road meet the required standards, and could the Cabinet Secretary explain the deteriorating condition of the tarmacked stretch from Emali Town to Ndundune Market Centre, which is already riddled with numerous potholes?
- c) What measures has the Government put in place to fast-track the project, and could the Cabinet Secretary indicate when the project will be completed?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also provide a status update on the payment of compensation to owners of the parcels of land acquired for the project, and indicate when outstanding balances will be paid?

Question No. 045

The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a list of all incomplete projects for the construction and upgrade of roads undertaken by the Kenya Urban Roads Authority (KURA) and the Kenya Rural Roads Authority (KeRRA) in Isiolo County, and provide reasons for any delays or stalling of the projects?
- b) How much has the Government set aside for these projects in the 2024/2025 financial year?

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- c) What measures has the Government put in place to ensure the timely completion of these road projects, and could the Cabinet Secretary provide timelines for their completion?

Question No. 046

The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, CBS, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport:

- a) How much money has the Government allocated and utilised so far in the project for the modernisation and rehabilitation of the Isiolo International Airport?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a status update on the payment of compensation to owners of the parcels of land acquired for the project, and indicate when outstanding balances will be paid?
- c) Are there plans to also extend the runway at the airport and, if so, could the Cabinet Secretary provide timelines for the same?
- d) Could the Cabinet Secretary also explain why the airport is not operational, and outline steps being taken by the Government to address the situation?

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NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Wednesday, April 09, 2025

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1))

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday, April 09, 2025 (Afternoon Sitting).

A. BILLS AT THE SECOND READING STAGE

- i) *THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUPPORT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)
- ii) *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (STATE OFFICERS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE) PROCEDURE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2024)
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)
- iii) *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)
(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)
- iv) *THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)
(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP)
- v) *THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

B. BILLS AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE STAGE

- i) *THE ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2023)
(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) *(Division)*
- ii) CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2023)
(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP) *(Division)*
- iii) *THE COUNTY PUBLIC FINANCE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2023) *(Division)*
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

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- iv) *THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2023) (Division)
(Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP)
- v) ****THE COUNTY ASSEMBLIES PENSIONS SCHEME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2024) (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- vi) ***THE NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 24 OF 2023) (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- vii) ***THE LAND (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 40 OF 2022) (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

C. MOTIONS

- i) ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITALS IN KENYA
(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)
- ii) CONSOLIDATION OF BURSARY FUNDS FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN KENYA
(Sen. Karungo Thangwa, MP)
