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THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)
THE SENATE
SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER
AFTERNOON SITTING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025 AT 2.30 PM

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(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

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(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

(Second Reading)

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(Second Reading)

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(Second Reading)

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(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)
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(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

(Second Reading)
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(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

(Second Reading)
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(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP)

(Second Reading)
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(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

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20. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS TO TAITA TAVETA, MOMBASA AND KWALE COUNTIES**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements to Taita Taveta, Mombasa and Kwale Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

21. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE INSPECTION TOUR OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN WEST POKOT, TRANS NZOIA AND TURKANA COUNTIES**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the inspection tour of health facilities in West Pokot, Trans Nzoia and Turkana Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

22. **MOTION - REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA AND BUNGOMA COUNTIES ARISING FROM A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY SEN. GODFREY OSOTSI, MP AND SEN. DAVID WAKOLI, MP**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts Reports of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on its inquiry into the state of markets in Vihiga and Bungoma counties arising from statements sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, and Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 1st October, 2024.

23. **MOTION - PROGRESS REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COHESION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION INTO AN INQUIRY ON THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN THE STAFF COMPOSITION OF STATE AGENCIES IN KENYA**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration)

THAT, the Senate adopts Progress Report of the Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration into an inquiry on the diversity and inclusivity in the staff composition of state agencies in Kenya, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 3rd October, 2024.

KEY

******- Denotes a Majority / Minority Party Bill**

*****- Denotes a National Assembly Bill**

**** - Denotes a Committee Bill**

***- Denotes any other Bill**

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS

A. *THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 54 OF 2023)

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education intends to move the following amendments to the Early Childhood Education Bill (Senate Bills No. 54 of 2023), at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended by deleting the proposed subsection (2A) and substituting therefor the following new subsection —

(2A) A County Government shall take into account the following factors when determining the remuneration payable to an early childhood education teacher —

- (a) the minimum rate advised by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission;
- (b) minimum wage;
- (c) the qualification of individual teachers; and
- (d) any other relevant factor.

B. *THE LOCAL CONTENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023 (SENATE BILL NO. 50 OF 2023)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy, intends to move the following amendments to the Local Content (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 50 of 2023), at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 7

THAT clause 7 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (b) by —

- (a) deleting subparagraph (iii);
- (b) deleting the words “and implementation” in subparagraph (iv) appearing immediately after the words “the development; and
- (c) deleting subparagraph (v) and substituting therefor the following new subparagraph—
 - (v) provision of guidelines to ensure local content activities shall include the participation of local persons at a quota of not less than thirty percent.

CLAUSE 10

THAT clause 10 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by —

- (a) inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “advise the” in paragraph (b); and
- (b) inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “recommendations to the” in paragraph (c).

CLAUSE 11

THAT clause 11 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (a) by deleting the word “six” appearing immediately after the words “period of” and substituting therefor the word “twelve”.

CLAUSE 12

THAT clause 12 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by —

...../Notice of Amendments

(a) deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(a) a chairperson who shall be competitively recruited by the Public Service Commission and appointed by the President by notice in the *Gazette*.

(b) deleting paragraph (c) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(c) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to mining or a representative designated in writing;

(c) deleting paragraph (f) and substituting therefor the following new paragraphs—

(f) one person nominated by players in the oil and gas industry in such a manner as the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters related to oil and gas shall determine;

(fa) one person nominated by players in the mining industry in such a manner as the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters related to mining shall determine;

(d) deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—

(2) The persons nominated under subclause (1)(f) and (fa) shall be appointed by the relevant Cabinet Secretary by notice in the *Gazette*.

(e) deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following subclause—

(1) There shall be paid to the members of the Committee such allowances as the Cabinet Secretaries responsible for matters related to petroleum, oil and mining may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

CLAUSE 16

THAT clause 16 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by —

(a) inserting the word “relevant” in paragraph (e) immediately after the words “addressed to the”; and

(b) inserting the word “relevant” in paragraph (f) immediately after the words “office by the”.

CLAUSE 19

THAT clause 19 of the Bill be amended by deleting clause 19 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

Secretariat. **19.** (1) The relevant Cabinet Secretaries responsible for matters related to the extractive industry shall designate an appropriate administrative unit that includes representation from each of their respective Ministries to serve as the Secretariat of the Committee.

(2) The Secretariat shall consist of —

(a) a director, who shall be competitively recruited and appointed by the Public Service Commission.

(b) such other public officers from each relevant Ministry responsible for matters related to the extractive industry as the Cabinet Secretaries shall, in consultation with the Committee, designate for the proper performance of the functions of the Secretariat under this Act.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (2), a person is qualified to be appointed as a director, if that person—

(a) is a citizen of Kenya;

(b) holds a degree in matters related to oil, gas and mining from a university recognized in Kenya;

(c) has had at least ten years proven experience at management level; and

(d) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) Director shall hold office for a term of four years, renewable for one further term.

CLAUSE 21

THAT clause 21 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary”.

CLAUSE 22

THAT clause 22 of the Bill be amended in subclause (5) by inserting the word “relevant” in paragraph (f) immediately after the words “plans as the”.

CLAUSE 24

THAT clause 24 of the Bill be amended by deleting the introductory clause of subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following new introductory clause—

- (1) The Committee shall prescribe rules on local content certification and in doing shall—

CLAUSE 28

THAT clause 28 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by inserting the word “relevant” in paragraph (c) immediately after the words “prescribed by the”.

CLAUSE 30

THAT clause 30 of the Bill be amended in —

- (a) subclause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary”; and
- (b) subclause (2) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary”.

CLAUSE 31

THAT clause 31 of the Bill be amended in the introductory clause by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary shall”.

CLAUSE 37

THAT clause 37 of the Bill be amended in -

- (a) subclause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “operator as the”;
- (b) subclause (3) by inserting the words “relevant” immediately after the words “in consultation with the”.

CLAUSE 43

THAT clause 43 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause –

- (2) Despite subsection (1), where the goods or services required in relation to an extractive activity are not available locally, the relevant Cabinet Secretary may, subject to such conditions as the relevant Cabinet Secretary may impose, authorise the continued importation of the required goods or service.

CLAUSE 44

THAT clause 44 of the Bill be amended in —

- (a) subclause (2) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “consultation with the”; and
- (b) subclause (3) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “prescribed by the”.

CLAUSE 45

THAT clause 45 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “provisions of this Act, the”.

CLAUSE 47

THAT clause 47 of the Bill be amended by —

- (a) deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
 - (2) An operator shall annually remit a tax-deductible training levy consisting of such percentage of its net revenues as the relevant Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Committee, prescribe to the Fund in support of the objectives of this Act.
- (b) by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclause—
 - (3) The Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to mining shall, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to oil, gas and other petroleum resources and the Committee, prescribe in regulations under the Act the manner in which the Fund shall be operated and applied.

CLAUSE 48

THAT clause 48 of the Bill be amended in subclause (5) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “approval of the”.

CLAUSE 50

THAT clause 50 of the Bill be amended in —

- (a) subclause (2) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “submit to the”;
- (b) subclause (3) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “submit to the”.

CLAUSE 52

THAT clause 52 of the Bill be amended in clause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately after the words “make recommendations”.

CLAUSE 53

THAT clause 53 of the Bill be amended in clause (1) by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary”.

CLAUSE 56

THAT clause 56 of the Bill be amended by inserting the word “relevant” immediately before the words “Cabinet Secretary”.

CLAUSE 57

THAT clause 57 of the Bill be amended —

- (a) by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following subclause—
 - (1) The Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to mining shall, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to oil, gas, and other petroleum resources and the Committee, make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.
- (b) in subclause (2) by deleting the word “Secretary” appearing immediately after the words “the Cabinet” and substituting therefor the word “Secretaries”.

NEW CLAUSES

CLAUSES 20A TO 20C

THAT the Bill be amended by inserting the following clauses immediately after clause 20—

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| General fund. | <p>20A. (1) There shall be a general fund of the Committee which shall vest in the Committee.</p> <p>(2) There shall be paid into the general fund—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) such monies or assets as may accrue to or vest in the Committee in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act;(b) annual contributions from the ministries responsible for matters related to the extractive industry,(c) all monies from any other source provided for or donated or lent to the Committee. |
| Annual estimates. | <p>20B (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Committee shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Committee for that year.</p> <p>(2) The Committee shall approve the annual estimates before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate and shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval and after the Cabinet Secretary's approval, the Authority shall not increase the annual estimates without the consent of the Cabinet Secretary.</p> |
| Accounts and audit. | <p>20C (1) The Committee shall cause to be kept all proper books and records of accounts of the income, expenditure and assets of the Committee.</p> |

(2) Within a period of three months from the end of each financial year, the Committee shall submit to the Auditor-General the accounts of the Committee together with—

(a) a statement of the income and expenditure of the Committee during that year; and

(b) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Committee on the last day of that year.

Cap. 412A.

(3) The annual accounts of the Committee shall be prepared, audited and reported upon in accordance with the provisions of Articles 226 and 229 of the Constitution and the Public Financial Management Act.

THAT the Bill is amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after clause 58—

CLAUSE 59 TO 61

THAT the Bill is amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after clause 58.

Amendment to Cap.306.

59. The Mining Act is amended by—

- (a) repealing Section 46;
- (b) repealing Section 47;
- (c) repealing Section 49; and
- (d) repealing Section 50.

Amendment to Cap.308.

60. The Petroleum Act is amended by deleting Part VI.

Amendment to Cap.314.

61. The Energy Act is amended by—

- (a) in Section 10 by repealing paragraph (ee);
- (b) repealing Section 206; and
- (c) repealing Section 207.

CLAUSE 2

THAT clause 2 of the Bill be amended by deleting the definition of the term “Cabinet Secretary” and substituting therefor the following new definition—

“Cabinet Secretary means either the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to oil, gas and other petroleum resources or the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to mining as the case may be”

LONG TITLE

THAT the long title of the Bill be amended by deleting the long title and substituting therefor the following new long title –

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to provide for a framework to facilitate the local ownership, control, and financing of activities connected with the exploitation of gas, oil, other petroleum resources, and mineral resources; to provide a framework to increase local value capture along the value chain in the exploration of gas, oil, other petroleum resources, and minerals; and for connected purposes.

C. *THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 41 OF 2023)

(Sen. Esther Anyieni Okenyuri, MP)

NOTICE is given that the Chairperson Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism intends to move the following amendments to the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood) Bill (Senate Bills No. 41 of 2023) at the Committee Stage—

CLAUSE 4

THAT clause 4 of the Bill be amended —

(a) in subclause (1) by –

- (i) deleting paragraph (a);
- (ii) deleting the words “the minimum standards” appearing immediately after the words “relevant stakeholders, the” in paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the words “national guidelines”;
- (iii) deleting paragraph (c);
- (iv) deleting paragraph (d); and
- (v) inserting the words “and taking into consideration universal design principles” immediately after the words “street vending” in paragraph (e).

(b) in subclause (2) by –

- (i) inserting the word “and” immediately after the words “delegate to the unit;” in paragraph (a);
- (ii) deleting the words “the unit and;” appearing immediately after the words “to serve in” and substituting therefor the words “the unit.” in paragraph (b); and
- (iii) deleting paragraph (c).

CLAUSE

THAT clause 5 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by deleting the word “county” appearing immediately after the words “notice in the”.

CLAUSE 7

THAT clause 7 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the word “county” appearing immediately after the words “in the”.

CLAUSE 8

THAT clause 8 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (2) and substituting therefor the following new subclause —

- (2) The county executive committee member shall —
- (a) not designate a market as a no-vending zone; and
 - (b) in designating a no-vending zone consider existing businesses in the zone.

CLAUSE 9

THAT clause 9 of the Bill be amended in the marginal note by inserting the word “vending” appearing immediately after word “unauthorised”.

CLAUSE 10

THAT clause 10 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph –

- (b) maintain a register of vending zones within the county.

CLAUSE 12

THAT clause 12 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by deleting the word “security,” appearing immediately after the words “limited to”.

CLAUSE 13

THAT clause 13 of the Bill be amended in subclause (5) by deleting the words “including water, lighting, security and waste disposal facilities” appearing immediately after the words “essential facilities”.

CLAUSE 14

THAT clause 14 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (a) by deleting the word “enact” appearing at the beginning of the paragraph and substituting therefor the word “formulate”.

CLAUSE 15

THAT clause 15 of the Bill be amended –

- (a) in subclause (2) by inserting the words “including street vendors with disabilities” immediately after the words “vendors in the county” in paragraph (b);
- (b) by deleting subclause (3);
- (c) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “to regulate inter-county mobility trade” appearing immediately after the words “registration of foreigners”;
- (d) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (4) —

(4A) The Cabinet Secretary shall in formulating regulations under subclause (4) adhere to treaties and conventions ratified by Kenya pursuant to Article 2(6) of the Constitution.

CLAUSE 16

THAT clause 16 of the Bill be amended in subclause (1) by deleting the words “with the respective county executive committee member” appearing immediately after the words “registered as a street vendor”.

CLAUSE 17

THAT clause 17 of the Bill be amended in subclause (5) by inserting the following new paragraph after paragraph (f) —

- (fa) disability registration details for a street vendor with disability;

CLAUSE 21

THAT clause 21 of the Bill be amended –

- (a) by inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (3);
 - (3A) A street vendor aggrieved by the decision of the county government in subclause (3) may apply to the county government for a review of the decision.
- (b) in subclause (4) by deleting the words “relevant county tribunal” appearing immediately after the words “may appeal to the” and substituting therefor the words “appeals committee.”; and

(c) inserting the following new subclause immediately after subclause (4)—

(4A) A vendor who is further aggrieved by the decision of the county tribunal under this section may seek judicial review of the committee's decision.

CLAUSE 22

THAT clause 22 of the Bill be amended in subclause (2) by inserting the words “responsible for public health” immediately after the words “county executive committee member”.

CLAUSE 24

THAT clause 24 be amended by deleting subclause (1) and substituting therefor the following subclause —

(1) Every street vendor has the right within a vending zone and adjacent areas as may be determined by the county executive member, to access essential facilities of reasonable quality including but not limited to lighting and accessible sanitation and parking facilities.

CLAUSE 31

THAT the Bill be amended in clause 31 by deleting the words “one hundred thousand shillings” appearing immediately after the words “fine not exceeding” and substituting therefor the words “fifty thousand shillings”.

SCHEDULE

THAT the Schedule be amended in paragraph (1) by inserting the following new sub-paragraph immediately after sub-paragraph (c);

(ca) be prepared pursuant to National and county planning laws;

APPENDIX

1. PETITION

Petition to the Senate by Mr. Zedekiah Adika on behalf of the Members of the Coast Civil Society Network for Human Rights, a broad Coalition of Civil Society Organizations, Religious Organizations and Non-State Actors operating in the coast region concerning the inaccessibility of public buildings and offices by Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Mombasa County.

(The Speaker of the Senate)

2. NOTICES OF MOTION

i) IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATED AND DECENTRALIZED CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT SYSTEM IN KENYA

(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT a Certificate of Good Conduct is a major requirement for Kenyan citizens in accessing employment, business opportunities, and, in some instances, financial engagements with financial institutions in Kenya, with the certificate having a validity period of one year;

CONCERNED THAT many Kenyans are compelled to travel long distances to access this service, both for the initial application and for any subsequent applications making the process tedious, time-consuming, and costly;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the current manual application system is prone to delays and inconsistencies, which may compromise the authenticity and integrity of a Certificate of Good Conduct;

COGNIZANT THAT the importance of introducing an automated Good Conduct Certification system, including the utilization of biometric fingerprint verification through the deployment of biometric kits, will enhance accuracy, security, and expediency in verifying individual's record;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Police Service Commission, in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to:

1. develop and implement an automated Good Conduct certification system designed to streamline the issuance, renewal, and verification of certificates of good conduct;

2. incorporate advanced technologies such as biometric fingerprint recognition, data encryption, and secure communication protocols to ensure the accuracy of individuals' records;
3. establish decentralized service points and deploys mobile registration units across counties to enhance accessibility, especially in remote areas; and
4. scale up public awareness initiatives in rural areas on the application and renewal process for the Certificate of Good Conduct.

ii) **ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY TO REGULATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION IN KENYA**
(Sen. Karungo Wa Thang'wa, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining economies globally through emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and financial technology (Fintech);

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya has made commendable strides in digital infrastructure and mobile innovation, positioning itself as a potential leader in Africa's tech-driven future;

NOTING THAT in a landmark decision, the African Union Executive Council endorsed the Continental AI Strategy during its 45th Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, on July 18-19, 2024 to underscore Africa's commitment to an Africa-centric, development-focused approach to AI, promoting ethical, responsible, and equitable practices;

COGNIZANT THAT the Continental AI Strategy calls for unified national approaches among AU Member States to navigate the complexities of AI-driven change, aiming to strengthen regional and global cooperation and position Africa as a leader in inclusive and responsible AI development;

APPRECIATING THAT the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy recently formulated and launched the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2025-2030;

RECOGNIZING the need to align Kenya's development with global standards in AI adoption while also safeguarding national values, inclusivity, and employment;

CONCERNED THAT currently there is no comprehensive legislative or policy framework to guide the governance, development, or ethical use of AI in Kenya a phenomenon that is potentially likely to affect innovation among local startups and youth-led tech enterprises;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy develops a Policy on Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies with particular emphasis on:

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) establishment of ethical guidelines to prevent misuse and ensure responsible application of AI;
- iii) establishment of regulatory ‘Sandboxes’ for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills; and
- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum.

3. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP) to make a Statement regarding the Joint Bunge Youth Dialogue held on 7th March, 2025, co-hosted by the Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPa) and the Club de Madrid’s WYDE Network of Young Decision-Makers.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources concerning the status of housing facilities for Forest Rangers under the Kenya Forest Service (KFS).
- ii) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the state of affairs at the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU).
- iii) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the ongoing construction of a hotel within the Ngong Road Forest.
- iv) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations concerning the non-remittance of staff sacco deposits and loan repayment deductions to Qwetu Sacco and other financial institutions, by the Taita Taveta County Government.

- v) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the operationalization of the Victim Protection Trust Fund.

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for Thursday, May 22, 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 Thursday, May 22, 2025.

A. BILLS AT THE SECOND READING STAGE

- i) ***THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- ii) *THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2024)
(Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP)
- iii) *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 52 OF 2024)
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)
- iv) ****THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 51 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

B. MOTIONS

- i.) REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE FOURTH BASIS FOR ALLOCATING THE SHARE OF NATIONAL REVENUE AMONG COUNTIES
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)
- ii.) REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN WAJIR COUNTY
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)
- iii.) IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATED AND DECENTRALIZED CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT SYSTEM IN KENYA
(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)
- iv.) ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLICY TO REGULATE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION IN KENYA
(Sen. Karungo Wa Thang'wa, MP)
