



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025 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 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 – VISITING TEACHERS AND PUPILS FROM CHANIA PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HUHO-INI COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS IN NYERI COUNTY**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and pupils from Chania Primary School in Nyeri County. The delegation comprises six (6) teachers and forty (40) pupils, who are in the Senate for a one-day academic exposition.

We also have visiting teachers and pupils from Huho-ini Comprehensive Schools. The delegation comprises seven (7) teachers and forty-four (44) pupils, who are in the Senate for a one-day academic exposition.

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. **NOTICE OF MOTION – EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM ON THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2023)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, AWARE THAT the National Assembly and the Senate passed the Mediated version of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) on Thursday, 5th December, 2024 and on Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 respectively;

FURTHER AWARE THAT H.E. the President had reservations and referred back the Bill to Parliament on 30th April, 2025 pursuant to Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution for reconsideration;

NOTING THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 170(1), the Speaker referred the President's memorandum and reservations to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025;

COGNIZANT THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 170(2), the fourteen (14) days given to the Committee to consider and lay its Report on the Bill lapses on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING the provisions of Standing Order 170 (2), the Senate resolves to extend the time for the consideration of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) by a further forty-five (45) calendar days to enable the Committee to consider the President's reservations and lay its Report on the Table of the Senate on or before Tuesday, 8th July, 2025.

6. **STATEMENTS**

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Request for Statement by the Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding fraudulent activities targeting retirees' lump-sum pension payouts was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
- ii) Request for Statement by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the operationalization of the Victim Protection Trust Fund was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
- iii) Request for Statement by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP) from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the harassment, abuse and eviction of hawkers in Nairobi Central Business District (CBD) by the County Enforcement Officers was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

- iv) Request for Statement by the Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) 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) was deferred on the Senator's request.
- v) Request for Statement by the Senator for Nyamira County (Sen. Okong'o Mogeni, SC, MP) from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the dilapidated roads in the country was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

7. **MOTION - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM ON THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT the National Assembly and the Senate passed the Mediated version of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) on Thursday, 5th December, 2024 and on Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 respectively;

FURTHER AWARE THAT H.E. the President had reservations and referred back the Bill to Parliament on 30th April, 2025 pursuant to Article 115 (1) (b) of the Constitution for reconsideration;

NOTING THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 170(1), the Speaker referred the President's memorandum and reservations to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025;

COGNIZANT THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 170(2), the fourteen (14) days given to the Committee to consider and lay its Report on the Bill lapses on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING the provisions of Standing Order 170 (2), the Senate resolves to extend the time for the consideration of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) by a further forty-five (45) calendar days to enable the Committee to consider the President's reservations and lay its Report on the Table of the Senate on or before Tuesday, 8th July, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

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

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, AWARE THAT the National Assembly and the Senate passed the Mediated version of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) on Thursday, 5th December, 2024 and on Tuesday, 8th April, 2025 respectively;

FURTHER AWARE THAT H.E. the President had reservations and referred back the Bill to Parliament on 30th April, 2025 pursuant to Article 115 (1) (b) of the Constitution for reconsideration;

NOTING THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 170(1) the Speaker referred the President's memorandum and reservations to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on Tuesday, 6th May, 2025;

COGNIZANT THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 170(2), the fourteen (14) days given to the Committee to consider and lay its Report on the Bill lapses on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING the provisions of Standing Order 170 (2), the Senate resolves to extend the time for the consideration of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2023) by a further forty-five (45) calendar days to enable the Committee to consider the President's reservations and lay its Report on the Table of the Senate on or before Tuesday, 8th July, 2025.

8. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE COFFEE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2023)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the National Assembly amendments to the Coffee Bill (Senate Bills No. 10 of 2023) be now considered.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to standing Order No. 84(2), the Deputy Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties;

And the Deputy Speaker having ascertained that there was no Quorum in the Senate, pursuant to Standing Order 42(1);

The Deputy Speaker directed that the Quorum bell be rung for five minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the five minutes;

Question put and negatived.

9. **THE PROVISION OF SANITARY TOWELS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 16th April, 2025 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

10. **THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 17th April, 2025)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

11. **THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)**

(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 7th May, 2025 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

12. **THE CREATIVE ECONOMY SUPPORT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 30 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 15th May, 2025)

Order deferred.

13. **THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 10 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 10 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

14. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock

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The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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