



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 04, 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 Deputy Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Deputy 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 at the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Deputy Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **NOTICE OF MOTION - CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PROF. NGŪGĪ WA THIONG'O**

(Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP and Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT Prof. Ngūgĩ wa Thiong'o, a prominent author, academician and human rights defender, globally recognized for his foundational contributions to literature and good governance passed away on 28th May, 2025 at the age of 87;

COGNIZANT THAT the late Prof. wa Thiong'o had an illustrious career in writing and teaching literature spanning over 6 decades where he authored landmark novels, plays and poems that shaped postcolonial studies, contributed to social justice and inspired generations of writers and thinkers across the world;

APPRECIATING THAT the late Prof. wa Thiong'o advocated for indigenous languages and indeed took up writing in his mother tongue, at a time when it was not fashionable to do so;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT his legacy in inspiring many generations towards cultural sovereignty and the power of indigenous languages in

literature and thought, led to numerous international awards being bestowed upon him;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate expresses its deep sadness at the death of Prof. Ngugi wa Thiong'o, records its celebration and appreciation of his remarkable life, and extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and the nation.

5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the status of insurance coverage for hospital assets countrywide.
- ii) The Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the plight of Mwea Rice farmers in Kirinyaga County.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the public health threat posed by Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and its impact on child health in Kenya.

b) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 58

The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) made a Personal Statement regarding alleged inappropriate and disparaging remarks on her character made by the Governor of Isiolo County during the 2025 Madaraka Day Celebrations.

6. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE FOURTH BASIS FOR ALLOCATING THE SHARE OF NATIONAL REVENUE AMONG COUNTIES**

Order read;

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the Fourth Basis for Allocating the Share of National Revenue Among the Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 17th April, 2025, and that pursuant to Article 217(1) of the Constitution, approves the Fourth Basis for Allocating the Share of National Revenue Among the Counties for the Financial Years 2025/2026 to 2029/2030 as follows-

County Allocation = (Baseline Allocation Ratio*Ksh.387.425 billion) + (Ksh. 2 billion shared equally among the identified 11 counties) + {[(0.45*Population Index) + (0.35*Equal Share Index) + (0.12*Poverty

Index) + (0.08*Geographical Size Index)] *Additional County Equitable Share above Ksh. 389.425 billion}.

Where –

- i. Baseline Allocation Ratio = The allocation factor derived from each County's allocation for the Financial Year 2024/2025;*
- ii. The 11 identified counties are: - Elgeyo/Marakwet, Embu, Isiolo, Kirinyaga, Laikipia, Lamu, Nyamira, Samburu, Taita/Taveta, Tharaka-Nithi and Vihiga;*
- iii. The Population Index is based on the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census (KPHC);*
- iv. The Poverty Index is based on the 2022 Kenya Poverty Report by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS); and*
- v. Geographical Size is capped at 10%.*

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget – 03.06.2025)

Order deferred.

7. MOTION - CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PROF. NGŪGĪ WA THIONG'O

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Motion Made and Question proposed;

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COGNIZANT THAT the late Prof. wa Thiong'o had an illustrious career in writing and teaching literature spanning over 6 decades where he authored landmark novels, plays and poems that shaped postcolonial studies, contributed to social justice and inspired generations of writers and thinkers across the world;

APPRECIATING THAT the late Prof. wa Thiong'o advocated for indigenous languages and indeed took up writing in his mother tongue, at a time when it was not fashionable to do so;

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT his legacy in inspiring many generations towards cultural sovereignty and the power of indigenous languages in literature and thought, led to numerous international awards being bestowed upon him;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate expresses its deep sadness at the death of Prof. Ngugi wa Thiong'o, records its celebration and appreciation of his remarkable

life, and extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and the nation.

(Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP)

Debate arising;

Quorum of the Senate

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), the Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohammed Chute, MP) drew the attention of the Deputy Speaker to the fact that there was no quorum in the Senate;

And the Deputy Speaker having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

Debate Interrupted resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to Thursday, 5th June, 2025.

8. **THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 51 OF 2024)**

Order read;

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 51 of 2024) be now read a Second time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 29/05/2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025 resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP), deferred the reply to a later date.

9. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 54 OF 2023)
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

Order deferred.

10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 50 OF 2023)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

Order deferred.

11. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 41 OF 2023)
(Sen. Esther Anyieni Okenyuri, MP)

Order deferred.

12. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2024)
(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)

Order deferred.

13. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI CONCERNING THE BRANDING OF PUBLIC PROJECTS WITH IMAGES OF GOVERNORS AND MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLIES (MCAs) AND BRANDING OF COUNTY VEHICLES**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi concerning the branding of public projects with images of Governors and Members of the County Assemblies (MCAs) and branding of county vehicles, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025.

Order deferred.

14. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (STATE OFFICERS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE) PROCEDURE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

15. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)**

(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

16. **THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Labour Migration and Management (No.2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

17. **THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order for Second Reading Read.

Order deferred.

18. **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.

Order Read.

Order deferred.

19. **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.

Order Read.

Order deferred.

20. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN WAJIR COUNTY**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Wajir County laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 17th April, 2025.

Order Read.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Speaker adjourned the Senate at eighteen minutes past six O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

21. **SENATE ROSE** – at eighteen minutes past six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, June 05, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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