



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine 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. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

QUESTIONS

- i) Question No. 055 by the Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communication and Digital Economy on deployment of communication masts and systems in high-risk areas in Turkana County was answered by the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 013 by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on establishment of the Intelligence Service Complaints Board was deferred.
- iii) Question No. 018 by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the clashes in South Ngariama Ranching Scheme in Mwea Constituency was deferred.

- iv) Question No. 026 by the Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, CBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the rising incidents of violence at public functions in Kakamega County attended by politicians was deferred.
- v) Question No. 028 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on operationalization of Kabonyo Kanyagwal Division, Kanyakwar Location and Obunga Sub-Location in Kisumu County was deferred.
- vi) Question No. 029 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the account of civilian deaths, injuries and property loss reported during the *Gen Z*-led demonstrations in June, July and August 2024 was deferred.
- vii) Question No. 041 by the Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, EBS, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the increasing cases of abductions across the country was deferred.
- viii) Question No. 044 by the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the National Police Service (NPS) Promotion Board interviews was deferred.
- ix) Question No. 049 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Shakila Abdalla, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on lifting of the ban on night travel for Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) along the Lamu-Witu-Garsen Road was deferred.
- x) Question No. 051 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on gender parity among national government administrative officers and police officers was deferred.
- xi) Question No. 054 by the Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on establishment of an immigration post at the Kenya-Ethiopia border in Todonyang' area was deferred.
- xii) Question No. 056 by the Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on Government initiatives to enhance security along the Kenya-Ethiopia border was deferred.
- xiii) Question No. 059 by the Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National

Administration on promotion of local suppliers' and contractors' participation in procurement processes for security bases in Turkana County was deferred.

- xiv) Question No. 062 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Joyce Korir, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration on the status of investigations into the fatal shooting of Mr. Victor Kipngeno Mutai was deferred.

5. **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**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP on behalf of Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

The Senate Majority Leader replied on behalf of the Mover;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66(3), the Senate Majority Leader 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.

6. **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.

Order read.

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, 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.

8. **MOTION – ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL TEACHING AND REFERRAL HOSPITALS IN KENYA**

(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43 (1) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya provides that every person has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including reproductive health care;

NOTING THAT in Kenya, we have five National Teaching and Referral hospitals with Kenyatta University Research and Teaching Hospital in Kiambu County and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu County being the only ones outside Nairobi County;

CONCERNED THAT the bed capacity, medical equipment and human capital in these National Teaching and Referral hospitals are not sufficient to absorb all the patients seeking specialized treatment;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT many Kenyans with critical health conditions travel long distances in order to access specialized services in Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret or Nairobi where the other four National Teaching and Referral hospitals are located, leading to high cost of travel, augmented disease and in some cases deaths along the way;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate urges –

1. The Ministry of Health to:

- i) establish National Teaching and Referral hospitals in the Coast, Eastern, North Eastern, Nyanza and Western regions; and
- ii) fully equip the National Teaching and Referral Hospitals with modern medical equipment, medical supplies and personnel; and

2. The County Governments to allocate more funds to their respective health dockets to adequately facilitate their County Level 5 and Level 6 hospitals in order to enhance provision of critical health services to reduce the demand for such services from the National Teaching and Referral Hospitals.

Order read.

Order deferred.

9. **MOTION – CONSOLIDATION OF BURSARY FUNDS FOR EQUITABLE ACCESS TO EDUCATION IN KENYA**

(Sen. Karungo Thangwa, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, Pursuant to Article 53 of the Constitution, every child in Kenya is entitled to free and compulsory basic education, and the Basic Education Act provides that, basic education should be guided by principles such as equitable access to all youth and equal access to education or institutions;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, many students in secondary schools and higher education institutions come from financially disadvantaged backgrounds, making it difficult for them to afford school fees and access education opportunities;

NOTING THAT, over the years, various interventions have been made, including the issuance of bursaries through the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NCDF), National Government Affirmative Action Fund

(NGAAF), the Ministry of Education and county governments through various county bursary funds;

CONCERNED THAT, despite these efforts, schools fees remain unaffordable for many parents and the allocation of bursaries has been plagued by nepotism, favoritism, and political manipulation, lack of transparency and accountability;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT public learning institutions are primarily funded by the Government through the Ministry of Education, and in the financial year 2024/25, approximately Kshs. 656 billion was allocated to the education sector, making it difficult to ascertain the specific funds granted to each student and that the lack of transparency in the disbursement of bursaries from various agencies makes it difficult to determine the total amount allocated in a financial year, thus hindering efforts to ensure equitable access to education for financially disadvantaged students;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Ministry of Education, to:

1. audit the funds allocated to bursaries by both the National Government and county governments;
2. consolidate the funds distributed by various government entities and agencies, with the aim of directing these funds directly to schools as supplementary capitation to facilitate the achievement of free secondary education; and
3. calculate the cost of education per learner and make this information public for primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions, including a detailed breakdown of the annual financial requirements for each student across the country.

Order read.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) adjourned the sitting at fifty-nine minutes past Twelve O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-nine minutes past Twelve O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.*