



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**AFTERNOON SITTING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL, 16, 2025 AT 2.30 PM**

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a Prayer said by the Deputy 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. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

**a) Visiting Delegation of Members of the Speaker's Panel of the County Assembly of Turkana**

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon of a visiting delegation of Members of the Speaker's Panel of the County Assembly of Turkana. The delegation is undertaking a benchmarking visit with their counterparts in the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

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| 1. Rt. Hon. Charles Lokito Ewoi | - Speaker, County Assembly of Turkana |
| 2. Hon. Michael Ewoi            | - Member, Speaker's Panel             |

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| 3. Hon. Mary Nakapwan        | - Member, Speaker's Panel              |
| 4. Hon. Samuel Aliwo         | - Member, Speaker's Panel              |
| 5. Mr. Lokawa L. Miinyan     | - Clerk, County Assembly of Turkana    |
| 6. Mr. Patrick Tioko Eng'ori | - Director, Legislative Service        |
| 7. Mr. James Ikimat          | - Director, Speaker's Office           |
| 8. Mr. James Sirte           | - Chief Serjeant at Arms               |
| 9. Mrs. Kathreen Ereng       | - Deputy Director, Legislative         |
| 10. Ms. Edna Eripete         | - Deputy Director, Legislative Service |
| 11. Ms. Cynthia Moru         | - Principal Clerk (Table Office)       |
| 12. Mr. Calvin Ewoi          | - Principal Clerk                      |

The delegation is accompanied by –

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| 1. Mr. Philip Ogonda | - Programme Officer, Refugee Consortium of Kenya |
| 2. Ms. Gloria Mwangi | - Programme Officer, Refugee Consortium of Kenya |

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome and wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

**b) Students undertaking Voluntary Service Scheme in the Senate**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon of students from Starehe Boys' Centre and School and Alliance High School, who are undertaking a one (1) week Voluntary Service in the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

I request each student to stand when called out so that you may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

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| 1. Hedrick Jayden         | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 3 |
| 2. Ian Kiprotich          | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 3 |
| 3. Obed Omonyi            | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 3 |
| 4. Newton Ogwedhi         | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 3 |
| 5. Moses Kilemi           | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 2 |
| 6. Elvis Maiyan           | - Starehe Boys' Centre and School | - Form 2 |
| 7. Chris Mutwiri Muriithi | - Alliance High School            | - Form 4 |
| 8. Ryan Dylan             | - Alliance High School            | - Form 3 |
| 9. Tyrell Jones           | - Alliance High School            | - Form 3 |

Honorable 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!"

**c) On Visiting Teachers and Students from PCEA Emmanuel Child Development Centre, Kibra in Nairobi City County**

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and pupils from PCEA Emmanuel Child Development Centre, Kibra in Nairobi County. The delegation comprises two (2) teachers and forty three (43) 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. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - PASSAGE OF THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 10 OF 2025)**

"Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3) & (4), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage by the National Assembly of the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 10 of 2025).

The Message, which is dated Monday, 14th April, 2025, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate the same date.

Pursuant to the said Standing Order, I now report the Message –

*"PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-*

*WHEREAS, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 10 of 2025) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 38 of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to provide for the equitable division of revenue raised*

*nationally between the national and county governments in the 2025/2026 financial year,*

*AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered the said Bill and passed it without amendments on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 in the form attached hereto;*

*NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration.”*

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 163, which requires that a Bill which originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading, in accordance with Standing Order No.144.

Honourable Senators,

As you may have noted, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 10 of 2025) has been listed in today’s Order Paper, and at an appropriate time during this Sitting, I will direct the Clerk to read the Bill a First Time.

I thank you.”

## **6. PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(a), the Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) presented a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Allan J. Masika on behalf of Korogocho Community Forum, a community-based organization in Ruaraka Constituency, concerning the eviction of Korogocho community living in the Nairobi River corridor after its declaration as a special planning area.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources for consideration.

## **7. PAPERS LAID**

The following Papers were laid on the Table of the Senate:

- i) The Sustainable Waste Management (Extended Producer Responsibility) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 62 of 2025.
- ii) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Water Quality) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 63 of 2025.

- iii) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Waste Management) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 64 of 2025.
- iv) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Sand Harvesting) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 65 of 2025.
- v) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Air Quality) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 66 of 2025.
- vi) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Deposit Bonds) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 67 of 2025.
- vii) The Environmental Management and Co-ordination (Access to Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing) (No. 2) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 68 of 2025.
- viii) The Digital Health (Health Information Management Procedures) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 76 of 2025.
- ix) The Digital Health (Data Exchange Component) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 77 of 2025.
- x) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Homabay County Climate Change Fund for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

**8. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) made a Statement regarding the transition of leadership in the Kenya Women Senators Association (KEWOSA).

Thereupon, the Senator congratulated the newly elected Chairperson, Sen. Veronica Maina, MP, the Vice Chairperson, Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP and the entire leadership of KEWOSA.

The Senator as the outgoing Chairperson, expressed pride in having led KEWOSA through a period marked by active engagement, advocacy, and service, while highlighting several key achievements during her tenure, including launching a programme to assist women petty offenders, mentoring women leaders, particularly members of County Assemblies (MCAs), advocating for gender-sensitive legislation and budgets, and forming strategic partnerships with both local and international organizations.

The Senator also affirmed her continued support for KEWOSA as Chairperson Emeritus and pledged to uphold the association's ideals. She urged her fellow women senators to stay united and continue advocating for women's rights and empowerment across the country.

**b) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)**

- i) The Senator for Samburu County (Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of projects funded through the Equalization Fund disbursed during the Financial Year 2022/2023 in Samburu County.
- ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the establishment of shelters and safe spaces for homeless children and vulnerable mothers in major cities and urban centres across Kenya.
- iii) The Senator for Wajir County (Sen. Abass Sheikh Mohammed, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the commercialization and accessibility, by the public, of the Wajir Airport.
- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the financial crisis at the Metropolitan National SACCO Limited.
- v) The Senator for Trans Nzoia County (Sen. Allan Chesang, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the operationalization of the Nawiri Fund by the Trans Nzoia County Government.
- vi) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights concerning engagement of private law firms to represent the County Government of Nandi in court cases and other legal proceedings.
- vii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources concerning the delays in the processing of certificates of titles in land registries across the country.
- viii) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the pollution of Lake Victoria and the associated health risks.

- ix) The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the state of sanitation in rural areas within Kisumu County.
- x) Request for Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the imposition of levies on coffee products by the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) and the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) by the Senator for Kirinyaga County (Sen. James Murango, MP) was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Provision of Sanitary Towels Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

*(Sen. Gloria Orwoba, MP – 15.04.2025)*

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.

11. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 54 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

12. Order **deferred**.

13. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - THE LOCAL CONTENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 50 OF 2023)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

Order deferred.

14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 41 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Esther Anyieni Okenyuri, MP)

Order deferred.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Sports (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 33 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

*(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)*

Debate arising;

16. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) drew the attention of the Speaker to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate;

And the Speaker having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of the ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) adjourned the Senate at fifty-two minutes past Five O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

17. **SENATE ROSE**

– at fifty-two minutes past Five O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.*