Thirteenth Parliament (No. 006)



Fourth Session (085)

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 AT 9.30 AM

- 1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Nine 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. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair -

(a) Visiting students from the University of Eldoret in Uasin Gishu County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this morning, of visiting students from the University of Eldoret in Uasin Gishu County. The delegation comprises twenty-nine (29) students, 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."

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(b) Visiting lecturers and political science class students from the Maasai Mara University in Narok County

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this morning, of visiting lecturers and Political Science class students from the Maasai Mara University in Narok County. The delegation comprises five (5) lecturers and seventy-two (72) students, 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. **PAPERS**

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

- i) The Senate Calendar (Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth Parliament (February to December, 2025).
- i) The National Treasury and Economic Planning 2025 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy (MTDS) Public Participation Report.
- ii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Kwale County Executive for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- iii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Kwale County Assembly for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Receiver of Revenue - County Government of Kwale for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Assembly Members and Staff Loan Scheme Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- vi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- vii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Youth, Women and Persons with Disability Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

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- viii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Emergency Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - ix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Trade Revolving Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - x) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale County Climate Change Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Lunga Lunga Municipality for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Diani Municipality for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xiii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale Municipality for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xiv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kinango Municipality for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Msambweni County Referral Level 5 Hospital – Kwale County Government for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale Sub-County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Samburu Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – Kwale County Government for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Lunga Lunga Sub-County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kinango Sub-County Level 4 Hospital for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xx) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kwale Water and Sewerage Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Executive of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Assembly of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

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- xxiii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the County Revenue Fund - County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxiv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Receiver of Revenue – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Assembly Members Car Loan and Mortgage Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Executive Staff Car Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Executive Staff Mortgage Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Assembly Staff Car Loan and Mortgage Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Bursary Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxx) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Alcoholic Drinks Control Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Enterprise Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Agricultural Development Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxiii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Kericho Municipality – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxiv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of the Litein Municipality – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Referral Level 5 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxvi) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kapkatet Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

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- xxxvii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kipkelion Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
- xxxviii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Roret Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xxxix) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Londiani Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xl) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Sigowet Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xli) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Fort Ternan Sub-County Level 4 Hospital – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho Water and Sanitation Company Limited for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xliii) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Climate Change Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2023.
 - xliv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kericho County Climate Change Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2024.
 - xlv) Report of the Auditor General on Financial Statements of Kabianga Tea Farm – County Government of Kericho for the year ended 30th June, 2024.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

6. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE CALENDAR</u> (REGULAR SESSIONS) FOR THE FOURTH SESSION

(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 32 (1), the Senate approves its Calendar (Regular Sessions) for the Fourth Session (February to December, 2025), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025.

7. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THARAKA NITHI, HOMA BAY, KAKAMEGA, KIRINYAGA, MAKUENI, MERU, BOMET, MURANG'A, NANDI, NYAMIRA, NYERI, SIAYA, VIHIGA, WAJIR AND SAMBURU COUNTY EXECUTIVES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020

(The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

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THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Select Committee on County Public Accounts on its consideration of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of Tharaka Nithi, Homa Bay, Kakamega, Kirinyaga, Makueni, Meru, Bomet, Murang'a, Nandi, Nyamira, Nyeri, Siaya, Vihiga, Wajir and Samburu County Executives for the Financial Year 2019/2020 laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 5th March, 2024.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SENATE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ASSEMBLIES: SIAYA, NANDI, BARINGO, BOMET, BUNGOMA, ELGEYO MARAKWET, EMBU, HOMA BAY, KAJIADO, KAKAMEGA, KERICHO, LAIKIPIA, MERU, NAKURU, TANA RIVER, AND NYERI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020, THARAKA NITHI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2019/2020 & 2020/2021, AND KERICHO FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2020/2021 & 2021/2022

(The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Assemblies: Siaya, Nandi, Baringo, Bomet, Bungoma, Elgeyo Marakwet, Embu, Homa Bay, Kajiado, Kakamega, Kericho, Laikipia, Meru, Nakuru, Tana River, and Nyeri for the Financial Year 2019/2020, Tharaka Nithi for the Financial Years 2019/2020 & 2020/2021, and Kericho for the Financial Years 2020/2021 & 2021/2022. laid on the table of Senate today, Wednesday, 4th December, 2024.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SENATE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY EXECUTIVES: TANA RIVER AND MIGORI FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020, AND ELGEYO MARAKWET, MANDERA, LAMU, TAITA TAVETA, AND UASIN GISHU FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 2019/2020 AND 2020/2021. (The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Executives:

- a) Tana River and Migori County Executives for the Financial Years 2018/2019 & 2019/2020;
- b) Elgeyo Marakwet, Mandera, Lamu, Taita Taveta County Executives for the Financial Years 2019/2020;
- c) Uasin Gishu County Executive for the Financial Years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

laid on the table of Senate today, Wednesday, 4th December, 2024.

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SENATE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY EXECUTIVES: KITUI, BUNGOMA, EMBU, BARINGO, NYANDARUA, GARISSA, LAIKIPIA (FY 2019/2020) AND KIRINYAGA, KILIFI, KERICHO (FY 2020/2021) -VOLUME V

(The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Executives: Kitui, Bungoma, Embu, Baringo, Nyandarua, Garissa, Laikipia (FY 2019/2020) and Kirinyaga, Kilifi, Kericho (FY 2020/2021) -Volume V, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

11. REPORT OF THE SENATE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY EXECUTIVES: MOMBASA, NAKURU (FY 2019/2020), NYERI, BOMET, KISII, TURKANA, TRANS NZOIA, NYANDARUA (FY 2020/2021), NAIROBI (FY 2017/2018, FY 2018/2019 & FY 2019/2020), KWALE COUNTY (FY 2020/2021 & 2021/2022) - VOLUME VI

(The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the consideration of the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Executives: Mombasa, Nakuru (FY 2019/2020), Nyeri, Bomet, Kisii, Turkana, Trans Nzoia, Nyandarua (FY 2020/2021), Nairobi (FY 2017/2018, FY 2018/2019 & FY 2019/2020), Kwale County (FY 2020/2021 & 2021/2022) - Volume VI, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE SENATE COUNTY PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ON THE REPORTS OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ASSEMBLIES: MACHAKOS, TURKANA, KISII, UASIN GISHU, KIRINYAGA (FY 2019/2020 & FY 2020/2021) AND NYERI, TANA RIVER (FY 2020/2021) - VOLUME VII (The Chairperson, County Public Accounts Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Senate County Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the following County Assemblies: Machakos, Turkana, Kisii, Uasin Gishu, Kirinyaga (FY 2019/2020 & FY 2020/2021) and Nyeri, Tana River (FY 2020/2021) - Volume VII, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

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13. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the unspent funds by counties held in the County Revenue Fund account at the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK).
- ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Betty Montet, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding alleged irregular and illegal tax exemption granted to Blue Nile Rolling Mills Limited by the Government of Kenya.
- iii) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding provision of water and sewerage services by Taita-Taveta-Voi (TAVEVO) Water Company in Taita Taveta County.
- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) sought a Statement on behalf of nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the management of In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) procedures in Kenya in the absence of a comprehensive legal and policy framework.
- v) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the murder of Mr. Gilbert Kinyua, a patient admitted at the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) on Friday, 7th February, 2025.

14. <u>MOTION - CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE LATE SENATOR WILLIAM</u> <u>KIPKIROR CHEPTUMO</u>

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT AWARE THAT the late Sen. William Kipkiror Cheptumo, the Senator for Baringo County, passed away on February 16, 2025 at the age of 57 while undergoing treatment;

COGNIZANT THAT the late William Cheptumo served as a Member of Baringo North Constituency in the National Assembly for three terms from 2008-2022 during which time he also served as an Assistant Minister of Justice, National Cohesion & Constitutional Affairs (2008-2013); Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, the House Business Committee and the Committee on Pensions (2013-2017); and the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs (2017-2022);

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FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT the late William Cheptumo was elected Senator for Baringo County in 2022 and continued with his stellar legislative work in the Senate, having sponsored many businesses among them a Motion on *Declaration of cattle rustling and banditry as a National disaster and establishment of a Special Fund for Victims* which was adopted by the Senate on 30th May, 2024; and served as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Security, Défense and Foreign Relations and as a member of the Standing Committees of Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights and that of Land, Environment and Natural Resources, which positions he served in until his demise on 16th February, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate expresses its deep sadness at the death of Hon. William Kipkiror Cheptumo, the Senator for Baringo County and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations; records its appreciation of his contribution to public service spanning over two decades; recognizes the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues from across the political divide and the humble, principled and dedicated manner in which he undertook his duties; and offers its profound sympathy and condolences to his family, friends, Baringo County and the nation at large.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 18.02.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday,18th February, 2025 resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84(1), the Deputy Speaker ruled that the Motion did not affect Counties;

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT AWARE THAT the late Sen. William Kipkiror Cheptumo, the Senator for Baringo County, passed away on February 16, 2025 at the age of 57 while undergoing treatment;

COGNIZANT THAT the late William Cheptumo served as a Member of Baringo North Constituency in the National Assembly for three terms from 2008-2022 during which time he also served as an Assistant Minister of Justice, National Cohesion & Constitutional Affairs (2008-2013); Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation, member of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, the House Business Committee and the Committee on Pensions (2013-2017); and the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs (2017-2022);

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT the late William Cheptumo was elected Senator for Baringo County in 2022 and continued with his stellar legislative work in

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate expresses its deep sadness at the death of Hon. William Kipkiror Cheptumo, the Senator for Baringo County and Chairperson of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations; records its appreciation of his contribution to public service spanning over two decades; recognizes the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues from across the political divide and the humble, principled and dedicated manner in which he undertook his duties; and offers its profound sympathy and condolences to his family, friends, Baringo County and the nation at large.

15. <u>MOTION - CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE LATE LEONARD MAMBO</u> <u>MBOTELA</u>

(Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP)

Order read;

THAT AWARE THAT the late Leonard Mambo Mbotela, a renowned media personality passed away on 7th February, 2025 at the age of 84;

COGNIZANT THAT he had an illustrious career in media spanning over 5 decades, and was one of the most influential voices in Kenyan radio, especially through his long-running radio and television programme, "*Je Huu ni Ungwana*?";

FURTHER COGNIZANT THAT his command of the Kiswahili language kept Kenyans informed on many topics while his exceptional football commentaries on radio brought joy to many people and popularized the sport at a time when live football on Television was rare;

APPRECIATING the lasting legacy that he leaves in the media industry and the high esteem in which he was held by colleagues and persons from all walks of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate expresses its deep sadness at the death of Mr. Mbotela, records its celebration and appreciation of his remarkable life, and extends its heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family, friends and the nation.

Order deferred.

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16. MOTION - RECORDING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE ON KENYA'S ATTEMPT FOR THE POSITION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION (AUC)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

RECALLING THAT the African Union (AU), the successor to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), was launched in 2002 as a continental body consisting of the 55-member states that make up the countries of the African Continent, with the vision of creating an Integrated, Prosperous and Peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena;

AWARE THAT, the African Union Commission (AUC) was established as the Secretariat responsible for the operations and activities of the AU, headed by the Chairperson elected by Heads of State and government from Member-States;

RECALLING THAT, on 27th February, 2024, Kenya formally announced that the former Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH, would be vying for the position of Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), noting that regionally he served as the African Union Special Envoy for Infrastructure Development, H.E the President endorsed the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga as Kenya's candidate for the Chairperson of the African Union Commission;

NOTING THAT, the Hon. Raila Odinga's candidature for the position of the Chairperson was not only his personal ambition but also a symbol of Kenya's deep commitment to the goals of the African Union and its desire to participate in shaping the continent's future;

COMMENDING the Government of Kenya, led by His Excellency the President, for a robust campaign in support of the candidate, reinforced by continental integration and cooperation and guided by Kenya's Foreign Policy;

FURTHER, COMMENDING the remarkable achievement by Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga for emerging the runner-up in the election of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Saturday, 15th February, 2025;

RECOGNIZING, the need to sustain Kenya's growing prominence on the continental stage and advocacy for a more united, prosperous, self-reliant Africa in resonance with the aspirations of millions of Africans, who seek to see the continent empowered to chart its own course in the global arena;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Senate-

i) expresses its profound thanks to the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH, for demonstrating unwavering commitment to the service of Africa by offering

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his candidature for the position of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, for his leadership in advancing pan-African unity, for his dedication to the development and integration of the African continent and for his distinguished attempt at the election;

- ii) records its thanks to His Excellency, Dr. William Ruto, CGH, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya, for endorsing the Rt. Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH, as Kenya's candidate for election as the chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) and for coordinating the campaign in support of his candidature; and
- iii) records its congratulations to H.E Mahamoud Ali Youssouf on his election as the Chairperson of the Commission on Saturday, 15th February, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And the time being One O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

17. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

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