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THE SENATE

THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 11th June, 2025

Afternoon Sitting

*The House met at the Senate Chamber,
Parliament Buildings at 2.33 p.m.*

[The Speaker (Hon. Kingi) in the Chair]

PRAYER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Clerk, do we have quorum?

(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted the Speaker)

Hon. Senators, kindly take your seats. We have quorum, and therefore, we will proceed with the afternoon's business.

Clerk, proceed to call the first Order.

(Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale stood in his place)

Sen. Boni, take your seat.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MEETING BETWEEN THE SENATE AND CS FOR INTERIOR AND NATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION, THE IG OF POLICE, IPOA AND NPSC ON THE
CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF
MR. ALBERT OMONDI OJWANG'

Hon. Senators, as you may recall, the Senate Majority Leader moved a Motion to suspend the morning plenary sitting to facilitate a special session between the Senate and the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and National Administration, the Inspector

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General of Police, the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) and the National Police Service Commission. The Director of Criminal Investigations also accompanied the Cabinet Secretary.

Following a request for Statement by the Senator for Migori County, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP, regarding the death of Mr. Albert Omondi Ojwang, the following made statements to the Senate on oath on the matter-

(1) Hon. Kipchumba Murkomen, EGH - Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Interior and National Administration.

(2) Mr. Douglas Kanja, MGH, EBS, OGW - Inspector General of Police.

(3) Mr. Edwin Kiprono Cheluget - Vice-Chairperson, National Police Service Commission.

(4) Mr. Mohammed Amin, EBS - Director, Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI).

(5) Ms. Anne Wanjiku Mwangi - Vice-Chairperson, Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA).

Hon. Senators, following the statements by the office holders referred to above, I allowed Senators to make comments and seek clarifications on the matter. This continued until 1.00 O'clock, the time ordinarily appointed for adjournment of a morning sitting on Wednesday.

At the time of adjournment, 16 Senators had sought clarification, but still, my dashboard was full with Senators who wanted to make interventions on the matter. I, therefore, directed that the proceedings will continue during the afternoon sitting at 2.30 p.m., to facilitate the Senate to exhaustively interrogate the matter.

At an appropriate time in this sitting, I will allow the Senate Majority Leader to move a Motion for the temporary suspension of normal proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No.38 for the session with the Cabinet Secretary and his team to continue.

Upon approval of the Motion, I shall allow the Cabinet Secretary and his team to respond to the issues sought before allowing other interventions from Senators, giving priority to those who have not spoken.

Hon. Senators, during the session with the Cabinet Secretary and his team, the rules will have been relaxed. However, it is important to uphold decorum and decency in the proceedings.

The Cabinet Secretary and his team are reminded that they are still under oath.
Senate Majority Leader, proceed.

MOTION

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE SENATE TO INTERROGATE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF MR. ALBERT OMONDI OJWANG'

Sen (Dr.) Khalwale: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to move the following Motion-

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THAT, pursuant to Standing Order No.38(1), the Senate do suspend its proceedings in order to allow Senators to efficiently interrogate the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, the Inspector General of Police, the Chairpersons of the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) and of the National Police Service Commission regarding the safety and the well-being of arrested persons in Kenya while in police custody and in particular the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Albert Ojwang’.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as the House will recall, this is a similar Motion to the one that was moved this morning. The reasons and justifications that were advanced in the morning still stand true now. For this reason, I do not want to go beyond this. I urge Members to vote in support this unique opportunity.

I thank the House. We conducted ourselves very well this morning. I also thank the Speaker. You have presided over the proceedings as expected.

I move and request the Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Justice Stewart Madzayo, to second my Motion.

Thank you.

Sen. Madzayo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I fully support the Mover of this Motion my brother, Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale. I, therefore, second it.

Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, I will now propose the question.

(Question proposed)

The Floor is open for debate. However, Hon. Senators, this being a Procedural Motion, with your concurrence, you may allow me to put the Question, so that we dispense with it.

I will, therefore, proceed to put the Question.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Senators, pursuant to Standing Order No.38(5) I will allocate the time.

(Sen. Cherarkey walked into the Chamber)

Take your seat, Senator for Nandi County.

I will give this up to close of business today, so that we conclude this matter.

(Applause)

We do not have to leave other Members of this House feeling left out.

(The sitting of the Senate was suspended at 2.40 p.m.)

(End of suspension of the Senate sitting at 6.27 p.m.)

(The Mace was uncovered)

(The House resumed at 6.28 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, having resumed the normal and ordinary session of the Senate, it is now 6.30 p.m., time to adjourn the Senate. The Senate, therefore, stands adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, 12th June, 2025 at 2.30 p.m.

I thank you.

The Senate rose at 6.30 p.m.