

Fourth Session (1094)

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 06, 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 before the expiry of the ten minutes;

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

4. **PAPER LAID**

While responding to Question No. 84 by Nominated Senator (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP), the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Co-operative and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMES) Development, presented a taskforce report on Moi University Savings and Credit Co-operative Society LTD (MUSCO).

5. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

QUESTION

Question No. 084 by Nominated Senator (Sen. (Prof.) Margaret Kamar, EGH, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Co-operatives and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Development on the Moi University Savings and Credit Society (MUSCO) liquidation process was <u>answered</u> by the Cabinet Secretary.

6. MOTION - RECONSTITUTION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING, the resolution of the Senate made on 12th February, 2025 on the approval of Senators to serve in various Standing Committees of the Senate, and pursuant to Standing Orders 197, 199 and 228, following nomination by the Senate Business Committee, the Senate approves the nomination of Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP to serve in the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to replace Sen. Gloria Orwoba.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

And there being no Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied,

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (1), the Deputy Speaker ruled that the Motion does 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, NOTWITHSTANDING, the resolution of the Senate made on 12th February, 2025 on the approval of Senators to serve in various Standing Committees of the Senate, and pursuant to Standing Orders 197, 199 and 228, following nomination by the Senate Business Committee, the Senate approves the nomination of Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP to serve in the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare to replace Sen. Gloria Orwoba.

7. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE INSPECTION TOUR OF HEALTH FACILITIES IN WEST POKOT, TRANS NZOIA AND TURKANA COUNTIES

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the inspection tour of health facilities in West Pokot, Trans Nzoia and Turkana Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 5th December, 2024.

(The Vice Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

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 Deputy Speaker acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Ouestion to a later date.

8. MOTION - IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AUTOMATED AND DECENTRALIZED CERTIFICATE OF GOOD CONDUCT SYSTEM IN KENYA

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT AWARE THAT a Certificate of Good Conduct is a major requirement for Kenyan citizens in accessing employment, business opportunities, and, in some instances, financial engagements with financial institutions in Kenya, with the certificate having a validity period of one year;

CONCERNED THAT many Kenyans are compelled to travel long distances to access this service, both for the initial application and for any subsequent applications making the process tedious, time-consuming, and costly;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT the current manual application system is prone to delays and inconsistencies, which may compromise the authenticity and integrity of a Certificate of Good Conduct;

COGNIZANT THAT the importance of introducing an automated Good Conduct Certification system, including the utilization of biometric fingerprint verification through the deployment of biometric kits, will enhance accuracy, security, and expediency in verifying individual's record;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Police Service Commission, in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and National Administration to:

- 1. develop and implement an automated Good Conduct certification system designed to streamline the issuance, renewal, and verification of certificates of good conduct;
- 2. incorporate advanced technologies such as biometric fingerprint recognition, data encryption, and secure communication protocols to ensure the accuracy of individuals' records;
- establish decentralized service points and deploys mobile registration units across counties to enhance accessibility, especially in remote areas; and

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4. scale up public awareness initiatives in rural areas on the application and renewal process for the Certificate of Good Conduct.

(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)

Debate arising

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

9. **SENATE ROSE** – at One O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Wednesday, August 06, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.