



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

AFTERNOON SITTING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two 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. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

a) Visiting delegation from the Institute of Economic Affairs – Kenya

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of seven (7) officers from the Institute of Economic Affairs - Kenya. The delegation is undertaking a study visit in Parliament.

Honourable Senators,

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

b) Visiting Teachers and Students from St. Mary Nyangwa Girls Secondary in Embu County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from St. Mary Nyangwa Girls Secondary School in Embu County. The delegation comprises sixty (60) students and four (4) teachers, 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.”

c) Visiting Teachers and Students from Kibirichia Juniour Secondary School in Meru County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of visiting teachers and students from Kibirichia Juniour Secondary School in Meru County. The delegation comprises five (5) teachers and sixty (60) 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. MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – DECISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT (BICAMERAL RELATIONS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 44 OF 2023)

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly:

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that I have, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3), received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly

regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate Amendments to the Houses of Parliament (Bicameral Relations) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2023).

The Message, dated Thursday, 24th July, 2025, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same date.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46(4), I now report the Message –

“PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly

WHEREAS, the Houses of Parliament (Bicameral Relations) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2023) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 130 of 28th July 2023 as a Bill seeking to give further effect to the procedures relating to matters of bicameral nature between the Houses of Parliament as contemplated in Chapter Eight of the Constitution of Kenya;

AND WHEREAS, the said Bill was considered by the National Assembly on Thursday, 21st March 2024 and passed with amendments and thereafter forwarded to the Senate for consideration;

FURTHER WHEREAS, while debating a Motion for the consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Bill, the National Assembly noted the concerns of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs that, despite the Bill passed by the National Assembly seeking to entrench institutional comity by legislating a framework for the manner of conducting matters of a bicameral nature; publication of Bills; circumstances which give rise to a question on whether a Bill concerns county governments; resolution of a question on whether a Bill concerns county governments; and conduct of joint processes; the amendments passed by the Senate misapprehended the objects of the Bill by deleting sixteen of the twenty provisions of the Bill and altering of the title of the Bill thus reducing the scope of the Bill to only two matters, namely, providing a framework for determining the nature of a Bill and the procedure for determining whether a Bill concerns county governments;

AND WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, on 8th April 2025 the National Assembly negatived the Motion for the consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Houses of Parliament (Bicameral Relations) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2023) thereby committing the Bill to a mediation committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek the appointment of nine (9) Senators to a

mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.”

Honourable Senators,

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 166 (2) of the Senate, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and Senate Minority Leader, I will, at an appropriate time, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee.

I thank you.”

6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the deplorable condition of the Kisumu – Busia Road.
- ii) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the utilization of the Equalization Fund in Bungoma County.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Beth Syengo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing concerning the non-functioning of vehicle scanners at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).

7. THE TECHNOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2024)

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 6 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 22.07.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday 29th July, 2025 resumed for the Mover to reply;

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

8. **THE TOBACCO CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 35 OF 2024)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 35 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP – 29.07.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday 29th July, 2025 resumed;

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. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

9. **MOTION - REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON ITS INQUIRY INTO THE STATE OF MARKETS IN VIHIGA AND BUNGOMA COUNTIES ARISING FROM A STATEMENT SOUGHT BY SEN. GODFREY OSOTSI, MP AND SEN. DAVID WAKOLI, MP**

Order read;

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts Reports of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on its inquiry into the state of markets in Vihiga and Bungoma counties arising from Statements sought by Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, and Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 1st October, 2024.

(The Vice- Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six 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.

10. SENATE ROSE – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 2:30 pm*