Fourth Session (1635)

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 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 (1);

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. <u>COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR ON A VISIT BY OFFICERS FROM</u> VARIOUS COUNTY ASSEMBLIES

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

"Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation of officers from various County Assemblies, who are undertaking a training programme on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure, focusing on management of Committee of the Whole, at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST). The delegation comprises the following –

a.) County Assembly of Transzoia

1. Ms. Colleta Kisika

2. Ms. Lucy Kibonei

3. Ms. Maureen Lichuma Makete

4. Ms. Christabel W. Nanjumbia

- Deputy Clerk

- Principal Legal Counsel

- Legal Officer I

- Legal Counsel

b.) County Assembly of Samburu

1. Ms. Nelly Rose Letiktuk	-Senior Clerk Assistant
2. Mr. Daniel Lesiyianga	-Senior Clerk Assistant
3. Ms. Mercy Letilipa	-Senior Clerk Assistant
4. Mr. Joseph C. Lolmingani	-Clerk Assistant
5. Mr. Mkavana Mangóli Dida	-Clerk Assistant
6. Mr. Lengees Bellan	-Clerk Assistant
7. Mr. Lesaare Wycliffe	-Legal Clerk
8. Mr. John Toilast Leturutu	-Legal Clerk
9. Ms. Naanyu Letipila	-Legal Officer

c.) County Assembly of Elgeyo Marakwet

1. Ms. Susan Cheboi	-Deputy Director, Legislative
	& Procedural Services
2. Ms. Gladys Jepkoech Komen	-Clerk Assistant
3. Mr. Kennedy Kimase	-Clerk Assistant

d.) County Assembly of Mandera

1. Mr. Abdirahman Issack Kassim	-Assistant Director, Legislative
	& Procedural Services
2. Mr. Suraw Maalim Isaack	-Deputy Director, Legislative
	& Procedural Services

e.) County Assembly of Murang'a

Mr. Joseph Muchemi -Clerk Assista	M
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Honourable Senators,

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

Thank you."

5. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) The Sugar (General) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 167 of 2025.
- ii) The Sugar (Imports and Exports) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 168 of 2025.

- iii) The Office of the Auditor General Annual Corporate Report for financial year 2024/2025.
- iv) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Tharaka Nithi County Assembly Mortgage and Car Loan Fund for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- v) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Kaguru Agricultural Training Center County Government of Meru for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- vi) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Embu County Youth Trust Fund– County Government of Embu for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- vii) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Embe Water and Sanitation Company Limited County Government of Embu for the year ended 30th June, 2025.
- viii) Report of the Auditor General on financial statements of Ngandori Water and Sanitation Company PLC County Government of Embu for the year ended 30th June, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

ix) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 11th November, 2025.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

6. NOTICE OF MOTION - REFERRAL OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS AND PAPERS FOR TABLING DURING RECESS

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP on behalf of the Vice - Chairperson, Procedure and Rules Committee)

THAT, the Senate resolves that during the long recesses of the Fourth Session of the 13th Parliament, where any Statutory Instrument or Paper is transmitted for tabling in the Senate, and the Speaker determines that the Statutory Instrument or Paper is of priority, the Speaker shall forthwith refer the Statutory Instrument or Paper to the relevant Committee for consideration and the Statutory Instrument or Paper, shall be deemed to have been tabled before the Senate and the Speaker shall report the Statutory Instrument or Paper to the Senate and cause the Statutory Instrument to be tabled in the Senate in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 3 of 2023) and the Paper to be tabled before the Senate, at its next Sitting.

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

i.) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a Statement on the outstanding performance of Kenyan athletes at the 2025 New York City Marathon

In the Statement, the Senator commended the exceptional performance of Kenyan athletes at the 2025 New York City Marathon. He noted that Kenya had once again affirmed its global dominance in long-distance running, with Ms. Hellen Obiri setting a new course record in the women's race, and Mr. Benson Kipruto clinching victory in the men's category.

The Senator emphasized that these victories were not merely sporting achievements but national triumphs that reflect the discipline, resilience, and determination of Kenyan athletes. He described the athletes as cultural ambassadors whose success inspires unity and elevates Kenya's image in the global stage. In this regard, he called upon the Government to institutionalize a culture of recognition and support for athletes, stressing that their journey demands more than applause, as it requires sustained investment, empowerment, and welfare prioritization.

In conclusion, the Senator stated that the legacy of Kenya's athletic excellence must be preserved and strengthened. He urged for enhanced sports infrastructure, coaching, and talent development across counties to nurture future champions and promote youth empowerment.

ii.) The Senator for Elgeyo Marakwet (Sen. William Kisang, CBS, MP) made a Statement on the devastating landslide and flooding that struck Elgeyo Marakwet County

In the Statement, the Senator expressed profound sorrow over the devastating landslide and flooding that struck Elgeyo Marakwet County on 1st November 2025, describing it as a national tragedy that left the country in mourning. He conveyed heartfelt condolences to the families of the 37 victims; 35 in Marakwet East and 2 in Keiyo North, and wished those injured and hospitalized a quick recovery.

The Senator acknowledged the widespread destruction of homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods, noting the deep emotional and economic scars left behind. He commended the swift and courageous response of multi-agency teams, who rescued victims, airlifted the injured, and restored access to affected areas. He also recognized the intervention of President Dr. William Samoei Ruto and various Cabinet Secretaries for their prompt action in facilitating rescue efforts, as well as the solidarity shown by Elgeyo Marakwet County leaders.

In conclusion, the Senator called upon both the National and County Governments to provide temporary shelter and pursue long-term solutions such as compensation and resettlement for the affected. He also urged the Ministry of Health to offer medical and psychosocial support to affected families.

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

- i.) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the pricing and quality evaluation frameworks used by the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) and their impact on fairness and transparency across tea growing regions.
- ii.) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the safety and dignity of police officers in the line of duty.
- iii.) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohammed Faki, Mbunge) aliomba Kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Leba na Ustawi wa Jamii kuhusu kucheleweshwa kwa mishahara ya wafanyikazi wa Shirika la Posta.
- iv.) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the state of flooding and structural safety concerns at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).
- v.) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the management and disbursement of retention funds arising from construction contracts executed by the County Government of Marsabit.
- vi.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the rising cases of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and the need for a national framework to address it.
- vii.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the acute shortage of Psychiatrists in Kenya.
- viii.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to sought Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment

and Natural Resources regarding the ongoing construction activities along Langata-Link Road despite existing orders issued by the National Environment Tribunal (NET).

- ix.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the plight of stranded Kenyan youth in Russia.
- x.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industralization and Tourism regarding the widespread sale of counterfeit alcoholic beverages in licensed outlets across the country.
- xi.) The Senator for Turkana County (Sen. James Lomenen, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the harassment and killing of fishermen by Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) officers in Lake Turkana, allegedly in the course of antipoaching operations over restricted areas of the lake.
- xii.) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the ongoing dismissal of over 500 employees by the County Government of Vihiga arising from payroll irregularities covering the period between 2019 and 2025.
- xiii.) The Senator for Uasin Gishu County (Sen. Jackson Mandago, EGH, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the provision and mobilization of grain dryers during the ongoing rainy season, and the measures being taken to mitigate post-harvest losses in maize-growing regions.

c) Statement Pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)

The Senate Majority Leader issued a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 11th November, 2025.

8. THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2024) (Sen. Crystal Asige, MP – Co- Sponsor)

Order for First Reading read;

Bill Read a First Time and committed to the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources.

9. MOTION – REFERRAL OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS AND PAPERS FOR TABLING DURING RECESS

(The Vice - Chairperson, Procedure and Rules Committee)

THAT, the Senate resolves that during the long recesses of the Fourth Session of the 13th Parliament, where any Statutory Instrument or Paper is transmitted for tabling in the Senate, and the Speaker determines that the Statutory Instrument or Paper is of priority, the Speaker shall forthwith refer the Statutory Instrument or Paper to the relevant Committee for consideration and the Statutory Instrument or Paper, shall be deemed to have been tabled before the Senate and the Speaker shall report the Statutory Instrument or Paper to the Senate and cause the Statutory Instrument to be tabled in the Senate in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 3 of 2023) and the Paper to be tabled before the Senate, at its next Sitting.

Order deferred.

10. MOTION - WELFARE OF INTERNS WORKING UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, AWARE THAT, the Public Service Commission has provided internship opportunity to many youths in various government Departments and Agencies for a period not exceeding one year pursuant to Guidelines on Management of the Public Service Internship Programme of October, 2019;

APPRECIATING THAT, since its inception, the internship programme in Kenya has been instrumental in providing practical experience to graduates, enhanced employability, offered networking opportunities and has on a number of occasions led to full-time jobs to graduates;

CONCERNED THAT, internship opportunities are limited in number, skewed in distribution across government Departments and Agencies, lack clear pathway to permanent employment, have inadequate opportunities for skill development due to the short duration that they are offered and that the stipend offered to PSC interns is insufficient with an average stipend ranging from Ksh. 15,000 to Ksh. 30,000 per month which is not sustainable especially to interns living in major cities like Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu where the cost of living is too high;

NOW THEREFORE the Senate resolves that the Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Human Capital Development in consultation with the Public

Service Commission reviews the Guidelines to the Public Service Internship Programme of October, 2019 with a view to: -

- 1. increase the stipend offered to interns to cushion them against the high cost of living; and
- 2. put in place mechanisms to promote and reward innovation by interns.

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP – 30.10.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th November, 2025 resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, AWARE THAT, the Public Service Commission has provided internship opportunity to many youths in various government Departments and Agencies for a period not exceeding one year pursuant to Guidelines on Management of the Public Service Internship Programme of October, 2019;

APPRECIATING THAT, since its inception, the internship programme in Kenya has been instrumental in providing practical experience to graduates, enhanced employability, offered networking opportunities and has on a number of occasions led to full-time jobs to graduates;

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- 1. increase the stipend offered to interns to cushion them against the high cost of living; and
- 2. put in place mechanisms to promote and reward innovation by interns.

11. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. WILLIAM KAGURO MICHAEL REGARDING THE CHANGARA WATER PAN, A WORLD BANK FUNDED PROJECT IN BUSIA COUNTY

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. William Kaguro Michael regarding the Changara Water Pan, a World Bank funded project in Busia County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources – 05.11.2025 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th November, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. William Kaguro Michael regarding the Changara Water Pan, a World Bank funded project in Busia County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

12. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. FRANCIS WAINAINA NJUGUNA MBOGO CONCERNING HISTORICAL INJUSTICES AND ILLEGAL ALIENATION OF L.R. NO. 7153/1, 7153/2, 7153/R, ALSO KNOWN AS L.R. NO. 12825 IN KIAMBU COUNTY

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Francis Wainaina Njuguna Mbogo concerning historical injustices and illegal alienation of L.R. No. 7153/1, 7153/2, 7153/R, also known as L.R. No. 12825 in Kiambu County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources – 05.11.2025 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th November, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Francis Wainaina Njuguna Mbogo concerning historical injustices and illegal alienation of L.R. No. 7153/1, 7153/2, 7153/R, also known as L.R. No. 12825 in Kiambu County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

13. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. JAMES MWAURA NJOROGE AND OTHER NYANDARUA INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) CONCERNING DELAYED COMPENSATION AND OCCUPATION OF PARCELS OF LAND

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. James Mwaura Njoroge and other Nyandarua Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) concerning delayed compensation and occupation of parcels of land, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources – 05.11.2025 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, $5^{\rm th}$ November, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. James Mwaura Njoroge and other Nyandarua Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) concerning delayed compensation and occupation of parcels of land, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

14. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAND, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY WANANCHI SELF-HELP GROUP REGARDING LAND OWNERSHIP DISPUTE OF THE MWANANCHI SETTLEMENT SCHEME IN MWATATE CONSTITUENCY IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Wananchi Self-help Group regarding land ownership dispute of the Mwananchi Settlement Scheme in Mwatate Constituency in Taita Taveta County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources – 05.11.2025 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th November, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the Motion does not affect counties.

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

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a Petition to the Senate by Wananchi Self-help Group regarding land ownership dispute of the Mwananchi Settlement Scheme in Mwatate Constituency in Taita Taveta County, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.

15. THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2024)

(Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 7th August, 2025)

(Division)

Order deferred.

16. THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025)

(Division)

Order deferred.

17. THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)

(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 8th October, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting) (Division)

Order deferred.

18. THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP and Sen. William Kisang, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday 29th October, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting) (Division)

Order deferred.

19. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2025)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

Order deferred.

20. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THE LABOUR MIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 42 OF 2024)

(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP)

Order deferred.

21. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

Order deferred.

22. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

THE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 40 OF 2024) (Sen. Joyce Korir, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 30th September, 2025) (Division)

Order deferred.

23. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THE TECHNOPOLIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 6 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 30th September, 2025)
(Division)

Order deferred.

24. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

THE COOPERATIVES BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025)
(Division)

Order deferred.

25. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COHESION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE NATION MADE ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2024

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration on implementation of the Senate Resolution on the Current State of the Nation made on Wednesday, 24th July, 2024, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025.

(Sen. Githuku Kamau, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration – 05.11.2025 – Afternoon Sitting)

Debate interrupted on 5th November, 2025 – Afternoon Sitting resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Sen. Githuku Kamau, MP replied on behalf of the Mover;;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), Sen. Githuku Kamau, MP 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.

26. MOTION - PROGRESS REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL COHESION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION ON AN INQUIRY INTO THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY IN THE STAFF COMPOSITION OF STATE AGENCIES IN KENYA

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration)

THAT, the Senate adopts Progress Report of the Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration on an inquiry into the diversity and inclusivity in the staff composition of state agencies in Kenya, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 3rd October, 2024.

Order deferred.

27. THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

28. THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

29. THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ASSET DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 48 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

30. THE KENYA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 72 OF 2023)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

31. THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)

(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

32. THE ENERGY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 11 OF 2025)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

33. THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)

(Sen. Mogeni Erick Okong'o, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

34. MOTION - INSTALLATION OF CCTV CAMERAS IN ALL POLICE STATIONS, CELLS AND POLICE REPORTING DESKS

Order read;

Motion made;

AWARE THAT Article 51 provides that a person who is detained, held in custody or imprisoned under the law, retains all the rights and fundamental freedoms in the Bill of Rights, except to the extent that any particular right or a fundamental freedom is clearly incompatible with the fact that the person is detained, held in custody or imprisoned;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the National taskforce on improvement of the terms and conditions of service and other reforms for members of the National Police Service and Kenya Prison Service recommended adequate Government funding for the National Police Service to modernize its facilities, equipment and gear, and enhance its logistical and technological capabilities for National Police Service officers in order to enable the Service discharge its mandate efficiently and effectively;

COGNIZANT THAT the Bill of Rights provides for protection of human rights, prevention of abuse and upholding of the rule of law within detention facilities and police stations;

CONCERNED THAT there has been increasing reports of human rights violations, abuse, unexplained injuries, and deaths in custody, as well as security breaches and escapes from police cells across the country;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT despite the recommendations by the Justice Maraga task force, little or no efforts have been made to ensure modernization of police cells by installation of Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and police reporting desks thereby affecting public trust and accountability on what happens to persons in police custody;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the National Government, through the Ministry of Interior and National Administration:

- 1. installs functional and tamper-proof CCTV cameras in all police stations, cells and police reporting desks across the country;
- 2. ensures that all CCTV systems are monitored in real-time and that footage is securely stored and made accessible during investigations, judicial processes; and
- 3. provides the necessary resources, technical support, and training to law enforcement officers for the effective operation and maintenance of CCTV systems and continuous digitization of Occurrence Book platforms.

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

35. QUORUM OF THE SENATE

Raising on a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), Nominated Senator (Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) to the fact that there was no Quorum in the Senate.

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina) 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. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at eighteen minutes past six O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

36. **SENATE ROSE** – at eighteen Minutes past Six O'clock

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker will take the Chair on Tuesday, 11th November, 2025 at 2:30 pm