



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 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 Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP).
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), 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 Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

(i) Commencement of the Fifth Session

“Honourable Senators,

It is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you back from the recess. I believe that you have had the opportunity to spend time with your families and constituents over the Christmas and New Year festivities.

In accordance with Standing Order 31 (1), the Fifth session begins today, 10th February, 2026 and will conclude on Thursday, 3rd December, 2026. Very shortly, the Senate Business Committee once constituted will consider the Calendar for the Session, which will apportion the sittings days and recess in between the stated period. A Notice of Motion and Motion on the proposed Senate Calendar will be scheduled in the Order Paper thereafter, for approval by the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

As we begin the Fifth Session, it is important to take stock of the activities and achievements in the Fourth Session. Five (5) Senate Bills were considered by both Houses and assented to by His Excellency the President. These Bills are—

the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2023); The County Public Finance Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 39 of 2023); the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bills No. 1 of 2025); the County Governments Additional Allocations (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 8 of 2025); and the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bills No. 9 of 2025).

Additionally, twenty-nine (29) Senate Bills were passed by the Senate and referred to the National Assembly and are at various stages of consideration in the National Assembly. A major hallmark of the business transacted in the Fourth Session was the consideration and subsequent approval of the Fourth Basis for Revenue Allocation Among the County Governments. This formula provided the framework for equitable distribution of nationally raised revenue and ensured that no county suffered a reduction in its allocation for subsequent allocation from the Third Basis. The Fourth Basis will be in force from financial year 2025/26 to 2029/30. Furthermore, Standing Committees considered and concluded on seventeen (17) Petitions and one thousand and twenty-six (1,026) statements, while twenty (20) Cabinet Secretaries appeared before the Senate and responded to ninety-three (93) Questions.

While this represents commendable progress, we must continue to build on these gains by maintaining the same level of diligence and commitment in the Fifth session. I urge the offices of Senate Majority and Minority Leaders to engage the National Assembly Leadership with a view to expedite consideration of the said Bills by the National Assembly.

As Honorable Senators are aware, in accordance with parliamentary practice, Motions that were not concluded by the end of Fourth Session have lapsed. In view of this, Senators wishing to pursue the Motions will have to file them afresh. Similarly, Questions that had not been responded to by the end of the Fourth Session also lapsed and Senators wishing to pursue them will be required to file the Questions afresh.

Honourable Senators,

With respect to engagements with devolution stakeholders, the Senate participated in the Biennial Devolution Conference held from 12th to 15th August 2025 in Homa Bay County. The participation of the Senate in this event reaffirmed the central role that the devolved governance structure plays in expanding opportunities across the country and the need to enhance openness and accountability in the management of public affairs. In addition, the Senate also held its sittings in Busia County from 6th to 10th October 2025, in line with Article 126(1) of the Constitution (Senate Mashinani). This event enhanced visibility, public engagement and appreciation of the Senate's work at the grassroots level. The Senate

Mashinani programme continues to demonstrate that every part of our country deserves equal attention and opportunity for development. By engaging directly with local leadership and communities, the Senate gains invaluable insights into the unique challenges and aspirations of the people.

The lessons drawn from these engagements continue to shape the approach of the Senate in fulfilling its constitutional mandate. It is, therefore, imperative for the Senate to reflect on the outcomes of the aforesaid events, with a view to finding sustainable solutions to the challenges observed. In particular, I urge the relevant Committees to follow up and ensure the full implementation of the resolutions passed pursuant to Standing Order 228.

Allow me to take this opportunity to commend you for the tremendous work you did during the Fourth Session. We should now prepare ourselves for an intensive Session ahead, as we anticipate an increased workload with the approaching conclusion of the parliamentary term.

Honourable Senators,

Looking ahead, and in accordance with Section 25 of the Public Finance Management Act, Parliament will shortly receive and consider the Budget Policy Statement, 2026 and thereafter the Division of Revenue and the County Allocation of Revenue Bills.

This phase of the budget cycle calls for critical interrogation of the said financial instruments to ensure that resources are allocated equitably for the performance of national and county government functions.

Other legislative business before the Senate include sixty-four (64) Bills, of which eighteen (18) are at the Committee, forty-two (42) are at the Second Reading, and four (4) are awaiting First Reading. Nineteen (19) Petitions are pending before Standing Committees. The Senate will consider the reports thereon. Four hundred and fifty-two statements are also pending before Standing Committees.

Honourable Senators,

From the foregoing, you will appreciate that the Fifth Session begins with a heavy agenda. This requires that we individually and collectively redouble our efforts, whether in plenary or in committees to conclude the business expeditiously. My Office, together with the Senate Leadership and the Secretariat, remains at your disposal to facilitate you in the effective discharge of your duties.

Finally, as Honourable Senators have noted, the only business in today's Order Paper is the approval of Senators to serve in the Senate Business Committee. In the event that the Motion is approved, the newly constituted Senate Business Committee will meet at the rise of the Senate in Committee Room 4, to deliberate on and schedule the business for the rest of the week.

I thank you and wish you a fruitful Session."

(ii) Installation of a new chamber system

“Honourable Senators,

You will recall that the Clerk, vide a letter dated 4th February, 2026 addressed to all Senators and copied to the Speaker, notified Senators of the installation of a new multi-media digital congress system to manage the various aspects of Senate proceedings in plenary.

The installation was undertaken in the course of the long recess and is currently at the final configuration stage. Once fully configured, the system is expected to address the issues that persisted with the previous, outdated systems.

Honourable Senators,

You may have observed that the new system incorporates built-in fingerprint scanners on the delegate units to facilitate biometric authentication. This offers a more secure and convenient sign-in mode than the key card that was previously in use.

In addition to facilitating sign-in, biometric authentication will be used to generate attendance reports. You will, therefore, be required to sign-in whenever you are present for your attendance to be recorded. For avoidance of doubt, should you attend a sitting and not sign-in to the system, you will be marked absent.

The secretariat has made the necessary arrangements for registration of fingerprints after this sitting and for the remainder of this week, to enable all Senators to register before the default sign-in mode is set to biometrics on Tuesday, 17th February, 2026.

In the meantime, key cards have been configured to enable sign-in.

Honourable Senators,

In terms of basic operation of the system, several Senators were earlier today taken through the user interface of the delegate units. Allow me to highlight the specific functionality relating to microphone control.

Any Senator wishing to speak to a matter may press the physical speaking button located on the right-hand side of the delegate unit or the corresponding digital icon appearing at the bottom-centre of the touchscreen interface.

Honourable Senators,

You may have noticed that the system, as presently configured, only incorporates the above speaking buttons and not an intervention button or icon. This issue will be resolved upon final configuration of the system.

In the meantime, and for purposes of orderliness, I request that any Senator wishing to rise on a point of order draw my attention by raising their hand.

The Senator will, thereafter, be accorded the opportunity to speak, in accordance with the provisions of the Standing Orders.

I thank you."

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION – APPROVAL OF SENATORS TO SERVE IN THE SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 190 and 199(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee for the Fifth Session, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who pursuant to Standing Order 190(1), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

1. Sen. Ali Ibrahim Roba, EGH, MP	- Member
2. Sen. Fatuma Adan Dullo, CBS, MP	- Member
3. Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sigei, CBS, MP	- Member
4. Sen. Mohamed Mwinyihaji Faki, CBS, MP	- Member
5. Sen. Veronica Maina, CBS, MP	- Member
6. Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP	- Member
7. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP	- Member

6. **MOTION – APPROVAL OF SENATORS TO SERVE IN THE SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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4. Sen. Mohamed Mwinyihaji Faki, CBS, MP	- Member
5. Sen. Veronica Maina, CBS, MP	- Member
6. Sen. Shakila Abdalla Mohamed, MP	- Member
7. Sen. Crystal Kegehi Asige, MP	- Member

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

And there being no other Senator wishing to contribute;

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 no requisite Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2);

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

THAT, pursuant to Standing Orders 190 and 199(3), the Senate approves the following Senators nominated to serve in the Senate Business Committee for the Fifth Session, in addition to the Speaker of the Senate, who pursuant to Standing Order 190(1) (a), shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the Senate Majority Whip and the Senate Minority Whip: -

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And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Speaker adjourned the Senate at four O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

7. **SENATE ROSE** – at four O'clock.

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*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 9:30 am*

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