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THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION

**PROGRAMME OF SENATE BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

TUESDAY **Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers,
24/03/2026 Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions and Bills.**

**A. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE,
LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON A PETITION TO THE
SENATE BY HON. ISAIAH MAINA, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY
ASSEMBLY (MCA) OF NANDI COUNTY REPRESENTING OL'LESSOS
WARD ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY
GOVERNMENTS ACT (CAP. 265)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, the Senate adopts the, Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on a Petition to the Senate by Hon. Isaiah Maina, a Member of the County Assembly (MCA) of Nandi County representing Ol'lessos Ward on proposed amendments to the County Governments Act (CAP. 265), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 11th March, 2026.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 19th March, 2026)
(Question to be put)*

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)
(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026)
(Division)*

C. *****THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)*

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

(Sen. Erick Okong’o Mogeni, MP)

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)*

E. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

***THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

F. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

****THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

G. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

******THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

H. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

I. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

******THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

J. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

***THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

K. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)**

(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)

L. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

M. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

N. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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

O. *THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 46 OF 2023)

(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)

(Second Reading)

P. MOTION - INCLUSION OF TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING MODEL

(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)

AWARE THAT, the Constitution of Kenya under Article 43(1) (f) guarantees every citizen the right to education, and Article 53 (1) (b) provides that basic education is free and compulsory;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the government of Kenya launched the New Education Funding (NHEF) model in 2023, primarily targeting University and Tertiary and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students, leaving a significant gap in the financial support for students in Diploma and Certificate Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs);

CONCERNED THAT, students enrolled in Public Teacher Training Colleges are discriminated against and not expressly and fully provided for under the prevailing higher education financing framework, thereby limiting or excluding their access to structured government support for tuition and accommodation;

COGNIZANT THAT, the transition to the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) requires a highly skilled teaching workforce, and that the financial burden on teacher trainees, many of whom come from marginalized backgrounds, threatens the sustainability of the teacher supply chain;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Universities Fund (UF), to:

- i) formally integrate Teacher Training College students into the New Funding Model to ensure equity, quality and inclusivity in the education sector; and
- ii) develops regulations and guidelines to define the eligibility criteria for Teacher Training College students covering tuition and reasonable accommodation and upkeep costs.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 19th March, 2026)

Q. *THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 49 OF 2023)
(Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP)

(Second Reading)

R. *THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

(Second Reading)

S. *THE COUNTY WARDS (EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 20 OF 2024)
(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP and Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP)

(Second Reading)

T. *THE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 32 OF 2024)
(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP)

(Second Reading)

U. MOTION - REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF SELECT COMMITTEES DURING THE THIRD SESSION (2024)

(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Liaison Committee on the activities and operations of Select Committees during the Third Session (2024) pursuant to Standing Order 224 (2), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

V. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON INQUIRY INTO THE SHORTAGE OF SMART ENERGY METERS IN KENYA AND THE POTENTIAL FOR THEIR LOCAL MANUFACTURING

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

THAT, the Senate adopts Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on inquiry into the shortage of smart energy meters in Kenya and the potential for their local manufacturing, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 11th June, 2025.

W. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE REPORT ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KITUI, MAKUENI AND MACHAKOS COUNTIES

(The Chairperson Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Kitui, Makueni and Machakos Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 26th February, 2026.

X. MOTION - DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN KENYA AS A NATIONAL DISASTER

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

AWARE THAT, Article 43 guarantees the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including emergency medical treatment and Article 21(1) of the Constitution obligates the State and all State organs to observe, respect, protect, promote and fulfil the rights and fundamental freedoms contained in the Bill of Rights;

NOTING THAT, Article 238 of the Constitution provides that national security includes the protection of the people of Kenya and their property against internal and external threats, which encompasses safety on national transport networks;

COGNIZANT THAT, road traffic injuries are among the leading causes of death in Kenya and constitute the leading cause of mortality among adolescents and adults in their most economically productive years, surpassing many communicable and non-communicable diseases resulting in significant loss of human capital and productivity;

NOTING THAT, in 2025 more than 4,400 Kenyans lost their lives with over 17,000 injuries from road crashes, a 3% increase over the previous year, while nearly 400 people were killed in road traffic accidents in January 2026 alone, representing an 11% increase compared to the same period in the previous year, illustrating a continuing trend of preventable loss of life;

CONCERNED THAT, beyond loss of life, road traffic accidents result in long-term disability, psychological trauma, family disruption and significant economic loss, with estimates suggesting losses amounting to billions shillings annually to the national economy, while placing severe strain on health facilities and emergency services;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, despite the existence of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028) and other statutory measures, road carnage persists due to preliminary causes including over-speeding, impaired and distracted driving, non-compliance with traffic laws, inadequate driver training, unsafe road infrastructure, unroadworthy and overloaded vehicles, as well as systemic challenges arising from inadequate investment in road safety infrastructure, weak coordination among transport, enforcement, health and county authorities, and limited emergency medical response capacity;

NOW THEREFORE, THE SENATE resolves that:

- i.) Road traffic accidents in Kenya be declared a National Disaster, requiring urgent, coordinated and sustained multi-sectoral intervention across prevention, emergency response, rehabilitation and long-term systemic reform;
- ii.) The Ministry of Roads and Transport and the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the National Transport and Safety Authority, the National Police Service and the Council of Governors, urgently strengthen the implementation of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2024–2028), including enhanced enforcement of traffic laws, safer road design, public education, data-driven interventions and improved emergency response capacity;
- iii.) The Ministry of Health in collaboration with the County Governments to set aside adequate resources to support road safety interventions, emergency medical services, trauma care systems and post-crash rehabilitation services; and

- iv.) The National Treasury in collaboration with the Ministry of Roads and Transport establishes a Road Safety Disaster Response Fund to support road safety interventions, victims and families affected by the road accidents.

Y. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY

25/03/2026

(Morning Sitting)

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Tuesday, 24th March, 2026.

A. QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO.	SENATOR	SUBJECT	MINISTRY
005	Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	Prevalence of crop pests and diseases in the various agricultural zones in the country	Agriculture and Livestock Development
009	Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	National Government support towards sports development in Kisumu County	Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports
010	Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP	Status of blue economy programmes undertaken by the National Government in Kisumu County	Mining, Blue Economy and Maritime Affairs

B. MOTION - MAINSTREAMING A FRAMEWORK FOR CLEAN COOKING IN KENYA

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Article 42 of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to a clean and healthy environment, which includes access to safe energy options;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, over 900 million Africans, including more than 90% of households in Kenya's rural areas, still rely on traditional biomass (firewood, charcoal,

animal waste) for cooking, resulting in high levels of indoor air pollution that cause premature deaths, particularly among women and children;

CONCERNED THAT, in Kenya, indoor air pollution has been linked to over 23,000 annual deaths, with women and girls bearing the disproportionate burden of time spent collecting firewood and cooking, limiting their education and economic opportunities;

NOTING THAT, traditional cooking methods contribute significantly to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate vulnerability at the county level, undermining national commitments under the Energy Act, 2019, the Climate Change Act, 2016, and Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

RECALLING THAT, the Africa Clean Cooking Summit (Paris, 2023) mobilized USD 2.2 billion in commitments for clean cooking, and the International Energy Agency has recommended urgent financing and policy action to achieve universal access by 2040;

ACKNOWLEDGING, the efforts of some counties, development partners, and private sector actors in piloting clean cooking projects, but recognizing that these remain small-scale and fragmented;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the: -

- i) Council of Governors develops county-level policies, frameworks, and budgets that mainstream clean cooking into devolved energy and health functions;
- ii) National Treasury and Ministry of Energy prioritize clean cooking in financing frameworks, including results-based financing and blended finance models to de-risk private investment;
- iii) County Governments incorporate clean cooking targets in their County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and ensure public institutions such as schools, health facilities, and prisons adopt clean cooking solutions;
- iv) National Treasury and County Governments to fast-track letters of authorization to unlock carbon finance markets (Article 6.2 and CORSIA) for clean cooking projects;
- v) County Governments engage the private sector actors, and community organizations to expand clean cooking access, create local jobs, and reduce pressure on forest resources.

C. MOTION - REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CONFERENCE ON THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF RESPONSIBLE AI HELD FROM 28TH TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 2025 IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Proceedings of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Conference on the role of parliament in shaping the future of responsible AI held from 28th to 30th November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24th February, 2026.

D. MOTION - REPORTS OF THE KENYA DELEGATION TO THE SITTINGS OF THE PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP) COMMITTEES AND OTHER PAN-AFRICAN PARLIAMENT (PAP) ORGANS HELD AT GALLAGHER CONVENTION CENTRE, MIDRAND, SOUTH AFRICA ON 13TH SEPTEMBER TO 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2024 AND 28TH OCTOBER TO 17TH NOVEMBER, 2024

(Sen. (Dr.) Danson Mungatana, MP)

THAT, the Senate notes the Reports of the Kenya Delegation to the Sittings of the Pan-African Parliament (PAP) Committees and other Pan-African Parliament (PAP) Organs held at the Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, South Africa on 13th September to 20th September, 2024; and 28th October to 17th November, 2024, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 2nd December, 2025.

E. Any Other Business

WEDNESDAY

25/03/2026

(Afternoon
Sitting)

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Tuesday, 24th March, 2026.

A. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (STATE OFFICERS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE) PROCEDURE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2024)

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

(Second Reading)

B. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)

(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

(Second Reading)

- C. ***THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)
(Second Reading)
- D. ***THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 52 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)
(Second Reading)
- E. ***THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)
(Second Reading)
- F. ***THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)
(Second Reading)
- G. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 33 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP)
- H. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
***THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)
- I. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
*****THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ASSET DISPOSAL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 48 OF 2024)**
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- J. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS TO KIAMBU COUNTY ON 10TH NOVEMBER, 2025**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the county oversight and networking engagements to Kiambu County on 10th November, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 19th March, 2026.

K. MOTION - PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect their interests, determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the County Governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, in the case of *Senate v Council of Governors and 6 others* (Petition 24 and 27 of 2019 (consolidated) 2022) KESC 57(KLR), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Senate's oversight authority extends to both nationally allocated and locally generated revenue;

CONCERNED THAT, that Senators are constrained by lack of access to real time to data from the IFMIS system for the respective counties they represent, thus affecting effective oversight of County Governments;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in some instances data and information presented to the Senate by the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget are received and considered late as a result of the backlog resulting into too much information not getting properly reviewed by Senators;

NOTING THAT, as a result of unchecked financial information and systems, County Governments have continued to accumulate pending bills resulting from unplanned expenditures, unaccounted for and inflated cost of projects;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves, that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the National Treasury shall on a monthly basis forward to the Clerk of the Senate all IFMIS transactions and reports for each County Government for onward transmission to the respective Senator for information on accountability and transparency, in order to strengthen their constitutional oversight and promote good governance in the management of public finances.

L. MOTION - DELINK JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS

(Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, the Ministry of Education in Kenya, introduced Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) as part of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) implementation marking a major milestone for the country's education system, and a key opportunity to improve the quality of education available to students;

APPRECIATING THAT, the Junior Secondary Schools program play a vital role in shaping the academic trajectory of learners by providing students with a strong foundation in core subjects, helping them develop essential skills and offering them opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities promoting greater social inclusion;

CONCERNED THAT, the integration of Junior Secondary Schools within primary school setups has posed major challenges for Junior Secondary teachers, including inadequate training on the new competency-based curriculum, limited opportunities for career advancement, conflict in leadership, decision-making and resource allocation leading to strained relationships with head teachers;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT Junior Secondary Schools (JSS) face critical shortages in essential infrastructure such as laboratories, libraries, ICT hubs, and science equipment necessary for the implementation of the JSS curriculum, coupled with inadequate access to approved learning materials and teaching resources, resulting in inconsistencies in curriculum delivery hindering effective teaching, learning, and overall student development;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Education, the Teachers Service Commission and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development should: -

- i) Provide for an independent administrative and operational framework for Junior Secondary Schools to enhance governance, streamline management, and create a more focused learning environment for the learners;
- ii) Allocate adequate funds for the construction and equipping of Junior Secondary Schools with essential facilities such as science labs, libraries and ICT rooms, and provide adequate learning materials relevant with the curriculum;
- iii) Offer professional development programs for Junior Secondary School teachers to help them specialize in specific subjects to effectively implement the JSS curriculum;
- iv) Develop a clear career progression framework for Junior Secondary School teachers, including opportunities for promotions and additional responsibility allowances;
- v) Formulate clear policies and guidelines outlining the structure, curriculum, and management of Junior Secondary Schools; and
- vi) Ensure an optimal teacher-student ratio to facilitate personalized student attention and effective learning.

M. Any Other Business

THURSDAY
26/03/2026

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers,
Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other
Business not concluded on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026.

A. *THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

B. *THE KENYA HEALTH PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

C. *THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 34 OF 2025)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

D. *THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

(Second Reading)

E. *THE AUTISM MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19 OF 2025)

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

F. *THE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 63 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

G. *THE BASIC EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 59 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

H. *THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 61 OF 2022)

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP, Co-Sponsor)

(Second Reading)

I. MOTION - INCLUSION OF TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING MODEL

(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)

AWARE THAT, the Constitution of Kenya under Article 43(1) (f) guarantees every citizen the right to education, and Article 53 (1) (b) provides that basic education is free and compulsory;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, the government of Kenya launched the New Education Funding (NHEF) model in 2023, primarily targeting University and Tertiary and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) students, leaving a significant gap in the financial support for students in Diploma and Certificate Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs);

CONCERNED THAT, students enrolled in Public Teacher Training Colleges are discriminated against and not expressly and fully provided for under the prevailing higher education financing framework, thereby limiting or excluding their access to structured government support for tuition and accommodation;

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NOW THEREFORE, the Senate urges the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Universities Fund (UF), to:

- iii) formally integrate Teacher Training College students into the New Funding Model to ensure equity, quality and inclusivity in the education sector; and
- iv) develops regulations and guidelines to define the eligibility criteria for Teacher Training College students covering tuition and reasonable accommodation and upkeep costs.

J. MOTION - MAINSTREAMING GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PROCESSES

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees the right to equality and freedom from discrimination, with Article 27(3) providing

that women and men have the right to equal treatment, including the right to equal opportunities in political, economic, cultural and social spheres;

FURTHER AWARE that Article 27(8) obligates the State to take legislative and other measures to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups as a result of past discrimination, and to ensure that not more than two-thirds of members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender;

COGNIZANT THAT mainstreaming gender perspectives in all aspects of governance is essential to achieving inclusive development and safeguarding the rights and welfare of all citizens, particularly women, girls and other marginalized groups;

CONCERNED THAT the integration of gender considerations remain inconsistent across the two levels of government and that legislative processes have often resulted to policies that do not adequately address gender-specific needs and realities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate:

- i) urges Parliament, County Assemblies and their respective legislative committees to incorporate a gender analysis in the scrutiny of legislation, policies, programmes and budgets before them, including through the use of gender impact assessments and consultation with gender-focused stakeholders to ensure gender-responsive governance;
- ii) recommends that the National Gender and Equality Commission and the State Department for Gender develops clear guidelines and tools to support the integration of gender perspectives in legislative, policy and budgetary analysis, and ensures these are disseminated and adopted by relevant government and legislative bodies;
- iii) further urges the National Gender and Equality Commission and State Department for Gender to collaborate with the Kenya Law Reform Commission, and County Assembly Service Boards to build capacity for gender analysis among technical and legislative staff;
- iv) urges the State Department for Gender to submit to Parliament a comprehensive biannual report detailing actions taken by Ministries, Departments and Agencies to promote gender mainstreaming, key achievements, emerging challenges, and proposed interventions; and
- v) resolves that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare continuously monitor the implementation of these resolutions and tables biannual report on the status of implementation.

K. MOTION - PROMOTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION POLICY IN KENYA

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining economies globally through emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and financial technology (Fintech);

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya has made commendable strides in digital infrastructure and mobile innovation, positioning itself as a potential leader in Africa's tech-driven future;

NOTING THAT in a landmark decision, the African Union Executive Council endorsed the Continental AI Strategy during its 45th Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, on July 18-19, 2024 to underscore Africa's commitment to an Africa-centric, development-focused approach to AI, promoting ethical, responsible, and equitable practices;

COGNIZANT THAT the Continental AI Strategy calls for unified national approaches among AU Member States to navigate the opportunities of AI-driven change, aiming to strengthen regional and global cooperation and position Africa as a leader in inclusive and responsible AI development;

APPRECIATING THAT the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy recently formulated and launched the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2025-2030;

RECOGNIZING the need to align Kenya's development with global standards in AI adoption while also safeguarding national values, inclusivity, and employment;

CONCERNED THAT the absence of a comprehensive framework may hinder innovation among local start-ups and youth-led tech enterprises and slow down Kenya's ability to harness AI for inclusive growth;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy develops a Policy to promote Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies with particular emphasis on:

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) facilitating ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and beneficial application of AI;

- iii) creating innovation-friendly ‘Sandboxes’ for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills and innovation ecosystems; and
- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum to prepare the next generation for the digital economy.

L. Any Other Business

TUESDAY
31/03/2026

Communication from the Chair, Messages, Petitions, Papers, Notices of Motion, Statements, Motions, Bills and any other Business not concluded on Thursday, 19th March, 2026.

A. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (REVENUE RAISING PROCESS) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 11 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

(Sen. David Wafula Wakoli, MP)

C. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE COUNTY CIVIC EDUCATION BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP)

D. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

***THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 53 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Omar Mariam Sheikh, MP)

KEY

****** - Denotes a Majority /Minority Party Bill**

***** - Denotes a National Assembly Bill**

**** - Denotes a Committee Bill**

*** - Denotes any other Bill**