



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 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 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 Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

**a) Visiting Thespian from Kisii County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of Mr. Obino Nyambane, HSC, who is in the Senate on a courtesy call to Sen. Essy Okenyuri, MP.

Honourable Senators,

Mr. Obino Nyambane, HSC is a multifaceted individual with passion for education, culture, and arts. A renown thespian who has graced the stage numerous times with captivating performances to his audiences, his love of arts led him take on leadership role as Director of Culture in the County Government of Kisii. He worked tirelessly to promote and preserve the rich cultural heritage of his community. He is also a dedicated teacher with a strong commitment in shaping young minds and his impact extends beyond the classroom.

As an Abagusii cultural ambassador, Mr. Obino has championed his community's traditions, customs and values. He has showcased the unique aspects of the Abagusii culture, promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. These outstanding contributions have not gone unnoticed, during the 2023 Mashujaa Day Celebrations, he was honoured with the Head of State Commendation (HSC) by His Excellency the President for outstanding service and exceptional contributions to education, culture and arts.

Honourable Senators,

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

I thank you.”

**b) Visiting Teachers and Students from Kianjogu Secondary School and Kieni Comprehensive School in Nyeri County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon of visiting teachers and students from Kianjogu Secondary School and Kieni Comprehensive School in Nyeri County. The delegation comprises twelve (12) teachers and ninety (90) students, who are visiting the Senate for an academic exposition.

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 learning.

I thank you.”

**5. PAPERS LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate: -

- (i) The Civil Aviation (Construction of Visual and Instrument Flight Procedures) Regulations, Legal Notice No. 26 of 2025.

*(Sen. Joyce Korir, MP on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)*

- (ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the county oversight and networking engagements to Kiambu County on 10 November, 2025.

*(Sen. Kamau Joseph Githuku, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)*

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS TO KIAMBU COUNTY ON 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025**

(Sen. Kamau Joseph Githuku, MP on behalf of 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 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

7. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

**a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a Statement on the centenary of Kapsabet High School, recognizing its 100-year contribution to education, leadership, and national development.

The Senator noted that the school, founded in 1925, has produced two Presidents, the late Daniel arap Moi and His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Kenya, Dr. William Ruto, EGH along with distinguished leaders in governance, public service, academia, and sports, including Nicholas Biwott, Henry Kosgey, Kipruto Arap Kirwa, Governor Stephen Sang, and Olympic medalist Julius Yego.

The Senator highlighted that the centenary underscores the transformative power of education and urged alumni, stakeholders, and well-wishers to support the school through mentorship, infrastructure development, and scholarships.

In conclusion, the Senator congratulated the management, students, and alumni for this milestone and encouraged the institution to continue nurturing leaders who serve the nation with integrity and dedication.

**a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)**

i) The Senator for Baringo County (Sen. Kiprono Chemitei, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the proliferation of illicit alcohol in Baringo County.

ii) The Senator for Tana River County (Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs, and Human Rights regarding the status of prosecution of corruption and economic crimes arising from the county government of Tana River.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026)***

***(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*  
***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***  
***(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Erick Okong'o Mogeni, MP)

*(Second Reading)*  
***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 –  
Afternoon Sitting)***  
***(Division)***

Order deferred.

11. **MOTION -REPORT OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS WITH  
DISABILITIES (CPwD) AFRICA REGION CONFERENCE HELD IN LUSAKA, ZAMBIA  
FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) Africa Region Conference held in Lusaka, Zambia from 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

*(Sen. George Mbugua, MP – 18.03.2026 -Morning Sitting )*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 (Morning Sitting) resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute and in the absence of the Mover to reply;

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 notes the Report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities (CPwD) Africa Region Conference held in Lusaka, Zambia from 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, laid on the Table of the Senate on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

12. **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)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

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

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 Question to a later date;

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

13. **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, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

Order deferred.

14. **THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)**  
(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

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

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

*(Second Reading)*

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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.

*(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP)*

Debate arising;

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 (1) the Mover requested for the adjournment of debate on the Motion to the next Sitting.

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Hillary Wakili Sigei, MP) acceding to the request, adjourned debate of the Motion to the next Sitting.

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

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

Order read;

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.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at forty-seven minutes past Five O’clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

24. **SENATE ROSE** – at forty-seven minutes past Five O’clock

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 at 2:30 pm*