



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 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 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. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR – INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME IN THE SENATE**

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, of nine (9) young men and women who are in the Senate undertaking an internship programme. The objective of the programme is to provide young people with firsthand experience in the legislative process and to expose them to the intricate world of public policy and public service. They have been assigned to understudy our staff in various Directorates of the Senate.

I request each of the attachés to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

1. Mr. Mathias Justus Musau
2. Ms. Shanice Akala
3. Ms. Inviolata Nafula
4. Mr. Hillary Kibet Marugaa
5. Mr. Abubakar Ibrahim Ekuwom
6. Ms. Baraza Brilliant Salome

7. Ms. Fiona Shapwala
8. Ms. Teresa Anyango Wesonga
9. Ms. Linnah Awour Kennedy

Honourable Senators,

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

I thank you.”

5. **STATEMENTS**

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) made a Statement regarding the roles, welfare, and functionality of deputy governors in Kenya.

In the Statement, the Senator noted that the office, established under Article 179(5) of the Constitution, was intended to ensure continuity in county executive leadership and allow the Deputy Governor to assume the Governor’s functions when necessary. The Senator stated that the office had increasingly been undermined by some county governors, with many deputy governors allegedly being denied official vehicles, office access, and budgetary support. As a result, he argued that the relationship meant to promote stability and cooperation in county leadership had instead reduced many deputy governors to marginal roles that are dependent on the discretion of governors.

The Senator further, indicated that the Senate had attempted to address the issue through the County Government Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 52 of 2024), which sought to define the functions of deputy governors. He urged the Senate to prioritise the Bill and launch an inquiry into the welfare and working conditions of deputy governors, and further emphasized that safeguarding the office was essential to protecting devolution and upholding the ideals of the Constitution of Kenya.

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

- (i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the measures to address recurrent flooding, drainage failures, and poor urban planning in Nairobi City County.
- (ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the rising burden of fibroids among women in Kenya.

- (iii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the legality of development activities in Moyam area within Marsabit County.
- (iv) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the current status of medical insurance for Bungoma County.
- (v) The Senator for Makueni County (Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the status of issuance of national identity cards in the country.
- (vi) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding non-payment of Taita Taveta County Ward Bursary Committee Members' allowances.
- (vii) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Kilifi (Sen. Justice (Rtd) Stewart Madzayo, MP) aliomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Bunge ya Usalama wa Taifa, Ulinzi na Uhusiano wa Kimataifa kuhusu ripoti za unyanyasaji na vitisho kutoka kwa polisi dhidi ya waumini wa Kiislamu katika eneo la Pwani wakati wa mwezi huu mtukufu wa Ramadhan, hususan wanapohudhuria swala za Taraweeh.
- (viii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Nakuru County (Sen. Tabitha Keroche, MP) from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the allocation of Kisima land in Njoro Sub-County, Nakuru County to civil servants was deferred on the request of the Senator.

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

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 159 (1), the Vice Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy claimed to withdraw the Energy (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 11 of 2025).

And the Speaker acceding to the claim, the Bill was withdrawn.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Culture Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 24.02.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 5th March, 2026 resumed for the Mover to reply;

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

8. **THE AGRICULTURE PRODUCE (MINIMUM GUARANTEED RETURNS) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Agriculture Produce (Minimum Guaranteed Returns) Bill (Senate Bills No. 17 of 2025) be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP – 26.02.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 5th March, 2026 resumed;

Debate arising;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And in the absence of the Mover;

The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) deferred the reply to a later date.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 4 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

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
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 9:30 am*

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