



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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 Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

**a) Visiting teachers and students from Kid Palace Schools in Kajiado County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting teachers and students from Kid Palace Schools in Kajiado County. The delegation consists of sixteen (16) teachers and one hundred and eight (108) students.

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

I thank you.”

**b) On substantiation of facts that a Senator alleges to be true pursuant to Standing Order 105 – Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP**

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, at the sitting of the Senate held on Thursday, 19th February, 2026, the Deputy Speaker directed Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP, to substantiate utterances made while commenting on a Statement sought by Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP, on the status of Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) investigations into extra-judicial killings and abuse of police authority. The direction was as a result of a Point of Order by the Senator for Uasin Gishu County, Sen. Jackson Mandago, MP, pursuant to Standing Order 105.

As Honourable Senators are aware, Standing Order 105 states that –

*“(1) A Senator shall be responsible for the accuracy of any facts that the Senator alleges to be true and may be required to substantiate any such facts instantly.*

*“(2) If a Senator has sufficient reason to convince the Speaker that the Senator is unable to substantiate the allegations instantly, the Speaker shall require that such Senator substantiates the allegations not later than the next sitting day, failure to which the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121 (Disorderly conduct), unless the Senator withdraws the allegations and gives a suitable apology, if the Speaker so requires.”*

Honourable Senators,

In the Point of Order, Sen. Osotsi, MP, was required to substantiate the following statement that –

*“I am aware that the same police are planning mayhem in Kakamega. I warn them in this House, that if any individual in Kenya loses his life in Kakamega, we will blame the government of William Ruto for the killing. I am aware because I have received reports that a certain Principal Secretary (PS) is holed up in Kisumu, organising goons to disrupt our meeting in Kakamega. We will blame this government if something wrong happens in Kakamega.”*

Honourable Senators,

Upon being challenged by Sen. Jackson Mandago, MP, Sen. Osotsi, MP, was not able to substantiate his statement as required pursuant to Standing Order 105(1). He subsequently requested the Deputy Speaker to provide the evidence at the next sitting day in accordance with Standing Order 105 (2). Having acceded to the request, the Deputy Speaker directed that the Senator substantiates the statements at the next sitting day.

Accordingly, and pursuant to Standing Order 105 (2), I now invite Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP to forthwith substantiate the claim in the statement he made, failure to which, the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121. In the absence of such substantiation,

the Senator will be required to withdraw the statement and apologize to the Senate.

I thank you.”

Thereupon, Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP failed to substantiate and withdraw the statement. Subsequently, the Speaker determined that the Senator was disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121(1) and thereafter, ordered the Senator to withdraw from the precincts of the Senate for the remainder of the day’s sitting.

The Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

## 5. **PAPERS**

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

- i) Report of the Proceedings of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Conference on the role of parliament in shaping the future of responsible AI held from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

*(Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP)*

- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2026 Budget Policy Statement.
- iii) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2026 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy.

*(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)*

- iv) Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on the consideration of the field development plan and the production sharing contracts for blocks T6 and T7 in South Lokichar Basin, Turkana County

*(Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)*

## 6. **NOTICE OF 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 28<sup>TH</sup> TO 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2026 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, the Senate, adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2026 Budget Policy Statement, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 and, pursuant to Section 25(7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 186(8), the Senate approves the 2026 Budget Policy Statement.

8. **NOTICE MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE 2026 MEDIUM-TERM DEBT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, the Senate, adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the 2026 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 and approves the 2026 Medium Term Debt Management Strategy.

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION – REPORT OF THE JOINT SITTING OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACTS FOR BLOCKS T6 AND T7 IN SOUTH LOKICHAR BASIN, TURKANA COUNTY**

*(Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)*

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Joint Sitting of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Energy and the Senate Standing Committee on Energy on the consideration of the Field Development Plan and the Production Sharing Contracts for Blocks T6 and T7 in the South Lokichar Basin, Turkana County laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 and, pursuant to Article 71(1) of the Constitution and Section 31(1) and (2) of the Petroleum Act, the Senate ratifies the Field Development Plan and the Production Sharing Contracts for Blocks T6 and T7 in the South Lokichar Basin, Turkana County.

10. **STATEMENTS**

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

- i) The Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the implementation of the Financing Locally-Led Climate Action (FLoCCA) programme in Bungoma County.
- ii) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and

- Foreign Relations regarding the shooting of two (2) civilians in an incident involving police officers in Kitengela town, Kajiado county.
- iii) The Senator for Busia County (Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the failure by the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) to enforce the Road Traffic Safety Management System.
  - iv) The Senator for Bomet County (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the administration of the Facilities Improvement Fund (FIF) in Bomet County.
  - v) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Mombasa (Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP) aliomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Afya kuhusu jambo la umuhimu wa kitaifa kuhusu hali ya huduma na utawala katika Hospitali Kuu ya Coast General.
  - vi) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Kilifi (Sen. Justice (Rtd) Stewart Madzayo, MP) aliomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Usalama wa Taifa, Ulinzi, na Uhusiano wa Kimataifa kuhusu ukame mkali na baa la njaa linalokithiri Kaunti ya Kilifi.
  - vii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the upgrading to bitumen standards, of Ngandi road in Mwea and Makima Divisions of Mbeere South Sub-County, Embu County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.
  - viii) Ombi la kauli kutoka kwa Seneta wa Kaunti ya Kirinyaga (Seneta James Murango, Mbunge) kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Kawi kuhusu kukatika kwa umeme katika maeneo ya Gatuiiri, Kianganga, Kiangwaci na Thimu, Kaunti ya Kirinyaga halikuendelezwa kutokana na kutokuwepo kwa Seneta mhusika.

11. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FORMER KENYA COOPERATIVE CREAMERIES LIMITED (KCC) CONCERNING NON-PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TERMINAL BENEFITS AND MAZIWA SACCO DUES TO FORMER EMPLOYEES OF KENYA COOPERATIVES CREAMERIES LTD**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a petition to the Senate by employees of the former Kenya Cooperative Creameries Limited (KCC) concerning non-payment of outstanding terminal benefits and Maziwa Sacco dues to former employees

of Kenya Cooperatives Creameries Ltd, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare -  
18.02.2026 (Morning Sitting))*

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 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 Labour and Social Welfare on a petition to the Senate by employees of the former Kenya Cooperative Creameries Limited (KCC) concerning non-payment of outstanding terminal benefits and Maziwa Sacco dues to former employees of Kenya Cooperatives Creameries Ltd, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

12. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. TITUS NJOROGE CONCERNING HIS DISMISSAL BY THE AFRICAN INLAND CHURCH (AIC) OF KENYA AND NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARS OWED TO HIM**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a petition to the Senate by Mr. Titus Njoroge concerning his dismissal by the African Inland Church (AIC) of Kenya and non-payment of arrears owed to him, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare -  
19.02.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 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 Labour and Social Welfare on a petition to the Senate by Mr. Titus Njoroge concerning his dismissal by the African Inland Church (AIC) of Kenya and non-payment of arrears owed to him, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.

13. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MS. BEATRICE LIKWOP CONCERNING PEOPLE LIVING WITH INVISIBLE DISABILITY**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a Petition to the Senate by Ms. Beatrice Likwop concerning people living with invisible disability, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025.

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare –  
19.02.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 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 Labour and Social Welfare on a Petition to the Senate by Ms. Beatrice Likwop concerning people living with invisible disability, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Kenya National Council for Population and Development Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 72 of 2023) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Senate Majority Leader – 11.02.2026)*

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting) 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 Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

15. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTION OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 28 OF 2024)**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the National Assembly amendments to the Election Offences (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bills No. 28 of 2024) be now considered.

*(The Vice-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 the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

16. **MOTION – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS TO MANDERA, WAJIR AND MARSABIT COUNTIES**

Order read;

Motion Made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health regarding the County Oversight and Networking engagements to Mandera, Wajir and Marsabit Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025.

*(The Vice-Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)*

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 the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronicah Maina, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 48 of 2024) be now read a Second Time.

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

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 the Question to a later date;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronicah Maina, MP), acceding to the request, deferred the putting of the Question to a later date.

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

(Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

19. **THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 49 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Lenku Ole Kanar Seki, MP)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

20. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made;

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

*(The Senate Majority Leader)*

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronicah Maina, MP) interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

22. **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, February 25, 2025 at 9:30 am*

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