



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2026 (AFTERNOON SITTING)**

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Deputy Speaker.

3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Deputy 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 (1);

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

The Deputy Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR - VISITING STUDENTS FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA (CUEA)**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting students from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa (CUEA). The delegation comprises sixty (60) students, who are in the Senate for a one-day 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 and enriching visit.

I thank you.”

**5. PAPER LAID**

The following paper was laid on the Table of the Senate:

Report of the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on its consideration of the Environment Management and Co-ordination Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 66 of 2023).

*(Sen. Joe Nyutu, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources)*

**6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS****a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

Statement by Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) concerning the protection of freedom of worship in educational institutions was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

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

- i) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the upgrading of Ngandi road in Mwea and Makima Divisions of Mbeere South Sub-County, Embu County to bitumen standards.
- ii) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the proposed construction of the Nairobi-Thika Expressway.
- iii) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding fraudulent diversion of funds at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) and the protection of patients.
- iv) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding security vulnerabilities in the e-citizen payment platform following a fraudulent diversion of funds.
- v) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding safety standards at the Kisumu International Airport.
- vi) Nominated Senator (Sen. Betty Montent, MP) on behalf of the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the state of the urban road network in Machakos County.

- vii) Seneta wa Kaunti ya Kirinyaga (Sen. James Murango, Mb) aliomba kauli kutoka kwa Kamati ya Kudumu ya Kilimo, Mifugo na Uvuvi kuhusu mradi wa kiwanda cha kusindika nyanya, eneo la Kangai, Kaunti ya Kirinyaga.
- viii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Betty Montent, MP) on behalf of Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the implementation of the policy exempting children aged 0-5 years from medical fees at the Coast General Teaching and Referral Hospital.
- ix) The Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations concerning the reported death of Kenyan nationals in Ukraine and the need for government intervention.
- x) The Senator for Kisii County (Sen. Richard Onyonka, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the security breach and attack on Members of the County Assembly of Kisii.
- xi) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing regarding the status of upgrading of Talanta Sports Stadium project.
- xii) The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the rising cases of student fatalities in boarding secondary schools across Kenya.
- xiii) Request for 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 in the absence of the Senator.

**c) Personal Statement pursuant to Standing Order 58**

The Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) made a personal Statement regarding a shooting incident at Kinna Township, subsequent smear campaign and pattern of threats against her life.

**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 Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 (afternoon sitting) resumed;

8. **SUSPENSION OF THE SENATE**

Pursuant to Standing Order No.1, the Deputy Speaker suspended the Sitting at three Minutes past Six O'clock to allow him to attend to a personal matter.

9. **SENATE RESUMED** – At Seven Minutes past Six O'clock (-Deputy Speaker- in the Chair.)

Debate interrupted resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

10. **SENATE ROSE** – at thirty minutes past Six O'clock

**MEMORANDUM**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Thursday, March, 05, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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