



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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 (1);

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:

- i) **Visiting teachers and students from State House Girls' High School in Nairobi City County**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, visiting teachers and students from State House Girls' High School in Nairobi City County. The delegation comprises three (3) teachers and fifty-six (56) 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.”

ii) Visiting delegation from Daima Initiative for Peace and Development (DiPaD) and law students from the University of Pennsylvania

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, visiting delegation from Daima Initiative for Peace and Development (DiPaD) and students from the University of Pennsylvania, United State of America (USA). The delegation comprises two (2) staff and ten (10) African American Law students from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, who are in Kenya for a five-day visit. The visit provides the students with an opportunity to learn and share their expertise on pro bono basis to the host organization.

Daima Initiative for Peace and Development (DiPaD) is a peacebuilding and development organization based in Nairobi, Kenya. It is registered as a Public Organization Under the PBO Act and is non-political, non-partisan with main goal being to promote reconciliation among individuals and between communities for peaceful co-existence.

Honourable Senators,

On behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish you a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

5. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) 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)
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)
- ii) Report of the Auditor General on the Special Audit on the Affordable Housing Programme Project Status as at 31st March, 2025.
- iii) Report of the Auditor General on the Performance Audit Report on provision of bursaries and scholarships by the County Government of Kilifi.
- iv) Report of the Office of the Controller of Budget (COB) on the National Government Budget Implementation Review for the first six months for financial year 2025/2026.

(The Deputy Senate Majority Whip)

6. **NOTICE OF 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)**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu on behalf of 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.

7. **NOTICE OF 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.

8. **NOTICE OF 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.

9. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

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

- (i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the growing burden of sepsis in Kenya.
- (ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding lead contamination in soils and water in Kenya.
- (iii) The Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning the pending payment of stipend to Community Health Promoters (CHPs) in Taita Taveta County.
- (iv) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding escalating security and land-related tensions in Moyam area and the proposed deployment of Rapid Deployment Unit (RDU) in Tittu, Marsabit County.
- (v) The Senator for West Pokot County (Sen. (Rev.) Julius Murgor, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the corporate social responsibility programmes undertaken by companies operating in West Pokot County.
- (vi) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing concerning the deterioration of the Nyahururu – Rumuruti (A4) road in Laikipia County.
- (vii) The Senator for Samburu County (Sen. Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health concerning the collapse of renal services at Samburu County Teaching and Referral Hospital in Maralal, the only dialysis facility in Samburu County and the measures taken to restore services and protect patients who depend on dialysis for survival.

(viii) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing concerning the destruction by floods along the Migori-Sirare road.

(ix) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries concerning the waiver of Agricultural Finance Cooperation (AFC) loans owed by farmers in Migori who were affected by the 2011-2014 drought.

(x) The Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations concerning investigations into incidents of political violence in Migori County.

(xi) The request by the Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of pending bills for the County Government of Bungoma was deferred on request by the Senator.

(xii) The request by the Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the non-payment of gratuity to thirty-three (33) former employees of the County Government of Machakos was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

(xiii) The request by the Senator for Baringo County (Sen. Kiprono Chemitei, MP) from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the proliferation of illicit alcohol in Baringo County was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

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

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order for Second Reading read;

Order deferred.

12. 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 – 10.03.2026)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026, resumed;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

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

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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