



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026

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) **Substantiation of allegations by Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP pursuant to Standing Order 105**

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, at the Morning Sitting of Wednesday, 25th February, 2026, Sen. Mandago, MP, rose on a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 105, bringing to the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) of utterances allegedly made by Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP, while seeking clarification on a Question by Sen. Joyce Korir, CBS, MP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration. The original Question to the Cabinet Secretary related to the status of investigations into the alleged fatal shooting of one Mr. Victor Kipng'eno Mutai.

Sen. Mandago, MP, had sought the intervention of the Chair, to require Sen. Seki, MP, to substantiate the statement that –

“...Is it just because probably you had given some instructions some time back that people should be killed? That is what I wanted to know.”

Pursuant to Standing Order 105 (1) the Chair invited Sen. Seki, MP, to substantiate the claim whereupon Sen. Seki requested for more time in accordance with Standing Order 105(2), to submit evidence for substantiation of his statement at the next sitting day. Having acceded to the request, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) directed Sen. Seki to substantiate the statement at the next sitting day.

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, Standing Order 105 (1) states that –

“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.”

Further, Standing Order 105 (2) states that –

“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....”

Honourable Senators,

Before I decide on a matter such as this one, it is my duty as your Speaker to review the Hansard of the day and satisfy myself whether indeed the statement made by a Senator, is one that requires substantiation in accordance with Standing Order 105. This is done to uphold the rules of debate, to ascertain if indeed substantiation is required and, if so, to save the Senate time on the argument as to which statement was required to be substantiated.

Upon review of the Hansard for the morning sitting of Wednesday, 25th February, 2026, I have noted that Sen. Seki’s statement was made in the context of Questions to Cabinet Secretaries pursuant to Standing Order 51C. The Cabinet Secretary concerned was taking supplementary questions in line with the provisions of Standing Order 51C (7). I have also noted that the utterances by Sen. Seki, MP formed part of a Question posed to the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration, rather than framed as a statement of fact.

Further reading of the Hansard indicated that the point of order by Sen. Mandago, MP notwithstanding, the Cabinet Secretary responded to the Question posed to him by the Senator for Kajiado County. There is no indication that Sen. Seki, or indeed any other Senator, was dissatisfied with the answer given by the Cabinet Secretary.

Honourable Senators,

The framing of Standing Order 105 places the burden of proof on a matter that a Senator alleges to be true on the Senator making the statement. Throughout the proceedings, there is no indication that Sen. Seki, MP asserted as a matter of fact, that the Cabinet Secretary had given “instructions that people should be killed.” My understanding of the Hansard is that Sen. Seki, MP framed the statement in the context of a question to the Cabinet Secretary, by seeking clarification on whether he had given “instructions that people should be killed.”

Arising from the totality of the proceedings and in the context in which the statement was made, I hereby determine that the Point of Order requiring Sen. Seki to substantiate the same pursuant to Standing Order 105 becomes redundant. Accordingly, the matter is concluded and no further action will be required from Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP in respect of the direction issued earlier.

I thank you.”

b) Demise of Hon. Dickson Daniel Karaba, former Senator for Kirinyaga County

“Honourable Senators,

It is with deep sorrow that I notify you of the untimely demise of the former Senator for Kirinyaga County, Sen. Dickson Daniel Karaba, who passed away on the morning of Monday, 23rd March, 2026, after a short illness.

Honourable Senators,

The late Hon. Dickson Daniel Karaba was born on 22nd June, 1948, in Kirinyaga County. He attended Kiamaina Primary School and later proceeded to Kamuiru High School for his O-Levels, before joining Kagumo High School for his A-Levels. He subsequently obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from the University of Nairobi in 1974.

The late Senator, popularly known as Mwalimu Karaba, built a distinguished career in the education sector, rising through the ranks from teacher, to Deputy Principal, and later Principal of various schools, including Kagumo High School, Highway Secondary School, Kianyaga High School, Kirimara High School and Njegas Secondary School. He also served as the Chairperson of the Kenya Secondary School Heads Association between 1984 and 1998.

Honourable Senators,

The late Hon. Karaba served as Senator for Kirinyaga County from 2013 to 2017, having previously represented Kirinyaga Central Constituency as a Member of the National Assembly from 2002 to 2007. In Parliament, he served as Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Education in the 9th Parliament, and in the 11th Parliament he was again entrusted with the same role as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Education. The late Sen. Karaba also served as a member of the Committee on Delegated

Legislation and the Joint Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library in the 11th Parliament.

On behalf of all Senators and the entire staff of the Senate, and indeed on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to convey heartfelt condolences to the family of the late Senator, the people of Kirinyaga County, and all his friends during this most difficult time.

The Parliament of Kenya and the Nation at large has indeed lost a diligent and selfless leader who consistently championed the interests of the people of Kirinyaga County and the welfare of teachers in Kenya.

Honourable Senators,

In honour of our departed colleague, I request that in the usual tradition, we all stand and observe a moment of silence.

(after the minute of silence)

May the soul of the late Sen. Karaba rest in peace.

I thank you.”

c) Substantiation of allegations of fact by Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP pursuant to Standing Order 105

“Honourable Senators,

As you may recall, at the Morning Sitting of the Senate held on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026, the Senator for Uasin Gishu County, Sen. Jackson Mandago, EGH, MP, rose on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 105, bringing to the attention of the Speaker a statement made by the Senator for Marsabit County, Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP, while asking a supplementary question to the Cabinet Secretary, for Roads and Transport.

Sen. Mandago, MP, had sought the intervention of the Speaker, to require that Sen. Chute, MP to substantiate the following statement-

“.....the Rironi-Mau Summit, which is 175 kilometres, it is costing Kshs.200 billion. There is the Ouagadougou-Bobo Road in Burkina Faso, which is 332 kilometres, costing 46 billion Shillings....”

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, Standing Order 105 states that –

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.

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,

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

Accordingly, and pursuant to Standing Order 105 (2), I invite Sen. Mohamed Chute, CBS, MP to forthwith substantiate the statement, failure to which, the Senator shall be deemed to be disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121. In the absence of such substantiation, Sen. Chute, MP, will be required to withdraw the statement and apologize to the Senate.

I thank you.”

Subsequently, Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP tabled a document on the Table of the Senate to substantiate the allegations.

Thereupon, the Speaker undertook to review the document and deliver a ruling.

d) Visiting students from Sinendet Secondary School in Baringo County, and Murray Girls' Secondary School in Taita Taveta County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon of visiting students and teachers from Sinendet Secondary School in Baringo County and Murray Girls' Secondary School in Taita Taveta County. The delegation comprises one hundred and thirty-three (133) students and eleven (11) teachers from the two schools, who are undertaking an academic exposition.

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.”

e) Visiting delegation from the County Assembly of Kwale

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from the County Assembly of Kwale. The

delegation comprises five (5) Procedural Clerks, who are in the Senate for a benchmarking visit.

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. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on its consideration of the Public Service Internship Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 63 of 2022).

(The Senate Minority Leader on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on its consideration of the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 4 of 2025).

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

- iii) A brief on substantiation of allegations of fact.

(Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP)

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION - MAINSTREAMING GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY PROCESSES**

(Sen. Veronica Maina, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT, Article 27 of the Constitution of Kenya guarantees the right to equality and freedom from discrimination, with Article 27(3) providing that women and men have the right to equal treatment, including the right to equal opportunities in political, economic, cultural and social spheres;

FURTHER AWARE that Article 27(8) obligates the State to take legislative and other measures to redress any disadvantage suffered by individuals or groups as a result of past discrimination, and to ensure that not more than two-thirds of members of elective or appointive bodies shall be of the same gender;

COGNIZANT THAT mainstreaming gender perspectives in all aspects of governance is essential to achieving inclusive development and safeguarding the rights and welfare of all citizens, particularly women, girls and other marginalized groups;

CONCERNED THAT the integration of gender considerations remain inconsistent across the two levels of government and those legislative processes

have often resulted to policies that do not adequately address gender-specific needs and realities;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate-

- i) urges Parliament, County Assemblies and their respective legislative committees to incorporate a gender analysis in the scrutiny of legislation, policies, programmes and budgets before them, including through the use of gender impact assessments and consultation with gender-focused stakeholders to ensure gender-responsive governance;
- ii) recommends that the National Gender and Equality Commission and the State Department for Gender develops clear guidelines and tools to support the integration of gender perspectives in legislative, policy and budgetary analysis, and ensures these are disseminated and adopted by relevant government and legislative bodies;
- iii) further urges the National Gender and Equality Commission and State Department for Gender to collaborate with the Kenya Law Reform Commission, and County Assembly Service Boards to build capacity for gender analysis among technical and legislative staff;
- iv) urges the State Department for Gender to submit to Parliament a comprehensive biannual report detailing actions taken by Ministries, Departments and Agencies to promote gender mainstreaming, key achievements, emerging challenges, and proposed interventions; and
- v) resolves that the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare continuously monitor the implementation of these resolutions and tables biannual report on the status of implementation.

7. **ARIFA YA HOJA - AJALI YA FERI YA LIKONI**
(Seneta Miraj Abdillahi, Mb)

IKIBAINIKA KWAMBA, mnamo tarehe 29 Aprili 1994, janga la ajali ya feru ya Likoni lilisababisha vifo na majeraha kwa wananchi wasio na hatia, wengi wao wakiwa wakaazi wa Likoni na Kaunti ya Mombasa, na hivyo kuleta majonzi makubwa kitaifa pamoja na madhara ya muda mrefu ya kimwili, kisaikolojia, kijamii na kiuchumi kwa familia zilizopoteza wapendwa wao na manusura;

IKIWA NA WASIWASI KWAMBA, licha ya hakikisho na ahadi zilizotolewa na mamlaka mbalimbali kufuatia janga hilo, bado kuna mashaka na maswali kuhusu iwapo fidia ilitolewa kikamilifu na kwa haki kwa familia zote zilizoathirika;

IKIKIRI KWAMBA, kuanzishwa kwa kumbukumbu ya kitaifa ni hatua muhimu ya kuheshimu na kuenzi waliopoteza maisha, na pia ni chombo cha kuendeleza uponyaji wa pamoja wa kijamii na kuimarisha uwajibikaji wa Taifa kwa raia wake;

SASA BASI, Seneti inaamua kwamba –

- i. Kamati ya Kudumu ya Seneti ya Barabara, Uchukuzi na Makazi ifanye uchunguzi wa kina ili kubaini idadi ya familia zilizoathirika, fidia iliyolipwa hadi sasa, madai yoyote ambayo hayajalipwa, pamoja na kubainisha familia zipi bado hazijapata fidia na sababu za kutolipwa kwa fidia hiyo;
- ii. Serikali ya Kaunti ya Mombasa kwa ushirikiano na Wizara ya Barabara na Uchukuzi, ianzishe kumbukumbu ya kudumu kwa heshima ya wahanga wa ajali ya feri ya Likoni, 1994 kwa mashauriano na familia zilizoathirika.

8. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

- i) The Senator for Baringo County (Sen. Kiprono Chemitei, MP) made a Statement on a matter of national concern regarding the recurring drought-flood cycle in the county, highlighting its devastating impact on livelihoods, food security, education, and infrastructure.

The Senator noted that prolonged drought had dried up water sources, reduced agricultural yields, and weakened livestock health, leading to rising food prices and acute food insecurity, particularly among vulnerable groups such as pregnant women, children, and the elderly. Schools were also affected, with increased absenteeism due to migration, hunger, and the demand for children to assist in household survival.

While the return of rains offered relief, the Senator cautioned that rising water levels in Lake Baringo and Lake Bogoria posed a new crisis of flooding, displacing residents and damaging infrastructure.

The Senator urged the Ministries of East African Community Affairs, ASALs and Regional Development; Environment, Climate Change and Forestry; and Interior and National Administration to develop coordinated strategies to address this recurring humanitarian challenge.

- ii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) made a Statement on a matter of international concern regarding the Thirteenth (XIII) Global Baku Forum, held from 11th to 14th March, 2026 in Baku, Azerbaijan which convened global leaders, diplomats, scholars, and policy actors to deliberate on pressing international issues including security, climate action, digital governance, sustainable connectivity, Africa's future, housing, health preparedness, and youth inclusion.

The Senator noted that the Forum provided strategic lessons for Kenya across several areas including strengthening multilateral diplomacy and reform of global governance; sustaining climate diplomacy beyond COP negotiations; positioning Africa and Kenya in a changing world order; advancing sustainable connectivity and

trade corridors; aligning growth with social inclusion under the 2030 Agenda; governing digital innovation and artificial intelligence; improving urban planning and housing; enhancing health preparedness and resilience; and institutionalizing youth engagement in governance and policy design.

The Senator emphasized that Kenya could leverage comparative experiences from the Forum to reinforce its foreign policy, legislative oversight, development planning, and international partnerships.

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 Labour and Social Welfare regarding the governance, regulatory and service delivery concerns arising from the ongoing dispute affecting the Nairobi Hospital and its parent body, the Kenya Hospital Association.
- ii) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the ongoing recruitment of staff by the Social Health Authority (SHA).
- iii) The Senator for Vihiga County (Sen. Godfrey Osotsi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the rising cases of insecurity in Vihiga County.
- iv) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the recent placement of Trident Insurance Company, Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Co-operatives (KUSCCO), Mutual Assurance Limited and Corporate Insurance Company under statutory management by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA).
- v) The Senator for Kajiado County (Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the working conditions of labourers at the ongoing construction site at the Bomas of Kenya.
- vi) The Senator for Laikipia County (Sen. John Kinyua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the escalating human-wildlife conflict in Lariak Forest, occasioned by elephants straying into neighbouring communities in Laikipia County.
- vii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Joyce Korir, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding discovery of 14 bodies buried without requisite permits in makaburini cemetery in Kericho County.

9. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR- SUBSTANTIATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF FACT BY SEN. MOHAMED CHUTE, MP PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 105**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Honourable Senators,

Having considered the documents laid on the table of the Senate by Sen. Chute, MP pursuant to the directions from the Chair, for him to substantiate the statements he had, I now rule as follows:

The document tabled by Senator is essentially a reiteration of the same statements he had made. They are in no way a substantiation of the statement in the manner required by Standing Order 105.

In the document, the Senator claims to have used certain sources of references but gives no specific verifiable citations. Importantly, the Senator has not tabled any of the alleged references.

Now having found that the Senator has failed to substantiate his statement, I direct that the Senator withdraws the statement he made, failure to which will constitute disorderly conduct under Standing Order 105 (2) and will invite the consequence for such conduct.

I thank you”.

Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP declined to withdraw the Statement, whereupon the Speaker determined that the Senator was disorderly within the meaning of Standing Order 121(1) and ordered the Senator to withdraw from the precincts of the Senate for the remainder of the day’s sitting.

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

10. **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, 11th March, 2026.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights - 19.03.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday 19th March, 2026 resumed for the Question to be put;

Before the Question was put, and pursuant to Standing Order No. 84 (2), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) ruled that the Motion does not affect counties;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) 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 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.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 10th March, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026
– Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Erick Okong'o Mogeni, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 18th March, 2026
– Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)
(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

Order deferred.
15. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE HERITAGE AND MUSEUMS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare)

Order deferred.
16. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 10 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader)

Order deferred.
17. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

Order deferred.
18. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.
19. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

Order deferred.
20. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 45 OF 2024)
(Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, MP and Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP)

Order deferred.
21. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE KENYA NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 72 OF 2023)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

22. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Order deferred.

23. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP and Sen. William Kisang, MP)

Order deferred.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, 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 – 19.03.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday 19th March, 2026 resumed;

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.

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

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