



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 (AFTERNOON SITTING)

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 Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes, the Speaker invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR ON VISITING STUDENT FROM BRAEBURN GARDEN ESTATE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL UNDER THE SCHOOL'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE SCHEME**

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 Ms. Gabriella Murimi, a Grade 10 student from Braeburn Garden Estate International School who is undertaking a one (1) week service in the Senate under the school's Voluntary Service Scheme (VSS).

I request Ms. Murimi to stand so that she may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition.

Honourable Senators,

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

I thank you.”

5. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

Requests for Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

The request for Statement 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.

6. **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 Tuesday, 10th March, 2026 resumed for Mover to reply;

Thereupon, Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3) the Mover requested for the deferment of the putting of Question to a later date;

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

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

9. **THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 12 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Erick Okong’o Mogeni, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

11. **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.

12. **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.

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

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

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

Order deferred.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS
NO. 4 OF 2025)
(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Order deferred.

19. **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.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 – 17.03.2025)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 24th March, 2026 resumed;

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 Question to a later date;

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

21. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (STATE OFFICERS REMOVAL FROM OFFICE) PROCEDURE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 34 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

22. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)**

(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

23. **THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

24. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 52 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

25. ***THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

26. ***THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 15 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP)

Order read;

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

27. **MOTION - REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KITUI, MAKUENI, MACHAKOS AND KIAMBU COUNTIES**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

Order read;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Reports of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Kitui, Makueni and Machakos Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on

Thursday, 26th February, 2026; and Kiambu County, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 19th March, 2026.

Order deferred.

28. **MOTION - DELINKING JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

(Sen. Mwenda Gataya, MP)

Order read;

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.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at twenty-six minutes past Five O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

29. **SENATE ROSE** – at twenty-six minutes past Five O'clock

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, March, 26, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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