



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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) On the launch of the first edition of the Annotated Senate Standing Orders and three other Senate publications

“Honourable Senators,

I have a communication to make regarding the launch of the first edition of the Annotated Senate Standing Orders and three other publications on mediation in the legislative process during the 11th and 12th Parliaments, the process of allocation of revenue to county governments between the 2013/2014 and 2021/2022 financial years and the impeachment processes in the Senate from 2013 to 2022.

Honourable Senators,

The publications have compiled select works of the Senate from its re-establishment under the new constitutional dispensation in 2013 up to the end of the last term of Parliament in 2022.

They will constitute part of the Senate’s institutional memory and serve as a useful and practical reference for yourselves, Members of the National Assembly and county assemblies, parliamentary officers, scholars, researchers and other members of the general public interested in legislative procedures and practices. They are also intended to make

parliamentary processes more open to the public, in order to demystify Parliament and contribute to a more informed citizenry.

Honourable Senators,

I will preside over the launch of the four publications at the Parliament Restaurant Garden on Thursday, 30th April, 2026 at 9.30 am. You are invited to attend this very important ceremony.

I thank you.”

b) Visiting Lecturers and Students from Maasai Mara University in Narok County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of lecturers and students from the Maasai Mara University in Narok County. The delegation comprises four (4) lecturers and one hundred and fifty-four (154) students, who are visiting the Senate for 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 visit.

I thank you.”

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – APPROVAL OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNOPOLEIS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 6 OF 2024)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Message from the National Assembly:

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 46 (3) and (4), I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the approval by the National Assembly of the Senate amendments to the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 6 of 2024).

The Message, dated Wednesday, 22nd April, 2026 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Thursday, 23rd April, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 46 (5), I now report the Message –

PURSUANT to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) and 148 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, the National Assembly considered and passed the Technopolis Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2024) with amendments and thereafter referred the Bill to the Senate for consideration in accordance with Article 110 (4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments on Wednesday, 12th November 2025 and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration in accordance with provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS, on Tuesday, 14th April 2026, the National Assembly considered and passed the Senate amendments to the said Bill in the form passed by the Senate;

NOW THEREFORE, having concluded the bicameral passage of the Bill, I will present the Bill to H.E. the President for Assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution.

I thank you.”

6. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(a), the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) presented a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Peter Kamau Gitau seeking parliamentary intervention regarding the recruitment of Kenyan nationals into the Russian Army and the detention of Kenyans in Ukrainian prisons.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare for consideration.

7. **PAPERS LAID**

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

- i) Report of the Mediation Committee on the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 21 of 2023).

(Sen. Beatrice Ogola, MP on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Health on its consideration of the Autism Management Bill (Senate Bills No. 19 of 2025).

(Sen. Stewart Madzayo, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

- iii) Report of the Mediation Committee on the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 24 of 2023).

(Vice-Chairperson of the Mediation Committee)

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE FOOD AND FEED SAFETY CONTROL COORDINATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 21 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Beatrice Ogola, MP on behalf of the Vice-Chairperson, Mediation Committee)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Food and Feed Safety Control Coordination Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 21 of 2023), laid on the table of the Senate on Tuesday, 28th April, 2026, and that pursuant to Article 113(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 167(3) of the Senate, approves the mediated version of the Bill.

9. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

- i) The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a Statement regarding the outstanding performance of Kenyan athletes at the 2026 London and Boston Marathons.

In the Statement, Sen. Cherarkey celebrated Kenya's enduring dominance in long-distance running, highlighting Sabastian Sawe's historic London Marathon victory, where he shattered the world record by 65 seconds with a time of 1:59:30 – the first sub-two-hour marathon in competitive history. The Senator further observed that Mr. Sawe's rise from pacemaker to unbeaten champion, with a record four wins in four marathons in Valencia, London, Boston and Berlin, underscores Kenya's athletic excellence.

The Senator highlighted other strong performances by Kenyan athletes at the London Marathon, including Amos Kipruto, Hellen Obiri, Joyciline Jepkosgei and Catherine Reline Amanang'ole. He also referenced the Boston Marathon where John Korir defended his title with a course record, while Benson Kipruto was placed third and Sharon Lokedi secured a second consecutive victory, with Loice Chemnung and Mary Ngugi-Cooper completing an all-Kenyan podium. Other Kenyan athletes finished within the top twenty.

The Senator buttressed that these triumphs were a source of national pride by urging formal record ratification, recognition of athletes as cultural ambassadors and greater investment in infrastructure, talent development and welfare to sustain Kenya's global athletics legacy

- ii) The Senator for Marsabit County (Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP) made a Statement regarding the humanitarian situation of Internally Displaced Persons (IPDs) in Marsabit County and the refugee situation in Dilo and Magado border areas.

In the Statement, Sen. Chute highlighted unresolved displacement in Marsabit County, urging urgent Executive intervention. He reported that insecurity between 2017–2022 displaced 528 households and destroyed 135 homes, with some families lacking resettlement, housing and restoration of livelihoods and economic stability.

The Senator noted that most of the 1,250 refugee households hosted in Dilo and Magado were willing to return voluntarily, but youth without identification documents remain excluded from education, services and financial support programmes, thereby perpetuating

long-term marginalization and violation of constitutional rights. The situation, he argued, exposed gaps in implementing legal frameworks for displaced persons.

Sen. Chute stressed that past displacement crises were addressed through structured programmes and insisted Northern Kenya victims deserve equal treatment. He underscored Kenya's obligations to refugees and the strain on host communities, warning that delays deepen inequality and marginalization. In conclusion, he called for resettlement, home reconstruction, restoration of livelihoods, resolution of ID challenges, facilitation of voluntary repatriation and support for host communities to uphold equity, justice and cohesion.

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

- i) The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the payroll and budgetary issues in Kakamega County.
- ii) The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo' Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Health regarding the deplorable state of facilities at the Mathari Teaching and Referral Hospital.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Miraj Abdillahi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the implementation of agriculture and blue economy programmes in Mombasa County.
- iv) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) from the Standing Committee on Energy regarding the current fuel situation in the country was dropped in the absence of the Senator.

10. **SUSPENSION OF A SENATOR FOR GROSS DISORDERLY CONDUCT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 122**

Pursuant to Standing Order 122(2)(a), the Speaker ordered the Senator for Migori County (Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP) to withdraw from the precincts of Parliament for three (3) consecutive sitting days, for gross disorderly conduct pursuant to Standing Order 122 (1)(a).

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

11. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR – SUSPENSION OF SEN. EDDY OKETCH, MP PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 122 (2)(a)**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communication from the Chair:

“Hon. Senators, under Standing Order 122, a Senator commits an act of gross disorderly conduct if the Senator –

122 (1)(a) defies a ruling or direction of the Speaker or Chairperson of Committees

Under Standing Order 122(2), the Speaker may call a Senator whose conduct is grossly disorderly to order, and shall order the Senator to withdraw Immediately from the precincts of Parliament-

122 (2) (a) on the first occasion, for a maximum of three sitting days, including the sitting day of suspension.

Hon Senators, Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP having persistently defied the directions of the Speaker and the Speaker having had to order the Serjeant at Arms to escort him out of the Chamber, the Senator’s conduct has come under the operation of Standing Order 122 (2)(a), and is therefore suspended for three (3) sitting days, including today.”

12. **SUSPENSION OF THE SENATE**

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 38 (1), the Senator for Mandera County (Sen. Ali Roba, MP) claimed to move –

“That, the Senate do suspend its proceedings for fifteen minutes in order to allow for consultations.”

And the Speaker acceding to the claim;

Motion made and Question proposed;

“THAT, the Senate do now suspend its proceedings for fifteen minutes in order to allow for consultations.”

(Sen. Ali Roba, MP)

Debate arising;

And there being no Senator wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84(1), the Speaker ruled that the Question does not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

Thereupon the Speaker suspended proceedings at 4:08pm.

13. **SENATE RESUMED** - at thirty – three minutes past Four O’clock (the Speaker in the Chair).

14. **THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 2 OF 2026)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2026) be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

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

15. **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, April 29, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.*

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