



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 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 a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

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

4. **STATEMENTS**

- a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)**

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Tabitha Mutinda, MP) made a Statement regarding the critical shortage of family planning commodities and the need to ring-fence family planning funds.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that the country was facing an acute shortage of family planning commodities, stating that several contraceptive commodities were already out of stock while others were at critically low levels. She stated that, although Kshs. 500 million had been allocated for family planning commodities in the 2025/2026 Financial Year, only Kshs. 250 million had been disbursed to the Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (KEMSA), thereby occasioning delays in procurement and resulting in prolonged shortages across health facilities.

The Senator further stated that the continued shortage of these essential commodities could lead to an increase in unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions and maternal mortality. She added that the situation undermines the country's progress towards the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

In conclusion, the Senator called upon the National Treasury to release the remaining funds allocated for family planning commodities, urged the ring-fencing of such allocations to ensure timely disbursement, and further called upon Parliament and relevant agencies to strengthen oversight, enhance procurement processes, and promote public awareness on access to family planning services.

- ii) The Senator for Narok County (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP) made a Statement regarding the current fiscal approach adopted by the National Treasury on the funding of Parliament and its critical functions.

Thereupon, the Senator informed the Senate that Parliament was facing serious financial constraints due to the fiscal approach adopted by the National Treasury, despite the Government continuing to incur significant expenditures under Article 223 of the Constitution. He stated that this situation undermined the independence of Parliament and its ability to discharge key constitutional functions, including legislation, oversight, committee work, and outreach programmes such as Senate Mashinani.

He further informed the Senate that the National Treasury had failed to honour budgetary commitments and had delayed the disbursement of approved funds. He stated that this situation had created operational uncertainty and led to the accumulation of pending bills within Parliament. He called upon the National Treasury to prioritise the settlement of pending bills, ensure the timely release of funds, and ensure accountability for expenditures incurred under Article 223.

Further, the Senator expressed regret that Kenya had missed the opportunity to host the 4th World Summit of the Committee of the Future Parliament, after Parliament failed to secure the required USD 100,000 due to competing priorities at the National Treasury. He observed that hosting the summit would have enhanced Kenya's international profile and generated economic benefits, particularly in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

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

- i) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the state of Muhoroni Sugar Company.
- ii) The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of the construction of Bukhungu Stadium and the Kakamega Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kakamega County.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights regarding unresolved cases and the welfare of returning personnel from the Haiti Mission.

- iv) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the challenges facing bee farmers in Embu County.
- v) The Senator for Elgeyo Marakwet County (Sen. William Kisang, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding the escalating cases of digital fraud facilitated through telecommunications infrastructure and the erosion of public trust in data privacy breaches by state agencies and telecommunications operators.
- vi) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the non-remittance of staff deductions and other payables by the County Government of Taita Taveta was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- vii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Mandera County (Sen. (Capt.) Ali Ibrahim Roba, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding administration of the County Pension Fund (CPF) was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.
- viii) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Taita Taveta County (Sen. Johnes Mwaruma, MP) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the employment practices of M/S Devki Steel Mills manufacturing plant in Taita Taveta County was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

5. **THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 38 OF 2025)**

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Forest Conservation and Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 38 of 2025) be now read a Second time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 12.05.2026)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 12th May, 2026 resumed;

And there being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Mover replied;

Pursuant to Standing Order 66 (3), the Mover requested that the putting of the Question be deferred to a later date;

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

6. **THE NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 1 OF 2024)**

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 5th May, 2026)

(Division)

Order deferred.

7. **THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)**

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 7th May, 2026)

Order deferred.

8. **THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

9. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 38 OF 2025)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

10. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

11. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE NUTS AND OIL CROPS DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 47 OF 2023)

(Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP)

Order deferred.

12. **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.
13. **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.
14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)
(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

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

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

Order deferred.
17. **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.
18. **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.
19. **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)**
(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.

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Kathuri Murungi, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

25. **THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2023)**

(Sen. James Murango, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

26. **THE AUTISM MANAGEMENT BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 19 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

27. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KITUI, MAKUENI AND MACHAKOS COUNTIES**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report 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.

Order deferred.

28. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN KIAMBU COUNTY**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Kiambu County, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 19th March, 2026.

Order deferred.

29. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON THE COUNTY OVERSIGHT AND NETWORKING ENGAGEMENTS IN BUNGOMA AND KAKAMEGA COUNTIES**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on the County Oversight and Networking Engagements in Bungoma and Kakamega Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026.

Order deferred.

30. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY, DEFENCE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS ON SESSIONAL PAPER NO.1 OF 2025 ON THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations on Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2025 on the foreign policy of the Republic of Kenya, laid on the table of the Senate, on Tuesday, 31st March, 2026.

Order deferred.

31. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF SELECT COMMITTEES DURING THE THIRD SESSION (2024)**
(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Liaison Committee on the activities and operations of Select Committees during the Third Session (2024) pursuant to Standing Order 224 (2), laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 28th May, 2025.

Order deferred.

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the Senate at fifty-five minutes past four O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

32. **SENATE ROSE** – at fifty-five minutes past four O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 2:30 pm*

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