



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 04, 2026 AT 2.30 P.M.

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) Visiting Delegation from the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI)

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation from the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI). KIRDI is a public research institution under the Ministry of Investments, Trade and Industry, whose mandate is to undertake research, development and innovation in industrial and allied technologies and disseminate research findings to support industrial development. The delegation comprises twelve (12) researchers from the institution who are on a benchmarking visit to the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that they may be acknowledged as per the Senate tradition.

1. Dr. Kelvin Khisa - Ag. Director General, KIRDI
2. Dr. Francis Polong - Director, Technology Transfer and Extension Services
3. Dr. Martha Induli - Director, Industrial Allied and Technology Research
4. Dr. Josephine Akama - Director, Cooperate Services
5. Mr. Nicodemus Mutinda - Director, Strategy and Planning
6. Dr. Arthur Onyuka - Assistant Principal Research Scientist
7. Dr. Linus Kosambo - Assistant Director, Resource Mobilization and Partnerships
8. Dr. Fredrick Musieba - Assistant Principal Research Scientist
9. Mr. William Mutwiri - Assistant Principal Research Scientist
10. Ms. Bitutu Nyambane - Senior Research Scientist
11. Mr. Simbi Mark - Research Scientist
12. Ms. Sarah Gacii - Principal Communication Officer

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

I thank you.”

b) Visiting delegation of Teachers and Learners from Seven Forks Primary School in Embu County

“Honorable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of ten (10) teachers and one hundred and eighty (180) learners from Seven Forks Primary School in Embu County. The delegation is 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.”

c) Visiting delegation of Teachers and Learners from Gichuru Memorial High School in Kiambu County

“Honorable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of five (5) teachers and fifty (50) learners from Gichuru Memorial High School in Kiambu County. The delegation is 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.”

d) Visiting delegation of Teachers and Learners from Mutitu Secondary School in Kirinyaga County

“Honorable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of four (4) teachers and forty-seven (47) learners from Mutitu Secondary School in Kirinyaga County. The delegation is 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.”

e) Visiting delegation of Teachers and Learners from Mangu High School in Kiambu County

“Honorable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, of a visiting delegation of two (2) teachers and thirty-eight (38) learners from Mangu High School in Kiambu County. The delegation is 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.”

f) Substantiation of facts that a Senator alleges to be true pursuant to Standing Order 105 (2) – Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP

“Honourable Senators,

As you will recall, during the afternoon sitting of the Senate held on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026, while commenting on a Statement sought by Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP regarding the rise in cases of missing children in the country and that of Sen. Danson Mungatana, MP regarding the decade-long ban on night-time travel for public service vehicles along the Malindi-Garsen-Lamu Highway, the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) stated as follows-

“Recently on this question of Ebola, even after our courts put a halt to that project until we give proper answers to Kenyans, our Government does not care. They are going on with the project. Reports show that activities are going on there and nobody is bothered that our own courts in this country stopped that particular project until we give answers to Kenyans.”

It is at this point that the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) rose on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 105, challenging Sen. Sifuna to substantiate his allegations that activities at Laikipia Air Base, which is a protected area, were ongoing. I thereupon directed Sen. Sifuna to substantiate his remarks as required under Standing Order 105(1).

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, Standing Order 105 states that –

“(1) 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.

(2) 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.”

Sen. Sifuna, MP, was not able to substantiate his statement instantly and requested for time to do so at the next sitting, in accordance with Standing Order 105(2). Having acceded to the request, I directed that the Senator substantiates the statement at the next sitting day.

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

I thank you.

Thereupon, the Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) tabled a letter to the Clerk of the National Assembly and a USB flash drive containing information to substantiate his statement.

The Speaker, thereafter informed the Senate that he will review the materials tabled and make a further communication.

5. **PAPERS LAID**

The following Paper was laid on the Table of the Senate: -

Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 9th June, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

6. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

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

- i) The Senator for Embu County (Sen. Alexander Mundigi, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the challenges facing mango farmers in Embu County.
- ii) The Senator for Kiambu County (Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resource regarding the protection of property rights and security of residents of Two Rivers Crescent Estate.
- iii) Nominated Senator (Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the implementation and transparency of the School Feeding Program.
- iv) The Senator for Nairobi County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the transition rate in the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in Kenya.
- v) The Senator for Narok County (Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defense and Foreign Relations regarding national and county preparedness for the impending strong El Nino condition and extreme weather risks.

b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 56 (1) (b)

Nominated Senator, Sen. Consolata Wakwabubi, MP, on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration made a Statement relating to the activities of the Committee for the period, February to April, 2026.

c) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)

The Senate Majority Whip, on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader, issued a statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 9th June, 2026.

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

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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; Kiambu County laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 19th March, 2026; Bungoma and Kakamega Counties, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026.

(The Vice Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health – 02.06.2026)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 – Morning Sitting resumed;

Mover replied;

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

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

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 – Afternoon Sitting)

(Mover to reply)

Order deferred.

9. **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.

10. **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 Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(Second Reading)
(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 3rd June, 2026 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)

Order deferred.

12. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

16. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE ENVIRONMENT LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 23 OF 2024)

(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

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)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

19. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY HALL OF FAME BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 18 OF 2023)

(Sen. Miraj Abdillahi Abdulrahman, MP)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

20. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

21. **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)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

22. **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.

23. **THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**
BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

24. **THE KENYA HEALTH PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES REGULATORY**
AUTHORITY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 54 OF 2022)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

25. **THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**
BILLS NO. 34 OF 2025)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

26. **THE MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 22 OF 2025)**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

27. **THE PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 63 OF 2022)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

28. **THE BASIC EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 59 OF 2023)**

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

29. **THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 61 OF 2022)**

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP, Co-Sponsor)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

30. **THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2026)**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

31. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2026)**

(Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

32. **MOTION – DELINKING 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.

Order deferred.

33. HOJA - AJALI YA FERI YA LIKONI

(Seneta Miraj Abdillahi, Mb)

IKIBAINISHA 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; na
- 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 feru ya Likoni, 1994 kwa mashauriano na familia zilizoathirika.

Order deferred.

34. MOTION - PROMOTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) AND INNOVATION POLICY IN KENYA

(Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP)

THAT AWARE THAT, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is redefining economies globally through emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and financial technology (Fintech);

FURTHER AWARE THAT Kenya has made commendable strides in digital infrastructure and mobile innovation, positioning itself as a potential leader in Africa's tech-driven future;

NOTING THAT, in a landmark decision, the African Union Executive Council endorsed the Continental AI Strategy during its 45th Ordinary Session in Accra, Ghana, on July 18-19, 2024 to underscore Africa's commitment to an Africa-centric, development-focused approach to AI, promoting ethical, responsible, and equitable practices;

COGNIZANT THAT, the Continental AI Strategy calls for unified national approaches among AU Member States to navigate the opportunities of AI-driven change, aiming to strengthen regional and global cooperation and position Africa as a leader in inclusive and responsible AI development;

APPRECIATING THAT, the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy recently formulated and launched the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2025-2030;

RECOGNIZING, the need to align Kenya's development with global standards in AI adoption while also safeguarding national values, inclusivity, and employment;

CONCERNED THAT, the absence of a comprehensive framework may hinder innovation among local start-ups and youth-led tech enterprises and slow down Kenya's ability to harness AI for inclusive growth;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves that the Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy develops a Policy to promote Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies with particular emphasis on:

- i) promoting research and development of locally relevant AI solutions;
- ii) facilitating ethical guidelines to ensure responsible and beneficial application of AI;
- iii) creating innovation-friendly 'Sandboxes' for supervised testing of AI and emerging technologies;
- iv) strengthening public-private partnerships to build digital skills and innovation ecosystems; and
- v) integrating AI and coding into the education curriculum to prepare the next generation for the digital economy.

Order deferred.

And the being no other business on the Order Paper, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate at thirty minutes past four O'clock without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

35. SENATE ROSE – at thirty minutes past four O'clock.

MEMORANDUM

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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