



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

ORDER PAPER

MORNING SITTING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026 AT 9.30 AM

PRAYER

1. Administration of Oath
2. Communication from the Chair
3. Messages
4. Petitions
5. Papers
6. Notices of Motion
7. Questions and Statements (as listed in the Appendix)
8. **MOTION - PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE**
(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP)

THAT, AWARE that, Article 96 of the Constitution provides that the Senate represents the counties, and serves to protect their interests, determines the allocation of national revenue among counties, as provided in Article 217, and exercises oversight over national revenue allocated to the County Governments;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, in the case of *Senate v Council of Governors and 6 others* (Petition 24 and 27 of 2019 (consolidated) 2022) KESC 57(KLR), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Senate's oversight authority extends to both nationally allocated and locally generated revenue;

CONCERNED THAT, that Senators are constrained by lack of access to real time data from the IFMIS system for the respective counties they represent, thus affecting effective oversight of County Governments;

FURTHER CONCERNED THAT, in some instances data and information presented to the Senate by the Auditor-General and the Controller of Budget are received and considered late as a result of the backlog resulting into too much information not getting properly reviewed by Senators;

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NOTING THAT, as a result of unchecked financial information and systems, County Governments have continued to accumulate pending bills resulting from unplanned expenditures, unaccounted for and inflated cost of projects;

NOW THEREFORE, the Senate resolves, that the Cabinet Secretary in charge of the National Treasury shall on a monthly basis forward to the Clerk of the Senate all IFMIS transactions and reports for each County Government for onward transmission to the respective Senator for information on accountability and transparency, in order to strengthen their constitutional oversight and promote good governance in the management of public finances.

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 28th July, 2026)
(Question to be put)*

9. **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;

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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.

10. **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: -

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- 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.

11. **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.

12. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS OF SELECT COMMITTEES DURING THE FOURTH SESSION (2025)**

(The Chairperson, Liaison Committee)

THAT, the Senate notes the Report of the Liaison Committee on the activities and operations of Select Committees during the Fourth Session (2025) pursuant to Standing Order 224 (2), laid on the Table of the Senate, on Thursday, 18th June, 2026.

NOTICE

The Senate resolved on 11th February, 2026 as follows: -

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 111 (1), the Senate resolves that debate on a Motion not sponsored by the Majority or Minority Party or a Committee shall be limited in the following manner: -

A maximum of three hours with not more than twenty minutes for the Mover, twenty minutes for the Majority Party Official Responder, twenty minutes for the Minority Party Official Responder and fifteen minutes for each other Senator speaking and that fifteen minutes before the time expires, the Mover shall be called upon to reply.

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APPENDIX**QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS****QUESTIONS**

Question No. 065 The Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary state the measures and institutional mechanisms put in place by the Government to address the circulation of false emergency information, digitally manipulated content and impersonation of public institutions or officials online?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary also clarify whether there exists an official rapid public communication and verification mechanism during periods of public anxiety or national emergencies?
- c) What are the protocols in place for authentication of official Government digital communication, and could the Cabinet Secretary explain the measures in place to enhance coordination among Government agencies in timely clarification of misleading information likely to cause panic, confusion or disruption of essential services?
- d) What steps are being taken to promote responsible digital engagement and public awareness, while safeguarding the constitutional freedoms guaranteed under Articles 33 and 34 of the Constitution?

Question No. 053 The Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports:

- a) Could the Cabinet Secretary outline the policy and institutional framework guiding the coordination of youth empowerment interventions, and indicate the mechanisms in place to ensure that eligible youth are adequately informed of these opportunities?
- b) Could the Cabinet Secretary explain the measures in place to avoid duplication and ensure coherence among youth empowerment funds, credit schemes, enterprise programmes and employment initiatives

implemented by the National Government, State agencies and county governments, and provide the number of beneficiaries reached under each programme in Nyandarua County and across the other counties?

- c) Could the Cabinet Secretary provide a breakdown of the annual budgetary allocation for each of the programmes and initiatives since 2022, along with the amounts disbursed, and report on the benefits of the programmes and initiatives in each county where they have been implemented?
- d) What policy measures has the Ministry put in place to ensure equitable access to these programmes by youth in rural, marginalised and underserved areas, as well as by young women, youth with disabilities and other vulnerable categories?
- e) What measures has the Ministry put in place to ensure effective monitoring, evaluation, accountability and long-term sustainability of youth empowerment funds and programmes, and what measurable outcomes have been recorded since their implementation?

Question No. 069 Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports:

- a) Does the Government maintain a database of Kenyan sportsmen and women who win medals in regional, continental and international competitions and, if so, could the Cabinet Secretary provide the current list?
- b) What is the Government doing to respond to the plight of retired sports heroes and heroines who, despite their contribution to the nation, are living in poverty and suffering poor health?
- c) Could the Government consider rolling out a welfare programme to provide financial, medical, housing and other social protection benefits to retired sports heroes and heroines, including coaches and other sports officials who have served the nation with distinction?
- d) What measures are in place to also ensure that the legacy of Kenyan sports heroes and heroines is preserved and documented as part of the nation's heritage?

NOTICE PAPER

Tentative Business for

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

(Published pursuant to Standing Order 43 (1))

It is notified that the Senate Business Committee has approved the following **tentative** business to appear in the Order Paper for Wednesday, July 29, 2026 (Afternoon Sitting).

A. BILLS AT SECOND READING

- i. ***THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 61 OF 2022) (Division)
(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP, Co-Sponsor)
- ii. ***THE KENYA ROADS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 34 OF 2025) (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- iii. **THE REFERENDUM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2026) (Division)
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)
- iv. *THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 39 OF 2024)
(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)
- v. *THE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 13 OF 2023)
(Sen. James Murango, MP)
- vi. *THE MINING (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 22 OF 2025)
(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

B. BILLS AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- i. ****THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF 2024) (Division)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- ii. ***THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)
(The Senate Majority Leader)
- iii. *THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)
(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)

C. MOTIONS

- i. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE TRAFFIC (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11 OF 2026; THE TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 13 OF 2026); AND THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 OF 2026) (Division)
(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)
- ii. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY REGARDING ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)
- iii. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON ITS INQUIRY REGARDING THE HANDING OVER OF A COOKING GAS HANDLING FACILITY, IN MOMBASA COUNTY, TO A PRIVATE FIRM
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)
- iv. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)
- v. REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)
