



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE, 18, 2026

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 ON A STUDY VISIT BY YOUNG LEADERS FROM THE INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN KENYA AND AN INTERN FROM THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON DC**

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 a visiting delegation of three (3) young leaders from the Institute of Economic Affairs in Kenya and an intern from the American University in Washington DC in the United States of America. The delegation is on a study visit to Parliament.

I request each Member of the delegation to stand when called out so that you may be acknowledged in the Senate tradition –

Mr. Emmanuel Wa-Kyendo	Program Officer
Mr. Spencer Muhonja	Intern (Institute of Economic Affairs)
Ms. Sarah Cherop Lyoba	Intern (Institute of Economic Affairs)
Mr. Benjamin Canizares	Intern (The American University)

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

I thank you.”

5. **MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI TO SUSPEND ITS PLENARY SITTINGS FROM 21ST TO 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2026 TO FACILITATE SENATE MASHINANI.**

The Deputy Speaker conveyed the following Message from Kilifi County Assembly:

“Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 48 (4) and (5), I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the County Assembly of Kilifi, regarding the Resolution of the County Assembly to suspend its Plenary and Committee sittings from 21st to 25th September, 2026, to facilitate the Senate Mashinani Programme.

The Message, dated Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, 16th June, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order 48 (4), I now report the Message –

“AWARE THAT, the County Assembly House Business Committee recommended the suspension of sittings from Monday, 21st September to Friday, 25th September, 2026;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, Standing Order 25(4) of the Kilifi County Assembly Standing Orders provides that the Assembly may, for good cause, alter its Calendar;

FURTHER AWARE THAT, at its Sitting held on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026 at 2.30 p.m., the Assembly considered and approved a Motion to suspend its own sittings during the said period in order to facilitate the Senate Mashinani Programme, and RESOLVED to alter its Calendar accordingly, suspending its Plenary and Committee sittings of the Fifth Session, Third Part, for the period 21st to 25th September, 2026, and to resume its sittings on Monday, 28th September, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Standing Order 37, I hereby convey this decision of the County Assembly of Kilifi to the Senate.”

Honourable Senators,

As you are aware, on Tuesday, 5th May, 2026, the Senate resolved to hold its Plenary and Committee sittings in Kilifi County during the said period. The Resolution of the County Assembly to suspend its Plenary and Committee sittings to facilitate the *Senate Mashinani* Programme is therefore noted with appreciation, and the House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.”

6. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027.

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

- ii) Report of the Liaison Committee on the activities and operations of Select Committees during the Fourth Session (2025).

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Liaison Committee)

- iii) Report of the Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing on its consideration of the Kenya Roads (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 34 of 2025).

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing)

- iv) Report of the Standing Committee on Education on its consideration of the Basic Education (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 59 of 2023).

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Education)

- v) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 12th May, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

- vi) Memorandum by the Health Union Caucus on the Absorption of UHC and Global Fund Staff to permanent and pensionable terms.

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

7. NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (EQUITABLE SHARE) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 18th June, 2026 and that, pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 189 (3), the Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027.

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

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of 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.

9. **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

a) **Requests for Statement pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)**

- i. The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the discovery of four (4) bodies buried in shallow graves in Mwingi, Kitui County.
- ii. The Senator for Kitui County (Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the protection of farmers from exploitation by brokers and middlemen during the marketing of agricultural produce in Kitui County.
- iii. Nominated Senator (Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the operations and environmental compliance of Environmental Combustion Consultants Limited in Kajiado County.
- iv. The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo' Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the challenges facing green gram farmers in Tharaka Nithi County.
- v. The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the discovery of three bodies in Kathiani and Matungulu Sub-Counties of Machakos County under suspicious and disturbing circumstances.
- vi. The Senator for Bomet County (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Road, Transportation and Housing regarding the failure by the County Government of Bomet to pay contractors for completed road works.
- vii. The Senator for Kiambu County (Sen. Karungo Thang'wa, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Information, Communication and Technology regarding the status of the Constituency Digital

Innovation Hubs Project and the legal and policy framework supporting the digital economy in Kenya.

- viii. Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the prolonged and unexplained stalling of the Kombani Fresh Produce Market Project in Kwale County.
- ix. The Senator for Uasin Gishu County (Sen. Jackson Mandago, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialization and Tourism regarding the procurement tender for plumbing, drainage, sewer treatment and fire-fighting installation works under Tender Ref. KIRDI/04/2025/2026 at the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute (KIRDI), State Department of Industry.
- x. The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on National Security, Defence and Foreign Relations regarding the tragic lynching of three young men, namely Kennedy Katuu, Stanley Muthungu, and Charles Mutiso, in Machakos Town on 31st May, 2026.
- xi. The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding the welfare, terms of service and career progression of Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) teachers in Nandi County.

b) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57 (1)

The Senate Majority Whip issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 13th July, 2026.

10. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUDGET ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS CASH DISBURSEMENT (EQUITABLE SHARE) SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 18th June, 2026 and that, pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 189 (3), the Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027.

(Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

There being no Senators wishing to contribute;

The House proceeded to a Division;

The Speaker directed that electronic voting be taken, pursuant to Standing Order 86 (2), and that the Division bell be rung for five minutes;

Upon the expiry of five minutes, the Speaker directed that the doors be locked and the bars drawn and asked Senators to log-in for electronic voting;

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was Quorum, pursuant to Standing Order 42 (1);

The Speaker put the Question and directed Senators to cast their votes by pressing either the “Yes”, “No” or “Abstain” button;

Before the results of the Division were announced and pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 86 (5), the Speaker allowed one (1) Senator to record her vote verbally.

Thereupon, **Sen. Mbugua George Mungai, MP** recorded his vote as “Yes” on behalf of the Nyandarua County Delegation

The results of the Division were as follows:

AYES – 31

NOES – 0

ABSTENTION – 0

AYES

1. Sen. Abass Sheikh Mohamed, MP
2. Sen. Adan Dullo Fatuma, MP
3. Sen. Cheburet Kiprono Chemitei, MP
4. Sen. Cherarkey Samson, MP
5. Sen. Cheruiyot Aaron Kipkirui, MP
6. Sen. Ekomwa James Lomenen, MP
7. Sen. Haji Abdul Mohammed, MP
8. Sen. Kajwang’ Moses Otieno, MP
9. Sen. Kamau Joseph Githuku, MP
10. Sen. Khalwale Boni, MP
11. Sen. Kisang William Kipkemai, MP
12. Sen. Maanzo Daniel Kitonga, MP
13. Sen. Madzayo Stewart Mwachiru, MP
14. Sen. Mogeni Erick Okong’o, MP
15. Sen. Mundigi Alexander Munyi, MP
16. Sen. Mungatana Danson Buya, MP
17. Sen. Murango James Kamau, MP
18. Sen. Muthama Agnes Kavindu, MP
19. Sen. Mwaruma Johnes Mwashushe, MP
20. Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP
21. Sen. Mwinyihaji Mohamed Faki, MP

22. Sen. Nderitu John Kinyua, MP
23. Sen. Oginga Oburu, MP
24. Sen. Mbugua George Mungai, MP – voted verbally on behalf of the Nyandarua County delegation
25. Sen. Oketch Eddy Gicheru, MP
26. Sen. Okoiti Andrew Omtatah, MP
27. Sen. Roba Ali Ibrahim, MP
28. Sen. Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, MP
29. Sen. Sifuna Edwin Watenya, MP
30. Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sgei, MP
31. Sen. Wambua Enoch Kiio, MP

Question agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY:

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027, laid on the Table of the Senate on Thursday, 18th June, 2026 and that, pursuant to Section 17 (7) of the Public Finance Management Act and Standing Order 189 (3), the Senate approves the County Governments (Equitable Share) Cash Disbursement Schedule for Financial Year 2026/2027.

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

Order for Second Reading read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Community Health Promoters Bill (National Assembly Bill No.53 of 2022), be now read a Second Time.

(The Senate Majority Leader – 11.06.2026)

Debate interrupted on Thursday, 11th June, 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 the Question to a later date;

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

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

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

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

13. **THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 14 OF 2025)**
(Sen. Abdul Haji, MP)

(Second Reading)

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026 –
Afternoon Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

14. **MOTION - 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)**
(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Reports of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the –

- i) The Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 11 of 2026;
- ii) The Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026); and
- iii) The National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2026);

laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026; and that pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Senate resolves to **annul** 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).

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 11th June, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **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.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **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.

22. **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.

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

Order for Second Reading Read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Kenya Roads (Amendment Bill) (No. 3) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.34 of 2025), be now read a Second Time.

(Sen. Eddy Oketch, MP on behalf of the Senate Majority Leader)

Adjournment of debate pursuant to Standing Order 110(1)

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 110(1) the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) claimed to move-

“That, the debate be now adjourned”.

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) acceding to the claim;

Motion made and Question proposed;

“THAT, the debate be now adjourned”

(Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP)

Debate arising;

There being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

Before the Question was put and pursuant to Standing Order 84(1), the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) ruled that the Question does not affect counties.

Question put and agreed to.

24. **MOTION – CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE, LEGAL AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. LABAN OMUSUNDI REGARDING THE ENACTMENT OF A LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL OF THE PRESIDENT OR A GOVERNOR THROUGH A CITIZEN INITIATIVE**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on its consideration of a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi regarding the enactment of a legal framework to provide for recall of the President or a Governor through a citizen initiative, laid on the table of the Senate on Thursday, 11th June, 2026.

Order deferred.

25. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH ON A PETITION TO THE SENATE BY MR. PATRICK MUSILU AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE PROTECTION AND PROPAGATION OF THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THE NEW GENERATION (*MUTHEA*) ANTI-VENOM IN KENYA**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Health)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Health on a Petition to the Senate by Mr. Patrick Musilu and others concerning the protection and propagation of the commercialization of the New Generation (*Muthea*) Anti-venom in Kenya, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 17th June, 2026.

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Mohamed Chute, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

30. **THE REFERENDUM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

31. **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.

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.

32. **MOTION – ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE**

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 31 (3), the Senate do adjourn until Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Debate arising;

There being no more Senators wishing to contribute;

And there being no other business on the Order Paper, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Wakili Hillary Sigei, MP) adjourned the Senate at twenty-nine minutes past Six O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

33. **SENATE ROSE** – twenty-nine minutes past Six O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, 14th July, 2026 at 2:30 pm*

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