



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 05, 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. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair:

a) Visiting delegation from Nyali Comprehensive School in Mombasa County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of five (5) teachers and fifty-two (52) students from Nyali Comprehensive School in Mombasa County, who are seated in the Public Gallery. 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.”

b) Visiting delegation from Kabianga Comprehensive School

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of eight (8) teachers and sixteen (16) students from Kabianga Comprehensive School, who are seated in the Public Gallery. 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) Voluntary Service Scheme by Starehe Boys’ Centre and School, Loreto Convent Valley Road and Alliance High School

“Honorable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, of students from Starehe Boys’ Centre and School, Loreto Convent Valley Road and Alliance High School who are undertaking a one (1) week service in the Senate under the schools’ Voluntary Service Scheme (VSS).

The Voluntary Service Scheme aims to provide students with an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge and work experience of how Parliament functions, including the legislative process and deeper understanding of governance.

In our usual tradition of receiving and welcoming visitors to Parliament, I extend a warm welcome to them and, on behalf of the Senate and on my own behalf, wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you!”

3. PAPERS LAID

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

- i) Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Stakeholder Forum on the challenges facing the sugar sector held at Mabanga Agricultural Training College in Bungoma County on 26th May, 2026.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

- ii) Report of the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights (JLAHR) on its consideration of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2026).

(Sen. Daniel Maanzo, MP on behalf of the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

4. **PETITION**

Pursuant to Standing Order 236 (2)(a), the Senator for Homa Bay County (Sen. Moses Kajwang', MP) presented a Petition to the Senate regarding unregulated establishment of commercial fish cages in Mbita, Mfangano, Rusinga Islands, Sindo, Gingo and Ngodhe in Lake Victoria.

Pursuant to Standing Order 238 (1), the Deputy Speaker committed the Petition to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries for consideration.

5. **NOTICE OF MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES ON STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON THE CHALLENGES FACING THE SUGAR SECTOR HELD AT MABANGA AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COLLEGE IN BUNGOMA COUNTY ON 26TH MAY, 2026**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)

THAT, the senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries on Stakeholder Forum on the challenges facing the sugar sector held at Mabanga Agricultural Training College in Bungoma County on 26th May, 2026, laid on the Table of the Senate, on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026.

6. **NOTICE OF MOTION - IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES**

(Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43(1)(d) of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to clean and safe water in adequate quantities and to reasonable standards of sanitation;

COGNIZANT THAT under the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, county governments are responsible for county water and sanitation services, while the National Government is responsible for water resources management, policy and regulation, and that the Water Act, 2016 and the National Water Policy provide the framework for universal, equitable and sustainable access to water and sanitation services, thereby requiring effective intergovernmental coordination to ensure equitable access to such services;

CONCERNED THAT despite the existing constitutional, legal and policy framework, many residents of informal settlements in Nairobi City County continue to experience inadequate, unreliable, unsafe and unaffordable access to water and sanitation services due to inadequate infrastructure, weak implementation and insufficient investment in water supply and sanitation infrastructure and service delivery;

APPRECIATING THAT expanding water and sanitation infrastructure, strengthening public-private-community partnerships and promoting community participation can significantly improve access to affordable, safe and sustainable water and sanitation services within informal settlements;

NOW THEREFORE, THE SENATE resolves that the Nairobi City County Government, through the Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, the Athi Water Works Development Agency, the Water Resources Authority and other relevant agencies —

1. Develops and implements a County Water and Sanitation Improvement Plan with clear targets, timelines and financing for expanding water and sewerage services to informal settlements;
2. Strengthens water supply infrastructure, sewerage networks and sanitation facilities, while promoting appropriate low-cost and innovative service delivery models;
3. Establishes transparent regulatory and consumer protection measures to curb illegal water connections, exploitation through informal water vending, inflated tariffs and unsafe water supply practices; and
4. Deploys, in collaboration with the Water Resources Authority, adequate financial, technical and institutional resources to restore and protect urban rivers and water catchment areas within Nairobi City County through strengthened enforcement against pollution, rehabilitation of riparian ecosystems and sustained investment in water resource protection, so as to ensure a reliable and sustainable supply of clean and safe water to residents of Nairobi City County.

7. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

a) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 52 (1)

The Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) made a Statement regarding Team Kenya's outstanding performance at the 2026 Commonwealth Games held in Glasgow, Scotland.

In the Statement, the Senator highlighted that Team Kenya won 12 medals, three gold, four silver and five bronze, including a historic clean sweep in the men's 3,000-metre steeplechase and a record-breaking gold medal by Ms. Faith Cherotich. He also highlighted the strong performances in athletics, javelin and weightlifting as evidence of Kenya's sporting excellence.

The Senator observed that the athletes had enhanced Kenya's international reputation, inspired young people and demonstrated the

country's potential across various sporting disciplines. He called on the Government to recognise and reward the athletes adequately, invest in their welfare and preparation, and strengthen sports infrastructure, coaching and grassroots talent development to sustain Kenya's success in international competitions.

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

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Betty Montet, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the impact of industrial air emissions from cement and steel manufacturing companies in the country.
- ii) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the plight of sugarcane farmers at Nzoia Sugar Company in Bungoma County and across other sugar companies nationwide.
- iii) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights regarding the voting rights of serving police and other security officers.
- iv) The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations regarding the status of pending county development projects initiated before September, 2022.
- v) Nominated Senator (Sen. Catherine Mumma, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the regulatory failures by the Ministry of Mining and the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to safeguard River Yala from the environmental and ecological risks posed by illegal gold mining activities in Kakamega County.
- vi) Nominated Senator (Sen. Raphael Chimera, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the implementation and operational status of the Mgalani-Busho-Kilibasi Water Project in Mackinnon Road Ward, Kwale County.

8. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the conferment of City

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status to Thika Municipality, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026 and, that pursuant to section 8 (6) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, approves the conferment of City status to Thika Municipality.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 30th July, 2026)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

9. **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.

10. **THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)**
(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th August, 2026)
(Division)*

Order deferred.

11. **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.

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 ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)

(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)

Order deferred.

14. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

15. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

16. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE REFERENDUM BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 3 OF 2026)

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

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. George Mbugua, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. James Murango, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

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

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

21. THE CROPS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 8 OF 2023)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Second Reading)

Order deferred.

22. MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026.

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

Debate arising;

And the time being thirty minutes past Six O'clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings and adjourned the Senate without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

23. **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
Thursday, August 06, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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