



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026 (MORNING SITTING)

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Nine 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 no Quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Speaker directed that the Bell be rung for a further ten minutes;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the further 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:

i. Visiting delegation of teachers and students from Kaptagat Preparatory School in Uasin Gishu County

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of five (7) teachers and eighty (35) students from Kaptagat Preparatory School in Uasin Gishu 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 our own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful visit.

I thank you.”

ii. Visiting delegation of teachers and students Kapkormom Primary School in Kericho County

“Honourable Senators,

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5. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**QUESTIONS**

- i) Question No. 065 by the Senator for Kisumu County (Sen. (Prof.) Tom Ojienda, SC, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy on circulation of false emergency information, digitally manipulated content and impersonation of public institutions or officials online was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- ii) Question No. 053 by the Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports on coordination, equality and sustainability of Youth Empowerment Programmes was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.
- iii) Question No. 069 by Nominated Senator (Sen. Hamida Kibwana, MP) to the Cabinet Secretary for Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports on provision of financial, medical, housing and other social protection benefits to retired sports heroes and heroines was deferred in the absence of the Cabinet Secretary.

6. MOTION - PROVISION OF IFMIS REPORTS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO THE SENATE

Order read;

Motion made and Question proposed;

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 to 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;

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.

(Sen. Andrew Omtatah Okoiti, MP – 15.07.2026)

Debate interrupted on Tuesday, 28th July, 2026 resumed for Question to be put;

Before the question was put, and pursuant to standing order No. 84 (2), the Speaker ruled that the motion does not affect counties.

And the Speaker having ascertained that there was a quorum, pursuant to standing order 42 (1);

Question put and agreed to.

RESOLVED ACCORDINGLY

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7. **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 read;

Order deferred.

8. **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 read;

Order deferred.

9. **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 read;

Order deferred.

10. **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.

Order read;

Order deferred.

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

11. **SENATE ROSE** – at ten O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.*

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