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# PARLIAMENT OF KENYA

## THE SENATE

## THE HANSARD

**Tuesday, 17th November, 2026**

*The House met at the Senate Chamber,*
*Parliament Buildings, at 2.32 p.m.*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Kingi) in the Chair]*

PRAYER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AT COMMENCEMENT OF SITTING

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Clerk, do we have quorum?

*(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted with the Speaker)*

Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly ring the Quorum Bell for 10 minutes.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Order, honourable Senators. I am informed that we do have quorum now. Therefore, we will proceed with the business of the day.

Clerk, you may proceed to call the first Order.

**MESSAGES FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

PASSAGE OF THE ANTI-DOPING (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.66 OF 2026)

Hon. Senators, I wish to report to the Senate that pursuant to Standing Order No.46(3), I have received a Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the National Assembly, of The Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2026). The Message dated Monday, 16th November, 2026, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, 17th November, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.46(4), I now report the Message:

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"WHEREAS The Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2026) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No.237 of 28th September, 2026, as a Bill to amend the Anti-Doping Act to align it with the revised World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code;

AND WHEREAS the National Assembly considered the Bill and passed it without amendments on Wednesday, 11th November, 2026, and in the form attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with the provisions of Article 110 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby refer the Bill to the Senate for consideration."

Hon. Senators, Standing Order No.163(1) requires that a Bill which originates from the National Assembly be proceeded with in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading, in accordance with Standing Order No.144. Accordingly, I will, at the appropriate time during the sitting, direct the Clerk to read The Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2026) a first time.

I thank you.

*(Several Senators stood at the Bar)*

Hon. Senators, you may walk in and take your seats.

*(Several Senators walked into the Chamber and took their seats)*

## APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATED VERSION OF THE COOPERATIVES BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.7 OF 2024)

Hon. Senators, I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order No.46(3), I have received a Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the approval, by the National Assembly, of the mediated version of The Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No.7 of 2024). The Message dated Thursday, 5th November, 2026, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, 11th November, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.46(4), I now report the Message–

"WHEREAS The Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No.7 of 2024) was published vide Kenya Gazette Supplement No.32 of 2024, considered and passed by the National Assembly on 3rd December, 2024, and thereafter referred to the Senate for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS the Senate considered and passed the Bill with amendments which, upon reconsideration by the National Assembly, were rejected on Tuesday, 14th April, 2026, following which the Bill was committed to a mediation committee, appointed pursuant to Article 113(1) of the Constitution;

FURTHER WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of Article 113(2) of the Constitution and Standing Order 150, the National Assembly considered and approved

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the mediated version of The Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No.7 of 2024) on Thursday, 5th November, 2026, in the form agreed by the Mediation Committee on the Bill;

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution and Standing Order 154(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate."

Hon. Senators, as you are aware, the Motion for consideration of the report of the Mediation Committee on The Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No.7 of 2024) and approval of the mediated version of the Bill is still pending before the Senate. Once the Senate votes on the Motion, its decision shall similarly be communicated to the National Assembly for appropriate action in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.

I thank you.

## DECISION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC AUDIT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.4 OF 2024)

Further, I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order No.46(3), I have received a Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the decision of the National Assembly on the Senate amendments to The Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.4 of 2024). The Message, dated Thursday, 5th November, 2026, was received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Tuesday, 10th November, 2026.

Pursuant to Standing Order No.46(4), I now report the Message –

"WHEREAS on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025, the National Assembly passed The Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.4 of 2024), and thereafter referred it to the Senate for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS on Tuesday, 21st July, 2026, the Senate considered and passed the said Bill with amendments, and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution;

FURTHER WHEREAS on Wednesday, 21st October, 2026, the National Assembly rejected the Motion on consideration of the Senate amendments to The Public Audit (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.4 of 2024), thereby committing the Bill to a mediation committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Orders 41(1) and 148(b) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate and seek appointment of nine Senators to a mediation committee to consider the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution."

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Hon. Senators, consequent to the said decision, the Speaker of the National Assembly appointed the following Members of the National Assembly to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution-

1. Hon. (CPA) Kimani Kuria, CBS, MP
2. Hon. (CPA) Julius Rutto, MP
3. Hon. George Sunkuiya, MP
4. Hon. Gathoni Wamuchomba, HSC, MP
5. Hon. Chiforomodo Mangale, MP
6. Hon. Peter Kaluma, CBS, MP
7. Hon. Zamzam Mohamed, MP
8. Hon. Umul Ker Kassim, MP
9. Hon. Kakuta Maimai, MP

Hon. Senators, I will, at the appropriate time, and in consultation with the Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader, appoint Senators to the Mediation Committee to attempt to develop a version of the Bill that both Houses will pass in accordance with Article 131 of the Constitution and Standing Order No.166(2) of the Senate.

I thank you.

Next Order.

*(Loud consultations)*

## PAPERS

The Chairperson of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation, Senator for Tharaka Nithi, you are taking too long praying.

### LEGAL NOTICES FOR VARIOUS WETLANDS PROTECTION AREAS

**Sen. Gataya Mo Fire**: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Senate today, Tuesday, 17th November, 2026-

The Wei Wei Wetland Protection Area Order (Legal Notice No.219 of 2026).

The Ondiri Wetland Protection Area Order (Legal Notice No.220 of 2026).

The Nyanturago Wetland Protection Area Order (Legal Notice No.221 of 2026).

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

This is the Chairperson of the Committee on Delegated Legislation.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): The Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare. Do you have a Member from that Committee? Senator for Kilifi County, Sen. Madzayo, are you a member?

*(Loud consultations)*

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REPORT OF THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL

**The Senate Minority Leader** (Sen Madzayo): Yes, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of the Senate today, Tuesday, 17th November, 2026-

Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on its consideration of The Sports (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.5 of 2026).

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): The Senate Majority Leader.

KENYA'S 2027 BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICY FRAMEWORK

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay the following Papers on the Table of the Senate today, Tuesday, 17th November, 2026-

The Budget Policy Statement, 2027.

The Draft Division of Revenue Bill, 2027.

The Draft County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2027.

The Draft County Governments Additional Allocations Bill, 2027.

The Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy, 2027.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Next Order,

*(The Clerk consulted with the Speaker)*

*(Sen. Cheruiyot and Sen. Oketch Gicheru stood at their places)*

Senate Majority Leader, kindly take your seat together with Sen. Oketch Gicheru.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PROCESSING OF THE 2027 BUDGET POLICY STATEMENT

Hon. Senators, I have the following communication to make regarding processing of the 2027 Budget Policy Statement.

As honourable Senators are aware, and as outlined in The Public Finance Management Act, Cap 412A, the Budget Process involves preparation of key policy documents for approval by Cabinet and Parliament.

Given that 2027 will be a general election year, preparation of the Financial Year 2027/2028 and Medium-Term Budget will require to be fast-tracked to ensure that the budget estimates are approved by Parliament before proceeding on recess, in preparation for the General Elections slated for August, 2027.

Resultantly, via the Circular No.10 of 2026, dated 6th July, 2026, the National Treasury set timelines to facilitate finalisation and approval of the budget policy documents, a legislative instrument well ahead of the general elections.

Consequently, by a letter Reference No.CONF/MOF/83/02/TY.5/7, dated 13th November, 2026, and received in the office of the Clerk of the Senate on the same day,

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the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury submitted the following documents for consideration and approval by Parliament-

(1) The Budget Policy Statement 2027
(2) The Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy 2027
(3) The Draft Division of Revenue Bill 2027
(4) The Draft County Allocation of Revenue Bill 2027
(5) The Draft County Governments Additional Locations Bill 2027

Hon. Senators, as you may have noted, the Senate Majority Leader has just tabled the Budget Policy Statement for the Financial Year 2027/2028. The Budget Policy Statement sets out the broad strategic priorities and policy goals that will guide national government and county governments in preparing their budgets both for the subsequent financial year, and over the medium term.

It contains, among other things-

(a) An assessment of the current state of the economy and the financial outlook over the medium term, including the microeconomic forecast;

(b) the financial outlook with respect to government revenues, expenditures and borrowing for the next financial year, and over the medium term;

(c) the proposed expenditure limits for the National Government, including those of Parliament and the Judiciary, for indicative transfers to county governments; and,

(d) the fiscal responsibility principles and financial objectives over the medium term, including limits on total annual debt and the proposed division of revenue, including proposed conditional grants, if any.

In a nutshell, it means that any proposal that Senators have regarding The Division of Revenue Bill, The County Allocation of Revenue Bill, and The County Governments Additional Allocations Bill, which will contain funds for conditional allocations to the counties, should be canvassed and forwarded to the National Treasury for inclusion in the Budget Policy Statement.

Pursuant to Section 25(8) of The Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A, and Standing Order No.186(9) of the Senate, the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury and Economic Planning is expected to take into account resolutions passed by Parliament in finalising the Budget for Financial Year 2027/2028.

Hon. Senators, Section 25(7) of The Public Finance Management Act provides as follows, and I quote-

"Parliament shall, not later than 21 days after the Budget Policy Statement is submitted to Parliament, table and discuss a report containing its recommendations and pass a resolution to adopt it with or without amendments."

Further, Standing Order No.186(5) and (6) requires the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget to deliberate upon and consult the Cabinet Secretary responsible for finance, the Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA), the Council of County Governors, among other stakeholders, and table a report containing its recommendations on the Budget Policy Statement within 12 days.

Hon. Senators, in line with Standing Order No.186(4), the Budget Policy Statement shall be committed to all Standing Committees for consideration, each committee concentrating on their respective mandates. The committees shall, thereafter,

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submit the recommendations to the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget within 7 days, but not later than Thursday, 26th November, 2026. I urge the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget to expedite the processing and consideration of the Budget Policy Statement and table its report on or before Tuesday, 1st December, 2026, to enable the Senate to debate and make a resolution on the matter before the date scheduled for the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, 3rd December, 2026.

I, therefore, urge that you prioritise the scrutiny of the Budget Policy Statement, taking into consideration our most important function of safeguarding devolution.

I thank you.

Next Order.

Senate Majority Leader.

## MOTION

### ALTERATION OF THE SENATE CALENDAR FOR THE FIFTH SESSION

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to give notice of the following Motion, which is alteration of the Senate Calendar for the Fifth Session, 2026-

> THAT, notwithstanding the resolutions of the Senate made pursuant to Standing Order 32 on 17th February and 3rd June, 2026, and the provisions of Standing Order 34 (Hours of Meeting), the Senate resolves to alter its Calendar for the Fifth Session, 2026, so as not to hold a morning sitting on Wednesday, 18th November, 2026.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

### VISITING DELEGATION FROM THE PARLIAMENT OF UGANDA

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Honourable Senators, before I ask the Clerk to call the next order, I have this communication to make.

I acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation from the Parliament of Uganda who are seated in the Speaker's Gallery. The delegation comprises twelve members who are in the Senate on a benchmarking visit.

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

1. Hon. (Dr.) Aceng Jane Ruth Ocero, MP, Government Chief Whip and Woman Member of Parliament for Lira City in Northern Uganda;
2. Hon. Fredrick Ruhindi, MP, Leader of Delegation
3. Hon. Richard Ongorok, MP, Member;
4. Hon. Abdullah Kiwanuka, MP, Member;
5. Hon. Eng. Cuthbert Abigaba, MP, Member;

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6. Hon. Godfrey Wanyoto, MP, Member;
7. Hon. Sarah Namulondo, MP, Member;
8. Mr. Elisha Bafirawala, Legal Council (PWD);
9. Ms. Agatha Akankunda, Clerk Assistant;
10. Mr. Emmanuel Kyambadde, Parliamentary Aide;
11. Mr. Ssewamala George William, Personal Assistant
12. Mr. Ronald Agaba, Senior Protocol Officer

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

## VISITING DELEGATION FROM BUSY BEE SCHOOL IN MOMBASA COUNTY

I also wish to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of four teachers and 32 students, from Busy Bee 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 my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful visit.

I will request the Majority Leader to extend a warm welcome to both delegations.

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for this opportunity for and on behalf of the House, to welcome our colleagues from the Parliament of Uganda, Kenya's best friend on the international stage. Kenya and Uganda share a lot of history, trade, culture, connection, people, and so many things. The list is endless. Therefore, any opportunity for Members of the Parliament of Uganda to come and interact with us, share ideas, and pick a few lessons from us, as well, just like we always do when we visit Uganda, is a welcome opportunity.

I wish these members well as they pursue whatever their interests may be during this current visit, and hope that they will come again.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the last thing is to appreciate students from Busy Bee School in Mombasa County. The students are seated in our public gallery, enjoying the afternoon session and watching as business unfolds. I am certain that in the course of the afternoon, should they stay long enough, they will witness us legislate and do actual law making, because we have a number of items listed on our Order Paper this afternoon. The might as well witness debate.

I wish these students the very best as they interact with us, as they travel back to Mombasa, and in the course of their studies.

Thank you.

*(Applause)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Miraj, under one minute.

**Sen. Miraj**: Asante, Mheshimiwa Spika, kwa kunipa fursa hii ili niweze kuwakaribisha wanafunzi wetu kutoka shule ya Busy Bee, ambayo ilikua jirani yangu pale Buxton.

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Mwenyezi Mungu amewabariki wanafunzi wote kutoka Gatuzi ya Mombasa. Hii ni kwa sababu mmeweza kupata fursa hii ya kuja kukaa katika Bunge hili ambalo linatengeneza sheria katika taifa letu la Kenya.

Nawasihi mjihisi huru, na mchukue masomo ili mtakapo rudi mashinani wakati huu wa likizo ndefu, muweze kujichunga na kuwahadithia wenzenu yale mazuri ambayo mutakayo yaona katika Bunge hili.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Clerk, let us go to the next Order.

## QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

## STATEMENTS

Statements pursuant to Standing Order No.52(1).
Proceed, Sen. Hezena.

### APPOINTMENT OF SEN. VERONICA MAINA, MP AS THE DEPUTY SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

**Sen. Lemaletian**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise, pursuant to Standing Order No.52 (1), to make a statement on a matter of general topical concern regarding the appointment of Sen. Veronica Maina, CBS, MP as the Deputy Senate Majority Leader.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, as the Vice Chairperson of the Kenya Women Senators Association (KEWOSA), I take this early opportunity to congratulate her on this remarkable achievement. Her appointment is a fitting recognition of her commitment to public service, her leadership and of the confidence that the Senate and the majority party have placed in her. It is also a significant milestone for women across Kenya who continue to break barriers in leadership and governance.

The Office of the Deputy Senate Majority Leader plays an important role in shaping legislative priorities, building consensus and advancing the work of the Senate. Sen. Maina is well prepared for this responsibility. As a Member of the Speaker's Panel, she has ably presided over sittings of the Senate, guided debate, and chaired the Committee of the Whole. She is also the current Chairperson of KEWOSA, a position through which she helps to strengthen female Senators' political participation, advance gender equity and inclusivity, and promote grassroots engagement, among other activities.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, beyond her personal success, her appointment is a victory for women in politics and leadership in Kenya. For many years, women have worked tirelessly to secure greater representation in decision-making spaces and to ensure that their voices are heard at the highest level of governance. Every milestone achieved by a woman leader helps expand opportunities for others, and demonstrates that leadership is strengthened when it reflects the diversity and aspirations of the people it serves.

Her elevation sends a powerful message to women and girls across the country that public leadership is within their reach, and that determination, competence and service opens doors. It also reflects the strides being made towards inclusion and gender

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equity in our institutions, which enrich our democracy and broadens perspectives in decision-making.

Those who know her work understand the dedication, resilience and determination that has brought her to this moment. Leadership is often tested not during moments of celebration, but through persistence, sacrifice and a steadfast commitment to the responsibilities entrusted to one by the people. She has consistently demonstrated these qualities, and it is, therefore, reassuring to know that this important office will be occupied by someone who understands both the opportunities and obligations that come with public service.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is particularly encouraging to see women increasingly taking their rightful place in positions of influence and responsibility within our institutions. Such progress enriches our democracy, broadens perspectives in decision making, and helps to ensure that the national development benefits from the talents and contribution of all Kenyans. Her election is, therefore, not only a recognition of her individual capabilities, but also a reflection of the important strides being made towards greater inclusion and gender equity in leadership.

I am confident that she will serve with distinction, wisdom, integrity, and that this office will give her a greater platform to champion policies that strengthen our democratic institutions, improve the lives of *Wananchi*, and inspire the next generation of women leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, today we celebrate not only the hon. Senator's election, but also what it represents – the triumph of hard work, the advancement of women's leadership and the continued strengthening of Kenya's democratic institutions. This achievement is a reminder that barriers can be broken, progress can be made, and capable women have an indispensable role in shaping the future of our nation.

Once again, congratulations, Sen. Veronica Maina, on this well-deserved achievement. I wish you every success as you undertake this important responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for the opportunity to make this Statement.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Request for Statement pursuant to Standing Order No.53(1), Senator for Murang'a County, the hon. Joe Nyutu.

Is Sen. Joe Nyutu not here? That Statement is dropped.

## LEGALITY OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT BY NON-UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS

*(Statement dropped*)

Sen. Hezena, do you have a request for Statement?

**Sen. Lemaletian:** Yes

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): You may proceed.

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## STATE OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN DISPENSARIES ACROSS SAMBURU COUNTY

**Sen. Lemaletian**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.53 (1) to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Health on a matter of countywide concern regarding the state of healthcare services and infrastructure in dispensaries across Samburu County.

Longstanding concerns have persisted among residents of Samburu County regarding the severe infrastructure deficit at dispensaries across Samburu County. This situation recently became alarming when reports surfaced of two critically ill patients in dire need of urgent medical attention were attended to in an appalling manner at Latakweny Dispensary, with one being attended to in pitch darkness, and the other reportedly left lying outside the facility. More than 13 years into devolution, locals continue to endure such unacceptable conditions while seeking essential healthcare services.

In the statement, the committee should address the following-

(1) The operational status of each dispensary in Samburu County, including facility functionality, staffing levels, availability of electricity, backup power, water access, sanitation and medical waste disposal infrastructure and the provision of essential medicine and medical equipment;

(2) the circumstances surrounding the reported treatment of critically ill patients in darkness at Latakweny Dispensary, and the measures taken to ensure patient safety and access to emergency and referral services in dispensaries across Samburu County;

(3) the budgetary allocation and expenditure on the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of dispensaries in the county since 2013, including the projects approved, implemented, stalled and abandoned, and the reasons for non-implementation of any approved projects; and,

(4) the immediate interventions and long-term plans to improve infrastructure and service delivery, and measures to equip and adequately staff dispensaries in Samburu County.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Tabitha Mutinda.

## LEADERSHIP DISPUTES AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES AT THE FOOTBALL KENYA FEDERATION

**Sen. Tabitha Mutinda**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.53 to seek a statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare on a matter of national concern regarding the present leadership disputes and governance challenges at the Football Kenya Federation (FKF).

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the recent months, Kenyans have witnessed public and chaotic disagreements between different factions within the ranks of the FKF, marked by claims of financial mismanagement and other irregularities within the federation.

These developments have exposed deep divisions within the federation's leadership, raising concerns about the potential adverse effects on the interests of players, clubs,

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referees, coaches and other stakeholders, as well as effective administration of football in Kenya.

In this statement, the committee should address the following-

(1) Whether there have been any formal investigations to the claims of financial mismanagement and other irregularities within FKF and, if so, obtain the findings of such investigations;

(2) the other factors contributing to the present leadership disputes at FKF;

(3) the interventions to address the matter and prevent further disability within the federation; and,

(4) the reforms being considered to strengthen the overall governance, accountability and transparency at FKF, along with details on the associated timelines for their implementations.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Senator for Nyamira County, Hon. Okong'o Omogeni, Senior Counsel.

That statement is dropped.

## PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE KENYAN EMBASSY IN BERN, SWITZERLAND

*(Statement dropped)*

Hon. Senators, I will allow comments on the statements that have been sought for not more than 15 minutes. Therefore, if you get an opportunity to speak, kindly do so for not more than three minutes.

**Sen. Maanzo**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for the opportunity to comment on Sen. Hezena's statement about the situation of health facilities in the country.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, health is devolved and our work, as a Senate, is to defend devolution. There is an equipment that was hired from the national Government and given to counties. My submission is that health should be fully devolved so that matters that are handled by governors and senators oversight are fully within the counties.

A lot of time, we are unable to do small things like scanning in a public hospital. People are sent to private clinics to do that, yet in rural Kenya, the distances are long. The most important thing is to preserve life. The Ministry of Health is devolved so that people are attended to, and that life is saved as soon as possible. Therefore, I support her statement. It is better to devolve every single aspect of health. Whatever the national government is handling, other than policy, should be devolved.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, today the Cabinet Secretary for Health appeared before the Committee on Delegated Legislation. We approved the Ebola Regulations and challenged him to ensure that people living in villages and at the borders do not go through the porous boundaries and bring Ebola to Kenya. I believe that once governors are alerted of these things, the health situation will be better in the country.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Boni Khalwale.

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**Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale:** I rise to seek further clarity on the statement by Sen. Tabitha Mutinda concerning football. It has to be made clear to this government that football is part of the agenda. Football is a serious economic driver the world over. In fact, football stars are better paid than many African Presidents.

It is amazing how a properly elected Vice President can be removed by a properly elected President in some kangaroo sitting in Meru without any regard to the rule of law. What is more, there are conflicting court rulings regarding FKF. It is important that the government realises that it has to play a stabilising role.

Given that it is commonly known that any matter concerning football going before any court of law immediately attracts suspension of that federation from the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), with of course the attendant consequences to our youth, the government should be interested. This is why we are pleading every day. May this government appreciate the meaning of the rule of law because if they did, they would not be interfering with FIFA programmes the way they are doing.

I thank Sen. Mutinda for that forward thinking, and hope that the matter will be addressed.

More importantly, the Kshs42 Million that was taken by Mr. Hussein, the President of FIFA when the African Cup was here in the name of insurance, must surely be recovered.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Eddie Oketch.

**Sen. Oketch Gicheru:** Thank you for that opportunity. I want to comment on the statement by Sen. Hezena Lemaletian. The status of hospitals alongside the issue of equipment is extremely dire in our counties. I also wish that the committee would further focus on the issue of staffing in these hospitals.

If you look at what is happening in hospitals today across board--- I have had the chance of visiting my friend, Sen. Chute, in Marsabit County, and we checked the Level 4 and the Level 5 Hospitals. There was a time I was in Mandera County and, of course, my home county, Migori. We visited a number of these hospitals across the country. The issue of understaffing is one that I hope this committee will look into, because almost all our hospitals experience a very serious doctors or specialists to patients ratio of almost 1:15,000, and 1:30,000 in some places like Marsabit, where I went.

I have seen a number of notices by the national Government around employment in the Teacher's Service Commission (TSC) and the Department of Defence. I hope that the hiring and employment of specialists from the Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC) can be considered so that we can supply a good number of personnel to hospitals in the counties, because this is a big problem.

Other than the personnel issue, I hope this committee could further look into the issue of the stocks of drugs in our hospitals. The frequent stock-out of drugs in our hospitals is wanting. Patients go to hospitals in the counties, diagnosis is done, and they are told to get drugs outside.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I hope that this committee can assess the problem that makes it impossible to have drugs in our hospitals. The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority

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(KEMSA) is the primary supplier that should be giving hospitals medicine. We have expired drugs that are being given to people in hospitals. We also have extreme inefficiencies in procurement of these drugs in hospitals.

I hope that this committee would unearth these inefficiencies in procurement between KEMSA and our hospitals that makes it impossible to use KEMSA to give us drugs on time, and sometimes makes it impossible for our counties to use other alternative suppliers to get drugs. We do not want a situation where people have mushrooming chemists that they send people to get drugs in our counties. I hope that the committee will---

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Mohamed Abass

**Sen. Abass:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I want to also comment on the statements of Sen. Hezena Lemaletian and Sen. Tabitha Mutinda. It is actually very unfortunate.

After devolution, a lot of resources have been devolved. In many occasions, hospitals have been getting a lot of resources, the highest in the budget. Unfortunately, when you go there, you only see a lot of buildings coming up. It is a good idea but, of course, when you go to those hospitals, drugs are an issue. People do not even access medicine there. Additionally, they employ so many staff. That was good work, however, most of the staff are not there because they have nothing to administer. Most of the dispensaries in the rural areas are closed.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also think that the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries must do something. I attended a site visit with the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, and we found some pathetic situations in my own county.

In addition, the FKF seems to be a very lucrative place, because every time other time, members are fighting. I do not know what they are fighting over. They must be having lot of money there. Otherwise, it is very embarrassing to see the officials of FKF always fighting. That is why we are feeling as if we cannot go and compete with our neighbours like Tanzania and Uganda. Due to politics and self-interests, most of the members of the FKF are not well paid and are hence discouraged. I think it is high time that we investigate what is happening there. Otherwise, as it were, we will not be going forward. Last time, the players were discouraged after they were left in the streets of where they had gone to visit. We need a very serious investigation on this matter.

Thank you so much.

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Yes, Senate Majority Leader, what is your intervention?

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I remember you had indicated that should we raise the necessary delegations, we would pause business, do the voting, and then we resume afterwards.

I wish to bring to your attention that we now have, within the precincts of Parliament, sufficient delegations. If you could agree, we could ring the Bell for three to five minutes, have everybody in, we conclude on those items, and then we revert to this programme.

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**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Why can we not dispense with Orders No.8 and 9, and then we go to Division? Order No.8 is on First Reading. Order No.9 is with regard to the alteration of the Calendar. Thereafter, we will move to Division.

Clerk, could you call out Orders No. 8 and 9?

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): That is okay.

## BILL

*First Reading*

THE ANTI-DOPING (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2026)

*(Order for First Reading read – Read the First Time and ordered to be referred to the relevant Senate Committee)*

## MOTION

ALTERATION OF THE SENATE CALENDAR
FOR THE FIFTH SESSION (2026)

**The Senate Majority Leader** (Sen. Cheruiyot): Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise to move the following Motion on the alteration of the Senate Calendar for the Fifth Session, 2026-

THAT, notwithstanding the resolutions of the Senate made pursuant to Standing Order No. 32 on 17th February and 3rd June 2026 and the provisions of Standing Order No. 34 (Hours of Meeting), the Senate resolves to alter its Calendar for the Fifth Session, 2026, so as not to hold a morning sitting on Wednesday, 18th November, 2026.

This is a routine matter. We have the State of the Nation Address tomorrow, and preparations are currently underway. Access to Parliament will be limited. Therefore, in light of that, the Senate Business Committee proposes to the House that we suspend the morning sitting to prepare for the afternoon sitting.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

I request the Senate Minority Leader to second.

**The Senate Minority Leader** (Sen. Madzayo): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I second.

*(Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale stood in his place)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Boni Khalwale, kindly take your seat.

Honourable Senators, I will now propose the question.

*(Question proposed)*

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Honourable Senators, the Floor is open to debate. However, with your concurrence, I may proceed to put the question.

Do I have your concurrence?

**Hon. Senators:** Yes

Very well, I will now put the question.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Next Order.

## MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS (ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS) CASH DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Additional Allocations) Cash Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/2027, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday 11th November, 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 Additional Allocations Cash Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/2027.

*(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda on 12.11.2026)*

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on 12.11.2026)*

*(Division)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly ring the Division Bell for three minutes.

*(The Division Bell was rung)*

*(Loud consultations)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Serjeant-at-Arms, kindly draw the Bar and close the doors.

*(The Bar was drawn and the doors closed)*

Honourable Senators, you will vote electronically. We are going to start with Order No.10.

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Clerk, kindly proceed to call that Order.

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*(Sen. Tabitha Mutinda on 12.11.2026)*

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on 12.11.2026)*

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Honourable Senators, I will now proceed to put the question.

*(Sen. Oketch Gicheru stood up in his place)*

Sen. Eddy Oketch, kindly take your seat.

*(Sen. Oketch Gicheru sat in his place)*

Clerk, is the system up?

*(The Clerk-at-the-Table consulted with the Speaker)*

You may now proceed to vote.

*(Voting in progress)*

Honourable Senators, kindly take your seats, because the results of the Division are out. Take your seats, so that I give you the results of the Division.

*(Several Senators sat in their places)*

*(Voting in progress)*

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**DIVISION**

ELECTRONIC VOTING

*(Question, that the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget on the County Governments (Additional Allocations) Cash Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/2027, laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday 11th November, 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 (Additional Allocations) Cash Disbursement Schedule for the Financial Year 2026/2027 put and the Senate proceeded to vote by county delegations)*

**AYES**: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen Abdul Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Chute, Marsabit County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. Githuku, Lamu County; Sen. Kavindu Muthama, Machakos County; Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale Kakamega County; Sen. Kiprono Chemitei, Baringo County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mandago, Uasin Gishu County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. Mwaruma Taita Taveta County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Sifuna, Nairobi City County; Sen. Tom (Prof.) Odhiambo Ojienda, Kisumu County; Sen. Wakili Sigei, Bomet County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; and, Sen. Wambua, Kitui County.

**NOES:** Nil

**The Speaker** (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, these are the results of the Division on Order No.10-

**AYES:** 25

**NOES:** Nil

**ABSTENTIONS:** Nil

The "Ayes" have it.

*(Question carried by 25 votes to Nil)*

*(Loud consultations)*

Kindly take your seats, Hon. Senators.

*(Loud consultations)*

*(Several Senators stood in their place)*

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Hon. Senators, kindly take your seats. We are going to defer Order No.11 and proceed on Division for Order No.12.

## MOTION

ADOPTION OF REPORT ON THE COOPERATIVES BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 7 OF 2024)

THAT, the Senate **adopts** the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Cooperatives Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 7 of 2024), laid on the table of the Senate on Wednesday, 4th November, 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.

*(Motion deferred)*

Clerk, you may proceed.
Order No.12.
Clerk, is the system up? Can I take this issue after we have voted, Hon. Khalwale?
Let us dispense with the Order that is on the screen, and then I will allow you to bring your intervention.

*(Voting in progress)*

*(Sen. Olekina stood in his place)*

Sen. Olekina, kindly take your seat.
Now, honorouble Senators, the result of the Division is as follows-

## BILL

*Second Reading*

THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.44 OF 2025)

## DIVISION

ELECTRONIC VOTING

*(Question, that the Public Participation Bill (National Assembly Bills No.44) of 2025 be now read a second time, put and the Senate proceeded to vote by County Delegations)*

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**AYES**: Sen. Abass, Wajir County; Sen. Dullo, Isiolo County; Sen. Kiprono Chemitei, Baringo County; Sen. Cherarkey, Nandi County; Sen. Cheruiyot, Kericho County; Sen. Chute, Marsabit County; Sen. Haji, Garissa County; Sen. Githuku, Lamu County; Sen. (Dr.) Khalwale, Kakamega County; Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, Samburu County; Sen. Maanzo, Makueni County; Sen. Madzayo, Kilifi County; Sen. Mandago, Uasin Gishu County; Sen. Mbugua, Nyandarua County; Sen. Kavindu Muthama, Machakos County; Sen. Mwaruma, Taita Taveta County; Sen. Gataya Mo Fire, Tharaka Nithi County; Sen. (Prof.) Tom Odhiambo Ojienda, SC, Kisumu County; Sen. Oketch Gicheru, Migori County; Sen. Olekina, Narok County; Sen. Murgor, West Pokot County; Sen. Sifuna, Nairobi City County; Sen. Wafula, Bungoma County; Sen. Wakili Sigei, Bomet County; and, Sen. Wambua, Kitui County.

**AYES:** 25
**NOES:** Nil
**ABSTENTIONS:** Nil
The "Ayes" have it.

*(Question carried by 25 votes to Nil)*

*(The Bill was read a Second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole tomorrow)*

Serjeant-at-Arms, you may now withdraw the bar and open the doors.

*(The Bar was withdrawn and the doors opened)*

Next Order, Clerk.

Since we are going for Division, at the Committee of the Whole, Clerk, you may read all those Orders for the Committee of the Whole. We are going to the Committee of the Whole for purposes of doing Division.

*(Loud consultations)*

Order, Senators.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

*(Order for the Committee read)*

*[The Speaker (Hon. Kingi) left the Chair]*

IN THE COMMITTEE

*[The Temporary Chairperson (Sen. Wakili Sigei) in the Chair]*

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**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Hon. Senators, please take your seats. Sen. (Prof) Tom Ojienda, Sen. Eddy and Sen. Boni, take your seats.

Hon. Senators, we are in the Committee of the Whole. We will start with consideration of the Referendum Bill (Senate Bills No.3 of 2026).

*(The Clerk-at-Table consulted the Temporary Chairperson)*

Hon. Members, for purposes of housekeeping and order, Order No.13, that is on the Referendum Bill (Senate Bill No.3 of 2026) and Order No.14, The Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2023) are both on division. We will prioritise Orders No.15, 16 and 17 then come back to the two for purposes of division.

THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 51 OF 2024)

We will start with The Business Laws (Amendment) Bill, (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024). We are going to consider the National Assembly's amendments to the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024).

Clerk, you may call out the clause.

*(Consideration of National Assembly amendments)*

*Clause 2*

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

I call upon the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism, to explain the meaning, purpose and effect of the Committee's recommendation. Who is in the House and is a Member of this Committee? Sen. Juma or the Chairperson?

*(The Clerk-at-Table consulted with the Chairperson)*

Honorouble Senators, we shall place aside the briefing by the Chairman of the Committee that was handling the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill, (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024).

We will proceed to the next, which is consideration of the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 4 of 2025).

THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)

Clerk, please proceed.

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*Clauses 3, 4 and 5*

*(Question, that Clauses 3, 4 and 5 be part of the Bill proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division will be at the end. Next.

*Clause 2*

*(Question, that Clause 2 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division will be at the end. Next.

*The Title*

*(Question, that the Title be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division will be at the end. Next.

*Clause 1*

*(Question, that Clause 1 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division will be at the end.

Now, that brings us to a close on the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.4 of 2025).

We are now proceeding to the Culture Bill, (National Assembly Bills No. 12 of 2024); we will proceed to call the clauses.

Clerk, proceed.

THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.12 OF 2024)

*Clauses 3 and 4*

*(Question, that Clauses 3 and 4 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division will be at the end. Next.

*Clause 5*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): I call upon Sen. Ledama Olekina to the amendment.

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**Sen. Olekina:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, Sir, I was seeking to amend Clause 5 of the Bill by inserting the amended Clause:

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended by inserting the following new subclauses immediately after subclause (2)—

(3) In exercising the powers conferred by subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary shall—

(a) consult with communities whose cultural heritage or cultural practices may be significantly affected by the proposed action before making any decision under this Act; and

(b) take into account the particular circumstances and needs of marginalised communities as defined under Article 260 of the Constitution in any matter affecting their respective cultural heritage.

(4) Subsection (3) shall not apply to administrative decisions of a routine or procedural nature.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 6*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Hon. Senators, I call upon Sen. Ledama Olekina to move the proposed amendment

**Sen. Olekina:** The amendment that I would like to propose is that Clause 6 be amended by:

THAT, Clause 6 of the Bill be amended by—

(a) renumbering the existing clause as subclause (1); and

(b) inserting the following new subclauses immediately after the renumbered subclause (1)—

(2) Each county government shall establish a county cultural committee to advise on the promotion, protection and management of cultural activities and cultural heritage within the county.

(3) In constituting a county cultural committee under subsection (2), the county government shall ensure that the membership—

(a) reflects the diversity of communities within the county, including minorities and marginalised communities as defined under Article 260 of the Constitution; and

(b) includes community elders, traditional knowledge holders and cultural practitioners.

(4) Each county government shall provide such support, including funding, as may be necessary to enable county cultural committees to promote and sustain traditional cultural heritage.

(5) The Cabinet Secretary shall, in consultation with county governments, make regulations prescribing the composition, functions, tenure and procedures of county cultural committees established under subsection (2).

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*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clauses 7 and 8*

*(Question, that Clauses 7 and 8 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

Division at the end. Next

*Clause 9*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): I propose that Clause 9 be part of the Bill and call upon Sen. Olekina to move the proposed amendment.

**Sen. Olekina:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, Sir, I would like to propose that:-

THAT, Clause 9 of the Bill be amended by deleting subclause (3) and substituting therefor the following new subclauses—

(3) Royalties or compensation paid under this section shall be distributed as follows—

(a) forty per centum to the community whose culture or cultural heritage has been used and which would be administered by the relevant county government;

(b) thirty per centum to the county government within whose jurisdiction the relevant culture or cultural heritage originates; and

(c) thirty per centum to the National Government.

(3A) The Cabinet Secretary shall, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe the criteria and procedure for the identification of the communities entitled to receive the community share of royalties or compensation.

(3B) Where a dispute arises as to the communities entitled to receive a share of royalties under subsection (3)(a), the dispute shall be resolved in the manner prescribed by the Cabinet Secretary.

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clauses 10-20*

*(Question, that Clauses 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

Division at the end.

*Clauses 21-30*

*(Question, that Clauses 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

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Division at the end.

*Clauses 31, 32 and 33*

*(Question, that Clauses 31, 32 and 33 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

Division at the end.

*The Schedule*

*(Question, that the Schedule be part of the Bill, proposed)*

Division at the end.

*Clause 2, the Title and Clause 1*

*(Question, that Clause 2, the Title and Clause 1 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Sen. Mbugua, representing the Chairperson of the Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism?

THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.51 OF 2024)

*(Consideration of National Assembly amendments)*

Hon. Members, we are now going back to the consideration of the National Assembly amendments to the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024) which we had put aside. We shall proceed to call the relevant clauses.

I call upon the Chairperson, Standing Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism to explain the meaning, purpose and effect of the Committee's recommendation.

*Clause 2*

**Sen. Mbugua:** The Committee agrees with the amendment as listed on the Order Paper-

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 2 and substituting therefor the following new clause— "2. The Investment Promotion Act is amended by deleting the heading "PART II— INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES—APPLICATION AND ISSUE, ETC" appearing immediately after section 2 and substituting therefor the following new heading— "PART II—REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS"

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*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 3*

I call upon the Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism proceed to explain the meaning, purpose and effect of the Committee's recommendation.

Sen. Mbugua, proceed.

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, the Committee agrees with the amendment-

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 3.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end. Call out the next clause. I call upon the Chairperson, Committee on Trade, Industrialisation and Tourism, Hon. Mbugua.

*Clause 4*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, Clause 4 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in the proposed section 4(1) by deleting the word "direct" appearing immediately after the word "foreign".

(b) by deleting the proposed section 4(2) and substituting therefor the following—

(2) A foreign investor shall apply for registration of a foreign investment in the prescribed form.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 5*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, Clause 5 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in the proposed new section 6(1) by deleting the word "direct" appearing immediately after the word "foreign"; and

(b) by deleting the proposed section 6(2) and substituting therefor the following new provision—

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(2) In determining whether an investment and any activity related to the investment are beneficial to Kenya for the purposes of subsection (1)(c), the Authority shall consider the extent to which the investment or activity will contribute to the conditions specified in paragraphs (a), (b) (c), (d) and (e) and any or all of the conditions specified in paragraphs (f), (g) and (h)—

(a) creation of employment for Kenyans;

(b) acquisition of new skills or modern compatible state of the art technology for Kenyans;

(c) contribution to tax revenues or other Government revenues;

(d) utilisation of domestic raw materials, supplies and services if available and can meet the required standards;

(e) adoption of necessary value addition in the processing of local, natural and agricultural resources;

(f) transfer of technology to Kenya;

(g) an increase in foreign exchange, either through exports or import substitution; and

(h) utilisation, promotion, development and implementation of information and communication technology.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 8*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, Clause 8 of the Bill be amended—

(a) in paragraph (a) by—

(i) deleting the word “six” appearing in the proposed new subsection 1(a) and substituting therefor the word “three”; and

(ii) deleting the word “six” appearing in the proposed new subsection 1(b) and substituting therefor the word “three”.

(c) by deleting paragraph (b)

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

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*Clause 10*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, clause 10 of the bill be amended-

(a) in paragraph (b) by deleting the proposed definition of the word "employer"

and substituting therefor the following new definition--

"employer" means any person, public body, firm, corporation or company who or which has entered into a contract of service to employ any individual,

whether the duties of the employee are performed remotely or on-site, and includes the agent, foreman, manager or factor of such person, public body, firm, corporation or company;

(b) in paragraph (c), by inserting the following new definitions in the proper alphabetical sequence—

"third beneficiary" means a person or entity, other than the employer or

employee, for whose benefit the services of an employee are provided pursuant to a business process outsourcing arrangement;

"Information technology enabled service" means a service that is delivered, facilitated or substantially performed through the use of information and

communication technology and includes customer support, data processing, data management, transcription, digitisation, technical support, back-office

services, content development, data analytics and such other technology-enabled services as may be prescribed by Regulations;

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 12*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper:

THAT, clause 12 of the Bill be amended in paragraph (c) by deleting the proposed definition of the word "employer'' and substituting therefor the following new definition —

"employer" means any person, public body, firm, corporation or company who or which has entered into a contract of service to employ any individual, whether the duties of the employee are performed remotely or on-site, and includes the agent, foreman, manager or factor of such person, public body, firm, corporation or company;

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

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*Clause 13*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, Clause 13 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting paragraph (a);

(b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the proposed definition of the term "social, physical and urban infrastructure"

(c) by inserting the following new definition in the proper alphabetical sequence —

"social and physical infrastructure" means social or physical amenities, infrastructure or services necessary for social welfare and the functioning and wellbeing of people, and includes urban infrastructure and any other associated social and physical infrastructure necessary to support the wellbeing of the people.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 14*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper:

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 14.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 15*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper:

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 15.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

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*Clause 17*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper.

THAT, Clause 17 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (c).

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 19*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, Clause 19 of the Bill be amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

(a) in paragraph (b) by deleting the words "destruction or alienation" appearing immediately after the word and substituting therefor the word "disposal"

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 20*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 20 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

"20. Section 27 (1) of the Anti-Counterfeit Act is amended by deleting paragraph

(a) and substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

is ordered by a court to return, release or otherwise dispose of those goods as specified in the order:

Provided that in the case of counterfeit goods, such goods shall be disposed at the expense of the local manufacturer or importer, as the case may be, based on the environmental considerations and the capacity of the country to dispose the goods or shall be reshipped;"

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

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*Clause 22*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, clause 22 of the Bill be amended—

(a) by deleting paragraph (a); and

(b) in paragraph (b) by deleting the expression "subsection (4)" and substituting therefor the expression "subsection (14)".

(c)by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (b) —

(d) deleting the word "Agency" wherever it appears and substituting therefor the word "Authority"

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 23*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, the Bill be amended by deleting clause 23 and substituting therefor the following new clause—

"23. Section 35 of the Anti-Counterfeit Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting therefor the following new subsection—

(2) A person convicted of an offense under section 24, 31, and 32 (h)(i), (j), (k), (l), (m) and (n), shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or a fine not exceeding two million shillings, or both.

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*Clause 24*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, the Bill be amended in Clause 24 by deleting the expression "seven" appearing in paragraph (b) and substituting therefor the expression "five".

*(Question of the amendment proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

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*New Clause 25*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

THAT, the Bill be amended by inserting the following new clauses immediately after clause 24─

Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 485.

**25.** The Business Registration Service Act is amended in section 2 by deleting the definition of the word "Cabinet Secretary" and substituting therefor the following new definition-

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to Investments, Trade and Industry;

*(Question of the New Clause 25 proposed)*

*(New Clause 25 read a First Time)*

*(Question, that New Clause 25 be read a Second Time proposed)*

*(Question, that New Clause 25 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*New Clause 26*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper.

Amendment of section 4 of Cap. 485.

**26.** The Business Registration Service Act is amended in section 4 by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following—

(1) The Service shall, under the general supervision of the Cabinet Secretary, be responsible for the implementation of policies, laws and other matters relating to the Companies, Business names, partnerships, limited

liability partnerships, trusts, bankruptcy, insolvency, hire-purchase, and security rights;

*(Question of the New Clause 26 proposed)*

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*(New Clause 26 read a First Time)*

*(Question, that New Clause 26 be read a Second Time proposed)*

*(Question, that New Clause 26 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*New Clause 27*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper.

Amendment of section 3 of Cap. 486

**27.** The Companies Act is amended in section 3 (1) by inserting the following new definition in proper alphabetical sequence—

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to Investments, Trade and Industry;

*(Question of the New Clause 27 proposed)*

*(New Clause 27 read a First Time)*

*(Question, that New Clause 27 be read a Second Time proposed)*

*(Question, that New Clause 27 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

*New Clause 28*

**Sen. Mbugua:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Committee agrees with the amendments as listed in the Order Paper-

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Amendment of section 2 of Cap. 53

**28.** The Insolvency Act is amended in section2 (1) by inserting the following new definition in proper alphabetical sequence—

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to Investments,
Trade and Industry;

*(Question of the New Clause 28 proposed)*

*(New Clause 28read a First Time)*

*(Question, that New Clause 28 be read a Second Time proposed)*

*(Question, that New Clause 28 be part of the Bill, proposed)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Division at the end.

Honourable Members, we are done with considering the clauses on the three Bills which were coming for the first time to the Committee of the Whole. That is the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024), the Culture Bill (National Assembly Bill No.12 of 2024) and the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 4 of 2025).

We are now going back to Order Nos.13 and 14 on the Referendum Bill (Senate Bills No.3 of 2026) and the Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2023), which are for division, together with the three which we have just considered on the clauses. I ask the Serjeant-at-Arms to ring the quorum bell for five minutes.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung)*

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili sigei): Serjeant-at-Arms, continue ringing the Quorum Bell for another five minutes.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung)*

Serjeant-at-Arms, ring the Quorum Bell for another three minutes to facilitate entry of the Members who are in the lounge.

*(The Quorum Bell was rung)*

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Order, honourable Members. We might have to proceed to report on the three Bills. If we are unable to get the numbers for Division, we will proceed to report on the three Bills on which we have considered clauses. Then we will resume the House to report.

We shall proceed to report on these three Bills. We will start with the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024). We will thereafter, deal with the Culture Bill (National Assembly Bills No.12 0f 2026), and, lastly, the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.4 of 2025)

So, Mover, you may proceed on the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.51 of 2024).

THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.51 OF 2024)

**Sen. Veronica Maina:** Mr. Temporary Chairperson, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No.153, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report to the Senate its consideration of the National Assembly amendments to the Business Laws Amendment Bill, Senate Bill number 51 of 2024 and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Honourable Senators, I now proceed to put the question

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

We will proceed to the Culture Bill, National Assembly Bill No.12 of 2024. Mover, Sen. Veronica Maina, you may proceed to report progress.

THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BILLS NO.12 OF 2026)

**Sen. Veronica Maina**: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No.153, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report to the Senate its consideration of the Culture Bill, (National Assembly Bill No.12 of 2024) and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Hon. Senators, I now proceed to put the question.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

Lastly, hon. Senators, we shall proceed to report on the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.4 of 2025). Sen. Olekina, you may proceed.

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THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.4 OF 2025)

**Sen. Olekina**: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order 153, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report on the Senate its consideration of the Seeds and Plant Varieties (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No.4 of 2025) and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): Honourable Senators, I now proceed to put the question.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

Further, honourable Senators, we shall proceed to report on the Referendum Bill (Senate Bills No.3 of 2026) and also the Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bills No.66 of 2023). So, we will start with the Referendum Bill.

Veronica Maina, you may proceed.

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

**Sen. Veronica Maina:** Mr. Chairperson, Sir, pursuant to Standing Order No.153, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report to the Senate its consideration of the Referendum Bill, Senate Bills No. 3 of 2026 and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): I now proceed to put the question.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

Lastly, we shall report the progress on the Environmental Management and Coordination Amendment Bill, National Assembly Bill number 66 of 2023.

Sen. Veronica Maina, you may proceed.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO.66 OF 2023)

**Sen. Veronica Maina:** Honourable Chairperson, pursuant to Standing Order No.153, I beg to move that the Committee of the Whole do report to the Senate its consideration of the Environmental Management and Coordination Amendment Bill, (National Assembly Bills No. 66 of 2023) and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

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**The Temporary Chairperson** (Sen. Wakili Sigei): I now proceed to put the question.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed)*

*(House resumed)*

*[The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina in the Chair]*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): We are now on consideration of reports by the Chair, starting with the Seeds and Plant Varieties Amendment Bill, Senate Bill number 4 of 2025, and I call upon the Chairperson to report.

Sen. Wakili Sigei, you may proceed.

## PROGRESS REPORTED

THE SEED AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO.4 OF 2025)

**Sen. Wakili Sigei**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Seeds and Plant Varieties Amendment Bill, (Senate Bills No.4 of 2025), and seek leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you. I now call upon the Mover, Sen. Ledama Olekina, the Senator for Narok County.

**Sen. Olekina:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I ask Sen. Cherarkey to second.

**Sen. Cherarkey**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to second.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Next.

THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)

**Sen. Wakili Sigei:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Culture Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2024) and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Wakili Sigei.

Proceed, Sen. Cherarkey.

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**Sen. Cherarkey**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move that the Senate do agree with the Committee of the Whole on the said report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Could you appoint a seconder?

**Sen. Cherarkey**: I request Sen. Crystal Asige to second.

**Sen. Crystal Asige**: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, I second as moved.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Crystal Asige.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): The next Bill is the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill, (Senate Bill No. 51 of 2024).

THE BUSINESS LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL,
(SENATE BILL NO. 51 OF 2024)

**Sen. Wakili Sigei**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the National Assembly amendments to the Business Laws (Amendment) Bill, (Senate Bill No. 51 of 2024) and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): I invite Sen. Cherarkey to move.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I request Sen. Eddy Gicheru to second.

**Sen. Oketch-Gicheru**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I second as moved.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): The next Bill is the Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 66 of 2023). I call the Chairperson to report.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (AMENDMENT)
BILL, (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 66 OF 2023)

**Sen. Wakili Sigei**: Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 66 of 2023), and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Wakili Sigei. I now call upon the Mover, Sen. Crystal Asige, to move.

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**Sen. Crystal Asige**: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report and request Sen. Cherarkey to second.

**Sen Cherarkey:** With all the honour, I second as moved.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): The next Bill is the Referendum Bill, (Senate Bill No. 3 of 2026). I call upon the Chairperson to report.

THE REFERENDUM BILL, (SENATE BILL NO. 3 OF 2026)

**Sen. Wakili Sigei**: Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I beg to report that the Committee of the Whole has considered the Referendum Bill, (Senate Bill No. 3 of 2026) and seeks leave to sit again tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): I call upon the Mover, Sen. Cherarkey, to move.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee on the said report. I request Sen. Githuku, the current 'Dangote', to second.

**Sen. Githuku:** Madam Temporary Speaker, I second.

*(Question proposed)*

*(Question put and agreed to)*

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Clerk, you can call the next Order No. 18.

**BILL**

*Second Reading*

THE SPORTS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO.5 OF 2026)

*(Sen. Oketch-Gicheru on 11.11.26)*

*(Resumption of debate interrupted on 11.11.26 – Afternoon Sitting)*

Sen. Samson Cherarkey, you had five minutes to finish your contribution to this debate, so you may take the Floor.

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**Sen. Cherarkey:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. As I was contributing, I celebrated Sen. Gicheru for this important Bill.

The issue of match-fixing and corruption in the sector should and must be punished through the introduction of Clause 54A to the principal Sports Act. The issue of match fixing and manipulation of sports competition is an illegality and should be punished as per the law and regarded as corruption in the sports sector. I am happy that today in the afternoon you approved a Statement on issues of wrangles in the sports sector, particularly in the Football Federation of Kenya, that was brought by the nominated Senator.

I agree that, now that we are preparing for the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) and have Raila Odinga Talanta Stadium, the two gentlemen in the FKF, McDonald Mariga, the Vice- Chairperson, and the President, Hussein Mohammed, as well as the entire executive of Federation, should go packing, so that they do not impede or prevent the preparation for the AFCON. I know that the FIFA will not find it in favour, but if we want, through the Mover of the Motion, to fix football, we can. We do not want leadership crisis in football.

Therefore, I appeal that these two gentlemen and the entire executive of Football Kenya Federation -the president Hussein, the Vice President McDonald Mariga, and the entire executive team, must go home. With the allegations of corruption in the insurance cover that was issued, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) must move with speed and investigate the FKF over those allegations. Chapter 6 of the Constitution, on Leadership and Integrity, talks about abuse of office as well as misbehaviour. What we saw in Meru during the Special General Meeting (SGM) was very unfortunate. That is even one of the grounds that the EACC should investigate the FKF.

I would like to also to appeal to office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to conclude investigations on the Kenya Rugby Union and prosecute directors and officials who have been running the Kenya Rugby Union and have been perpetuating corruption. So, the DPP, Renson Ingonga, must approve that file and prosecute people who are running the union down.

Some federations like the Athletics Kenya have never had any elections. Could you believe? In fact, as politicians, we are better. In Athletics Kenya, there are people who have stayed longer than Mugabe and Museveni combined. So, they must go home and pave way for new election in Athletics Kenya. All sports federations must have elections regularly to allow governance.

Madam Temporary Speaker, in conclusion, I would like to thank, the Teacher Service Commission. They have a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) called Mr. Cheptumo Ayabei, a person living with disability. As you are aware of Article 54 of the Constitution, we must ensure that at least 5% of representation in elective and appointive public bodies comprises persons with disabilities.

Yesterday, I was embarrassed. Kenyans should appreciate why we impeached the former Deputy President. How can you fight a disabled person? You saw what he posted on his social media pages. How can you fight somebody who is disabled? It is like fighting God. This is the first time the CEO of the TSC is a person living with disability. Kenyans should know and appreciate why we impeached the former Deputy President.

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We do not want incitement and ethnic profiling. He even shared appointments in State Corporation of certain community, the Kalenjin community, and left others because he wants to incite Kenyans against us. We shall resist. We are tired. I hope Kenyans are seeing that leaders who promote ethnic profiling should not be allowed anywhere near leadership positions.

We expected Madam Everlyn Mitei, the acting CEO of TSC, to have been appointed. She performed very well. The former impeached Deputy President was with us in 2015, serving his one term in the National Assembly when Nancy Macharia was elected the TSC, CEO, yet we did not object her then. Why the double standards? Kenyans must read between the lines? How can you fight a disabled person? In fact, Mr. Cheptumo Ayabei has served for 27 years in the TSC. We should encourage and allow meritocracy and reward within the public service.

Madam Temporary Speaker, if it is not too much trouble, you can add me a minute or so.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): I have given you one minute.

**Sen. Omogeni:** Point of Order!

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Could you pause his minute? What is your Point of Order, Sen. Okong'o Omogeni?

**Sen. Omogeni:** I have listened to my good friend, *Wakili,* my colleague in the profession, the Senator for Nandi County, making some serious allegations. This is a House of records. So, when you make a statement here, it should be factual. That is what our Standing Orders demand of us, as hon. Members. These proceedings are live---

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Which Standing Order are you relying on, Senator?

**Sen. Omogeni:** I am relying on Standing Order No.101. I am challenging him on the content of the statement that he has made; that the former Deputy President has made statements that are meant to incite Kenyans against one ethnic community. He has also made a statement that the impeached former Deputy President – he may be referring to Rigathi Gachagua – hates people that have disabilities, and that is why he has issued a statement against a person that has a disability.

I am, therefore, challenging my friend here to table evidence that can demonstrate, in support of his assertion, that the former Deputy President, Rigathi Gachagua, has made a statement that he does not want people with disability to get a chance to serve this country.

Madam Temporary Speaker, we must draw a distinction in making a statement that our appointments to public offices should capture our aspirations under Article 10 of the Constitution. When we make these appointments, we should take into account all the 42 tribes of this country. When we make that statement, it is not incitement or hate against any particular community.

I remember, in 2002, when President Kibaki took office, we saw changes; some sackings and fresh appointments in parastatals. People queried and said, why is President Kibaki sacking people from a particular ethnic community? I remember the response from the government was, what do we do if all the people we have found in office are from one community? He said, he had an obligation, as the President, to ensure that he is

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extending opportunities to people from all tribes. So, at this time, when we are facing an election, let us not make statements that cannot be supported by facts. I am challenging my friend and colleague in the legal profession to table evidence that can prove the statement he is making on the Floor, that indeed, those words were uttered by the former Deputy President, Rigathi Gachagua, and more so that he hates the Kalenjin community.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you. I think you have already stated that, Sen. Okong'o Omogeni.

Sen. Cherarkey, are you able to back your statements or assertions with evidence?

**Sen. Cherarkey:** Madam Temporary Speaker, with all due respect, there is freedom of speech. I like my brother because he always says we must protect freedom of speech within the precincts of Parliament. Secondly, how can you substantiate the obvious? He posted on his verified social media pages. So, if he wants me to bring the copy of verified social media pages, I can table by tomorrow.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Sen. Cherarkey, I will guide that you table that evidence to satisfy his curiosity in whether you have evidence to back your assertions. So, table that by tomorrow, if it is not too much for you.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** I will table.

Madam Temporary Speaker, the same member has always been raising a point of order and wants substantiation on all my contributions, even the one of Mawawa, which I tabled. You should check the HANSARD.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): I really hope that Sen. Okong'o Omogeni will be in the House to receive the evidence that will be tabled.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** The Senator is always on a fishing expedition.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): No, do not go that direction. We only require him to be here to receive the evidence to back the assertions. You can proceed to finish in the one minute that was paused.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** Madam Temporary Speaker, add me at least two or three minutes, because I have lost my trail of thought, and then allow my Minority Whip to proceed.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): A point of order is not one to be used as a platform for rewarding you with excess time on the Floor; you may proceed with your one minute.

**Sen. Cherarkey:** The Senator for Narok County did a good job over the weekend during the Maa Culture Week, even though there were unfortunate incidences, which I hope will be rectified. Tell the Governor of Narok County that we are looking for him.

In conclusion on the Sports (Amendment) Bill; there are issues of match fixing, competition and manipulation, which are very important. Sports is one of the lucrative businesses, especially to our young people. You remember Sport Pesa is one of the biggest--- Ronald Karauri, the MP, who is vying to be the governor of this city, has built his wealth from Sport Pesa and sponsorship. Sports is very important for our young people. Members and colleagues, if we protect sports, we protect the future of young people.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I know you have a number of children who are still youthful and are in sports. Even some of us have children who are active in sports,

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especially football. Let us clean the sports department; let it be run through free--- I advise the FIFA and other international federations to allow countries to also manage their sports, because we budget and finance for them. Why is it hard to allow us to oversight them?

With those very many remarks, I congratulate the Mover, Sen. Gicheru, for this wonderful job. When it comes to voting, I will vote on behalf of the people of Nandi County because they depend on sports, especially athletics.

I beg to support. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Cherarkey.

Sen. Ledama Olekina, proceed.

**Sen. Olekina:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Let me begin by appreciating the work that is carried out by our colleagues in this House. Sen. Eddy Gicheru and our sister in the Lower House looked at the indiscipline and lack of fiduciary duty when it comes to the issue of management of sports in Kenya, and decided that there was a loophole in terms of integrity. If you cared about sports integrity, then by all means, you would want to close all those loopholes that gives room for people to bring in match fixing.

This Bill is very brief and to the point; I am not going to waste a lot of time on it. I am just going to highlight the three issues that I have noted, which need to be re-emphasised for people out there to understand exactly what this amendment by Sen. Eddy Gicheru is meant to contribute to the sports industry.

Number one; criminalise match fixing and sports manipulation with a clear legal definition of bribery, deliberation, underperformance and conspiracy and inside betting use. Any time there is any form of match fixing, you are killing talent. I congratulate my colleague for having thought thoroughly about the issue of making it punitive. Anyone who thinks that they can match-fix during the upcoming major sports in this country, it is important for them to realise that this country and this Parliament is ahead of the game. There will be punitive and heavy penalties. I hope that the penalties or the fines that we are proposing will not just be good on paper, but implementable. I encourage my colleagues to look into it.

It is also important to know that you cannot accuse someone unless you investigate them and have clear facts. Adding that aspect and giving powers to the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to investigate the purported match fixing is very, very important. The DCI collaborating with other stakeholders will also carry out---

It is important to note that the penalties for match fixing are quite high. What the Senator and the sister in the Lower House are proposing here is about Kshs10 million. That is not pocket change, plus there should be possible imprisonment. It is also important for us to note that this Bill also proposes that we expand the sport dispute tribunal role for appeals. If there is any match fixing or maybe you are accused of match fixing, of course the due process of law should always be followed.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I will stop there and say that I support the amendment. It is a very brief amendment. I really do not want to belabour the point which is essentially to criminalise match fixing; give powers to DCI to carry out investigation; impose the penalty of Kshs10 million plus a possible fine for any match

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fixing and also expand the role of the tribunal into an appeal process. Those are the basic things that this Bill is seeking to amend and include.

Essentially, what the distinguished Senator is doing is copying from international communities. In other countries, there is a proper legal procedure to be followed when it comes to dealing with match fixing. I will end there and also appreciate everyone who visited Narok County during the Maa Cultural Week. We hope that in future, we will correct where we went wrong and ensure that we remove politics from it. We will make it purely a cultural week where we can invite visitors from all over the world to come in and pay, at least, US$1,000 a day to go around and see how the Maasai people lived as well as enjoy some sports.

We have amazing sports in the Maasai Community such as throwing a spear. It is not only football that is a sport, although nowadays, even the Maasai young boys are playing a lot of soccer. There is also traditional archery which is taught to us from when we are young. There are so many others that I do not want to mention. However, I wish that this Bill would further elaborate all those cultural things.

I do not know why we keep on forgetting our culture. Earlier, I proposed some amendments to the Culture Bill because it had left out our cultures. This is an amazing country with different ethnic groups and cultural practises. It is important that whenever we introduce any foreign product into that market, we consider the impact on the culture.

Next year, God willing, after the elections, when we hold our Fifth Maasai Cultural Week, we will make it fully cultural with activities and exhibitions so that when people come in, they do not just enter through the gate and walk out. We may not need to have any political speeches there. That will probably make it much easier.

I support this Bill and hope that the Senate will have quorum so that we can pass all the Bills that we are discussing here.

Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Ledama. I now call upon the Mover to reply, seeing there are no more requests for ---

Are you on the queue because it is not showing on my end.

Sen. Okong'o Omogeni, proceed

**Sen. Omogeni:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Oh, you are using Sen. Wambua's desk, so it is reading Sen. Wambua.

**Sen. Omogeni:** This is my desk. This is where I usually sit. I do not know why it is showing Sen. Enock Wambua. He usually sits on my right.

**Sen. Veronica Maina:** Okay, proceed on then.

**Sen. Omogeni:** Thank you Madam Temporary Speaker. First, I want to begin by congratulating my good friend, Sen. Gicheru, and I hope I am correct when I say that this Bill was co-sponsored by our special-elect Nominated Member of Parliament from Nyamira, Irene Mayaka. It is a sign that our youth, because both Irene and Sen. Oketch belong to that category of our youth that we are proud of to have in this House.

I am also happy that they sponsored a Bill that takes into account the interests of our young people because sports is an industry that mostly benefits young people. The only way I can benefit is if I have a son or a daughter who is a sports person and I

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actually have one. My son is a very serious marathon runner. He runs though he has not managed to win any medal but he has run in many races. I hope one day he will be lucky to bring a medal to the great people of Nyamira.

I join you and my other colleagues who have spoken before me in supporting these amendments. I am supporting the Bill because the sports industry is growing. With the idea of betting companies controlling several millions of dollars in the industry, there will always be attempts to have manipulators. Kenyans generally love sports. Even as I make this contribution, I am just wondering what time the match between South Africa and Kenya is commencing because I would love to attend that game at Nyayo Stadium.

If you follow countries like Brazil, where football has many followers you will find that, that is the industry that manufactures many players to these big leagues in Western Europe. They have taken this matter very seriously because of the corruption that has found its way into the industry. In fact, the last time I looked at statistics, in a year, Brazil received about 150 complaints and that concludes about 150 investigations into match fixing. Therefore, it is good that we move ahead of those who may want to mess up with our sports ladies and sportsmen by putting this law in place.

Madam Temporary Speaker, what is actually making me support this Bill is the attempt in Clause 2, where we have tried to define what manipulation is. By addressing this issue, you are also bringing peace to this industry. When I was in secondary school, I used to play football. There are many times when we played football matches with our neighbouring secondary schools.

I remember one time we were playing Taranganya Boys from Kuria and the students almost beat up the referee. They were making allegations that the referee had been manipulated because he was given some incentive. That was not true. Therefore, if we do not create confidence in this game, it may end up degenerating to a point where you have chaos in a football match. We have witnessed, at times on TV, supporters invading the field and beating up a referee. That is not what we want in our country.

Let everybody know that once we pass this law, there will be no room for anybody to do manipulation as they are trying to fix some weakness. Currently, the only penalty that is there for any person who is trying to do match fixing, the worst that can happen if you are a player is to get a suspension. That is it or they ban you for a certain number of days or years.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I have gone through this Bill, and I am seeing in Clause 4. Sen. Oketch, you have tried to introduce that in amending Section 64(a). You have now made an attempt to introduce penalties because in any wrongdoing, there should be serious consequences. I am seeing that if you involve yourself in match fixing, you will pay three times the value of the subject matter of the bribe or the manipulation, so that we discourage.

If you go to jail, you may be imprisoned to a term not exceeding five years. So, this is a deterrence. If people knew that if you committed a certain offence in match fixing or match manipulation there would be a real risk of you being locked behind bars and rotting in jail somewhere, that would discourage those who may have this kind of intentions. We are doing this because we want to grow the sports industry.

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Madam Temporary Speaker, I was going through the World Bank report. Our GDP is at 4.6 per cent which is not very encouraging. In the year 2021 when we were trying to recover from COVID, our GDP was 7.6 per cent. I hope that at times we will retreat to look at the contribution that sports is making to the economies of countries in the West, like England, Spain, Italy, Germany and others. Sports is a big industry. It controls a lot in sponsorship, advertising and then good income for our young people.

I was watching Real Sociedad; I hope that is how we pronounce it. The pronouncer was saying; in the midfield there is Ochieng. I hope that is a Kenyan who is playing for Real Sociedad. You can imagine how much that young boy is earning out there and the contribution he is making to his home country. I am sure if he has parents here, maybe siblings, he may not have a wife for now but that is a contribution to our economy.

Sen. Oketch, through Madam Temporary Speaker, let us not close our eyes to the scourge of corruption in this country. If you read the World Bank report, you will find that what is between us and achieving the Singapore dream is corruption. That is what World Bank is saying. Between us going to Singapore, the roadblock is corruption. Nothing else. Whether we say we want to build roads, infrastructure or we want to do housing, the World Bank is telling us, we first fix corruption.

That report is very detailed. I hope all of us have read it. They are telling us that what is giving some neighbouring countries like Ethiopia an edge is that they are doing better than us in fighting corruption. You can look at the rankings of countries on corruption. Singapore is No.3 in the world. Kenya is No.130 out of 185 countries ranked. So, you can see the gap. While we are ranked at 30 per cent, you can imagine if you are a student and in the examination room you score 30 per cent against a country like Singapore that is scoring 84 per cent.

Madam Temporary Speaker, I am happy that Sen. Oketch is saying we should not bury our heads in the sand. Let us accept that this issue of corruption has even found its way to our sports industry. We should make use of that report as Senators. In the opening statement, the World Bank is saying they have produced the reports for policy makers. Are we not the policy makers, as Members of the Senate and Members of the National Assembly? They are producing that report for business people, for industries. Sports is an industry.

They are telling us that if we are able to fix corruption by the year 2035, we will be able to create jobs for our young people to the tune of Kshs3.3 million. However, they are saying that with a caution. They are saying that if we you do not fix corruption, we will not create jobs for the young people.

When we say these things, it is because we love our country. The current chief executive is the sitting President, President William Ruto. In any country, if there is corruption, the person they will blame is the Head of State. I cannot blame Sen. Oketch here.

You do not have any powers to fight corruption. I do not have any powers to fight corruption. Sen. Osotsi, Sen. Sigei, the Chairman of the Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights (JLAHRC), you do not have any power to fight corruption.

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Let us also hold some of these institutions to account. Sen. Oketch, you could propose here that the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) takes up investigations. But if the recommendations will not find their way to a court of law for prosecution, then we will be doing nothing.

Remember, I have spoken here about the issue of overlap of functions between the Office of the DCI and the Office of the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC). In his wisdom, and I must commend Sen. Oketch, he is telling us, through this law, that we should task one entity to deal with issues of corruption in match-fixing and match manipulation. That is a lot of wisdom, Sen. Oketch.

The World Bank is telling us that the biggest problem we are facing, as a country, is the overlapping institutions fighting corruption. Today, you say DCI and tomorrow, the EACC. Concurrently, they are saying that is wastage of public resources. I hope we can rise to the occasion and make a decision to do some amendments to some of these laws.

If you read the United Nations Convention Against Corruption, the EACC should be dealing only with mega corruption scandals. In fact, it is supposed to go after high-ranking public officials. When the World Bank tells you that as a country we are losing a lot of money through corruption, we need to see people holding high offices like Cabinet Secretaries, Governors, heads of Parastatals under investigation, recommendations made for prosecution, cases filed, and we get convictions. They have told us to borrow from the example of Singapore. So, if you are sincere and you want this country to go to the Singapore way, the first thing is to fight corruption.

How can the World Bank put us on the spot by saying that we have put many roadblocks on the road? They are saying we have so many bribe tax stations on our roads, which is impacting negatively on our farmers. That is what the World Bank is telling us. It is telling us that if we remove those roadblocks, that illegal taxation that is on our roads, we will put more money in the pockets of our farmers.

The President is the Commander-in-Chief. He could direct that tomorrow. If he wants to make the name of our country shine, he could order tomorrow that we remove all these roadblocks from the road. That issue would not be in the World Bank report of next year.

The World Bank is even telling us that people who are in informal settlements, the ones who work in industrial areas, when they leave their workstations, they are forced to pay bribes as they ride *boda bodas*. So, let us, as a country, accept that we have been put on the spot. We are not governing our country the right way, and we should do something about it. Instead of responding and saying that people are only reading one line. The entire report is available, we have read through it, and we can see there is a problem that we need to fix.

The immediate Chairman of the County Public Investment Committee (CPIC) is here. The World Bank is telling us, during the previous regime, in 2015, the recommendations of oversight committees, like the committee that was being chaired by Sen. Osotsi, 45 per cent of recommendations were implemented. They are saying that in 2025/2026, that dropped to 16 per cent from 21 per cent. If the recommendations of a parliamentary committee, acting on a report of the Auditor-General, cannot be

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implemented, what other impunity can we talk about in a country like Kenya, more than that one?

The Auditor-General is not a politician. The Auditor-General's office is run by a professional woman. Kudos to that lady. She makes serious recommendations year after year, fearlessly. However, we are being told that we do not follow up on the recommendations. So, Sen. Oketch, you may propose that the DCI does investigations, but we also must do a clean-up of some of these bodies that are tasked with doing investigations and making recommendations. We should allow them to be autonomous. There should not be phone calls to certain officers saying, do not investigate this or do not investigate that. That should not be the case. We want these bodies to be left autonomous and run their affairs without any interference. So, I support this amendment.

If need be, there is something small I have seen and I may propose a small amendment. I will discuss this with the sponsor of the Bill. However, it is good to pass this Bill so that we cushion our young people against those who may want to manipulate games to the disadvantage of very hard-working young people.

As I conclude, I am also calling upon the government of the day to also see what the World Bank is telling us about our fiscal discipline. When we do not have fiscal discipline, economists will tell us that means we are spending beyond what has been approved in the budget, by the National Assembly.

If you spend outside your budget, you will keep borrowing. It is very simple. Even in your own house, if you budget to spend Kshs10,000 and you exceed it, you will borrow. If you borrow, you are putting pressure on the resources that you have as a family. So, let us be positive. Let us accept where we have not done certain things right.

In terms of fiscal discipline, the World Bank is telling us we are not doing well as a country. Let us do something about it. You can go back to the time President Kibaki was in office. We stopped borrowing. We were running our country using our own resources as a country because we had fiscal discipline. Everything used to pass through the budget. This idea of some of our colleagues lining up and saying we will beg for Project A, C, is not the right thing. I saw my friend, the Governor of Kisii, pleading with the President to build for him a cancer centre in Kisii.

You know what is interesting, Madam Temporary Speaker? That project is already in the budget that was passed by the National Assembly. The Members of the National Assembly from Kisii, instead of going to report back home that we sat in Parliament and passed a budget that has brought these benefits to our region, they go again saying ---

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Give him one minute to finish the statement.

**Sen. Omogeni:** Madam Temporary Speaker, they go again telling the President, through the governor, that they are begging him to give them Kshs1 billion to build a cancer centre, yet, that matter has already been addressed by Parliament. A budget line is there. Money was put aside and it will find its way to the great people of Kisii to build a cancer centre that will help our people and we are happy about it. Therefore, let us do our things right, without trying to manipulate the law or reduce the dignity of Parliament.

I support.

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**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): Thank you, Sen. Okong'o Omogeni.

Sen. Wakili Hillary Kiprotich Sigei, you can proceed.

**Sen. Wakili Sigei:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. I hope I heard you mention my second name properly, not Kipsigei. I appreciate the opportunity---

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Veronica Maina): It is definitely not Kipsigei; it is Kiprotich Sigei. I just said Kiprotich and then Sigei.

**Sen. Wakili Sigei:** Thank you, Madam Temporary Speaker. Allow me, first, to congratulate the Senator for Migori County, Sen. Eddy, for this very important amendment to the Sports Act. You are aware that sports is one of the major items in the manifesto of the current government. I recall that during our campaigns, prior to the 2022 elections, the President highlighted sports as a major contributor to the economy of this country.

We have youngsters below the age of 35 who are largely very active in sports, such as football, athletics and volleyball. They represent not only their regions within the counties, but also the country internationally. We have had quite a number of them representing the nation, over and above the major sporting activities that we have encouraged.

This, Sen. Eddy Oketch, is a very crucial amendment. It is one of the pieces of legislation that speak to very many young Kenyans, who have now appreciated the fact that you do not have to have only a white-collar job to earn a living. You can use your talent appropriately within the environment that the Government has provided, from the very many sports facilities in the country which are currently ongoing. Of course, not forgetting to mention the major sports stadiums which have been built by this Government.

*[The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina) left the Chair]*

*[The Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji) in the Chair]*

Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, this particular amendment is speaking to millions of Kenyans. In the amendments proposed here, Sen. Eddy Oketch has highlighted the importance of sports as a very critical income-generating revenue for an individual. It also promotes talents and builds the country beyond the localities that we can refer to.

Sen. Eddy Oketch, this is the right way to go. I am aware that you, just like me, have sponsored a tournament in Migori County that has brought together several teams. Our young stars have been facilitated to be active and busy and by extension, have been able to shun committing crimes and being idle. They say an idle mind is the devil's workshop.

By financing that tournament in Migori County, the way I do in Bomet County in my third edition of the Wakili Sigei Football Tournament, we are able to engage the young ones. We identify and nurture talent, helping them get opportunities beyond the specific region or teams they are playing for. Keep it up. That is the direction and the way

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to go. As young leaders and legislators, it is an opportunity for us to encourage and build them.

First, the very critical proposal to amend the provisions of Section 2 is to define what manipulation of sports is. That is very important. Generally, people would speak of manipulation as including, for instance, match-fixing in a soccer tournament or competition. Manipulation of sports, from the proposed amendment, includes an intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue advantage for oneself or for others.

This particular definition, which is being introduced by the proposed amendment, has brought together almost all the disciplines involved in sports. We do not confine manipulation to a particular kind of discipline. Sen. Eddy, you are doing the right thing because we will be able to support our brothers and sisters in athletics. We will support our brothers and sisters who are involved in football, both in the Premier League and even at the lowest level of the competitions. By making sure that we define it, everyone else will be able to appreciate the need to still allow our sportsmen the advantages that come with the unpredictable nature of any competition.

In any sports activity, there must always be a winner and a loser. By having this definition, therefore, we are encouraging them that they should be ready to be declared a winner as well as a loser and that is sports. So, to define what manipulation of sports is, is a welcome proposal.

The proposal to amend the provisions of Section 54 (a) to introduce other government agencies independent of sports associations, like the Football Federation of Kenya (FFK) or the Athletics Association, is very welcome. In this case, you have made a proposal under Section 54 (a) to have the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) involved in investigation. I say so for two reasons. One, this proposal will enhance the independence of investigations we are going to be involved in, especially where a sports association or federation has preference for certain participants.

Introduction of the DCI ensures that there are appropriate checks and balances in the process of conducting investigations, collecting evidence and even inviting those involved to give additional information to the investigators. The DCI will ensure that there are appropriate checks and balances.

I like the fact that you have also provided a proposal that the investigations by the relevant sports agency should and shall always be independent of the investigations by the DCI and those other sports organisations. This means we will be having reports that speak to almost all aspects of the item that is being investigated. Introduction of the DCI as an added agent to conduct investigations will ensure that we get rid of the corruption aspects that Sen. Okong'o Omogeni spoke about within the sports fraternity cutting across the country. In the sports sector, this is a welcome proposal.

Secondly, the imposition of disciplinary sanctions by the relevant sports organisation. In your proposal, Sen. Eddy, you have noted that where a penalty has been imposed, it is not the end of it all. Why? This is because a number of these sports personalities have a lot of cash. Name the footballers or athletes we know across the

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world. If we were to impose a fine of say, Kshs1 million, that would be a drop in the ocean compared to the resources they make.

They have come to appreciate that sports is an activity, business and talent that pays. You have now made a proposal to say that the imposition of a penalty is not necessarily going to be the end. That the DCI involved will also get an opportunity to subject someone to a criminal investigation. This carries the possibility of criminal liability where an individual is found to have committed an offence.

Therefore, besides the imposition of the fine by the sports organisation or association, there is the criminal element that comes with the investigation by the DCI leading to criminal liability. That will also extend the deterrence mechanism that you are seeking. This is a very welcome proposal that will ensure discipline cuts across all our sports activities.

One other proposal, which is coming from this inclusion of the DCI in the investigation and the creation of a criminal offence, is the creation of the various offences under the proposed amendment to Section 64A. Those who are involved in manipulation of sports are deemed to have committed an offence following an investigation by the DCI and the relevant sports institutions. They will be subjected to two forms of punishment- one a fine and two, another fine or another offence in form of criminal liability. If convicted of an offence created in law, they are to pay Kshs10 million.

This proposal, in my view, is going to act as a real deterrent to the commission of this offence. It will also give a lesson and enhance knowledge among our young Kenyans who are involved in sports activities and who could generally be manipulated sometimes without their knowledge. They may also be duped by their trainers who are their managers or the people who would generally be expected to support them.

The creation of this offence is not only going to be on the organisation but on the individual, who is going to be criminally liable, and that, in itself, will support the development and protection of the talents in our sports activities.

Lastly, I appreciate your proposal that besides the individual athlete or the sports person, the club is also going to be found to have committed an offence if they are the ones who, by action or omission to act, have conducted an event that would lead to a manipulation. Manipulation is not necessarily to the benefit of the individual sportsman; it could be a manipulation to support and enhance an interest being advanced by the managers of an association, club or group of athletes involved in a competition.

This in itself will send a message to every other person who is in the sector of sports to know that they will lose the player or the person who is in their team. By extension, they will also lose the club, maybe by withdrawal of licenses. The penalties that the law is providing will definitely act as a deterrent.

This, as I said earlier on Sen. Eddy Oketch, is a welcome proposal to make sure that our sports sector and sports persons are also supported to gain knowledge, resources and advance their talent or sports talent by making sure that a proper law is in place.

I would tend to agree with Sen. Okong'o Omogeni, that this law will also assist in ensuring that we get rid of elements of corruption whether in their clubs, in our clubs or in the associations that we are running currently.

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I look back a few days to the fights in the FKF where the chairperson and the vice chairperson are fighting. The people who are losing at the end of the day are not those who are in office but the young stars and the sports persons of this country.

We are looking forward to having Talanta Stadium being opened on 5th January, 2027 by the greatest teams from Europe, Bayern and Ajax. If we do not have a proper mechanism in the sports law including such amendments as the ones you have proposed here, we would not attract such kind of big clubs in this country.

Part of what we need to ensure that we introduce to our young stars is for them to appreciate that when there is a good law, one will be able to discover their talent and earn from it without necessarily having to look out for white-collar jobs.

I encourage the Members of this House to support this proposal and where possible, to fast track so that we have our young stars benefiting from this law as we push the agenda of the government.

Sen. Oketch, I am aware, as I have said, that you are running a tournament just as I am doing. I want my young stars from the County of Bomet to benefit from the Wakili tournament.

I am of the view that this Bill where possible, should be pushed and fast tracked to make sure that our sports legislation is properly put in place.

I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Abdul Haji): Sen. Maanzo, you may proceed.

**Sen. Maanzo**: Thank you, Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to comment on this very important amendment of the law related to sports.

At one time I was the Secretary of Sports in Kenya in 2008, when we went to the Olympics. I am very familiar with what happens within the sports industry because I was literally the technical person for sports in Kenya.

One of the things that comes up with sports, which is a multi-billion-dollar industry, from the international organizations to the local organizations, from FIFA to the sports organizations, is betting, which is a big aspect of it. When betting a lot of money is in the offing.

It is possible for someone to be compromised, even within a team, so that, that particular team loses. It is also possible for one to be told, "you have doping issues; therefore, you should not have qualified in the first place to participate." This because checking happens before the event during the check-ups, and immediately after people participate.

At one time, one of our athletes was told in China that they had a doping issue. However, they had only taken an aspirin to control pain. It became a big issue that just swallowing an aspirin pill amounted to something different. You can see the big difference it makes, because with the doping issues, you are immediately disqualified, and therefore the scales tip with immediate effect.

So, having a law of this nature is good. One of the biggest problems that this country is confronting is corruption, which is in the private sector, churches, government and in the streets. Whenever a Kenyan gets into trouble such as a very small traffic offense with the police officer, rather than being taken through a very difficult process, they would rather part with something small and save their time.

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So, it is important that dealing with corruption, which is the biggest problem, we deal with it in all forms, from the betting to sports participation, just to make sure that a winner is a true winner, and there is no advantage which has accrued to them.

I like the penalty given here. I am sure this law does not work alone but with other laws in place such as the penal code. Eventually we will be able to support the sporting industry in a big way, of which many of our young people can gainfully be employed.

Apart from this issue which Sen. Eddy is trying to deal with, even when it comes to choosing the athletes, a very good athlete may not participate because they do not have the necessary connections or something small goes wrong here and there. Sometimes you are not sure how a team was arrived at. You may have better players who have been left out there by the officials where we probably would have a different team had those players had gone all the way. So, even how we choose the first 11, the process should be so transparent that it is not interfered with. How you choose the athletics team, we know Kenyans are the best in athletics, but we may have somebody who would have scored even much better not participating in an event. The glory and the gold medals go to somebody else, yet, we had another better Kenyan who would still have done us proud.

Therefore, all these need to have some measure of control. I believe it will happen and it is likely to assist the country, then we see how best this can deal with it.

I support what Sen. Eddy has come up with and I hope that many Members will support this and probably at the Third Reading, we will even improve it to better serve the purposes of the sporting community in the country.

This is not just a local problem. I hope that at Third Reading, Sen. Eddy, who is a very good researcher, widely travelled and very exposed to the international world, will also pick the best practices in the world.

How does America best do this? Before we conclude on this law, is there something else we can add probably, there is something which in other laws in the developed countries or people who have faced as ourselves. This is a big business being dealt with by big-time individuals and big-time businessmen are either wining or loosing billions of shillings in betting.

I inform the House that the Regulations for betting control have been proposed. As a committee of the Senate, we are working on them and we have given very strict timelines to the Hon. Musalia who is the Prime Cabinet Secretary and now dealing with that field. This is because we want it very tight so that it can benefit Kenyans and that all the industries involved in sports can perform very well.

I thank Sen. Eddy. I support.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Abdul Haji): Sen. Paul Thang'wa

**Sen. Thang'wa**: Thank you. Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to contribute to this important Bill moved by Sen. Eddy Oketch, the Senator of Migori. He took over the chairmanship of the Senate Standing Committee on Roads, Transportation and Housing after me, although, I now understand he is no longer the chairman.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, match fixing meets the threshhold for several reasons. This is because people love watching soccer and volleyball and every other game you can think of in this country. However, match fixing brings about fraud,

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corruption, economic harm, impacts on public interest or public trust and of course, it is somewhat an organised crime.

We live in a country where people love sports, although the country is not doing enough to promote sports. You will understand this by asking people which international teams they support, for instance, Chelsea Football Club, Manchester United Football Club and Manchester City Football Club. You will see how much people get out to go and watch these games, either in their homes or video and cinema centres. Soccer, especially, is one of the things that Kenyans love.

As a country, we are not able to promote soccer as it should be. We have a stadium in Kiambu called Kirigiti, that was built by the National Government, but has not been handed over to the County government.

The County government cannot use this stadium. It has only been used once or twice during the county events, or when the Deputy President of the Republic, hon. Kindiki, whom I never voted for, came to do a ritual kind of event in Kiambu County, which of course never went well, because the crown that he was given fell off from his head.

What I am trying to tell you is, this stadium is never used by the people of Kiambu County. As we pass this good law to help sport in this country, we should also be asking, what we are doing as a country, to facilitate people to at least play and score a game, before we say, whether there was match fixing or not.

What are we doing as a country, to promote football, instead of coming up with a law that is going to jail our people, when they play in a field that is not to the standards?

As we talk about Kirigiti Stadium, we should, as this Senate, ask why it has not been handed over to Kiambu County, for my people to use it. It has been designated to be a stadium that will be used for Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) games which are international.

We love people to come from other places of Africa because they bring economic value. However, are we making these fields for other teams outside the world? The people of Kiambu County cannot play in Kirigiti Stadium, but AFCON, people from other African countries, can come and play there.

Another good example, is the Talanta Stadium. On the day of its opening, we are having international matches, I do not know from what team against which.

As we pass this law, we should not always be coming up with a law to punish our people when they try to uplift themselves from the dungeons that this country has put them. We should come up with a law that promotes.

I am not saying it is not important. I am not saying I am supporting or denying it. What I am saying is that we should come up with a law that should support more in sports than regulating.

If we have fields such as Kirigiti Stadium, that we have given to AFCON and Talanta Stadium, to Manchester United Football Club and the others, how are we going to promote sports in this country? If the Abaluhya Football Club (AFC), Gor Mahia Football Club, cannot be given an opportunity, yet when they play in a field or stadium that has no grass but mere soil or everything, now we are coming up with a law to tell them that we will jail them if we suspect the match was fixed?

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Match fixing is harmful to everyone; to the sponsors, spectators, players, and to every other person. However, let me ask you; what is ailing this country? Is it a footballer lying that they scored a goal, or they scored a goal that was never a goal, or a President who is lying?

We should come up with a law that should focus on the presidency that is lying, rather than a sportsman who is lying because lies lead to corruption, fraud and somebody losing their job. I was following this debate today and I saw Sen. Cherarkey, in his supporting, where he referred to Sen. Eddy Oketch as Sen. Gicheru. When he did that, I felt that there was mischief. However, I am not going into that. I leave it to everybody else.

What I am trying to say is that when Sen. Cherarkey was talking about this law, he mentioned the name Rigathi Gachagua more times than the sports he was actually supporting.

Rigathi Gachagua is not the problem, it is President William Ruto. That is the problem of this country. Rigathi Gachagua was brought into this House, and the House did what it did. We should not be discussing somebody who is a party leader of another party and yet, the buck stop is the President of this Republic.

Sen. Cherarkey, stop mentioning Rigathi Gachagua more times than you even mention Ruto himself. Even when you go to church, we mention the Lord more times than the devil. We should tell him not to mention Rigathi Gachagua whenever we speak here because Rigathi Gachagua is the king of the mountain. You should not be mentioning him every day or every other time, that you are discussing even some irrelevances.

Since Sen. Eddy Oketch is my friend. I will bring some amendments to this law because we do not want to jail our sports persons. We do not want to get a villager from somewhere in Kiambu who becomes an international football player without the support of the Government and jail him, because he is suspected of match fixing.

We saw what happened in Meru. The Chairman of FKF and his Vice are not seeing eye to eye and here, the Senate is not doing anything about it but blame either the Chairperson or his Vice. However, on this Floor, when the President or the Deputy had issues, this Senate was called to task. Why can they not do the same when it comes to football, yet sports are a devolved function?

As I conclude, match fixing is an issue of morality. Do we legislate morality? Maybe yes, because as I said earlier it leads to fraud, corruption and all those issues but what is the biggest problem that this country is facing?

I am not a fan of football *per se*, but of course I promote sports. Everybody is a fan of a certain sport. Do not ask me what my favourite sport is. When it comes to football, some people enjoy watching football when they are betting which is when the issue of match fixing comes in because betting companies are used to reaching out to these players.

The government or the FKF have salary arrears of Harambee Stars players of, I do not know, how many months. Before you look for match fixing, ask how much the Government owes them and fight for them to be paid. Instead, we are telling them that we will not pay them, but if they lie, we will jail them.

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We should shy away from a government or a country that always comes up with laws to regulate rather than promote. When a proposed law comes to this House, you should ask yourself a few things. First, who has brought it? How is his relationship with the government? How did he come to this Parliament? How has he been airing his issues on this Floor of the House? When you ask yourself these questions, then you know whether it is a genuine law or not.

When I look at Eddy, I do not know what to say because he is an ODM Senator. I am not able to but now that I understand they are in the Broad-Based government, I am not sure whether to say this is a good law or not. Nowadays, we have trust issues.

I would ask Sen. Eddy, as we go to Committee of the Whole where we do amendments, to allow us bring amendments that are going to change a lot of what he is describing in this law. This is so that at least it can be accommodative and so that we do not say it is a bad law.

One of the good things that he has brought is that we have a debate about sports and what is happening in this country. I am going to support this law with a few amendments. One of them is to ban betting in this country. The reason I am saying that is that countries such as Romania have banned betting. They have only allowed the government to do betting or the sports betting, so that the money they make builds fields and stadia. They promote sports and take those who are addicted to betting to rehabilitation centres.

What happens in our country is that anybody can start a betting company and make money from our poor people. If we ban betting in this country, allowing the government to do this betting - of course not this government because they steal everything--- I am talking about the government that is coming, probably, or any other government.

If we have a good government. The government can have a betting company so that every money that is taken will be own-source revenue by the national government. This money can then be taken to every county to build and rehabilitate stadia, and assist those who have been affected by betting, rather than enriching some individuals who are coming out to say they want to become governors. They have taken all your money from the slums and now they want to be governors or presidents yet, they have not promoted sports.

Sen. Eddy, if you allow me so that I give you time probably to reply, I would suggest that you allow us to bring this amendment. It is a good law. You brought this debate. If this law was not here, we would not be speaking about it. We would be listening to Hon. Cherarkey. However, today, we are discussing sports. We are discussing issues, fraud, corruption, mistrust and everything that is in the sports arena.

I support with the amendments that we are going to bring.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Abdul Haji): I call upon the Mover to reply.

**Sen. Oketch Gicheru:** Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I thank you once again for giving me this opportunity to reply. Right from the start, I take this chance to thank my colleagues who have taken time to debate or consider this Bill.

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As I said, this Bill seeks to deal with the issues of sports manipulation in this country across the board. In all sports, be it football, athletics, netball or even e-gaming, this is something we are trying to deal with.

I thank my friends and colleagues in this House for their amazing thoughts that I consider, even as we go to the Third Reading phase of this Bill. Of course, I would want to start with my brother, Sen. Thangw'a, who has done a very good job in terms of critically thinking about some of the issues here. I just wanted to elucidate a little bit on a few things that he has brought.

Through the Speaker, I want to share with Sen. Thang'wa, and other Senators who might have contributed, the understanding behind this Bill. We do not have a sports industry in Kenya today. There is what we call core sporting, and then there are sub-sectors that then benefit from the core function of sports. In countries that have made strides, core sporting must be able to generate more economic value for the people than the sub-sectors that run the sports.

So, the core sporting here would be: what is the money generated and value that is generated from football, athletics or netball itself as a core sporting activity vis-à-vis other sub-sector? What is happening here today is that the sub-sectors of sports have got more money than the core sporting element.

If you go to Europe today, Sen. Thangwa, United Kingdom (UK), for instance, their key importation then becomes the Premier League. If you look at the Premier League as a core sporting activity, you will see that it generates more revenue than the sub-sectors of sports.

Sub-sectors of sports would include things like gaming, i-gaming, or betting, or even equipment and fittings, like the jerseys that people wear. If you go to the Premier League today, between 2025 and 2026 alone, the Premier League generated to the UK economy about €33 billion Euros. The impact was huge to the extent that the gross value-added amount of money, €33 billion, can be equated to almost 11 billion per person engaging in sports in Europe The tax that the UK was able to get from the Premier League alone within that window period was about €14 billion. What we call the Premier League, directly employs over 110,000 people.

This also comes with sports tourism. People now visit because of sports tourism and that has become the immediate sub-sector of sports in Europe. The sports tourism within that period--- I was part of the tourists that went to Europe to go and watch my team, Arsenal, get the Cup in Crystal Palace.

The sports tourism contributed to the gross value-added amount of Kshs5.9 billion. So, you look at that scale, it means that the core sporting activities have been grown.

Now, Sen. Thang'wa should understand that this Bill seeks to grow the core sporting element in Kenya. In Kenya today, this core sporting element does not give us any gross added value. It is actually less than 1 per cent of our economy. Look at the money that goes to the core programming of our sports and yet, we spend more money in developing a number of sporting infrastructure. Sporting value is giving us about only Kshs25 billion a year. The potential we have, as a country, is that about 10 per cent of this economy could be run by sports.

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The government recently invested Kshs45 billion towards the Talanta Stadium. That is already more than the value that the core sporting element is giving. The government further invested a securitised amount of Kshs33 billion to develop another 33 stadia across the country to promote sports in totality. This alone goes to about over Kshs80 billion invested in infrastructure, yet the return on investment is only about Kshs25 billion.

What is this Bill seeking to do? It is addressing the core reason why sporting activity cannot grow. The manipulation of sports focuses on the sub-sectors of sports, making sure that money goes to those sub-sectors that do not does not allow core sporting activities to happen. I wanted Sen. Thang'wa to understand that.

If you do a comparative analysis of the estimated value of money growing in the sports sub-sector in Kenya, number one is sports betting and gaming. The amount that goes to sports betting and gaming in Kenya is Kshs330 billion worth of generated value. How come core sporting is generating Kshs25 billion, yet a sub-sector of gaming and betting has Kshs330 billion. There is a problem. What is the problem? Sports manipulation.

Sometimes teams experience problems such as injuries. Today, Harambee Stars is playing in South Africa. You will find that someone will go and leak to another team the injuries on the list and the potential lineup. They release this for the purpose of the betting company benefiting in terms of manipulating betting. So, the money does not come to key sporting activities but ends up going to the sub-sectors of sport.

Another sub-sector of sports in our country is sports equipment and fitness retail. This is the most manipulated area. In Kenya. That retail industry alone generates about US$126 million, which is the equivalent of about Kshs16 billion. How can sports equipment and fitness as a sub-sector generate over Kshs16 billion when core sporting is only generating Kshs25 billion?

Another sub-sector is facilities operations. There is manipulation there. If you look at the statistics in Kenya, we are generating about Kshs237 million. I wanted to address the core manipulation that builds the sub-sectors of sports and does not build core sporting activity. I hope that answers Sen. Thang'wa's fears. Perhaps he did not understand the challenge of dealing with those fears.

Other than that, I want to thank Sen. Dan Maanzo for sharing very passionately about curbing the betting issue. Since Sen. Maanzo and Sen. Thang'wa have raised this issue, I wish them the courage to address this by perhaps looking at the Gambling Control Bill, 2023 (National Assembly Bill No.70 of 2025) that we looked at in this House.

I remember Sen. Thang'wa was very passionate about it at that time. I wish he could have dealt with the issue of betting at that time because that is the mother Bill that can cure the issue of betting in this country.

*(Sen. Thang'wa consulted with Sen. Maanzo)*

I am seeing Sen. Thang'wa and Sen. Maanzo consulting. I hope they can consult on how they can deal with the issue of betting in the context of that Bill because that is the one that will help us deal with it.

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I also want to thank Sen. Sigei for contributing passionately to this Bill. He has talked very strongly about the conflict we are seeing in the FKF that is hurting sports.

I still want to encourage my brother, Mr. Mariga, together with Mr. Hussein, at FKF, that they need to sit down and understand that the country has very serious sporting period from next year. Any wrangles within FKF are definitely hurting sports and need to be solved.

Sen. Sigei has also appreciated the fact that I am running the Muok Rategо Cup, the first edition, in Migori County. It is a big cup engaging a number of young people and I appreciate all Senators who are also running their tournaments. I know Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot is also running a tournament in Kericho County and Sen. Sigei himself is running one in Bomet County. The issue here is just to develop grassroots soccer and talent so that they have the confidence to come to the national table.

Sen. Omogeni has also shared very passionately about dealing with corruption in totality, linking this also with the World Bank report. I am glad to tell you that I will be addressing all these concerns tomorrow morning on Citizen Daybreak. I will be analysing that report more passionately.

I hope that I will be able to get a chance to connect it with the issues that we are addressing here. However, I want to thank him for contributing passionately to this Bill. Yes, it will deal with the issue of corruption because we are giving the DCI a sole purpose of dealing with corruption. This is so that we do not have layered responses by different people, and people being tossed between different institutions. If you do not get justice through the EACC, you go to the DCI. When the DCI does not give a remedy, somebody else goes to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP). If you do not get your issue solved in the ODPP, you go to the federations.

We want a channel that can deal with this issue once and for all so that if the federations are doing the investigations, the DCI also does its investigations, and can take you to court and get your fines and penalties where possible.

I thank Sen. Ledama Olekina as well for his insight on strengthening the institutions that will be able to deal with spot malpractices. Sen. M. Kajwang' dealt with the issue of betting, which I think is becoming a rallying call in this contribution. He was also the seconder of the Bill. I appreciate him so much.

Of course, lastly, appreciate Sen. Cherarkey, who talked very passionately about the issue of being able to give confidence to young people. They are trying to engage in sports coming from grassroots communities, where sometimes by the time they get to national levels, they feel as if corruption might hinder them from getting opportunities.

We have seen it in the area of athletics, where some ladies and gentlemen from the grassroots are able to participate. However, they get blocked out by one or two corrupt people. We have also seen this in terms of football, where very good talents get blocked.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, in 30 seconds, I celebrate a young lady, Lilian Odira, whom I intervened for. In 2024 she was really struggling at the national athletics level. In fact, after a couple of struggles, she made it to the Olympics. When she got to the Olympics, she was still struggling with kitting and getting paid -in pace setters, because apparently even pace setters pay by themselves. Her husband was working for a

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different unit in the prisons, and they were placed in different places. This affected her performance at the Olympics. She became a semi-finalist at the Olympics, when she had the potential to even win.

When she came back, the same problems in athletics in Kenya of not being able to be supported to get pace setters and the right equipment started. However, I told her I would pay for her to do all these things." I paid for her pace setters, tried to get her equipment, and even tried to help her with her diet, which was a big problem, and she promised to do very well.

In 2025, Ms. Lilian Odira, in the World Championships, beat the British woman who had been holding this title. She broke the title that had been held for years and became the world champion in 800 metres. She is now the reigning world champion in this event. This gives a demonstration that it is possible to support these athletes and our people.

Mr. Temporary Speaker, Sir, I beg to reply and request that the putting of the question be deferred to a later date, pursuant to Standing Order number 66 (3).

I thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Sen. Abdul Haji): Very well, Sen. Eddy Oketch. We shall defer the putting of the question to a later date.

*(Putting of the Question on the Bill deferred)*

## ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Senators, it is now 6.30 p.m., time to adjourn the Senate. The Senate, therefore, stands adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 18th November, 2026, at 2.30 p.m. in the National Assembly Chamber.

The Senate rose at 6:30 p.m.

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