



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (SECOND SESSION)**

**THE SENATE**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2023 AT 2.30 PM**

1. The Senate assembled at thirty minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with a Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the Sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the Bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call out the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following communications from the Chair: -

- a) **Visiting Delegation from the County Assembly of Turkana**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker’s Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation from the County Assembly of Turkana. The delegation comprises eight (8) Members and five (5) Officers of the Committee on Delegated Legislation who are on a benchmarking visit with their counterpart in the Senate.

Honourable Senators,

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

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
1.	Hon. Philip Ekuwam	- Deputy Speaker
2.	Hon. Mary Arupe Nakapwan	- Chairperson
3.	Hon. Julius Edung Apuron	- Vice Chairperson
4.	Hon. Aliwo Samwel	- Member
5.	Hon. Anarclet Lemuya	- Member
6.	Hon. Michael Apem	- Member
7.	Hon. Francis Ngimusia	- Member
8.	Hon. Martha Namii	- Member
9.	Mr. Kevin Brown	- Committee Clerk
10.	Ms. Rhoda Tiya Atabo	- Committee Clerk
11.	Ms. Kennedy Lorot	- Hansard Reporter
12.	Mr. Mekede Mark Lomadang'a	- Public Relations Officer
13.	Mr. Justus Ajore	- Sergeant – At – Arms

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

I thank you.”

**b) Visiting Delegation from the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) – Nandi County Branch**

“Honourable Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Public Gallery this afternoon, a visiting delegation from the Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) – Nandi County Branch. The delegation comprises eighteen (18) members who are in the Senate for a one-day visit.

Honourable Senators,

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

I thank you.”

**5. PAPERS LAID**

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

- i.) The Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) 2021/2022 Annual Report.
- ii.) The Ministry of Youth Affairs, Creative Economy and Sports 2022/2023 Scorecard Report.

*(The Senate Majority Whip)*

- iii.) Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on its consideration of the Energy (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 42 of 2023)

*(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)*

## 6. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

### a) **Statements, pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)**

- i.) The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP) made a Statement concerning the progress made in the betterment of the Nation, and Kakamega County in particular, since the General Elections that were held in August, 2022.

In the Statement, the Senator addressed the matter of the sugar industry, road and housing infrastructure within Kakamega County, the prospects of Kakamega Teaching and Referral Hospital and the expansion of Kakamega Airstrip.

He further highlighted the challenges experienced in the revitalization of the sugar industry and the expansion of critical infrastructure within the County, and applauded efforts by the President, the leadership of Butali, West Kenya and Mumias Sugar companies, the former Governor of the County, H. E. Hon. Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya and the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology for their efforts in ensuring that the projects are implemented.

The Senator urged for continued collaboration, emphasizing that sustained efforts will lead to the envisioned improvements in the county's economic and social landscape. He concluded by calling on the people of Kakamega to be patient as more developments were underway.

- ii.) The Senator for Kakamega County (Sen. (Dr.) Boni Khalwale, MP) made a Statement concerning the demise of former Bungoma South and Kanduyi Member of Parliament, the late Hon. Lawrence Sifuna.

In the Statement, the Senator commemorated the late Hon. Sifuna as a formidable advocate for transformative constitutional reforms, acknowledging his relentless stance against dictatorship that helped shape the democratic landscape of Kenya.

He further celebrated the late Hon. Sifuna's multifaceted identity as a certified accountant, farmer and ardent defender of sugarcane farmers' rights, noting that a decline in the sugar sector followed his exit from politics.

The Senator expressed concern over the emergence of divisive politics and ethnic rhetoric in the past decade that threatened the nation's social fabric

and concluded by urging politicians to honor the late Hon. Sifuna's legacy by advocating for national cohesion and unity.

Thereupon, the Speaker allowed Senators to make comments to eulogize the late Hon. Lawrence Sifuna.

**b) Requests for statements, pursuant to Standing Order 53(1)**

- i.) The Senator for Nyandarua County (Sen. John Methu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the registration of Lake Ol' Bolossat as a National Reserve.
- ii.) Nominated Senator (Sen. Esther Okenyuri, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Education regarding career growth paths for teachers on contract.
- iii.) Request for a Statement by the Senator for Bungoma County (Sen. David Wakoli, MP) from the Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization regarding the status of Bungoma Teachers Housing and Investment Cooperative Society was **dropped** in the absence of the Senator.

**7. QUORUM IN THE HOUSE**

Raising a point of order pursuant to Standing Order 41 (1), the Senator for Mombasa County (Sen. Mohammed Faki, MP) drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the House;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirming that there was no quorum, caused the Bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Senate at twenty-two minutes past Four O'clock, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

8. **SENATE ROSE** – at twenty-two minutes past Four O'clock.

**M E M O R A N D U M**

*The Speaker will take the Chair on  
Wednesday, December 06, 2023 at 9:30 am.*