Annex 3: Extract of the Hansard for the plenary Sitting of the Senate held on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026.

Report of the Parliamentary Service Commission on the Recruitment of the Female Non-Member of Parliament Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Chairperson on the Members' Welfare Committee of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir.

(Sen. Omogeni laid the document on the Table)

(Sen. Mumma stood at her place)

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Sen. Mumma, take your seat.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RECRUITMENT OF THE FEMALE NON-MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT COMMISSIONER OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Hon. Senators, I have the following Communication to make.

As you have noted, Sen. Omogeni, SC, CBS, MP, the Chairperson of the Members' Welfare Committee of the Commission has tabled the Report of the Parliamentary Service Commission on the Recruitment of the Female Non-Member of Parliament Commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission.

The composition of the Parliamentary Service Commission is detailed in Article 127 of the Constitution of Kenya. Article 127(ii)(d) of the Constitution provides that the composition of the Commission shall include, and I quote-

> "One man and one woman appointed by Parliament from among persons who are experienced in public affairs, but are not members of Parliament."

Now, Hon. Senators, public appointments such as this must be approved by Parliament, as provided in Article 127(ii)(d) of the Constitution and Section 3 of the Public Appointments Parliamentary Approval Act. Further, Standing Order No.77 of the Senate Standing Orders, provide the procedure for the approval and hearing by a Select Committee. In particular, Standing Order No.77(ii) requires the Select Committee to give the candidate and the public at least seven days' notice of the time and place of the approval hearing.

From the foregoing, this matter stands committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights for consideration.

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Pursuant to Section 8(i) of the said Act and Standing Order No.77(iii), the Committee has 14 days from today to consider this matter and report to the Senate on the suitability of the candidate for appointment to the Parliamentary Service Commission.

(The Report was committed to the Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights)

I thank you.
Next Order, Clerk.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS

The Speaker (Hon. Kingi): Can we have Statements pursuant to Standing Order No.53(1). We will start with Sen. Chimera.

ALLOCATION OF LAND AT MBUGUNI SETTLEMENT SCHEME

Sen. Chimera: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. I rise pursuant to Standing Order No.53(1) to seek a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources on a matter of county-wide concern regarding the administration and allocation of parcels of land within the Mbuguni Settlement Scheme in Mteza Village, Tsimba Golini Ward, Matuga Sub-County, Kwale County.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Mbuguni Settlement Scheme faces serious disputes and local objections arising from double allocation of parcels of land, discrepancies in acreage and allotment letters that do not correspond with the land occupied or claimed by residents. These administrative irregularities have disenfranchised legitimate owners and fuelled persistent land disputes.

In the Statement, the Committee should address the following-

(1) The status of the initial survey and allocation of parcels within the scheme, including survey records, allocation registers and the criteria used to identify and select beneficiaries.

(2) The number and causes of double allocations and allotment letters inconsistent with actual occupation, together with corrective measures being undertaken.

(3) The nature and extent of discrepancies between the acreage and survey records or allotment letters and the physical land occupied by residents on the ground.

(4) The measures taken by relevant Government agencies to verify rightful beneficiaries, resolve disputes and establish accessible redress mechanisms for affected residents without disenfranchisement.

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