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ESSAY ON SENATE VISIT ON 11TH APRIL, 2023.

It was an early Tuesday morning; blessed with short showers. James Ruigu and I, Kiilu Nduhiu, were representing AKAD at the Senate for a Committee meeting. We were hosted by [Otiato Andayi](#) who catered for the experiences we had.

There was a scheduled meeting by the Lands and Roads committee that stood adjourned with respect to Standing Order 209 (Standing orders are rules that govern the Senate) that states that *if there's no quorum within thirty minutes of the scheduled meeting, the meeting stands adjourned until the same time of the same day or a time chosen by the Chairperson of the committee.*

It is with respect to the same order that the next committee meeting we attended came to an end. It was then clarified to us by Mr. Otiati Andayi that the ongoing Kenya Kwanza Parliamentary Group meeting that was running concurrently at State House is what was causing the delay and unavailability of numbers for quorum. We were then taken round both houses, being allowed to experience both chamber houses just right before both houses resumed after recess.

There was a presser ongoing at the Media Centre regarding the Bi-partisan talks that we had the pleasure of catching the finishing remarks by National Assembly Minority Leader [Opiyo Wandayi](#).

I had the privilege of engaging with former workmates from [Nation Media Group](#); it brought back warm feelings and engagement.

It was thereafter agreed that the AKAD team engage in further conversations on a return to the Senate to experience a full house sitting in the coming week.

The overall experience was mind-engaging as James and I engaged and conversed on matters politics and economics of the country.

We had a final wrap up conversation with Mr. Otiati after which we checked out of the Parliament building.

