

REPUBLIC OF KENYA ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (THIRD SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

COMMUNICATION REGARDING A NOTICE OF MOTION ON THE REMOVAL OF A CABINET SECRETARY

Honourable Members,

Article 152(6) of the Constitution provides that a Member of the National Assembly may, if supported by at least a quarter of all the Members of the National Assembly, propose a motion requiring the President to dismiss a Cabinet Secretary. Standing Order 66 of the National Assembly Standing Orders provide for the procedure for the removal of a Cabinet Secretary. For the avoidance of doubt, Standing Order 66(1) states and I quote;

Before giving notice of Motion under Article 152(6) of the Constitution, the Member shall deliver to the Clerk a copy of the proposed Motion in writing –

- (a) stating the grounds and particulars in terms of Article 152(6) of the Constitution upon which the proposed Motion is made;
- (b) signed by the Member; and
- (c) signed in support by at least one quarter of all the Members of the Assembly.

Hon. Members, I wish to report that a Notice of Motion as contemplated by the Constitution and our Standing Orders has been received from the Member for Matayos Constituency, Hon. Geoffrey Odanga. Further, and pursuant to Standing

Order 64(2), I have approved the Motion and the House Business Committee has since been notified in order to have the matter prioritized.

Hon. Members, in my ruling made on **June 10, 2014**, I had directed that, and I quote;

"... whenever a Special Motion is filed and having been approved by the Speaker and time for its debate has been allocated, the Member who intends to move the Motion must give notice of the Motion within three (3) sitting days, failure to which the Motion shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and shall not be moved again in the same Session except with the leave of the Speaker."

In this regard, and in consonance with the aforementioned ruling, I call upon the Member to proceed and give the Notice within the next three (3) sitting days.

Hon. Members, Standing Order 64(2)(b) requires that the Assembly shall within seven (7) days of the Notice being given, dispose of the matter. It is therefore important that we all take cognizance of the timelines outlined in both the Constitution and the Standing Orders and consider and resolve the Motion within the stipulated period.

I Thank You!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, E.G.H, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Wednesday, July 1, 2015