

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY – (THIRD SESSION)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR REGARDING PENDING BUSINESS BEFORE COMMITTEES

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, Parliament conducts a lot of its work through Committees. In fact, matters pertaining to public Petitions, Bills and legislative proposals are routinely referred to various parliamentary Committees for consideration. However, it has been noted that on many occasions, there have been inordinate delays in the processing of certain business by some Committees.

Honourable Members,

As part of its mandate to monitor and oversee implementation of business in the House as contemplated under Standing Order 171(5), the House Business Committee is of the view that Committee Chairpersons ought to regularly apprise the House on progress of business before them. This should take the form of brief reports to be presented when determined by the Speaker, and should not take more than ten minutes each. Such report should provide a summary of Bills, Legislative Proposals, Petitions, Statutory Instruments, and any other business referred to the Committees by the House or the Speaker.

Honourable Members,

I have therefore determined that this reporting will commence from next week, **Wednesday, October 21, 2015, in the afternoon.** The process shall begin with **two** Departmental Committees, following the order in which those Committees are listed in the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders. Thereafter, I will also accord an opportunity to other select Committees to provide progress reports on matters before them. Consequently, next week I expect the Chairpersons of the Committee on

Administration and National Security, and the Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Cooperatives to brief the House on status of pending business before their respective Committees. Due to the heavy financial business before the Departmental Committee on Finance, Planning and Trade, some of which have statutory and fiscal deadlines, I will also allow the Chairperson of that Committee to give a status report of the business pending before the Committee during the same sitting.

Honourable Members,

To this end, Committees are notified that, in addition to budgetary approvals, requests to hold meetings outside Nairobi, including foreign travel will be approved on the basis of conclusion of committee work. Should it be necessary, I will not hesitate to suspend travel by any Committee that plans to undertake such travels or visits before completing pending business before them.

In conclusion, **Honourable Members**, I also wish to implore the Liaison Committee to assist the House in administering this requirement.

I thank you.

THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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