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**Honourable Members,**

Today's sitting marks the conclusion of what has been the introductory session, that is, the First Session of National Assembly in the Twelfth Parliament. I wish to commend the House for the diligence and commitment to the business of the House in plenary throughout the Session. The Session saw Members get sworn in and an induction programme conducted which was meant to familiarize Members with among other things, how business is conducted and the procedural aspects in the House.

**Honourable Members,** As you are aware, the House approved during today's morning sitting membership to various Committees. As the Session winds up and the House proceeds on recess, and as I mention earlier during the morning sitting, let me reiterate that the Committees have up to a maximum of seven days from today within which to elect Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons as is provided for in the Standing Orders. Members will be informed from the Office of the Clerk on the place, date and time for the first meetings of the various Committees, whose business shall be the election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons. And as is the tradition of Parliament, Committees activities will thereafter stand suspended until Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 being the third week of January 2018.

This is to allow you to spend valuable time with your families during the holiday season and also attend to your constituents. In addition, this will avail the officers and staff of Parliament an opportunity to take their annual leave and also begin preparations for the next Session. Ordinarily, Committees activities would normally resume during the last week of January but recognizing that Committees need to undertake induction programmes, this necessitates the earlier commencement of business by Committees.

**Honourable Members,** Even as we break, I direct the Committee on Delegated legislation to consider and conclude all statutory instruments before it expeditiously. This is in line with the provisions of the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 which gives the Parliamentary Committee 28 days to consider all statutory instruments before it otherwise, they stand approved in the form they were published and submitted to the House. The Committee should then inform the House on the actions taken upon resumption from recess.

**Honourable Members,** In view of the foregoing, I now direct that the various Committees do conduct the elections of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons by **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.** Thereafter, no Committee Sittings shall be convened until **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018,** unless special consideration is granted by my office.

**Finally Honourable Members,** I wish you a happy, safe and restful festive season, and a prosperous New Year.

**I Thank You!**

**THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2017**