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**THE NATIONAL HONOURS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2014**

A Bill for

**AN ACT of Parliament to amend the National
Honours Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the National Honours (Amendment) Act. Short title.

2. Section 6 of the National Honours Act is amended in sub-section (1) by deleting paragraphs (h) and (i) and substituting therefor the following new paragraphs— Amendment of
section 6 of No. 11
of 2013.

(h) the Senate Majority Leader;

(i) the Leader of the Majority Party in the National Assembly;

(j) the Senate Minority Leader; and

(k) the Leader of the Minority Party in the National Assembly.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Statement of the Objects and Reasons for the Bill

The principal object of this Bill is to amend section 6 of the National Honours Act, No. 11 of 2013, in order to include the Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Minority Leader in the membership of the Parliamentary Honours Advisory Committee so as to ensure equitable representation of both Houses of Parliament in the Committee.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

The Bill does not delegate legislative powers nor does it limit fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement of how the Bill concerns County Governments

The Bill concerns county governments in terms of Article 110(1)(a) of the Constitution as it contains provisions that affect the functions and powers of the county governments as set out in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution. The inclusion of the Senate leadership in the membership of the Committee has a direct bearing on the powers, functions and status of the Senate as it performs its functions under the Constitution.

Statement that the Bill is not a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The Bill is not a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution.

Dated the 2nd April, 2014.

S. AMOS WAKO,
Chairman,
Standing Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights.

Section 6 of the Act that the Bill proposes to amend—

6. (1) There is established a Parliamentary Honours Advisory Committee which shall comprise—

- (a) the Speaker of the National Assembly;
- (b) the Speaker of the Senate;
- (c) the Clerk of the National Assembly;
- (d) the Clerk of the Senate;
- (e) the vice-chairperson of the Parliamentary Service Commission;
- (f) a commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission appointed under Article 127 (2) (c) of the Constitution;
- (g) a commissioner of the Parliamentary Service Commission appointed under Article 127(2)(d) of the Constitution;
- (h) the Leader of the Majority Party; and
- (i) the Leader of the Minority Party.

(2) The Committee shall be jointly chaired by the Speaker of the National Assembly and the Speaker of the Senate.