

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 2 of 2020) _____

ON BUSINESS THAT LAPSED AT THE END OF THE THIRD SESSION

Honourable Members, I wish to welcome you to this first sitting that marks the formal commencement of the Fourth Session. May I also, once again, sincerely thank all Members for the role you played as a House in according a befitting parliamentary send-off for the late retired Second President of the Republic, H.E. Daniel Toroitich arap Moi, CGH, who served for an interrupted period of 47 years in this House.

Honourable Members, Today marks the beginning of one of the busiest parts of the Session, with the start of the Budget Cycle in the parliamentary Calendar, among other upcoming crucial business. As you may recall, on Thursday, December 5, 2019, I did indicate to the House that all Questions, Statements and Motions, including those relating to Committee reports, would lapse by the end of the Third Session. Therefore, Members wishing to continue with any such lapsed business are advised to submit afresh through the Table Office for processing and consideration in this Session.

Honourable Members, in line with the same Communication where I did suspend the counting of days for all **pending Petitions**, the House is reminded that, the counting of the sixty-day period prescribed under Standing Order 227 (2) now resumes today, being the first day of the Fourth Session.

Honourable Members, with regard to Questions, I wish to direct all Chairpersons of Departmental Committees to provide progress reports to the House pursuant to the requirements of Standing Order 42F. The respective reports should indicate the list of questions referred to their Committees, those replied to, those awaiting further information or reply, and those still pending. The Chairpersons will be expected to avail this information in form of a brief Statement to be made in the House and tabled on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 (afternoon) and on **Thursday, February 20, 2020**. These reports, which will be made in the order in which the respective Committees appear in the Second Schedule to the Standing Orders, will enable Members to know the fate of their Questions which were still pending in Committees as at the end of the Third Session. For Questions for written reply whose responses have been received, the Clerk is directed to avail the responses to the concerned Members. Regarding Questions for written reply whose responses have not been received, the Members concerned are at liberty file to the particular Questions again.

Honourable Members, May I also take this opportunity to inform the House that, during the Third Session of the Twelfth Parliament, His Excellency the President *assented* to a total of twenty six (26) Bills, which were passed at different times within the Session. These are –

A. Bills originating in the National Assembly

- 1. the Irrigation Act, 2019
- 2. the County Governments Retirement Scheme Act, 2019
- 3. the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2019
- 4. the Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2019
- 5. the Appropriation Act, 2019
- 6. the Energy Act, 2019;
- 7. the Petroleum Act, 2019;
- 8. the Physical and Land Use Planning Act, 2019;
- 9. the Data Protection Act, 2019;
- 10. the Finance Act, 2019;
- 11. the Parliamentary Service Commission Act, 2019;
- 12. the Copyright (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 13. the Kenya Accreditation Service Act, 2019;
- 14. the Statistics (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 15. the Health (Amendment) Laws Act, 2019;
- 16. the Division of Revenue Act, 2019;

- 17. the Land Value (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 18. the National Cohesion and Integration Act, 2019;
- 19. the Sports (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 20. the Insurance (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 21. the Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Act, 2019; and
- 22. the Kenya Roads Board (Amendment) Act 2019.

B. Bills originating in the Senate

- 23. the Warehouse Receipt System Act, 2017
- 24. the Urban Areas and Cities (Amendment) Act, 2019;
- 25. the County Allocation of Revenue Act, 2019; and,
- 26. the Assumption of the Office of the Governor Act, 2019;

I therefore take this opportunity to commend all Members for this great performance with regard to passing of all these pieces of legislation among other business transacted in the Third Session.

Hon. Members, let me now turn to lapsed Bills and Committees whose term have come to an end. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 141(2)(b), for the information of the House, the following two Bills lapsed at the end of the Third Session-

1. The Warehouse Receipt System Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2018); and,

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2. The County Governments (Revenue Raising Process) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2018).

Further Honourable Members, the term of the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities and the Parliamentary Committee on Powers & Privileges, have lapsed. The two Committees have Sessional terms and I therefore direct the Committee on Selection to expeditiously nominate Members for appointment to the two Committees by the House.

Honourable Members, the House is thus accordingly informed and guided.

I thank you!

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020

