



## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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### TWELFTH PARLIAMENT– (FOURTH SESSION)

### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 022 of 2020) \_\_\_\_\_

### ON CONSIDERATION OF THE TAX LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020: EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS

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**Honourable Members,** as you are aware, the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning has been conducting public participation on the Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2020) in accordance with the provisions of Article 118 of the Constitution and Standing Order 127.

**Honourable Members,** as you will recall, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020 amends several tax-related laws in order to implement various measures to cushion Kenyans from the adverse economic effects of the *COVID-19 Pandemic*. The Committee Chairperson has informed me that, during public participation, the Committee received various views and submissions from the public, stakeholders and even Honourable Members of this House on how the Bill could be improved. The submissions covered a wide range of issues, some of which may not be contained in the Bill as published but would greatly improve the mitigation measures.

To this end, **Honourable Members**, given the need to act in the best interest of the public during the unfamiliar times in which we find ourselves, I am inclined to allow the consideration, by the House, of amendments incorporating the useful proposals from the public as contemplated under Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution regarding *public participation and involvement of the public in legislative business of the House*. Consequently, in order to enable the House consider the various proposals made by the public, **I do hereby exempt the following amendments, as listed in today's Order Paper, from the provisions of Standing Order 133(5)-**

- 1. The proposed amendments to the Retirement Benefits Act No. 3 of 1997;**
- 2. The proposed amendments to the Law of Contract Act (Cap. 23);**
- 3. The proposed amendments to the Banking Act (Cap. 488); and**
- 4. The proposed amendments to the Employment Act No. 11 of 2007.**

**Hon. Members**, the above-mentioned amendments will be moved by the Leader of Majority Party and the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning, respectively. The said amendments will be considered at the Committee of the Whole House, together with the rest of the amendments, when the House enters Order No. 9.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.



**THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, E.G.H, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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