



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (FIFTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 1 of 2021) _____

ON

**BUSINESS THAT LAPSED AT THE END OF THE FOURTH SESSION AND
COMMITTAL OF DIFFERENT PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS LAWS
(AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL, 2020 TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL
COMMITTEES**

Honourable Members,

I wish to welcome you back to the August House following the long recess and hope that you are sufficiently rested and rejuvenated in readiness for the commencement of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Parliament, which will be a busy one.

Honourable Members, as we commence the Session, I wish to bring to the attention of the House that, going by our practices and the Standing Orders, certain business that was not concluded at the end of the last Session, such as Motions, as well as Questions and Statements which had not been responded to, has now lapsed. To this end, every Chairperson of a Committee or individual Member who wishes to re-introduce such business is advised do so by contacting the Table Office to revive the business. This, however, does not apply to Bills and Petitions, which were saved by way of a resolution of the House on December 3, 2020.

Honourable Members, I also wish to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the term of Sessional Committees has come to an end and therefore they will be reconstituted afresh, as per the usual practice. These include the Committee on Parliamentary Powers and Privileges and the Committee on Members' Services and Facilities.

Further, certain other Committees with set term limits also require to be reconstituted afresh, that is, the Committee on Appointments and the Budget and Appropriations Committee. As such, the Committee on Selection is required to expedite the process of nominating Members to serve in the said Committees.

Honourable Members, as you may also recall, the Business Laws (Amendment)(No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 50 of 2020) was published on 14th December, 2020 and read a First Time on Tuesday, 22nd December, 2020. The Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, seeks to make amendments to various statutes which do not warrant the publication of separate Bills to facilitate the ease of doing business in Kenya.

Honourable Members, the Bill proposes amendments to ten (10) statutes. In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 127, the said omnibus Bill has been referred to the various relevant Departmental Committees for consideration and public participation. I wish to clarify that the Committees shall consider the Bill as follows —

1) The Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs will deal with the provisions of the Bill touching on the following:

- (a) The Law of Contract Act (Cap. 23);
- (b) The Companies Act (No. 17 of 2015);
- (c) The Insolvency Act (No. 18 of 2015); and
- (d) The Small Claims Court Act (No. 2 of 2016).

2) The Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare will deal with the provisions of the Bill touching on the following:

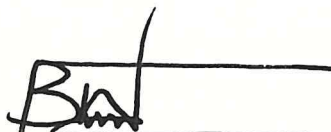
- (a) The Industrial Training Act (Cap. 237); and
- (b) The National Social Security Fund Act (No. 45 of 2013).

- 3) The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** will consider the provisions of the Bill proposing to amend the Stamp Duty Act (Cap. 480).
- 4) The Departmental Committee on Health** will consider the provisions of the Bill proposing to amend the National Hospital Insurance Fund Act (No. 9 of 1998).
- 5) The Departmental Committee on Lands** will consider the provisions of the Bill proposing to amend the Land Registration Act (No. 3 of 2012).
- 6) The Departmental Committee on Transport, Public Works and Housing** will consider the provisions of the Bill proposing to amend the National Construction Authority Act (No. 41 of 2011).

Honourable Members, the cited Committees should facilitate public participation as they consider their relevant portions of the Bill, following which they should file their respective Reports with the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs which will be the lead Committee on the Bill. The lead Committee is thereafter expected to table the Consolidated Report in the House prior to commencement of the Second Reading on the Bill.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!



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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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