



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_ *(No. 19 of 2021)* \_\_\_\_\_

**ON THE SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**Honourable Members,**

I wish to welcome you back to the House, and hope that you have kept safe as you engaged with your families and constituents. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 relating to the procedure for convening of Special Sittings of the House during recess, I wish to report to the House that on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021, I received a letter from the Leader of the Majority Party requesting that I convene Special Sittings of the National Assembly to consider certain matters. Having taken cognizance of the urgency of the matters so specified in the letter by the Leader of the Majority Party, I acceded to the request to convene Special Sittings today, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and tomorrow, Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, commencing at 10.00am for the Morning Sitting and at 2.30pm in the case of the Afternoon Sitting, on both days, for purposes of -

- 1) Notification of a Message from the Senate on the Division of Revenue Bill, 2021;
- 2) Tabling of Reports of the following Committees —
  - a) Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the consideration of Senate Amendments to the Division of Revenue Bill, 2021;
  - b) Report of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research on the vetting of the Nominees for appointment to the positions of Chairperson and Member of the Teachers Service Commission;

- c) Report of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the position of Principal Secretary in the State Department for Implementation of Curriculum Reforms; and,
  - d) Joint Report of the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs and Senate Standing Committee on Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (A Bill to amend the Constitution by Popular Initiative) promoted by the Building Bridges Initiative;
- 3) Tabling of any other Papers with statutory timelines;
- 4) Transaction of the following business –
- i. Notices of Motion and consideration of Special Motions on –
    - a) The nominees for appointment to the positions of Chairperson and Member of the Teachers Service Commission; and
    - b) The nominee for appointment to the position of Principal Secretary in the State Department for Implementation of Curriculum Reforms;
  - ii. Consideration of the Public Petition for the removal of Ms. Tabitha Mutemi from the membership of the Media Council of Kenya;
  - iii. Consideration of Senate Amendments to the Division of the Revenue Bill, 2021; and
  - iv. Second Reading, Committee of the Whole House and Third Reading of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (A Bill to amend the Constitution by Popular Initiative) promoted by the Building Bridges Initiative.

**Honourable Members**, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 29, I did Gazette the said Special Sitzings of the House vide *Kenya Gazette Notice No. 4005* of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. **Subsequently, the sittings of the House today as well as tomorrow are properly convened.**

**Honourable Members**, as you are aware through the notifications sent to you in the course of the ongoing recess, I did receive two Messages from the Senate regarding its passage of the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 7 of 2021) with amendments to the Schedule regarding conditional allocation to Counties, as well as passage of the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2020). Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(6)(c) and the resolution of the House of 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, I did refer the said Bills to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Departmental Committee on Agriculture and Livestock, for consideration respectively. I also received a Statutory Instrument, Legal Notice No. 27 of 2021 on Exemption on Income Tax, which I determined to be of priority and forwarded to the Committee on Delegated Legislation for consideration pursuant to the resolution of the House of March 30, 2021 on business received during the recess period.

On a sad note, **Honourable Members**, we learnt with great dismay of the passing on of the late Member for Kiambaa Constituency and Chairperson of the Departmental Committee for Administration and National Security, **the Hon. Paul Koinange**, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 while undergoing treatment at the Nairobi Hospital. This was truly a profound loss for the Parliament of Kenya, the country as a whole and indeed the international community. I wish to convey my utmost gratitude to all Members for their contributions, condolences and support during this difficult time, as well as to the *Ad Hoc* Committee that spearheaded the funeral arrangements chaired by Hon. Peter Mwathi, Member of Parliament for Limuru. This House has without doubt lost a trustworthy, calm, friendly, consistent and devoted leader. I request that we rise and observe a minute of silence in honour of our departed colleague, the Hon. Paul Koinange.

**I thank you!**



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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021