



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FIFTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No 24 of 2021)

**ON THE SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON
19TH MAY 2021**

Honourable Members,

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 13th May 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 urgent business.

Honourable Members, having taken cognizance of the urgency of the business so specified in the letter by the Leader of the Majority Party, I acceded to the request to convene Special Sittings today, Wednesday, 19th May 2021 commencing at 10.00am for the Morning Sitting and at 2.30pm in the case of the Afternoon Sitting, for purposes of –

- a)** Tabling of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the vetting of the nominee for appointment to the position of Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya;
- b)** Tabling of any other Papers with statutory timelines;
- c)** Transaction of the following Business-
 - (i)** Notice of Motion and consideration of Special Motion for the approval of appointment of a Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya;

(ii) Consideration of the Reports of the Committee on Delegated Legislation on the following-

- a) The Exemption from Income Tax for Japanese Companies, Japanese Consultants and Japanese Employees (*Legal Notice No. 15 of 2021 of 26th February, 2021*);
- b) The Public Finance Management (National Drought Emergency Fund) Regulations, 2021, (*Legal Notice No. 27 of 2021 of 5th March, 2021*); and,
- c) Exemption from Income Tax for Airlines with Government of Kenya Shareholding of at least 45% and its subsidiaries; (*Legal Notice No. 27 of 2021 of 17th March, 2021*);

(iii) First Reading of the following Bills, subject to Article 110(3) of the Constitution-

- a) The Livestock Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2021);
- b) The Irrigation (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2021);
- c) The Community Groups Registration Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2021); and
- d) The National Hospital Insurance Fund (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 21 of 2021);

(iv) Second Reading of the Public Private Partnerships Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 6 of 2021);

(v) Committee of the whole House on—

- a) The Kenya National Library Service Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2020); and,
- b) The Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 27 of 2020).

Hon. Members, pursuant to provisions of Standing Order 29, I did Gazette the said Special Sittings of the House vide *Kenya Gazette Notice No. 4699* of 17th May, 2021. **In this regard, the sittings of the House this morning and afternoon are properly convened.**

Honourable Members, with respect to the two Bills scheduled for Committee of the Whole House, I have been notified that the Clerk's Office received proposed amendments from several Members last evening and others today morning, part of which ought to be brought to the attention of the respective Committees for their input pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 131. In this regard, I request the Leader of the Majority Party to confer with the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare and the Chairperson Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security with a view to charting a way forward before the said business is reached during the Afternoon Sitting.

Having said that, may I remind **Honourable Members** that today's Sittings has come at a time when the country is witnessing a spike in the number of cases of COVID-19 Pandemic infections as indeed stated by the Ministry of Health. In this regard, I urge **Honourable Members** to strictly adhere to the Ministry of Health's protocols issued for prevention of the Pandemic. In particular, Hon. Members are advised to observe social distance while in the Chamber and in the other facilities, strictly sit only in the designated places in the Chamber and avoid changing seats or having close physical interactions. May I once again remind the House that, as leaders, we have a duty to contribute to the concerted efforts of flattening the curve of COVID-19 Pandemic infections in the Country.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!



THE HON. MOSES CHEBOI, CBS, MP
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 19th May, 2021

