

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FIFTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No. 36 of 2021)

ON THE SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER, 2021

Honourable Members,

I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Special Sittings of the House of Today, Wednesday, 1st September, 2021, which have been convened pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 29 relating to the procedure for convening of Special Sittings of the House during recess.

Indeed, **Hon. Members**, I wish to report to the House that on 27th August, 2021, I received a request from the Leader of the Majority Party asking me to 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 request by the Leader of the Majority Party, I acceded to the request to convene Special Sittings today, **Wednesday, 1**st **September, 2021** commencing at 10.00 am for the Morning Sitting and at 2.30 pm in the case of the Afternoon Sitting. Consequently and in keeping with the requirements of Standing Order 29, I did Gazette the said Special Sittings of the House vide Kenya *Gazette Notice No. 9078 of 30th August, 2021.* **In this regard, the Sittings of the House this morning and afternoon are properly convened.** As specified in the said *Gazette*, the purpose of the Sittings is as follows-

- Tabling of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs on the Vetting of Nominees for appointment to the position of Member of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and notification of the attendant notice of motion;
- Tabling of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Education and Research on the Vetting of the Nominees for appointment to the position of Member of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and notification of the attendant notice of motion;
- 3. Tabling of any other Papers with statutory timelines;
- **4.** Conveyance of any urgent Messages from the National Executive and/or the Senate, which I will do during the afternoon Sitting;
- 5. First Reading of the following five Bills
 - a) The Sustainable Waste Management Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 22 of 2021);
 - **b)** The National Disaster Risk Management Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 28 of 2021);
 - c) The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 32 of 2021);
 - **d)** The Universities (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 35 of 2021); and
 - e) The Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2021);
- **6.** Voting on the Motion for Second Reading of the Central Bank of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2021), whose debate was concluded on 11th of August, 2021;

- **7.** Consideration of Special Motion on appointment of nominees to the position of Member of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC); and
- **8.** Consideration of Special Motion on appointment of nominees to the position of Member of the Teachers Service Commission (TSC).

Honourable Members, for the convenience of the House, the last two items that I have mentioned will be considered during the afternoon sitting.

Having said that, may I remind the House that today's Sittings has come at a time when the country is experiencing an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 Pandemic infections. In this regard, I urge **Honourable Members** to strictly adhere to the Ministry of Health's protocols issued for the prevention and control of the Pandemic. In particular, Hon. Members are advised to observe social distance while in the Chamber and in the other facilities, have our face masks properly worn at all times, strictly sit only in the designated places in the Chamber and avoid changing seats or having close physical interactions.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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

Wednesday, 1st September 2021

