



## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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### TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (SIXTH SESSION)

### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### MESSAGES

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 002 of 2022) \_\_\_\_\_

### ON THE PASSAGE AND REFERRAL OF EIGHT BILLS BY THE SENATE.

#### **Honourable Members,**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41, I wish to report to the House that I have received Eight (8) Messages from the Senate regarding its passage of the following eight (8) Bills -

- (i) The Natural Resources (Benefits Sharing) Bill (Senate Bill No. 25 of 2020);
- (ii) The Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 11 of 2020);
- (iii) The County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2021);
- (iv) The Prompt Payment Bill (Senate Bill No. 16 of 2021);
- (v) The Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 1 of 2021);
- (vi) The County Hall of Fame Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2021);
- (vii) The Kenya Citizenship and Immigration (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 33 of 2021); and,
- (viii) The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2021).

**Honourable Members,** the **first Message** relates to the passage of the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (Senate Bill No. 25 of 2020), published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 197 of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Bill seeks *"to establish a system of benefit sharing in natural resource exploitation between resource exploiters, the national government, the county governments and local communities."*

The **second Message** is in respect of the passage of **the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 11 of 2020)** published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 142 of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 which seeks *"to amend the Co-operative Societies Act, No. 12 of 1997 so as to align it to the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 by setting out functions of the National Government and the County Governments in relation to governance of co-operative societies"*

The **third Message** relates to the passage of **the County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2021)** which was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 26 of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The Bill seeks *"to provide a framework for the establishment of systems for the administration of vocational education and training within a county."*

**Honourable Members,** the **fourth Message** relates to the passage of **the Prompt Payment Bill (Senate Bill No. 16 of 2021)** published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 36 dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Amongst other provisions, the Bill seeks *"to provide for prompt payment for the supply of goods, works or services"*.

The **fifth Message** is in respect of the passage of **the Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 1 of 2021)**, published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 9 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021. The Bill is seeking *"to provide a framework to encourage growth and sustainable technological development and new entrepreneurship employment, to create a more favourable environment for innovation, to attract Kenyan talents and capital."*

**Honourable Members,** the **sixth Message** relates to the passage of the **County Hall of Fame Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2021)**, published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 29 dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The Bill seeks *"to establish a county hall of fame in each County as an avenue through which the County Governments shall bestow honour on individuals within their respective counties acclaimed as being outstanding, exceptional or illustrious in any profession or activity."*

The **Seventh Message** is in respect of the passage of **the Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2021)** which was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 25 dated 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. It proposes "*to give effect to Article 7(3)(b) of the Constitution on the promotion and development of the use of Kenya Sign language and to also to give effect to Article 54(1)(d) to provide for the inclusion of sign language in education curriculum and to provide for the use of language in legal proceedings.*"

**Honourable Members**, the **last Message** relates to the passage of **the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 33 of 2021)** published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 96 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 which seeks "*to amend the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act.*"

**Honourable Members**, having considered and passed the eight (8) Bills, the Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly on each of the Bills. The Standing Orders require the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message. In this regard, you will notice that the Eight Bills have been listed for First Reading in the Order Paper for this particular sitting. After being Read a First Time, the Bills will stand committed to respective Committees as follows -

- (i) The Natural Resources (Benefits Sharing) Bill (Senate Bill No. 25 of 2020) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources;**
- (ii) The Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 11 of 2020) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives;**
- (iii) The County Vocational Education and Training Bill (Senate Bill No. 6 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Education and Research;**



(iv) The Prompt Payment Bill (Senate Bill No. 16 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning**;

(v) The Startup Bill (Senate Bill No. 1 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation**;

(vi) The County Hall of Fame Bill (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2021) and The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism**;

(vii) The Kenyan Sign Language Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism**; and

(viii) The Kenya Citizenship and Immigration (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bill No. 33 of 2021) will stand committed to the **Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security**.

**Honourable Members**, the reports of the respective Committees shall guide the House with respect to the next stages and prioritization of the said Bills. I therefore request the Committees to prioritize the eight (8) Senate Bills in their respective agenda.

**I thank you!**



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**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022*