

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (SIXTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

(No.	040	of 2	2022)

DECISION OF THE SENATE ON THE MEDIATED VERSION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 35 OF 2021) AND THE DIVISION OF REVENUE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8 OF 2022)

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, Standing Order 41(4) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires the Speaker to report to the House any Message received from the Senate. In this regard, I wish to report that on 1st April 2022, I did receive two Messages from the Senate regarding its passage of the Mediated Version of the County Governments Additional Allocation Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021) and the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2022).

Honourable Members, the first Message reads in part, and I quote, "...that the Senate by a resolution passed on 31st March, 2022, approved the Mediated Version of the County Governments Additional Allocation Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021) formerly referred to as the "County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021)".

Honourable Members, you will recall that the County Governments Grants Bill (Senate Bill No. 35 of 2021) was referred to the National Assembly towards the end of last Session, having been passed by the Senate. The House passed the said Bill on 2nd December 2021 with further amendments and referred it back to the Senate for reconsideration. However, the Senate rejected the National Assembly's amendments. This in effect committed the Bill to a Mediation Committee in terms of Article 112(2)(b) of the Constitution. Consequently, Honourable Members, the Mediation Committee developed a version of the Mediated Version of the said which was passed by the Senate last week and is scheduled for passage by the House today. Indeed it is listed as Order No. 8 in today's Order Paper.

Honourable Members, the second Message from the Senate refers to the passage of the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2022). It will be recalled that the National Assembly passed the Bill on *Thursday*, 3rd March, 2022 without amendments. The Message from the Senate reads in part, and I quote, "...the Senate considered and passed the said Bill without amendments on Thursday, 31st March, 2022". The Message thus conveys the concurrence of the Senate with the National Assembly on the Division of Revenue Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 8 of 2022) in terms of Article 110(4) of the Constitution.

Honourable Members, the Bill now having concluded the bicameral passage in the Houses of Parliament, and given the urgency associated with the it, I will present the Bill to H.E. the President for Assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(5) of the Constitution tomorrow.

I thank you!

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

Tuesday, 5th April, 2022

