



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

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**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (SIXTH SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**MESSAGES**

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 006 of 2022) \_\_\_\_\_

**ON**

**DECISION OF THE SENATE ON THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S  
AMENDMENTS TO THE COFFEE BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 22 OF 2020)**

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**Honourable Members,**

Standing Order 41(4) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Message received from the Senate. In this regard, I wish to report that, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022, I did receive a Message from the Senate regarding its rejection of all amendments made by the National Assembly to the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 22 of 2020).

**Honourable Members,** the Message reads, and I quote, *"that the Senate, on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, considered a Motion for Consideration of the National Assembly Amendments to the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 22 of 2020) and rejected the National Assembly amendments"*.

**Honourable Members,** you will recall that, there were two Bills proposing to legislate on regulation, development and promotion of the coffee industry. These are the Coffee Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 17 of 2021) sponsored by the Leader of the Majority and the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 22 of 2020) which originated in the Senate, having been sponsored by the Senate Majority Leader.

To expedite the bicameral consideration of the proposed legislation, the Leader of the Majority Party stood down his Bill in favour of the Senate Bill. It was however agreed that part of the provisions in the version of the Bill sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party be incorporated in the Senate Bill as amendments at Committee Stage. That, Hon. Members indeed took place when the Bill was considered at Committee of the whole House. Thereafter the Bill was *Read a Third Time* on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and the Schedule of the National Assembly's amendments referred to the Senate in keeping with the requirements of the Standing Orders.

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**Hon. Members,** it is the particular Schedule of the National Assembly's amendments that the Senate has rejected. This decision of the Senate essentially implies that the Coffee Bill (Senate Bill No. 22 of 2020) now stands referred to the mediation process contemplated under Article 112 of the Constitution.

**Honourable Members,** in his Message to the National Assembly, the Rt. Honourable Speaker of the Senate also conveys that he has appointed the following Senators to the Mediation Committee on the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution-

1. Sen. Njeru Ndwiga, EGH, MP;
2. Sen. Enoch Wambua, MP;
3. Sen. Naomi Waqo, MP;
4. Sen. (Dr.) Isaac Mwaura, CBS, MP; and
5. Sen. (Dr.) Ochilo Ayacko, EGH, MP.

**Honourable Members**, having consulted the Leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties in the National Assembly, I hereby **appoint** the following Members to represent the National Assembly in the **Mediation Committee** to consider the said Bill –

1. The Hon. Silas Tiren, CBS, MP;
2. The Hon. Cecily Mbarire, MGH, MP
3. The Hon. Gabriel Kago, MP;
4. The Hon. Martin Peters Owino, MP; and,
5. The Hon. Joseph Kalasinga Wekesa, MP.

**Honourable Members**, the Committee is expected to speedily embark on the process of attempting to develop a mediated version of the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 of the Constitution. Notwithstanding the busy political schedules of most Members ahead of the general elections, I urge the Committee to find time to consider the Bill and submit a report.

**I thank you!**



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

*Tuesday, June 7, 2022*

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