



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 007 of 2024) _____

**ON WITHDRAWAL OF A SPECIFIC PROVISION IN THE STATUTE LAW
(MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) (No.2) BILL (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 68 OF 2023)**

Honourable Members,

1. As you are aware, the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 68 of 2023) was published *vide Kenya Gazette Supplement* No. 207 of 30th October 2023, to effect various amendments to seventeen (17) statutes.
2. **Honourable Members,** the Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, was read a First Time on 15th November 2023 and thereupon referred to various Departmental Committees for consideration in accordance with their respective mandates. The committees have since laid their respective reports on the Bill following extensive public participation and stakeholder engagement.
3. The Bill was subsequently considered by the House and passed at Second Reading on **Wednesday, 28th February 2024**, thereby committing it to a Committee of the whole House. Indeed, the Bill is scheduled for consideration in Committee of the Whole House today under **Order No. 10**.
4. **Honourable Members,** before proceeding for consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole, I wish to notify the House that I have since received a request from the Leader of the Majority Party, dated 5th March 2024 seeking my consent for **withdrawal** of the proposed amendment relating to **section 56(1)(a)** of the **Universities Act, (No. 42 of 2012)** as contained in the Bill.

The provision relates to the functions of the Placement Board in placement of government-sponsored students to universities and colleges.

5. In the letter, the Leader of the Majority Party states that various stakeholders have raised concerns regarding the proposed amendment necessitating further consultations and engagement within the sector. Additionally, the Hon. Ichung'wah notes that the Public Investments Committee on Education and Governance is currently considering a related matter on the funding of university education. It would therefore be prudent to allow for the conclusion of these processes before determining the appropriate course of action.
6. **Honourable Members**, having considered the matter, I have acceded to the request by the Leader of the Majority Party to withdraw the provision relating to **section 56(1)(a)** of the **Universities Act, 2012** as contained in the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 68 of 2023). The Bill will therefore proceed without making reference to the withdrawn provision and will be considered as though the withdrawn section was not part of the Bill *ab initio*.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP,
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 7th March 2024