



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - THIRD SESSION
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 015 of 2024) _____

**WITHDRAWAL OF THE LAND LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 65 OF 2023)**

Honourable Members,

1. As you are aware, the Land Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 65 of 2023) was published *vide Kenya Gazette Supplement* No. 194 of 19th October 2023 to effect various amendments to laws relating to land. Specifically, the Bill proposes to amend the Land Registration Act, 2012; the National Land Commission Act, 2012; and, the Land Act, 2012.
2. **Honourable Members**, the Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, the Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP, was read a First Time on 14th November 2023, and committed to the Departmental Committee on Lands for consideration. However, I have since received correspondence from the Leader of the Majority Party conveying his desire to withdraw the Bill pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 140.
3. For clarity, **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 140 on *Withdrawal of Bills*, provides in part that—
 - (1) *Either before the commencement of business or on the Order of the Day for any stage of the Bill being read, the Member in charge of a Bill may, without notice, claim to withdraw a Bill.*

4. **Honourable Members**, in the letter dated 21st March 2024, the Leader of the Majority Party states that following extensive consultations among stakeholders, he has since sponsored the publication of the Land Laws (Amendment)(No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 76 of 2023) *vide Kenya Gazette Supplement* No. 237 of 6th December 2023. The Bill contains more comprehensive amendments to the Land Registration Act, 2012 and the Land Act, 2012. Indeed, this new Bill was read a First Time on 7th December 2023.
5. Further, the Hon. Ichung'wah notes that the Deputy Leader of the Majority Party, the Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP, has sponsored the National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 43 of 2023) which accommodates the amendments proposed to the National Land Commission Act, 2012 as contained in the Land Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 65 of 2023).
6. **Honourable Members**, having considered the request by the Leader of the Majority Party and noting the attendant provisions of the Standing Orders, **I have acceded to the request and hereby direct that the Land Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 65 of 2023) stand withdrawn forthwith. The Departmental Committee on Lands should therefore cease further consideration of the Bill in light of this development.**
7. **The House is accordingly guided.**

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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