

## REPUBLIC OF KENYA THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

## **MESSAGES**

## **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

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## ON PASSAGE OF THREE SENATE BILLS AND TWO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

- 1. Honourable Members, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 41(4), I wish to report to the House that I have received five (5) Messages from the Senate regarding passage of three Senate Bills and two National Assembly Bills.
- 2. Honourable Members, the first Message conveys that on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Senate considered and agreed to the National Assembly amendments to the County Licensing (Uniform Procedures) (Senate Bill No. 9 of 2022). You will recall that on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, this House passed the said Bill with amendments, following which I referred the Schedule of National Assembly amendments to the Senate for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution.
- 3. Honourable Members, the concurrence of the Senate with the National Assembly on the Bill therefore concludes the bicameral consideration of the Bill under Article 110 of the Constitution.
- 4. Honourable Members, the second Message conveys that, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Senate considered and passed the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (Senate Bill No. 19 of 2024), with amendments.

- **5.** The said Bill seeks to provide for additional allocations to county governments for the financial year 2024/2025 and the responsibilities of National Government and county governments pursuant to such allocations.
- 6. Honourable Members, the third Message conveys that, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Senate passed the County Allocation of Revenue Bill (Senate Bill No. 25 of 2024), with amendments. This annual Bill seeks to provide for the equitable allocation of revenue raised nationally among the county governments for the financial year 2024/2025 and the responsibilities of national and county governments.
- **7. Honourable Members,** having passed the two (2) Senate Bills, the Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution.
- **8. Honourable Members,** the centrality of the said Bills in the budget process and the prescribed statutory timelines call for their expedited passage. In this regard, you will notice that I have directed the Clerk to list the two Bills for First Reading under Order Nos. 11 and 12 in the Supplementary Order Paper for today, Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.
- **9.** Thereafter, both Bills will stand committed to the **Budget and Appropriations Committee** for consideration. I urge the Committee to prioritize the Bills and report to the House as soon as is practicable to enable the House to proceed with the next stages of the Bills.
- 10. Honourable Members, the fourth and fifth Messages convey that, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Senate considered and passed the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2023) and the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 10 of 2024) with amendments.

- **11.** The Senate has now referred the two Bills back to the National Assembly for reconsideration pursuant to Article 112(1)(b) of the Constitution.
- 12. Honourable Members, this House is therefore required to consider Senate amendments to the two Bills. In this regard, I direct the Clerk to circulate the schedule of the Senate amendments to the two Bills to all Members. Thereafter, the Senate amendments to the Statutory Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2023 will stand referred to the Committee on Delegated Legislation, while the Senate amendments to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024 will stand referred to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.
- 13. The two Committees are expected to expedite consideration of the Senate amendments to the respective Bills and submit their reports to the House. Aware of the nature of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill, I direct that the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs should table its report on Thursday, 20th June, 2024 during the Morning Sitting.
- **14.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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

Tuesday, 18th June 2024