



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 09 of 2020) _____

ON THE REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS ON THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S RESERVATIONS TO THE LAW OF CONTRACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019)

Honourable Members, You will recall that on 13th February, 2020, I did convey a Message from H. E. the President that in the exercise of the powers conferred under Article 115(1) (b) of the Constitution, H. E. the President, by way of a Memorandum dated 3rd January, 2020 had referred the Law of Contract (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 1 of 2019) back to the National Assembly for consideration. The Bill is sponsored by the Member for Juja, the Honourable Francis Waititu, M.P.

Thereupon, I did refer the Reservations of the President, as contained in the Memorandum to the Departmental Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration. The Committee did table its report on the Memorandum during today's morning sitting (Wednesday, 4th March, 2020).

Honourable Members, for the interest of the Members who are yet to familiarize themselves with the contents of the report, the Committee has recommended that the House **rejects** the President's proposed amendments and thus **passing the Bill a second time without amendments**, as per the provisions of Article 115(2)(b) of the Constitution.

In this regard, I wish to draw the attention of the House to my previous guidance to the House regarding voting threshold for the passage of a Bill a second time without amendments. In this case, the House will required to pass the Bill by a **vote supported by two-thirds of Members of the National Assembly.**

Honourable Members, The House business Committee during its sitting held yesterday, Tuesday, 3rd March, 2020 did prioritize this particular business for consideration tomorrow, Thursday, 5th March, 2020, as the very first business to be considered by the House. Therefore, any Members wishing to agree with the Committee's recommendations should avail themselves in the House tomorrow in order to exercise their mandate and vote accordingly.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!



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

Wednesday, March 4, 2020