

REPUBLIC OF KENYA TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 24 of 2020) _____

REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF CLAUSE 3 OF THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 2 OF 2020)

Honourable Members, You are aware the *Second Reading* of the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2020) is scheduled to commence today morning today as order No. 9. Before the Bill is considered for *Second Reading*, I wish to bring to the attention of the House the following information.

Honourable Members, I have since received a letter from the Leader of the Majority Party requesting for my consent to **withdraw Clause 3** of the Bill. In his letter, Leader of the Majority Party indicates that he has since been advised that the amendment, which proposes to amend section 50 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 may be deemed to contravene the provisions of Article 211 of the Constitution regarding the process of approval of borrowing by the National Government.

Honourable Members, I have since acceded to the request. This implies that the Bill will now proceed to Second Reading and other stages with without making reference to Clause 3. Thus, the Bill should be dealt with as if **Clause 3** was not part of it.

I thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, E.G.H., MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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