

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



TWELFTH PARLIAMENT- (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No.68 of 2020)

ON

THE SPECIAL SITTINGS OF TUESDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2020

Honourable Members,

I wish to welcome you to today's Special Sittings of the House, which have been convened pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 29 and duly *Gazetted* vide *Kenya Gazette Notice No. 10690* of 16th December, 2020. The business to be transacted is as published in the *Gazette*. The notification of the Special Sittings was also made to all Members by the Clerk of the National Assembly in the usual manner, including publication in two newspapers of national circulation.

Having said that **Hon. Members**, with regard to processing of priority Bills and Statutory Instruments during the recess period, you will recall that, on 3rd December, 2020, the House **ordered** as follows-

- (i) Should a Bill be published during the recess period, or a published Bill becomes due for First Reading during the period, the Speaker shall, upon lapse of at least three days following the publication of the Bill and following a determination that such Bill is of priority, forthwith refer such Bill to the relevant Committee for consideration pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 127 (*Committal of Bills to Committees and public participation*) and upon resumption of the House, cause the Bill to be read a First Time and the Second Reading may be taken forthwith, or on such other day as the House Business Committee may determine;

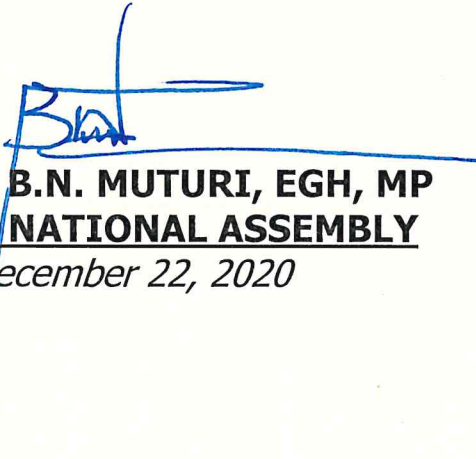
- (ii) Should any statutory instrument be transmitted for tabling before the House during the recess period, the Speaker shall, following a determination that the statutory instrument is of priority, forthwith refer the statutory instrument to the relevant Committee for consideration and cause the statutory instrument to be tabled in the House at its next Sitting in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of the Statutory Instruments Act (No. 3 of 2013).

Hon. Members, In furtherance to this Order of the House, I wish to report as follows-

1. The Tax Laws (Amendment) (No.2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 48 of 2020) was published on 27th November 2020 and determined to be of priority. I therefore referred the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for consideration. The Committee is expected to Table its Report this morning to pave way for consideration of the Bill in other stages later in this Sitting and during the afternoon Sitting;
2. The Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. ⁵¹~~48~~ of 2020) was published on 7th December 2020 and having determined to be a priority Bill, I referred the same to the Departmental Committee on Sports, Culture and Tourism for consideration. I also expect the Committee to Table its Report this morning to pave way for consideration of the Bill in other stages; and,
3. The Value Added Tax (Amendment of the Rate of Tax) Order, 2020, (*Legal Notice No. 206 of 2020*) was submitted by the Cabinet Secretary for The National Treasury and Planning for Tabling and consideration by the National Assembly. Having determined the statutory instrument to be of priority, I referred it to the Committee on Delegated Legislation for consideration. I also expect the Committee to Table its report in the House today morning, so as to inform the consideration of the statutory instrument later in the day in keeping with the requirements of the law.

The House is accordingly informed and guided.

I thank you!



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

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

