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**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (SECOND SESSION)  
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 001 of 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

**ON BUSINESS THAT LAPSED AT THE END OF THE FIRST  
SESSION AND RECONSTITUTION OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

**Honourable Members,**


1. I take this opportunity to welcome you back for commencement of the Second Session of the 13<sup>th</sup> Parliament. It is my hope that after the well-deserved break, you are now fully rejuvenated and ready for the heavy legislative agenda that lies ahead of us in this first part of the Session. It is my hope that the induction workshops and the Post-Election Seminars recently undertaken have been useful in enriching your parliamentary knowledge and understanding of the workings of Committees and the House thereby making you more effective legislators.
2. Although the just concluded First Session was short, I am impressed that the House jelled, put in place structures and laid the foundation necessary for seamless discharge of its constitutional mandate. Indeed, over that brief period, the House transacted various business, among them the consideration of various appointments to state offices, introduction and processing of Bills, Petitions and individual Members' Motions among other key business.

3. Of note, **Honourable Members**, the House passed the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2022 on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. I wish to inform the House that, during the recess, the Senate considered and passed the Bill in the form passed by this House. The law was subsequently assented to by His Excellency the President on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and is now in operation.
4. **Honourable Members**, it is my earnest expectation that the House will build on the gains made in the First Session, rise to the occasion and transact as much business as possible in the greater interest of the Kenyan people. I urge you to do this especially in light of the priority business already before us in this part of the Session, being the Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2022/2023, the upcoming 2023 Budget Policy Statement and the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy. These and other budget-related matters will remain at the top of our agenda between now and June 2023.
5. **Honourable Members**, as we commence the Second Session, I wish to bring to the attention of the House that, going by the Standing Orders and practices of the House, certain business that was not dispensed with at the end of the last Session has now lapsed. For greater clarity, the business that lapsed include all Motions, Requests for Statements and Questions.
6. To this end, any Committee or individual Member wishing to re-introduce lapsed business is advised to do so using the usual procedure. Members who may not be clear on the procedure are advised to visit the Table Office for assistance. I hasten to clarify that the lapsing of business does not apply to Public Petitions and Bills, the consideration of which shall resume from the point at which they had reached at the end of the First Session.

**7. Honourable Members,** I also wish to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the term of certain sessional committees has come to an end and therefore, they ought to be reconstituted. They include the Committee of Parliamentary Powers and Privileges and the Select Committee on Members' Services and Facilities. The Committee on Selection is therefore urged to expedite the process of nominating Members to serve in the said Committees, for approval by the House.

**8. Finally, Honourable Members,** as we embark on the legislative agenda for the Second Session, I wish you success, individually as Members and collectively as a House.

I thank you.

  
**THE RT. HON. MOSES WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

