

REPUBLIC OF KENYA THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 16 OF 2023)

Honourable Members,

- 1. You may recall that, during the Morning Sitting of today, Thursday, 14th September 2023, the House <u>rejected</u> a Motion to consider Senate amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2023). In the circumstances, consideration of the said business in the Committee of the Whole House as listed in the Order Paper could not be proceeded with.
- 2. Honourable Members, this is not the first time that Senate amendments to a Bill originating in the National Assembly Bills have suffered such a fate. In all previous cases where such scenarios arose, my predecessors applied Standing Order 149 and referred the Bill to a Mediation Committee as contemplated under Article 113 of the Constitution.
- **3.** In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I wish to inform the House that pursuant to Standing Order 149, Senate amendments to the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 16 of 2023) stand referred to a Mediation Committee.

- **4.** Further, **Honourable Members**, in consultation with the Leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties in the House, I hereby appoint the following Members to represent the National Assembly in the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill
 - (i) The Hon. Owen Baya, CBS, MP Co-Chairperson
 - (ii) The Hon. Martha Wangari, MP
 - (iii) The Hon. Omboko Milemba, MP
 - (iv) The Hon. Abraham Kirwa, MP
 - (v) The Hon. Millie Odhiambo Mabona, MP
 - (vi) The Hon. (Dr.) Makali Mulu, MP
 - (vii) The Hon. Daudi Mohamed, MP
- 5. Honourable Members, conscious of the urgency to operationalize the Public Debt and Borrowing framework for monitoring the level of public debt, I urge the Members of this House appointed to the Mediation Committee to earnestly liaise with the Senate counterparts, once appointed, and commence consideration of the contested amendments in order to have the bicameral consideration of the Bill concluded within the statutory timelines.
- **6.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.

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

Thursday, September 14, 2023