



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT (SECOND SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

____ (No. 087 of 2023) ____

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE
COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 23 OF 2023)**

Honourable Members,

1. You may recall that during the Afternoon Sitting of Thursday, 23rd November 2023, the House rejected all Senate amendments to the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2023). In line with the provisions of Standing Order 148, this essentially commits the Bill to a Mediation Committee to be established in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.
2. **Honourable Members,** it is important to note that this is not the first time that Senate amendments to a Bill originating in the National Assembly have suffered such a fate. Indeed in all previous cases the Bills so affected have been referred to Mediation as part of our bicameral legislative process.
3. In this regard, **Honourable Members,** I wish to inform the House that pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 149, the Senate amendments to the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 23 of 2023) stand referred to a Mediation Committee.


4. Further, 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 –

- (i) The Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, MP; - Co-Chairperson
- (ii) The Hon. GK Kariuki, MP;
- (iii) The Hon. Mary Emaase, MP;
- (iv) The Hon. Kipchumba Toroitich, MP;
- (v) The Hon. Anthony Oluoch, MP;
- (vi) The Hon. Joshua Kimilu, MP; and
- (vii) The Hon. Catherine Omanyoo, MP

5. **Honourable Members**, given that the National Assembly is scheduled to proceed on its long recess, I urge the Members appointed to the Mediation Committee to liaise with the Senate counterparts to ensure timely consideration of the contested clauses with a view to developing a version of the Bill that may be agreeable to the Houses of Parliament within the timelines set out in Article 113 (4) of the Constitution. For clarity and in keeping with the practice, the thirty (30) day period will start running upon the first meeting of the Committee. The Mediation Committee is expected to confine itself to the contentious clauses of the Bill.

The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you.


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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