

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS TO A MEDIATION COMMITTEE ON THE WATER (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL BILL NO. 33 OF 2023)

Honourable Members,

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(1) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to report to the House that I have received a Message from the Senate regarding the appointment of Senators to a Mediation Committee.
- 2. Honourable Members, the Message conveys that, pursuant to Article 113 of the Constitution, the Speaker of the Senate has appointed Senators to a Mediation Committee to consider the Water (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2023).
- **3. Honourable Members,** the following Senators have been appointed to the said Committee
 - (i) Sen. John Methu Muhia, MP;
 - (ii) Sen. (Dr.) Steve Ltumbesi Lelgwe, CBS, MP;
 - (iii) Sen. Wahome Wamatinga, MP;

- (iv) Sen. Mariam Sheikh Omar, MP;
- (v) Sen. Johnes Mwashushe Mwaruma, MP;
- (vi) Sen. Agnes Kavindu Muthama, SC, MP; and
- (vii) Sen. Beatrice Akinyi Ogola, MP.
- **4. Honourable Members,** you will recall that, on Tuesday, 30th April, 2024, the House rejected the Senate amendments to the Water (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2023). This effectively committed the Bill to a Mediation Committee pursuant to Article 112(12(b) of the Constitution. Subsequently, I appointed seven (7) Members to the Committee to represent the National Assembly, *vide* a Communication issued on 6th May 2024.
- 5. Honourable Members, following the appointment of Senators, the Mediation Committee is now fully constituted as contemplated under Article 113 of the Constitution. I therefore call upon the Committee to expeditiously consider the respective Bill and submit a version of the Bill for consideration by the Houses of Parliament.
- **6.** In considering the Bill, I hasten to remind the Committee to be alive to the timelines provided for under Article 113(4) of the Constitution to ensure the bicameral process is concluded.

I thank you!

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

Monday, 13th May 2024