

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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ON PASSAGE OF FOUR BILLS BY THE SENATE

- 1. Honourable Members, pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 41(4), I wish to report to the House that I have received four (4) Messages from the Senate regarding the passage of the following three (3) Senate Bills and one (1) National Assembly Bill—
 - (1) The Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2023);
 - (2) The County Assembly Services (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 34 of 2023);
 - (3) The County Assemblies Pensions Scheme Bill (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2024); and
 - (4) The National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023).
- 2. Honourable Members, the first Message conveys that on Wednesday, 9th April 2025, the Senate considered and <u>agreed</u> to the National Assembly amendments to the Persons with Disabilities Bill (Senate Bills No. 7 of 2023).

- **3.** You will recall that on Thursday, 16th January 2025, this House passed the said Bill **with amendments**, following which I referred the Schedule of National Assembly amendments to the Senate for consideration in accordance with Article 110(4) of the Constitution. The concurrence of the Senate with the National Assembly on the Bill therefore concludes its bicameral consideration under Article 110 of the Constitution.
- **4. Honourable Members,** the **second Message** conveys that, on Tuesday, 15th April 2025, the Senate considered and passed the County Assembly Services (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 34 of 2023), **with amendments**. The Bill seeks to amend the County Assembly Services Act to provide for the procedure for removal of a Member of the County Assembly Service Board and to establish a fair process for suspending a Clerk of a county assembly, among other provisions.
- **5. Honourable Members,** the **third Message** conveys that, on Tuesday, 15th April 2025, the Senate considered and passed the County Assemblies Pensions Scheme Bill (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2024), **with amendments**. The Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of a contributory pension scheme for members and staff of county assemblies. The Bill further establishes the county assemblies Pensions Fund for the payment or granting of pensions or retirement benefits to members and staff of County Assemblies and to provide for other related matters.
- **6. Honourable Members,** the **fourth Message** conveys that, on Tuesday, 15th April 2025, the Senate considered and passed the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023), **with amendments.**

- 7. In this regard, the Senate now seeks the National Assembly's reconsideration of the Bill in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution.
- **8. Honourable Members,** having passed the two (2) Senate Bills, the Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution.
- 9. Honourable Members, with regards to the two (2) Senate Bills, you will note that the Standing Orders require the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First time upon conveyance of its Message to the House. In view of this, and noting that the House will proceed on recess at the rise of today's Sitting, I direct the Clerk to schedule the two (2) Senate Bills in the Order Paper for First Reading when the House resumes.
- 10. Honourable Members, inasmuch as I have directed the Bills to be read a First Time, close attention should be paid to the County Assemblies Pensions Scheme Bill (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2024) in line with the provisions of Articles 94(5) and 114 of the constitution on the introduction of Money Bills and the consideration of Money Bills, respectively. The relevant Committee is therefore urged to take note of the constitution provisions while considering the Bill.
- **11.** Thereafter, the Bills will stand committed to the following Committees for consideration—
 - (1) The County Assemblies Services (Amendment) Bill (Senate Bills No. 34 of 2023) to the **Departmental Committee on Labour**; and
 - (2) The County Assemblies Pensions Scheme Bill (Senate Bills No. 14 of 2024) to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning.**

- 12. Honourable Members, with respect to the National Disaster Risk Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 24 of 2023), the Message and the Schedule of Senate amendments to the Bill are hereby referred to the **Departmental Committee on Regional Development** for consideration and reporting. I also direct the Clerk to circulate the Schedule of Senate amendments to the Bill to all Members.
- 13. The Committees to which the Bills have been referred are encouraged to prioritise their consideration and submit their reports as soon as is practicable to enable the House to proceed with the necessary next steps on the Bills.
- 14. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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

Wednesday, 30th April 2025