



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 003 of 2025) _____
ON
REFERRAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF TWO (2)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

Honourable Members,

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42, I wish to report to the House that I have received two (2) Messages from His Excellency the President, regarding the referral of the following Bills to Parliament for reconsideration—
 - (i) **The Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2025); and**
 - (ii) **The Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2023).**
2. **Honourable Members,** in the **First Message**, His Excellency the President conveys that pursuant to Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, he has considered the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2025) and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration, expressing Reservations concerning the Bill. In the Presidential Memorandum of Referral of the Bill back to the National Assembly, His Excellency the President has expressed Reservations on **Clause 3** of the Bill.

3. In the **Second Message**, His Excellency the President conveys that pursuant to Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, he has considered the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2023) and referred it back to Parliament for reconsideration, expressing Reservations concerning the Bill. In the Presidential Memorandum of Referral of the Bill back to Parliament, His Excellency the President has expressed reservations on **Clauses 2, 5, 6, 8, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 30, 31, and 35** of the Bill.
4. Further, His Excellency the President has detailed the reasons for his Reservations to the said Clauses and made recommendations thereof for consideration by the Houses of Parliament.
5. **Honourable Members**, having made his Reservations on the two Bills, which are contained in his Memorandum to the House, His Excellency the President now requests Parliament to reconsider the Bills in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution.
6. **Honourable Members**, you may recall that this House passed the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment Bill) (National Assembly Bill No. 5 of 2025) on 16th April 2025, following which I presented the Bill to His Excellency the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 the Constitution.
7. You may also recall that the National Assembly and the Senate **passed** the Mediated Version of the Conflict of Interest Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 12 of 2023) on 5th December, 2024 and 8th April 2025, respectively. Thereafter, I presented the Bill to His Excellency the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 113 the Constitution.

8. This House is therefore required to consider the President's Reservations to the specified clauses in respect of each Bill. Standing Order 154(2) requires the House to consider the President's Reservations **within twenty-one (21) days** upon receipt of the Memorandum.
9. **Honourable Members**, with respect to the President's Reservations to the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of Terrorism Financing Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Message from the His Excellency the President, together with the Presidential Memorandum of Referral, are hereby referred to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.
10. With regard to the Conflict of Interest Bill, 2023, you may recall that its passage underwent the bicameral process under Article 113 of the Constitution. Given that the Bill was originated by this House, the consideration of the President's Reservations to the Bill will commence in the National Assembly.
11. In this regard, the President's Reservations to the Bill and Presidential Memorandum of referral stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration. The Committee should prioritise the Bill and table its report soonest to allow this House to consider the President's Reservations within the said timelines.
12. Upon conclusion of consideration of the President's Reservations by this House, I will transmit the decision of the National Assembly to the Senate, seeking its concurrence on the said decision.
13. **Honourable Members**, I hasten to guide the House that the consideration of the President's Reservations to the Bills by the respective Committees and the House will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution.

Further, the guidance contained in the *Speaker's Communication* of July 28, 2015 relating to the *Consideration of the President's Reservations to a Bill and amendments thereto* will apply, as shall be necessary.

14. Honourable Members, I now direct the Clerk to circulate the Memorandum of His Excellency the President to the two Bills to all Members so that they familiarize themselves with the contents therein.

15. The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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