



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 17 of 2026) _____

ON

RESUMPTION OF SITTINGS AND PRIORITY BUSINESS FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE FIFTH SESSION

Honourable Members,

1. I wish to welcome you back to the House after the just concluded recess, which I note was a working recess. This is exemplified by the public hearings and stakeholder engagements on the consideration of the **Budget Estimates for the financial year 2026/2027** and the **Finance Bill (National Bill No. 26 of 2026)**. I also trust that you took time within your busy schedules to attend to your constituents and family, and are now prepared to resume the legislative business of the House as we commence the Second Part of the Fifth Session.
2. **Hon. Members,** as I welcome you back, I wish to bring to your attention that part of the business which is before the House during this part of the Session have statutory timelines. Notably, the House is expected to consider the Estimates for FY 2026/2027 and the attendant Budget-related legislations including the **finalisation of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026, the Appropriation Bill, 2026 and the Finance Bill, 2026**. The House is also expected to consider the **County Allocation of Revenue Bill, 2026, upon receipt from the Senate**.

- 3. Hon. Members,** with regard to the Finance Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 26 of 2026), I wish to note that in line with the resolution of the House of 11th February 2026 regarding *Processing of Bills received during the Short and Long Recesses*, vide *Notification No. 003 of 2026* dated Friday, 8th May 2026, I referred the Bill to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for consideration, having determined that the Bill was of priority, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 127 (*Committal of Bills to Committees and public participation*). Further, I directed that the Bill be read a First Time once the House resumes today, as indicated in the Order Paper.
- 4.** As you are also aware, **Hon. Members,** during the recess period, I notified the House, by way of *Notification No. 004 of 2026*, that the Senate had concluded consideration of the Division of Revenue Bill, 2026 and passed it with amendments. In this regard, the House is scheduled to consider the Senate amendments to the Bill during today's sitting. This is because the Bill is critical in facilitating the proper functioning of the National and county governments and the continuity of service delivery to citizens, and therefore requires expeditious consideration.
- 5.** Further, **Honourable Members,** I also wish to inform the House that the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning is scheduled to make the public pronouncement of the Budget policy highlights and revenue-raising measures for the national government for the financial year 2026/2027 on 11th June 2026 in line with the provisions of section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act, Cap. 412A.
- 6.** Other priority business includes the consideration of a public petition on access to healthcare by cancer patients in the country; and the consideration the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 29 of 2023), and the Quality Healthcare and Patient Safety Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 41 of 2025) in the Committee of the Whole House.

7. The House will also consider a Special Motion on the nominee for appointment as High Commissioner to Canada.

8. **Honourable Members** are also reminded that this year's National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled to take place on **Thursday, 28th May 2026**, at the **Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi at 6.30a.m.** The event will be graced by H.E. the President, and all Members are invited to attend. As per custom, the Prayer Breakfast shall be preceded by the **Women's Convocation** and the **National Conversation** on **Wednesday, 27th May 2026**, at the same venue, **starting 8.00a.m. and 1.00p.m., respectively.** Coincidentally, the activities tomorrow come at a time as we celebrate the 2026 *Eid al-Adha*. I therefore take this opportunity to wish our Muslim brothers *Eid al-Adha Mubarak*. May the spirit of *Eid al-Adha* fill your heart with peace, joy, and selflessness.

9. **Honourable Members**, I wish to convey to the House that during the recess, on 18th May 2026, I did receive a request from the Honourable Member for Kiharu, Hon. Ndindi Nyoro, CBS, MP, to convene the House to discuss the issue of rising fuel prices. I must note, from the outset, that I take great exception to the manner in which the Hon. Member publicized the letter long before it was formally received in my office. This is contrary to our Standing Orders and established practice.

10. Nevertheless, I directed the Clerk to respond to the Honourable Member for Kiharu and guide him on the applicable procedure. As Hon. Members are aware, **Standing Order 29** requires any Member desirous of convening a Special Sitting of the House to engage the Leadership of their Party/Coalition to submit a request for the consideration of the Speaker. Additionally, all Members must be given at least three days' notice of any request to convene a Special Sitting of the House, which ordinarily excludes the proposed day of the sitting.

11. In this regard, acceding to the Hon. Member's unprocedural request would have led to his proposed Special Sitting being held yesterday or today, a day on which the House was scheduled to resume its sittings as per the approved Calendar. This rendered the question of special sitting moot, or simply academic.

12. Honourable Members, it is my view that the issue of rising fuel costs may only be addressed through concerted, objective and cross-cutting efforts across all players, including the National Government, Legislature and our private sector. Isolated and subjective utterances are unhelpful at this time and only serve to politicise a matter that is of critical concern to our economy and the welfare of all Kenyans.

13. Cognisant of several prior requests received from other Hon. Members to prioritise debate on the subject upon resumption of the sittings of the House, I have approved a Motion on the matter for consideration by the House during this afternoon sitting, even as other efforts by all players to address the issue continue.

14. In conclusion, **Honourable Members,** the timely consideration of the critical House business that I have highlighted calls for your utmost dedication. I therefore urge each Member to rise to the occasion so that, together, we deliver on the legislative mandate of this House in line with the Constitution.

The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you!


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