

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 08 of 2022) _____

ON

PRIORITIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' BILLS

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, pursuant to the Calendar adopted by the National Assembly last week, the House is scheduled to hold a total of fifty-five (55) sitting during the current Sixth Session before the *Sine Die* Recess which will commence on 10th June 2022. In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 40(3), individual Members' business is largely considered on Wednesday mornings. A simple calculation of the remaining days indicate that, between today and the date of the *Sine Die* Recess, there are about seventeen (17) sitting days reserved for consideration of individual Members' business.

Further, **Honourable Members**, as at today, there are over forty (40) Individual Members' Bills that are awaiting consideration at various stages in the House. In this regard, the House Business Committee has resolved that all Individual Members' Bills shall be forthwith listed in the Order Paper **in order of their respective publication dates**. This will accord each of this category of business a fair opportunity of being considered by the House during Session.

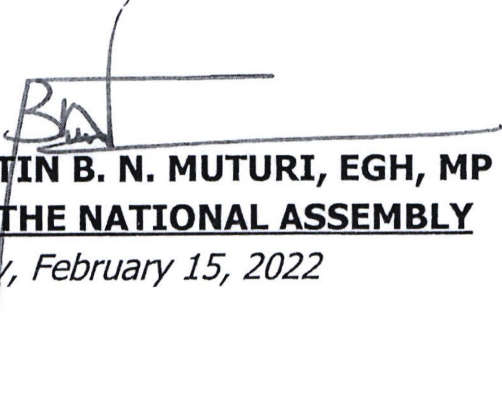
Honourable Members, it has been noted with concern that in the recent past, a number of Members have been absent whenever their Bills are called for consideration at either Second Reading or Committee of the Whole House stage.

Consequently, the House Business Committee has resolved that, in the event that a Member is not present when his or her Bill is called out on Wednesday morning, consideration of the particular Bill will stand deferred in that Sitting and shall not be accorded priority in the subsequent sittings. Moreover, the particular Bill shall be placed at the bottom of the list of Individual Members' Bills scheduled for consideration in subsequent sittings.

Honourable Members, for purposes of tomorrow morning's Sitting, the Bills that have been prioritized for consideration include the National Disaster Management Authority Bill sponsored by the Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, MP; the Public Service Commission (Amendment) Bill sponsored by Hon. Benjamin Mwangi, MP; the Alcoholic Drinks Control (Amendment) Bill sponsored by Hon. Silvanus Osoro, MP which are scheduled for Committee of the Whole House stage. Twenty-one (21) other Individual Members' Bills are also scheduled for Second Reading. In this regard, I call upon Members to pay attention to the Notice Paper annexed to the Order Paper of this particular sitting, which contains the notification of the business scheduled to be considered tomorrow morning.

I do hope that all Members are duly notified and guided.

I Thank You, Honourable Members.


THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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