

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGE (NO. 2 OF 2016)

**REFERRAL BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS BILL, 2015**

Honourable Members,

You may recall that on the **25th February, 2016**, the House passed the Engineering Technologists and Technicians Bill, 2015, which was sponsored by Hon. Cecilia Ngetich, Member for Bomet County. Thereafter, I presented the Bill to H.E. the President for Assent in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and of our Standing Orders. However, H.E. the President, by way of a Memorandum, has since returned the Bill back to the National Assembly for reconsideration pursuant to the provisions of Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution.

Honourable Members,

H.E. the President has expressed reservations on Clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill and has recommended amendments to the Clauses. The said clauses relate to the functions and composition of the Board. Indeed, the error was noted before the submission of the Bill for assent, but since it was beyond the scope of the corrections of oversights provided for in Standing Order 152(3), the National Assembly advised the Executive to return the Bill for formal correction of the error.

Honourable Members,

The Memorandum stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Education, Science and Technology for consideration. For avoidance of doubt, Standing Order 154 requires the House to consider the President's Reservations within 21 days upon receipt of a Memorandum. The Committee is expected to table its report on or before 27th June 2016. In considering the Memorandum, regard should be given to the guidance given in the Speaker's Communication delivered on 28th July 2015 concerning consideration of Presidential Memoranda and amendments thereto.

I wish to further remind the House and the Committee that only clauses of the Bill that have reservations will be considered. I also direct the Clerk to circulate the memorandum from H. E. the President to all Members so that they can familiarize themselves with its contents.

Thank you!

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