

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT-FOURTH SESSION THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MESSAGE

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE (No. 015 of 2016)

ON THE DECISION OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2014)

Honourable Members, Standing Order 41(4) requires the Speaker to report to the House any Message(s) received from the Senate at the first convenient opportunity. In this regard, I wish to report to the House that, on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, I received a Message regarding the decision of the Senate on the Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2014).

Honourable Members, the Message reads in part, and I quote, "...*the Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2014) was **rejected** at Second Reading by Senate on 19th October, 2016. ...the effect of which the said Bill is referred to a Mediation Committee.*" The Senate has also nominated five (5) Senators to the aforesaid Mediation Committee.

Honourable Members, with that decision of the Senate, the Bill is referred to a Mediation Committee in accordance with Article 112 of the Constitution. Consequently, the leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties in the House are hereby directed to expeditiously nominate Members for appointment to the Mediation Committee to consider the Bill. Once constituted, the Committee will be expected to speedily embark on the process of developing a *mediated version* of the Bill in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.

I thank you.

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

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