

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGE (NO. 34 OF 2015)

REFERRAL OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS BOARD
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015 BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT

Honourable Members,

You may recall that on August 19, 2015, the National Assembly passed the Higher Education Loans Board (Amendment) Bill (*National Assembly Bill No. 09 of 2015*). Thereafter, the Bill was presented for assent to H.E. the President in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and our Standing Orders. However, H.E. the President, by way of a Memorandum, has since referred 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 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill and has recommended amendments to the clauses. The said clauses relate to *the proposed change of the composition of the Board, the granting of loans to students who are minors and the change of repayment mode for loanees who have not secured employment.*

Honourable Members, the Memorandum stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Education, Research and Technology for consideration. For avoidance of doubt, Standing Order 154 requires the National Assembly to consider the President's reservations within twenty one (21) days upon receipt of the

Memorandum. The Committee is therefore expected to table its report on or before November 26, 2015. In considering the Memorandum, regard should be given to the guidance given in the Speaker's Communication delivered on July 28, 2015 concerning consideration of Presidential Memoranda and amendments thereto.

I wish to 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 you can familiarize yourselves with its contents.

Thank you!

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2015