

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGE (NO. 23 OF 2015)

**REFERRAL BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ETHICS AND
ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015**

Honourable Members,

You may recall that on July 9, 2015, the National Assembly passed the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Bill, 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 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 4 and 6 of the Bill. Consequently, the President recommends amendments to the two clauses.

Honourable Members,

Standing Order 154 requires the National Assembly to consider the President's reservations within 21 days, and the Memorandum stands committed to the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for consideration. The Committee should table its report on or before August 19, 2015. In considering the Memorandum, regard will be given to the guidance given by the Speaker in a 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. (DR) JOYCE LABOSO, EGH, MP
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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