

# REPUBLIC OF KENYA



## ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT THIRD SESSION THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MESSAGES

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### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE (No. 017 of 2015)

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**Honourable Members,**

I wish to convey that I received a Message from the Senate on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015, regarding the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2014).

**Honourable Members,**

The message states and I quote “**the Natural Resources (Benefit Sharing) Bill (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2014), which was published in the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 137 of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 as a Bill originating from the Senate was passed with amendments by the Senate on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June February, 2015. The Senate now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly on the said Bill.**”

**Honourable Members,**

I am aware that the Clerk has since circulated copies of the Bill. After being read a *First Time* pursuant to Standing Order 143, the Bill will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for consideration. The Committee is expected to submit a report before the Bill is considered by the House for Second Reading.

I also direct that, before the Bill is scheduled for First Reading, the Budget and Appropriations Committee should submit to the House its recommendations pursuant to Article 114 of the Constitution relating to money Bills.

For the benefit of Members, the House Business Committee has since been informed by the Kenya Law Reform Commission that Parliament should enact legislation dealing with "Agreements for the exploitation of Natural resources" before August 27, 2015 to actualize the provisions of Article 71 of the Constitution. I will expect the Committee to confirm whether, by passing this Bill, Parliament will have fulfilled that obligation.

**Thank you!**

**THE HON. JUSTIN B. N. MUTURI, EGH, M.P**  
**SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015