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**INTERRUPTION OF BUSINESS FOR PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS AND REVENUE-RAISING MEASURES FOR THE
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND
THE MEDIUM-TERM**

Honourable Members, as you are aware, on Tuesday, 9th June, 2020, this House approved the Report of the Budget and Appropriations Committee on the Budget Estimates for the National Government, the Judiciary, and Parliament for the Financial Year 2020/2021. The next phase in the Budget approval process will be consideration of the Estimates in the Committee of Supply, which will allocate funds to various Votes and programmes for the respective three arms of the National Government.

Honourable Members, as part of the process, before the Supply Phase is concluded, Section 40(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 as read together with Standing Order 244C require the Cabinet Secretary for National Treasury to make a Public pronouncement of the Budget Highlights and Revenue Raising measures of the National Government. It is for this reason that, I will interrupt the Business of the House this afternoon to allow the Cabinet Secretary for The National Treasury and Planning to discharge this obligation.

However, **Honourable Members**, unlike the previous years and in keeping with the *Speaker's Guidelines on the conduct of plenary sittings during the COVID-19 pandemic period issued on 2nd and 11th April, 2020*, you will note that today's event is unique as the House is unable to accommodate the usual invited guests and other dignitaries to witness the event live from our Galleries. We have a few exemptions though.

In this regard, I wish to recognize the few officials from the Ministry of National Treasury and Planning and other guests accompanying the Cabinet Secretary this afternoon. They are seated at the Public Servants Bench, the Diplomatic Boxes, and the Speaker's Gallery. The officials include the Chief Administrative Secretary, National Treasury and Planning, the Hon. Nelson Gaichuhie; the Principal Secretary, National Planning, Dr. Julius Muia, CBS; the Principal Secretary, National Treasury and Planning, Mr. Saitoti Torome, CBS; the Principal Administrative Secretary, National Treasury and Planning, Mr. Amos Gathecha, EBS, amongst other officials and guests. They are welcome to the National Assembly.

Honourable Members, Standing Order Standing Order 25A(a), provides that, and I quote-

"The Speaker may designate a suitable place in the Chamber or at the bar of the House for the cabinet secretary responsible for finance to make a public pronouncement of the budget policy highlights and revenue raising measures for the national government as contemplated under the Public Finance Management Act"

Honourable Members, in furtherance of this provision, I have designated a suitable place in the Chamber to the right of the Speaker's seat and adjacent to the Public Servants' Benches to enable the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury discharge his obligation under Section 40 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and Standing Order 244C of the National Assembly Standing Orders.

I therefore invite the Cabinet Secretary for The National Treasury and Planning, Hon. (Amb) Ukur Yatani, EGH, to make a public pronouncement of the *Budget Highlights and Revenue-Raising Measures for the National Government for the Financial Year 2020/2021 and the Medium-Term.*

Cabinet Secretary, *Karibu!*



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

Thursday, June 11, 2020