



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**TWELFTH PARLIAMENT - (FIFTH SESSION)**

**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 18 of 2021) \_\_\_\_\_

**ON**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 9 OF 2021)**

**Honourable Members,**

Before we proceed to the next Order, being the Committee of the whole House to consider the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 9 of 2021) together with the Division of Revenue Bill, 2021, I wish to make the following guidance relating to consideration of the proposed amendments to the said Bill.

**Honourable Members,** As you are aware, Article 114 of the Constitution obligates the Speaker to determine admissibility of any proposed amendment to a Bill before its consideration at the Committee of the Whole House stage. As you may have observed, the Notices annexed to the Supplementary Order Paper of the Evening Sitting of today, Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (Evening Sitting), contains several amendments that have been proposed to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 9 of 2021). The amendments have been proposed by the respective Chairpersons of the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare.

**Honourable Members,** I have approved the amendments proposed by the Budget and Appropriations Committee as they are in order with respect to the requirements of Article 114 of the Constitution and the applicable Standing Orders. Those proposed amendments may therefore be considered in the Committee of the whole House. With respect to amendments proposed by the Chairperson of the Departmental Committee on Labour and Social Welfare, I regret that I will **NOT** permit their consideration in the Committee of the whole House. This is because the amendments so proposed by the Committee **DO NOT** comply with the provisions of Article 114 of the Constitution.

**Honourable Members,** The guidance I have just given is not new to the House. In fact, as you may be aware, it is now an established practice that whenever the House is scheduled to consider any matter that may have financial implication on public funds within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution, **the House is bound to proceed only in accordance with the recommendations of the relevant Committee, having taken the views of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance.**

The House is accordingly guided!

**I thank you!**

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021