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## REPUBLIC OF KENYA

### THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

### THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### MESSAGES

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_ (No. 004 of 2024) \_\_\_\_\_

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### PASSAGE OF TWO BILLS BY THE SENATE

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#### **Honourable Members,**

1. Pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) of the National Assembly Order, I wish to report to the House that I have received two Messages from the Senate regarding the passage of the Water (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2023) and the Care and Protection of Child Parents Bill (Senate Bill No. 29 of 2023).
2. **Honourable Members,** the first Message conveys that on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Senate considered and **passed** the Water (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 33 of 2023) **with amendments**. You will recall that on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, the National Assembly passed the Bill **with amendments**, following which it was referred to the Senate for consideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution.
3. **Honourable Members,** the second Message relates to the passage, by the Senate, of the Care and Protection of Child Parents Bill (Senate Bill No. 29 of 2023). The Bill, which was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 107 of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, seeks to provide, *inter alia*, a framework for the care and protection of child parents within the counties, to provide a framework through which an expectant girl child or child parent may actualize their right to basic education, and ensure care of the children.

4. The Message conveys that on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the Senate **passed** the Bill **without amendments** and now seeks the concurrence of the National Assembly pursuant to Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Orders 161 of the Senate Standing Orders.
5. **Honourable Members**, in order for the House to commence consideration of the Senate Amendments to the Water Bill, 2023, I direct as follows -
- (i) That, the Clerk circulates the schedule of the Senate amendments to the Water (Amendment) Bill, 2023 to all Honourable Members; and
  - (ii) That, the Senate amendments to the Water (Amendment) Bill, 2023 will stand referred to the Departmental Committee on Blue Economy and Irrigation for consideration and reporting to the House as appropriate.
6. With regards to the second Message, **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 143(1)(c) of the National Assembly Standing Orders requires the Speaker to cause a Bill received from the Senate to be read a First Time upon conveyance of its Message, I therefore direct –
- (i) That, the Bill be listed in the Order Paper for the First Reading at the next sitting; and
  - (ii) That, the Bill will stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Social Protection for consideration.

**The House is accordingly guided!**



**THE HON. GLADYS J. BOSS, MGH, MP**  
**DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

*Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024*