

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

| | (No. | 001 | of 2024) | |
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ON ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE AND APPROVAL OF THE MEDIATED VERSION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL, 2023

- 1. Honourable Members, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I wish to report to the House that I have received two (2) Messages regarding adoption of the Report of the National Dialogue Committee and approval of the Mediated Version of the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bills No. 23 of 2023).
- **2. Honourable Members,** the **first Message** conveys that, the Senate, by a Resolution passed on Wednesday, 21st February 2024, adopted the Report of the National Dialogue Committee. Members will recall that on the same day, this House also approved the said Report, thereby concluding the bicameral consideration of the Report.
- **3. Honourable Members,** as you further recall, the National Dialogue Committee was approved *vide* concurrent Resolutions passed by the National Assembly and the Senate on Wednesday, 16th August, 2023 and Tuesday, 29th August, 2023 respectively.

- **4.** The mandate of the Committee was to facilitate dialogue and consensus building and to recommend appropriate constitutional, legal and policy reforms on issues of concern to the people of Kenya. I take cognizance of the fact that some of the Committee's recommendations require legislative action of Parliament.
- **5.** In this regard, **Honourable Members**, the Speaker of the Senate and I will be reaching out to the Leadership of the Majority and Minority Parties in both Houses for a meeting. The meeting is to chart the way forward on areas within the purview of Parliament.
- **6. Honourable Members,** the **second Message** conveys that, on Thursday, 22nd February 2024, the Senate considered and approved the Mediated Version of the County Governments Additional Allocations Bill (National Assembly Bills No.23 of 2023). Members will recall that on Wednesday, 21st February 2024, this House adopted the Report of the Mediation Committee on the Bill, consequent to which it approved the said version of the Bill as proposed by the Committee.
- 7. Honourable members, the approval of the mediated version of the Bill by the Senate concludes the bicameral consideration of the Bill. In this regard and in accordance with the provisions of Article 113(3) of the Constitution, I will proceed to present the Bill to His Excellency the President for Assent.
- **8.** The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

THE RT. HON. (DR.) MOSES F.M. WETANG'ULA, EGH, MP SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 27th February 2024