



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (THIRD SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 055 of 2024) _____

ON

**WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIFIC PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE
STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 67 OF 2023)**

Honourable Members,

- 1.** As you may be aware, the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 2023) was published *vide Kenya Gazette Supplement* No. 206 of 30th October 2023, to effect various amendments to nine (9) Statutes.
- 2.** The Bill, which is sponsored by the Leader of the Majority Party, was read a First Time on 15th November 2023. Thereafter the Bill was referred to various Departmental Committees for consideration of relevant provisions in accordance with their respective mandates, with the lead Committee being the Departmental Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.
- 3.** The Committees tabled their respective Reports on the Bill in the House on 15th February 2024. Thereafter, the Bill was considered and passed by the House at Second Reading on Wednesday, 12th June 2024, and committed to a committee of the whole House. Indeed, as you may have noticed on today's Order Paper, the Bill is scheduled for consideration in the Committee of the whole House under Order No. 11.

4. **Honourable Members**, before the House proceeds to consider the Bill in the Committee of the whole House, I wish to notify the House that I have since received a request from the sponsor of the Bill, the Leader of the Majority Party, *vide* a letter dated 11th November 2024, seeking my consent for **withdrawal** of the proposed amendments relating to **section 186(4) & 6(f) of the Children's Act, Cap. 141**, as contained in the Bill. The amendments propose deletion of provisions which prohibit the court from granting a sole male applicant and foreign applicant adoption of a child. In the letter, the Leader of the Majority Party states that the import of proposed amendments to the said provisions necessitates further consultations and engagements with relevant stakeholders.
5. **Honourable Members**, having considered the justification by the Leader of the Majority Party, I have acceded to his request to withdraw the provisions relating to **section 186(4) & (6)(f) of the Children's Act, Cap. 141** as contained in the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 67 of 2023).
6. In this regard, the Bill will therefore be proceeded with in the Committee of the whole House without reference to the withdrawn provision and will be considered as though the withdrawn section was not part of the Bill *ab initio*.
7. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 12th November 2024