



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

_____ (No. 058 of 2024) _____

ON

**COMMITTAL OF DIFFERENT PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS LAWS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024 TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL
COMMITTEES**

Honourable Members,

1. The Business Laws (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 49 of 2024) sponsored by the **Leader of the Majority Party, the Hon. Kimani Ichung'wah, EGH, MP**, was read a First Time during today's morning sitting.
2. The Bill seeks to amend nine (9) Acts of Parliament, namely: the Banking Act, Cap. 488; the Central Bank Act, Cap. 491; the Microfinance Act, Cap. 493C; the Standards Act, Cap. 496; the Kenya Accreditation Service Act, Cap. 496A; the Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503; the Special Economic Zones Act, Cap. 517A; the Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute Act, Cap. 511A; and the National Electronic Single Window System Act, Cap. 485D.
3. **Honourable Members**, Standing Order 127 (1) provides that a Bill having been read a First Time, shall stand committed to the relevant Departmental Committee without Question put. Despite the said provisions, Standing Order 127 (1A) provides and I quote;

(1A) "Save for a Finance Bill, the Speaker may refer various provisions of a Bill proposing to amend more than one statute in its principal provisions to the relevant Departmental Committees in accordance with their mandates."

4. **Honourable Members**, I therefore direct that the various provisions of the Bill stand committed to the Departmental Committees for consideration and public participation as follows—

a) **The Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** will deal with the provisions of the Bill relating to:

- (i) The Banking Act, Cap. 488;
- (ii) The Central Bank Act, Cap. 491; and
- (iii) The Microfinance Act, Cap. 493C.

b) **The Departmental Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives** will deal with the provisions of the Bill relating to:

- (i) The Standards Act, Cap. 496;
- (ii) The Kenya Accreditation Service Act, Cap. 496A;
- (iii) The Scrap Metal Act, Cap. 503;
- (iv) The Special Economic Zones Act, Cap. 517A;
- (v) The Kenya Industrial Research and Development Institute Act, Cap. 511A; and
- (vi) The National Electronic Single Window System Act, Cap. 485D.

5. **Honourable Members**, I further direct that the lead Committee on this Bill for purposes of consolidating the portions will be the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning**. The two Committees should move expeditiously and undertake public participation on their respective portions of the Bill. Thereafter, the lead Committee is expected to table a Consolidated Report in the House prior to commencement of Second Reading of the Bill.

6. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


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

Wednesday, 13th November 2024