



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

MESSAGES
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

_____ (No. 001 of 2025) _____

ON

REFERRAL BY H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COTTON INDUSTRY
DEVELOPMENT BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 5 OF 2023)

Honourable Members,

1. You may recall that in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution, the National Assembly considered and passed, with amendments, the Cotton Industry Development Bill (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2023) on 14th August 2024. The Bill was thereafter referred back to the Senate for reconsideration. The Bill sought to, *inter alia*, provide for the production, processing, marketing and distribution of cotton in Kenya; and to establish the Cotton Industry Development Board.
2. Upon reconsideration, the Senate passed the National Assembly amendments to the Bill on Wednesday, 4th December 2024, thereby concluding its bicameral consideration. This paved way for presentation of the Bill to H.E. the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2) of the Constitution.
3. However, **Honourable Members**, I wish to convey to the House that I have since received a Memorandum from H.E. the President referring the Bill back to the Senate for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution.

4. In the Memorandum, H.E. the President has expressed reservations on the establishment of an additional regulatory entity, noting that such an entity as envisaged in the Bill would contribute to the proliferation of State corporations and undermine the ongoing reforms on the rationalization of State entities.
5. In light of the foregoing, **Hon. Members**, and noting that the Bill originated in the Senate, the House will await conclusion of consideration of the President's Memorandum on the Cotton Industry Development Bill, 2023 by the Senate before considering the President's reservations. In the meantime, I direct the Clerk to circulate the Memorandum from H.E. the President to all Members to familiarize themselves with its contents.
6. The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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