

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

	(No.	017	of	2025)
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DESIGNATION OF A MEMBER AS THE VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF POWERS AND PRIVILEGES

Honourable Members,

- 1. As you may be aware, the National Assembly Committee of Powers and Privileges is constituted under section 15 of the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act (Cap 6). In establishing the Committee, the Act designates the Speaker as Chairperson but neither provides for the position of a Vice-Chairperson to deputise the Speaker nor the manner of causing a Member to take charge of the affairs of the Committee in the absence of the Speaker, as is the case for other Select Committees.
- 2. Honourable Members, given the nature of the work of the Committee vis-à-vis the responsibilities and the various hats worn by the holder of the Office of the Speaker, it is not feasibly possible for the Speaker to be available to preside over the meetings of the Committee on a regular basis. Further, it is not tenable for the Speaker to sit in the Liaison Committee as the Chairperson representing the Committee of Powers and Privileges.

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- 3. Honourable Members, in order to strike a fair balance and ensure that the Committee of Powers and Privileges is able to regularly transact its business unhindered and to also have representation in the Liaison Committee, I hereby designate the Hon. Joseph Lekuton, CBS, MP, a member of the Committee, as the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee of Powers and Privileges. Further to his role as the Vice Chairperson, the Hon. Lekuton will be the representative of the Committee in the Liaison Committee.
- 4. Honourable Members, in the same vein, I also designate the Hon. Omboko Milemba, CBS, MP as the representative of the House Business Committee in the Liaison Committee. The designation of the Hon. Lekuton and the Hon. Milemba takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until the lapse of the terms of their respective Committees or such other time when it will be communicated otherwise.
- 5. The relevant Committees and indeed the House are accordingly guided.

I thank you.

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

Wednesday, 2nd April 2025