

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

MESSAGES MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

| (No. 005 of 2025) |
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| ON |
| REFERRAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF TWO (2 |
| NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS |

Honourable Members,

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 42, I wish to report to the House that I have received two (2) Messages from His Excellency the President, regarding the referral of the National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2022) to Parliament for reconsideration.
- 2. Honourable Members, in the Messages, His Excellency the President conveys that pursuant to the provisions of Article 115(1)(b) of the Constitution, he has considered the National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023 and referred it back to the National Assembly for reconsideration, expressing reservations on Clauses 2 and 3 of the Bill. Additionally, His Excellency the Presidential has expressed reservations on Clauses 2, 3 and 4 of the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2022).

- **3.** His Excellency the President has detailed the reasons for his Reservations on the Bills and made recommendations thereof for consideration by the National Assembly and Houses of Parliament respectivelys. His Excellency the President now requests Parliament to reconsider the Bills in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution.
- 4. Honourable Members, you may recall that this House passed the National Land Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023 on 13th March 2025, following which I presented the Bill to His Excellency the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 the Constitution. Similarly, the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2022) was passed by the Houses of Parliament on 15th April 2024 and thereafter submitted to His Excellency the President for assent in accordance with the provisions of Article 112(2)(a) of the Constitution.
- 5. Honourable Members, the House is required to consider the President's Reservations to the specified clauses in respect of each Bill. Standing Order 154(2) requires the House to consider the President's Reservations within twenty-one (21) days upon receipt of the Memorandum.
- 6. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, with respect to the President's Reservations to the National Lands Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Message from the His Excellency the President, together with the Memorandum, are hereby referred to the Departmental Committee on Lands for consideration and reporting. The Memorandum to the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2022) together with the Message from His Excellency the President, are hereby referred to the Departmental Committee on Health.

- 7. The Committees should prioritise the Bills and table their reports to allow this House to consider the President's Reservations within the statutory timelines. Upon conclusion of consideration of the President's Reservations to the Cancer Prevention and Control (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 45 of 2022), I will transmit the decision of the National Assembly to the Senate for reconsideration.
- 8. Honourable Members, I hasten to guide the House that the consideration of the President's Reservations to the Bills by the respective Committees and the House will be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of Article 115 of the Constitution. Further, the guidance contained in the Speaker's Communication of 28th July 2015 relating to the Consideration of the President's Reservations to a Bill and amendments thereto will apply, as shall be necessary.
- **9. Honourable Members**, I now direct the Clerk to circulate the Memoranda of His Excellency the President on the two Bills to all Members.
- **10.** The House is accordingly informed.

I thank you!

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

Tuesday, 1st July 2025

