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PETITIONS

**CONVEYANCE OF A PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE
COMMISSION ACT AND THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE
ACT.**

Honourable Members

Standing Order 225(2) provides that: "*When the Order Petitions is read, the Speaker shall –*

- a) *In case of a petition presented by a Member, direct that the Member to present the Petition to the House or;*

- b) *In case of a Petition presented through the Clerk, report the Petition to the House."*

I therefore wish to convey to the House that my office has, through the Clerk's office, received a petition regarding the proposed amendments to the National Police Service Act No 11A of 2011 and the National Police Service Commission Act No 30 of 2011.

Honourable Members

The Petition dated July 16, 2013 is addressed to the National Assembly and is signed by 29 citizens praying that Parliament refrains from making any amendments to the National Police Service Act and the National Police Service Commission Act. The view of the petitioners is that any amendment to the said law may violate the spirit and letter of the Constitution and erode the gains made in reforming the Police Service.

Honourable Members

As you are aware, the two (2) Bills have been published but are yet to be read a first time. Whilst Parliament **CANNOT** be blocked from legislating, it is the right of every Kenyan to petition Parliament on any matter under the functions of Parliament. It is expected that Parliament would, through its Committees consider prayers sought by the petitioners.

Honourable Members

This petition therefore shall stand committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration. In its report, on the two Bills, the Committee is requested to consider the Petition as well and report its findings within 60 days or during consideration of the Report on the Bills in the Second Reading, whichever is soonest.

Thank you!

THE HON. JUSTIN B.N. MUTURI, MP
SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
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