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ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT- (FIRST SESSION)
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

PETITIONS

CONVEYANCING OF A PETITION REGARDING RIGHTS OF PERSONS
DETAINED, HELD IN CUSTODY OR IMPRISONED

*Petition issued
on 19/11/13*

Honourable Members,

Standing Order 225(2) requires that the Speaker presents to the House, any Petition other than those presented through a Member. I therefore wish to convey to the House, that my office has received a petition regarding the rights of persons detained, or held in custody or imprisoned. The Petition was sent to the Clerk of the National Assembly by prisoners serving life imprisonment or long sentences at Kamiti Maximum Prison. It is submitted on their own behalf and on behalf of all prisoners in the Republic of Kenya regarding rights of persons detained, held in custody or imprisoned.

The Petition, received on November, 12th, 2013 is signed by seven (7) prisoners praying several matters, including the following, -

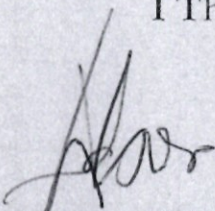
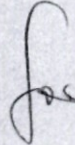
- 1) That, Parliament reviews the Prisons Act, CAP 90, to align it with the Constitution of Kenya, 2010;
- 2) That, Parliament pursues the reforms hitherto commenced in this sector to ensure that rights of persons detained, in custody or imprisoned are observed;
- 3) That, Parliament considers legislating on the fate of decisions made by the judges and magistrates who have since been removed from the Judiciary on grounds of integrity;
- 4) That, Parliament explores ways of causing the power of Mercy Committee to expeditiously examine requests sent to them.



Honourable Members,

This Petition is the first of its kind in our young democracy. I therefore direct that the Petition be committed to the Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security for consideration. The Committee is requested to consider the Petition and report its findings in accordance with Standing Order 227 (2).

I Thank you!

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

November 19th, 2013