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THE SENATE

MESSAGE

ON THE APPROVAL OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 36 OF 2015) AND THE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20 OF 2014)

**Hon. Senators,**

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 40 (3) and (5), I have received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly, on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016, regarding the Approval by the National Assembly, of the Access to Information Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2015) and the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2014) -

**“PURSUANT** to the provisions of standing orders 41 and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following Message from the National Assembly-

**WHEREAS**, the Access to Information Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 36 of 2015) was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 94 of 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 to give effect to the provisions of Article 35 of the Constitution, relating to the right to information, by facilitating access to information held by Government Ministries and other public Authorities through proactive publication and dissemination of information;

**WHEREAS**, the Fisheries Management and Development Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 20 of 2014) was published *vide* Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 45 of 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 to provide for conservation, management and development of fisheries and other aquatic resources and to establish the Kenya Fisheries Service;

**WHEREAS**, the National Assembly passed the two Bills on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, respectively and referred them to the Senate for Consideration;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly received Senate amendments to the two Bills on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016;

**FURTHER WHEREAS**, the National Assembly by a resolution passed on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Considered and **agreed** with Senate on its amendments on the two Bills;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Order 149 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby **convey** the said decision of the National Assembly to the Senate.”

**Hon. Senators,**

I also wish to inform you that the said Bills have since been Assented to by H.E the President.

I thank you.



**SEN. DAVID EKWEE ETHURO, E.G.H., M.P.**  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

**7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**