



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON THE APPROVAL OF THE  
PETROLEUM (EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION) BILL  
(NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 44 OF 2015)

**Honorable Senators,**

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 40 (3) and (4), I received the following Message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage by the Assembly of the Petroleum (Exploration, Development and Production) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2015)-

**“PURSUANT** to the provisions of standing orders 41(1) and 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby convey the following message from the National Assembly-

**WHEREAS**, the Petroleum (Exploration, Development and Production) Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 44 of 2015) was published *vide* the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 128 of 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 as a Bill concerning County Governments to provide a framework for contracting, exploration and development of petroleum, including safe cessation of upstream petroleum operations; provide a framework for production of petroleum discovered within licensed petroleum exploration blocks; give effect to relevant provisions of the Constitution of Kenya 2010; and repeal the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Act, 1984;

**AND WHEREAS**, the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 **with amendments** in the form attached hereto;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 110(4) of the Constitution and Standing Order 142 of the National Assembly Standing Orders, I hereby forward the said Bill to the Senate for consideration".

**Honourable Senators,**

Standing Order No. 148 requires that a Bill which originates in the National Assembly be proceeded with by the Senate in the same manner as a Bill introduced in the Senate by way of First Reading in accordance with Standing Order No. 129.

I therefore direct that the Bill be listed for First Reading in the Order Paper of Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2016.

**Honourable Senators,**

I also wish to bring to your attention that this Bill is one of the Bills required to be enacted within 5 years of the enactment of the Constitution of Kenya. This timeline lapsed on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 but the National Assembly, by resolution, extended the timeline by one year.

I thank you.



**SEN. DAVID EKWEE ETHURO, EGH, EBS, M.P.**  
**SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

*31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016*