

Hon. Speaker

This is submitted for your approval and issuing. We have indicated a period of 6 months so that the matter is expedited.



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Approved.
22/3/16

Agreed
22/03/16

ELEVENTH PARLIAMENT – (FOURTH SESSION)

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THE SENATE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

PENDING BILLS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

1. **Hon. Senators**, you may recall that during the sitting of the Senate on Thursday, 17th March, 2016, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget issued a statement regarding pending bills for county governments following which many Senators sought further clarifications from the Chairperson.
2. The following are some of the suggestions made by Senators on the way forward in resolving the matter of pending bills-
 - a) establishing a select committee on pending bills to look into the matter;
 - b) referring the matter to the Standing Committee on Finance, Commerce and Budget jointly with the Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments to investigate and submit a report to the Senate;
 - c) asking the Auditor General to conduct a special audit into the matter and submit a report for consideration by the Sessional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments following which the committee would prepare a report and submit to the Senate for consideration.

3. You will further recall that the Presiding Officer at that time (Son. Ongoro), directed that the Rules and Business Committee (RBC) deliberates on the matter during its next meeting with a view to providing direction on how to proceed.
4. **Hon. Senators**, the RBC considered the matter during its sitting today, 22nd March, 2016, and resolved that this matter be taken up by the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee. In so doing the Committee should instruct the Auditor General to conduct a special audit on pending bills for county governments and submit a report to the Committee for consideration. The audit exercise should be completed **within 6 months**. Upon consideration of the report of the Auditor General, the Committee will then submit its report together with recommendations for consideration by the House.
5. The RBC further resolved that in instructing the Auditor General, Committee ensures that the audit is carried out in clusters of 10 counties starting with the most critical cases.
6. I now direct that the Serssional Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments proceeds as per the resolution of the RBC.
7. I thank you.

SEN. KEMBI-GITURA, M.G.H., M.P.
DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

22ND MARCH, 2016