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THE SENATE

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

ON THE FOREST CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 49 OF 2015)

Honourable Senators,

I wish to report to the Senate that, pursuant to Standing Order 40 (3) and (4), I have received the following message from the Speaker of the National Assembly regarding the passage, by the Assembly, of the Forest Conservation and Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 49 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-

THAT WHEREAS, the Forest Conservation and Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 49 of 2015) was published *vide* the Kenya Gazette Supplement No. 133 of 11th August, 2015 to give effect to the provisions of Article 69 of the Constitution with regard to conservation and management of forest resources and to repeal the Forest Act, 2005;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly considered and passed the said Bill on Thursday, 17th March, 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 refer 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 Forest Conservation and Management Bill (National Assembly Bill No. 49 of 2015) be read a First time, **tomorrow**, Wednesday, 20th April, 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 27th August, 2015 but the National Assembly, by resolution, extended the timeline by one year.

I thank you.



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

19th April, 2016