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THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT - (THIRD SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

(No.052 of 2024)

ON

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO MEDIATION COMMITTEES ON
THE MUNG BEANS BILL (SENATE BILL NO. 13 OF 2022) &
EQUALISATION FUND APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL (SENATE
BILL NO. 30 OF 2023)**

Honourable Members,

1. You may recall that on Tuesday, 24th September 2024, this House **negatived** the Question for Second Reading of the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022). Consequently, the Bill was referred to a mediation committee pursuant to Article 112 of the Constitution and Standing Order 149.
2. Further, **Honourable Members**, you may recall that on Tuesday, 8th October 2024, I reported to this House a Message from the Senate conveying that on Tuesday, 17th September 2024, the Senate **rejected** the National Assembly's amendments to the Equalisation Fund Appropriation (No.2) Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2023). The decision of the Senate remitted the Bill to a mediation committee pursuant to Article 112 of the Constitution.
3. **Honourable Members**, Article 113 of the Constitution requires that whenever a Bill is referred to a mediation committee, the Speakers of the Houses of Parliament shall each appoint an equal number of Members to attempt to develop a version of the Bill for consideration by the Houses of Parliament.
4. In this regard, **Honourable Members**, I have consulted with the Leader of the Majority Party and the Leader of the Minority Party and appointed Members to represent this House in the mediation committees to attempt to develop versions of the two Bills that both Houses will pass.
5. **Honourable Members**, with respect to the Mung Beans Bill (Senate Bill No. 13 of 2022), I have appointed the following Members—

- (i) The Hon. Justice Kemei, MP;
- (ii) The Hon. Gabriel Kagombe, MP;
- (iii) The Hon. Ferdinand Wanyonyi, MP;
- (iv) The Hon. Monicah Marubu, MP;
- (v) The Hon. Jared Okello, MP;
- (vi) The Hon. Geoffrey Odanga, MP; and
- (vii) The Hon. Sabina Chege, MP.

6. The aforementioned Members will await the appointment of Senators to the mediation committee for the committee to be fully constituted for purposes of commencing the mediation process. Once I receive a Message from the Senate to that effect, I will convey the same to the House.

7. **Honourable Members**, with respect to the mediation committee on the Equalisation Fund Appropriation (No. 2) Bill (Senate Bill No. 30 of 2023), I have appointed the following Members—

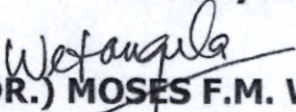
- (i) The Hon. Mary Emaase, MP;
- (ii) The Hon. David Ochieng, CBS, MP;
- (iii) The Hon. Michael Muchira, MP;
- (iv) The Hon. Bashir Sheikh Abdullahi, MP;
- (v) The Hon. Naisula Lesuuda, MP;
- (vi) The Hon. Ali Wario Guyo, MP; and
- (vii) The Hon. Danson Mwashako, MP.

8. **Honourable Members**, you may recall that on Tuesday, 8th October 2024, I reported to this House that the Senate had appointed seven Senators to the committee on the Bill. In this regard, the Mediation Committee is now fully constituted. I therefore urge the Members of this House to reach out to their Senate counterparts for purposes of commencing the mediation process.

9. It is hoped that the two Mediation Committees will embark on an attempt to develop versions of the respective Bills for consideration by the Houses of Parliament in accordance with Article 113 of the Constitution.

10. The House is accordingly guided.

I thank you!


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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 16th October 2024